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OUR PRINCIPLES.

- 1.—The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. 2.—The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party, or sectarian names. 3.—The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament a sufficient rule of faith and practice. 4.—Christian character, or vital piety, the only test of fellowship, or church membership. 5.—The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The article on "Contentment," by Miss L. M. E. will interest you.

Maj. Danbar's health is considerably improved.—Has been out a part of the week.

Bro. R. A. Kicks, was in Suffolk a few days ago and handed us several subscribers.—Thanks.

Rev. J. W. Holt gives an interesting account of the District Meeting at Martha's Chapel, and so does R. E. Porter.

Mt. Carmel Church is doing well—growing. Rev. M. B. Barrett, the pastor, says they are preparing to enlarge the house.

Rev. E. W. Beale is striking the key note as regards the reformation needed among the people of Suffolk. See his article this week.

A new church is soon to be organized at New Hill, N. C. Bro. Seagraves thinks the prospects are good, and we wish these brethren much success.

The Lord willing, the Editor of the SUN will spend next Sunday with the church at Catawba Springs, near Raleigh, N. C. We hope to bring home several new subscribers for the SUN.

Rev. J. W. Wellons, our evangelist will leave Franklinton the week after the second Sunday in March for the Georgia and Alabama Conference. May the Lord bless his work in that important field.

Did you read in last issue of the SUN the article on "The Upper Rooms and Chief Seats"? If not, go back and read it. Possibly Neunias meant to hit you. If you think he did, call him to account for it.

A letter from Rev. J. W. Wellons of March 8, is crowded out. It gives an account of a series of meetings held at Lockville, N. C. Bro. Wellons' post office address after this week will be Richland, Ga., till further notice.

Rev. Jno. U. Newman, one of our most promising young ministers, is suffering from the effects of a deep cold. At present he is in Sussex, where he has charge of a school. We hope this dear brother will soon be entirely well.

Rev. Jno. T. Ball is this week on a visit to his family in Raleigh. He will return in a few days and go forward with his work. He expects to be at Barrett's Church the fourth Sunday in this month. Get ready to give him a hearty welcome, brethren.

Rev. P. T. Klapp has succeeded in organizing a Missionary Society in each of his churches, and every other pastor ordinarily can do the same thing if he will. You know where there is a will, there is a way. We commend Bro. Klapp, and urge those who are behind in this respect to go and do likewise.

Rev. C. J. Ralston has organized a new Christian Church at Purvis Station on the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad. The church was organized on Thursday, March 4th, with 13 members. There is a good opening at Purvis (commonly called Buckhorn) and we wish the new organization much success. Bro. Ralston will serve the Purvis church as pastor for the present.

The first and of course the oldest religious newspaper in the United States, if not the world, is the Herald of Gospel Liberty, now published by our brethren of the Christian Church, North, at Dayton, Ohio. The first number of that paper was published in 1808. In looking over some old papers a few days ago we found a copy of that paper bearing date of February 1817. It was published at Boston, by Elias Smith. Its table of contents is a lively one.—Among the number of contributors is Rev. Mills Barrett, who addresses a letter of a spicy and biting character to Dr. Samuel K. Jennings, concerning some remarks made by Dr. Jennings at a Camp Meeting in Isle of Wight county, Va. This copy of the paper is of magazine form and is addressed in a legible hand-writing to Stephen Smith. It is quite an interesting relic of the early days of our denomination.

FORWARD!

THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE FALLS INTO LINE.

Cheering news comes from the field almost every week concerning our cause. The most encouraging phase of this news is its missionary character. For a long while our most earnest desire and prayer to God has been to see our people become a missionary people, believing that our usefulness in the world as a church hangs on this point. If we become a missionary people we will live and grow, for, as we have often said, "we do not believe an active missionary people can die; but, if on the other hand, we remain in active and an anti-missionary people we will not only die, but we ought to die, for there is no place on the earth where we would then be needed—that is if we were an inactive, do nothing sort of a people. The subject of missions has greatly concerned a few of our people since 1875. The matter was discussed from the pulpit and in the paper, but the chances, as many thought, were against us. A few continued to plead its importance. Now we think the tide is flooding, and our prospects are very bright. From almost every direction we get the glad news of the rapid spread of the missionary spirit, which must be the forerunner of our success in every field. Mission work is essential to our success under God's blessings.

