

GROWTH OF THE WEST. The Rev. Robert Baird, D. D., has recently returned from a visit to some of the Western States. In his description of the place he visited, he says :

“ I was very much struck with the rapid growth of cities and towns which I had known as small places some twenty-two years ago, and the springing up of others, which had no existence at that time. In the former category must be placed Cleveland, Detroit, and Chicago, to which I might add Toledo, although I am inclined to place it in the second. Cleveland had, in 1838, some 6000 inhabitants, now more than 60,000 ; Detroit had 6000 or 7000, now 80,000. Chicago was then but a village—a real “ mud town,”—now it has 130,000, if not more. Toledo reckons 15,000 inhabitants, and is destined to rank with Cleveland and Detroit, but hardly with Chicago, for Chicago and St. Louis are destined, in my opinion, to be the two greatest cities of the interior of the North American continent, whatever the good people of Pittsburg, Cincinnati, and New-Orleans, may say to the contrary. Mind you, I only state this as my opinion ; others may think differently. Time will show. As to Norwalk, Monroe, Ann Arbor, Upsilon, Niles, South Bend, Laporte, most of them are new towns, and nearly all have about 4000 inhabitants each.

“ The State normal school of Michigan, at Upsilon, is, in some respects, the best I have ever seen. It is under a thoroughly Christian, not **sectarian** influence. The teachers, male and female, are conscientious and devoted followers of Christ, and they will enforce the instructions they give by their own Christian deportment. The University of Michigan is at Ann Arbor. This noble institution has, under the blessing of God on the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Tappan, grown up to be one of the largest, best endowed, and most thoroughly equipped institutions in our country. It has this winter 550 students, about a fifth part of whom are members of evangelical churches. Of these 550 students, 175 are medical students, 80 are law students, some 20 pursue a special course in science, and the rest are under-graduates in the four regular classes. The library is respectable, the scientific collection highly so, and the observatory is inferior to none in these United States. The income of this University from its endowments is above \$40,000 per annum. And all this we see in the midst of the forests in the new State of Michigan, which has scarcely three quarters of a million of inhabitants !”

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