

The Sabbath Recorder.

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ANNIVERSARY WEEK.

Last week was what is usually termed in New York "Anniversary Week." One needs only to glance at the daily papers of the week, and compare them with those of previous years, to see that a great change has taken place.

We give below such anniversary items as we think will most interest our readers:

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY OF New York held its 38th Anniversary on Fourth-day morning, May 13th. The Treasurer's report showed the following results:

THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY OF Boston held its anniversary meeting on Fourth-day afternoon. From the statements read by the secretaries and others, it appears that the army and navy have had a large share of attention from the society.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY held its 47th Anniversary on Fifth-day, May 14th. Hon. Luther Bradish presiding, and Gen. McClellan occupying a seat on the stage.

THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE Blind usually gives an exhibition during Anniversary week, which is always attractive. The 37th annual report of this institution, recently presented, shows that the whole amount of money received from the State of New York during the year 1862 is \$16,107 14.

sickness has prevailed, and no death of a pupil has occurred. The excellent condition of health is attributed to exercise in the open air, plain food, systematic bathing, careful ventilation, and proper attention to clothing.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S Annual Report showed that the receipts for the past year have been \$104,884 29; expenditures \$134,991 08.

THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION held their 14th anniversary on Fifth-day, May 14th. The receipts of the Union for the year ending April 30 were \$59,036 68; expenditures \$58,760 80.

THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE UNION met in Dr. Cheever's church, and was presided over by Governor Buckingham, of Connecticut.

THE AMERICAN FEMALE GUARDIAN SOCIETY reported that the total receipts of the institution have been \$18,577 21; its expenditures \$18,577 21; receipts for The Advocate and Guardian, \$19,007 56; expenses, \$18,215 30—leaving a balance of \$792 26.

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METHODIST MOVEMENTS.

A Convention of Methodist laymen was in session in New York, on fourth and fifth days of last week, to deliberate on the best means to obtain an equal representation of laymen with preachers in the General Conference of the church, which is held once in four years.

The Convention was called in the belief that if the whole membership can be interested in the subject, there will be a large majority for equal representation, and one of its objects was to provide means and measures for further discussing the question among the laity.

asking for equal representation in the General Conference for laymen with preachers. Nearly ten thousand dollars were subscribed, to be used in printing and circulating documents among the laity, in favor of the measure.

The next General Conference meets at Philadelphia in May, 1864. That body will probably, by a general or nearly unanimous vote, grant lay representation in the form now asked, on condition that the laity accept the offer.

MODERN SKEPTICISM AND INFIDELITY.

Another cause of skepticism and infidelity, is false reasoning. Reason, the highest gift of God to man, and designed for his guide, may be perverted, and reason falsely.

Says a logical writer, "The great fault, the vice, of our age, does not lie on the side of over-valuing the powers of the human mind, though that has its dangers.

The same writer farther says, "The way in which truth reaches the mind is hardly less important than the truth itself which is accepted.

The above, coming from a firm believer in revelation, is but a just tribute paid to that divine faculty of the human soul, reason, which must ever be the pole-star of human thought, inquiry, and progress.

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researches, the reason must grapple with subjects above the full comprehension of the understanding. Reason must then refer such subjects to faith, which, relying upon the known, already discovered by reason, will so guide the mariner upon the tempestuous ocean of thought—the unknown, the yet undiscovered country to whose bourne reason will continue to travel, and return laden with the pearls of truth—as at last to moor her ship in the harbor of safety.

Such being the province of reason, how erroneous to call that correct reasoning, which accepts only so much of phenomena as the understanding can fully comprehend, while yet the highest reason must and ever has admitted one great fact and truth, which the understanding never has, nor ever will be able to comprehend, viz., the existence of the Infinite.

Now, if reason admits such a fact, and another which necessarily supervenes thereupon, viz., the existence of an objective universe, as an effect of the infinite cause, how can reason demur against the admission of almost any phenomenal appearance, however astounding? And yet, upon nothing has reason reasoned more foolishly, than in denying all of the miraculous and supernatural.

Perhaps the doctrine of the incarnation stands the most opposed to reason, in the estimation of rationalists. But what, I ask, what is there in the deific incarnation, that stands opposed to that reason which believes in the Infinite as the Creator of mankind?

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ing to the congregation, told them that she was born in slavery, and found by a northern woman, by whom she had been now adopted. After a few strong words suggested by the occasion, the child was christened and named Fanny Virginia Cassiopea Lawrence, and a liberal collection was then made for her benefit.

QUERIES ANSWERED.

I am pleased to learn that Bro. J. P. S. is a thinker, and I certainly recognize his right to ask questions.

He inquires, "1st. Is it right for nations or states to have established governments, under the Christian dispensation?" I reply, It is not right for any human government, under the Christian dispensation, to be antagonistic to, or in any way conflict with, the government of God.

2d. If not, where can we look for protection in any of our rights, as citizens, either for ourselves, our families, or our property? When Jesus Christ called his disciples, and sent them forth "as sheep in the midst of wolves," he gave them to understand, that their rights, civil and religious, would be invaded.

3d. If it is conceded that it is right to have a government, by whom ought that government to be administered—by good Christian men, or by the most abandoned infidels, or by a medium class?