The North Carolina Conference and the Eastern Virginia Conference have been nearly side by side in this great work. Then the Deep River Conference fell into line, and has become a growing people. Now the Virginia Valley, under the leadership of Rev. D. T. Deans, falls into line, leaving only one more Conference in our General Convention to be heard from—The Georgia and Alabama Conference. We hope our Evangelist, Rev. J. W. Wellons, who leaves next week for that part of our field will arouse the missionary spirit there and send us the good news.

We give below Bro. Deans telling of the work as it has taken shape in the Valley Conference.

LINVILLE, VA., } March 8th, 1880.

Dear Brother:—At my request a number of the brethren and sisters of the Valley of Virginia Christian Conference, met at Antioch Church on last Saturday and organized a Home Mission Society, by signing bonds ranging from five dollars to one hundred, running six years; the interest to be paid semi-annually. I have already secured the amount of one thousand and seven dollars, with a fair prospect of doubling it by our next Conference, as the people here seem to be fully entered in regard to Home Missions. I, in connection with my co-laborers, expect to push this enterprise until every member and friend of the Valley Conference, within its bounds, has taken part in this good work. The Society has adopted a constitution for its government, and elected the following officers: Jesse Burkholder, President, Elias Emswiler and Ephraim Mitchell, Vice-Presidents, Wm. P. Byrd, Financial Secretary, A. J. Showalter, Recording Secretary, and Thomas J. Cline, Treasurer.

As brother Emanuel Sipe has the constitution under revision preparatory for publication, I hope he will give the readers of the SUN a sketch of that document, setting forth the objects and aims of the Society. I have found in our brother, Rev. John C. Williams, a devoted friend to his church, and a faithful worker for its prosperity. With such men as are mentioned in this article laboring together for the Master's cause, surely we will not fail of success, if we ask God's blessing on our efforts. My dear brother, pray for us that we may succeed in this and every other good work for the glory of God and man's good.

Yours in the gospel, D. T. DEANS.

This is a most important step taken in the Valley Conference, and we congratulate Bro. Deans on the prospects before him, and the Valley churches on having obtained the services of such a leader as Bro. Deans is showing himself to be by his works. May God bless this move in the Valley Conference. Brethren, pray for these brethren, for their work. Their future is most hopeful. This mission fund will soon enable them to keep more than one preacher in the field. If this work is well managed in five years from this time they will not only have a sentinel, but a picket line and an army fighting against sin under the banner of King Emmanuel.

PITHY POINTS.

I think it (the District meeting at Martha's Chapel) was quite a success. I made a good impression was held in the community.—Rev. J. W. Holt, Pittsborough, N. C. I would like to live to be as old as Mathuselah, that I might have the privilege of seeing what the Christian Church will do in the future.—Rev. Jno. T. Ball at District Meeting. I do not believe in back biting—it is a poor business.—E. T. H. We never could see any necessity for the habit, besides it is very dangerous. I believe in paying my just debts.—H. Yes, a great many say so, but they do not do it.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO THE LATE REV. JNO. N. MANNING.

At a meeting of the Christian Church, at Antioch, Rockingham county, Va., held Feb. 28, 1880, for the purpose of giving expression of our sorrow at the death of Bro. Jno. N. Manning in the city of Norfolk, Va., Bro. D. F. Lineweaver was called to the chair.

On motion, Bros. D. T. Deans, J. C. Williams and Jesse Burkholder were appointed a Committee to draft suitable resolutions expressive of our sorrow.

