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COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

In our reading in the Acts of the Apostles and their epistles, we find no established order of Christians...

In 1 Cor. 5: 11, St. Paul says, "If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one not to eat."

Again, the same apostle says, 2 Thess. 3: 6, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly..."

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But how shall this be done? My objections to his course would not be entertained by the church of which he is a member; for its constitution and articles of faith justify him.

trifling to prevent the most solemn act of Christian union. An intercommunion among First-day Pedobaptist churches may be held without these objections; for they mutually approve of those things to which we object.

Another difficulty our churches would meet with on the ground of such communion, relates to their discipline. If a member of any church in the connection shall abandon the observance of the Sabbath for that of the first day of the week, or for no day at all, he becomes, according to our discipline, a subject of censure; and, if he persist in his fault, of exclusion; because he neglects to hear the church.

Again, to come to the Lord's table with any church, is, to all intents and purposes, to become a member of that church for the time being. Whatever their rules for the celebration of the ordinance may be, we acknowledge and submit thereto. And this is generally so understood by such churches; inasmuch, that although they may willingly admit members of other denominations to their communion, and even charge them with a want of charity for refusing, their members seldom are willing to excuse this courtesy; because, say they, 'We cannot acknowledge the legitimacy of your organization;'

LANGUAGE INDICATIVE OF CHARACTER.

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Their school-houses were the groves—their places of assembling for debate and oratory, had no roofing, save the clear blue sky—surrounded by no pillars, save beetling mountains. Their language partakes of their climate and country—mild, rich, rolling, sonorous, and full.

Pass, now, to mountainous Switzerland, from whose Alpine peaks liberty has sounded her clarion for ages unmolested—where freedom has looked down from her fastnesses upon surrounding nations, convulsed with contentions and vain struggles for liberty.

The language of the Germans, abounding in consonants and aspirates, yet flexible and remarkably well adapted to versification—copious, inflected, possessing great facility in compounding words, and inverted in its structure, is just such a language as would naturally be constructed by a people whose learned men can sit, smoke, quaff hard cider and small beer, and chase Greek particles or metaphysical ideas, sixteen hours per day, for thirty or forty years in succession.

Turn next to Scotland, whose every highland peak, crag, and steep, has echoed with religious and political liberty—though smouldering now beneath the weight of opposing circumstances. The fire of Scotch enthusiasm kindles and burns wherever it goes.

Pass thence to our own country, and examine like characteristics. As we are, at present, looking for characteristics in names about, turn to that people who have fled from the scourge of the white man, leaving no monument behind them, save now and then a name of a river, lake, or mountain.

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In going into the broad valley of the Mississippi, we lose the majestic roll from the country—we lose it, too, from the Indian names of places. They subside into the placid, expansive, mellifluous flow, resembling the sea-like swell of the prairies, decked with their exuberant carpet of grass and flowers.

THE VOLUME OF SERMONS.

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OBITUARY NOTICES.

It is always a mournful satisfaction, when a friend or acquaintance dies, to know it, and be assured that he has died in peace with God. To meet this universal wish, friends catch every sign which can be construed into evidence of reconciliation to God, and upon it base a hope that all is well with them.

However grateful such notices may be to friends, it is rare that they serve a useful purpose. The cold, inactive professor, wonders where the difference is between himself and the departed, and is satisfied to remain inactive still, assured his piety will be praised when he is gone.

RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE JEWS.

The movement to secure the rights of civil and religious worship to American citizens abroad, is peculiarly interesting to the Jews. Senator Cass has taken an active part in it, and presented many petitions to Congress on the subject.

PASSPORTS TO HEAVEN.

In Russia, the passport system is carried out more thoroughly, probably, than in any other part of the world. Indeed, so completely has it become wrought among the people, that they consider passports necessary, not in this world only, but also in the next, as appears by the following paragraph from a recent work on Russia.

"When the battle of life is fought, and its dead soldier brought into the house of God, that the last rites may be performed over the body, watch the process. After certain ceremonies of an imposing character, the priest approaches the coffin, which is open, and strews incense upon the breast of the dead.

