

Christian Messenger.

T. F. CAMPBELL, EDITOR.

We hear much said of natural genius for certain purposes—the natural tendency of some minds in early days—and which led to the achievement of great results. We doubt the soundness of the doctrine. We believe that "it is education which forms the common mind."

H. A. was a boy born of parents in common life. As some parents are apt to do, they thought their boy was a prodigy. When four years old, with a pencil, he would make a rough imitation of an animal. The body was a circle—the head, tail and legs were short marks ending in a circle. What a wonderful child, said the mother. The boy is a genius and must be a painter, said the father. After that the child was happy only when it had a pencil in hand. Its drawings were unlike anything in heaven above or in the earth beneath. Time hurried on, and his genius exhibited itself in rough drawings of ships, trees, houses and the like. Ever regarding his boy as a wonderful and aspiring genius, the father placed him with a painter of some eminence, from whom he took lessons, and he soon began to evince decided germs of talent. While advancing rapidly in his art, death turned his hands upon him and he passed from earth. Was it the natural genius of the child which raised him to early eminence, or was it the fostering care, the flattering notices of his parents, this education long continued, that contributed, or even produced this result? Our opinion is that the latter was the efficient cause.

We knew another, and not a dissimilar instance. A boy, with the curiosity that belongs to many of his class, was always investigating machinery. He would examine the movements of a wheelbarrow, a coffee mill, or a sausage cutter, and he would be absorbed for hours in investigating the movements of a patent churn. That boy is bound to be a great machinist, says his enraptured parents. And forthwith the boy would proceed to investigate and understand all sorts of machinery that came in his way. He would, before he reached his teens repair an old clock with the best of the craft. He went to a trade—to a practical machinist, where he could display the full bent of his mind—sharpened by the cultivation of his own investigations and experience, and he is now one of the best practical scientific engineers of his age. What started his mind in this direction? Curiosity, fanned and pruned by his juggling parents. Are we mistaken?

From all which, we conclude, as we began this article, that "it is education that forms the common mind," and that the child rises to manhood under the impress of his early educators—who decide the destiny by means which they scarcely realize.—Exchange.

New Editions of Books by our Brethren.

Dr. Barclay's superb and standard work on Jerusalem, has just been reprinted—a limited edition—and it is the purpose of the publisher to bring out another edition of his daughter's work, "Hadij in Syria." These works and Osborn's Palestine, Past and Present, and his Sunday School Book "Little Pilgrims in the Holy Land," comprise a library of themselves, of the Holy City and of the Holy Land.

Alexander Campbell's Popular Lectures and Addresses, with a portrait of the author; Judge Tyler's Bible and Social Reform; Prof. Leatherman's Elements of Moral Science; D. M. Grandfield's Patriarchal Chain of the Bible, and Elder James Challen's series of Religious, Poetical and Juvenile Books including the Gospel and its Elements, Baptism in Spirit and Fire, Christian Morals, Koinonia, Christian Evidence, Cave of Machpelah, Frank Elliot, Igdrasil, Island of Giant Fairies, Question Books for Sunday Schools on Acts and Matthew, and the Juvenile Library of upwards of forty volumes, edited by Elder James Challen, are all published by Howard Challen, of Philadelphia.

Those in print can be ordered through this office.

THE TRUE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN UNION.—A sermon by Isaac Errett. A neat pamphlet of 34 pages, sent to us by Bosworth, Chase & Hall, Publishers, Cincinnati, Ohio, who will send it postage paid, on the receipt of the retail price, 10 cents.

TOWNSHIP'S GUIDE.—From A. L. Bancroft & Co., we have, "The Goyersers," and "Around the Bay." (North.) We have not had time to examine this work, further than its general appearance, which is convenient, neat and well arranged. Price 75 cents. Order of A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco, Cal.

Father Job Powell has gone to Oshoco to preach.

FORGOTTEN IN PRAYER.

Mr. Editor:—We commend the following to the careful attention of the readers of the Messenger, believing it to contain valuable suggestions. We hope that Christians will often invoke the Divine Master in behalf of Editors, particularly Christian editors, for I think that they are among those who specially need divine aid and assistance.

"In public and social prayers, there are frequent petitions for a blessing on the clergy, upon missionaries, upon institutions of learning, and upon rulers in behalf of every class of persons exercising a wide influence—with one exception. We rarely hear a prayer offered for that class whose thoughts reach a wider circle than do the thoughts of any other—the editors.

Many more persons read the newspapers than attend church. The students of our colleges and seminaries are more largely influenced, though less directly, by public opinion, than by the private opinions of their professors. Our rulers are to a great extent, made and unmade by the power of the press; and yet how seldom are those facts recognized in public devotion.

If there is any man on this earth who has a head of a conscience, it is the editor of a popular journal; if any man needs divine guidance it is he; if any human being oftener than another is called upon to act justly, to show mercy; if it is the man who must sift an overwhelming mass of material, "gather the good into vessels and cast the bad away." If any other man in responsible position is more strongly tempted to insincerity, prejudice and a thousand other sins that sully minds, are he, to whom should not like to hear of him.

