

men destitute of facilities have done work of superlative excellence. Humble men, unlearned men, have thus often accomplished what men of sounding reputation have failed to do.

If such are some of the personal elements in the teacher, then American society needs not so much additional institutions, or increased appliances and facilities in them, as men possessing, so far as possible, these moral qualifications.

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ACCEPTABLE SERVICE.

Our modern conceptions of Christian work are very largely utilitarian, and our utilitarianism is of a decidedly materialistic nature. We seem slow to understand that anything can be acceptable service which does not directly contribute to the comfort, usually physical, of somebody else; and so, unless we are feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, or in some such way providing for the needy, we are apt to feel that we are not doing any Christian work, and because such work is not always at our hand, we conclude there is nothing to do, and so do nothing.

There is still another form of Christian service which may be quite as acceptable to God as of those mentioned above: it is the sacrifice of the heart poured out to God in song or prayer, in which is expressed the heart's deep love for God or its child-like trust in him.

of our Christian benevolent work. No more are we likely to go beyond our duty in ministering to the soul wants of those whom we might bring to Jesus, or help in times of need. But we are in danger of despising these seasons and acts of devotion which the worldling calls foolishness, and which the cold, calculating Christian calls a waste of time and material, but which God treasures up among his priceless jewels.

ON THE WAY TO CONFERENCE.

Here we are, rushing along at the rate of forty miles per hour, with Cleveland just behind us, some thirteen of us, including babies and all, and all from one neighborhood, and there are "more to follow." How unlike the yearly journey of the children of Israel in the olden time, wending their way, on foot and on asses, up to Jerusalem, to attend the yearly feast. What other denomination makes such long journeys to enjoy and be profited by their annual gatherings? May the good received and imparted be commensurate with the distance traveled.

New York, Sept. 19, 1882. P. S. No. 1. I thought I had finished my article, but as it lies in my valise unsealed, I must add an item, which to me, if not to all of my readers, was of special interest. We arrived in New York this morning, all safe and sound, just as we had prayed for, and to our surprise, through the munificence of a friend, one o'clock found us seated at the table at the Astor House.

Well, here we are in Ashaway, R. I. I never was here before, and I intend to behave myself so well they will be willing I shall come again, for I like the way they do things here. They have remodeled and enlarged their church, at an expense of thirty-five hundred dollars. This morning six hundred were in attendance at the opening session—this is not a guess, but an actual count.

Bro. Velthuysen and his daughter are here from Holland. Bro. Velthuysen was introduced to the Conference this afternoon by Bro. Geo. H. Babcock, the former making a very appropriate and touching address in his imperfect English.

The RECORDER goes in other hands; if you think our articles have not contained the "meat and juice" you called for, complain no more, for this is our last—at least under the old regime. I think so much of Bro. Platts, if any stray effort of mine can assist him, I reserve the right to serve him.

P. S. No. 3. Dr. J. M. Stillman, of Alfred Centre, is conducting the music at the Conference. Is not this enough? E. M. D.

A SMALL BUT ACTIVE CHURCH.

Because a church has a small membership, it does not follow that it should be weak or feeble. If each one is filled with the Holy Ghost, has the power of God within him, it seems to me that a few would be as strong as the many, and the Scriptures be fulfilled, that one could chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight; and yet I often see in our paper the small churches called the weak ones, and it may be that some may think this is necessarily so, but it appears to me that if they are few in numbers, this is the very reason they should be more active in the work of the Lord.

I write these things because I think they meet the case of many churches without pastors. I write them because I think a small church may be very active and prosperous. One of our most active churches in the South-Eastern Association—the West Fork—has only been able to secure the preaching of the gospel at their Quarterly Meetings, except in rare instances, and yet this little band of only a score of church members maintain a flourishing Sabbath-school, keep up all the church appointments, contribute liberally to the Tract and Missionary Societies, and is being greatly blessed of God in its activity and devotion, and is honored and respected through all that section of country.

THE North American Review for October opens with an article on "The Coming Revolution in England," by H. M. Hyndman, the English radical leader, giving an in-

structive account of the agitation now going on among the English working classes for a reconstruction of the whole politico-social fabric of that country. O. B. Frothingham writes of "The Objectionable in Literature," and endeavors to point out the distinction between literature which is per se corrupting, and that which is simply coarse.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR POPULAR BIBLE STUDY.

Professor W. R. Harper, whose name has appeared in these columns in connection with the revival of Hebrew Study, besides his labors in his great Hebrew Correspondence School, is the editor and publisher of a periodical devoted to topics connected with the Old Testament, called The Hebrew Student.

In his October number, Prof. Harper proposes to give a surprise to the students of the Bible. His Hebrew Summer School, attended by 75 ministers, translated this Summer the prophecy of Nahum. This translation, together with the Hebrew Text of this prophecy, will be published in the October issue of the Hebrew Student.

Such an enterprise as this is certainly to be commended. We advise all our readers to send for a copy of this issue, if for nothing else, at least as a curiosity. It marks an epoch in Biblical study in this country.

