

Rev. Horace Bushnell, city missionary, of Cincinnati, is continuing his work, though totally blind, and now even compelled to go on crutches. During 25 years he has preached 9,000 times, visited more than 32,160 families, attended Sabbath school 1,300 times, officiated at more than 1,000 funerals, visited more than 5,000 sick and dying persons, and distributed more than 60,000 religious books and tracts.

Rev. Edward D. G. Prince, a brother of the Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Prince, of New York, has set out with a small party to cross our continent by the Pacific Railway, and make a tour of the world, carefully visiting the leading Christian missions in China, India, Syria, Egypt, and the continent of Europe. He is an assistant editor of the *New York Observer*, and will no doubt make this most interesting visit interesting to the public.

The *Reformed Messenger* notices, with gratification, an increase in the number of young men designing to study for the ministry. "Of the 18 young men who lately graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, 13 have the ministry in view, and these embrace the most promising talent of the class. Among the remaining students in the institution, a similar proportion also are looking forward to the ministry. The same is true of the students of other literary institutions of the church, and especially of those at Mervinburg College."

Among the converts to Protestantism in Japan is the prime minister of one of the great daimios, with his brother, son and physician, who have all been baptized. These facts were not concealed from the daimio, who did not reprimand or punish the professor of Christianity; though it is contrary to stringent laws. On the other hand he has taken to reading the scriptures, and has sent his minister to the missionary, earnestly requesting him to come to his capital, and take up his residence there permanently, in order to establish schools throughout his dominions upon a Christian foundation.

Current News.

Carl Schurz denounces Democracy and the Christian religion.

The Lower House of the Kentucky Legislature consists of eighty-one Democrats and five Republicans.

Two bales of new cotton were received in Savannah on the 12th inst., and were sold at 42 cents per pound.

Along the outer boulevards of Paris steam cars are now running without rails on macadamized roads.

The proprietor of the Lake View House, in Cleveland, mistook his son for a burglar, and killed him instantly.

It has been decided in Washington that base ball clubs are subject to Federal taxation, and must take out a license.

Chicago is beaten at her own game. A woman in England has had twenty-five husbands in thirty-nine years. Dearly married.

General Jordan, who is now commanding in Cuba, according to the Third Auditor's books, owes the Government \$22,000.

California exports \$40,000,000 of treasure, \$10,000,000 of grain and flour, \$2,500,000 of wool, and \$1,000,000 in quicksilver.

A man in Troy, Ohio, has deserted his wife and eloped with his mother-in-law. There are few men who will follow that example.

Greeley says that his friends stand on the Constitution. They had better get off, and not trample it, as they do, with their horrid hoofs.

The first bale of new cotton, weighing 380 pounds, and classed good style low middlings, was sold in Mobile on the 12th inst. at 45 cents per pound.

Charlotta Ferro, a young girl of sixteen years of age, at Guadalajara, Mexico, is a Clerk of the Court and Secretary of the City Council, and also teaches school.

Don Piatt says he was a stinking Democrat before the war. Prentiss observes that he did not neglect to carry his peculiar order with him over to the Radical camp.

A colored boy in Maury County, Tennessee, killed a rattlesnake last week, which had forty-five rattles. "For weeks previous," it is said, "he terrified the whole country with his noise at night."

A lady in Louisville, Ky., was robbed by a fellow who secreted himself in her chamber until she had retired. The box containing her jewels and that containing her ronge were just alike, and the thief took the wrong box.

The New York Times publishes a letter from Madrid, whereof the following is an extract: "Spain couldn't be in a worse state; a change must come; unless the rulers are prepared for revolution. Treasury empty; impossible to collect taxes; discontent exists everywhere; Prin and his colleagues have no easy times ahead."

Obituaries.

Died, in Richmond, Va., July 8th, Rev. William Fox, in the 60th year of his age.

The deceased served a congregation of German Lutherans in Richmond, at the time of his death. Having two sons in Staunton, professors of music in the *Virginia Female Institute*, about six weeks before his death, then in his usual health, he paid a visit to them, and, at our request, preached a sermon in the German language, for the benefit of some of our members. This sermon on *The New Birth*, was pronounced by those competent to judge, truly evangelical. Our acquaintance with him was limited, though of a character to impress us very favorably. We trust that he has ended a life of toll for one of reward above. His remains were brought to Staunton, and deposited in the lot of Prof. Fox, in our cemetery.

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Died, in Columbia, S. C., July 20th, unexpectedly, and yet expected, suddenly, and yet looked for by those who loved her so well. Mrs. MARY ELIZABETH MULLER, 33 years old, the wife of Professor Washington Muller.

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The work of demolishing the two brick buildings at the corner of Ninth street and Broadway, New York, was begun on Tuesday week. In about four months Mr. Stewart's iron building will cover the entire block. The store will then be the largest in the world.

