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LAW AND GOSPEL.

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It is sometimes argued from the inspired preface to the Decalogue—"I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage"—that it was intended for none but national Israel.

No less is the absurdity, when redemption from Egypt is made to be the original ground of the duties enjoined by the Decalogue.

That redemption from Egypt was a special reason, why the Israelites should observe all the commandments of the Decalogue, and a very strong one too, is abundantly evident.

That redemption from Egypt was also a special reason for the observance of the fourth commandment in particular, is also clear.

Our conclusion is, that the inspired preface to the Decalogue furnishes no argument for the belief that that code was intended for none but national Israel.

LOW ESTIMATE OF THE MINISTERIAL OFFICE.

Many ministers of the Gospel have so little reverence for their office, and place their standard of excellence in it so low, that it serves to lower rather than exalt their whole character.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—The New York Observer contains the following story of a widow lady. She has been a widow ten years.

FATHER HARVEY.—The New York Baptist Register says, that Father Harvey, who is now in the 111th year of his age, and is probably the oldest minister of the Gospel living, recently preached in the Broad Street Baptist Chapel in Utica.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh-day Baptist Central Association held its second semi-annual session with the Church in Verona, on the 6th and 7th instants.

After a discourse by Eld. G. M. Langworthy, two reports of missionary labor performed in Richland and vicinity were presented.

The following resolution was discussed by several brethren, and adopted:—Resolved, That we recommend our churches to aid, according to their ability, in sustaining the Foreign Mission about to be established by our denomination.

The Association also made appointment of four Missionaries, to as many different stations, for the next six months.

Two manuscript Tracts—one on Communion, the other on Baptism—were read and ordered published in tract form. They will be ready at the meeting of the Association in June next at Scott.

The session was perfectly harmonious, and tended to strengthen the cause for which it was held. The missionary spirit is receiving new strength.

JAMES BAILEY, Rec. Sec'y.

DeRuyter, January 12, 1846.

OBITUARY.

"The memory of the just is blessed." To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:—

Some time since, there appeared in the Recorder a notice, from the Schenectady Reflector, of the death of Mr. ABEL WARD, of Schenectady, in which mention is made of his moral worth, warm and generous disposition, and his valuable services as a citizen.

Brother W. was among the first fruits of my ministry in Schenectady. He was born in the vicinity of that city, (I think,) in 1798. In 1819, his mind was awakened to the interests of his soul, and he soon gave satisfactory evidence of genuine conversion to God.

In his last sickness, he was remarkably supported and comforted by the religion of Jesus, which had guided him through his earthly pilgrimage.

W. B. MAXSON.

ROMANISM AND THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—

The recent instances of conversion from the English to the Roman Church, have, it seems, excited a hope among the Romanists, that England may yet come under allegiance to the Pope.

TROUBLE YET AMONG THE BAPTISTS.—The organization of the American Baptist Union, it was thought, would put an end to the trouble among Baptists about receiving slaveholding contributions and appointing slaveholding missionaries.

ELIJAH THE PROPHET.—One Samuel S. Snow, who figured somewhat largely in connection with the Millerite movement of 1843, has recently announced himself as the veritable Elijah the Prophet, and is now laboring to establish his claims in the city of New York.

PIETY IN THE "PEOPLE'S HOUSE."—If the Washington letter-writers ate to be believed, there is a great deal more religiousness at the capitol this winter than usual.

RELIGIOUS REVOLUTION.—From a recent letter of Dr. D'Aubigne, of Geneva, published in the Presbyterian, it appears that a very large secession from the National Church has just taken place in the Swiss Canton de Vaude.

"The news is of great moment; one hundred and fifty parsons of the Canton of Vaud have given in their demission. Students, matured men, and aged men, are all of one mind.

THE COLLEGE OF THE PROPAGANDA, at Rome, has one hundred students from other countries than Italy, of whom eleven are from the United States.

FREEWILL BAPTISTS.—The Repository says that there has been a decrease in this denomination, during the past year, of one quarterly meeting, eight churches, six licentiates, and 2,661 communicants, and an increase of five ordained ministers.

