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UNSUITABLE FOR A CHRISTIAN.

A correspondent suggests the importance of "an article on the impropriety of gambling, or buying and selling lottery tickets;" and adds, that "some of the members of our churches have bought and are selling such now, though they get a finger-ring, or a newspaper, between them and the law."

Something like a year ago, we were prompted to say a few words on this subject, as it was told us that professors of religion were, in some instances, guilty in the matter.

Certainly, argument is not needed to show the dishonesty of lottery speculations, as well as of all other forms of gambling.

Say, reader, did you ever consider the import of this language of the Apostle? It teaches, that to give to the needy is making the right use of what Providence bestows upon us.

With this passage of the Apostle before us, we could not resort to gambling, even in the form of buying and selling lottery tickets, for the sake of having something to give to the poor, or for building a church, or for raising missionary money, or for endowing a hospital, or for any other purpose, however benevolent.

We are not sure that we understand our correspondent's language about "a finger-ring, or a newspaper, between them and the law;" but we have a suspicion that he alludes to the Gift Enterprise, or that contrivance by which the proprietor of a picture, a show, or something else which he wishes to sell, induces people to venture the hazard to obtain it;

We append the following form of prayer for the use of the money-loving professor: "O Lord, thou hast told me to take heed and beware of covetousness; and, having food and raiment, to be therewith content. Thou hast required me to seek the kingdom of God first; and I have pledged myself, in most solemn covenant, to do so.

What harmonizes with, what detracts from, the dignity of our natures? How shall we guard and develop this spiritual worthiness?

From a due appreciation of these great and all-pervading truths, there will naturally arise a proper self-respect, pervaded and modified by a due respect for every human being—for humanity as such.

Let us be ever pervaded by the idea, that we are in the presence of an all-pervading spiritual presence, the creator and preserver of all other spiritualities, to whom they all sustain intimate and individual relations.

SPIRITUAL DIGNITY.

The dignity, the grandeur, of spirit, in its essence, its relations, and its destiny, is a subject truly worthy of a few passing thoughts.

There is beauty and grandeur and sublimity in the material world, but not like unto that in the spiritual world.

There is glory in a quiet sunset scene, as the sun leaves the sky flecked with golden clouds, and fills all nature with a subdued gladness; but it is not like the glory of a spirit that has shed a radiance along its pathway on earth, and now is about to take its departure for brighter worlds.

There is grandeur in the eagle, as he spreads his pinions to "Rise through tempest—shrouded air. All thick and dark, with wild winds swelling, To brave the lightning's lurid glare And talk with thunderbolts in their dwelling."

There is grandeur in the desert of God—through whose courts and corridors, dark spirits, elf-born, fit and beat about, bat-like—satyrs peep and rail and dance there—and vultures and cormorants hover there.

The essential element of spirit far transcends in nobility that of matter. In its powers, it is noble. In its relations, it is noble, being connected to all other created spirits, and to the all-creative, the all-pervading Spirit.

If there is, indeed, this dignity, this grandeur of our spiritual being, the inquiry arises, what are we to do in view of the premises? What harmonizes with, what detracts from,

We reply, there must be a distinct and full realization and appreciation of the worth of spirit, as spirit. It is necessary that we be fully impressed with the great truth, that our spirits far transcend in dignity and majesty the whole material universe.

All intemperance, in whatsoever form it may appear—all avarice—all peevishness, complaining, and fretting, and scolding—all frivolity and nonsense—is not only insulting to humanity; but it is also degrading, brutifying, and multiplying to the agent.

In short, beauty, truth, and goodness, united in full and ample and harmonious proportions, lie at the foundation and give true dignity of spirit.

THE WEST.

In looking at the West as a field for missionary effort, the influence of emigration should claim our attention as a consideration of paramount importance.

Again, were such a system of emigration practicable, would it be advisable or desirable? Would it best subserve the cause of truth? True, it might be more convenient, and minister more to the ease and comfort of the settlers; but is it for this that the Christian lives? Is it for this that he should labor?

Again, pure honest-mindedness is another requisite of true spiritual dignity. All duplicity, and double dealing, and double ends—all trimming, and time-serving, and Janus-facedness, and deception, and fraud, and falsehood, are degrading to our humanity.

Did you ever, for instance, meet a wire-working, log-rolling politician? If so, did you not feel that he was a degraded being? Did your souls not despise him, abhor him? Did you ever meet the man who tried to influence you by special pleadings—to gain you to his cause by sophisms?

After the reception of reports from the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and General Agent, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the reports of Special Committees, appointed at its session at Leonardsville, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1855.

THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Executive Board of the Seventh-day Baptist Education Society held a Quarterly Meeting on the 8th and 9th inst., at the house of T. B. Stillman, No. 80 Seventh-st., New York.

