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LIFE-POWER OF THE GOSPEL.

Christ, as the Great Sower, has scattered his truth-seed over the world, through all the ages; and wherever this seed has fallen on good ground, it has taken root, and, springing up, brought forth fruit—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred fold.

It has well been remarked, by an able writer, that the early revelations of God to man seemed to be lessons of morality made easy—of religious truth so simplified as to be brought within the comprehension of the more uncivilized, and adapted to raise them, by natural and easy stages, up to a higher and diviner life.

Let us notice a very few of these truth-seeds that were scattered down along through the ages, with slow but glorious unfoldings.

The idea of God. This idea was one of the first implanted in the mind of man; but its development, its unfoldings, slow, reaching down through all the ages.

His personality was first revealed, with His personal relations to man as his Creator. This was done in the antediluvian and patriarchal ages by His appearing in human form.

The Gospel reveals to us the spirituality, the trinity, and the fatherhood of God, with a clearness and beauty sought for in vain in the Old Testament.

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laws arbitrarily forced on them. On this ground they revolted, and, after a struggle with the oppressor, set up for themselves, a free people, with the rights of freemen.

One great reason for thanksgiving, to-day, is, that as a people we are free. But here our thanksgiving may be at fault. There are those who walk our streets, who sit in our churches, who are governed by our laws, who are in just the condition of our patriotic fathers before the Revolution, governed by laws that they have no voice in framing—taxed without representation—coerced to obedience to the laws of others.

On this point I take a more general view. We are citizens of a Republic, spreading over a vast territory, composed of many independent States, joined in a compact of freedom. In this equal rights are guaranteed to all citizens. From our number we select, by a popular vote, our legislative and executive officers, who shall take care for us of all public matters, while we attend to our private interests.

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As individuals, we cannot create natural or moral rights. These all inhere in our being as men. We cannot delegate to others what we do not possess ourselves. Hence, all that our law-makers can do, is simply to protect men in the enjoyment of the rights of man. These rights are sacred, because God has given them. We to-day thank God for these rights, and for their enjoyment. This is well. We, who cannot create rights, cannot destroy them. We cannot destroy the rights of our neighbor; nor can we, united, destroy the rights of any man. Men combined have no authority that they did not have without the combination.

ment, through ungodly officers elected by our votes, we share with them the guilt of their official ungodly conduct. We have given them, the power thus to act. Without our consent they could not act officially.

HOME NEWS. SULLO, N. J. December 24, 1860. Having been requested to give some account of the passing events among us, I would do so with pleasure, could I bring to my recollection anything that would be of advantage, either to ourselves or to the readers of the Recorder.

The past season has been one of political excitement, and the people have not been altogether idle lookers-on. They have manifested an interest, a zeal for party principle, and for men and measures; and now that the election is past, the principal topic appears to be "secession, panic, hard times, money scarce;" but with many such, time is plenty.

Our Sabbath-school, during the past summer, has been well attended, under the superintendence of A. R. Jones. There were in attendance one hundred and thirty scholars, nineteen teachers, and other assistants that were necessary.

Thanksgiving was a delightful day here. At the usual time of service, a large congregation assembled at our usual place of worship, when a sermon was preached by the pastor, on man's responsibility as a citizen and a Christian to his country, his family, his neighbor, the Church of God, and to himself.

THE CONCERTS FOR PRAYER held on the first Monday in each month, bring to light the principal items of missionary intelligence received during the month by the several societies. The following is a summary of the information communicated by the Foreign Board of the Presbyterian Church:

From Ningpo, in China, came encouraging tidings. Mr. Rankin states that he has baptized six recent converts, and mentions the case of others who applied for that rite. An interesting work of grace has been going forward in a boarding-school in that place.

Several missionaries have been sent by the Board to South America—to Brazil, and New Granada. The former had reached Rio Janeiro.

THE MISSIONARIES among the Creek and Choctaw Indians report many interesting cases of inquiry and some conversions. There will be much suffering among the Choctaws this winter from the failure of their crops, unless help be sent speedily.

