

For the Western Recorder, I have written... GLENN PRATER... I can get more out of one page book in two days than the average man will get by seeing and hearing in the course of a whole year.

REBUOLATION, BALANCE AND SPINNING that say torus ever learned about them from personal observation. Spinoza, one of the greatest philo-

time and the opportunity to read, and that fragment should be valued with the utmost care. We should not waste an hour or a moment on anything that is shallow or trifling.

action; there is an astronomer searching out the mysteries of the stars; there is no scientist tampering with nature; there is no man who is called to do a high mission save to whom it is given to bring up a household to that exalted model.

disposes with collecting-agents? It were cruel to talk of reducing their salaries. You are right in saying, "I repeat it, 'Twice as much would not tempt me to undertake their work.'"

Our Mission Work. THE DEVIOT NOT IN THE PLAN, THE DIFFICULTY LOCATED. Why has the "new plan" of the mission work of the Christian Church in Kentucky its last meeting failed to secure the adoption that it has failed to obtain?

Our Pulpit.

What to Read. BY REV. W. B. BARTHOLOMEW, D.D., of Atlanta. Several hundred persons braved the falling rain to attend the religious service at the First Baptist church. Dr. Lawthorpe, preaching with unusual power from Ecol. 12:12.

Thank God for books! They make us into the intelligent of all the ages. In the light which they throw upon the past, I can know the generations of men that have gone before me. I can see the vicissitudes of their lives, how they flourished and declined and fell.

There are some men who seem to care very little what they read, and they read. Anything is food for their minds, whether it be Newton's Principia or Mother Goose's Malindine.

I would rather have that said of me than to have all the gold of Australia or all the pearls of the ocean. I would rather leave such a tribute as a legacy to my children than to leave him a crown or a kingdom.

2. It was not unknown to your predecessor, nor to Dr. Tabor, that I was more than glad when the Home Board showed their confidence in the wisdom and efficiency of Kentucky Baptists.

There is no escape from literature. If you enter the steamship, the railroad car, the omnibus or the stage coach, it is a world of books, shelves, tables, floors, steps, sidewalks, streets, lamp-posts, dirt-roads and foot-paths are dotted with literature.

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In forwarding dues to this office our friends will find it advantageous to use postal notes, which cost only three cents each, and can be purchased at any money order office in some less than five dollars.

Agnosticism

Tale single word indicates not so much the subject we are about to discuss, as the point of our departure. An agnostic, according to the literal, etymological signification of the term, is one who knows nothing; yet no man professes to know more. No man gives more purely self-sufficing evidence of even to religion, than does he. What he professes not to know is the presence and existence of any power above and beyond the material universe. He knows nothing of God—can know nothing, so the agnostic claims. He would not actually deny the existence of God. He is too refined to drink of the poisonous waters that have been quenched by such men as Bolingbroke, Volney and Gibbons. He seems to think that belief in a God is a necessary concomitant to any religion, and that the temporal well-being of the race; that it will restrain dark and evil passions, soften the ferocity of man's nature, ennoble his thought—making life brighter, purer, sweeter, happier. But, beyond this, the existence of God, and the creation of all things by divine power, is "unthinkable." The agnostic must excuse us in saying that his words fail to carry conviction to our mind. It is scarcely necessary to mention any of the things above mentioned as "unthinkable"; for, the fact is, men think more in regard to God's existence, and creation by divine power, than upon any two subjects in the entire realm of thought. Hence these things are hardly "unthinkable."

At one point agnosticism announces the truth. In a sense, God is unknowable. The veil of mystery is ever round about him. His nature and his method of "working out his vast designs" must ever be more or less incomprehensible. A religio nature we can not comprehend. The mode of their existence we can not understand. We need not, however, accord to the deists. Man, with whom we are more familiar than with other creatures—whose voice we hear, whose form we discern, whose grand achievements we have beheld—is to us an enigma—a bundle of contradictions. We know something about him—know him in his physical and mental powers and properties, know him in his relation to society and the world about him. But a thorough and absolute knowledge of man is that to which the race has never as yet attained.

