

From the N. Y. Recorder.

THE AM. AND FOR. BIBLE SOCIETY.

A business meeting of the American and Foreign Bible Society was held in the First Baptist church on Friday morning, May 14th, at 9 o'clock.

From all that dwell below the skies, was sung by the congregation, after which the Rev. Dr. Tucker of Buffalo, read the 19th Psalm.

Dr. Parmlee moved the adoption of the report to be printed under the direction of the Board of Managers.

Col. Todd of this city seconded this motion.

Dr. Cone, said:—

Brethren and Friends! It is our privilege again to greet you, with thankful hearts, at one more Anniversary of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

In the Bibles printed and circulated by your Board in Foreign and Heathen Lands, Baptizo and its cognates have been translated by words signifying to immerse, &c., and upon the strange and empty assertion that these words cannot be translated, our opponents have justified all they have said and done against us in the Legislature and elsewhere.

The Bible is God's Book for the whole world. The world need it; and we at this time enjoy facilities for printing and circulating the blessed Volume, such as the world never saw before.

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The whole number of volumes published by the Society at its Depository since the commencement of the year is 24,438 making the whole number published for Home distribution, 167,119.

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THE LIBRARY. 163 volumes have been received into the library during the year, making the whole number 1446.

LEGACIES. The amount of Eleven Legacies received during the year is \$2351.65.

LIFE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS. The number of Life Members added during the year is 216, which, with those of previous years, makes the whole number 1620.

THE RECORDER.

RALEIGH, N. C.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1846.

Two agents are wanted immediately, to operate in behalf of this paper, to whom liberal commissions will be allowed.

NEW AGENT.—Rev. John A. Fonville, of Darlington, is our agent for the State of S. Carolina. Any payments made to him for the Recorder, or any orders confided to his care, will be duly attended to.

A large proportion of our paper this week is occupied with reports respecting the anniversaries held recently in Brooklyn. We trust that the arrangement will not be unacceptable to our readers.

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The second query should be answered in the negative. It is not consistent with Baptist order, nor with gospel purity, for a professor of religion to patronize lotteries—either by disposing of his property by lottery, or by taking a chance in schemes of the kind.

LABOR LOST.

At the recent meeting of the Christian Alliance, at Birmingham, England, petitions against inviting slaveholders or their abettors, were presented from three anti-slavery societies, and a resolution was adopted not to extend the invitation to attend the meeting in London next August, to the slaveholding churches of the United States.

We take the foregoing from the Religious Herald. If these factious knew how little "slaveholders and their abettors" cared for their ill-mannered and impotent sallies, they would probably be more sparing of their gratuitous. And if they knew, as they certainly ought to, that all such ill-timed and ill-bred attacks must necessarily tend to defeat the ends which they profess to have in view, they would probably adopt some other mode of displaying their fanaticism.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT—No. 14.

The Sentencing of a Member.

After a member, officer or private, has been fairly tried, and his guilt, either in whole or in part, fully established, the next step in the process is to fix upon the measure of punishment to be inflicted in the case.

To give rules for the making out of such sentence, in every case that may occur, is clearly out of the question. The possible cases that may arise are so numerous and so various, and may be attended by such a variety of circumstances, tending to extenuate or to aggravate the delinquency of the offender, that no possible treatise can be expected to embrace them all.

1. When the party accused is convicted of what may be called an infraction—when the error, fault, or misdemeanor committed, is found to have proceeded from inadvertency, or from a want of judgment, rather than from depraved affections, or from a deliberate intention to do wrong—a reproof, private or public, as may be deemed fittest—may be all that the case may demand.

2. When the offence is of such a nature as cannot be fairly accounted for on the ground of indiscretion, and yet is not of such aggravation as seriously to affect the moral and religious character of the delinquent, a suspension from the privileges of the church, may be a suitable penalty.

3. When the party to be sentenced stands convicted of an act of immorality, such as must necessarily injure his moral and religious character, and as a matter of course, such as must bring discredit on the church and cause with which he is connected, expulsion is the necessary and proper penalty.

From the seat of war but little intelligence has been received in addition to what was published last week.

ORDERS had been issued for the crossing of the Rio Grande by the American troops, and it was supposed that Matamoros had been taken without resistance.

QUERY. 1. What steps should a church take with a member who keeps a regular dram shop, retailing to all who may apply, keeps a drunken set around his house cursing, swearing, and fighting, greatly to the annoyance of his neighbors?

2. Is it consistent with the rules of the Baptist church, or with the character of a christian, for a member to dispose of his property by "Lotteries," and also to take a chance in the lottery himself, for the property so disposed of?

ANSWER. 1. The dramshopper should be in the first instance reasoned with on the improprieties and injurious tendencies of his course. Should that fail, he should be called to answer for his conduct before the bar of the church.

no loss of moral character, or where there is no act of suspension or expulsion, and especially if this be done as an act of ecclesiastical censure, would be, in our opinion, to proceed without proper authority.

REVIVAL IN CHARLESTON.—We have given occasional notices of the pleasant state of things in the churches in Charleston, S. C. Under date of the 27th May, a friend writing us from that city on business, closes his letter as follows:—

"Did time allow I should be pleased to give you a detailed account of the blessed revival of Religion in this city, in which our two Baptist churches participated more largely than any others. Those added to our churches (nearly 200 in number) have given the most satisfactory evidence of a thorough work of Grace on their hearts, and continue active, zealous christians.

REVIVAL IN AUGUSTA.—From the following letter from Brother Brantly, the pastor of the church, (for which we are indebted to the Christian Index,) it appears that the revival in Augusta is still in successful progress:—

AUGUSTA, May 12, 1846. We are now enjoying a most powerful work of divine grace. On last Sabbath I had the happiness of extending the right hand of fellowship to forty-four persons, all baptized within a month past.

The external appearance of our house of worship has recently been improved by the addition of a belfry of some 50 feet, and a fine toned bell. We have also found it necessary to make arrangements for enlarging the interior, to accommodate the growing number of worshippers.

REVIVAL IN SAVANNAH.—We are pleased to learn that there is also a work of Grace, of much interest, in the sister city of Savannah. We find a letter in the Christian Index, from the pastor of the church, Rev. Albert Williams, from which we transfer the following extract:

"There is not so much of that out-burst of feeling, and sympathetic excitement, I have sometimes witnessed in our country revivals, yet the interest is deep, and progressive; and instead of noise and parade, it seeks rather to be repressed and concealed.

FURMAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL. We are always gratified to receive favorable tidings from this valued school of the prophets. For the following items, we are indebted to the Carolina Baptist.

Extract of a letter from a Student of the Furman Theological Institution, of South Carolina: "Our Professors are praying men, and they both exercise a spiritual influence among us."

At the annual meeting of the Trustees of this Institution in December last, measures were taken to provide the means of sustaining a third professorship.

ARISTARCHUS. For the Recorder. THE CHURCHES IN ANSON. BRO. MERRITH.—Permit me through the Recorder to say something relative to our situation in Anson.

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