The following members were present: T. B. Stillman, Geo. Greenman, Lucius Crandall, N. V. Hull, J. M. Allen, Geo. B. Utter, Jas. Bailey, W. B. Gillette, A. D. Tisworth, David Dinn, H. H. Baker, and W. C. Whitford.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the question of College location, would respectfully submit the following report: The Committee entered upon the discharge of its duties, having a general line of proceedings marked out by the previous action of the General Conference upon the same subject.

may realize something of spiritual dignity; we may feel something of our own individual worthiness—our responsibility; we may have great honesty of purpose; yet we may have no self-control—no power to resist temptation—no manliness in adversity and affliction.

The general sentiment seems, by the votes cast upon the subject, to be in favor of Alfred as the preferable place of location. Your Committee, after maturely considering the subject, in their opinion, find this prevailing sentiment justified by the following considerations:

1. That at Alfred there is a well-established school in respect to its hold on the public confidence and patronage, and possessing many facilities for study, such as buildings, apparatus, teachers, &c.

2. That in the surrounding country are various churches of our Denomination, to which the Institution may be of great use, and from which it may derive support.

3. That the location is easy of access from different parts of the country, being on the line of the New York and Erie Railroad.

4. That the location is favorable to health, and one where the cost of living will be comparatively light.

5. That it is a region not preoccupied by any Institution of the kind proposed, though as capable of affording support to such an one as other sections of the country where similar institutions flourish.

6. That being a retired and rural district, it is favorable both to study and morals.

We therefore report in favor of locating the proposed Institution at Alfred Center, provided the Trustees of Alfred Academy, after freeing it from all indebtedness, will donate to the Seventh-day Baptist Education Society one undivided half of their corporate property, and provided, also, that the Western Association will raise at least fifteen thousand dollars for the permanent fund of the Education Society.

This report, after a full and thorough consideration, was unanimously adopted. The Committee to consider the question at what time the interest on the several subscriptions shall commence, and what shall be the amount on which each subscriber shall be expected to pay interest, reported a recommendation, that new subscriptions be made in place of the old ones. The report was adopted.

On motion, a Committee of five, consisting of N. V. Hull, L. Crandall, W. B. Gillette, T. B. Stillman, and Jas. Bailey were appointed to nominate the Faculty of the Institution.

On motion, it was voted, first, that subscriptions for the permanent fund of the Education Society in the Western Association, shall commence to draw interest when the conditions of location shall be complied with; secondly, that subscriptions obtained in other Associations shall commence to draw interest at the next Annual Meeting; and thirdly, that all subscriptions obtained after the Annual Meeting shall commence to draw interest at their date.

Conference had caused an expression of the opinion of the Denomination to be taken in reference to a location, which expression, though not as full and complete as the importance of the subject would seem to demand, yet your Committee recognize in it a general concurrent sentiment worthy of respectful consideration.

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The Board adjourned to meet at Plainfield, N. J., on the second First-day in July next. W. C. WHITFORD, Rec. Sec.

AN EXAMPLE OF LIBERALITY.—The following incident, from the Banner of the Cross, illustrates the highest style of liberality:—"A Christian traveler relates that he attended upon the service of a Protestant church, on Easter Sunday, in the city of Lyons.

RELIGIOUS TOLERATION IN TURKEY.—The London correspondent of the National Intelligencer informs us that "the firman has been read in one or two other cities, and promulgated in the presence of the ecclesiastical, civil, and military dignitaries.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. Dr. A. Wayland, of Clark County, Mo., a prominent elder in the Presbyterian Church, proposes to endow a Professorship in Westminster College.

It is proposed to raise an additional endowment of \$150,000 for Andover Theological Institution. This, says a correspondent of the Evangelist, is found necessary from the increased cost of living.

The American Baptist Missionary Union holds its coming annual meeting in the meeting-house of the Oliver Street Baptist church, New York, on Thursday, May 15th, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

A Washington correspondent of the Pennsylvania says:—"I have every reason to believe that the Senate will subscribe for ten thousand copies of Dr. Kane's forthcoming work, and then convey to the distinguished explorer the delicate and only compliment desired by him from his country.

The donations to the treasury of the American Baptist Missionary Union, in the month of March, amounted to thirty-seven thousand dollars. This makes the aggregate for the year, including amount paid for liquidation of debt, about one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

The Methodist Tract Society are about to publish a monthly paper, beginning in April, entitled "Good News," to be edited by the Corresponding Secretary. It will include four large pages, beautifully illustrated, and be sold very cheap.

Singularly enough, the law of Sweden allows freedom of the press, while it denies freedom of speech. The efforts of Christians are thus mainly directed to the formation of Tract Societies, and the circulation of religious periodicals.

Among the passengers in the steamer Canada, which sailed last week for Liverpool, are the Rev. William Butler, wife and two children. Mr. Butler goes out to India as the representative of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

A Convention of the Baptists of the South or Southwest, is to meet in Augusta, Ga., in April, to consider the question of establishing a great central Theological School for that denomination in the South.

The first sheet of Dr. Sprague's Biography of Distinguished Ministers, on which he has spent years of labor, has been put to press. The work is to be published by the Messrs. Carter, of New York, and will be looked for with much interest.

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