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WICKED COURAGE.

The arrest and imprisonment of men, charged with the murder of Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke, and the trial and execution of others in Ireland for murder, has not deterred the actors in various conspiracies from going forward with their wicked purposes. The terrible explosion in the Local Government buildings at Westminster, together with recent arrests of plotters, show that the law has more work to do, before murder and the secret use of dynamite will come to an end. A bill was carried with haste through the English Parliament, restricting the manufacture and sale of this dangerous explosive. While Brady and his confederates are waiting in Kilmainham jail for their trial as murderers, other men, of the same moral type, are busily engaged in carrying into effect their plans for the destruction of property and the lives of persons, eminent in society and foremost in the government of the country. No member of these classes feels safe at the present time. The lives of rulers on the Continent and in Great Britain are in constant peril. They discharge their duties, knowing in some cases, as did Mr. Forster in Ireland, that their footsteps are dogged by murderers. This is a time when men's hearts fail them. Law is powerless to terrify the worst class of the dynamite fiends. It is a time when christian people, both in private and in public, should pray for those in authority. Their places and powers, given them by the people, invite the attention and turn towards themselves the purposes of these wicked villains who plot for their lives. God in mercy can arrest this wickedness. He has power over the worst of men. By Him their designs can be thwarted and their deeds exposed. By God's blessing crime has been lessened in Ireland. The ignorant seem now to hesitate to become the tools of intelligent conspirators.

MISSIONS.

The following, from the B. M. Magazine, shows the increase of the missionary Union churches from 1851 to 1881. In 1851 there were in Asia 81 churches and 8,035 members; in Europe 61 churches and 3,241 members; total 142 churches and 11,276 members. In 1881, in Asia there were 550 churches and 42,226 members; in Europe 463 churches and 47,046 members; total 1,013 churches and 89,272 members. The American Methodists have in many places in India secured English congregations, and through them do work for the heathen. The plan works well. By this means the South India Methodist Conference is self-sustaining. India and Japan are not free from the presence of infidels. Men from America and England, and books from the same countries, follow the missionaries and try to persuade the heathen that the christian religion is only believed in in these countries

by ignorant and common people. A system of deism is preached in India by native converts. They reject revelation, but use much of the language of the bible.

Dr. Duff made schools in the Presbyterian missions in India a first consideration; the Baptists make schools secondary. Very few of the heathen educated in the mission schools have been converted.

The Rev. E. W. Kelly says the lady missionaries display great energy and fidelity in the foreign missionary work.

Idolaters make the same apology for the use of idols that Roman Catholics do for the use of images—it helps the worshippers to realize the unseen deity. The tree is known by its fruits. The fruit of this tree, both among Roman Catholics and among the heathen, is bad. It is now believed that all educated heathen are at heart sceptical in regard to their systems of idolatry. Until the women are reached in India, missions will not be fully successful. They teach the children to worship idols and inspire them with a devotion for the gods at an early day. Women must teach women. The missionary woman, with medical knowledge, has the best opportunity to get into the Zenanas—the homes of the heathen women. The Jews at Jerusalem and in Palestine show a strong desire to put themselves under the instruction of Hebrew christians. This is encouraging. Joseph Cook says he feels like falling down on his knees before the wonderful uprising of Japan. He thinks the greater religious influence is now exerted in Japan by American christians.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The wife of the Rev. Dr. Fulton, of Brooklyn, died suddenly of pneumonia.

It would seem that this is a special year of grace for our Baptist churches on this continent.

The Year Book of the Upper Provinces has just been issued but we have not received a copy as yet.

The Examiner never gave so much space to revival meetings in the same time, as within the last two months. It asks for more.

HON. MR. McMASTER has signified his intention to put a fourth Professor into McMaster Hall. The new Professor will teach New Testament Greek and Homiletics.

It is expected that the Baptist Union meetings of Upper Canada will be held in Brantford in May, and that brethren, lay and clerical, from the United States will speak.

DR. McCOSH, of Princeton, proposes to resign the Presidency of the College in order to devote himself to the establishment of a School of Philosophy in connection therewith.

In 14 years, Dr. Talmage has added 3,303 persons to his church. The Examiner doubts whether there is another pulpit in the country in which more sensational and outlandish things have been said during the 14 years.

At Portsmouth, England, the Rev. R. Linklater, has purchased a Baptist Chapel, and in it established a confessional. Two other churches are to be erected in which "full bloom popery will be taught and practised."

