

propensity of man is embodied in the proverb, "The wish is the father of thought." It is, doubtless, just here that we are to look for the true reason why so many try to persuade themselves to believe that the inspired statements of the Word of God concerning the future world of woe and punishment are not true; they do not wish them true.

Then, if, as we have endeavored to prove, man ought to acknowledge that he is morally responsible to his Creator, it follows, as a matter of course, that he ought to make a faithful use of all the means of grace at his disposal, to meet his responsibility to Him. We will now briefly consider this idea.

Man can not, through his own unaided efforts, live as it is required of him to do. Through the effect of the fall of man, every one finds a "law in his members, warring against the law of his mind, and bringing him into captivity to the law of sin that is in his members."

This being the case, it is utterly impossible for man to please God through the deeds of the flesh. And if man were left to work out his own salvation through his own unaided efforts, there would be no hope for him, nothing but blank, utter despair. But, thanks be to God for the great love with which He loved us through riches of mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. He has not left us thus, but has given us abundant means of grace, whereby we can make our calling and election sure in Him.

If the right means are taken and faithfully used, it is not a difficult thing to lead a true christian life. Says our Saviour, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Through the christian's union with Christ, he is made one with Him, and receives of Him the requisite strength for the performance of all his duties; so that, with the Apostle Paul, he can joyfully exclaim, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The prophet says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." But the wicked can not forsake his way, nor the unrighteous man his thoughts, without the assistance of the Holy Ghost. The heart of man, all steeped, as it is, in sin, must be purged and washed clean from all iniquity through the application of the blood of Christ to it by the agency of the Holy Spirit. Man is justified through faith in Christ, and is sanctified through the influence of the Holy Spirit operating upon his heart. Without the possession of the Spirit of God, man can not be a christian. "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, and we obtain Him through prayer. The gift of the Holy Spirit is most readily granted to all them that in sincerity pray for Him. For it is written that God is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, than an earthly parent is able to give gifts unto his children. The promise is, "Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; seek, and ye shall find."

One word, in conclusion, to him that knows his duty in this respect, and yet does not seek to do it. What think you, O such an one, will be your merited reward in the future world? It will be much worse with you than with the ignorant heathen who knows not the law of God; for he, having sinned without the law, shall also perish without the law; whilst you, who have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law. "He that knoweth not his Master's will, and did it not, shall be beaten with few stripes; but he that knoweth it and did it not, shall be beaten with many stripes." If you die impenitent, you will be driven from the Master's presence, in the day of judgment, into everlasting punishment with the terrible sentence that will forever ring in your ears, "Ye knew your duty, but ye did it not."

The Reformation in Spain.—Establishment of a Theological Seminary.—In Seville one of the largest Romish churches has been rented by Senor Cabrera's congregation. It is in the form of a Greek cross, and when the altars are removed will seat about 2,000 persons. In the same city a class of promising candidates for the Reformed ministry has been formed, and the reformed congregation has resolved to establish a Theological Seminary to train them.

The General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, will meet according to adjournment in Pittsburg, Pa., on Wednesday the 10th of November, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Clippings.

The Methodist Protestant, of Baltimore, gives the case of a minister in Maryland who is left by his people to suffer from want, while there are several families in the circuit either of which could give more than he gets from all.

The Jewish Times says that the only cure for the Jewish sufferers in Russia is emigration, and advises an American Immigration Society to aid them. In discussing "the influence of the Jews in the progress of civilization," it claims that their delving in Jewish lore was largely the cause of the defection from Rome of Luther and Pere Hyacinthe.

The Chicago Theological Seminary (Baptist) has secured the refusal of the purchase, for \$60,000, of the late Dr. Hengstenberg's valuable library, now in Berlin, and consisting of 12,000 well selected works on Biblical and Theological subjects. The Chicago Standard publishes a letter from an American student in Berlin, describing the library as one of rare worth and value. Efforts are made to raise speedily the \$60,000 necessary in order to secure for the institution this important collection of books.

