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FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

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“When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he rent his clothes.”—2 KINGS xxii. 11.

To know not we're amenable to law—
 A law we wot not of, nor yet can tell
 Aught of its precepts, nor how far they're well
Or ill ; to feel no sense of solemn awe
Inspiring rev'rence for their maker, or to draw
 Obedience, and then—as does light dispel
 Night's darkness, and show the hidden pits that dwell
Unthought of in the way, and every flaw,
Revealing perils that entail defeat—
 How startling 'tis, though past the danger point,
 To see the risks we've run ! and when once more
We feel that safety is assured, how sweet
 To let the heart in gushing joy anoint
 Itself in gratitude, and faith restore !

would have been perpetuated when it is now for a time preserved.

To be assured of the truth of this one needs only to review even partially a list of our seminaries, colleges and universities. The Leland Stanford, Jr., University is the "In Memoriam" of the far West. Johns Hopkins being dead, yet lives and speaks through the institution which bears his name. The Vanderbilt family has erected its lasting monument, not in a six-million-dollar palace at Biltmore, but in Vanderbilt University at Nashville.

With less than one-half the money Mr. Huntington spent on his mausoleum Mr. Scott, in the Agnes Scott Institute, built a memorial that will long outlive the millionaire's pile of marble; with less than one-third the sum Watt's Hall and the Spence Library have been erected here, linking forever with this seminary the names of two Christian gentlemen who, like Mr. Scott, have given out of conscious stewardship. McCormick Seminary, Washington and Lee, Hampden-Sidney, Davidson, the Mary Baldwin and Stonewall Jackson Institute are a few among a number of institutions that are perpetuating names in the largest and surest way.

Such memorials are at once the visible and enduring ones. They are broader than their foundations and higher than top-most brick, for influence cannot be measured in square feet or everlasting good by a merchant's yard-stick. That wealth is seeing this more and more, witness Mr. Carnegie's princely benefactions. The generous gifts of the past year, we may believe, have been only an earnest of what in this century will be done in building monuments that assure at least an earthly immortality.

J. G. McALLISTER.

FROM DR. CUYLER.

This "Grand Old Man" of the American pulpit holds honored place at Union. He helped to start us in our new location, and every week he brings us good cheer through one or more of the religious journals. Next to an article is a ringing message, and this has come to us through a letter which we cannot but share with his friends, our readers:

"MY DEAR BROTHER :

"Your kind letter touches me deeply, and I would *love* to comply with your request.

"But I am not only a 'busy man'—having a larger correspondence than I can manage, and quite as many engagements to various religious papers as I can meet—but I am also not an entirely *well* man; and at *seventy-nine* I find that long and close confinement to my pen disturbs my digestion and affects my head.

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"Your Seminary is very dear to me, and I recall with great delight my happy visit to you at the time of the dedication of your noble new buildings.

"God bless you all! And make you faithful ministers of His glorious gospel!

"In haste, yours in Christ Jesus,

"THEO. L. CUYLER."

TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS.

THE editors have a little favor to ask of their friends, the subscribers. We have striven, with some fidelity and enthusiasm, to furnish you the best magazine we could, aiming to make it at once most serviceable to you and an ornament to Union Seminary. But as youthful under-graduates, and changing annually at that, we find it difficult to discover our own faults. Without seeing these very clearly, of course we cannot do much in the way of improvement or correction. So, from your superior point of view, we want you to "open our eyes" by such criticisms of the past and suggestions for the future as would, in your judgment, be helpful to us. Let these deal with subjects overdone or neglected, the *personnel* of contributors, and everything else that could render more valuable the periodical in which we know you share our interest. Let these strictures and counsels be frank, clear, concrete. May we not have a few lines from *every one* of you to bequeath to our successors as they now commence their inexperienced efforts? And, further, if you can add any words of encouragement, it would gratify us of the present staff and give a fine stimulus to those who are about to assume control. Doubtless they could also use such commendatory expres-