WHEREAS, We the Christian Church at Antioch, Rockingham county, Va., have heard with profound regret, of the death of Rev. J. N. Manning in the City of Norfolk, on the 14th inst., and

WHEREAS, The Great Dispenser of all things has removed an untiring laborer from His vineyard on earth to the saints everlasting rest in Heaven, therefore

Resolved, That in the dispensation of Providence, the Christian Church has lost one of its profoundest thinkers and ardent supporters. His rich and clarion voice will no longer be heard in the councils of his church, devising plans for its influence, and stimulating his brethren to action.

Resolved, That we desire to mingle our tears of sympathy with his brethren in the ministry throughout the Southern Christian Convention, and especially with his family in the City by the Sea.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to inscribe a page to his memory on our church record, and to forward a copy to the CHRISTIAN SUN for publication and to the widow and children of our deceased brother.

D. T. DEANS, J. C. WILLIAMS, JESSE BURKHOLDER. Com.

"Ben now,—as wakened memory sings These saddest shades,—methinks I hear The rustle of her angel wings."

The mails of last Monday brought us the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. ALLIE N. SULLIVAN, wife of the Rev. Dr. J. G. Sullivan, of the Baltimore M. P. Conference, and eldest daughter of our greatly afflicted brother, Jas. D. Presson of Brandon, Prince George county, Va., in the twenty first year of her age.

We feel a personal loss in the death of this dear friend. Her life was short but beautiful. At the age of fourteen years she gave herself to Jesus and joined the Christian church at Spring Hill, in Sussex county, Va., where she remained a faithful member to the day of her death. A few short years ago her mother passed over the river, and Allie, as she was familiarly called, took charge of her afflicted father's household. Her management was a great credit to one of her years.

On the tenth of last March, the present writer was called to Brandon to solemnize the rite of matrimony between our deceased sister and the Rev. Dr. Sullivan. The occasion was one of the happiest and most interesting we have attended. Then we were all happy, now our hearts are grieved; then we bid the happy couple a pleasant voyage over the journey of life, now that journey is ended to her who was then the queen of that occasion, and she has passed over the River and is at rest, leaving a fond and devoted husband, a dear babe, only two months old, with a loving father, a brother and three sisters, all of whom realize a sad loss, for which they weep in the depth of their souls, but not as those who have no hope. As she went down through the Valley of the shadow of death, she said: "Death is not so bad as I had expected." Then with angelic sweetness she sang the following beautiful invocation to the ministering spirits:

"Oh! I come angel band, Come and around me stand, Oh! I fear me not on your snowy wings To my immortal land."

And as this angelic strain died away, ALLIE PRESSON SULLIVAN passed to her immortal home, leaving many sorrowing ones, but most of all her heartbroken husband. May the Lord give him the grace which he has preached to others, to sustain him in this affliction, over which his heart bleeds, and his soul is anguish riven. The prize lost to you, dear brother, has become a jewel in heaven.

"She is in Heaven!—at times when prone To mourn the race so early run; A white-robed saint before the throne Whispers—"the prize is won."

"She is in Heaven!—has reached ere noon, In safety, you celestial shore, And oh! the bliss to meet her soon—Not lost, but gone before!"

How are you succeeding in circulating the church paper in your congregations, pastors? Bestir yourselves—your help is needed.

Rev. M. L. Hurley will preach at South Gaston, N. C., the fourth Saturday and Sunday in this month.

Your Sunday-school ought to be in full operation now.

SUFFOLK AND HER PEOPLE.

In an article last week I selected the above subject for some thoughts. I do not desire by continuing the subject to make the impression that Suffolk is almost a Sodom. But I do desire to tell the truth even if it should hurt, and pray that it may be seen and felt by others as I believe I see and feel it.

While Suffolk is not a Sodom yet it is not a Paradise. There is more wickedness here than should be here, and while this is a reproach to any people, it should be the desire of every lover of Christ and of morality to have less. I'll state what I believe to be one cause at least of the spiritual condition of affairs here and then suggest a plan whereby this condition may be improved.

