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THOUGHTS ON ORDINATION.

Almost every Christian denomination that recognizes on a person devoted to the ministry...

We have no wish to come into collision with those who are tenacious of these forms...

Of these forms, the imposition of hands seems to be the one which, above every thing else, is deemed essential—the one in which the essence of ordination chiefly lies.

The Apostles "ordained elders in every church." (Acts 14:23) not by the laying on of hands...

Nor is the argument for ordination by imposition of hands at all sided by what is recorded in Acts 13:1-3. For Paul and Barnabas were in the ministry before.

Nor does the case of Timothy help the matter. Hands were laid upon him by the presbytery...

Your Board have continued the efforts of the domestic mission mainly in the direction of last year, viz: in Potter County, Pa., Erie County and vicinity...

extraordinary affair, not intended to be copied by churches in clothing ordinary ministers with office. The notion that the imposition of hands is essential to the validity of an ordination...

But when once the error had obtained currency, that the ordination spoken of in Acts 14:23 implied the act of laying on of hands...

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh-day Baptist Western Association held its 19th annual meeting at Alfred Center, Allegany Co., N. Y., commencing on Fifth-day, June 22d.

Agreeable to appointment, Thomas E. Babcock preached the opening discourse, taking for his text Amos 7:2—"By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small."

The Association was organized by the appointment of D. E. Maxson, Moderator, E. R. Clarke and A. C. Burdick, Clerks.

Letters were received from all of the churches connected with the Association, except Ullyses and Darien and Cowlesville.

From sister Associations, the only delegate present to participate in the deliberations was Amos W. Coon, of the North-western.

The delegates last year appointed to attend the meetings of the other Associations, all reported that they had filled their appointments.

In this connection we may as well give the remaining appointments for the current year. D. R. Stillman, of Alfred Center, was appointed Treasurer; and T. E. Babcock, N. V. Hull, T. B. Brown, C. D. Langworthy, and E. R. Clarke, Executive Board.

On Sixth-day morning, after a sermon by Hiram W. Babcock, N. V. Hull, in compliance with an appointment made last year, read an essay on the Time of commencing the Sabbath.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, presented a series of resolutions, the discussion of which occupied most of the afternoon of Sixth-day, and was participated in by a large number of delegates and brethren.

We give also, herewith, the Reports of the Executive Board and of the Committee on the State of Religion.

Near evening of Sixth-day, the Association adjourned, to meet at Richburg, N. Y., on the fifth day of the week before the fourth Sabbath in June, 1855, when N. V. Hull is to preach the Introductory Discourse; H. W. Babcock, alternate.

the churches in Hebron and Ullyses, and at such other points as were most advisable. He reports that ill health, together with his appointment to the North-western Association...

Bro. L. M. COTTELL, who has labored in Persia and vicinity, reports a favorable state of religious feeling at the different points of his labor...

Bro. ROSIE BABCOCK, laboring in Erie county, reports a want of more labor in that vicinity than one missionary can well perform...

Bro. T. E. BABCOCK, from a missionary tour made to Westfield, Tioga Co., Pa., reports nothing very favorable from said field; found here and there a Sabbath-keeper who seemed to manifest some desire to maintain the same.

We have from each and all of our stationed missionaries, encouraging prospects for labor. Souls have been converted to the cause of Christ our Redeemer...

In conclusion, and in taking our leave of the work assigned us, permit us to say, that for this cause we will ever pray, believing that God will vouchsafe to us all he has promised...

Report on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion report, that the communications from the several churches do not furnish testimonials of that deep piety, which should characterize a people blessed with the Sabbath, Sabbath Schools, and the ministrations of the word of life.

Resolutions.

1. Whereas, the recent action of Congress on what is called the Nebraska Bill, evinces a spirit alike hostile to the rights of man and the principles of Christianity...

2. Resolved, That the pledge which our denomination has given to the world, binds us to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy"...

3. Resolved, That the interests of our Publishing Society, as well as those of our Missionary and Tract Societies, should be cherished with undiminished regard by the churches of this body...

4. Resolved, That this Association considers the enactment of laws to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks right in itself, and necessary to the perfecting of the Temperance reform...

5. Whereas, our General Conference appointed an Educational Committee, to take such measures as it might deem proper for establishing a denominational College and Theological Seminary...

TROUBLE ON THE ERIE RAILROAD.—Business on the New York and Erie Railroad was greatly interrupted last week, in consequence of a strike among the engineers.

Report of the Executive Board. Your Board have continued the efforts of the domestic mission mainly in the direction of last year, viz: in Potter County, Pa., Erie County and vicinity, Persia and Clear-Creek, and somewhat in Tioga, Pa.

simply required to approach switches cautiously and at a reduced rate of speed, and they must not approach a station where they are required to stop, at such a rate of speed that they cannot check or control their trains.

We had occasion to pass over this road last week on our way to the meeting of the Western Association. Leaving New York on Fourth-day evening, we were twenty-six hours, instead of thirteen, in reaching Hornellsville, a distance of 330 miles.

LETTERS FROM CHINA.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society, received last week letters from brethren Carpenter and Warden, dated Shanghai, March 2, 1854.

From Bro. Warden's Letter.

Shanghai is still held by the rebels, having for nearly five months resisted a force numbering about twenty to one. Both parties seem to have improved greatly in their skill at warfare since the siege commenced.

About the beginning of the Chinese new year, it was reported that the Tautae had offered the rebels \$400,000 to vacate the city, but the rebels refused to go for less than \$800,000.

For two or three months the imperialists have occupied an ancestral hall a little west of the north gate, belonging to the Ningpo residents, which they used as a battery, bringing them within speaking distance of the city wall.

