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THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Some sections of our Demomination have been disturbed by a set of disorganizers, who go about preaching, that the kingdom of Christ has never yet been set up on the earth, and will not be, till He shall come the second time; also, that the dead shall lie dormant till the Resurrection.

To Peter were committed the keys of the kingdom of heaven, (Matt. 16: 19); that he might open, and admit to its communion both Jews and Gentiles.

From these, and other passages which might be quoted, we conclude that the kingdom of Christ does actually now exist, and that its power is displayed in reducing men and women to obedience.

Upon the other point referred to—the dormant state of the dead—we may have a word to say next week.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION MATTERS.

Pending the anticipated visit of the Council appointed by the Association, it appeared improper, to the Seventh-day Baptist Church in Housfield, to take any published notice of the efforts made to influence the Council in the matter, and to prejudice the public mind against the churches here.

It is not true, that the leader in the attempt to override and nullify the discipline of this church, was expelled for "non concurrence" in certain acts inconsistent with the purity of the Gospel, and the "established discipline of our denomination," but he was expelled for acts which, in the judgment of this church, were inconsistent with the Gospel and the Christian character, and which, while we remember our responsibilities to the Judge of all, we can never fellowship or tolerate.

Their charges are not only against us for "corruption," but the committee who had the matter referred to them at DeRuyter, in 1851, and the Association who concurred in their report, receive the unqualified censure of these men. If the Association acted "precipitately" and "blindly" in the matter, as they allege, it was in receiving the complaint in the manner it did, from persons not entitled to present it, and not because it found in favor of the church.

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The Association asks us to co-operate with the council in the settlement of this matter. This would be cheerfully responded to by us, if the work should be attempted right first; but we have done all that seemed to be duty for us, to reclaim those who have been excluded from our fellowship.

My DEAR BRETHREN—It has been some time since I wrote to you, and I gladly embrace this opportunity. I have just recovered from a severe sickness of four weeks. It is the second sickness of fever that I have had since I have been in this country.

Our first crop of vegetables: Tomatoes worth \$50, Eggplant 50, 12 doz. ears of green corn, 1 50, Potatoes, 50, Squashes, 50, 44 bushels of shelled corn, 2 50, 40 lbs. of sweet potatoes, 1 00, 100 lbs. of winter squash, 1 25, Of my own labor I have not made an account.

We repudiate the doctrine, that our churches are a rule to each other in the administration of discipline, as hinted by M. & B., when they talk of established discipline of our denomination. The gospel furnishes the only rule and model of Christian discipline.

The wordings of the associational action, that the committee was to be one of reference and settlement. M. and B., in their instructions, say, instead of the committee being one to whom the records are to be referred for determination and settlement, it was the sense of the Association, that they should investigate the whole matter, and go behind all former actions and decisions; thus investing the committee with prerogatives which the Constitution does not recognize on the one hand, and asserting on the other hand what they (M. and B.) have always denied, viz, that complaints and investigations may go back of settlements and decisions.

share this censure will be increased, and the evil spread still wider. Through we have no very sanguine hope that anything can be accomplished by the council, since all similar efforts have left matters no better than before they have been tried; yet we would be glad to see the committee, and submit our records to them, and hear any advice they may be pleased to give us.

Our duty in the premises is made plain by the scriptures; we trust we shall not shrink from the performance of it. Though deeply humbled in seeing ourselves published as being corrupt, and untrue to the interest of Christ's kingdom, we nevertheless desire to see the welfare of all concerned promoted, and pray that "wars and fightings" may cease in our Zion, and that she may soon delight herself "in the abundance of peace."

THE PALESTINE MISSION.

PALESTINE, Plains of Sharon, Dec. 16th, 1854. To the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Board—

RENT OF garden for 5 months, \$8 00, Keeping the horse, 20 00, Paid a man for driving and taking care of the horse, 17 00, Repairs on the well, 10 17, Labor on the garden, 11 00, Our first crop of vegetables: Tomatoes worth \$50, Eggplant 50, 12 doz. ears of green corn, 1 50, Potatoes, 50, Squashes, 50, 44 bushels of shelled corn, 2 50, 40 lbs. of sweet potatoes, 1 00, 100 lbs. of winter squash, 1 25, Of my own labor I have not made an account.

Ours is not a fair experiment. In the first place, we were here at least one month too late for the first crop; second, we had but very little manure; third, we did not have water for what we planted. We ought to keep a herd of cattle, that we may thoroughly manure the land; the crops will double by putting on a good coat of manure.

