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Sabbath Controversy.

The life of Constantine was fruitful of schemes for the advancement of unity in faith among the "Bishops" and "Clergy" of the "Apostolic Church."

The worship of Nebuchadnezzar's image must be uniform throughout the Empire, and the chosen people and prophets of the Most High must bow down "at one and the same time," as the Christians under Constantine's administration must do when the "times and seasons" were changed from the periods which God had designated in his word.

But Constantine lived, and "made his mark" in the world too, yet uniformity was not wholly secured. Other Emperors arose and called councils to suppress discussion on the doctrines of Christianity.

Enomius was exiled by Theodosius because he raised private meetings or conventicles in Constantinople, and advocated the principle of equal rights, and allowed every one to embrace what doctrine of Christianity he pleased.

The time of celebrating the Feast of Easter was a constant topic of discussion in the Church. One Bishop would celebrate it on the Jewish time and another on the Roman time.

Sabbatius, a Bishop of that time, it was said, contrary to the will of the Council of Nice, observed the Feast of Easter on Saturday though he went to church the next day to celebrate the "Mysteries."

The following is extracted from Socrates, to show the mode of reasoning at the time he wrote, on the questions then most prominent before the people: "The present seems a fit opportunity to speak of Easter. For neither had the elders of old, nor the Fathers of late days, which formed the Jewish custom, sufficient cause so eagerly to contend about the feast of Easter, for they did not seriously consider that when the Jewish forms and figures were translated into Christian faith, that the literal observation of Moses' Law, and the types of things to come, wholly vanished away!

Apostles nor the Evangelists press the Christians with the yoke of bondage and servitude. For they left the remembrances of the Feast of Easter, and the observation of other holidays, to the free choice and discretion of those who had been benefited by such days.

I am of opinion that as many other things crept in of custom, in sundry places; so the Feast of Easter, prevailed among all people of a private custom and observation, in as much as not one of the Apostles, hath any where prescribed to any man, so much as one rule of it, and events have manifestly declared unto the world, that of old time it was observed not by canon but of custom.

Our readers will observe by the above argument of Socrates, how the weekly Sabbath must have been introduced at that period in the obscurity and mystery of Jewish ordinances, and how easily the mistake could have been made by the Fathers of including the Sabbath with Holidays in a general classification of repealed or expired Laws.

Dr. Tyng on the Sabbath.

Rev. Dr. Tyng in his ramblings abroad, has been lecturing in Paris, and according to his testimony in the Protestant Churchman here—Sodom and Gomorrah, in their worst days, could not have surpassed modern Paris.

The Doctor goes to the Champs Elysees: "I thought it wise to let my boys see for themselves how Paris keeps the Sabbath, that they might judge of the comparative worth of its observance and neglect. I walked with them through the Champs D'Elysee, where was every conceivable variety of amusement and riot, high and low, from the most gorgeous display of singing women on stages surrounded by immense plate glass, except in front, down to the lowest and vilest of the mountebank theatres. Every species of gambling seemed to be collected there.

Yes, Dr. Tyng, there is no happier way to pass the Sabbath, "than God's own way." Let it be on God's OWN DAY, and the nearer we could come to that—the happier the day would be." It was a holy, happy day with saints, and martyrs of old. Our fathers also, found it so, when they looked upon the enslaved multitude, under the yoke of Roman Papal bondage, with its multitude of human festivals, and remembered that Sabbath day and kept it holy.

A remarkable instance of self-possession of a professional gentleman of this city. He was sailing Sunday when a gale arose, and he being frightened, took to the shore, saying "It wasn't the being drowned that he feared so much as the looks of the thing in print, 'Drowned Sunday.'" [Madison (Wis.) Fireside.]

This reminds us of a remark made by one of our neighbors, a short time since, while speaking of people who profess to "keep" Sunday, going down the river on pleasure excursions on that day. "It would be very pleasant," he said, "to take a carriage early on Sunday morning and go to Watch Hill and spend the day; but to sail down the river with everybody looking at him was a little more than he could bear." [Westerly Echo.]

Missionary Department.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Society will be held in Plainfield, New Jersey, on the 10th of Sept. We offer a few suggestions relative to it.

It is the time of the annual contributions in aid of the operations of the Board. The churches and individuals that are behind in their contributions should improve the remaining time to make up what the cause of Missions demand at their hands.

