

[Dr. Achilli's Address, Concluded from first page.]

Two letters of mine to the late, and one to the present Pope have been printed. I tell the pretended head of the Catholic Church that we want in Italy, a Church of Jesus Christ, such as it was in the beginning—

Monarchy and Republicanism.

It has become the fashion, lately, for the enemies of republican institutions to deny that the prosperity and rapid advances of the United States in wealth, population and power, must be to any extent ascribed to their system of government;

"Modern history presents few events so instructive to posterity as the kind of experimental trial, as it may be called, between the purely monarchical principles and the truly liberal or democratic, which has been going on for the last 20 years in Denmark and Norway.

"What have been the results of legislation on these two distinct principles of government, after 21 years of uninterrupted peace? Norway has paid off all her debt except 3,117,771 Norwegian dollars; has formed military, naval and civil

establishments suitable to her condition; has regularly diminished the taxes in proportion to the reduction of her debt; and in the one and twentieth year has been able to take off the direct taxes on property altogether, finding the indirect taxes sufficient to cover the expenditure with a sufficiently large surplus.

"Denmark, during the same period, has augmented her public debt to about the sum of 127,000,000 of Danish rix-dollars; has every year had an excess of expenditure over income of one and a half millions; and at the very time when the Norwegian Storting was paying off the last of its foreign loans, and redeeming the people from all direct taxes on their land, Baron Rotheild arrived at Copenhagen."

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1847.

Scioto Annual Conference.

This body convened in Cynthia, Pike co., O., on the 28th ult. and closed on the 1st inst. after a very harmonious and interesting session. This to us was by far the most spiritual Conference we ever attended: quite a number of the preachers stand full and clear in the blessing of entire sanctification, and a number more seem to be just entering this glorious rest.

We have been favored with a copy of the appointments for publication in this number. They are as follows:

- WESTERN DISTRICT.—M. AMBROSE, P. E. Pickaway cir.—M. Bittler, J. Winn. Walnut cir.—E. Vandemark. Circleville sta.—H. Jones, jr. Washington cir.—J. Bright. Hillsboro cir.—J. M. Spangler. Beulah Creek cir.—J. C. Winder. Scioto cir.—W. Sampson. Furnace cir.—J. Fink. Burlington cir.—A. Eby. Centerville cir.—P. Appleman. Raccoon cir.—G. H. Bowers. Bentonville miss.—To be supplied. GERMAN DISTRICT.—N. ALTMAN, P. E. German cir.—John Felchlo. EASTERN DISTRICT.—J. M. GOMERY, P. E. Winchester, cir.—P. Brock, Ferguson last six months. Ulua cir.—G. M. Livingston. Elton sta.—I. Kretzingcr. Mt. Vernon mass.—G. Hathaway. Amsterdam cir.—W. W. Davis. Pleasant Run cir.—A. Konklin, B. H. Kearns. Deavertown cir.—M. Roe. Wolf Creek.—C. Price. Chester cir.—R. Hsha. Athens cir.—H. M. Heicher. Logan cir.—D. Ambrose. W. R. Griffith—Principal of O. University. L. Davis—Gen. Agent of O. U.

- J. G. Dewey—Traveling Agent of O. U. D. Edwards—Ed. Religious Telescope. D. Strickler.—Ed. German Telescope. N. Altman—P. Agt. Tel. Office.

"THE 'TEMPERANCE SONS' seems to have objections to an article from the pen of Brother Butler, of Ind., which was published in a late number of the Telescope. This is nothing more than we expected, but we did expect that it would have copied the article before criticising it.

Our Editorial matter has been deficient both in quantity and variety for the few last weeks. This was in consequence of our absence from home. We now know of nothing more that will call us away for some time; we shall therefore devote our time wholly to the benefit of our readers.

For the Religious Telescope.

Minutes of the St. Joseph Annual Conference.

The St. Joseph Annual Conference of the United Brethren in Christ convened in the town of Berrien, Berrien county, Mich., on the 7th day of Oct., 1847, and was opened by Bishop Hanby, reading the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians, singing, prayer, and an appropriate address.

Conference proceeded by ballot, and elected E. H. Lamb Chairman, and Joseph M. Hershey Secretary.

Members Present.—Wm. Hanby, Bishop; E. H. Lamb, Chairman; J. M. Hershey, Secretary; Jonathan Thomas, John Surran, Jesse B. Slight, B. S. Cleveland, John Fetherhoof, Eli Hoover, George Zerfaze, Edward Johnson, Henry Hardy, John Alsap.

Absentees.—Bryant Fanning, Joseph Terrell, John Lamb, John A. Amek, Richard Patton, Constant Kidder, Wm. Atkinson, Henry Bare, John Peters, T. J. Babcock, Joseph Miller, Philip Coons, Daniel Osborn.

On motion, Hiram Freeman was received by transfer from Illinois Conference.