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S. says it is impossible to get the Arabs or Jews to use water, except those who are immediately under her care, or where she can make the application herself. We have given to those in our employ, and to others who were the most needy, clothing contributed for that purpose by the friends of the mission amounting to \$71 21 cents.

Brother Stillman thought it would be better, when we purchase, to get, if possible, the title secured to the mission through the Government at Constantinople. I have talked with a number of men who are acquainted with the Government officers; they think it will be impossible, under the present state of things, to have any notice taken of such a request; still, I will see what can be done.

A JEWISH TALE.

MEMOIR; or, the Power of Truth. A Jewish Tale. By the author of "Influence." With an Introduction by John Todd, D.D. Philadelphia: Published by John E. Potter, 15 Sansom-st.

In this little volume, we have a good deal of information conveyed through the story of a Jew converted to Christianity by the death of his only child, a beautiful girl, whom he had reared with great care, and who embraced the Christian faith unknown to her father.

He was preaching to a large and attentive audience, when his attention was arrested by seeing a man enter, having every mark of a Jew on the lineaments of his face. He was well dressed, and his countenance was noble, though it was evident that his heart had lately been the habitation of sorrow.

He was a very respectable man of a superior education, who had lately come from London, and with his books, his riches, and a lovely daughter of seventeen, had found a charming retreat on the fertile banks of the Ohio.

The father was walking in a small grove near his house, wetting his steps with his tears, when he was sent for by the dying daughter. With a heavy heart he entered the door of the chamber, which he feared would soon be the entrance of death.

"My dear father, do you love me?" "My child, you know that I love you—that you are more dear to me than all the world besides."

"My dear father, I beg you never again to speak against Jesus of Nazareth!" The father was dumb with astonishment. "I know," continued the dying child, "I know but little about this Jesus, for I was never taught. But I know that he is a Saviour, for he has manifested himself to me since I have been sick, even for the salvation of my soul.

four whom she loved and honored, without seeing or knowing. The first thing the parent did after committing to the earth his last earthly joy, was to procure a New Testament. This he read, and taught by the Spirit from above, is now numbered among the meek and humble followers of the Lamb!

A MISSIONARY FAMILY IN GERMANY.

The Journal of Missions says that there is a small kingdom in the Germanic Confederation, which sends out more missionaries in comparison to its number, than any other land in the world. It is the kingdom of Wirtemberg, (not Wittenberg, for that is a city in Saxony), in the southwest of Germany.

SAILING OF MISSIONARIES.—A reinforcement of the American Missionary Association's Mission at Kau-Mendi, West Africa, sailed from New York on Tuesday, Jan. 30th, in Brig Falmouth, Capt. Hatch, for Sierra Leone.

QUEER POSITION FOR A JURY.—The Jury at Milwaukee, Wis., who found Sherman M. Booth guilty of aiding a fugitive slave to escape, wound up their labors by passing the following resolution:—"Resolved, That while we feel ourselves bound by a solemn oath to perform a most painful duty, in declaring the defendant guilty of the above charge, and thus making him liable to the penalties of a most cruel and odious law, yet, at the same time, in so doing, we declare that he performed a most noble, benevolent, and humane act, and we thus record our condemnation of the Fugitive Slave Law, and earnestly commend him to the clemency of the Court."

REDEEMING A SON.—The Banner of the Cross tells of the following case, related to the editor by a clergyman of Philadelphia. One of his parishioners has a pious son, who had manifested an inclination for the ministry. The father, being satisfied, after mature reflection, that his son was not adapted to it, determined to redeem him; and accordingly deposited in his rector's hands the sum of \$900, for his support and education for three years of any three young men whom he might choose, as likely to exercise the ministry to the glory of God, and the edifying of the church.

A WORKING INSTITUTION.—The Reports made at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Temperance Society, show that the Society, since June last, has sent among the people various tracts and other Temperance documents, equal to twenty-seven millions of large duodecimo pages.

CORRECTION.—A week or two ago we copied from a Troy paper some account of the arrest of a man named Benajah Allen, on the charge of shooting a man named Smith, during the anti-rent excitement in Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

PRICE OF THE "CAROL."—It has been thought best to have only one price for the "Carol," irrespective of the number ordered. Accordingly, thirty-five cents per copy will hereafter be the charge in all cases.

