

SONG OF A NEW CREATION. The following lines, recited at the close of a lecture on Astronomy, presuppose that we are to be a creation subsequent to that of other systems of worlds, and that, at its close, the creations of other periods were called upon for a song of praise.

man," replied the Quaker, "you will not take this money; my daughter is not about being married, and this sum is necessary for the occasion; it would be a long time before I could get together a similar sum; it would be exceedingly cruel to deny their union. You have a heart, perhaps you have loved; you would not, can not do who wicked an act."

"I am a Quaker," replied the other with much calmness, "and you know that such is our usage." At the first words of the Quaker, Weresford sprung up and closely examined his visitor. Without doubt he recognized him, for he turned pale.

THE LITTLE BIRD. Among the trees, at morning, there sang a little bird, And long through all the woodland, his cheerful voice was heard.

cash. They know this and take advantage of it. And so a man who would not have spent ten dollars at the store if he had been obliged to pay "down," has a store bill of perhaps five times that amount to meet at the end of the year.

does not remember that one form of the old-fashioned mortar, the law of whose life was love?—one who was the divinity of our infancy and the sacred presence in the shrine of our first earthly idolatry; one who welcomed us coming, or bled us going, and forgot us never; one who waits for the echo of our footsteps on the graveled pathway that leads beneath the paternal roof or who perhaps has gone on to the better land and keeps a light in the window for these."

that you have paid the salary, the same as you always did, only more of it, and with greater promptness. You remember, you told me to take my own way in this matter; and I have done so. As each one of you brought his grist to mill, I took out as much grain as I thought your proportion, and laid it away for the salary. When harvest was over, I sold it, and have paid the minister regularly from the proceeds. You confess that you are no poorer; so you never missed it, and therefore made no sacrifice. Now I propose that we stop talking about poverty, and about letting our minister go, and add enough to his salary to make us feel that we are doing something."

THE QUAKER AND HIGHWAYMAN. Toby Simpson, a pattern to Quakers, inhabited a neat little house in London, beautified by the presence of his daughter Mary. She was seventeen, a beautiful blonde with blue eyes, and possessing as much wisdom as beauty, was sought after by all the young men among her father's acquaintances.

"What has your daughter, her lover, or your marriage, to do with me? Fewer words and more promptness; give me the money!" Toby, sighing, raised the saddle-bags, took out a heavy sack, and handed it slowly to the masked man, and then attempted to gallop off.

WHAT LITTLE FOXES DID. I was on a visit to my grandfather, one of the pioneer farmers of Central New York, and we had started out for a ride. The first house we passed was in so many respects like my grandfather's that it drew my attention.

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THE MINISTER'S SALARY. A worthy miller—so Dr. C. tells the story, in Dr. Dunbar's memoir—was once grieved by hearing that the minister was going away for want of support, the church having decided they could no longer raise his salary.

THE GIFT OF PRAYER. We sometimes hear it said of an individual, that "he is gifted in prayer." What is meant by that expression? Is it meant by it, that he is able to use the language of devotion properly and fluently? Generally, we apprehend that is not what is meant by the remark.

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The Sabbath Recorder.

Western, E. L. First day, July 26, 1866.

OUR ASSOCIATIONS.

For several weeks past, our columns have been a good deal occupied with reports of the proceedings of our four Associations—the Eastern, Central, Western, and North-Western.

The Associations have been of great service in educating our people as to the manner of transacting business. One who compares either of the meetings held this year with those held twenty years ago, can not fail to discover great improvement.

The Associations have done a good work in obtaining full and accurate statistics, relating not merely to the membership and officers of the churches, but also to our Sabbath-schools and benevolent operations.

The Associations have developed talent, and furnished a field for its exercise and growth, which would very likely have remained hidden except for them.

Finally, the Associations are invaluable to us as strictly religious meetings. For a few years past, the custom has been growing among us, of giving a prominent place at such gatherings to conference meetings.

We have referred to these cases, all well known, in illustration of the great danger of leaving to another generation the execution of one's wishes in regard to works of benevolence.

"BE YOUR OWN EXECUTOR."