The highest yearly amount contributed by our churches has averaged only about thirty cents for each church member. In some of the churches the amount has been much greater; in others it has been less.

There are few, if any, in our churches who could not easily give their thirty cents a year. There are few who could not increase it ten-fold—to three dollars a year. There are many who could increase it one hundred fold—to thirty dollars—and do no more than a Christian act.

But there is time yet to make up a liberal contribution before the annual meeting, and thus show that we are a Mission-loving people, and are doing liberally to send the Gospel to perishing souls.

The Annual Report of the Board will be read, in which will be set forth their doings, and the condition of all our Missions, accompanied by such suggestions for the future operations of the Society as may be thought proper. It is very important that all our churches should be represented on that occasion.

The general representation of the denomination will serve to develop the views of all, and harmonize the diversity of views that may exist. We shall then be agreed. The Board and Society, and all interested, will be prepared to work together. The annual meeting is always an occasion of interest.

Ministers who have been laboring in their vocation through the year, need just the change that this would give them. The journey, the vacation from their toilsome labor, the fraternal intercourse with their fellow laborers, are all needed to prepare them for more vigorous and effectual labors at home.

We look with hope for the presence of Bro. Gardner. His return from a toilsome ten years' service in a Pagan land, will impart a new interest to the meeting. His experience, his knowledge of the wants of the Mission, and of the condition of the heathen, will enable him to do more than others to make the occasion a profitable one.

closet, come together to pray for it, and to consecrate it anew to God.

DEATH OF MRS. RANNEY.—A letter from the Rev. E. A. Stevens, dated Rangoon, May 6th, received at Boston, states that Mrs. Maria Ranney, formerly of this city, and wife of Thomas S. Ranney, formerly junior editor of the Eagle, died at that place on the 26th of April.

Mrs. Ranney left this place for the Baptist mission in Burmah with her husband, who went out as a mission printer, in November, 1843, and after remaining there ten years, engaged with a mission school, returned for her health. After a stay of over two years in which she obtained but little benefit, she returned in June, 1856, to Rangoon, where she arrived in December last, and resided over four months, previous to her death. She was thoroughly devoted to the mission cause, and never wanting in zeal while she had strength to act.

Communications.

The want of Moral Principle the Feature of the Age.

We are a full believer in the depravity of the human heart. If human consciousness and the unquestioned statements of history are to be received in evidence upon this point it would seem that the question of the universality of human sinfulness is beyond debate. There are, however, times in the world's history when great questions either of political concern or of Religious reform develop the fact that there are, deep-seated in the human soul certain, imperishable principles of right, struggling for the supremacy.

The productions of the students were mainly well written and well presented. Some of them are deserving special commendation, for their elevated thought and religious sentiment. Most of the orations by the gentlemen evinced a careful study of subjects discussed, which in some cases demanded quite extensive reading.

The school has during the past year enjoyed usual prosperity. There have attended in that time two hundred and sixteen students. Its friends were never more determined to use every effort to secure a large patronage. There is the need of better accommodations for rooming and boarding. Measures have already been taken toward erecting and furnishing in a short time a suitable building to be rented to students.

but like scholars in the lower class, we must arrive at a certain point to be moved higher. We have so much time allowed us by way of preparation, known only to our Maker, and the mind must be trained in it for futurity. Divine knowledge and moral excellence must be possessed by us here, and if destitute of both, it will be an awful future to us.

Rev. Henry L. Edwards, formerly of Southampton, who has for the past two years been supplying the pulpits of the Congregational church in South Abington, Mass., was ordained pastor of that church on the 14th ult.

Anniversary of Milton Academy.

This Institution held its Anniversary exercises in a grove near the village of Milton, Wis., on the afternoon of the 8th of July. The attendance was large, notwithstanding the day was very warm.

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Be FRANK AND DETERMINED.—Never affect to be other than what you are. Learn to say, "I do not know," and "I cannot afford it," with most sonorous distinctness and emphasis. Men will then believe you when you say "I do know," and "I can afford it."

Religious Intelligence.

Rev. Joel Mann, of Kingston, R. I., has accepted a call to settle with the Congregational church at Hanover Four Corners, Mass.

Rev. Thomas Hume, pastor of the Fourth street Baptist church of Portsmouth, has been appointed President of Chesapeake Female College, near Hampton, Va.

