



The Sabbath Recorder.

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FREEBLE CHURCHES.

An article by "Gleaner" in reference to "The Ministry in our Feeble Churches" is well known to all.

One who is familiar with the denomination, needs to spend but little time to bring before his mind feeble churches almost by the dozen.

The word failure is far from being congenial to the human mind. Indeed, so ungenial is it, that a person making a failure always tries, by every possible excuse, to save himself from the rebukes of the community.

Such a failure also adds to the unpopularity of the Lord's holy Sabbath. As a people, we are few in number.

Again, the effect of allowing our churches to be thus feeble is to prevent an increase of numbers even from our small Sabbatarian stock.

The truth is, children are not born with Sabbath-keeping views, and in many cases they never learn them.

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THE TWO PROCLAMATIONS.

An Oration delivered at the Anniversary of the Milton Academy, by E. G. Clark.

Blind indeed are the eyes that cannot mark the gigantic progress of the world in these modern days.

The progress of those ideas which go to make up civilization, is usually slow, and in any given year scarcely discernible.

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The closing exercises of the spring term of Milton Academy began with the usual examination of classes, on Friday, July 1st.

The Russian monarch, upon ascending the throne of his ancestors, saw among his subjects twenty millions of serfs, bound to the estates upon which they were born, and bought and sold with the land they cultivated.

The Republic President, elected in 1850, was a man of high talents, a man of high character, a man of high courage.

amid the ominous rumblings that precede thunderstorms of revolution, upon taking his seat in the chair of his predecessors, saw and heard about him the fearful evidences of open and defiant rebellion.

The address of Gov. Lewis, although marked by no peculiar graces of diction or delivery, was yet eminently suited to the day and the occasion.

At the conclusion of the address, Rev. Wm. C. Whitford, Principal of the Academy, introduced Gen. Fairchild in a few appropriate remarks.

On Tuesday afternoon, notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the weather, an audience nearly as large as that of the preceding day, again assembled in the grove.

The oration, "Modern Skepticism," by Mr. J. L. Huffman, the Salutatorian, was well written and well delivered.

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THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY. The Continental Monthly for August is out, with a second paper on "American Civilization," by Lieut. Egbert Phelps, as the leader.

In 1827 France, with a population of thirty-two millions, possessed 490 journals; the German Confederation, with a population of thirteen millions, 399; Prussia, with a population of twelve millions, 283; Bavaria, with a population of four millions, 48; the Netherlands, with a population of six millions, 150; Sweden and Norway, with a population of four millions, 89; and Denmark, with a population of two millions, 20.

WAR LITERATURE.—The amount of reading matter historical of the war far exceeds what would naturally be believed. This matter is issued in both number and volume form.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.—The latest number of the Harvard Magazine contains the roll of honor of graduates of Harvard College who are and have been in the national service.

DEATH OF WASHINGTON WILKS. We have as a nation so few true, earnest, fearless friends in England, that the death of one of them at this juncture is doubly a matter of regret.

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millions, they grow into small hay-stacks as it is. By the present process of printing, each pressman takes about five hundred impressions per day.

AN INTERESTING NARRATIVE.
Some weeks ago, it was announced that Lieutenant-Governor Jacobs, of Kentucky, had pardoned Rev. Calvin Fairbanks out of the penitentiary of that State.

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ADVANTAGES OF PUNCTUATION.
Punctuation, that is, the putting the stops in the right places, cannot be too sedulously studied.

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