Now, the agnostic, in subscribing to the simple proposition—and every agnostic will subscribe to it—"I am," abandons his ground and commits himself to the unknowable. What is the ego—the "I"—whose existence he admits? Is it the body—the head, the hands, the feet—any one of, or all, the members of the body? Who can lay his hand upon any part of man's complex personality, and say, this constitutes the ego—the ego dwells? And if man be thus unknowable, much more so must God, the infinite Creator. If we know much about him—about his wisdom, power, goodness—as seen in nature, all about us; of his grace and love as disclosed in revelation; but the depths of God can never be sounded. Hence to try to reason and rule God out, as the unknowable, is an unphilosophical as to try to reason and rule man out; for, he, too, is unknowable. That upon which we look; the body, the flesh, the various parts of the body, these are not the man; they are simple incidents of the man. The man, the personality, no man has seen, or can see. Thus we look out upon nature. We behold God—evidences of divine power and workmanship. Destroy the Bible,

EDITORIAL VARIETIES.

A notice of one of our leading clergymen says: "I have the promise of a number of converts which I am anxious to see pay me the money. I do not think it good policy to send the paper to new subscribers at less than a price of twenty cents." Rev. B. S. Garrett, of Louisville, writes: "I will do all in my power to see that those who send the money are my best and most liberal members; so as to my interest to get the paper into as many families as possible." Rev. Carter H. Jones, of New Jersey, and Miss Annie Madeline McGowan were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst. The marriage occurred at the Baptist church in Gardenville, Va. The bride is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McGowan, parties well known to the Baptist fraternity of this country. We extend congratulations. Mr. George W. and Mrs. Lizzie Clark of the Forks of Bahora church, mourn the death of their only son, George Alexander. George was a youth of unusual promise, and his early death is a heavy stroke upon his parents and sisters. The Lord comfort the afflicted family. Ordinary notice next week.

The Central Methodist Explains.

Last summer we stated, briefly, that a Baptist preacher had, in our pastoral charge, admitted baptizing a man who had been baptized by another denomination. In reply to a request from the Warren Association we gave the name of the minister, and stated that the name of the man admitted to have been thus baptized. This brought a denunciation of the statement, and the general treatment developed the following facts: The man, whose name was given by the name of Pemberton, lived near Eden, Ky., was very sick, and desired baptism at the hands of Rev. August Underwood, pastor of the Central Baptist church. Owing to his confined condition immersion was impossible, and the pastor administered baptism by pouring. He then asked the preacher to baptize him with water, as he was nearly buried in the grave, and he was very anxious to be baptized. Mr. Pemberton reminded the preacher of a promise he had made to him that he would not be baptized by pouring. From this it went out that the young man had been baptized by pouring, and the report was not correct. It was talked of freely in Eden, and generally believed by the citizens, and when spoken of by a number of the leading men of the town, the pastor of Rev. August Underwood he did not contradict it, but said that it was not correct. He now says, we now say, was in a peculiar mood, and he would not be baptized by pouring, and he would not be baptized by pouring, and he would not be baptized by pouring.

On Thursday night, the 15th inst., Dr. T. H. Eaton will deliver in his church his lecture on "The True Aristocracy." The lecture is for the benefit of our city mission schools. In the lecture the true idea of aristocracy is contrasted with false ideas that prevailed. The true aristocracy is not one of rank, but one of true aristocracy for government, for society and for religion is shown. This lecture made a deep impression at the 3rd Baptist Church, Cincinnati, 26 cents.

The Central Methodist (intimates that Baptists were accused, a hundred years ago, to burn Methodists. [WARREN ASSOCIATION.] This statement is utterly and absolutely devoid of truth. We made no such intimation, and the author drew up his imagination for his facts. [Central Methodist.] You did not forget? Doubless your readers remember what you did say, but we say your memory is very faulty. It cannot help your infamy. The Baptist Church having said that a Baptist church can not conscientiously give a letter of fellowship to one who has avowed his intention to join the Methodist and having admitted that such persons are instructed and reclaimed, if possible, but if not, that fellowship be withdrawn on the ground of holding heretical doctrines; thereupon the Central Methodist in issue of March 27, 1886, said: "This is the true treatment is a little sadder than was formerly administered, the true course being to burn them, but they must be discarded as a pestilence, and fellowship must be withdrawn. If that is not big enough, we will burn them, and the fact that peculiar growth certainly does not bear seed." Now, if the Central Methodist did all this in the above paragraph to intimate that Baptists were as a nation to be burned, and in the future let us use language that can not be misinterpreted.

