

The Sabbath Recorder.

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OBSTACLES TO THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS.

Many persons think of the Jews as a distinct and united people, set apart from every other nation by their peculiar religious opinions, and anxiously waiting for the coming of the Messiah.

There are, however, among the Jewish nation, many sincere inquirers, who are not only free from skepticism, but remarkably accessible to the truth.

The course which has been pursued towards the Jewish nation by the representatives of Christianity, has perhaps done more than any other thing to prejudice them against the Gospel.

MILLERISM.—The last phase and present whereabouts of this ism, are presented in a paper published at Boston by J. B. Cook, entitled "The Advent Testimony."

WAR PRAYERS.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, in compliance with instructions from the proper officer, has prepared a form of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the victories lately vouchsafed to the British arms.

ENGLAND AND ROME.—From the following statement, it would seem that the conversion of all England to Popery is by no means despaired of at Rome.

fourth commandment. The Sabbath has ever been sacred to the Jews. They know the solemnity with which it was instituted in Paradise, when the Creator rested from all his works.

Such are some of the objections raised by intelligent and pious Jews when the claims of the Christian religion are urged upon them.

INCENDIARY NEWSPAPER.—In Wood Co., Va., they have a curious way of showing how much they prefer darkness to light. It seems that there are in that county several subscribers to the Western Christian Advocate.

ONE SIDED LIBERALITY.—In the western part of the State of Maine there are many churches usually known as "Bullockites," from the name of their leader, who was some years ago excluded from the Free-will Baptists.

ENGLISH BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES.—The annual meetings of the various benevolent societies among the Baptists of England, took place last week. From a document received in this country, it appears that Sunday, April 29, was selected as a day to take collections for the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

A NEW MOVEMENT.—A new class of fanatics has just sprung up in Pennsylvania, claiming to be the forerunners of Elijah. They are followers of Sidney Rigdon, who is believed by them to have received an immediate revelation from heaven.

The following article, from the Michigan Christian Herald, speaks our mind exactly. But we do not understand how the writer of it, if he believes what he says, can justify his own practice respecting one of the oldest moral and "positive" institutions revealed in the word of God.

POSITIVE INSTITUTIONS.

The emphasis with which positive institutions are marked in the revelation of God's will, and the peculiar approbation which is bestowed upon the due observance of them, is worthy of remark.

THE WORLD'S CONVENTION.—It seems probable from present indications, that the American churches will be numerously and ably represented at the great Synod of New York and New Jersey which is appointed no less than six clerical delegates, most of whom expect to attend.

EXPENSIVE DOCTRINE.—The following calculation gives some idea of the cost of the doctrine of purgatory to the members of the Catholic Church. If a single "bank of piety" does such an immense business, what must be the sum paid to similar institutions throughout the world?

CAUTION.—A correspondent who recently visited New York, says: "The traveling public should be cautioned against the swindlers in your city who pretend to engage conveyances westward on the canal with cheapness and dispatch. They are a set of cheats and liars.

PRaiseworthy.—In Philadelphia, a plan has been started, and will probably be carried out, for the physical relief and moral instruction of the poor, irrespective of sex, color, religion, or place of birth.

PROTESTS.—Three hundred and sixty gentlemen of Bangor, (Maine), have signed and published a Protest against allowing a steambot to arrive at that place on Sunday.

SPECIAL PROVIDENCE.—Cassius M. Clay, speaking of the men who were foremost in persecuting him during the hour of his prostration and weakness, says that the misfortunes of some of them, particularly Mr. Marshall, have stripped him of whatever resentment he felt at liberty to indulge.

THE CONSCIENCE OF THE DUELIST.—Upon this subject the editor of the Baptist Register has the following remarks, which deserve the consideration of those who think lightly of the subject of dueling.

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THE NEW VOLUME.—NEW SUBSCRIBERS.—Six numbers more will complete the second volume of the Sabbath Recorder. We are making arrangements to bring out the third volume in an entire new dress, and under circumstances which will greatly increase the interest and value of the paper.

DE RUYTER INSTITUTE.—The Summer Term of DeRuyter Institute opened on Wednesday of last week, April 29. It will be seen that Mrs. Lucy M. CARPENTER, whose qualifications are well known, is for the present to occupy the responsible station of Preceptress.

THE CHRONOTYPE.—Elizur Wright, Jr., the translator of La Fontaine's Fables, and author of an interesting series of letters from England which went the rounds a year or two ago, has been for some time past editing a daily paper in Boston called the Chronotype.

A SPEECH OF THE RIGHT STAMP.—The New-Jersey Methodist Missionary Society held its anniversary in Newark last week, at which appropriate speeches were made by several persons. While the contributions were being made, Dr. Bond of New-York, begged the privilege of making a short speech, which he assured the audience, should be more practical than any they had heard.

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Miscellaneous.

SOLILOQUY OF A HORSE,

In the Treadmill of a Beer-Brewing Establishment.

From day to day I tread this wheel, And pull with all my might— While from my head to hoofs, I feel The work my spirits blight.

Growth of Holiness.

If a person is holy, how can he be more holy? If he is perfectly holy how can he increase his holiness? These are questions, which are frequently asked, and which it is desirable satisfactorily to answer.