THE course of Lectures on the relation of Theology to Ethics by President Robinson before the Crozer Seminary has ended, and the verdict is they were a most valuable contribution to Moral Philosophy.

OUR Provincial sky wears a stormy aspect. We have just had a change of government, and now a vote of want of confidence is proposed for discussion to-day. The present government are introducing some measures in the line of economy.

THE Rev. Thomas C. Gilmour, B. A., of the Irish Presbyterian church, has recently been baptized in Edinburgh and received into the fellowship of the Baptist church. Among the causes leading to this result was the refusal of the Board of missions to allow him to immerse two converted Jews. He has eight relatives in the Presbyterian ministry.

Wx direct attention to the advertisement of Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, by the agents Crawford & Bell of this city. The certificates of the manufacturers using these machines give assurance of their good qualities. The agents are gentlemen whose representations can be relied upon and who are every way responsible, as well as honest men.

In a speech at a recent quarterly meeting of the London Baptist Association, Rev. C. H. Spurgeon said:—"Reference has been made to large salaries, but I may say, and my deacons will bear me out, that I have not for the three previous years derived one farthing from my ministry in any way. Any man who has my gains in that respect won't get much."

THE War Cry, the paper of the Salvation Army, is to have a rival in the Battle Axe, a paper to be issued by a society in the church of England. It will be published by the Church of England Mission Band, and sold for a half penny. This Band of workers wear a red cord. It is the badge of this army of workers as the blue ribbon is of the temperance crusaders. It binds the wearer to be a member of the Church of England, to confess Christ by mouth and life and to abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

EXTENSIVE revivals are reported in the Baptist churches of Philadelphia and throughout the whole State of Pennsylvania. Last year there was a slight decrease in members, but this year will give a large addition. Virginia reports revivals. The Richmond Institute, Dr. C. H. Corey, President, has 135 students. 58 are for the ministry. From all parts of Ohio the most cheering reports of revival come. The interest has not been so great for years. The work is quiet. A large majority of the churches are receiving new born souls. Revival news of a cheering character comes from Indiana State.

A YOUNG man in Colchester County, N. S., was taken up last week in Halifax for stealing money. He had bought himself a shot-gun and revolver; and then set out to make a dime-novel hero of himself. He confessed to the policemen who took him, that, after reading those books, he had started out on a life of adventure. The VISITOR Book Store does not keep such books. We can supply the VISITOR, a first-class family paper; the Canadian Record, a popular monthly; and the Youth's Visitor and Gem, and books of many varieties. Patronize the VISITOR's establishment and save the boys and girls from the leprous literature floating about the country.

It gives us pleasure to note the improvement in the material and mechanical make up of the Canadian Baptist. The editor, Rev. E. W. Dadson, is sitting at ease in his new position and doing good service. Rev. S. A. Dyke, the business manager, has worked up the advertising patronage well, and we learn is encouraged with an increasing subscription list. The Standard Publishing Company is doing a good work. We could wish, however, that while it works up patronage for a United States publishing house it would not forget the Sunday School periodicals published in the Dominion by brethren of the same faith. Do the brethren in Toronto believe at all in a Baptist National Policy?

THE Methodists have had a large harvest in revivals in Halifax during the winter and spring. The Rev. Mr. Teasdale, after laboring incessantly for the past few months, has gone to the States for a few weeks to recruit his strength. We wish our brother a pleasant tour and trust he will return with renewed strength. At one of the revival meetings in Grand street church, Halifax, Mr. Teasdale told all the converts to unite themselves with some church. If they could not join the Methodist, join some other church, but by no means to allow themselves to become religious tramps. That is a good name for these nuisances who spend their lives in running about from church to church and from denomination to denomination. Religious

tramps! Call them by their right name.

A BILL has been introduced into the New York Legislature to prohibit the performance of the Passion Play. It reads as follows: "An act to prevent any attempt to personate or represent Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, in any exhibition, show, play, dramatic or other theatrical performance." The act makes it a misdemeanor "to exhibit, produce, to give or cause to be exhibited, produced or given, public or privately, with or without admission fee, any exhibition, show, play, dramatic or other theatrical performance, or any part or parts thereof, in which any person shall attempt or assume to personate or represent the Saviour of mankind, known to the christian world as, and called in the New Testament, the Lord Jesus Christ." This, following the efforts made by the Mayor of New York city to prevent the performance of this play, speaks well for that State. It is to be hoped the bill will pass and become law, and that whenever men are found so lost to the fear of God as to attempt to put the suffering and dying Saviour of mankind on the stage in theatrical character, sentiment and law will meet them with an absolute prohibition.