On our return we found them fighting again at the south gate. To avoid danger, we struck off into the country, but happened to select a road that led us right in front of a new fortification, which the imperialists were building.

On the 13th, the rebels sallied out and attacked the imperialists near the little south gate, where they were also fortifying themselves, by filling up the houses with dirt, along nearest the wall.

On the 14th, according to previous arrangement, I went to distribute cash, 100 each, to those who had before received our tickets. At each of the places designated, we found some hundreds assembled.

On the morning of the 15th, the rebels sallied out of the north and west gates attacking the imperial camp on the north-west side of the city, but were repelled by overwhelming numbers. The battle continued about

considerable, though it is thought that there were at least ten imperialists slain to one rebel. One of the imperialists was shot and beheaded just outside Mr. Yates' yard, and after being beheaded, one of the rebels ran from his place of concealment, in order to spear him, and while in the act of doing so, he also was shot and fell dead upon the headless corpse...

This protracted scene of warfare is producing a great amount of suffering among the poor inhabitants, both in and out of the city. For several miles each way from the city, the imperialists have plundered the inhabitants to an alarming extent...

A few weeks ago, the American missionaries got together and consulted about what measures could be adopted for the relief of the suffering. Some of the American merchants had expressed a willingness to contribute, and accordingly a subscription paper was drawn up and circulated, and about \$550 has been pledged.

On the 30th, we renewed our surveys, finding more wretchedness than on the preceding occasion, and more than can well be described. We selected another village, about two miles from the west gate, for a second place of distribution, about one-third of which was burnt and torn down by a band of imperial robbers in October, who also killed two of the residents.

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On the 13th, the rebels sallied out and attacked the imperialists near the little south gate, where they were also fortifying themselves, by filling up the houses with dirt, along nearest the wall. A skirmish ensued, which, according to the account of the French missionaries, resulted in the loss of about 100 of the imperialists.

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two hours, with considerable loss on both sides, and they were finally driven back. This is said to be the bloodiest battle that has yet been fought, and is the first real defeat the rebels have met with.

A Russian steamer left this port a few weeks since for Japan, and returned again a few days ago, reporting that they had effected a treaty in which the Japanese agree to allow vessels from all nations to land and get supplies, &c., without let or hindrance, during 1854, and in 1855 their country shall be open to trade for all nations.

The United States fleet is now on its way thither, if it has not already arrived. Where are the Seventh-day Baptist missionaries for that inviting field? The rust of former ages is still clinging to us, which must be scoured off, or it will eat out the very vitals of our denomination.

From Bro. Carpenter's Letter.

From the Pekin Gazette's own showing, the capital is in a very defenseless state. This news increases our hope that the Tartar Dynasty is soon to give place to that of their conquerors. Many, however, believe that the country will be no better governed, and that foreigners will fare no better for the change.

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Miscellaneous.

Each Mother's Love the Best. From the N. Y. Independent. As I walked over the hills one day...

The Real Railway King.

The London Times makes the following remarks, on the erection in the Great Hall at Euston Square...

The Whirlwind at an American Dinner.

The London Times publishes a letter from the U. S. steamer Susquehanna, dated "Off Yokohama, Bay of Yedo, March 24," from which we make the following extract...

officers of the squadron." All this passed, of course, through the interpreters, and each toast was drunk in our manner...

The Killer Whale.

At a recent meeting of the American Scientific Association, a paper, "On the Whale," was read by Lieut. Maury...

The Resources of Japan.

Foremost among the resources of Japan are its fisheries. The sea and its productions, we believe, contribute fully as much to the sustenance of the natives...

The Black Wasp of Van Dieman's Land.

In the warm summer days, during our residence at Port Sorell, and more particularly in the evenings, we had often noticed a large kind of black fly darting in and out of the house with a loud, sharp, whizzing noise...

is the main food of the natives, that grown in Japan is considered the best in all Asia, and it can be produced in almost any quantity...

To Preserve Eggs.

Some of your correspondents inquire about the best method of keeping eggs fresh; and as we have a plan here which I have not seen mentioned in any of the replies...

Unparalleled Verdancy.

Here is a relation in the Baltimore Argosy, showing a verdancy hitherto unparalleled: At an early hour on Saturday morning, while a country dealer from Anne Arundel...

The Black Wasp of Van Dieman's Land.

The conductor of the countryman sneeringly palpatized at this assertion, and white hat expressed his willingness to prove the matter by a heavy wager, pulled forth \$50 in notes, and defied the others to cover the amount...

feeble movement is evident in them, as though they were paralyzed or stupefied in some manner, so as to be unresisting victims and good fresh meat at the same time.

Draining Lands.

A judicious system of drainage is one of the most important requisites upon a farm which occupies a low position, or embraces a tract of swampy land.

Bound Volumes.

ON hand, and for sale at this office, the first and second volumes of the Seventh-day Baptist...

North Line to Boston.

WORCESTER, Lowell, Fitchburg, Nashua, Concord, Bellows Falls, and White River Junction, New London and Willimantic, and Palmer and Andover.

Bells! Bells! Bells!

FOR Churches, Academies, Factories, Steamboats, Plantations, &c., made, and a large assortment kept constantly on hand by the subscribers...

A Freeman in Bondage.

We have been recently informed, (says the N. Y. Tribune) of an outrageous case of kidnapping which took place in the neighboring State of New Jersey.

Creeping Things.

Let me put a spider into any lady's hand. She is aghast. She shrieks. The nasty ugly thing. Madam, the spider is perhaps shocked at your Brussels laces, and although you may be the most exquisite painter living, the spider has a right to laugh at your coarse daubs...

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