THE RE. DR. BABCOCK, who has for a time past acted as Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, has resigned that post, and accepted a call from the Baptist Church in New Bedford.

REV. WM. KNIBB, the distinguished Baptist missionary in the island of Jamaica, died at Kettering on the 15th of November last, of the yellow fever, after an illness of four days.

REV. ELON GALUSHA.—By a communication in the N. Y. Baptist Register, we perceive that the church in Perry, N. Y., have reconsidered their act disfellowshipping Eld. Galusha.

NOTICE.—The Executive Board of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Association, wish to employ one or more Missionaries to itinerate in the Western States; and would therefore be glad to receive proposals from brethren desirous of engaging in that work.

SABBATH PETITIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY.—The Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey met at Trenton on Wednesday the 14th inst.

January 14.—A petition was presented by Mr. Phillips, from Middlesex, for a modification of the laws for the suppression of vice and immorality, which conflict with the civil and religious rights of those who religiously observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath.

January 16.—This morning Mr. Cannon presented a memorial from Wm. M. Falmestock, M. D., of your town, and a large number of the most eminent men of the State, praying for an amendment to the act for the suppression of vice and immorality.

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.—The N. Y. Observer vouches for the truth of the following story illustrative of the power of conscience when roused after long years of slumber:—

"Some eighteen years since a gentleman in one of the interior towns of N. H. employed a man to assist him in his farming operations for several successive years. At the final settlement, the laborer received, to his own knowledge, twenty dollars more than was his honest due.

MR. JOHN B. GOUGH delivered a Temperance Address in Brooklyn on Friday evening last, for the benefit of the Parent Washingtonian Society. His remarks embraced a rehearsal of the various cases of intemperance which had come under his observation.

THE N. Y. MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORTER.—This semi-monthly medical journal, under the editorial supervision of Clarkson T. Collins, M. D., increases in interest and value.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK.

We have already noticed a series of meetings recently held in Philadelphia, in the course of which more than fourteen thousand dollars were raised for Foreign Missions.

"It is a common remark, and one that missionaries love to make, that Jesus Christ was the first missionary. He was sent on a mission of mercy to this fallen world, in accordance with the Eternal Counsel of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

"Let none of our correspondents suppose that their favors are overlooked or rejected because they do not at once appear in the Recorder. We have several articles on hand which shall appear as soon as we can find time to prepare them for the press.

HINTS TO PREACHERS.

The following hints, which we copy from the editorial columns of "The Pulpit," are too plain to be misunderstood, and too good to be forgotten.

Long sermons are not profitable—scarcely sufferable.

It is only on extraordinary occasions, and from extraordinary speakers, that they can be tolerated at all; and it is doubted whether, on any occasion, or from any man, a sermon of an hour and a quarter to two hours in length, can be as useful as one which comes short of an hour.

There are many preachers who are always unpopular where they labor, who would pass well if they would put all the thoughts of an hour's performance into one of half an hour, or less.

Apologies in the Pulpit.

These are seldom justifiable. The time spent in them is worse than thrown away. It is seldom necessary to inform the congregation that "we feel embarrassed in coming before them."

Pulpit Phraseology.

It is very common to hear a minister of the gospel, when speaking of himself alone, in the pulpit, say "we." In private conversation he speaks of himself only in the singular, but when he gets into the pulpit he suddenly becomes plural.

The same errors are seen in the correspondence of many who write for periodicals. They, however, drop from the pen with the same impropriety as should say "we," when they mean "I."

Excessive Modesty.

Some preachers are so excessively modest, that they commence their public exercises in so low a tone as to be scarcely audible. Weak lungs are sometimes made an excuse for this, but it is a groundless excuse.

THE CASE OF MAXSON vs. ANNAS.

By request of Dea. Maxson, I send you the following account of moneys received for him, for publication in the Recorder.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, and Location. Includes entries for Brookfield, Verona, Watson, Preston, Berlin, Hayfield, Pa., Clarence, New York, Houshold, and Alfred.

Whole amount received, \$102 07

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