On motion, J. Sloanaker, W. W. Richardson, W. B. Witt, and Brother Stover, from White River, and Solomon Lindsey, from Sandusky Conference, were admitted as advisory members.

The St. Joseph A. Conference having instituted an inquiry as to the mode of expelling persons belonging to Church, who have associated themselves with secret combinations, whereupon the following resolution passed:

Resolved, as the opinion of this Conference, that in case any of our members unite with any secret combination, that it is the duty of the preacher in charge to notify said offender of a time and place where he must appear before the Church, and show cause why he should not be expelled; and in case the person accused is found guilty of membership with secret combinations, and is unwilling to leave them, or fails to attend when notified, (sickness or some unavoidable circumstances excepted,) it shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to pronounce his expulsion without further process.

On motion, Abial Hungerford was re-elected Book Agent for North District, and Bazzel S. Cleverger elected for South District.

On motion, John Fetherhoof was elected Treasurer of the dividend falling to this Conference from the Benevolent Fund; whereupon twenty-three dollars and twenty-three cents was handed over to said Treasurer.

On motion, J. M. Hershey was appointed Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund of St. Joseph A. Conference.

The Conference sermon was preached by Br. Hanby, Sunday, 11 o'clock, from Isaiah, lxiii. 1, after which Brother G. Zerfaze, was ordained to the office of Elder.

Have any of the preachers died the past year?

Ans. Francis Whitcomb. Who are candidates for the ministry? Ans. F. L. Forbs, Hubbard Thurston, Ambrose Penland, who were strictly examined by a committee, and reported to Conference for license.

Who are the Presiding Elders? Ans. Jonathan Thomas, John Fetherhoof. Where are the preachers stationed this year? South District.—John Fetherhoof, P. E. Wild Cat circuit, J. Surran; Tippecanoe circuit, Eli Hoover; Huntington circuit, E. Johnson, George Zerfaze last six months; Loganport mission, A. Penland.

NORTH DISTRICT.—J. Thomas, P. E.; Warsaw circuit, P. L. Forbs; St. Joseph circuit, H. Thurston; Berrien circuit, J. B. Slight; Elkhart circuit, A. B. Dulittle, by the Elder; Cold Water mission, R. Brickle, by the Elder; Yellow River mission, to be supplied by the Elder.

Where shall our next Annual Conference be held? Ans. At Jefferson, Clinton co., Indiana.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby tendered to the Brethren and friends of this community, for their hospitality towards us during our stay among them.

Conference closed. JOSEPH M. HERSHEY, Sec'y.

For the Religious Telescope.

Gatherings of the West.

BY WM. HANBY.

From the quiet of Home I hail your readers at the present time—thankful to Almighty Goodness for his tender mercies thus kindly bestowed upon one so unworthily as poor I. On the 20th inst. I arrived; found the family in good health except my aged mother, who, to all human appearance, had well nigh crossed over Jordan during my absence, though she is some better at the present time.

From Fort Seneca, from which place I last wrote, I traveled to Br. H. G. Spayth's, and found he had left for Lexington, expecting to meet me there, who, together with Br. G. Hsiky and myself, was to carry out a resolution passed by the last Gen. Conference, touching the republication of the Church Hymns, which work we put in motion, closed our meeting and on the morning of the 19th inst., I started for home. Travelled to Mt. Vernon, the capital of Knox county. This is a beautiful town in the midst of a very fertile country. The Portland and Mansfield Railroad is located through this place. The grading is partly done, and in very rapid progression. Thence to Newark, the capital of Licking county. Here the Railroad, just made mention of, terminates; and it is thought that by next summer the car will be running from the Lake to this place. Thence to Rushville, my present home, twenty miles.

On arriving at home, I saw the Telescope, under date of Oct. 15th, and this day another number, under date of Oct. 22d. In these two papers I learned facts for which I thank the Giver of good, and over which I have much rejoiced. They are these. First, I find my venerable colleague, Bishop Russell, coming out in favor of a Seminary, with a very desirable qualification attached, i. e., manual labor, &c. To this I heartily say, amen! So far as I have any knowledge of the feelings of the West, all say that a manual labor system of education is most in accordance with the genius of the Brethren Church. All will hold up both hands for it, but the friends of the Otterbein University felt that they were undertaking an experiment, and thought that it would not be safe to buy lands as well as buildings until they would make a trial—always, from the very start, (if I have understood their views,) anxious to add the manual labor system, as soon as funds could be obtained, and the experiment would be likely to succeed. Consequently, they have made a small beginning, in accordance, as they thought, with a grant of General Conference; and if in this they may have been considered too hasty, which possibly may have been the case, it was an error of the head and not of the heart. Our feelings and motives have been none other than an ardent desire to promote, what we conceived to be the best interests of our beloved Church.

All we ask is, that our people adopt some plan by which our dear little ones may receive a good education, in accordance with the spirit and doctrines of our Church, and under the watchful care of our own pious brethren, where their morals may be guarded with as much care as their minds cultivated. Give us