

RELIGIOUS.

Christianity a Success in the World.
In the best enlightened countries where the gospel has not been received, we find that the majority of men adhere to scepticism and materialism while the noblest and best group of the churchmen of rationalism are the supreme good; and all are ignorant of the true grandeur of the soul; of its high prerogatives; of its restoration through the mediatorial Christ; and of his wondrous clemency.

Christianity comes to restore this lost knowledge; to implant this forfeited life; and to touch with hues of heaven new conceptions of the soul's immortal destiny.

This work has been going on with eight thousand years. The tender benevolent spirit of the gospel has, thus long, blessed mankind the world over.

Wide has been the field of operations, powerful the objects overcome; vast the results achieved; and lasting, the victories of many hard-fought contests.

A glance at a few of these conquests will indicate the progress that has been made:

1. In the primitive era of Christianity, it was necessary to lay strong and deep its immovable foundations.— Its doctrines were unveiled, explained and illustrated, by apostles, confessors and martyrs.

The truth, thus proclaimed, was violently opposed, and its adherents beaten and slain. But the names of the holy martyrs are not yet extinguished; and the essence of gospel doctrine has become every where the creed of the Church. San

is now ready to leave the first principles of the doctrine of Christ and to go on to perfection.

Nothing stands with such solid strength as the fundamental truths of the gospel. The most advanced stages of Christian theocracy move and more conform to the primitive principles of Christianity as first enunciated by the great Head of the Church and his apostles; and the truth, so long and so powerfully assailed, has at length vanquished completely; while the faith of the united Christian world grasps, with all the ardor of true fidelity, the essentials of Christianity.— This triumph is sung by angel bands.

2. As progress, Christianity has also passed the scholastic trial. Usurped with it has been a subtle sophistry. The tendency of the schools was to appeal to dialectical tests; to reduce gospel truths to dogmatic systems; to give a reasoning guide to the apprehension of faith; to climb to the spires through rationalistic theories. But keeping on its way, the gospel pursued its work; and, by the force of preaching, saved those who believed. It demonstrated that man was only a blind leader beyond his sight; and that heavenly truths were far above the reach of unaided, human conjecture.

One scholastic affirmed that "Christ's sacrifice effected man's redemption by virtue of an intrinsic quality," another maintained that "redemption was only a consequence of the course and design of God, who had attracted the redemption of man to the price of Christ's sacrifice." The gospel still announced with simplicity and divine power to all who believed, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;" "He gave his life a ransom for many;" and in our field the gospel is more than conqueror.

It proclaims the atonement of Christ as a great fact, and calls upon all the world to wonder, believe, and save itself, without attempting to sound the mystery.

3. Christianity has also passed the era of the Reformation. No heresy shall ever again obscure its light and truth with traditions or theses of man's invention. The great principle of Luther's Reformation was, to render to the word of God alone infallibility of doctrine. That word is now forever ennobled for all the worlds of men. The gospel is the rock of truth, for man's theories are but quicksand.

The gospel teaches that man, by nature, is in a state of alienation from God; that there is no power in him self, in priest, or in the church, by which he can be brought into communion with the infinitely holy. Only if holiness is attained only through the blood of Christ, by faith; that even this faith is, indirectly, the gift of God, man being enabled to exercise it by aid of the Divine Spirit. Salvation is, therefore, not of man; nor can we pay any price to purchase it. Dogmas of men will pass away; the truth of God will forever endure; and in strings of light, of virtue, and the press, and while the divine spirit moves on; the mighty deep of the soul, all the forces of error can never adequately resist the advance of truth, much less overthrow it; but it will ever have free course, run, and be glorified.

"Well, pleasure dry, expected long;
When dry, you'll find your pleasures short;
With present joys, you'll find a son."

— SWAD. H. NAGROM.
Andover, Sept. 19th, 1871.
continued next week.

Election Notice.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ANDOVER, August 6, 1871.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

that the General Election in this State will be held on the 1st of November, 1871, at Andover, at the hour and place at which the officers named in the annexed notice will be elected.

JOSPH C. GILLES, Sheriff.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL,
STATE,

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the General Election to be held on the 1st of November, 1871, at Andover, at the hour and place at which the officers named in the annexed notice will be elected, the following officers are to be elected:

Secretary of State, the place of Belmont, N. Y.,

Attorney General, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Engineer, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Auditor, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Comptroller, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Treasurer, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Surveyor, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Geologist, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Librarian, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Board of Education, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Board of Agriculture, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

State Board of Health, in the place of Albany, N. Y.,

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