THE "GRAPHIC."—We are under obligation to the publisher of the Graphic, London, Eng., for a copy of the Summer Number of that paper. Attention is called to the wonderful advance that has been made in that country in the art of color printing, and in its appreciation by the public. A recently published Directory in America, in commenting on the subject, contains the statement that over \$70,000, or £14,000 sterling were expended on the production of one of these Special Season numbers of the London Graphic, and although the author adds that "America to-day stands without a peer in the delicate finish of her illustrations, &c.," it is doubtful whether any proprietor in any country has expended so vast a sum on the publication of one single issue; of a number subsequent to the one before referred to, over 520,000 copies were issued, and the number was out of print in a few days.

A PROVERB IN SONG will be likely to be remembered. We find one in a very acceptable roll of music sent us by Oliver Ditson & Co. It is in two languages, the English being "Last come, last served," and the Italian, "Chi tardi arriva, male alloggio," which means, "The last arrival is badly lodged."

Other songs in the roll have the names, "Memories in Springtime," (35 cents) by Warren; "If sighs had wings," (30 cents) by Pinski; "The Sorrowful Maiden," (30 cents), by Robert Franz; "I wander through the stilly night," (30 cents), by the same celebrated composer; "Always," (35 cents), by Henry Leslie; and "Two Ways," (30 cents), by Ciro Pinski. An "Impromptu" (35 cents), by Sachs, and "The Shady Lane" (25 cents), by Meyer, are two agreeable piano pieces.

LETTERS TO A MATERIALIST, ON THE INTERMEDIATE STATE.—This pamphlet exhibits the evangelical and scriptural doctrine concerning the nature of man and the continued existence of his soul after death. The fallacy of the doctrine of the unconscious state of the dead and annihilation of the wicked either at death or immediately after the resurrection, is successfully combated and shown up.

Communications.

TENT WORK.

Tent meetings began here Aug. 30th, and closed Sept. 11th. These two weeks of meetings were well attended and well enjoyed by the good people of Wolcott, and of surrounding neighborhoods. The weather for the most part was favorable, though some evenings were rather cool for comfort. The Bible Sabbath was made a prominent subject of discourse, as one of the leading truths of God's ever glorious gospel, and the opinion prevailed, that there was much more of solid saving truth in it, and far less of sectarianism or denominationalism, than they had before supposed.

I was deeply moved, and my eyes opened, by an incident in the meetings at Wolcott. At the close of a very solemn meeting, made deeply solemn and impressive by a feeling address from our venerable brother in the ministry, Elder Alexander Campbell, one of the ministers of the place arose and said quite abruptly, and as everybody seemed to feel, not at all in harmony with the discourse or the spirit of the meeting, that he was disappointed in hearing so much said on the Sabbath question, and that upon the continuance of this subject, he should be obliged to withdraw and ask his people to do the same, confessing that he had expressed a desire to hear on this subject when it was opened, but that he did not expect so much would be said.

Now, had we presented the Sabbath doctrine in a technical and denominational way, for a few evenings, this minister could have endured it, and then gracefully have bowed the whole subject out of his presence, as a disagreeable but unavoidable caller, and that would have been the end of it. But as it was, the Sabbath truth became a life and death question, and professing Christians and honest hearers must accept it as such, or refuse to hear it. But it will follow them to the day of coming judgment.

Thus has closed the tent season of 1882, the richest season in gratifying incidents and results, of the four in which I have served. I thank God for this added privilege, and my brethren whose counsels and contributions have supported the work. The one

hundred and ten dollars at Clifford, Pa., gave carried us through on this example was followed or more of tents would season, if all is well. The thanks of the tent to Brethren Whitford, cott, and their wives, gratuitous entertainers laborers. Our tent is Winter unless ordered

A PLACE OF HILL BUILDING is fine of a region full of history on Union Square, corner of the Square with tance. To the left is ted eminence on which tioned himself on the Bunker Hill. Hill Bunker foot of Prospect Hill Rhode Island troops, wker Hill times, and troops, which were Hill, a little further Chaplain, had to come to attend divine services, anders, a necessity which greatly regretted. A relating this fact, says whether the men of New more praying for than Island, but we fully rely in those days an army mere ornamental appear

Washington Street and is the same old royal onial militia marched to Hill, and which they st and bleeding after the was here at Union Squ don brought his forces ing to Bunker Hill. Much of the land on erville Washington Str It has been filled in and thickly studded with blocks. A net-work of all this region, making bridge, Charlestown, a these are all one city, most direct line of cars of Boston runs from Charlestown, passing Navy Yard. The fam be visible from my win ing buildings.

To fill up the above immense quantities of Hill have been removed houses now being erect the hill are many feet once the top of the hill is a steep and dangerous side where the excavat Still a portion of th which a magnificent obtained. Thence ma dome of the State Hou merous church spires, magnificent buildings, moral Hall, the outsp ville, Boston Harbor, inence on which are th line Convent, and ma objects of interest.

Home

The heat, which fo during the present s pressive, and the thr place, during the past which have been follow

About seventy of o attending the sessio ference, yet a large o ered in the church las to an interesting dis Allen. His theme w Hermon," or the three and new dispensatio the sermon on the M tion, and the mount events were associat On the evening after and friends of Uncle Aunt Lydia his wife, seventy, surprised the home without invitati gathering was an im the eighth-third and days respectively of

