



The Sabbath Recorder.

WEDNESDAY, B. L. FIFTH-DAY, MARCH 19, 1863. Geo. B. Utter, Editor.

OUR TERMS. One of the most difficult things connected with publishing a denominational newspaper, is to arrange and apply its terms so as to satisfy its patrons, and at the same time not to jeopardize the interests of its publisher...

ment is full for all old accounts, on condition that it be sent to us during the first quarter of the present volume, or before the first day of April...

"INCIDENTS OF THE WAR."

SHANGHAI, DEC. 29th, 1862. The frequent recurrence of the above heading, in our home papers, over interesting notices of passing events, has often suggested the propriety of noting down, for the eyes of your readers, various little items, from this war-cursed land...

A HUMAN SACRIFICE.

It was in November of last year, at 2 o'clock one morning, that we were very much startled by the sudden outburst of a great discharge of artillery, succeeded by a second and a third, the whole followed by scattering reports. It seemed so much like what we had been accustomed to during the siege of Shanghai...

WORSHIPPING A BRIDGE.

Another night, not long since, we were similarly startled by a great light, accompanied with the celestial music of gongs, drums, tom-toms, trumpets, crackers, &c., and on arising, found the whole going on just before our faces, at the Sea-Jaw, the bridge which crosses the Yang-king-pang, at this place...

GASTAWAY CHILDREN.

It is impossible to give you any true account of their numbers in these days of wholesale wo and want. I will only take a few samples, as we have seen them.

REFUGEES.

Finding, one day, that a strange family were occupying a small house near, I inquired who they were. "An elderly man, his young daughter, his adopted son, (a brother of Sa-Ching,) a widower with one child—who had fled when the Rebels entered their native town, Loo-dong..."

A HEATHEN MOTHER.

On the 26th of September last, came Naomi, (you will recognize her as one of our church members,) to tell me that a friend of hers, a refugee, who occupied an adjoining room in the same house, had just drowned her infant daughter, (nearly three years old,) by throwing her into the canal...

A LIFE-WORK COMPLETED.

Letters have been received from Rev. Dr. Goodell, of Constantinople, stating that the great work of his life—the translation of the Word of God into Armeno-Turkish, and its thorough revision and preparation for publication—has been completed.

LOCAL AGENTS FOR THE RECORDER.

Agents are needed at Scott, N. Y., and at Dakota, Wis. Byron L. Barber, of the former place, and Geo. C. Babcock, of the latter, have been named to us as suitable persons...

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The heirs of the late Wm. H. Carey of Brooklyn (who left no will,) in addition to other similar good deeds, in carrying out the supposed intentions of Mr. Carey, have given \$10,000 to the First Unitarian Church of that city...

THE NEW POSTAL LAW.

Hobbrook's United States Mail has an abstract of the provisions of the new postal law, to take effect July 1st, 1863, from which we quote a few paragraphs:

LETTER POSTAGE.

Postage on local or "drop letters" will hereafter be two cents, when not exceeding half an ounce, and an additional rate for each half ounce or fraction of an ounce—in all cases to be pre-paid by postage stamps.

HOME NEWS.

Three weeks ago, our quarterly meeting commenced. It so happened that Sixth-day afternoon and evening we had no minister with us. We came together with a praying and working spirit, and we made up our minds to have a good time, and we got to feeling just right to enjoy a good sermon from Eld. West the next day, and the Lord was with us...

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Various small advertisements and notices on the right edge of the page, including mentions of 'The Recorder', 'Harper's', and 'The Senate'.



INTERNAL REVENUE

Important alterations were made by the late Congress, in the Internal Revenue Law, most of which are in detail in the following:
The penalties prescribed in various parts of the existing act are made more severe. Instead of a fine of fifty dollars, as now imposed for a violation of certain features, "imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years" is inserted.

Wholesale and retail dealers in medicines, drugs, liquors, cigars, tobacco, snuff and other merchandise, are taxed as follows: Retail dealers are described as those whose annual sales do not exceed \$38,000; these pay a license of \$10; wholesale dealers, whose sales do not exceed \$50,000 will pay \$25; between fifty and one hundred thousand dollars, a fee of \$50; between one hundred and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a fee of \$100; between five hundred and ten hundred thousand dollars, a fee of \$300; between one and two million dollars a fee of \$500; and a fee of \$250 for every million of sales above two million.

The Webb being the foremost of the rebel boats, was the first to receive the shot from the 11-inch guns of the Indianola. One of these struck her upper works, and, though causing considerable injury, did not interfere seriously with her speed. At the same time the Queen of the West came up, with the evident design of striking the Indianola on the larboard side, opposite to the point where the Webb was approaching. A shot from the Indianola penetrated this boat in such a way as to stop the action of her machinery for a time. A second also striking the Webb turned her from her course, and in coming around to give her blow upon the Indianola she lost much of her momentum.

Some four or five thousand tons were shipped to New York last season. For some purposes, such as melting iron, the Rhode Island coal is superior to any other. One of the most interesting features of the Portsmouth mine, not only to the professional paleontologist, but to the curious visitor, is the impressions of vegetable remains imbedded in the dark colored slate rock surrounding the coal. Some of these, particularly several species of fern leaves, are beautifully distinct, and all of them belong to genera no longer to be found under our bleak sky.

liable to absorb moisture and prevent the mortar becoming hard. In putting up walls of brick or stone, care should be taken that the stones or bricks be moistened before they come in contact with the mortar. Every brick and stone should be laid in a good bed of mortar, and should receive a blow to fix it firmly. The bricks should not be laid, merely, as is the common custom, but forced down so as to press the mortar into all the pores and crevices. The superintendent of a building should give his personal attention to the vertical joints on the walls, as the masons frequently neglect to fill them up with mortar.

It is a recent divorce case in England, in which the parties were an old adobe and his young wife, the judge dilated on the evil effects of marriage contracted between May and December. He has since received a letter from the secretary of a Scotch statistical society, asking for the figures in relation to the marriages contracted between those months, and he wanted to get up a paper on the subject to be read before the society.

THE SABBATH RECORDER. In the Department of the Secretary of the Sabbath Recorder, it is the policy of this paper to promote a wide and benevolent action; at the same time to give prominence to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Its columns are open to the advocacy of all reformatory measures which seem likely to improve the condition of society, diffuse knowledge, reclaim the ignorant, and enfranchise the enslaved. This literary and intelligence department, is taken to furnish matter adapted to the wants and tastes of every class of readers.

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MAPLE SUGAR

GOSHEN BUTTER

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DR. DANIELS' REMEDY

LOCAL AGENTS