

SCATTER SEED. In the furrows of thy life, Scatter seed! Small may be thy spirit-aid, But a nobly-crop'd field Shall be the result of thy seed.

THE MAN THAT KILLED HIS NEIGHBORS. BY L. MARIA CHILD. It is curious to see how a man's spirit reflects itself in the people and animals around him; nay, in the very garments, trees and stones.

neighbors, with a quiet kind of satisfaction. "Everybody loves my husband, that knows him; they can't help it."

Simon Green's acquaintance knew that he never was engaged in a lawsuit in his life; but he predicted that he would find it impossible to avoid it.

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Reuben Black had a degree of ingenuity and perseverance which might have produced great results for mankind, had those qualities been devoted to some more noble purpose than provoking quarrels.

One day, little George Green, as he went whistling along, picked up a pear that had fallen into his father's garden. The instant he touched it, he felt something on the back of his neck, like the sting of a wasp.

Such was the state of things when Simon Green purchased the farm adjoining Reuben's. The estate had been much neglected, and had caught thistles and nettles from the neighboring fields.

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CHURCH AND PASTOR.

The Permanency of Pastoral Relations, recently advocated in the Recorder, is doubtless a subject in which most communities take considerable interest.

Communities differ as widely in their customs, manners, temperaments, tastes, and attainments, as do individuals. They have their likes and dislikes, as well as their real necessities, in such contrast, that what is pleasing to one, may displease another.

Now it is a rare thing to find any one man of such variety of attainments, and such versatility of mind, that he can adapt himself alike to all conditions of society.

Some churches demand more care in certain directions than others, and some ministers are more capable of meeting large demands than others.

The truths of the gospel are of equal importance to all people, but the mere preaching of the gospel is comparatively a small part of the duties of the faithful pastor.

He who would be successful as an instructor, and leader of public sentiment, must first win the confidence and esteem of those whom he seeks to benefit.

If he fails in this, he will fail in the sequel, not perhaps, because he is less worthy, as a Christian, than others, but because he is—the right man in the wrong place.

For such an one to become a permanent fixture in a church, where there is little reciprocity in sympathy and action, is only to clog the machinery, and really hinder the work he seeks to advance.

before heard of one attempting to whip religion into his children, or religion out of them.

NOTES OF A TOURIST.

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BERLIN, N. Y., June, 1866.

After rambling over some of the scenes of former days, and making a few calls on old friends, we set out for Berlin, where I merged from childhood to youth, and where I spent some ten years of early manhood.

The Association held here, I need not describe, as all who read the Recorder will have the opportunity to read of its doings.

After the Association was adjourned, I took occasion to visit some interesting localities; not the least so was the resting place of the mortal remains of Eld. William Coon, the first pastor of the Berlin church, and by his side my own father, who succeeded him in the pastoral office.

Now I will take a walk up Green's Hollow, and see what remains of objects and persons once familiar.

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to climb on the hay mow, and put out our heads and hail the passers-by. There are the side-hills where we used to ramble and gather berries, and perform all kinds of feats in running, jumping, or what pleased the fancy.

ALFRED UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:

If we have no Dr. Russel, or no A. D. Richardson, within our denominational confines, we have still those whose abilities are equal to an entertaining account of the entertaining and encouraging exercises incident to our first institution of learning, the present year.

The Poem of Rev. Dr. Palmer, of Connecticut, on Tuesday evening, upon "Our Country," was hardly equal to the expectations of the audience.

Under the system of succession, adopted by the literary societies, and approved by the faculty, the "Orophilians" first, this year, displayed their eloquent gifts before an appreciative audience.

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day afternoon was vocal, (as in the morning,) and was worthy of mention. One of the productions has appeared in your paper, the "Biography" of a deceased and loved member, by her friend, Miss Anna R. Barker. Miss Freeborn's "Thought and Action" was praised, as indeed were the exercises generally.

The exercises of Wednesday, July 4th, commencement day proper, that "great day of the feast," were considerably interfered with by a shower.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

I find an article in the Recorder of August 2d, written by Eld. W. B. Gillette, of Shiloh, N. J., which indicates that the "General Conference is useless, and a meaningless affair to the denomination."

The National Union Convention, held in Philadelphia on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, was one of the largest political conventions ever held in this country.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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