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MORAL GOVERNMENT AS AFFECTED BY CHRIST'S MEDIATION—NO. 2.

Under the administration of Jesus Christ, to whom all things are committed, (Matt. 11: 27, John 3: 35, 1 Cor. 15: 27.) a new test of moral character is applied to mankind.

The sinner might excuse himself, on the ground that the Law gives no hope of pardon for the past, and will make no allowance for sinful infirmities, however great might be his desire to reform.

But what is the manifestation of moral character which is brought out under this new test? Is it found that the sinner's excuse rests upon any good foundation?

This is an important point gained; it has a very intimate bearing upon the final Judgment. For it is necessary that the Judgment shall not only vindicate the justice of God, but also his patience and mercy.

Since the Judgment is to be a vindication of God's mercy and goodness as illustrated in the Gospel, the execution of it is filly committed to the Mediator.

The Law knows nothing of this method of administration. It teaches responsibility to the Creator—punishment for transgression, and reward for obedience; but it knows no patience—no forbearance—no long suffering.

THE SUNDAY IN FRANCE.—A movement is on foot in France to secure a more general cessation from labor on Sunday. There is a

Central Union in Paris to promote the object, and auxiliary associations are organized in several of the large towns, as Paris, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Lille, and Valenciennes.

LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN.

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matt. 6: 20.

Anxiously and perseveringly as men labor to lay up treasures on earth, in many instances they fail of gaining the desired object.

1st. No man can lay up any thing in heaven, till he repents of all his sins, and trusts in Christ's merits for salvation.

2d. Diligence and perseverance are necessary, in order to "lay up treasures in heaven."

3d. We "lay up treasure in heaven" by obeying all the precepts of God's law, and teaching others to do so.

4th. By enduring and overcoming temptation. Said James, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried,"

5th. By overcoming evil passions, vices, and appetites. Said Jesus, the faithful and true witness, to one of the seven churches of Asia, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, that standeth in the midst of the Paradise of God."

ruptible." If it was necessary to practice the most rigid temperance, in order to hope to obtain a crown of laurels, how much more so to obtain a crown of unfading glory, in the pure kingdom of God!

6th. Christians "lay up treasure in heaven," by enduring suffering, and making sacrifices for Christ's sake.

7th. By ministering, according to our ability, to the wants of the poor, and especially God's poor, do we "lay up treasure in heaven."

8th. Faithful and successful ministers will accumulate immensely large possessions in the kingdom of God.

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REVIVAL IN 3D BROOKFIELD CHURCH.

WEST EDMONSTON, Feb. 25, 1856.

It may be interesting to the friends of Zion, to learn that the Third Brookfield Church has of late enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

CONVERTS TO THE SABBATH.—Bro. Chas. Card writes us from Trounpsburg, Steuben Co., N. Y., that there is considerable inquiry there in regard to the true Sabbath, and that five persons have recently commenced keeping it.

"THE SCISSORS TALENT."

Some editors (says the Watchman and Reflector) indulge in ungracious flings at their neighbors who think the scissors fill an important place in the editorial sanctum.

"A prominent religious sheet on this continent makes known in a variety of ways that it is the largest religious newspaper in the world, and claims support on that account.

The minister of the gospel will soon stand before God in judgment. The poor slave mother and her murdered child will stand by his side.

THE MINISTER NOT TO MIDDLE WITH TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION, & C.

Brother Wheeler has made some excellent suggestions on the "Responsibility of Ministers," in the Recorder of Feb. 14th; and it is to be hoped that our ministerial brethren will profit by them.

Now, if all this means anything, it means this, that the gospel may be preached in all its purity and power, and yet "tyranny and oppression, politics, government measures, civil rights," &c., are to be left unaffected thereby.

These are no hypothetical cases. "Tyranny and oppression" are at this moment doing these deeds of darkness; "government measures" are at this moment carrying out these villainous assaults on Christianity, and enact-

ing in our very midst scenes which might well shame hell. But gospel ministers must not "meddle" with it! The gospel looks complacently on, and sees the poor frantic mother gather up her darling offspring, and start for a land of freedom.

Has the gospel no power to stop all this? Has the minister of the gospel no commission to "meddle" with such "tyranny" and with such "government measures"?

The soil is good, perhaps from one to three or four feet deep. Don't know how deep wells are generally, but think from ten to fifty feet deep, perhaps twenty or thirty on an average.

THE CLINTON COUNTY SETTLEMENT.

MILTON, Wis., Feb. 12, 1856.

I am asked a large number of questions about that point of the country in which a new settlement of Sabbath-keepers is proposed.

The school at Milton, Wis.—A letter from Bro. A. C. Spicer, at Milton, Wis., informs us that the school at that place is in a very prosperous condition.

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you will need them, and they are higher here than in the East. The people in Clinton Co. will do all they can to accommodate friends moving in there.

ANTHONY BURNS.—We have already announced the fact, that Anthony Burns, the fugitive slave whose arrest in Boston made so much noise, after being returned to his master, was purchased, liberated, sent to Obelin to study for the ministry, and refused a letter of dismission and recommendation from the church to which he belonged.

"Resolved, unanimously, That he be excommunicated from the communion and fellowship of this church."

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EXCOMMUNICATION.—The Romish Church, looking upon marriage as a sacrament, regards with horror the subsidence of the relation into a civil contract, solemnized before civil authorities only.

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THE RIGHT SPIRIT.—A Boston correspondent of the New York Observer, alluding to the expected special meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, remarks:—

ORDINATION.—Bro. Joel C. West was ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry, by the imposition of hands, and solemn prayer, and inaugurated pastor of the Seventh-day Baptist Church in Preston, Chenango Co., N. Y., Feb. 24th, 1856.

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