

Dr. Edersheim, himself a Jew, in his "Life and Times of Jesus," says:

They must have wondered as they saw him put off his upper garments, gird himself with a towel, and pour water into a basin, like a slave who was about to perform the meanest service. Such girding was the common mark of a slave, by whom the service of foot washing was ordinarily performed. He had been described by the prophet as performing for them the service of washing and others, usually rendered by slaves.

Andrew Murray, in his little book entitled, "Like Christ," says:

Christ chooses the slave's place for his own, takes the soiled feet in his holy hands, and washes them.

Nowhere, either in the Bible or in the authorities we have consulted, is there any indication that this service was ever performed by the host, but the indications all are that it was regarded as a menial service ordinarily performed by servants or slaves. Yet, it is doubtless true that in special cases when the host wished to show special honor to his guest, he himself stooped to perform the menial service just as Christ did in this case. Of course we use the word menial, not as indicating anything disgraceful or dishonorable, but as indicating humility and the spirit of a servant rather than of a lord.

#### Modern Secret Societies.

This is the title of a small book of 320 pages, written by Rev. C. A. Blanchard, president of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and published by the "National Christian Association, Opposed to Secret Societies," Chicago, Illinois.

We have carefully read the book, and, in our judgment, every minister in our church should have a copy of it, and it should be widely circulated among our people. It is a strong, clear, concise and comprehensive presentation of the evils and dangers of all secret societies, marked by characteristic modesty and kindness of spirit. It contains all necessary information with regard to the several kinds of secret orders, and shows clearly and conclusively that they are all of them evolutions, or natural descendants, from masonry as a parent; and that they all possess, in a measure, the spirit and power of their ancestor, and are, therefore, hostile to the family, to civil government and to the church.

The author fully establishes his case against the lodge, and we do not think it possible for any honest, or Christian man to read the book without being convinced that the secret lodges of the country are in a high degree detrimental and dangerous to the best interests of society, and should, therefore, be abandoned and opposed by all good people, and prohibited by law.

The book will cost seventy-five cents, and may be ordered from the National Christian Association, 221 West Madison street, Chicago, or from this office.

#### Views of Christ.

We give below a number of short and striking expressions of opinion with regard to Christ by distinguished men of all shades of religious character and opinion. These expressions were collected by the United Presbyterian and published in its last week's issue:

Eternity cannot unfold him.—Flavel.

I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.—Daniel Webster.

I love and venerate the religion of Christ.—Garibaldi.

Had I lived in his day I would have been his friend.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man.—Napoleon Bonaparte.

The morality that he preached has not been exceeded by any.—Thomas Paine.

In Jesus is condensed all that is good and exalted in our nature.—Renan.

Has not Jesus conquered Europe and changed its name to Christendom?—Disraeli.

The highest voice ever heard on this earth said withal: "Consider the lilies."—Thomas Carlyle.

No other conception of righteousness will do except Christ's conception of it.—Matthew Arnold.

I commit my soul to the Mercy of God through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.—Charles Dickens.

He, as I think, is the only soul in history who has appreciated the worth of a man.—Emerson.

All that I think, all that I hope, all that I write, all that I live for, is based upon the divinity of Jesus Christ.—Wm. E. Gladstone.

If the life and death of Socrates were those of a philosopher, the life and death of Jesus were those of a God.—Rousseau.

They (his words) shine as peerless as ever, the sweetest, calmest, simplest, wisest words ever spoken by man to men.—Fairbairn.

I have never read in Plato and Cicero a sentence like this: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden."—St. Augustine.

I think that the system of morals that he taught and his religion \* \* \* are the best that this world ever saw, or is likely to see.—Benjamin Franklin.

No religion ever appeared in the world whose natural tendency was so much directed to promote the peace and happiness of mankind as Christ's religion.—Bolingbroke.

Tear out of the New Testament faith in the veracity of Christ as to the supernatural, and there is not enough left to build upon in regard to any other particular.—Goethe.

I commend my soul into the hands of God, my Creator, hoping and assuredly believing, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour, to be made partaker of life everlasting.—Shakespeare.

#### Editorial Notes.

Bishop Floyd came to the city on legal business last week and tarried over night.

If our brethren who send in reports of their circuits and districts for publication do not make them briefer, we will be under the necessity of leaving some of them out of the paper entirely, or of delaying their publication until they lose their interest, or of cutting out such portions as seem to us least important and otherwise condensing them, for we have

not space to publish them in full. We have hitherto assumed the responsibility of cutting them down, a thing we do not like to do, but must do, if the writers will not do it themselves. We wish these reports, and the church wishes them, but we wish them in as brief a form as possible.

Dr. M. F. Keiter spent last Sunday with Rev. H. L. Boyd and his people at Hartsville, Ind.

Rev. J. C. Valentine, pastor of Hartford City circuit, White River conference, closed a very successful revival at Keiter chapel, recently, and spent last week with his family at College Park.

Brother H. C. Stump, of Germantown, Ohio, in renewing his own and Brother Swartzel's subscriptions to the CONSERVATOR says:

We consider the CHRISTIAN CONSERVATOR a very valuable article in a family, and prize it very highly.

Rev. C. S. Johnson, presiding elder of West district, Auglaize conference, reports his second round of quarterly meetings good in every respect. Peace and harmony prevail and finances nearly all paid. Brother Johnson's address will hereafter be Celina, Ohio, R. R. D., No. 1.

A card received at this office from Bishop Wright, informs us of the death of Rev. George C. Warvel, one of the aged ministers of the Auglaize conference. The Bishop says of Brother Warvel.

In his earlier days he was very useful in the itinerancy. He was for many years a presiding elder. He was an able man and a fine preacher.

Brother Warvel lived near Hamilton, Ohio, quite a distance from any of our organizations. We believe he had his membership at Germantown. He was the only itinerant of the Miami conference who remained with the church at the division.

Rev. D. A. Robison, of Frontier, Michigan, a member of the North Ohio conference, and for the past two years a student in Central College, went, last week to Oklahoma, sent out by the W. M. A. He will take charge of the work at Richmond. Brother Robison is a consecrated young man, full of promise to the church and our good wishes and prayers go with him to the mission field.

Sister Israel Pontius, of Liberty Center, Ohio, writes that Uncle Billy Pontius was eighty years old the 7th of March, but that "he is getting ready to go where he won't need crutches to carry him;" that he watches patiently for the CONSERVATOR each week and enjoys reading it very much. How beautiful it is to see an aged person ripening up for eternity, his path growing "brighter and brighter even unto the perfect day!"