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THE CHURCH.

Diversity of function or activity. Every organization unfolds in functions or activities. The primary law of this unfolding is diversity...

The more varied and perfect the functions in their activities in any organism, the higher and more perfect that organism, and the more completely does it fulfill the end of a noble being...

Such is not the inspired ideal. Listen to inspiration. "Every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation..."

east reach and variety of climate and of soil, of plains, and hills, and mountains, of great and navigable rivers and lakes, and sweep of sea coast...

The education received at such schools, other things being equal, is more perfect and completely developing than that which is given in a school with a single teacher...

Guizot well asks, which nation is likely to be the more progressive, to develop the higher civilization, the one under an absolute monarchy...

DRAFTED NON-COMBATANTS.—It is said that the War Department has found it impossible to force Quakers into the ranks...

Senate, obviates all difficulty; for non-resistants and clergymen, if they decline to pay the commutation money, are to be sent to the hospital or to the care of the freedmen.

HOME NEWS.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. The Rev. James Bailey, of Plainfield, N. J., received, a few evenings since, a surprise visit from the people of his charge...

ROCK RIVER MEETING-HOUSE. The brethren and friends at Rock River, Wis., assisted by friends from abroad, have erected a very neat and tasteful house of worship...

The dedication took place on Christmas day, in the presence of a very large audience. Dedication sermon by Eld. D. E. Maxson, of Alfred University...

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But I wish now only to refer to the teaching question. Can our Missionary Society engage in sending teachers—those who will confine themselves to teaching alone—among the freedmen?

argue, but would suggest, whether some way ought not to be devised, whereby school teachers of our denomination can be sustained, and thus be permitted to share the labors, the pleasure, the Christian philanthropy and reward of aiding those freedmen to rise into a higher life?

In conclusion, as my daughter cannot probably accept the position referred to, on account of engagements as teacher in Mystic for more than a half year to come...

IN MEMORIAM.

SIMEON RANDOLPH ROGERS, son of Nathan and Experience Rogers, died at the residence of his parents, in New York City, on Jan. 12th, 1864, in the seventeenth year of his age...

"In the early part of his sickness, he expressed himself sorry that he had not lived more devoted to God; he felt that he had not been as faithful as he ought; that if God spared his life, he should try to live better."

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until he send forth judgment unto victory! Death had no terrors for him. To the physician, who said to him, 'I fear you cannot get well again,' he replied, 'Well, we must all die.' He had already anticipated the issue, and was wont to say, 'Come close to me, mother; the moments are precious; and would often take his parents, one in each hand, that he might have them near him.'

A VISIT TO THE "FRONT."

After having gone through the somewhat tiresome routine necessary to procure a pass, on Monday morning, Jan. 11th, the cars whirled us away from the depot situated at the foot of Maryland Avenue...

Another pleasant evening spent in talking over old times with dear friends, frequently interrupted by countless tattoos and occasionally a band serenading officers, another night of rest, and the morning broke upon us clear and fair...

proceeded by another route. About a mile from Headquarters, on a hill, stands a large stone mansion, the property of one Barbour, now a rebel, which served as headquarters of the rebel General Lee when our forces drove him out last November...

PERFECTIONIST LOYALTY.

In Norfolk, there is a society called "Perfectionists," and in their behalf some ten or twelve of the number have lately addressed a letter to the commanding general of that department, setting forth their objections to swearing allegiance to any earthly government...

"The first reason which you set forth is that 'all human governments are a necessary evil, and are continued in existence only by the permission of Jehovah until the time arrives for the establishment of his kingdom, and in the establishment of which all others will be subdued into it, thus fulfilling that declaration in the 8th of Daniel and 14th verse, &c.'"

THE RIGHT KIND OF AGENCY.—Bro. A. R. Cornwall, of Albion, Wis., sends us six new subscribers for the Recorder, with the pay in advance...

A QUESTION ANSWERED.—Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, in a lecture on "Duty and Destiny," delivered in Brooklyn, before the Long Island Historical Society, met the question of "What shall be done with four millions of emancipated slaves?"

OPINION ABROAD.—Late letters from Robert J. Walker, now in London, state that a great revolution is going on in public opinion in England...

SPOTTED FEVER.—A letter from Bro. D. B. Kenyon, says: "The spotted fever has made its appearance in Carbondale, Pa., and is taking of people to an alarming extent."

PETITIONS FOR EMANCIPATION.—The following is a list of the number of signatures to petitions for immediate Emancipation, obtained by the Women's Loyal League in the different States:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Signatures. Includes entries for Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, New Hampshire, and New Jersey.

versation with an officer, said that he never knew such a spirit of elasticity to pervade the whole army as now; also, that its sanitary condition was never so good as at the present time.

"Gentlemen: I have read your petition to General Barneo, setting forth your objections to swearing allegiance to any earthly government."

"You therein establish to your own satisfaction three points: First—The government, although an evil, is a necessary one. Second—That for a time it is permitted to exist by the wisdom of Jehovah. Third—That the time at which a period is to be put to its existence is not come."

"Therefore you ought to swear allegiance to the government of the United States: First—Because, though an evil, you admit it to be necessary. Second—Although an evil, you admit that it is permitted by the wisdom of Jehovah, and it is not for His creatures to question the wisdom of His acts. Third—You only claim to be excused when Jehovah's government is substituted, which period, you admit, has not yet arrived."

"Your obedient servant, BENJ. F. BUTLER."

"What shall be done with all the red-whiskered men, all the blue-eyed men, all the white-haired men?" This question, he added, was as sensible as the other, and both were the same kind of sense—which was nonsense.

"The spotted fever has made its appearance in Carbondale, Pa., and is taking of people to an alarming extent. It is most fatal with children. Some were taken so violently that they died in six hours. The first symptom of the disease, in such cases, would be a violent pain in the head, neck, limbs, or some other part of the body, generally followed by delirium."

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