Rev. John Cunningham, formerly of Penn Yan, was installed pastor of the Congregational church at Gainesville, Wyoming county, N. Y., on the 21st ult.

Rev. Lydia Jenkins, of Port Byron, N. Y., has commenced preaching, after a regular course of study, and is now fully entitled to the appellation of "Reverend."

Mr. R. T. Drake was ordained by the Presbytery of Des Moines, and installed pastor of the church of Des Moines, Iowa, on the 14th of June.

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A new Methodist Episcopal church was dedicated on the 29th ult., at New Providence, Union county, N. J. The services were conducted by Bishop Scott, assisted by about twenty other clergymen.

A letter from Bennington, Vt., informs us that Eld. W. Lincoln, late pastor of the Baptist Church in Chicopee, Mass., has taken the pastoral charge of the Baptist church in Bennington.

Rev. Alden Sherwin resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Natick, R. I., to accept the call of the High street Baptist church, Pawtucket, R. I., and has already entered upon the duties of his office at the latter place.

Mr. William L. Moore, late of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., was ordained by the Presbytery of Luzerne, Pa., and installed pastor of the Wyoming congregation on Wednesday evening, July 22d.

We are reliably informed, says the Christian Times, that Rev. E. Gunn, for many years the efficient pastor of the Baptist church at Keokuk, Iowa, has been elected president of Iowa Central University at Pella. It is said that he carries with him an endowment amounting to \$50,000.

Dr. S. E. Shepard, late pastor of the Seventeenth street Disciples church, in New York city, has sailed for Europe, to be absent from one to two years. He left in the steamer Atlantic, August 1st, in company with A. C. Bullett, Esq., of Louisville, and other friends. During his absence, Dr. Shepard is expected to visit Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Egypt, Palestine, and perhaps some other countries of the old world.

THE FORTHCOMING ASSEMBLY OF PROTESTANTS AT BERLIN.—Berlin, July 16th, 1857. The Berlin committee of the Evangelical Alliance is not behindhand in making its preparations for the forthcoming assembly of Protestant Christians in this city.

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All Christian denominations are requested to send deputations to the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in Berlin, on the 10th of September. Obstacles to the conversion of the Jews will be considered.

CHURCH BUILDING IN NEW-YORK.—The American Presbyterian says the rage for church building is very great this season. On the Fifth Avenue, near 48th street, the Dutch Reformed Church is about to erect a new white marble church on a bit of land costing \$120,000.

General Intelligence.

1000 Rev. Mr. Thompson, of the Tabernacle church of white marble, which will cost \$120,000. On the Fourth Avenue, the Methodists are to erect a magnificent church, and they go for white marble, with the best. They have just sold their house in Mulberry street, and "go up town." This church will have a steeple 200 feet high. The Baptists are to build and elegant church on Eighth Avenue and 43d street. This will be composed of brown stone and iron. And the Catholics, under the lead of Archbishop Hughes, are to put up, on Fifth Avenue and 51st street, one of the most magnificent churches in the city.

THE CHURCH MUSIC QUESTION.—The recent agitation of the subject of church-singing is not likely to end in mere words. Some of the leading writers in the churches have become aroused in behalf of the good work. Many of the warm-hearted of the congregation, who had well-nigh despaired of any reform movement in their day have begun to hope again. Already we see it announced by one of the largest publishing establishments in the world, that the people are soon to have the good old tunes, which all know so well, duly arranged with the hymns to be sung in the congregations. We trust, as we stated in a former article, that the hymns will not be changed—none abbreviated, none omitted, none added. Simply give us one important work of reform will soon begin to show its good fruits in all parts of the country. In the meantime let the people put on their singing coats again, and get ready to enjoy the privilege which, we hope, will ere long open upon them. Let our church choirs also, as well as the people generally, get ready for the reform, and make all their future arrangements with reference to its consummation.—[Buff. Adv.]

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.—The call for the proposed convocation of Temperance Clergymen of this State has been prepared, and will be put into circulation for signatures in a day or two. The Conference, it will be borne in mind, is to be held in this city, on the 10th of September. It will no doubt prove one of the most important Temperance gatherings ever convened in this country, and will pave the way for the speedy holding of a National Ministerial Temperance Conference.

THE CHINESE FLEET.—The Chinese fleet was destroyed by the British in two severe engagements. The Chinese fought their guns with unexampled constancy. The British had 85 men killed and wounded, Major Kearney being among the former. All was quiet in the northern part of the Empire.

