

The Sabbath Recorder.

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"KEEP THE HEART."

The bud determines the nature of the blossom, and the quality of the fruit. If the stream go laughing down the hill-side, it is because of the fountain. So human character is of the heart.

"There is some good in things evil, if only men distil it out." Distrust and suspicion are of indigenous growth. We work the cords of selfishness in our own hearts till we think the hearts of our neighbors are girt with ropes of the same material.

Had Solomon decreed that every child from his day should be a born prince, it would have been a foolish legacy to the three simple words, "Keep the heart." The disciples, eager for the upper seats, and asking Christ, "Who shall be greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" were humbled when their Lord placed a little child above them, teaching them that the heart of a child is the "greatest" heart in heaven.

Many a heart would be well kept; but, like the young lawyer, it must be told, "Yet lackest thou one thing." The lack of that one thing destroys all the rest. It may be selfishness, jealousy, or envy.

Keep the heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. A. R. C.

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gical repentance towards God, and saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. For the mercy drops which have descended upon us, we ought to thank the Lord and take courage; but by no means be satisfied that the work should stop here.

Lucius R. Swinney, from Shiloh, who is engaged in an educational enterprise in this village. He has entered upon this work with the deliberate expectation that his incipient efforts would be attended with a pecuniary sacrifice. He has started a select school in this village, which has now been in progress about six weeks.

What does he mean? To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: With your permission, I will endeavor to answer some of those questions propounded to me by Bro. J. Croftut. But in the first place, I wish to express my hearty endorsement of your remarks upon the article of Bro. C., as they set forth the correct view upon points referred to.

The article of Bro. C. betrays a sensitiveness not usually found in one willing to have his views tested. When Bro. C. preaches funeral sermons, I presume he sets forth his own views, as he has a perfect right to do; but he much mistakes if he expects me to telegraph him as to what I shall preach on similar occasions.

It is gratifying to learn of increasing religious interest in the First Alfred Church—a church for the prosperity of which all friends of education, and especially those who send their children to the school located there, ought to "pray without ceasing."

That reminds me to say—what we have for two or three weeks inadvertently neglected to say—that The New Era, published at Alfred Center, has recently changed proprietorship, in part. The firm of Maxson, Brown & Co., has been dissolved, and Mr. Brown has retired.

Prof. Jonathan Allen was to preach, on Fifth-day last, the Thanksgiving Sermon at Alfred Center. Prof. Kenyon, we understand, continues to preach on Sabbaths for the Hartsville Church.

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feather in my mind, as against Him. To Him gave all the prophets witness; so also did the apostles. Hence, could it be shown that either Moses, Isaiah, John the Baptist, Paul, Peter, James, or John, have taught contradictory to "the faithful and true witness," the Lord Jesus Christ, by me they must be considered in error.

As Bro. C. recommends the reading of a number of passages from the Bible, I have read them, and now write them out, that the reader may judge whether "charity," and "judging not," may not be Christian graces somewhat wanting with Bro. C.

There, now, are not the above well selected to recommend to a Christian brother? But lest I should bring a railing accusation against Bro. C., I will only say, The Lord rebuke thee, and ever deliver me from such an uncharitable spirit.

There was a large fire at Westery, one night last week, the particulars of which are given in the Narragansett Weekly, of Nov. 29th, as follows:

The most extensive conflagration that ever visited this village, occurred on Monday evening last. About half-past ten o'clock, the bells sounded the alarm of fire, and in a very few moments the flames were seen issuing from the upper portion of Stillman, Bro. & Co.'s extensive machine shop and factory, at the west end of Pawcatuck Bridge.

The building at the end of the bridge, the first floor of which was occupied by O. Stillman, as a book store, and Dr. Wm. T. Stillman's dispensary, and the second story as a dressmaking establishment and tenement, was at one time threatened with destruction, and nearly the entire contents were removed to safe quarters; but it was, by the most persevering efforts, saved, after receiving a thorough scorching and drenching on the outside.

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CONGRESS, THE MESSAGE, &c. Congress assembled, according to law, on Second-day, Dec. 3d. As there was no Speaker to be elected for the House, and a quorum of members were present, there was no obstacle to proceeding at once to business.

Its position in regard to the exciting question of the day, is said to be reliably ascertained to be as follows: The President recommends a Constitutional Convention of all the States, for the purpose of settling difficulties growing out of the question of slavery; and while he deprecates coercion in case of secession, he intimates that his oath requires him to see that the federal laws are executed.

The secession movement, if we may judge of it from the tone of the newspapers, has rather increased in importance during the past week. The prevailing opinion now is, that South Carolina will secede, and perhaps be accompanied by two or three other States.

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THANKSGIVING DAY was observed in New York with more than usual strictness. Places of business were generally closed; churches were well attended; numerous sermons on the present aspects of the times were preached; and the benevolent institutions of the city distributed largely of "creature comforts."

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PERSECUTION IN SPAIN.—News has been received in Scotland; of an outbreak of religious persecution against the Spanish Protestants in Granada. The Spanish Evangelization Society of Scotland, to whom this intelligence has come, has remitted such sums of money as were at its command, for the relief of the sufferers; and calls for special contributions for this purpose.

ELI REES, Treasurer of Potter County, Pa., was recently killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of a friend. They had been out together examining a piece of land which they talked of buying.

THE CHRISTIAN POPULATION IN SYRIA are not yet beyond the reach of suffering. The arrangements for their permanent relief by the Government are not carried out, and thousands are depending upon the charity of this country and England.

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THE METHODIST Episcopal Church at Coughdeno, Oswego County, N. Y., is reported to have excommunicated Elder Salisbury, its pastor, for voting for Mr. Douglas.

THE FACT is noted, that every Episcopal clergyman in Charleston, Sunday before last, omitted the usual prayer for the President of the United States.

SOUTH CAROLINA has a smaller white population than the city of Brooklyn, with a slave population of probably two-thirds more.