THE letter on another page from our English correspondent "Viator" puts before our readers the chronic uncertainty pervading the nations of Europe. The possibilities of more war are quite apparent. While it is impossible for us to know where war will break out again, yet it does appear that this side of the Atlantic, at least as far as North America is concerned, is blessed with the absence of the dark war clouds which scarcely ever disappear from the continental horizon. So long as the open freedom and the rule of protestantism at present enjoyed are facts, with us war is out of sight. The Greek and Roman Catholic churches and Mohammedanism in Europe endanger the public safety. Until they are rooted up, and their places taken by a vital protestantism, danger will hover over that part of the world. Whoever prays for the down-fall of these ecclesiastical powers prays for the peace of the world. They are built on foundations which cannot sustain quiet, warless, political systems, because they are at war with man's best interests for time and eternity. Churches freed from all state control, an open Bible and the preaching of the gospel, find no favor in those communities. But these are essential conditions of peace. Without them nations will sit on volcanoes. Eruptions may take place at any time. Missions in those countries, salvation armies, temperance reforms and evangelistic operations are bright spots on the dark picture. Christ is the prince of peace. Not till he is received will there be peace on earth.

EASTER IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Not without reason the Church Times rejoices in the signs of what it calls progress, and we regard as retrogression in the observance of Easter in England. No doubt the Established Church is becoming increasingly Ritualistic, and soon it will require a keen eye to detect the difference between Anglican and Roman observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Churches draped as though for a funeral, congregations wearing mourning garments, and Passion services extending through three hours, makes an Anglican Good Friday scarcely distinguishable from Good Friday in the Roman Church. Easter Sunday witnesses a yet closer resemblance. "The Mass in masquerade," as Lord Beaconsfield taught his followers, the Eucharist of Ritualists is. Priests adorned for glory, if not for beauty, ministering at the altar with their backs to the congregation; floral decorations; the people, who wore black on Friday, now appearing in gay clothing; and other apings of Romanists claim that the Church of England is getting further and further from Latimer and Ridley, and nearer and nearer to Cardinal Manning and the Pope. How long the nation will suffer these things we cannot tell. Year by year we have observed the lessening of Protestantism and the increasing of Romanism in the Established Church, and observed it with some misgivings and much questioning as to whereunto this thing will grow.

The editors of the VISITOR have received some censure in certain quarters because they have sounded a note of alarm at the increasing amount of Romish ritualism practiced in certain Episcopal Churches in these Provinces. The above extract from the English Baptist Freeman shows how our brethren in England feel about the matter.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Dr. Pryor has been very ill, but is now convalescent.

D. L. Chubbuck Evangelist, after resting at Amherst last week, begins works again to-day at Petitcodiac.

The Rev. Mr. Young, of Antigonish, has gone to St. George, N. B., on a two weeks vacation. His health required the change.

Rev. L. M. Weeks, who has been spending a few days in the city, preached last Sunday for the Dipper Harbor and Musquash church.

The Rev. Isaiah Wallace, A. M., is expected in the city the first of May to begin work in the interests of the Baptist Seminary. The new term of this Institution opened last Monday with several new students.

The 3rd church in Halifax are pressing forward the work of finishing their basement. Help is much needed. A good opportunity is afforded for the benevolent to help the deserving. Send help to the pastor Rev. J. F. Avery.

LITERARY NOTES.

Any Book, &c., noticed in this column, will be sent on receipt of price, by VISITOR BOOK ROOM.

The Physiology of Teetotalism, by the Rev. S. Anear, published at the VISITOR office, St. John. Price 10 cents.

This is a lecture which the reverend gentleman has given before churches and temperance societies with marked approval. It is published by request of many who heard it. It gives no uncertain sound, and will be found to be a valuable auxiliary in promoting the good work of temperance reform.

Anson D. F. Randolph & Co., will publish immediately, a new edition, carefully revised, of The Ancient Church: Its History, Doctrines, Worship and Constitution, traced from the first three hundred years. By W. D. Killen, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology in the Irish Assembly College.

It will contain a preface by the Rev. John Hall, D.D., Minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Mary's Alabaster Box by Henry M. King published by Howard Gannett Boston price \$1.25.