THE LONDON TIMES.—The London Times remarks, that "as Canton is now in the power of Britain there seems no substantial reason why mere proof of this should not obtain for England all the objects of the expedition without further bloodshed or military operations."

THE NEW COMET.—At the sitting of the French Academy of Sciences on the 6th, M. Verrier confirmed the detail already given of the appearance of the new comet. It was noticed at the Paris observatory on the night of the 23d of June, by M. Denj, but had been detected by a Berlin astronomer on the 22d. Its position is in the constellation of Perseus. From observations made by M. Yvon Villarceau, the orbit of the new celestial visitor had been calculated. It appears to be approaching the earth so rapidly that it will soon present a fine object to the naked eye.

General Intelligence.

From Europe.

The steamer Indian from Liverpool 29th ult. arrived at Quebec on the 9th inst.

The mutiny in the Bengal army had increased. The insurgents still held Delhi. Several of their sorties had been repulsed. The British were awaiting reinforcements.

Baron Rothschild was returned to Parliament for London without opposition.

A spicy debate in the House of Commons originated by Disraeli, resulting in an address to the Queen, promising every support to the government in the Indian difficulties.

Ledru Rollin and others had indignantly denounced the charges contained in the Monitor that they were engaged in the recent conspiracy.

The mutiny in India was spreading among the troops in the Bengal army.

The ex-King of Oude had been arrested and imprisoned, together with his minister, proof of their complicity in the revolt having been obtained.

Gen. Barnard repulsed several sorties from Delhi, with severe loss to the insurgents. He was awaiting re-enforcements to storm the city.

From Madras it was positively stated that Delhi was captured, but the intelligence was regarded as premature.

The native troops of Calcutta and Barrackpore had been disbanded.

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ARREST OF MRS. CUNNINGHAM.—Mrs. Cunningham is again under arrest for a felony, endeavoring to pass off a spurious infant as the offspring of her pretended marriage with Dr. Burdell and the heir to his estate.

MISS DIX, THE PHILANTHROPIST.—The following statement, relating to our benevolent country-woman, is copied from the London Illustrated News of June 13th:

MISS DIX, of the United States, who has taken so admirable a part in forcing the state of the Scotch lunatics upon public notice, appears to be a person of extraordinary devotion to her sense of duty.

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THE BIG SIOUX RIVER NAVIGABLE.—The Big Sioux River forms the boundary between the unorganized territory of Dacotah, the State of Iowa, and the new State of Minnesota.

A CHILD DROWNED BY AN INSANE GIRL.—A sad tragedy occurred at the Poor-House, Tamworth, N. H., on Sunday, as we learn from the Manchester Mirror.

THE FREMONT TITLE.—An important mining suit has just been tried in Mariposa county, between parties holding a mining claim by virtue of discovery upon the Fremont grant, and the agents of Col. Fremont.

BRIDGING THE HUDSON.—Judge Nelson's written opinion on the application of R. D. Silliman, of Troy, to restrain the Hudson River Bridge Company from building their bridge at Albany, under the Act of the Legislature of this State in 1856, has been given.

FREE STATE MEN BUYING UP MISSOURI.—The St. Louis Democrat of 22d ult. says: "The sales of public lands in this district, within the last sixty days, have reached 400,000 acres—entirely almost exclusively by persons from the free States—Ohio, Pennsylvania being largely represented among the purchasers.

A CHEAP BAROMETER.—Take a clean glass bottle, and put it in a small quantity of finely pulverized alum. Then fill up the bottle with spirits of wine. The alum will be perfectly dissolved by the alcohol, and in clear weather the liquor will be as transparent as the purest water.

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AMUSING ANECDOTE OF MR. SUMNER.—Bayard Taylor, writing from London, by the Asia, relates the following incident in his last letter to the Tribune:

"Mr. Sumner is here, at Maurigy's hotel, in Regent street. I have not yet seen him, but some friends tell me he is looking very well. No American has ever been more popular in England than Mr. Sumner, and he is at present floating on the top wave of London society."

AN UNTRIPPED PRIEST.—An Austrian priest named Braun, who had been excommunicated for refusing to read the papal bull in regard to the dogma of the immaculate conception, has published a book charging all who maintain it, including the pope, with heresy, and asserting that there are thousands of priests who would unite with him if they dared.