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High West at Frankfort; E. H. Folk at Elizabethtown; J. D. Daniel at Oakesboro; and J. H. Cook at Frankfort.

THE BAPTIST WORLD.

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Summary Notes.

The students had become much attached to Bro. A. W. Winfield and his high and noble service to all at the Warrenton. Many of the students will long remember his Christian cheerfulness and gentleness. My well-learned lecture from his book, "The True Aristocracy," on the fact that the new Christian ministry will be lighted with electricity. One of the students, who is something of a theologian, says that the students ought to get the young ladies to be more religiously than they are. It is a pity that the students do not visit a very few of the students who have quit.

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Plans—Pointers and Points.

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Household and Farm.

KENTUCKY ITEMS.

The Warren County Agricultural Society met on the Bowling Green on the first Saturday of the month. From reports the occasion was both enjoyable and interesting.

Mr. W. A. Moore 10,000 pounds of hemp of 85 75 per cent. On a Wilson bought the Bowling Green 2000, 16 hand bay from \$115

Mr. J. L. Lakin of Clark county has suggested about July delivery at 6 cents per bushel.

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Deaths. Deaths resulting from actual observation were reported in the following manner.

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AGENTS. Abraham Lincoln, Historical Pub. Co., 215 N. 3rd St., Phila.

News and Views.

The Grand Jury of the Republic, organized at the Court of Sessions in this city last week.

We men and our women were killed at the battle of Waterloo, in a collision between strikers and officers of the city, on Friday.

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The largest stockholder in the Louisville letter has just died, leaving a fortune of \$50,000. That man is called a dollar from the pocket of negroes and white men. He leaves every cent behind him and we seriously question if any of his descendants can reap any good from it.

There are two movements in New York, which might well be combined. The first is to open the business to the people on Sunday, on the plea that that is the only day when the workmen can see them. The second is to establish a half-holiday every week, in order that the workmen may have time to enjoy this and other other outlets of recreation. The latter proposal seems to be the most reasonable of the two, and we are glad to see that it is strongly supported here, as it is here. The first is a mere matter of expediency, in that which tends to the mind the further from the wages of the week, and the less time is given to the leisure which the base and dead of the week tend to hide. And there is no real collision between the interests of the two, in that the first is a mere matter of expediency, in that which tends to the mind the further from the wages of the week, and the less time is given to the leisure which the base and dead of the week tend to hide.

Our Field Notes. It three-fourths of the Kentuckians would plow up their corn and plant sheep, farming in this state would be more profitable, and we would not hear so many complaints about hard times.

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE BERNARDINE. We walked into Mr. Stinson's office in Louisville, and he said, "Have you heard the good news from the Bernards?" We replied, "No." He gave us all the particulars, and at about seven we had a solemn prayer, all the day the Field Editor had remaining on the brain, which he worked off at night thus:

Get your head a fixing In spirit of prayer strains; For this Christian nation, Your toiled activities.

And now that Bernards is on Broadway it is paid for by the Baptists of Louisville, and the Rockefeller and a few other large hearted and long-pained brethren in New York have given \$50,000 to put up a head-on and convenient building. Here is a leaflet, which we will give you, as nearly twenty-four hundred years ago he pinned these words of prophecy: "I will say to the north, give up, to the south, keep not back." We thank G. D. for the Rockefeller and all the other good fellows at the North who have come to the help of our country with their \$50,000 in this time of need. We thank G. D. for the Stinson and other "Able" brethren in Louisville who have lifted the debt from the Bernards' lot. Again we thank G. D. for our noble family, with Dr. Stinson as head. While in Epiphany we met Rev. J. J. Felix, who was seated in the front of a meeting. We opened with President Kirk, and learned his account was progressing well as usual. At Trenton, the 4th Sunday in March, headquarters, H. H. Christ preached so good doctrinal discourses as we have heard for a long time. RUSSELLVILLE CHURCH AND BETHEL COLLEGE.

At Russellville we met with the pastor, Rev. S. M. Foxson, for the first time since he has been there. It is said to be a strong man and a good worker. He has raised \$1,000 to buy a pipe organ. We had a prayer-meeting the evening we spent there, and as the happy three are of those men, Mr. Stinson, a son-in-law of Bro. Thomas, of Danville, a second was Judge Abby, and the third a young man. Here are some of Bro. Foxson's sayings at a circle meeting of Bethel Association, which are worthy of remembrance:

"A church never and its spiritual prosperity while the Stinson are allowed to run down at the heel."

