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God, who is the source of all authority, has appointed our Lord Jesus Christ the Ruler of Nations. The Bible, God's revealed Will, contains law for Nations, and is the standard by which all moral issues in political life are to be decided. National acknowledgment of this authority, and obedience to this law, constitute a truly Christian Nation.

WITHOUT AN EQUAL

Editorial in the New York "Voice" of Sept. 5, 1889.

There is an excellent paper published in this city under the name of the CHRISTIAN NATION. Its name is descriptive of its platform. In its special lines we do not know of its equal. It is doing good warfare.

EDITORIAL BRIC-A-BRAC.

The *Catholic Mirror* declares that the Catholic Congress is to be held in Baltimore, about Nov. 10, will not be a lay congress at all. Although the papers are all written by the laity, no paper can be read that has not been laid before an advisory committee of bishops.

The *Mirror* urges against this curtailment of the freedom of the laity:

"If the assemblage to meet in Baltimore in November has nothing to do with the matters that properly belong to the ecclesiastical domain, but designs simply to express and emphasize the position of the laity on questions of interest relating to the welfare of the Catholic body at large, there is no need, nor should there be any exercise, of ecclesiastical supervision for the purpose of directing or influencing the deliberations of that body.

"In view of the character of the congress, the rule is in our opinion, ill advised, as it threatens to rob the meeting of whatever force and significance it might otherwise have as a free and untrammelled expression of opinion on the part of the laity.

"If the coming congress is to be what the name purports, a lay congress, the rule investing the advisory committee with power to restrict its freedom should be rescinded."

The Rev. Charles H. Fowler, D. D., of San Francisco, a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, who has been taking a trip around the world, expresses the belief that ten years hence America will pay dearly for her Chinese restriction law, by some of America's best men. He thinks every American should blush for shame at the violation of the treaty with China. "China is not asleep," he says; "They talk little, but they think. In some of the interior towns I met Chinamen who would surprise you by their knowledge. 'You lowed landee in China?' they ask. 'Yes,' I replied. 'Chinamen no lowed landee in Melica,' they replied;

'why you lowed come here?' One man said to me one day: 'Me no Christian or me sendee you way.'

"I tell you they are thinking, and trouble is brewing. The greatest Prince in China said to me one day: 'We are looking after our home interests now. Ten years will put China in shape as to her interior arrangements; then we will look after her outside interests.' They are making great guns and iron-clads, and are manning them. In ten years a country with one-third of the inhabitants of the globe will be ready to ask what we meant by trifling with her treaty."

It is now generally believed that Dr. Cronin's clothes were sent to London immediately after the murder, and that arrangements had been made with agents in London to secure a body there, dress it in Cronin's clothes which would have papers of Dr. Cronin's in the pockets, so as to identify it as that of Dr. Cronin. The finding of the body here put an end to the scheme, but not until the clothes had been shipped, and not until the agent, a grocer, and his wife had departed for London. The man has returned to Chicago, been interviewed by a reporter, but of course denied all knowledge of the affair, although his face turned to a death-like paleness when the subject was mentioned. When the reporter called on the grocer's wife, his mother rushed into the room, ordered her daughter-in-law to 'hold her jaw,' adding, "They can't do anything to him anyway." The man is closely watched.

The bewailings and bemoanings of Archbishops Ryan and Fabre in their pastoral letters concerning the Pope's encyclical protesting against the erection in Rome of a statue to Giardano Bruno, are positively amusing. To note them declaring how grieved they are to see the heart of the Pope lacerated by such action, and how indignant they are at what they term his imprisonment and miserable treatment, and then read in the *Catholic News* of this city the description of the rooms passed through by J. B. R. Laplante and the Canadian delegation on the occasion of their visit to the Pope in the Vatican—of the magnificence and grandeur that surround the Pope on all sides, of his attendants, his throne, and his happy countenance, one cannot help but think it strange that, if his heart is so lacerated, his countenance doesn't show it. Oh, why will these men continue to whine, and practice such humbuggery!

At a meeting of the Board of Education in Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 19, a resolution was presented providing for the purchase of a large American flag for each school-house in the city; the flags to be displayed every school day in the year at opening and closing exercises, by a color-guard made up each month from the boys and girls who are most proficient in studies and best behaved during the previous month, and their names will be published in the Supt's report. This resolution is being endorsed on all sides and will be acted upon the coming Friday evening.

All the candidates on the free books for school children ticket were elected in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 16, by a vote of nearly three to one, in a total vote of about 8,000. The campaign was very bitter, especially by the Irish politicians.

Among the Churches.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN.

"A good Church paper in every family of a congregation is the most potent helper that a pastor can get. It gives him a more intelligent people to preach to, and when he refers to facts of the Church's work, they already have some knowledge of what he is talking about, and both parties are helped."—*Christian Intelligencer*.

Star Notes.

*.*Pittsburg Presbytery will meet in the R. P. church, New Galilee, Pa., on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at 9:30 A. M.

*.*The Rev. A. S. Lyons, of Newry, Ireland, is in this city, and will preach for the Rev. F. M. Foster on the third Sabbath of October.

*.*Mr. S. Carmichael, of the Brooklyn congregation, has returned after a summer's vacation amid the scenes of his childhood in Ireland.

*.*The first foreign mission of the church was in Port au Prince, the capital city of Hayti; and recently the scene of revolution and slaughter.