DEATH FOR BLASPHEMY.

A letter from Mosul, extracts of which are published in the Hebrew Observer, London, says that a Jewish Rabbi there is "now under sentence of death for having blasphemed the Jewish religion."

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The receipts of the Baptist Missionary Union in the month of March, the last month of the financial year, were \$53,289 75.

1. The expenditures of the year ending with March prove to be nearly one hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred dollars, and the receipts, from all sources, to be a fraction less than one hundred and thirty-seven thousand dollars—showing that the outlay of the year has exceeded its receipts by about NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

CHINESE PRAYER MEETINGS.

The Rev. Mr. Spear, at San Francisco, in writing to the Board of Missions in reference to his ministry among the Chinese in that city, gives the following account of the Wednesday evening prayer meetings:—

UNLICENSED RUMSELLING.

On the 15th of April, just before adjournment, the Legislature of New York passed an Act to authorize others than Overseers of the Poor to prosecute for violations of the Excise Law.

INFLUENCE OF FAMILY WORSHIP.

The late Dr. Hyde, of Lee, one of the most eminent ministers of his day, in a letter to a son, thus speaks of the influence of family prayer in promoting filial subordination:—

"It was my duty to impress on the minds of my children a spirit of subordination, and to be known as the head of the family. I never kept a rod in my house, yet I would have my children obey me. I presume you have no recollection of my ever correcting you, but you were taught to mind me early, before you had numbered two years.

BIBLES PROHIBITED.

The Archbishop of Mexico has addressed to all the clergy a circular, in which he recommends to them the greatest vigilance in preventing the circulation and reading of Protestant Bibles, which are being introduced from the United States in Tamauipais, across the Texan frontier.

METHODISM IN NEW JERSEY.

At a recent meeting of the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Secretary reported the following statistics for the year just closed, showing a considerable increase over last year:—

"SABBATH CONVENTION."—A North-Western Sabbath Convention (so called) is to be held at Chicago, Ill., on the 17th day of May. The call includes "the friends of the Lord's day throughout the North-West, of all denominations."

STATISTICS OF BENEVOLENCE.

The fiscal year, with most of the benevolent societies centering in New York, has just expired. From the accounts thus far made up, it appears that their operations the present year have been larger than ever before.

THE LIQUOR LAW IN NEW YORK.

The Governor of New York, in vetoing the bill passed by the Legislature for the suppression of intemperance, felt called upon to give his reasons at length for so doing.

SABBATH LECTURES.

Last Sabbath evening, Eld. James Bailey delivered the first of a series of Lectures on the Sabbath in the Seventh-day Baptist meeting-house in Plainfield, N. J.

COLONIZATION IN NEBRASKA.

A plan is on foot in Boston to organize and have incorporated an Association to promote colonization of freemen in Nebraska.

MARINE DISASTERS AND GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

The storm of April 16th proves to have been very destructive to shipping. Several vessels were cast away on the Jersey shore; one of which, the Powhatan, had, on board some two hundred persons, not one of whom was saved.

INTELLIGENCE FROM CHINA.

The N. Y. Tribune has a letter from Shanghai, China, dated Feb. 3, 1854, which says:—

NEGROES FOR SALE.

Offered, by private sale, a family of Negroes, the mother and two children. The mother is eighteen years of age, less or more; the elder child, a girl, is upwards of two years and a half old; the younger, a boy, is between seven and eight months old.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including fragments of other articles and notices.

Miscellaneous.

Baby May.

Delicious little bits of poetry sometimes go the round of the papers, which need only the prefix of a distinguished author's name to make them popular...

Farm Fencing.

The subject of fencing, always of deep interest to agriculturists, is just now receiving a good deal of attention from the more scientific of them.

Solon Robinson said he had proposed this question to the Club for the purpose of awakening discussion not only here, but among farmers generally...

Prof. Mapes said, it appears by the last census that we had then 118,000,000 of acres of land in cultivation. It is a fair calculation to assume that this land is divided into an average of twenty-acre fields...

Ventilation.