Persons of large means are apt to have large plans for benefiting the world with their means. Most of them, however, leave the work to be done by their executors, and, as a consequence, it is never done.

POSTHUMOUS BENEVOLENCE.

It has long been a favorite method with those who have intended to devote their wealth to objects of charity, to spend their lives in hoarding it up, and then to provide by will for carrying out their benevolent intentions.

But whatever may be the motives that actuate those who pursue this method of doing good with their money, the history of benevolence shows that it is very unsafe to leave it entirely to other hands to do.

We might enumerate many large charitable bequests which have been thus thwarted by the oversight of the courts, and are not expected to be controlled by any generous impulses.

WESTERN TURKEY MISSION.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Observer gives some account of the annual meeting of the Western Turkey Mission of the American Board.

The meeting has been one of great harmony of opinion and of feeling, and many important questions have been considered.

no one can tell what will be the character of any enterprise that is to be left for another generation to inaugurate.

The world is growing practically wiser on this subject than formerly. The course which we are recommending is much more frequently adopted now than in times past.

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We have called attention to this subject for the purpose of suggesting to those Christian philanthropists whom God has blessed with a large amount of this world's goods, and who, perchance, have purposed in their hearts to devote largely to works of charity when they shall be no longer stewards, that it is far better to do the work themselves than to leave it to others to do.

not feel authorized to make public the action of the Mission on this important topic. I can say, however, that there was no real difference of opinion as to what course should be pursued. It was also the opinion of all the members of the Mission, that both the missionaries and the native pastors have come to clearer and better understanding of their relations to each other, and to the common work in which all are engaged.

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We might enumerate many more instances of such wise and successful charity. One of our citizens, who not long since established a college on missionary ground, has just established a similar institution for the education of the poor of the South, on the historic grounds of Lookout Mountain.

We have arrived at Chicago, that great metropolis of the West, the prairie city, too often described to be a repetition here; suffice it to say, it is a great city for one of its age.

happiness, temporal and spiritual. He that can do good and doeth it not, is committing a grievous sin. Speak to friends upon the matter. Use all possible reasons to convince them of their folly; and although you should not increase your worldly wealth, you may be the humble instrument of saving a man from degradation, a family from wretchedness, and a soul from ruin.

NOTES OF A TOURIST.

ON THE WING, May 24, 1866.

It had long been the desire of my heart to revisit the scenes of my early labors in the gospel ministry, as also those of my early childhood; but circumstances had hitherto prevented the accomplishment of the most intense aspirations of my soul.

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CORRECTION.—HINT.

ALBRIGHT CENTER, N. Y., July 19th, 1866.

In giving a list of the churches represented in the council convened at Independence, for the ordination of brother L. E. Livermore, by some oversight, the name of the Hartsville church was left out of the list.

It is noticed some very appropriate remarks in the last Recorder about our schools; and to cause them to realize their importance as a denominational power, and as our strong hold upon the confidence of other denominations.

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he believed that would be found true always and everywhere. One-third of the ministers were afraid to touch upon these subjects, for fear that it would touch on their own salaries; but the fact was, that was the best way to raise their own salaries.

THE BIBLE IN MEXICO.

Under the constitution of the empire, free toleration of all religion is guaranteed, and this liberty is every day noticeable when processions are moving through the streets and Protestants are no longer obliged to go upon their knees and remain with heads uncovered until the image of the old law has passed; but an old Spanish law still remains unrevoked which prohibits the sale of religious books or Bibles except such as are sanctioned by the Catholic clergy.

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The Thunder Storm, on Tuesday evening of last week, was not only severe, but destructive, in Rhode Island. A barn of Oliver Babcock, & Potter Hill, was struck by lightning and destroyed, together with a horse, hay, &c. A barn of Weldon Brown, at Uxepungus, was set on fire by lightning, and consumed. A very valuable barn of Wm. G. Keaton, at Wakefield, was destroyed in the same way, together with five horses, a stage coach, harnesses, &c. belonging to John N. Taylor. Keaton's loss was about \$2500, and Taylor's about \$2000.

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