From Syria, the reports are quite encouraging. It is now ascertained that two members of the Protestant church, at Hasbeyra, were killed in the massacre there. One of them was a leper. The whole of the village at Ain Zehalta is now Protestant. It was plundered but not burned during the war.

contracted to be laid, extending through about one quarter of the length of the streets of the village. This work is to be completed, and ready for use, by next Christmas. In the mean time, many of the citizens will have their pipes and fixtures in readiness in their dwellings.

WESTERLY, N. J. We are glad to learn that the injury to the daughter of Eld. Hiram P. Burdick, mentioned last week, though serious, is not likely to prove fatal. At last accounts, she was improving.

Messrs. Stillman, Bro. & Co., whose machine shop was recently burnt, have fitted up a part of the building occupied by Messrs. O. Maxson & Co., as a temporary place of business, where they will fill the orders on hand, and repair the machinery injured by the fire.

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the people by the generosity of the Americans in contributing so liberally to the relief of those who have denounced them as heretics. "That the result of the war," says a letter from Beirut, "will be favorable to the progress of truth, there can be no doubt. The people have lost confidence in their ever-promising, and never-performing priesthood, and many of their holy places and shrines, which they had expected to be guarded by some miraculous interposition of the saints or the Virgin, have been destroyed.

EFFORTS FOR THE OUTCASTS.—The midnight meetings which were held in London, under the auspices of Baptist Noel and others, have been successfully imitated in Edinburgh. The Witness contains a notice of a religious meeting for the cabmen of that city, which was arranged and provided for by Reginald Radcliffe, and was attended by about 400 cab-drivers and their wives.

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KANSAS SUFFERINGS.—The following is an extract from a letter written by a man formerly of Massachusetts, now with his family living in Western Kansas, the truth of which can be relied upon:

"We are glad to hear that you have good crops at the East, for ours have been a total failure. I planted twenty acres of corn, which yielded only five bushels, while my wheat, rye, oats and potatoes did not return the seed. The people have been reluctant to make their condition known, and many have affirmed that they could get along without assistance, when we knew that they had not five dollars' worth of provisions or any money to provide for their winter wants. But we are now compelled to make our condition known, and hope to obtain relief. We called a meeting a few days ago to see what could be done to obtain support and seed until the harvest of another year. A committee of five were chosen to canvass the country and ascertain the true condition of the people. The Smoky Hill district was given to me, in which I found only one-third of a bushel of breadstuff to a consumer; and similar reports were brought from other districts. The committee called a County Convention to present their reports to the people, and chose a delegate to represent their condition at the Relief Convention, to be held at Lawrence. We could not raise the money to defray the expenses, consequently had to send our report by mail. Provisionally, large herds of buffalo have crossed through the borders of our settlement, which has furnished food to many who would otherwise have suffered. About five hundred teams have been, and are now, in the buffalo range to provide food for the winter. Two or three have been killed by buffaloes in consequence of venturing near them too soon after they were shot."

How TO RAISE THE MONEY.—We have already noticed the proposition to establish an educational institution for the sons of foreign missionaries, and to name it after the late Dr. Van Rensselaer. How to raise the necessary one hundred thousand dollars, without interfering with the regular collections for the Board of Education, is now the question. The following is one of the plans proposed:

"1st. Let fifty thousand dollars be subscribed by gentlemen and ladies of wealth, in sums of one thousand dollars and upwards—say ten of one thousand dollars, five of three thousand dollars, and five of five thousand dollars.

"2d. Let fifty thousand dollars be contributed in small sums by the whole Church, or by as many of the members as may feel inclined, including the students of our Presbyterian Academies and Colleges, and also the children in our parochial schools. If only one in six, on an average, of our church members would give one dollar each, the amount specified would be secured."

SHORT OF WATER.—For three or four days of last week, the residents of New York were made sensible of the importance of the Croton Aqueduct. The supply of water was cut off from a large part of the city by the bursting of two main pipes. Resort was had to the old pumps and cisterns, and to the water works of Brooklyn and Jersey City. Hundreds of persons were temporarily thrown out of employment by want of water to supply the steam boilers and create power.

