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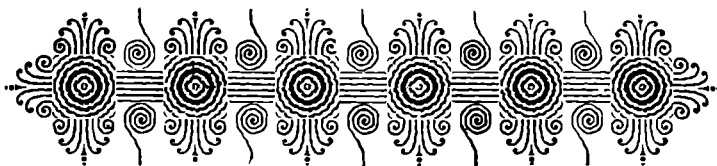
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Sword and the Trowel.

MAY, 1899.

The Standard Life of C. H. Spurgeon. Vol. III.*

LARGE numbers of our readers will rejoice to see the announcement that, as early as possible in the month of May, Messrs. Passmore and Alabaster will (D.V.) publish Vol. III. of *C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography*, the issue of which has been unavoidably delayed by arrangements in connection with the American edition. The compilers believe that the new volume will be found to equal, if not to exceed in interest, the two previous instalments of "The Monumental Life" which has received such a hearty welcome from thousands of Mr. Spurgeon's friends.

In the preliminary notice concerning Vol. II., it was mentioned that all the researches through the vast masses of material that had to be examined during the second stage of the work had failed to bring to light even a single item which ought to have been included in Vol. I. On a further search, and a careful study of Mr. Spurgeon's letters, papers, and other literary treasures, a similar declaration can be made with regard to Vol. II. This fact confirms the verdict of various reviewers who have called special attention to the completeness of "The Standard Life" as it has proceeded.

Very recently, further confirmation has come in quite an unexpected way. A gentleman desired to be allowed to see the study at "Westwood," and to present, for publication if desired, one of the dear Pastor's early letters. When he came, it was found that he had been

* *C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography*. Compiled from his Diary, Letters, and Records, by His Wife, and his Private Secretary. Vol. III. 1856—1878. 384 pages, Demy 4to. With a great number of Illustrations, including *facsimile* reproductions, in many colours, of pictures sent home from Rome by Mr. SPURGEON. Price, 10s. 6d. Also issued in monthly shilling parts. Passmore and Alabaster, 4, Paternoster Buildings, London; and of all booksellers and colporteurs.

and successive bereavements had wrought. A grand gathering was fittingly closed with the singing of the College anthem, "Hallelujah for the Cross!" and the Benediction.

On Friday morning, April 21, after praise and prayer, a letter was read from Brother H. H. Pullen, of the Spezia Mission, also a very touching epistle from "Black Johnson," as he is affectionately termed. The President was asked to write to all the brethren abroad in the name of the Association. On the proposition of Brother Mayers, seconded by Pastor W. H. J. Page (Calne), it was unanimously and enthusiastically resolved:—"That the heartiest thanks of this brotherhood be given to Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon for her welcome and valuable Conference gift of the third volume of *C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography*, and that we assure our beloved friend of our deepening appreciation of her many works of faith and labours of love." The hosts and hostesses who had entertained the country brethren were also very cordially thanked, as was Pastor F. E. Marsh for the kind gift of his little volume on *Christ's Atonement*, and the following resolution was passed with the utmost unanimity:—"That this Association enters its most solemn protest against the unnecessary and unsought-for issue, by certain daily newspapers, of a Sunday edition, as a violation of the sanctity of the Lord's-day; and, further, that this assembly pledges itself, each member within his own sphere of influence, to resist by all legitimate means this most deplorable project."

Then came the closing service, conducted by Pastor Frank H. White. His own "curate"—Professor Gaussen, prayed, and read Jeremiah xxxi. 31—34, and 1 John iii. 23, 24, and iv. 1—13. Mr. White's text was taken from the Revised Version of Romans xv. 30: "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and by the love of the Spirit;" and he divided his theme thus,—(I.) A melting attitude; (II.) A moving appeal; and (III.) The mighty master-motive. The whole discourse was like an echo of the "still small voice" "after the fire" (the Conference motto); the intense yearning of the beloved preacher for more of "the love of the Spirit" in his own and his hearers' hearts cannot be described, but it will be felt for many a day by all who witnessed it.

At the communion table, the President read and briefly expounded John xiii. 12—25, then followed the hallowed festival in remembrance of our Lord, and the closing Psalm, sung by the whole company standing with hands linked, in token of the reality of our fraternal union.

