

Communications.

Restitution. It may be questioned whether or not sufficient importance is given to this subject by the ministry of the present day.

Man's inhumanity to man. Makes countless thousands mourn. Suppose one who has wronged and defrauded his fellow-man should be awakened by the Spirit, and become seriously concerned for the salvation of his soul?

But, Bro. Hedlin, I must close. Little did I think that I should write so many "passing thoughts" when first I commenced. Pardon me this time. Next time I will try to "be short."

Granville Institute.

Mr. Editor: It is a source of mortification to those who desire (as we think all men of sense desire) to see the female mind highly cultivated, that the educated women of the nineteenth century do not possess, in as high a degree as did those of the sixteenth century, those accomplishments which strengthen and adorn the mind.

Bro. HERRAN: After my long and wintry solitude, for the first time since Christmas, I attended the "house of prayer" to-day. And although the day was inclement, I felt that it was "good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."

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PETER THE PEDAGOGUE. Granville Institute, Feb. 1856.

The Agent's Sketch of Colportage in North Carolina.

God has graciously brought me through the labors of another Colportage year, which makes 44 months and 15 days I have now tried to serve in this department of Christian toil; during which, I have sold 8,592 volumes, containing 2,612,500 pages, in value \$2,041 69; and given away 2,779 volumes, containing upwards of 709,000 pages, in value \$468 55.

During the year just closed, I have had very much to perform my own soul and encourage me to persevere, in God's strength, until the hundreds in this my native State who are rapidly flying to God's bar and sinking to ruin without a correct knowledge of Jesus as the Saviour of sinners, shall be supplied with printed truth, and persuaded, around their firesides, to come to Christ, that they may live for Him in this world and with Him in Heaven.

In doing the double work of a Colporteur and Collecting Agent, I have, the past year, visited 1,255 families. In this number I met ministers and Christians of every denomination among us, and together our hearts were made to burn within us, from feeling and speaking of the love of Christ to sinners, and of the same heavenly home for which we were striving through faith in the same blessed Jesus. And in this number I met with every class, from our highest rulers in Church and State down to the poorest and most degraded subject; and with humble thankfulness to God I can say, that I left every one with an increase of courage to toil on "the highways and hedges" of the Lord's vineyard. Of these 1,255 I found 72 families who had not been to church from 1 to 33 years, and the average of their going to church was once in 41 years; 317 had never had a religious visit or prayer around their firesides before.

The progress of education in North Carolina, of late, has been astonishingly great. The census of 1840 shows that there were, at all our Schools, only 19,493 scholars, and now there are at least 120,000 students attending them—An increase of more than 600 per cent. And there can be no doubt but that Colportage has rendered great aid to our Common School system in producing this happy change. I could give many striking facts on this point.

In re-visiting 9 families, I found that two had commenced family worship from reading "Neveus' Practical Thoughts." A lady had been converted from reading "Importance of Consideration," by Bishop Melville; and a goodseller gave up his trade by reading "Edwards' Temperance Manual." Not long since, a man came to me in the market, and shook my hand with both of his, and said, "I am so glad to see you again, to tell you how much good I have got by that 'Temperance Manual' I bought of you a year ago, after you talked to me kindly about Jesus' sin, when I was almost drunk. While reading it, I determined to give up liquor, and about 6 months ago I found Jesus precious to me; and now myself and wife are trying to get to Heaven and teach our children and servants the way. Here, too, are \$5 for your work, which I pray may be the means of helping some poor drunkards and sinners to forsake Satan and follow Jesus." The Lord knows where this nation printed that Manual! To God be the glory, and may He help every one of us to do something that may be blessed in bringing poor, dying sinners to Jesus and to Heaven. Yours, truly, WM. J. W. CROWDER.

Agent Am. Tr. Soc. for N. C. Raleigh, March 1, 1856.

"Some of the domestic evils of drunkenness," says Franklin, "are houses without windows, gardens without fences, fields without tillage, barns without roofs, children without clothing, principles, morals or manners."

Universalism—Future Punishment—God's Foreknowledge.

It is urged by the Universalist, that it would be unjust to punish man eternally for sins, which he could not help committing, and that man cannot help doing that which God foreknew that he would do—that to offer man salvation upon condition he would receive it, when God knew at the time he offered it, it would be rejected, is but to mock man's suffering, and to aggravate his guilt, by making him reject what it was known he would not receive.

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The Censeless Prayer.

And thou thinkest it but the dream of fanaticism, or the delirium of the enthusiast, or worse, the sickening catch of hypocrisy, that tells of "praying always?" thou believest, in thy unbelief, that human power can never exalt a child of earth to "pray without ceasing." Fool, groveling in the baseness of thy animal instinct, or settled in the love of sin and hate of God, or vacillating votary of a weak will—each and all of you are blind to the cravings of an aspiring soul, are lost to that high sense of the real and the better life the humble Christian feels.

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Baptist Baptizing Infants—almost.

"Sir Coling E. Bartley has communicated, with the permission of the writer, to the London Christian Times, the following extract of a letter from the Rev G. W. Lehmann, Baptist pastor of Berlin, respecting the practice of blessing of infants in his church."

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