THE POVERTY OF EDITORS, in this country, is proverbial. But from items going the rounds of the papers, it would seem that the same is not true in all countries. It is stated that Mons. Emile de Girardin, who is about to resume the chief editorship of La Presse, has to deposit \$160,000 on taking the chair. It is also stated that Messrs. Lesourd and Michael Levi, who have recently bought L'Univers Illustré, pay for it \$30,000.

THE NEWS FROM SYRIA is very discouraging. The Christians appear to have lost all confidence in the Turkish Government, and to feel no security except in sight of French troops. A new Governor has been appointed for Damascus—a young man who has visited Europe, and is understood to be of the progressive school of Turks, and friendly to the Christians.

"UNCLE SAM" is not "rich enough" to pay his honest debts. For some time past he has been putting off all but the smallest, and those incurred in carrying on the machinery of government. At the close of last week, he was obliged to refuse payment of all sorts of bills.

THE NEW FOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE met at St. John's on the 5th of December, for the special purpose of considering the destitution which prevailed in the country, in consequence of the short seal and cod fishery.

Augustus White, formerly a resident of South Hadley, Mass., lately deceased, left a property valued at \$50,000, situated mostly in New York and Michigan. He made the following bequests to benevolent purposes: American Board of Foreign Missions, \$2,500; American Home Missionary Society, \$2,500; American Bible Society, \$1,500; American Education Society, \$1,500; American Tract Society, \$1,000; American Sunday-school Union, \$500; Orphan Asylum Society, Utica, \$800.—Total, \$10,300.

Rev. Allen Brown, who died in Providence a few weeks ago, made the following bequests to public institutions: American and Foreign Bible Society, \$500; Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society, \$500; Butler Hospital for the Insane, \$500; American Colonization Society, \$500; Providence Atheneum, \$500; Providence Dispensary, \$200; Providence Children's Friend's Society, \$250; Power street Methodist Church, \$500.

At a meeting of Unitarian Ministers, called to arrange a more effectual mode of facilitating engagements between unsettled ministers and those parishes which are destitute of pastors, Mr. Leonard C. Bowles was appointed agent, to open an office in Boston for the accommodation of both parties; to keep a book which shall contain lists, memoranda, and such records as may be desirable; and to conduct the correspondence

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUMMARY.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

STAR OF THE PRESS.

HENRY ZOLLNER, (late of No. 4 Full Street), Dining Saloon, No. 433 Broome Street, near Broadway, New York.

A new Presbyterian Church was dedicated to the worship of God in the village of Englewood, N. Y., on the 13th ult.

Proceedings in Congress. Congress assembled at noon, two hundred members responding to the call of the roll in the House, and a quorum of Senators being present.

The endless wars and revolutions in which Peru is engaged are said to be destroying the industrial resources of the country.

MEN'S WINTER CLOTHING.—We call attention of those who have not purchased their Over-Coats, Business-Coats, &c., to our assortment of well-made goods at moderate prices.

1861. "GREAT IN MOUTH OF WISDOM CENTRE." THE NEW YORK MERCURY FOR THE NEW YEAR.

THE BEST AUTOMATIC FLY-TRAP.—The JENKS PATENT FLY-TRAP, and is the best and most perfect of any made.

William Wheelwright, Esq., of Newburyport, Mass., known the world over for his enterprise, enlarged views and Christian philanthropy, has ordered the construction of a Bethel church and school-house, both to be under one roof, for Valparaiso in Chili.

The principal business of the day was hearing the President's Message, an abstract of which will be found in our paper.

Two lads named James Norton and a son of Warren Porter, of Ithaca, one day last week, were out shooting ducks at the edge of the marsh, near the head of Cayuga Lake.

THE NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the Scott, DeRuyter, and associate churches, will be held, by leave of Providence, with the Scott Church, commencing on Saturday, the 23rd Dec., at 1 o'clock P.M.

