

SOULE UNIVERSITY.

MUNIFICENT SUBSCRIPTION.—We learn that Mr. Abraham Magowan, of Fleming co., Ky., has given to the Methodist College at Millersburg \$10,000 toward the endowment of a professorship of Mathematics and Natural Science in the institution, to be called after the liberal donor.

How is it with the army? Is it making covenant with too many Gibeonites? In old times the one bargain with them was made by mis-

It is a long way from Texas to Boston; a great many of our people have never been to New England. They have never seen ice two inches thick in their lives, even in the chums of commerce, while, they are informed, grew somehow "away down east." Grateful as these are in their lemonades, etc., the drinkers regard them as the sign of an indefinitely cold country. Association exercises a powerful influence on the human mind; wherefore it is easy for our imagination to gope up a picture of the north, and to believe that ice chums (and fish-pegs) come from a cold, hard, sharp latitude. This conclusion is not prevented by any evidences of geniality in the literature recently imported from that region. The speeches of Massachusetts Senators are as brilliant as an iceberg, and as cold. The poets of the upper region sit like crows upon dead trees.

What is his *idea*? Mr. Darwin does not know. Neither do we. He says it has usually been supposed to be "the unknown element of a distinct creation." This he denies; his whole book—let the unphilosophical reader learn—was written to prove that species are not distinct creations at all. But before we can say anything worth a thought upon such a subject we must have some idea of species. Suppose, then, we say that whatever is uniformly propagated is a mark of species, and that the apparently accidental changes occurring in the individuals of a species are *varieties*. Mr. Darwin's theory is that these changes are always taking place, that by "natural selection" and the "struggle for existence" they are rendered permanent, and that thus a species arises. That is the theory. But thus a species arises?—The theory is a thread, a thread upon which hangs a helpless abstraction, the only argument prove; an incidental illustration, though hardly a fair sample of the author's sentences—will do ample justice to the fatal

some other form of the struggle, it may be the struggle to one way to yield. *No one variety is more capable than all the rest of meeting the multiform changes of the struggle for existence, and hence, so far from this struggle contributing to the formation of a new species through the accumulation of one variety, its tendency is exactly the reverse, and in favor of the preservation of the original specific peculiarities.*

2. Take the other case of a struggle against their animals. Suppose two lions with their prey, and suppose that the lions are to be left only two individuals can live. The struggle commences. Will the battle be to the strong? If so, probably the two male lions will survive, and the females will die. The two old roarsers will have succeeded in gaining the victory so far as the mere existence is concerned, but they are rather an anomalous fix with respect to the

in art and taste.

Mr. Munson is one among the rare preachers of our time who have helped to rescue the pulpit from the reputation of dullness, and to give the sermon a place in popular literature. He is one, also, of a still rarer company—one who has been able to attract the attention of the cultivated to his pulpit, and to make him a point of interest to the highest and best of our evangelized soundness, and who have reached great popularity without loss of spiritual power.

We must not forget that "the eloquent preacher" is an eloquent advocate of the classic method, and "induces self-examination," "stimulates brotherly love," "elicits sympathy," "confesses discipline"—five excellent things more than worthy of all the conflicts which the Church has had in defence of the much opposed means of grace, combined with all the struggles which every individual member of the Church has experienced in the endeavor

The crowd of politicians present, with their families, notwithstanding the few distinguished and refined persons who appeared among them, imparted an air of vulgarity to the assembly. Through, which, I perceived, that it contained everybody whose name was not in the Directory. Of course there were many novel and elegant women present, but I have been told that the present size that contained double the number.

The Japanese dignitaries, if they appeared in the assembly at all, fled very early in disgust to the Japanese quarters. The Japanese ladies, and scullions of a venturous turn of mind, were paraded in triumph and made lions of by the most consequential men and the most gaudily dressed women present. The elevated platform, which was raised up by the aid of the Japanese, has been exhibited, like a new show, since the

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