Twenty years ago Pennsylvania was the largest wheat-producing State in the Union, and in ten years it was the sixth, Illinois being the first. Probably Wisconsin will carry off the palm this year, or Iowa; and Pennsylvania will be about twelfth on the list.

At Niagara Falls the Horse Shoe has evidently given way some thirty feet in that part of the cone where the "green water" is seen, so that the horse-shoe appearance is metamorphosed to that of a triangular shape. It is thought that about one hundred and fifty tons of rock must have fallen in on the Horse Shoe alone.

They appear to have a modern Blue Beard out in Wisconsin, for the telegraph announces that a doctor has been arrested on the charge of poisoning his fourth wife, while the fact is well remembered that his third wife died very suddenly but a little more than a year ago.

A despatch from Boston to Pomeroy's New York *Democrat* says that, on Friday last, Frédéric Douglass, Jr., son of Fred. Douglass, led to the altar the "accomplished daughter of Professor A. Molineux Heatt, of Harvard University." There was a grand reception in the evening.

There are on the globe about 1,228,000,000 of souls, of which 360,000,000 are of the Caucasian race; 552,000,000 are of the Mongol race; 190,000,000 are of the Ethiopian race; 176,000,000 are of the Malay race; 1,000,000 are of the Indo-American race. There are 3,642 languages spoken, and 1,000 different religious.

The announcement of an express train that shall run from Liverpool to London in four hours, is a remarkable event. The distance is two hundred miles, and in order to make the fifty miles per hour, it will be necessary to make it a through train—that is, to allow no stop between the two places. The necessity of stopping for water is obviated by mechanical means.

The recent exhibition of textile fabrics in Cincinnati, it is stated, shows that the South is largely extending its cotton manufactures. According to the latest reports, Georgia has 47 cotton mills; South Carolina, 40; Missouri, 27; Alabama, 11; Tennessee, 40; and there are also many mills in North Carolina. The product generally is fine shirtings and sheetings, and the specimens exhibited at Cincinnati compared favorably with the goods from the New England manufacturers.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Presbyterian* thus writes of the Pacific Railroad: "If it is a noteworthy enterprise to unite two great cities and make them one, it is no wonder that an interested crowd surrounded a car that bore the inscription, 'San Francisco to New York.' Such a car reached the Hudson River Railroad depot last week, containing within it nearly forty passengers, come through San Francisco in six and a half days. Several of them were just in time to sail in a Havre steamer for France. The description given of the journey shows it to be one full of variety. No unpleasant incidents occurred.

The slowest time made was fifteen miles an hour, while during much of the way they traveled twenty and twenty-five miles an hour. Thus the two oceans are linked together, and a highway is opened over which the preacher and the teacher may carry God's word to distant lands.

The town of Detroit, on the Kansas Pacific Railroad, was destroyed by a hail and wind storm recently.

No loss of life is reported.

Spots on the sun are quite numerous, a group being now visible near the eastern limb, one of which is said by the astronomers to be 5,000 miles in diameter. They do not seem to be numerous or large enough to make much difference in the heat.

Professor Harkness telegraphs to the Superintendent of the Observatory here, from St. Louis, that the results of the eclipse observations were more favorable than the most sanguine expectations. He took 123 photographs—two of totality.

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Twenty years a sufferer from a painful and incurable disease, for twice that number of years a handmaid of the Lord, she patiently endured, watched and waited. Here was not the privilege to worship with those that met in the house of the Lord to pray, praise, and seek sweet counsel together—it was not the task to serve Christ beyond the family circle; the tyrant hand of disease kept her a prisoner within her chamber, but though deprived of the congregational means of grace, though shut up in her quiet and silent chamber, her life was not for naught, nor was her labor in vain in the Lord. Of seven living children who weep their mother, three daughters and one son are disciples of Jesus. The Lord will in his own chosen time answer the prayers of his faithful handmaid, and bring in the three that are yet without. She lived hoping, died believing; she answered the last question, "Is Jesus precious?" with a hearty, cheerful "Yes!" and though she suffered much, the sweet, peaceful and lovely countenance on which we gazed, when she was past, told us that "all was well."

She rests in peace; her works follow her; her children call her blessed; her husband mourns the gentle, strong, tragic, corruption; her aged mother, numbering fourscore and four years, and whose heart's desire for years had been that the only daughter left, her out of seven children might close her eyes, prays with patient resignation: "The Lord hath given, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!" and the church of which she was thought not permitted to join in our solemn feasts, a faithful friend and member, looks forward in hope to the reunion on high.

"How blest the righteous when he dies! When such a weary soul to rest? How mildly beam the closing eyes! How gently leaves the expiring breast!"

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