In accordance with a time-honored custom, the publishers of the NEW YORK MERCURY, the largest two-dollar weekly in the world, make the opening of a New Year the occasion for issuing a comprehensive prospective prospectus bulletin.

MARINER'S SAVING INSTITUTION.—33 Avenue and 7th Street—Open daily for the reception and payment of deposits from 9 to 2 o'clock, and on Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 5 to 8 P.M.

The Western Advocate says that in an examination of the statistics of ten Methodist Annual Conferences, taken from the Eastern, Middle, and North-western portions of the territory of the Church, it appears that the average yearly salaries of the preachers is \$374.

In the Senate, Mr. Clingman, of North Carolina, made a speech, declaring the dissatisfaction of the South with the election of Mr. Lincoln and the alleged aggression of the North, and advocating an immediate division of the public property, apportionment of the public debt, and peaceable secession.

Under the management of a receiver, the Erie railroad has paid off a million of floating debt run up for back pay to men, and all the arrears of interest on the first, second and third mortgage bonds, except one coupon, which will be paid this month; and the back interest on the fourth bonds will be begun to be paid in January or February.

How TO PRESERVE THE TEETH.—Rub them clean every morning with a stiff brush and a little sea-salt, rinse the mouth thoroughly with water, then rub with a dry towel; and instead of eating bread, get JAMES PYLE'S DIETETIC SALUBRITY, the only article of the kind in use harmless to the teeth.

THE PUBLISHERS OF THE NEW YORK MERCURY have made the motto of its columns: "Here shall young Genius wing his eagle flight, Rich deep-drops shaking from his plumes of light."

Hudson River Railroad for Albany and Troy, connecting with trains North and West. Trains leave Chambers-st. station as follows: Express Trains, 7 and 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

The Congregational Church in Atchison, Kansas, has lately received from Gen. S. C. Pomeroy, a gift of church property worth 5,000. The deed of conveyance contains the provision that "no person shall be excluded from any of the rights or privileges of membership or communion by reason of any distinction or peculiarity of race or color."

In the House, after the reading of the Message, and some debate on the mode of reference, Mr. Sherman's motion, giving it to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, with Mr. Boteler's amendment, referring the secession part of it to a select committee of one from each State, was carried.

In Fall River, Mass., on Thanksgiving Day, A. S. Ballard, Esq., united in marriage, Mr. Daniel D. Perry, aged eighty years, and Mrs. Esther Simmons, aged sixty-nine years. It is the third marriage of each.

PREPARED AND SOLD BY A. B. & D. SANDS, Druggists, 100 Fulton Street, New York. For sale also by Druggists generally.

THE MONITOR, AND THE WELCOME GUEST OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN HOMES.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW JERSEY.—From foot of Cortland-st.—Connecting at Hampton Junction with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad and its connections, forming a direct route to Harrisburg via Philadelphia.

The Third National Convention of Union Prayer Meetings will assemble in the city of Washington, on the 11th of December, to continue its sessions, probably, through the two following days.

In the House, the Committee of the Whole rejected an amendment to the Military Academy bill making four years the term of study, but passed that and the pension bill. The amended homestead bill was passed—132 to 76.

The Greenfield Gazette says that Horatio Newcomb, of Barnardston, caught on Tuesday a bird said to be the "Dove Auk" or "Dove Kie," so frequently mentioned by Dr. Kane as existing in the most immense numbers within the arctic circle.

MARRIED. ENNIS—BURDICK—In Westbury, R. I., Dec. 2d, 1860, by Rev. C. C. Stillman, Thomas N. Ennis, of Charlestown, and Miss Sarah E. Burdick, of Westbury.

THE PICTORIAL DEPARTMENT appear the magnificent Illustrations of that prince of American artists, FELIX O. C. DABLEY.

DR. DARIUS HAM'S AROMATIC INVIGORATING SPIRIT. This medicine has been used by the public for six years, with increasing favor.

