pelled to take in exchange for our Atlantic home, have now attracted the cupidity of the white adventurers, who are clearing away the obstacles, preparatory to demanding our final surrender. We may, in time, be compelled to see the sun go down forever in darkness and in blood; but the tear of the philanthropist will be shed over our extinction, and his heart will bleed when memory calls back to the mind our sad and melancholy history."

It is an admitted fact that our Government has been strongly inconsistent with its profession of christianity in its dealings with the poor Indians. There is much in their sad history to make Americans blush for shame; indeed, their whole history, subsequent to the discovery of America, is a melancholy commentary on the words of the poet, Burns:

"Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn."

A superficial view of this subject often leads to the conclusion that all measures were justifiable against such blood-thirsty antagonists. But we must, before forming an opinion on the subject, see whether the conduct of the whites did not justify the hostility and eternal hatred of the Red Men. They hate the white race; they revere the memory of William Penn. In this we find that they resent encroachments on their liberties—those of the forest and the chase; and that they have hearts susceptible to the ennobling emotions of pure and lasting gratitude.

But these columns and Mr. Jackson's letter invite us to different considerations. Why do the christian people of our country make so little effort for the evangelization of the rapidly decreasing race of the Red Men? We hear of Home and Foreign Missions, Missions among the negroes, Missions to all quarters of the globe. The poor Indians are neglected. They are left, in many cases without the gospel, to reach, what seems to be their ultimate earthly destiny—gradual extinction. What a sad picture is theirs to-day! Slowly, yet surely, passing away. Many of their ancestors, who should have been our brothers in the faith of Jesus Christ, have fallen in battling against christians for what they deemed God-given rights. Vanquished again and again, they have been gradually forced towards the west, where we may even now imagine the star of their destiny going down forever! Some of them have churches and schools. A small proportion have professed the christian faith. Many of them know nothing of the Bible and the precious promises of Christ. They are heathens in a christian land; and yet we hear of no efforts to add them as trophies to the Captain of our salvation. These reflections sadden us. We feel like saying much more, but do not wish to occupy too much of your space.

IOTA.

For the Lutheran Visitor.

Blunt Arrows.

NUMBER III.

The *helm* is a very small part of a ship. To one who is an utter novice in sea-faring matters, it seems to be of very little importance. As the great and massive vessel casts off her moorings and is about to go out upon the deep blue sea with her millions of freight, a landsman might think the helm would never be missed were it left behind on the wharf. Yet on the proper government of the helm or rudder depends the success of the voyage—the life of the crew—the safety of the cargo and the profits of the expedition; or with a helm badly managed and improperly handled, the danger of shipwreck and destruction is, if there is a difference, greater than with no helm at all.

The soul of man, Jehovah's breath, your immortal nature is a ship richly freighted; the cargo was purchased by the precious blood of the Son of God. The ship was built and is owned by Jesus Christ. You are a voyager on life's tempestuous ocean, ever and anon driven by fierce winds. The *tongue* is the *helm* of this costly expedition. Out of the fullness of the heart the tongue speaketh.

The right management of the tongue is, in a great measure, the government of the whole man, and having by grace conquered the greater difficulty, the lesser ones are easily overcome. We learn from such inspired illustrations what important results issue from, apparently, small matters, and from hence we should make the management of our tongues more our study. Though they are little members, they are capable of doing a great deal of good or a great deal of *harm*!

St. James further compares the pernicious use of the tongue to a "fire." Not of course to a fire that is under control and that ministers to our good, but to an incendiary or accidental fire that is strictly a fire of devastation.

In one of our South Atlantic cities, in the year 1861, there stood on the very margin of the city a large three story wooden building, occupied as a sash and blind factory, and filled with the most inflammable material. By some means—as yet unknown—a *spark of fire* reached this building; at first it was not larger than the flame of a lucifer match with which a smoker would light his pipe, but it spread, fanned by unpropitious breezes, until, in a single night, the fairest portion of a splendid city was a mass of charred and smouldering ruins, and buried under these unsightly heaps was the wealth, the labors, the collections of more than a century of time, and the hopes and the resources of widowhood, orphanage and old age!

So, in like manner, a single word, a single sentence uttered in envy, in detraction, in falsehood, in revenge, in bitterness, and sometimes in sheer idleness and thoughtlessness, has kindled fires in families, in churches, in communities, and even in nations that have been more destructive than the spark that desolated the "Queen City of the South."