*.*Communion was held in McKeesport Sept. 18. The pastor was ably assisted by the Rev. E. M. Milligan, and ten new members were added to the roll.

*.*Dr. Metheny will be in this city early in October. He will deliver a series of lectures among the churches before he returns to resume his labors in the foreign field.

*.*Mr. Geo. L. Crawford was recently elected an Elder in the Cincinnati congregation, and will be ordained on Friday of this week. Communion services will be held on Sabbath.

*.*The Rev. David McFall, who the physicians say is afflicted with Bright's disease, does not give present outward indications of it. He is looking much better than for a long time.

*.*W. T. Park, Esq., and family, accompanied by his sister Margaret, and his nephew, Master David William Park, of this city, spent an enjoyable vacation at Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

*.*Rev. A. M. Milligan has been called to the Reformed Presbyterian church (General Synod) of South Ryegate, Vermont. Our good brothers know where to look for first-class preachers.

*.*Prof. W. P. Johnston has succeeded Dr. H. H. George as President of Geneva College. Dr. George was a faithful officer, and we are glad to know that he will continue in charge of his classes as heretofore.

*.*We had intended giving our readers a letter of reminiscences of Northwood and neighborhood in this issue, but we were so moved by the contents of Mr. Carithers letter, that we at once determined to give it the preference.

*.*The willing hearted ladies of the Brooklyn congregation are adding to their faith, *works*; in about an hour one evening last week they raised \$140 among themselves towards buying a new church carpet. They will put \$160 more to it at once.

*.*Cheung Kit, one of the earlier converts in the Oakland Covenanter Chinese Mission, has opened, at Oakland, Cal., in company with two others belonging to other Missions in the same city, a nice store of Chinese and Japanese goods. His many friends there wish him abundant success.

*.*Communion notes: Oct. first Sabbath, Dr. Metheny will assist Dr. Stevenson, Phila.; second Sabbath, Dr. Kennedy will assist Rev. F. M. Foster; third Sabbath, Rev. T. H. Acheson will assist Rev. R. M. Sommerville, and Rev. F. M. Foster will assist Rev. S. G. Shaw; fourth Sabbath, Dr. R. J. George will assist Dr. James Kennedy, and Rev. T. H. Acheson will assist Rev. John F. Carson.

IS IT POSSIBLE

That our Heroic Missionaries among the Indians Cannot be Helped in the Hour of Their Need?

We do not know whether or not all the assistance possible has been given to our daring and self-sacrificing Indian missionaries. The following touching letter, just received, reveals a condition of affairs that may end seriously if not promptly remedied.

A man so full of hope and courage will not speak as he does here without extreme provocation. Let the Board be supplied at once with an abundance of means. Can any one who has the ability fail to be moved to the giving point by reading this letter? To our mind, a great need at this juncture is an able-bodied, skillful and consecrated layman, to take some of the burden off Mr. Carithers, that he may have at least some time for his missionary work. Let such an one offer himself and we believe the money to send him and support him would be forthcoming.

To the Editor of the CHRISTIAN NATION:

We have not been doing much letter-writing for awhile, for there has been so much other work that *had* to be done, that letter writing was crowded out. The school building is slowly rising above the ground. If we could get stone masons we could move faster, but that seems almost impossible. I have one Kansas man, one from Texas, and one from the Indian Territory, and have used all my endeavors for over two months to get that many. Almost all the stone is quarried and on the ground. The lime is burned and slacked and all we need is men to put them together.

The prospect at present is we will do well if we celebrate Thanksgiving Day in the house.

We are living in a picket house, but it has neither windows nor doors, nor daubing, although for four and one half months I have been writing for material to fix it.

The chills have struck our camp; two women and two men were sick to-day, and Mary and I had them, but are better.

We have been able to do but little work among the Indians yet; there were several reasons for this, one being we had no place to gather them, another reason was we had no interpreter until lately, and another reason was that when the week days are crowded with anxieties and activities from daylight until long after dark, there is little time for any preparation for Sabbath work.

Everything about the building has to be superintended. The help obtainable is so unreliable that anything the least bit difficult or intricate stalls them, and there has to be a continual pressure exerted to keep the machinery in motion; this might be very easy for some people, but it has kept me in continual anxiety. We have the basement story of the school house about completed. The building promises to look well and be convenient in its arrangement. The season has been very favorable and our field crops promise a very good crop considering the fact that they were not planted until almost the middle of summer.

The mission at Fort Sill that claimed the location and caused us to move has done nothing and expects to do nothing this year.

Your Brother,
W. W. CARITHERS.

Fort Sill, I. T., Sept. 19th, 1889.

MEETING OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.—Rochester Presbytery met at Lochiel, Ont., Canada, Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 9:30 A. M.

Six ministerial members and five ruling elders were present. Rev. R. C. Allen was elected Moderator and E. M. Coleman re-elected clerk. Three very interesting sessions were held. The call from Rochester congregation upon Rev. J. M. Foster was sustained and ordered to be transferred to the Lakes Presbytery for presentation. Ramsay congregation was recommended to Board of Church Election for the sum of \$600 in aid of building within or near the town of Almonte. Presbytery decided to draw on its fund for any sum in excess of \$5.00 per member for the purpose of defraying travelling expenses to its regular Fall and all special meetings. Presbytery requests the different congregations to take a collection of ten cents per member previous to Fall meetings for travelling expenses. This collection is to prevent the Presbyterian fund from being exhausted. Rev. J. C. B. French, retiring Moderator, preached a very appropriate

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