A writer to the Methodist Recorder from France says: "There is a deep religious awakening in France, and a strong undercurrent in favor of Protestantism is setting in. Numbers of people in Paris, and its neighborhood especially, are alienated from Romanism, and only need a little more weight in the Protestant scale of the balance to lead them at once to renounce Romanism and rally under the Protestant banner."

Unitarian.—A singular ordination occurred at Haverhill, Massachusetts, a few weeks since. Mr. William H. Spencer, a recent graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, was made the pastor of the Unitarian society at Haverhill. John Weiss, distinguished for his really infidel sentiments, preached the sermon. The Rev. J. Villa Blake, in giving the right hand of fellowship, told the candidate that he could not speak in the name of a set, church, or party. He therefore gave him to use his precise words, "the fellowship of the crowd." This is rather a strange though not uncommon kind of fellowship.

Methodist Episcopal.—Two years ago the North-west Indiana Conference was short of young men, and candidates for the ministry were scarce. The bishop exhorted the members of the conference to pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers and send them into the field. This year they came, as the brethren believe, in answer to prayer, and a finer class of nineteen is seldom admitted on trial than the North-west Indiana Conference, voted into the itinerant ranks. When all were admitted one of the presiding elders declared it the happiest hour of his life, and shouted "glory to God!"

Native Chinese Methodist Preachers.—At the recent session of the California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Kingsley announced the temporary transfer of nine native Chinese preachers to that conference. The transfer, says the Christian Advocate, was made in order that they might be advanced, in pursuance of the disciplinary requirement, to deacon's orders. After the whole case was presented, the conference cheerfully and unanimously elected them to such orders, on condition that the bishop should find them qualified in their several studies according to usage. These native preachers are to remain in China and labor in connection with the mission work in that country.

Quite Cool!—A rather novel case of freedom, on the occasion of a pulp exchange, is related by a correspondent of the Zion's Herald: Last Saturday, as a matter of courtesy, and in compliance with the wishes of a few persons in my congregation, I gave up my pulpit to a minister of the christian denomination. I immediately arose in the desk, and told him such a proceeding was an infringement on the rights of our church, and evinced on his part a great lack of ministerial courtesy. He replied that as she was not a full member of our church he had a right to baptize her, and proceeded to do so. I would like you to inform us through the Herald if ministers of other denominations have a right to baptize our probationers without consulting us."

This correspondent has not surely been acquainted with the workings of some denominations in the West, or he would have long since learned that there are some who think imprudence praiseworthy independence, and hold that other denominations have no rights which they are bound to respect.

We sometimes imagine that our church is doing very largely for foreign missions, but a table of receipts for 1868, which we find in the Foreign Missionary for October, puts ours in the third rank of Missionary Societies of this country. Here is the table; it relates, let it be noticed, to foreign missions only:

Table with 2 columns: Denomination and Amount. American Board, \$440,407; Presbyterian Board, 296,709; Methodist, 278,868; Baptist, 180,641; Reformed, 79,099; Episcopal, 61,969.

The churches represented by the Presbyterian Board give to foreign missions at the rate of \$1.08 per member; those of the American Board, \$1.03 per member; the Methodist, 23¢ cents per member. We are not doing all we ought in the foreign field.—Methodist.

It is not often one hears of a Bishop in connexion with "three months imprisonment." It appears, however, that the Bishop of Linz has been found guilty upon a charge "of uttering subversive doctrines, and attempting to disturb public order." The jury were unanimous in giving their verdict. Sentence was accordingly pronounced upon the Bishop of the Diocese of three months imprisonment. And this came to pass in "Catholic Austria!"

The offence charged upon his Lordship by the Public Prosecutor was the having used language calculated to discredit the Government, in having preached against mixed marriages, the national education scheme, and other administrative reforms.—The Bishop of Linz, in fact, represented the intolerant and unpatriotic action of the Ultramontane Episcopal, which in Austria has not ceased to declaim against the beneficial measures of a Liberal tendency which have so happily characterized the reign of the Emperor since the abrogation of the concordat.

