

THE CHURCH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

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CURRENT EVENTS AND THE KINGDOM.

A Large Bequest for Missions.—It is announced that a legacy which will amount to about \$900,000 has been left to the China Inland Mission.

The Hawaiian Question.—Replying to the argument against annexation that the people of Hawaii are not up to the American standard, the Hon. Lorin A. Thurston writes in *The Outlook*: "Millions of Americans are not up to the Hawaiian standard. With the exception of a temporary Asiatic laboring population, there is less illiteracy in Hawaii than in Massachusetts. Hawaii is, in its government, educational system, laws, customs, business methods and civilization, more American than any Territory ever admitted to the Union."

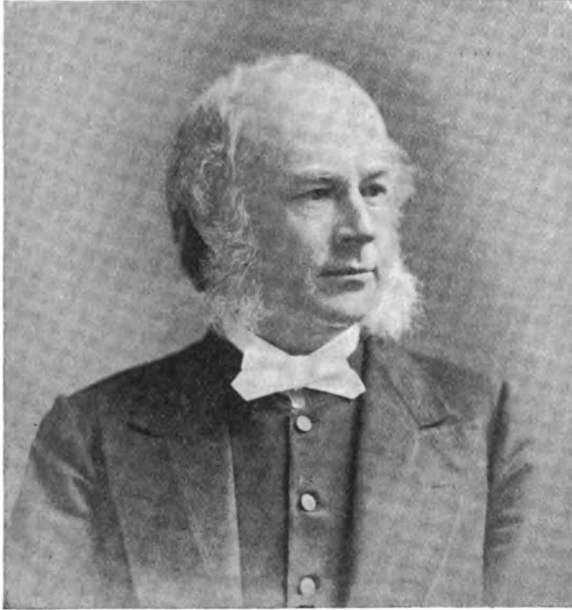
The Student Volunteers.—The third convention of Student Volunteers, held in Cleveland, February 23-27, has brought prominently to public attention the facts regarding this important movement. In eight hundred institutions of learning the claims of world-wide missions are frequently brought to the attention of students, and there are two hundred and fifty classes for the special study of missions. Two results are that many more are ready to go to mission fields than the Boards are able to send, and that the missionary contributions of students have increased from \$5000 a year to \$40,000. A student volunteer cultivates the habit of systematic giving and the ability to do Christian work at home.

A Monument to Lincoln.—When the mountain people of Cumberland Gap proposed to erect a statue in memory of Abraham Lincoln, Gen. O. O. Howard said: "Set a living monument there, not one of dead

stone. Plant a great educational tree, its fruit-laden branches reaching out to the four States. That will be a fitting monument." The suggestion has borne fruit, and an institution for the education of the young men and women of the mountain district is to be established at Cumberland Gap, known as the Abraham Lincoln Memorial University. General Howard is at the head of the enterprise. It is announced that the directors have in their hands property valued at \$100,000, and that Washington and Tusculum, two Presbyterian institutions in East Tennessee, are to come in under the university charter.

The Salvation Army.—The number of institutions opened by the Salvation Army for the relief of the poor in this country has increased from fifteen in 1896 to sixty-two in 1898. General Booth states that in Great Britain the Army is attempting to remove, after selection and training, a certain proportion of the submerged population to some colony, where land is abundant and the population limited. He says he came to study this question and to confer with Commander Booth-Tucker about the "farm-colony" in California, and the scheme to transfer to unoccupied territory some of the overwhelming populations of the great cities.

Methodist Federation.—The joint commission of representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Churches, North and South, at its recent meeting discussed plans of federation. The resolutions adopted called upon the two General Conferences to order the preparation of a common hymn book, catechism and order of worship, and to provide for the union of the two Epworth Leagues;



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The beloved pastor, college president and corresponding secretary completed his life-work on Friday morning, February 11, 1898. He has seized his immortal crown and commenced the triumphant song of the redeemed in glory.

Was there ever a man in our American Church endowed by nature and grace with finer sensibilities, a more genial disposition, or a more noble soul? We have never known a man more universally beloved by all who know him than this wonderful man.

Dr. Cattell was born in Salem, N. J., on the thirtieth of August, 1827, graduated at Princeton College in 1848, and at Princeton Seminary in 1852. For two years he acted as Associate Principal of Edgehill Seminary, at Princeton, and for five years was Professor of Latin and Greek in Lafayette College. He was ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Newton in 1856, and in 1860 accepted a call to the Pine Street Church, Harrisburg, Pa., where he remained three years, when he was elected President of Lafayette College. In 1883 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Relief

for Disabled Ministers. This position he occupied for eleven and a half years.

Dr. Cattell occupied other positions of honor and trust which we have not space to refer to as this magazine is just going to press and its space is occupied. The editor makes room for this brief notice of the life and personality of one of the most distinguished men of this generation, who was earnest, devoted, conscientious and successful in every department of literary and ecclesiastical work which he ever undertook to perform, and his life is sweet with fragrant memories.

As a husband and father, no one could more highly appreciate the sweet sacredness of the family relation, or be more tenderly thoughtful of the loved ones at home. As a Christian, he beautifully adorned the life the Master commands us all to live. As a man of affairs, he had the singular ability of adapting himself to the demands of his situation. When called to consecrate his energies to any special vocation, by his natural endowments, his sunny cheerfulness, his indomitable persistence, his unflagging fidelity, he accomplished a wonderful life-work, for which his name will ever be held in most grateful memory.

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