This is a compilation of articles many of which previously appeared in the religious press of the United States, by the talented pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church, Albany. Among the subjects discussed are, The Incarnation, Honest Doubt, The Open Door, The Condition of Forgiveness, Justice and Mercy, Holiness not Happiness, God's Delay, The religion of the future &c. This volume will tend to strengthen faith and quicken religious life.

Bulletin of the Natural History Society of N. B., published by the Sun Co.

It contains several papers of interest shedding light on the natural history of the Province, together with lists of members, donation committees, &c.

The contribution of G. U. Hay, Esq., to the Botany of the Upper St. John, &c., is a real addition to our knowledge of the botany of the Province.

The President of the Society is Dr. Botsford, the Treasurer J. A. Estey, and the Corresponding Secretary Dr. Allison.

Anson D. F. Randolph & Co., have now nearly ready the Hand-Book of the English Versions of the Bible, with copious examples illustrating the Ancestry and Relationship of the several Versions, and Comparative Tables, by Rev. J. I. Mombert, D. D. This volume, on which the author has spent years of laborious research and study, presents an exhaustive view of the English versions from Anglo-Saxon times to the Revision of 1881, brings information not contained in any single work extant, and is an indispensable work of reference to all readers of the Bible.—S. Bagster & Sons will publish the book in England.

The Religions of the Ancient World by George Rawlinson M. A., published by Charles Scribner's & Sons N. Y. Price \$1.00.

Rawlinson is an authority on all that relates to ancient religions. In this volume he discusses those of Egypt, Assyria and Babylonia, Persia, India, Phoenicia, Etruria, Greece and Rome. For twenty one years the

author has been professor of history in Oxford University. He believes that history is not studied properly in a given land without taking into account the religions that have held sway in it. For a modest scholarly presentation of the subject this book will commend itself to scholars. He disclaims all intention to construct a Science of Religion. In fact he believes the time for this has not come. He simply collects facts, reserving a generalization of them till the investigation has proceeded farther.

Around the World Tour of Christian Missions by W. F. Bainbridge published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. Price \$2.00.

The author made a tour extending over some two years, around the world and personally inspected the mission stations of which he writes. The book is not so much a compilation of facts contained in published documents as the impressions of a keen observer of the work he saw forth. Proceeding west to the Pacific Coast, he visited the Sandwich Islands, Japan, China, Siam, Burma, India, Persia, Turkey, Africa, Europe, West Indies, South America &c. Dr. Bainbridge has made an exceedingly readable book and brought together a vast mass of information concerning all lands their religions and the triumphs of Christianity. Every intelligent student of missions ought to have this latest addition to missionary literature.

A New Political Economy, by John M. Gregory, L. L. D.; Published by Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., N. Y. Price \$1.25.

The author is an acknowledged chief in the teaching of Economic Science, and the present volume is the mature fruit of his thinking and teaching. For many years he was President of the Illinois Industrial University, during which time he established for himself a wide reputation as a sound and practical instructor. He considers the field of Economic Science to be the facts of Wants, Work and Wealth. He views man in relation to Society and the State considering such questions as Supply and Demand, Labor, Capital, Exchange, Property, Taxation, Protection and Free Trade. There is a freshness in his treatment of these subjects that is stimulating, and a fairness which betrays few biases or prejudices. As a text book for Academic and Collegiate classes we know of no book that can equal it, and we shall be much surprised if it does not meet with a warm and wide reception.

THE Second Baptist Autumnal Conference will be held in Boston, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 13, 14 and 15, 1883.

The order of discussion will be as follows:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON. Church Architecture; Adaptation and Expression; the Gothic Style; the Amphitheatrical Style.

The Social Element in Christianity; in Church Life; in Church Work.

TUESDAY EVENING. Christianity and Practical Life; in Business; in Politics.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. The Divorce Question; in the State; in the Church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Modern Biblical Criticism; Its History and Methods; Its Results; Its Practical Bearings.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. Religion and Hygiene; the Sanitary Provisions of the Mosaic Code; Christianity and the Body.

The Coming Ministry; Its Chief Function; Supply and Preparation.

THURSDAY EVENING. Worldliness.

Addresses may be expected on these topics from a large number of the ablest Baptist ministers and laymen of the United States and of Canada.

Appointed speakers will be limited to twenty minutes; volunteer speakers to five minutes.

The meetings in Brooklyn, in November last, were meetings of unusual interest. Your co-operation is desired towards making the Boston meetings a like success.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, J. B. THOMAS, Chairman. NORMAN FOX, Secretary.

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