Ecclesiastical Nomenclature.—They have funny names for some of their churches in New York. The Unitarian Church in Fourth Avenue is variously known as "Beefsteak Church," the "Church of the Holy Zebra," and the "Church of the Holy Grid-iron," all because the walls are built of alternate stripes of brick and marble.

The Dutch Reformed Church, corner of Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street. The weather-vane on the spire is a large metallic gilt rooster, who turns his tail from every gale. Hence it is called the "Church of the Holy Shanghai."

Mr. Jay Cook, it is said, has recently built a small Episcopal Chapel at Put-in-bay, on Lake Erie, near his elegant residence there. A statue has appeared in several newspapers that this building, at its dedication, is to be named the "Church of the Holy Five-Tentacles."

In Twenty-ninth Street is the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. This is a long, low, straggling edifice, surrounded by trees. It is extensively known as the "Church of the Holy Grasshopper," and also of the "Holy Cucumber Vine."

A suggestive name is also applied to a Church in Brooklyn, near Congress Street, in Clinton. A Unitarian congregation worships there. The Church is low roofed, nearly circular, and is painted a dark sombre color; hence its very unfortunate nickname, the "Church of the Holy Mud Turtle."

Protestantism in Mexico.—The October number of the Christian World contains the report of the Rev. Mr. Riley, a Protestant missionary in the city of Mexico, relative to his work. We make some extracts, which present an encouraging view:

"What is the work connected with this mission to Mexico at the close of this half year? Six evangelical congregations, ministered to by natives, are connected with this mission, or under its influence. Ten more are expected to be soon organized, and fifty more might be started with the funds at my disposal.

"By means of our press an effective tract work has been carried on that has spread Gospel truth in this capital and throughout the nation. A cheap and popularly edited paper (El Ferrocaril,) designed to advocate a christian civilization, has been established, and has already a long list of subscribers. It is published three times a week, and we intend that it shall soon be issued daily, Sundays excepted.

"A considerable body of voluntary laborers are working in the Gospel cause. Some of these occupy positions of influence, and are persons of culture. In this band of laborers there are some ladies. A class to prepare young men for evangelists and ministers has been formed, and six young lawyers have joined it. A Bible depot has been started in the leading street, and the Bible cause put on a far more effective footing than before, the Agent of the B. and F. Bible Society having (as he told me) determined to advise his

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The cotton buyers are now paying for the emancipated negroes at the rate of \$200,000,000 annually. In ten years, they will have paid for all the slaves. Every laborer who wears a shirt pays his proportion.

Honesty of the Norwegians.—Dr. Hurst, writing from Christiansia, in Norway, to the Methodist, says that the Norwegians are distinguished for unflinching honesty. He says that he has become so accustomed to sleeping without the protection of lock and key that it will not be pleasant or easy to again become accustomed to it. He says that if he had left his purse out in the court of the hotel at night he should fully expect to meet it and all its contents next morning.

A Dark Picture.—An American writer, as quoted by an exchange, takes the following view of the moral status of our country: The spread of dishonesty, corruption, and crime is fearful to contemplate. Never was there so much unprincipled demagogism as now. Luxury and extravagance have broken out among us like a pestilence, and are rotting away the conscience of our people. Ignorance and audacity have joined hands to grasp the reins of government and defraud the people of their rights and their money too. Capital is more greedy and grasping than ever, and labor organizations are practicing the tyranny they were started to stay. And before we have fairly settled the status of the African, and while the Irish are demonstrating their incapacity for government by making New York the worst governed city in Christendom, the tide of Mongolian emigration has set in from the East, and wave after wave from China and Japan have already broken upon our shores. The future of our country is certainly set about with gigantic perils, and it is the part of patriotism, as well as of prudence, to consider them well, and prepare to remove or overcome them.

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Church Notices.

The Western Conference of the Southwestern Virginia Synod will meet in Kilmberling church, Wylie County, Va., on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in this month, at 10 A. M.

Questions for Conference: Are children of christian parents members of the church by virtue of their birth, or by baptism only? Should a Lutheran minister baptize a child neither of whose parents are members of a church? SECRETARY.

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