There is a want of earnest Christian zeal and united Christian effort upon the part of those who profess to love the Lord Jesus. The church here is cursed with that spirit of selfishness with which she is cursed in some other places. She needs more love and less hatred—a broader Christian charity,—more of Christ and less of self. I said in my last that during the eight years of my stay here, I had not witnessed a general effort upon the part of God's people to save sinners. Efforts have been made by all the churches but these have all been single handed—efforts upon the part of individual churches. No combined—united effort has been made by the whole church to persuade sinners to come to Christ. It may be said by some that there is no necessity for such an effort being made. That there is no cause for alarm. The case is quite hopeful. I want to ask the question, if iniquity is not on the increase here, what are the signs? Do you believe, Bro. Pastor, that the condition of affairs in your own congregation is encouraging? Is there life—spiritual life in the church? Are Christ's followers wide awake and is the church moving forward, steadily gaining? If she is, then I congratulate you. But when we look out of the church into the world I do not see much to encourage me. Eight years have produced no decided change in the spiritual condition of our people as a people. As many unconverted persons in Suffolk to-day as there were eight years ago. Don't you think so? Why is this? I repeat, it is because God's people stand off from each other. They will not unite in Christian effort, for the reason I fear, that if the tree be shaken that others will gather more of the fruit than themselves. Oh shame, shame, shame, for such a religion as this.

But I promised to suggest a plan whereby this condition of things might be improved. I will begin with the preachers. Are they in full sympathy with each other? Do they ever confer one with the other? Do they pray for one another? I would suggest that these be brought together by the holding of a minister's meeting once a week. These meetings to be opened and closed with prayer and the remainder of the time to be spent in the discussion of subjects pertaining to the spiritual interest of this dear people. Again, I would suggest, the holding of monthly union meetings alternately in the churches. Adopt these suggestions and it will not be long, I verily believe, before God will visit this part of His moral vineyard in a most signal and glorious manner.

E. W. B.

CHAPEL HILL LETTER.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., } March 6, 1880.

Mr. Editor: Through the kindness of Mr. Eddie Pool, I attended the District Meeting at Martha's Chapel on February 28th. Rev. J. W. Holt presided, and brother C. S. Holleman was elected Secretary.—The subject of Education was well discussed by Revs. P. T. Klapp and J. W. Holt. Brother Alfred Moring and others made short speeches in behalf of the SUN. Some subscribers were obtained. In the afternoon Dr. W. T. Herndon made a very practical address on Home Missions. The result was, several bonds were filled up by friends of the cause.

We spent Saturday night with brother Holleman. He and his kind family showed us every attention necessary to make us enjoy ourselves.—In the evening "Charline" carried us to Mr. J. T. O'Kelley's, where we spent a short time very pleasantly. We had some splendid music. Sunday morning Revs. J. W. Hatch and P. T. Klapp spoke to a large congregation on the subject of Sunday-schools. At 11 o'clock P. T. Klapp preached a very impressive and practical sermon from the words found in St. John xiii: 15. After preaching we went to brother Willis Wilson's for dinner, and spent the evening very pleasantly with his family. They are very entertaining, and I know you would enjoy yourself if you could visit them. They live only 6 miles from Chapel Hill, and I think I shall find the way out there again before long.

E. E. PORTER.

IDLENESS.

What is it to be idle? It is abstention from labor or employment; the state of a person who is unemployed in labor, or unoccupied in business; the state of doing nothing. Idleness is also the parent of Vice. "By much slothfulness the building decayeth and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through." Eccles. 10:18. So we see that it is taught in the Bible, that idleness is a bad thing to possess. Therefore we should all endeavor to lay it aside and be determined that it shall not possess us. We are sorry to say, that there are too many idle people in the world; people who are doing the world no good by living in it, but are pulling it back every day. There are people in our own country who are so idle and lazy that they are really almost perishing. We think any one who is too idle or lazy to work when they have their health and strength ought to perish, for they have no business in the world. If we are idle and unconcerned, we disobey God, and the time will come when we will wish that we had been industrious. The Lord has said, "Go work in my vineyard while it is called to day, for the night cometh wherein no man can work." Let us not be found idle, but let us always be found doing our duty and so glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

JAY.