Pastors who are hard at work attempting to mould religious opinion and conduct, laymen who long for the coming of the kingdom, do not read your paper as if it were a luxury—it is a power. It is a mighty voice, and the men who decide what voice shall reach your ears; who write editorials; who mould and color the thousand items which enter your households, either for good or evil, need your hearty prayers. In this age the preacher can no more ignore the editor than he can pasture without hands. The work done in the pulpit will be undone in a half-hour's reading unless the same spirit guide them into all truth.

I submit the above to you, Mr. Editor, for your consideration. If you think it worthy of publication, please publish it. May you have the wisdom to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. B. N. HANDMAN. ALBANY, May 28th, 1871.

Dogmatic Religion.

[From the Portland Era.] Casually, from our window, we saw a poor, lean and hungry dog—evidently, neither he, nor his master (if he ever had a master) had been born with a silver spoon in their mouths—his appearance plainly told what a dog's life he had of it—and before him seemed a dog's death. Lying near the plank railing, he meekly raised himself to get out of the way—no doubt, like some other poor unfortunates, he felt that he was always in somebody's way—as two well-grown school boys crossed the bridge just alongside. Those boys, seemed to be poor, too, for one of them had no shoes on his feet, but several well worn books under his arm. Now we thought, here is a chance for a kick, or brick thrown at his head. But not so. After passing a little way, the boy stopped, looked at the dog, who had several good points about him, and to our surprise as well as our delight, unrolled a paper which contained their lunch, cheerfully called the animal and gave him of it. The dog seemed to be as much surprised as we were. How he evidenced his delight—his deep gratitude! And how our own hearts went out to those boys. They may not know it—that does not matter, they are Christian boys. They may know nothing about dogma, but they are Christian boys. "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast." We are sure the career of these boys will tell in after life. The true gem is in them. They are all unconscious that any one noticed them—"How far their little candle throws his beams, so shines a good deed in a naughty world."

From the Albany Democrat.

The Cascade railroad bridge is passable for hand cars. It will be all right for trains next week.

Work has been resumed and is being pushed forward on the Custom House.

Lots of prominent women are coming to Oregon, if they can be made to believe that lecturing will pay here.

The Herald says Loom, the forger, who is sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary, claims that he was innocently led into a trap.

The Register says Harrisburg is one of the liveliest places in the State.

A neat little structure is being built over the Soda Springs.

Many strangers are arriving at Albany seeking homes in Linn county.

Examination of Teachers.

TEACHERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY:—Your patrons, as far as they have expressed themselves, are in favor of "written examinations"—therefore, the undersigned requests the attendance of the Teachers of the County for that purpose, at McMinnville on Tuesday, July 25th, commencing at 1 o'clock P. M. L. HENDERSON, Superintendent of Common Schools, Yamhill County, Oregon.

One of the fashions of this season is to read over all the advertisements in the paper, and see if all the stores are keeping up with the seasons and styles. If you miss any familiar name from the list of business men, you can know that they are not keeping up with the times, and are keeping out of sight on this account.

A little two year old girl was found dead in her bed at Albany a week ago last night.

Ed Baum had reached Albany in twenty-two days from Austria.

The Democrat says Prof. B. K. Warren has been elected President of Albany College for four years.

MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. LEVY, DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, CLOTHING, GROCERIES, DRESS GOODS, TRIMMINGS, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

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MONMOUTH ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The lofty range immediately west, breaks the sea-breeze, and gives, in this locality, only a gentle wind from the north or south. With a genial and bracing climate, a fertile soil, a population distinguished for industry and moral worth—and removed from the diversions and temptations of a city—the surroundings are all most favorable for health, virtue, and proficiency in every department of study.

The College is under the care of a Board of Trustees, who will spare no pains to make it EQUAL TO THE DEMANDS OF THE AGE. The Members of the Faculty are competent, energetic, and devoted to the Cause of Education. The announcement for the Session of 1870-71 is as follows:—

ANNOUNCEMENT For the Session of 1870 and 1871: THE FIFTH SESSION OF CHRISTIAN College will open on the first Monday (9th day) of September, 1870, and close on Wednesday before the third Sunday in June, 1871.

The Session will consist of two terms of twenty weeks each, with an intermediate examination and renewing of the classes at the end of the first term.

Tuition per Term: Primary Department—Orthography, Reading Series, Practical Arithmetic \$9 00 Preparatory Department—Algebra, Geometry, Botany, Zoology, Astronomy, English Composition, Latin and Greek Grammars and Readers 15 00 Collegiate Department—Full College Course 20 00

Tuition strictly in advance, as follows: For ten weeks, or half term, must be paid on entering the School, and like payments to be made at the commencement of each half term to the close of the session. Board can be had in private families at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per week.

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By a lady who thoroughly understands this department of a genteel education. Monmouth, October 28th, 1870. 11-12

DAVID ROHRER WOULD INFORM HIS FRIENDS AND the public that he is still at the Old Stand in Monmouth, hammer in hand, bellows puffing, and fire roaring, ready to do all kinds of work in his line—especially making, mending, and sharpening plows, ironing and repairing wagons, sheathing houses, and whatever else can be done in iron or steel. Terms, positively Cash or Produce. 13-14

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