

THE SACRED BOOK.

Mr. Gladstone on the Scriptures—A Great Man Writing on a Great Subject.

In an article contributed to "The People's Pictorial Bible," soon to be published in New York, and of which Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer is editor, Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, writing in defense of the scriptures, speaks of them as the center of the conflict now raging, and hereafter to increase. He says:

"This banner is the banner of the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Vast and essential as is the living agency by which the work of the gospel is to be carried on, and to which, indeed, it was first committed by the Savior, that living agency is for the present broken up into factions which seem to maintain, or even to consolidate, themselves on their separate bases, and no one amongst which commands the adherence of so much as one moiety of the entire body. But there is no great or vital division among Christians even as to the canon of the Older Testament, while to the Testament of the Gospel, or the New Covenant, there is no division at all."

CHRIST'S RELIGION FOR MANKIND.

Mr. Gladstone speaks of the dominance of Christianity and its general application to the human race thus:

"The religion of Christ is for mankind; the greatest of all phenomena; the greatest of all facts. It is the dominant religion of the inhabitants of this planet in at least two important respects. It commands the largest number of professing adherents. If we estimate the population of the globe at 1,400,000,000, and some would state a higher figure, one-third of the people are professing Christians, and at every point of the circuit the question is not of losing ground, but of gaining it. The fallacy which accepted the vast population of China as Buddhists in the mass has been exploded, and it is plain that no other religion approaches the numerical strength of Christianity; doubtful, indeed, whether there be any that reaches one half of it. The second of the particulars now under view is perhaps even more important. Christianity is the religion in the command of whose professors is lodged a proportion of power far exceeding its superiority of numbers, and this power is both material and moral. In the area of controversy it can hardly be said to have a serious antagonist. Force, secular or physical, is accumulated in the hands of Christians in a proportion absolutely overwhelming; and the accumulation of influence is not less remarkable than that of force. This is not surprising, for all the elements of influence have their home within the Christian precinct. The art, the literature, the systematized industry, invention and commerce—in a word, the powers of the world—are almost entirely Christian. In Christendom alone there seems to lie an inexhaustible energy of world-wide expansion. The nations of Christendom are everywhere arbiters of the fate of non-Christian nations."

MODERN CRITICS.

In paying his respects to the modern critics, Mr. Gladstone says:

"We may still ask whether their tone and temper, speaking generally, has been such, say for example in Germany, as the Christian community was entitled to desire, and even to demand? Have they proceeded under the influence of sentiment such as would govern one who was endeavoring either to wipe away external impurities or to efface spurious manipulations from some great work of a famous

artist. Not the mind only, but the finger also, of such a man is guided by tenderness and reverence throughout. Has this been the prevailing and dominating spirit of the critical negations of the last half century? Sweeping judgments, in answer to such a question, are not to be delivered without breach of propriety and of charity, except by students both widely and accurately versed in the subject matter."—Christian Herald.

Annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies at Boston. For the above named occasion the F. C. & P. railroad will sell tickets at the following rates: All rail, \$38.25; via Savannah and steamer, \$34.40; via Mallory line, \$31.90. Tickets sold by rail July 6, 7 and 8; via Savannah and steamer, July 1, 5 and 6; via Mallory line, July 4. All tickets limited to July 31. Iron clad signature forms required limited to a continuous passage in both directions. For further information, tickets, etc., call on R. G. Blake, city ticket agent, or John Dozier, depot ticket agent, Ocala, Fla.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court in and for Marion county, Florida, in a matter wherein Mrs. Elizabeth V. Tompkins is plaintiff and H. L. Anderson as assignee of the late firm of Tompkins Bros., composed of W. T. Tompkins and W. D. Tompkins, defendants, I have levied upon and will on Wednesday, the 3d day of July, 1895, sell to the highest and bidder for cash, within the legal hours of sale, on lot 557 of the townsite of Dunnellon, in the town of Dunnellon, Marion county, Fla., the same being the leased premises upon which said property is located, the following described personal property, to wit:

Four pieces of pants cloth; three pieces of cambric; two pieces of lining; 2 pieces of flannel; one lot ladies hose; 14 pieces of gingham; 5 pieces check homespun; 12 pieces of yellow homespun; 7 pieces of white goods; 18 pieces of dress goods; 24 pieces of calicoes; 133 pairs pants; 99 coats and vests; lot ladies' vests; lot men's undershirts; lot ladies' waists; lot corsets (24); lot frilling; lot ladies' belts; lot albums (8); lot lace (8); lot men's scarfs; two men's overcoats; four alpaca coats; 2 doz. napkins; lot collars; lot handkerchiefs; lot gloves; lot picture frames; lot note paper; box note paper; lot suspenders; lot memorandum books; and pads; lot towels; lot hardware; lot drugs; dozen axes; keg powder; 5 doz. bottles of extracts; dozen syrup pitchers; 42 tin buckets; dozen goblets; lot lamp wicks; three meat dishes; dozen dish pans; lot chimneys and lamp globes; lot of paint in pound boxes; lot of plow castings; lot of saw oil (22); 2 doz. cans corn; 18 cans cherries; 18 cans 7 lb. tomatoes; 30 boxes diamond dust; 10 pounds of North Carolina tobacco; dozen bottles catsup; dozen plates; two cans, and tea in said cans; lot shirts; lot pants (27); lot coats (20); one show case and contents; lot of cheap shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes; lot of cheap children's shoes (27 pairs); 9 pairs of ladies' shoes; 3 pairs patent leather pumps; 117 pairs gents' shoes; 15 pairs of shoes; 83 pairs of ladies' shoes assorted; 1 trunk; 800 lbs. nails; show case and 13 ladies' trimmed hats; lot straw hats; lot men's hats; lot of embroidery; 4 white vests; 2 alpaca coats and vests; 5 boys' suits; 7 white coats; 10 light suits; 20 umbrellas; show case and contents; thread case and contents; show case and contents; 1 box handles; a pair iron hames; 3 pair scales; coffee mill; box potash; lot stove pipe and elbows; 3 spiders; roll wire netting; oil tank; 5 lbs. of ball twine; 2 snuffers; 1 heater and lot pipe; 8 wash basins; show case and contents; thread case and lot buttons; 2 hanging lamps complete (B. & L.); 1 mackintosh coat; 5 lanterns; 20 split baskets; iron safe (Moser Safe & Lock Co.); office stool; wood desk; 2 pairs trace chains; lot of crockery; plow stock; 13 cases 3 lb. tomatoes; 20 cases 2 lb. tomatoes; barrel fuses; 12 joints stove pipe; lot lamp chimneys; or so much thereof as will satisfy said execution and costs. B. DU PREE, H. O. W. Sheriff Marion county, Fla.

ALBERT WRIGHT, Plaintiff's Attorney.

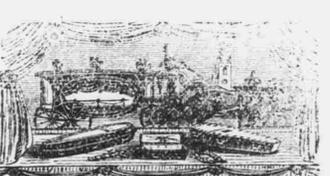
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