CONTENTMENT.

That contentment no greater blessing can human nature possess. If it does not bring riches it does a better thing in banishing a desire for them. If it can not remove the disquietude arising from the mind, body, or fortune, it makes it easy under them. It has indeed a kindly influence on the soul in respect to everything to whom it stands related. It extinguishes all murmurings and gives sweetness to conversation. It is a nature for people to be always looking forward to those who have got the start of them in wealth and honor, and try to excel them in appearance. Thus they make themselves discontented in aiming at imaginary and useless enjoyments. How vain is such a course! No persons are more unhappy than those who seek after the most happiness. Such an effort rather brings despair than consolation. Contentment is the hand-maid of Christianity. Religion bears a tender regard to human nature. It prescribes to every miserable person the means of bettering their condition. It shows them that bearing their afflictions as they ought to do, will naturally end in the removal of them. It makes them easy here, because it makes them happy hereafter. Let a person's estate be what it may, they are poor, if they are not content.

L. M. E.

WHAT MUST BE DONE WITH MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHO GET DRUNK?

The question was suggested upon seeing church members going along the public street in a state of drunkenness. What must be done with them? Turn them out or keep them in? While getting drunk is not, when viewed from a human stand point, the blackest, the vilest, the most detestable of all sins; yet it is of sufficient magnitude to ruin the soul forever. It is classed in the Bible with the sin of adultery, idolatry, fornication, theft, covetousness. And it is most positively declared that no one guilty of these shall inherit the kingdom of God. It is therefore, I repeat, a sin sufficient to ruin the soul. I believe it is the same kind of drunkenness of which the Apostle writes, that I saw yesterday. No difference. Who would you class among drunkards? Would you say that the man who got drunk once a week, or once a month, or once in three months, or once in twelve months and was sober all the rest of the time, that he was a drunkard? What constitutes a man a murderer, or a thief, or a liar? Does he have to be guilty of these offences every day?

I'll give you what I believe to be the truth. If the habit of drinking to excess has been formed, until that habit is broken, whether you indulge once a day or once a year, it will have the mastery over you, and in that condition, you are not a fit subject for the Kingdom of Heaven.

My brother! my drinking brother!! If you will not resist the temptation to drink to excess, my advice to you is to go out of the church. Don't bring a reproach upon the church; I beseech you, don't wound the feelings of your pastor and brethren and above, all don't destroy both soul and body in hell. There is one thing certain and that is if you do not stop drinking you will as surely fill a drunkard's grave and your soul suffer the torments of a drunkard's hell as that the Bible be true, and God rules. And another thought I pray the Spirit to impress. That you are nearer there to-day than ever before. Every time you get drunk, yes, every drink you take fastens this habit more firmly upon you. Oh, my friend, (and you are the one I have in my mind, and I could call you by name) Stop! Stop! Stop!!! E. W. B.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the Fields; for they are white, already to harvest."—St. John 4:5.

PITTSBOROUGH, N. C., March 1, 1880.—According to previous appointment a District Meeting was held at Martha's Chapel last Saturday and Sunday. After a short season spent in prayer meeting the pastor of the church was called to the chair, and Bro. C. S. Holleman from O'Kelley's Chapel was elected Secretary.

On motion, Bro. J. D. Gunter from Chapel Hill was invited to a seat in the meeting as a deliberative member.

The hour for the address on Education having arrived, Rev. P. T. Klapp, who had been appointed, proceeded to address the audience on that subject. A good congregation was present and listened with close attention to the remarks of the speaker.

Next followed an address on Religious Literature, by Bro. Alfred Moring, who came forward as a substitute for Hon. Jno. M. Moring, the speaker appointed for this subject, and well did he present the claims of Religious Literature upon our people, especially the claims of the CHRISTIAN SUN. The speaker was followed by Bro. J. D. Gunter, Rev. P. T. Klapp, Dr. Herndon and the chairman in some remarks, pressing upon our people the importance of sustaining our church paper. The audience was then canvassed in behalf of the SUN, and quite a number of renewals and subscriptions were received.