The proper and best mode of ventilating rooms in private houses and public buildings has of late occupied much of the attention of the philanthropic and those who study their own health and happiness.

in such small streams, becomes so gradually mingled with the warm air of the room, that a draught is prevented, and the whole atmosphere undergoes a continual, though imperceptible change.

The Science of Blacksmithing.

The Scientific American says:—Sawing heated iron and steel, is not known or thought of by blacksmiths; and when several forks or branches are to be formed from one stock...

Turkish Women.

The care with which the Osmanlis have always kept their wives and daughters apart, still prevails in Constantinople. To ask a Turkish gentleman after his wife or his daughter, is to give him mortal offense.

The Indian Chief Logan. A monument to the memory of the brave and eloquent Indian Chief Logan is to be erected on the grounds comprising the site of Fort Allegan and the ancient village of Oso...

The Tower of London.

On the left bank of the Thames, about a mile below London bridge, and in the oldest part of the metropolis, stands one of the chief monuments of history. Its gray turrets are among the first objects to arrest the eye of a stranger entering London from the sea...

eyelids, and crawled up my legs and down my back. I reaped took upwards of a hundred from my legs, where the small ones used to collect in clusters on the instep...

VARIETY.

The Perthshire Advertiser reports a recently discovered mode of conversing with those afflicted with partial deafness, viz. by taking the individual by the hand, at the same time placing the two thumbs together.

Douglas Jerrold, the well-known contributor to Punch and editor of various publications, is a man about 50 years of age, and in person is remarkably spare and diminutive.

Silas Hewitt, of Seneca Falls, has dared to offer the world another patent churn. The greatest curiosity about this last of the churn family is, how any man could invent one differing from the thousand and one already lumbering in the Patent-Office.

A World's Concert has been held at Constantinople, conducted by the American, Scotch, and English missionaries, the chaplains of the English and Prussian embassies, and the native Armenian pastors.

The difference between the Lutheran and the German Reformed Churches, which many regard as one and the same, is thus stated by the Lutheran Observer: "The Augsburg Confession comprehends the creed of the Lutheran, while the Heidelberg Catechism is that of the German Reformed."

A report from the United States Commissioner of the Land Office states that the whole surface of the public domain covers 1,391,480,320 acres. This is 220,704,509 acres less than the quantity stated in the annual report.

The accounts of the Synod treasurer of the missions of the United Presbyterian Church, for the year 1853, have just been made up, and it is gratifying to state, that the large sum of \$100,000 has this year been contributed by the various congregations of this body.

The late Henry J. Sanford, Esq., made the following bequests: New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, \$5,000; New York Hospital, \$5,000; House of Industry, \$5,000; Colored Home, \$3,000; Home of the Friendless, \$2,500; Demilt Dispensary, \$2,500.

Gen. Sam Houston has been nominated for the next Presidency by a meeting held at Montrose, Pa., on the 3d inst., for the stand he has taken for the preservation of the good faith of the nation, his support of the clergy of the North, and his sentiments on the Compromises heretofore enacted.

Great irritation exists among the Alumni of Columbia College, occasioned by the recent action of the Board of Trustees of the College, in rejecting a candidate for professorship on sectarian grounds.

He that hath a trade, hath an estate, and he that hath a calling, hath a place of profit and honor. A ploughman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees.

Many who find the day too long, think life too short; but short as life is, some find it long enough to outlive their characters, their constitutions, and their estates.

The total number of students entering at Oberlin the present term, up to March 13th—about three weeks into the term—is 171. Of these, 392 are gentlemen, and 325 ladies.

The Crystal Palace is temporarily closed until arrangements can be completed for its permanent reopening at an early day, of which due notice will be given.

Knowledge may slumber in the memory, but never dies; it is like the dormouse in the livid tower, that sleeps while winter lasts, but awakes with the warm breath of spring.

On the 5th inst., an explosion occurred in a percussion cap factory in New York, seriously injuring one man and two women.

American Sabbath Tract Society's Publications.

- THE American Sabbath Tract Society publishes the following tracts, which are for sale at the Depository, No. 9 Spruce-st., N. Y. viz: No. 1—Reasons for introducing the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment...

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