FALL OF SUGARS.—The New York Evening Post states that there has been a fall of 1 1/2c per pound on the general qualities of sugar, and the market remains depressed.

Here is a picture of Sunday life in Chicago, furnished by the Daily Times of that city: "Here in Chicago, on Sunday, we have fifty-three churches open during the forenoon and evening; but at the same time there are no less than eighty ball rooms, in each of which the band plays from morning to midnight, and waiting goes on without intermission."

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

NORTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION. The Eleventh Anniversary of this Association will be held with the Church in Christiana, Dane Co., Wis., commencing on Fifth-day before the first Sabbath in October next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

LETTERS.

Henry O. Crumb, DeRuyter, Geo. R. Wheeler, Geo. B. Utter, W. C. Whitford, Wm. F. Randolph, N. V. Hall, J. P. Hunter, (will be acknowledged hereafter), D. P. Curtis, T. B. Stillman.

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MARRIAGES.

On Sunday, August 1st in the First Baptist Church of Plainfield N. J. by Rev. S. J. Drake, Mr. Charles Frazier, and Miss Sophy Eyceman, all of Plainfield.

DEATHS.

At Pine Grove, May 31st, in the 39th year of his age, Ordo P. Gray.  
Mr. G. was brought up in the observance of the First day of the week. In early life, he made a profession of religion, and connected himself to the First Baptist Church, but possessing an active and independent mind, he soon became concerned about the true Sabbath—embraced it, and united with the Sunday Baptist Church at Huguenot River.

Alfred Academy. A First Class Mathematical, Scientific and Classical Seminary. Board of Instruction. W. C. KNYON, A. M., Prof. of Mathematics and English Literature. D. J. PICKETT, A. M., Prof. of Modern Languages. Rev. D. E. MARSON, A. M., Prof. of Natural History and Rhetoric. J. ALLEN, A. M., Prof. of History and Metaphysics. D. FORD, A. M., Prof. of Greek and Agricultural Chemistry.

Miscellaneous.

The Meeting Place.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.

Where the faded flower shall freshen— Freshen never more to fade; Where the faded sky shall brighten— Brighten never more to shade;

Where a blasted world shall brighten Underneath a bluer sphere. And a softer, gentler sunshine Sheds its healing splendor there;

The Blacksmith of Regenbach.

In the Principality of Hohemlohe, now a part of the kingdom of Wirtemberg, is a village called Regenbach, where, about 20 years ago, the following event took place:

And firmest from his whole stock. He then, with his own hands, welded it upon his own limbs, and around the anvil firmly.

The dying Beer-Seller. 'TIS NOT THIS A BRAND PLUCKED FROM THE BURNING?

Getting use to it by Degrees. Somewhere about here, writes a Southern correspondent, lives a small farmer of such social habits, that his coming home intoxicated was once no unusual thing.

The Artesian Well in Munich. A correspondent of the Monitor de l'Armee, a military French journal, gives an interesting account of the finding water in boring an artesian well in the desert, by French engineers in Algeria.

An Unusual Wedding Scene. Some time since, six young gentlemen bid farewell to the ladies who had won their hearts and Scotland's blooming heather, and sought the shores of America, in hope of being enabled the better to prepare for wedded life.

Laziness. Laziness is a bad disease, and like many other kinds is often self-imposed. In the case of many individuals it is an inherited malady, and consequently hard to oust from the system.

Angry Words. There is nothing that sounds so harsh, so grating, they thrill the nerves, pain the heart, awaken bitter emotions in the breast; they cause the eye to flash, the cheek to glow, and they bring a stinging reprimand reply to the tongue.

A Thrilling Incident. Returning from a visit in New Orleans, we were fortunate enough to secure passage in a line steamer, with but few passengers.

Condition of China. China suffers at once three great evils—civil war, famine and foreign invasion. The famine prevailing in all parts of the Celestial Empire, at last dates, is described as exceeding all that the oldest men living have witnessed.

Condition of France. In the middle ages of France a person convicted of being a calumniator was condemned to place himself on all fours, and bark like a dog for a quarter of an hour.

Agricultural Department. Farm Work for August. From May to September are the farmer's months, emphatically. No one of all the annual round presents any time for idleness, but during those indicated, the work of the farmer is constantly treading on his heels, and if he does not push ahead with vigor, he will soon find it traveling right over him.

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