4th. What power, or force, ought to be used to protect the innocent from the assaults of the robber, or murderer, and all or any other maltreatment? What has been introduced in answer to the 2d question, furnishes an answer to the 4th.

MRS. LODEMIA GREEN CORNWALL.

The subject of this brief notice was the youngest daughter of Major Alpheus Green, of Albion, Wts. In very early life, she seemed to imbibe the graceful accomplishments and dignified deportment of her older sisters, and very soon discovered a strong desire for sound learning.

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A. R. Cornwall, Principal of Albion Academy. Everybody rejoiced in the happy union thus formed. She had been chosen as a companion for one whose talents, character, and noble position, met the exalted and pure aspirations of her soul.

Since that time, his life had been lonely and sad. But now a brighter morning arises on his yet young heart. It seemed that a companion was given him, who was eminently qualified to render him a happy man.

T. R. WILLIAMS.

ALBION, Wts., May 6th, 1863.

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Resolved, That while feeling a weight of sorrow resting upon us from the loss we have sustained by the removal of a loved and lamented friend, we tender our sympathies to Prof. Cornwall, realizing that under the peculiar circumstances of the hour, when life's stern duties call him from "the grave of cherished loves and hopes," to labor, while his stricken heart demands communion with its own sorrow, we are called to present the deepest and boldest offering of sympathy we can know.

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FESTIVALS.

A brother sends us the following, clipped from a Universalist paper, with a request for its publication in the Recorder:

Lotteries, raffling and gambling are common with some religious societies. Vases, quilts, cakes with rings, and other valuables, are frequently put up in chances, at high prices, and the proceeds applied to buy a Bible for the deaf, books or organs for a choir, or carpets and cushions for the church—and thus decency, propriety, morality, and the law of the land, are all violated together, for the support of religion!

Some eighteen years ago a lady of Norwich, Conn., received a letter from her brother, in which was enclosed at the time of sending sum of \$100. The money, however, had been abstracted before the letter reached its destination, and all attempts to discover the guilty party were fruitless.

"SUNDAY QUIETNESS."—A correspondent of the Providence Journal, writing from Westerly, soon after the late national fast, says: "The national fast day was very generally observed; nearly all places of business were closed, and some that never closed before on holidays."

Rev. Mr. Surogers, of London, recently made a public statement, to the effect, that of his sermons, eight millions of the penny numbers had been sold, of the English edition; and many of them had been translated into most of the languages of Europe; while not a single year passed by without his hearing that at least one thousand persons professed to have been converted by either hearing, or reading them.

The Men and the Money.—It is stated that the Foreign Missionary Board of the Old School Presbyterian Church in this country, was men ready to go as missionaries, but is disabled, by lack of money, from sending them.

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Miscellaneous.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1861.

On Feb. 11, 1861, the President of the Senate, in presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, opened the certificates which had been transmitted to him by the electoral colleges...

and that he was authorized by him to say that they corresponded with his own views and intentions, and that implicit reliance might be placed in his honor. Upon these assurances, Mr. Bayard and his friends immediately withdrew their opposition to Mr. Jefferson...

The parties at that time arrayed against each other, were Federalists and Republicans. The title of Democrats had not yet been adopted by the latter party. It is well known that Mr. Jefferson always preferred to be called a Republican...

THE INCOME TAX. For the first time in the history of the United States, a law imposing taxes upon personal incomes has gone into operation.

STRAWBERRY CULTURE. Rev. Mr. Knox, the celebrated strawberry culturist of Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke as follows at a recent Horticultural meeting at St. Louis concerning the culture of his favorite berry.

"My first crop from ground is plants for sale in summer, fall and next spring. The second season gives a good crop of berries, and a few grapes. The third year have a good crop of grapes, and the strawberries will pay for all the grapes bear."

"I keep down the runners to get the fruit in perfection, of the best quality and largest size. I pinch off the runners to throw all the growth into fruit stems; the runners take too much from the plant and injure the fruit the next season."

BAYOUS. We have heard and read, of late, a great deal about bayous, and many people don't know what to make of them.

A CASE OF HYDROPHOBIA CURED. Dr. Louis Bauer, the Health Officer of Williamsburg, L. I., has just succeeded in effecting a cure in a case of fully developed hydrophobia.

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as a penalty. The ample latitude given by the bill for the payment of the tax will probably prevent the necessity of any resort to extreme measures.—N. Y. Evening Post.

PENSIONERS.

The question is often asked, "Who are entitled to draw pensions?" The act of Congress, passed July 1862, made liberal provisions for granting pensions to disabled and invalid soldiers who have served in the army of the Union since the 4th of March, 1861...

But a large majority of those accepted as pensioners are only partially disabled, and the amount of pension is rated according to their disability, which may be one-fourth, one-third, two-thirds, three-fourths, &c.

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DEATHS FROM BURNING AND SCALDING. Nearly forty thousand persons have been burned alive or scalded to death in England during the last fourteen years. Here are the figures, taken from the last official report of the Registrar-General: The exact number was 39,927, or an average of eight a day from 1848 to 1861.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

AMTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Providence, April 7, 1863. General Orders, No. 8. Whereas, the act passed by the General Assembly at its August session, A. D. 1857, entitled "An act to repeal the XXXIVth of the Revised Statutes, and to provide for the better organization of the Militia of the State, &c." contains a complete enactment...

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