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MANNER IN WHICH DIVINE TRUTH IS REVEALED.

Every one has observed that doctrinal truth, instead of being stated, in the Scriptures, in a systematic form, is presented incidentally.

Some have from this derived an argument against the use of Creeds and Systems of Divinity, maintaining that the Holy Spirit would have furnished some formula of doctrine for the churches, if it were right to have any.

In regard to the manner in which the Scriptures communicate divine truth, there must be some reason for it, whether we can tell what it is, or not.

The sum of all theology would, therefore, seem to be the knowledge of that covenant, by which sinners are saved.

A little farther observation will show, that the development could not well be other than historical.

On the whole, the communication of divine truth in the peculiar manner characteristic of the Scriptures, seems to be a matter of necessity, growing out of the covenant form in which God reveals himself to his people.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.

The time hastens when our Associations will convene, to deliberate upon the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Association may look for an increase in the number of its churches, upon the same principle that the church looks for an increase in the number of its members.

Who would not anticipate our annual gatherings as missionary meetings, and feel, as they go, that they are going up to Jerusalem to meet the Lord of Hosts, assured that He will pour out His Spirit upon us, while we are all of one accord in one place?

WHY ANXIOUS TO BE RICH?

Perhaps few have any justifiable reason to give for the absorbing desire for wealth which characterizes both the church and the world.

We have no wish for a place among the classes of money-cravers above mentioned.

Very few among the first class, if God allows them to get rich, prove so benevolent. It may be that riches have eaten up, like a canker-worm, the good intentions or pretension of their hearts, and wealth obtained and increased has made them less generous, and increasingly so, until all that is given for any good cause—the cause of Christ not excepted—is given with a niggardly hand and an unwelcome heart.

As to those who are anxious to acquire riches for their families, however they may be prompted by parental affection, perhaps no greater mistake can be made, of a temporal kind, spiritually considered.

The person who belongs to the third class of money-cravers and obtainers, is almost too contemptible for remark. Shall we style him a man, or even human? Is he not too low in the scale of intelligences to own as our fellow?

In regard to the man who aims at wealth as a source of enjoyment and gratification, and expects to find in its possession satisfaction to his soul, his soul must be a very little one, if he realizes his expectations.

COME HEAVEN, and fill my vast desires; My soul, pursue the sovereign good; She has all made of heavenly fire, Nor can she live on meager food.

SALEM, N. J. GEO. R. WHEELER.

"SELF-DEFENSE."

In reply to the queries of "One of the Subscribers," upon my article headed "Jehuiism," I would suggest, that he write over his own signature, that we may know who it is that we are to answer.

1. "Does the writer regard the Old Testament doctrines abolished?" I answer, Most assuredly, yes, if they conflict with the teaching of Christ.

2. "Does he (S. S. G.) deny that all men are born with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?" I do not. But what then? Does that give me the right to kill mine enemy, and bury him in the sand, as Moses did? Or am I to die praying for him, as Christ did? I pause for a reply.

Stephen pray for them. What does my opponent suppose Christ would have done in a similar case?

4. "Suppose 50,000 Indians from the Rocky Mountains," &c. I believe it would be murder in the first degree.

OUR YOUTH—WHY DO THEY APOSTATIZE?

It has long been a matter of reflection and inquiry, especially in our denomination, why our young men should be so subject to apostasy.

For every effect there must be a cause; and it is the duty of every individual, on learning of the presence of a moral evil, to seek, first the cause, then the remedy.

With respect to the subject in question, the cause, or causes, at the foundation of this apostasy, perhaps, may not be definitely known.

THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.—A Prussian correspondent of the London Christian Times, writing of the German Baptists, says:

"The only really free churches we have are the Baptists. Without belonging to them, I highly esteem and love them, as the only representatives of religious liberty, and the only Associations where the spiritual gifts of laymen are cultivated.

THE SUNDAY LAW.—The last attempt of which we have heard to take advantage of the Sunday Law, was before the Court of Common Pleas in New York, in the case of Joseph Nathan vs William Welsh.

THE PASSOVER OF THE JEWS occurred last week, and was observed with the usual ceremonies by those residing in New York.

great majority of us were never trained at all! We are sent forth to do the most difficult work in the world, to address large bodies of men in a popular style, about the most important of all subjects, the salvation of their souls.

DAMASCUS.—Rev. J. L. Porter, an Irish Presbyterian missionary, stationed at Damascus, gives the following description of the city so memorable in Scripture history:

"Graceful minarets and swelling domes, surmounted by gilded crescents, rise up in every direction from the confused mass of terraced roofs, while in some places their glittering tops just appear above the deep green foliage, like diamonds in the midst of emeralds.

COSTLY BIBLE.—At a recent sale in England of the library of a deceased gentleman named John Albison, of Boston, a Bible was sold which cost originally, with the oak cabinet containing it, the sum of four thousand guineas.

THE ELKTON (Ky.) Banner says that the will of L. B. Leavelle, deceased, one of the wealthiest citizens of our country, was recorded on Monday last.

THE CHARLESTON (Va.) Advocate learns that by the will of the late Capt. Jos. Terrill, who died in this place last Tuesday, eighty or ninety very valuable free negroes are emancipated, and ample provision made for their removal to Liberia, or to some one of the free States.

OF eighty clergymen who died in the year 1855, one-half had passed "three scores and ten," thus confirming the generally received opinion of statisticians that "theologians are the longest lived of all the members of the human family."

THE PEOPLE OF LEONARDVILLE, Madison Co., N. Y., are making an effort to raise \$400 for the purpose of affording a Bell and Town Clock on the Seventh-day Baptist meeting-house.

SENSIBLE ADVICE.—A man does not need to live long in New York to learn that many of his friends in the country wish they were with him in the city.

"We have no fanatical preference for farming over other pursuits; he who has a good trade and can find work thereat should follow it; but let him not hang about the great overcrowded cities in idle quest of it, and hold up his dish for soup next Winter because a million of people cannot find work on a few square miles of paving-stones.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS.—The next annual meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Eastern Association is to be held with the Church in Shiloh, N. J., commencing on Fifth-day, May 22d.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

A number of young men of the Roman Catholic churches in New York and Brooklyn held several meetings, a few weeks since, to organize an association for mutual improvement, supposing not only that they had a right to form such a union, but also that there would be nothing wrong or wicked in the enterprise.

THE RECEIPTS OF THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY for the financial year ending April 1st, were \$193,544 37—exceeding the receipts of the preceding year by \$13,411 63.

A correspondent of the Presbyterian Herald is authorized by a gentleman who headed the first subscription for Danville Seminary with \$1000, to say that he will be one of fifty to give \$500 for the purpose of endowing another Professorship, the subscription to be filled up within one year; and that he will be one of thirty persons to pay to the Institution fifty dollars per annum for five years to employ another Professor.

A correspondent of the Independent, writing from Jerseyville, Ill., says: "The Presbyterian church here is enjoying a very precious revival. Over sixty have attended our inquiry meetings, most of whom are now indulging hope in Christ.

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THE TREASURY OF THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION was, during the month of March, replenished beyond expectation.

THE CHURCH ON LEE-AVENUE, Brooklyn, has been enjoying a revival. Twenty-six were recently added to that infant church on confession, the majority of whom were connected with the Sabbath-school.

REV. DR. SMITH, of Connecticut, who is rapidly traveling on towards ninety, preached at the Capitol lately for Rev. Chaplain Waldo, aged ninety-four. It would be difficult to say which is the most alert of the two.

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