An intermission was then given, during which a good dinner was eaten. After dinner was over and the audience had reassembled, Dr. W. T. Herndon, of Morrisville, delivered a most excellent address on the subject of Home Missions. I wish the Doctor's address could have been heard by every member of our denomination. His heart is evidently full of the mission spirit. Revs. J. W. Hatch, P. T. Klapp and Bro. Alfred Moring also made good speeches advocating the cause of Home Missions. Twenty or more bonds were then filled up and signed, making an amount that was very good for the church and community of Martha's Chapel. Sunday morning was bright and lovely, and a large crowd came together and was addressed by Rev. J. W. Hatch on the subject of Sunday-schools. At 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. P. T. Klapp preached an excellent sermon to a large and attentive congregation. The exercises both on Saturday and Sunday were interspersed with some very good singing, led by Bro. James Howard from O'Kelley's. Altogether, the District Meeting at Martha's Chapel was one of the most successful that has been held in this Conference.

J. W. HOLT.

LOCKVILLE, N. C., March 1, 1880.—I closed my meeting at La Grange last Thursday night. The congregation was large and attentive to the close, and I think the meeting resulted in great good. I suppose there were some 12 or 15 converts and 6 penitents left at the altar. The different denominations were well represented. On one occasion there were seven ministers (including self) and all of different denominations. We have no church at that place, and it is too remote from our work to organize one, unless I could remain in that vicinity long enough to hold other meetings. We have one member here, Bro. D. C. Murchison, of the firm of Edwards & Murchison.—Mr. Edwards' father is a member of the Christian Church, and he ought to be.

Prof. Kingsly has a very fine school here. I was pleased with his manner of teaching—opening and closing with vocal music. There is a Baptist and a Methodist Church in town. The M. P. Church has been organized. Our brother, Rev. D. A. Long, had some very staunch friends at La Grange. The people at La Grange have endeared themselves to me very much. They are hospitable and kind. I am now at Lockville, N. C. Commenced a meeting here yesterday—had a good congregation morning and evening. Some arose and some knelt for prayer—we had meeting again this morning and one convert. Do not know how long the meeting will continue, but pray the Lord will bless our labors here. I expect to be at home in time to leave for Americus, Ga., the week after the second Sunday in order to get to Richland, Ga., in time for a meeting near the third Sunday in March. When my correspondents do not know where to write to me, at direct to Franklinton, N. C., and my mail will be forwarded from there.

J. W. WELLONS.

We wish Bro. Wellons a most successful visit to our brethren in the far South. May the Lord bless his labors there.

SANFORD, N. C., March 2, 1880.—I have accomplished in part, what I have long desired to do; that is, I have succeeded in organizing a missionary society at each of my churches, viz, Zion, Christian Chapel, Shal-low Wall and Moore Union. Part of my work is in a better condition than I ever saw it. The Sunday-school at Zion is progressing finely, it numbers about two hundred. To God be all the praise.

P. T. KLAPP.

IVOR, VA., March 8, 1880.—My 2nd quarterly meeting for this Conference year, was held at Mt. Carmel church, on Saturday and Sunday last. On Saturday quite a large number of the members met, and I delivered to them a plain practical lecture founded on the old hymn commencing "A charge to keep I have," after which the business of the church was attended to promptly and in much harmony. The financial condition of the church is good.

On Sunday, notwithstanding the day was very rainy and disagreeable, a goodly number met and I preached to them. I had some liberty in speaking and hope some good was done. The communion season was solemn yet pleasant and many felt that it was good to be there. The building committee intend to

push the work of adding a piece to the house of worship, with a recess for the pulpit. When that is done we will have a large, commodious house in which the large and growing congregations can worship. M. B. BARRETT.

EDITOR'S BOOK TABLE.