"A pastor who cannot keep out of debt himself cannot keep his church out."

"If you own a man \$100 for some time, there is a tendency not to keep close to him. Woe be unto God and do not pay, some he will be as close to him."

Met with the Bethel College faculty and students at morning worship, and gave the boys a talk. Three members of the faculty

are graduates of Richmond College, Virginia, and we believe two or three of the Georgetown faculty are graduates of the same institution. The college seems to be getting on smoothly and in a pleasant way.

At Bowling Green attended prayer-meeting with Pastor M. M. Miller. He was so full of the Holy Spirit he told the people all about the \$50,000 gift from New York and the \$27,000 given by the Louisville brethren, and we had a thanksgiving meeting.

A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE. As the Field Editor is constantly "on the wing," he has not had time to examine Dr. Simpson's History of Kentucky Baptists. But a friend tells us he has examined it. He says it is a history of the birth and life of the Western Nazarens among the many lives there recorded. Now we think there must be some mistake about this, as he would give a correct history of the Baptists of Kentucky for the last fifty years and leave out one of the strongest factors in their progress? How could he tell of Buck, Walter, Ford, Doddy, Carpenter, Worrell and others, without saying anything about the paper they edited? If he has done this, he has given us the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out, and we are not willing to think that a palooking man as J. H. Spencer could commit such a blunder. So we call on him to explain and explain through the columns in what part of his history the friend can find a biography of the Nazarens? We take it for granted he has not given the history a thorough examination, and Dr. Spencer can enlighten him.

A MISTAKE ABOUT HARD TIMES. Go where we may the farmers are all complaining about hard times, and saying, "The hardest time ever known! And did you ever know someone to be as low as this now?" Yes, we have known such hardy times as these in 1841-2 when wheat and other crops were all smashed up and broken banks, every State taking the currency of the other, at a heavy discount. Yes, we know all that, and I started again like the green bay tree. Then again when the Southern Currency collapsed, here at the South, we had neither banks, money nor servants, nor scarce anything to live on, except what we could get from the stores, which many big-headed Southern men made a liberal use to keep up their spirits. Many of us did not, like our former servants, have even the promise of "forty acres and a mule," and we were left about the State, some with families that had to be sold in Virginia, as the remaining dividends from a bankrupt Understate, one dollar in gold, twenty-five cents in silver and one hundred, which he sold for seventy-five dollars. Just the last part of an article, and a few more, which we saved his arm and staked him out to jump but to go forward and see above mentioned by working through all difficulties. All his children were grown, educated and trained for business. Two has all been accomplished, and he has been enabled, by the blessing of God, to divide out an estate of forty thousand dollars among his children, which cannot be taken from them by any creditors, delinquent partners, security debts nor bankrupt notices. In fact, he has given them real estate to the amount of ten thousand dollars a piece, in selected lands and business hotels.

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But some one will reply, "That I lavished all my money and took in tobacco, and that now lower than water, and I am no chance of getting any dividends either of stock or stock from it." But you forget, my young friend, that you are getting a large dividend of experience which will teach you the folly of investing everything in one crop. Mixed crops you need, and ought to heed the lesson. We have taken the liberty of advising some of you to plow up your dogs and plant sheep as one remedy for hard times.

USE AND DOWNS OF TOBACCO. As we are not skilled in tobacco, being neither a chewer, smoker or seller, we must turn you over to our tobacco reporter, J. S. Philip, of the Farmer's warehouse, who can, no doubt, tell whether your complaint about the lowest price of tobacco are correct. As regards "the hardest times ever known," we have clearly shown that you are mistaken, and so, perhaps, our tobacco reporter may not in our next issue, with the help of our fully posted as to the ups and downs, especially the downs of the "bitter weed."

DR WHITTITT'S HISTORY OF MORMONISM. As many persons are anxious to know when this history will appear, we are glad to inform them that we have recently interviewed him on the subject, and he tells us he hopes to complete the manuscript by the 1st of June, and will then have it published so soon as practicable. As this is a very reliable history, in the English tongue, on the rise of Mormonism, Dr. Whittitt's book will supply a much felt need. He has made Mormon history a special study for some time, and his book will be reliable authority for our writers and speakers on the subject.

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