



The Sabbath Recorder.

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It is expected that Eld. W. B. Maxson, and E. Lyon will be present at the General Conference...

The Abyssinian Church.

The ill-success which attended the first missionary efforts of the Jesuits, seemed to chill their ardor, and for a considerable time they remained inactive...

When the report of this catastrophe reached Goa, then the head-quarters of the missions in India, two other priests, Abraham de Georgy, a Maronite Jesuit, and a young Abyssinian, were appointed for this service...

Don Alexis de Menezes, then archbishop of Goa, had already succeeded in pushing his religious conquests along the coast of Malabar. A blot, however, of the deepest dye must forever remain upon his victories...

The zeal of Menezes for the conversion of the Abyssinians gave a new impulse to the activity of the Jesuits, and they embarked once more in the enterprise, which had already given them so much vexation and disgrace...

And he saw his path all marked out before him; in order to be free as possible in the part he was about to act, he commenced by sending back to India his coadjutor Syra, the Brahmin convert...

The Jesuits lost no time in presenting themselves before the new Emperor, and as Paez had involved himself in the party of Jacob, they advised him to retire from the stage of public action...

Influenced by the Jesuit missionaries, Susneus sent letters to the Pope and King of Portugal, praying them to order a military force to Abyssinia without delay...

As soon as the Abuna of Ethiopia was advised of these transactions, alarmed for the safety of the church, he flew to the court, and threatened Susneus with instant excommunication...

The Jesuits seemed now to think that victory had actually alighted on their banner, and hastening to strike the decisive blow, pressed the Emperor to thunder forth a second decree...

his authority, and excommunicated those who ventured to embrace the doctrine of the strangers. This seemed for a time to embarrass the movements of the Emperor...

In the mean time, the summons of the Abuna for the defence of their faith, found an echo in the hearts of the people; and the Emperor, not thinking it would be for his interest to break from him entirely, invited him to visit his court...

No sooner was Elias informed of the resolution of Susneus to support the Jesuits and defend their doctrines, than he appealed to the people of Tigre, calling upon all who were disposed to embrace the tenets of the Catholics...

Simon, the aged Abuna, whose frame was already trembling with decrepitude, and his locks scattered by the tempests of a hundred years, felt at this fearful crisis, the fire of youth rekindled in his shriveled veins...

The Emperor's weakness as well as a disposition to temporize in order to gain time to unite his forces with those of his brother, the Ras Cella, he refused compliance, and made immediate preparation for battle...

The flame of discord might easily have been extinguished at the death of the viceroy and the Abuna, had not the Emperor, regarding

his late success as a decisive victory, issued a decree, forbidding the people longer to celebrate the Jewish Sabbath, which, from time immemorial, they had been accustomed to observe...

Hindrances to the Gospel among the Heathen.

One or two of the New York papers have lately commented on the unfavorable effect of inconsistency upon the minds of the heathen, in regard to their reception of the Gospel...

Now while some can see how the Gospel may be hindered by the inconsistency of Christians in view of the sixth or tenth precepts of the ten commandments, they are totally blind to the consequences of a violation of others...

Indeed, we think Tae-ping-wang the leader of the revolutionists in China, would be a better missionary than one who should attempt a representation of the present popular Christianity of European nations...

What would the heathen rebels of India say to the representative of a Christian nation like that of the United States when informed of such barbarities as were perpetrated by the respectable inhabitants of Staten Island last week...

A Christian People, Verily.

The destruction of the Hospitals of the State Quarantine establishment, consisting of about forty buildings, is a public calamity which we are sorry to say was caused by the lawlessness of respectable inhabitants...

Those churches of the Central Association that have not paid their apportionment, (see Minutes), will oblige those having claims, if they will send in their money immediately, to R. Stillman, Treasurer, Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y.

Providence permitting, public worship will be resumed in the Seventh-day Baptist Chapel in Eleventh street, in this city, on Sabbath-day, the 18th inst. Services commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A Great Feast.

The great Municipal Dinner, given to celebrate the laying of the Atlantic cable, cost about \$10,000, the contract being \$10 per head for the dinner, besides the expenses of carriages, police, printing of tickets, etc.

The Protestant Spirit in Nova Scotia.—We discover in our exchanges from the British Provinces numerous evidences of the "No Popery" spirit. Its latest manifestation was on the occasion of the funeral of the Archbishop of Nova Scotia, at Halifax.

At the Eleventh Hour.—At the late anniversary of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, one of the churches reported the baptism of a lady one hundred and two years old. This says a correspondent of the Examiner, is the most remarkable instance of coming to Christ at the "eleventh hour," which has occurred within the Association since ten years ago.

A large camp-meeting was held at Portchester, N. Y., last week, and among those who took a prominent part in the services was "Awful Gardner," the converted pugilist.

There has been within a few months past, quite a stampede in the German Methodist churches of New Orleans and vicinity towards Swedenborgianism. One of the most popular of the German preachers, Rev. J. M. Hofer, has gone over to the faith of the great Swedish philosopher...

God is never a moment too late with his mercies; but he sometimes comes just at the last moment.

Communications.

To the Editors of the Sabbath Recorder.—If you think proper, you will please publish the following account of the late revival at the Western Church. If it would not take up too much space it might not be uninteresting to note some incidents in the history of this Church for a few years past.

The failure of Eld. Ayres inflicted a blow on the Church, that was discouraging to many of the members, and the Church, (being feeble at the best,) was a long time in recovering from the shock; and but for the care and good providences of a covenant keeping God, she might have become obsolete, instead of again rising up to bless the world...

We had an ordination about the middle of Jan., 1858, on which occasion Elders S. S. Griswold, Christopher Chester, and our lamented brother Eld. Daniel Coon officiated. The Sabbath next after this occurrence, I baptized nine persons on profession of their faith, and on the Sabbath following, eleven more, and these scenes were renewed nearly every Sabbath until I had baptized forty-three persons...

There were ten hopefully converted, who have not yet been baptized, some because of the opposition of friends, and some for reasons unknown to the writer of this.