We remember once having read a piece of doggerel on this subject, that contained far more of truth than poetry. Whilst we have forgotten the lines long, long ago, the subject matter they contained is re-enacted so often and in so many different ways, that my memory is constantly refreshed. It was to this effect:

Mr. A. meets Mr. B. and says, "Did you hear the news?" Why no, says Mr. B., What is it? "Well, Mr. Smith *buys* all his goods from Mr. Jones! That fact is duly discussed between the two neighbors, and they separate. Next, Mr. B. meets Mr. C. with, "Did you hear the news?" Well no, says Mr. C., What is it? Well, my neighbor, Mr. A. tells me that Mr. Smith *takes* all his goods from Mr. Jones. The personal affairs of Mr. Smith are again discussed by his pretended friends until their adjournment.—Then Mr. C. goes away soliloquizing on the ambiguous phrase, "*takes* his goods from Mr. Jones." Well, if he *takes* them, he certainly does not *buy* them, and if he does not buy them, how can he get them unless he *steals* them? Yes, it is only a polite way Mr. B. has of putting it, but certainly that is what he must have meant. And just as this conclusion is reached by Mr. C., he meets Mr. D., and without passing the ordinary greetings, he hastens to enquire: "Did you hear the startling news that has just been developed in our community?" No, Mr. D. replies, I have heard nothing. What has transpired? "*They say*" that Mr. Smith STEALS all his goods from Mr. Jones!

Now what was said in the first instance was doubtless true as a matter of fact; the only objection to the conversation was, that it was none of the business of either Mr. A., B., C., or D., where Mr. Smith bought his goods, so he paid for them according to contract. The whole affair is the logical result of being "busy-bodies in other men's matters." Meanwhile, poor Mr. Smith wonders why he is slighted! Why his former friends seem so cold and distant. Why his children are shunned at school, and his family snubbed in society. Alas! the *fire* of an evil tongue has laid hold on his fair name. True, his house and his possessions are not burnt, but that which is transcendently dearer to him, his character and his reputation, has been scattered like ashes to the four winds of heaven by the blast of gossipping tongues! *Und so weiter.*

SAGITTARIUS.

The number of officers and employees engaged in the service of the United States Government is thus authoritatively summarized: Executive, 10; Legislative, 626; Department of State, or under its authority, 508; Treasury Department, 12,500; War Department, including the army, 34,000; Navy Department, including the navy, 12,000; Interior Department, 2,759; Department of Justice, including the Supreme and other courts of the United States, but exclusive of court employees, 579; Department of Agriculture, 93; General Postoffice, including postmasters, 67,497; making a grand total of over one hundred and thirty thousand and five hundred.

In a book recently published in London—"The Religion of Rome appreciated by a Roman"—we find the following information about what Roman Catholicism has made of Italy: In 1861 it was stated that of 26,000,000 inhabitants whom Italy then contained, 17,000,000 were neither able to read nor to write; that in the States of the Church the proportion of the illiterate was from 80 to 90 per cent., and that in the kingdom of Naples people were plunged in still grosser ignorance. In five years the present Italian government has created or organized 12,000 primary schools, attended by more than 1,200,000 children and adults.

An Act to exempt persons who religiously observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath from penalties, was before the Pennsylvania Legislature and was last week defeated. It is said that every State in the Union, except Pennsylvania, has granted immunities to the Seventh Day Baptists from the Sabbath laws.

College Burned.—The Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Mich., was burned last week. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

The College Question.

The writer having given special consideration to this question for many years, begs leave to call the attention of his brethren to the following plain statement of facts and principles:

I. The distinctive work of the college.

The college presupposes the common school and the academy in which the elements of an education have been mastered and a beginning made in Latin, Greek and mathematics. It receives the student after two or three years of preparatory work in the academy, and carries him forward to a more thorough and complete knowledge of language and mathematics, and introduces him to the fundermental principles of science and philosophy. It aims to train the intellect to skill and power, to fix the principles on the great questions of politics, morals and religion, and to form a character strong and virtuous. The work of the law school, the medical school, and the theological school, of the university, in the German sense, is subsequent to that of the college. It is preparatory to the professional school, as the academy is to the college. Aiming, as it does, at general culture, it sustains the same relation to all these schools. The college aims at the perfection of manhood, the professional school at equipment for a special calling.

II. The relation of the church to the college.

1. The church needs the college. (1.) Its ministry should enjoy the advantages of the most thorough and complete culture. The church needs the education which the college gives for this purpose. Indeed, it is as indispensable as an educated ministry. (2.) The children of the church should be fitted for the very highest usefulness in it. But nothing gives such power and influence among men as education. The trained intellect and sanctified conscience of a community commonly govern it. To leave the children of the church who do not intend to enter professional life uneducated, is to neglect an element of tremendous power. The church, therefore, needs for every son and daughter the opportunities of college culture. The more that enjoy its advantages the better. Should all the power that education gives be left in the hands of the enemy?

2. The church should control the college. (1.) That portion of life spent in college is peculiarly important. During this period the student's principles are formed, his habits fixed, and his character is determined. During this period the great questions of personal religion are commonly settled. At no time do young men and women more need healthful religious influences and faithful religious instruction. Neglect during these years is commonly fatal. College students are ordinarily away from home. Home influence operates only indirectly. The college should, therefore, give its students most sound, thorough and complete religious instruction, and train them with the utmost care to habits of virtue and godliness. No outside arrangements can be satisfactory, except in exceptional cases. The college itself must be pervaded by the influence of the gospel of Christ. The college itself must make spiritual culture a special end and arrange its methods to secure it as wisely and carefully, and follow them up as persistently as it does the methods for intellectual culture. There are not many greater curses to the world than Christless colleges.