Some John Brown sympathizers called a meeting in the Tremont Temple in Boston, on Monday, to discuss the abolition of slavery, but persons of opposing views filled the hall, elected a chairman, and passed resolutions denunciatory of John Brown and the abolitionists.

The Senate spent the day in discussing the President's Message. Senator Hale, of N. H., made the first republican speech, which was of a moderate tone.

Beam Butler, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, has fished eight acres of ground with water, and fenced it in for a skating park. It has a carriage drive round it, and a building at one end, where ladies and gentlemen can put on their skates, warm themselves or take refreshments.

MARRIED. COOK—In Lima Station, Wis., of consumption, Dr. Lee M. Cook, in the 30th year of his age, leaving a wife and three children, with a large circle of friends, to mourn their loss.

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It is stated that between two and three millions copies of the Bible are printed annually in Great Britain. Until late years there was much carelessness in printing the Bible. The Bibles now issued from Oxford are very accurate.

In the Senate, Mr. Latham presented the memorial of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco, praying for the establishment of a daily overland mail.

An explosion occurred, Dec. 6th, on board the Spanish frigate Berenguela, now lying at the Brooklyn navy yard, by which two men were fatally, and four seriously, injured. Cause—the accidental ignition of the charges of two guns which had been removed and placed in a corner of the vessel.

MARRIED. FAIRBANK—In Little Genesee, N. Y., Dec. 1st, 1860, Melissa D. Fairbank, wife of Danforth Fairbank, aged 38 years.

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Two South-western Presbyterian Churches, (Philadelphia,) with their pastor, Rev. James McGaskie, obtained a dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, (O. S.) and united with the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, (N. S.) They were received by the latter Presbytery on the 1st of November.

Dr. Cox, in a lecture at Alleghany, Penn., pronounced lager beer, from one of the most popular establishments, to have in its ingredients tobacco instead of hops.

The latest advices from the Plains report that the Indians are almost in a starving condition; consequently, they are anxious for peace. The campaign against the Navajoes has proved very successful, and they are still prosecuting it with energy.

MARRIED. SAUNDERS—In Milton, Wis., Nov. 27th, 1860, of scrofula, after a protracted illness, Joel Byron Saunders, only son of Dea. Nathan Saunders, aged 18 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

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At Perth, in Scotland, for sixty nights in succession, the people had been assembled in the Town Hall, and sinners had been crying for mercy, and obtaining salvation. A hundred years ago, they would not have allowed such a building to be used for such a purpose.

The Hon. Edward Everett voted in Boston in Ward Seven, and on presenting himself at the polls, the cry was raised by those who were working as hard as they could against him, "Three cheers for Mr. Everett!"

The Albany Evening Journal, the organ of Thurlow Weed, in view of what is coming, and in the hope of averting it, would cheerfully consent to a law which should provide for the payment for every fugitive rescued from an officer by violence.

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The American Unitarian Association has received \$8000 from the estate of the late Francis Perkins of Fitchburg, Mass., which the donor prescribed should be used and appropriated for the sole purpose of educating destitute young men for the Christian ministry.

The House adjourned over to Second-day.

A WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH AT PRATER.—The Lafayette (Indiana) Courier says: Mrs. Catharine Gray, a widow lady, eighty years of age, residing in the southern part of the town, was burned to death last week under circumstances of a peculiarly distressing character.

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The Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in New York, Rev. Dr. Armitage, pastor, have voted to set aside their printed "Articles of Faith," and to adopt the "unadulterated word of God, as set forth in the Bible," as their rule of faith and practice.

The legislature of Vermont has been investigating charges against the Franklin County and the St. Albans banks. While some of their transactions are censured, their solvency is indorsed.

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Rev. Dr. Charles B. Parsons, the well known Methodist minister of Louisville, Ky., has joined the Episcopal Church. He is said to be the pastor of Calvary Church, which lately united with the Episcopal Church, formerly Sehon Chapel.

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In Italy, Protestantism is uninterruptedly spreading, though in some places the civil authorities are prevailed upon by the priests to oppose obstacles to the efforts of Protestant missionaries.

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