That a thing may be perfect in its nature, and yet be susceptible in its growth of advancement in degree, is, I suppose, a matter of common observation. An oak when it first rises above the surface of the ground, is so small and weak, that it may be easily trodden under foot; and yet it is as really and truly an oak as when it subsequently stands forth in the strength and age of an hundred years.

And we may not only say in general terms, that there may be a growth in perfection, but may assert further, that the thing which is most perfect, if it be susceptible of growth at all, will have the most sure and rapid growth.

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that it is expressly said of him, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit." The Saviour also was holy from the very beginning of his existence. There was no one power, either of body or mind, that was not fully sanctified.

Some persons may admit the fact of growth in holiness after the experience of full sanctification, and still be in some degree of perplexity as to the manner of it. We proceed, therefore, in the third place, without promising to remove this perplexity altogether, to enter into some explanations upon this topic.

Again, it is well known that there is a great law of our mental nature, termed the law of HABIT. The law is, that increased facility and strength of mental action, results from repetition of practice.

And there is another important consideration. There are grounds for the remark, that we may indirectly increase the strength of holy emotions and desires by a removal of the various obstacles, which oppose and obstruct their exercise.

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These considerations evidently show that the idea of growth in holiness, when the heart is already sanctified to God, is not an unreasonable one. On the contrary, it would seem on any principles of reason applicable to the case, that the growth of a sanctified soul in holiness would be much more rapid than that of a soul but partially sanctified.

In conclusion, we exhort those, who are sanctified to the Lord, to grow abundantly in holiness. Of two persons, both of whom are sanctified persons, one may grow in holiness more rapidly and surely than another. This is an important fact, and one that is often overlooked.

THE LITTLE PILGRIM.

Young as I am, with pilgrim feet, Father, I travel to thy seat; And, leaning on my Saviour's hand, Prepare to leave this barren land.

Soft sickness shades a mother's eyes, And many a friend around me dies; And oft I feel oppressed with care— A stranger as my fathers were.

While through the desert world I roam, Teach me to seek a better home; Unstained by me, unchanged by years, Unlike this gloomy vale of tears.

STUDY OF AGRICULTURE.

I had occasion to visit the son of a friend of mine, at a school of great reputation, in a wealthy agricultural district. The master, a very intelligent person, showed me the details of his well arranged establishment, which was certainly a pattern in every respect.

Now I apprehend this case might be multiplied by a thousand or more. Can we wonder, then, that a youth who never heard the word agriculture at school, and who is seldom or never sent into different districts to be taught agriculture as a science, should go home to his parent's, and follow his plan of farming, be it good or bad, or indifferent.

Were a youth ever so much inclined to furnish his mind with comparisons and observations of the various systems of culture in our own different countries, as in foreign climes, there is under the present school system no opportunity for his doing so, and no doubt he would be surprised if told that we are a century at least behind the Chinese in agricultural practice.

Bury my Influence with Me.

Not long since a young man, blessed with wealthy and respectable parentage, who might have been useful and honored, had he improved his opportunities, but who had run a short career of vice and dissipation, and by his example enticed others to ruin, was stretched upon his dying bed.

THE ANGEL'S VISIT.

The earth was at rest, and the evening air Seemed like the breath of an infant sleeping, And the stars stole forth, like fancies fair That come in the light of the mother's prayer.

But the mother felt in her trembling breast, That the angel's presence was o'er her here; And she shook with a nameless fear distressed, As she bowed like a reed by the dews oppressed.

CHOOSING A WIFE.

Grant Thorburn, of New York—an old married man and one who ought to understand what he writes from experience, in a series of articles directed particularly to the young men of his own city, gives the following advice concerning the choice of a bride, and the husband's conduct to his wife after marriage.

Good nature is another necessary virtue in a wife. This, though, is not essential, as a man must be a consummate blockhead if he cannot lead, (not drive), a woman by fair words. A good manager is another indispensable qualification.

Having now resolved to get married, do not distinguish your wedding with too much ostentation, nor suffer it to pass without proper acknowledgments. Let it wear a sober smile, such as would become you and your partner for life.

BAD BOOKS.

At a late meeting of the New-York Colporteur Association, the Rev. Mr. Kirk, of Boston, said, he had sometime since put "bad books" on his docket for the pulpit; and he would throw out a few thoughts, hoping it might lead ministers present to investigate the subject, which would afford a theme for many discourses.

He would like to trace the analogy of the influence of bad books to that of intemperance. The subject of intemperance had been investigated, so much that of bad books had not. The design of the adversary was to keep people in ignorance; but now he bids they will read, and had therefore undertaken to poison their literature, and had "printer's devil" with a vengeance.

TWELVE EXCELLENT RULES TO PROMOTE

1. To remember that we are all subject to failings and infirmities of one kind or another.

2. To bear with, and not magnify each other's infirmities. Gal. 6: 1, 2.

3. To pray one for another in our social meetings, and particularly in private. James 5: 16.

4. To avoid going from house to house, for the purpose of hearing news, and interfering with other people's business.

5. Always to turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report, and to lay no charge brought against any person until well founded.

6. If a member be in fault, to tell him of it in private, before it is mentioned to others.

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