(2.) This religious culture can not be secured except under peculiar circumstances, unless the college is under the control of the church, or of a body of like minded christian men, free to give effect to their own convictions. Whatever has been accomplished in the past by other institutions, and whatever may yet be accomplished under favorable circumstances, it is a fact that now the tendency in these institutions is to give an education purely secular, and nothing more. Religious instruction is reduced to a minimum. Christ and his gospel are practically ignored. Every day they are becoming less and less valuable to the church, contributing fewer and fewer of their graduates to the service of Christ. The church can not depend on institutions not under her own control to furnish that education so needful for her ministry and so valuable to all her children who can attain it.

(3.) In the college the church finds a most important means of propagating her principles, widening the circle of her influence and increasing her power in the world.

It is admitted on all hands that the more thorough and complete the education of any man, other things being equal, the greater his influence. Let the educated intellect of the country be sanctified, and all this mighty power is wielded in the cause of truth and righteousness; let it remain unsanctified, and it is either indifferent or hostile. Can any one estimate the difference it makes in the mighty struggle in which truth is arrayed against error, right against wrong, Christ against Belial—whether the educated men and women of the land are with us or against us? But the college is the place of training. In controlling it the church controls the most favorable opportunities it can possibly possess of training the minds that shall govern to trust, and fear, and love, and obey the great God our Saviour, and to battle for his cause. Indeed, no field is opened up for the work of the church more important than the college. To neglect it is folly; yes, madness. Indeed, it is but little less than treason to the cause of Christ. It is a slight matter to give up our institutions of higher education to the contrl of indifferentism, and infidelity? The church should, therefore, control the college.

3. The church should support the college, giving it the fullest and most complete equipment. The State will not build, equip and endow colleges and place them under the control of the church. Men who care nothing for Christ and christianity can not be expected to maintain institutions consecrated to this great cause while the friends of Christ look on with indifference. The church herself must support her own institutions.

This support must be most liberal. If other colleges are better equipped, better manned than the colleges of the church; if the culture which they give is superior, they will attract to their halls crowds of our most promising youth. If because of an inadequate equipment, fewer and weaker professors, the education of our colleges is inferior, our ministry will be inferior, and everywhere our educated men will be compelled to cope with men of more profound scholarship and greater power.

The support which the church gives her colleges should not therefore be stinted, meagre and scanty On the contrary, it should be liberal and generous, such as will make them in all respects equal to the best. The training of intellect already consecrated to the service of Christ so as to make it mighty in word and in deed; the conversion and sanctification of souls rapidly growing up to all intellectual excellence, is not this indeed a work of the grandest proportions? *Is* it not worthy of the most earnest efforts of God's people? I would not diminish from the importance attached to the work of missions by any, one jot or tittle; but is not the work of christian education, in its higher department, of at least equal importance; and has it not at least equal claims on the attention of the church?

Brethren, think of these things, ponder them well.

The new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court took the oath of office on the 4th inst.

During the two weeks ending the 24th ult. the unprecedented number of 1,294 applications for patents were received at the Patent Office.

Deceased.—Rev. Thos. Binney, the distinguished English Independent minister, died in London on the 24th ult., aged seventy-five years.

On the 16th inst. the son of the late Napoleon III. will attain his majority. The political followers and friends of the late Emperor are making considerable preparation for an appropriate celebration and display on that occasion.

Hon. Millard Fillmore, ex-President of the United States, died at Buffalo, N. Y., on the 8th inst., aged more than seventy-four years. He had been prostrated by paralysis some days before his death.

Elder Jacob Knapp, the celebrated revivalist, died last week at Rockford, Illinois. He was born in Ostego county, New York, December 17, 1799. He was brought up an Episcopalian, but became a Baptist and preached as an independent itinerant, preferring, however, the Baptist churches where they would receive him. He gave up counting those converted under his ministry when, thirty years of age, they numbered 100,000.

Dr. Schmidt, Professor of Astronomy in the University of Athens, has just completed his great map of the moon. It is two metres in diameter, and is a marvel of accurate mapping and minute draughtmanship. The map represents the labor of thirty-four years, and is one of the greatest astronomical results of the century.

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Church Notices.

Notice.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 28th, 1874.

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The Newberry Conference

The Newberry Conference will hold its next Convention in Mt. Olivet church, Lexington county, S. C., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Essayist—Rev. P. Derrick. Subject—What are the Benefits of Baptism?

Subjects for Discussion—1st. What is the Scripture Doctrine of Forgiveness? 2d. Shall we adhere strictly to the Article in the Constitution requiring Pastors of churches to examine candidates for membership in reference to their qualification before admitting them by confirmation or baptism?

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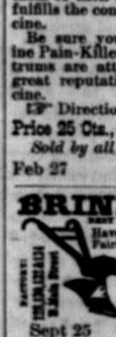
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