At the farewell dinner, the Remembrancer reported that 151 brethren had contributed or collected £252 3s. 10d. for the College during the year; he hoped, under the new arrangements, he would be able to give a much better account next year. Thanks were heartily voted to the Hospitality Committee, special mention being made of the Orphanage girls who had waited at the tables under the superintendence of their matrons and Mr. Charlesworth; a few final words of gratitude and thanksgiving were spoken by the President, Vice-President, and Principal; and then, after cheers for the loved ones bearing the honoured name of the glorified Founder of the Institution, a most memorable week was appropriately closed with prayer by the President, and the Benediction.

Dr. Churcher and his Patients.

A FELLOW-MISSIONARY kindly took the accompanying photographs at our Djemal out-station last week. They give an idea of our patients and premises there. Last month, we recorded over a thousand visits,—the highest monthly total we have yet reached;—so high, indeed, that our



medicines and funds were more than exhausted, and we feared we should have to stop from lack of money and excess of patients.

Poor souls, disease following upon their sin often brings them clamouring for medicine! Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may warn them of judgment to come, and lead them to Christ. At present, our work is practically the only means through which the gospel can reach them.



"The wordless book" in my hand is almost the very last of those so

kindly sent me by the Tabernacle Sunday-school. Who will send me some more? Probably not one person in all the crowds of my patients can read a word.

Sousse, Tunisia, North Africa.

T. G. CHURCHER.

Metropolitan Tabernacle Rebuilding Fund.

PASTOR THOMAS SPURGEON writes:—"For the splendid liberality attending my dear mother's 'Reception,' I am more than grateful. May the good Lord, for whose glory the gifts were made, richly reward every donor! Meanwhile, we have to collect nearly £8,000 more;—nay, £12,000, if possible, for I am very loth to relinquish what I judge to be a most desirable addition at the rear of the Tabernacle, the more so as it is principally for the advantage of the dear little ones. I have no doubt that all we need will be forthcoming by the time the structure is complete. The memory of my dear father is so fresh and fragrant, the loyalty of the present members is so conspicuous, and the sympathy of all classes is so unmistakable, that there is no room to fear. At the same time, I do not fail to realize that the gathering of it means *sustained enthusiasm, hard work, and much self-denial*. Maybe, the Lord will incline the hearts of some of the wealthier of His stewards to help us liberally. Only let all who have received benefit through C. H. SPURGEON's words and works send a token of gratitude, and even the larger sum will be speedily reached.

"For the following unsolicited testimonial from distinguished Christian men, we are deeply grateful:—

"The work of PASTOR C. H. SPURGEON has been of such world-wide influence that there is probably no country in which English-speaking people are found where that influence has not been very beneficial. We, the undersigned, representing various denominations, think that the appeal now being made for funds to complete the rebuilding of the Metropolitan Tabernacle (which, as you know, was destroyed by fire last year,) is one which will awaken a chord of sympathy in the hearts of Christians generally, no matter to what branch of the Christian Church they belong. Some £8,000 are still required to complete the undertaking without debt, and we hope you will see your way to contribute to this end. Gifts may be remitted to PASTOR THOMAS SPURGEON, Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington, London, S.E.

"Signed by

"LORD OVERTOUN,	REV. NEWMAN HALL, D.D.,
"LORD RADSTOCK,	REV. J. MONRO GIBSON, D.D.,
"REV. CANON FLEMING,	REV. CHAS. GARRETT,
"REV. DR. McLAREN,	REV. SAMUEL VINCENT,
"REV. MARK GUY PEARSE,	GEORGE CADBURY, ESQ.,
"T. A. DENNY, ESQ."	

Modern Bible-burning in England.

A STRIKING instance of the perversions to Popery which are being effected through the teaching of clergymen of the Church of England was afforded by the case of four ladies who superintended the education of a number of orphan girls at Market Harborough; and who, under the instruction of their parish clergyman, the Rev. Septimus Andrews, were led to join the Church of Rome. The facts are these. On May 6, 1869, I read in a London