TO PUBLISHERS: All books and periodicals sent to "Editor Christian Sun," will receive such notices as the Editor's judgment may deem suitable. Mark clearly the price.

THE VIRGINIA LAW JOURNAL, edited by George L. Christian, Randolph & English, publishers, Richmond, Va. Monthly—price \$5 a year.

We have been interested in perusing its pages, and we suppose it is one of the necessities of the legal profession. It might be worth its price to many outside of the profession by the suggestions and information which it gives.

THE LIGHT OF ASIA, or the Great Renunciation. Being the Life and Teaching of Gantama, Prince of India and Founder of Buddhism, as told by an Indian Buddhist, by Edwin Arnold.

The work is quite interesting. Its similarity to the teachings of the Bible is striking in some respects.—Price 15 cts. I. K. Funk & Co., 10 & 12 Bay St., New York.

ALTAR CLOTHS AND FLOWERS: A Review. Randolph & English, Publishers, Richmond, Va.

About a year ago quite a controversy arose in Virginia between the Bishop and clergy of the Episcopal church in regard to the use of Altar Cloths and flowers on occasions of festivals &c. This is a review of the matter and will doubtless have an extensive reading.

THE PREACHER AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY for March is before us.—The following is a portion of its table of contents: Sermon:—"Walking Worthy of God," by F. A. Noble, D. D.;—"Christmas day Lessons," by Dean Stanley;—"The Preacher," by T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D.;—"This Year Also"—New Year's Sermon, by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon;—"Basis of True Greatness," by Rufus W. Clark, D. D.;—"A King Frightened by an Infant," by Rev. Thos. Kelly;—"God in Human Activity," by H. M. Gallaher, D. D.;—"The Spirit a Quickener," by J. S. Kennard, D. D.;—"Eternal Life," by Prof. Herrick Johnson, D. D.;—"The Holy Spirit," by A. S. Hunt, D. D.;—"Christ and the Immortal Life," by W. J. Tucker, D. D. Then we have "Brotherly Talks with Young Ministers," by Dr. Cuyler; "Expository Preaching," by Dr. Taylor; "A Sunday on the Sea," by Dr. Deems;—"Prayer-Meeting Service," by Rev. Lewis O. Thompson; "Studies in the Book of Revelation," by D. C. Hughes, much in the way of "Sermonic Criticism," "Preachers Exchanging Views," etc. This Monthly is brimful of serviceable hints to all clergymen and other students of the Bible. 25 cents, single issue; \$2.50 per year. I. K. FUNK & CO., New York.

JOSEPH COOK ON LOCAL OPTION. The learned Joseph Cook is a power against ignorance and bigotry.—He strikes right and left without regard to who stands in his way. If you choose you may get in his way, but you will wish you hadn't, especially about the time you feel the last prop give way and you find yourself falling flat to the ground.—Ed. SUN. "Joseph Cook advocates 'local option' in regard to retaining the Bible in public schools. He does not see why any political party that is disposed to exclude the Bible from schools, when it obtains the control of a state like Ohio, should ride rough-shod over the local option of Oberlin, which is a thoroughly Protestant town. He most pertinently asks: 'If Oberlin wants the Bible honored in her schools by daily citation from it, and by the use of the Lord's prayer, has Ohio a right to say that this local option shall not be exercised?' Of course there would be some towns in which the local option would be against the use of the Bible, but in regard to them he puts the opposite query. How long would these districts have superior schools? and says: 'If I could only re-arrange our population, and put the infidels in wards by themselves, and the extreme Romanists in wards by themselves, and American Protestants in wards by themselves, I should be willing to allow the law of the survival of the fittest to determine whose schools are best, and whose literature, whose newspapers, whose politics, and whose science.' Meantime, the danger that the real minority, through the bargains of politics, may dictate to the real majority in this matter is no inconsiderable one.—N. S. S. Teacher.

Several interesting communications crowded out this week. Among the number, one from Rev. E. H. Holland, one from R. E. Porter, one from "Zid-das" and one from Rev. M. L. Hurley. They will appear next week.