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THE CULTURING POWER OF THE CHURCH. An Essay read before the Seventh-Day Baptist Convention, by Elizabeth B. Henshaw.

to temporal demands, appetites, and gratification, men are indisposed to be impressed with the realities of the unseen and eternal, or earnestly seek a saving knowledge of God.

It is perhaps one of the most unpropitious features of sin, that it hides from the soul the consciousness of its own moral condition, and brings to it the dangerous darkness that it chooses rather than light.

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Men brought into the Church variously endowed, with undeveloped capabilities, are God's prophecies and promises of future results, to be fulfilled only through the active co-operation of the Church.

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for progressive development, but can not answer the large demand upon the Church for mental and spiritual power. Every age presents new features of thought and mental activity, and new developments of antagonism to the Christian religion, which must be neutralized and overcome by that mental and moral power of the Christian ministry, which nothing but discipline and grace can give.

The first measure of the Church in the process of supplying the ever-increasing demand for Gospel laborers in the world's wide harvest-field, is self-knowledge, of a proper discernment and regard for the talents of its membership. It is but reasonable to suppose, that God has bestowed upon his Church a sufficient talent for the complete accomplishment of its mission, and holds it responsible for its faithful use.

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"MY AIN COUNTRY." I am far free my name, an' I'm weary often-ly For the bread-for-home-bringing, an' my Father's welcome smiles;

The church is often called niggardly in the support of the ministry. Many sit with their hands on their hands, complaining of their hard lot. They have talents, they think; they have devoted many years to hard study and preparation; their education fits them for little else than preaching.

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What would you think of a very hungry man, who had not eaten a morsel of food for the last twenty-four hours, and was asked by a charitable man to come in and sit down at a richly-covered table, and also large dishes of choice meat, and also covered ones, the contents of which the hungry man did not know?

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE BAMBOO. We have some beautiful trees in this country, but none that will compare with the bamboo of the East.

way of cannon on the part of the Chinese was a weapon of bamboo. In the war of '58, one of the Sepoy regiments was started by a tremendous shower of rockets falling into their encampment at night.

A "Young Farmer" wishes to learn how to lay drain tiles—to know what kind is best—how the side drains empty into the main drains.

CASHMERE AND ANGORA GOATS. We see by the Eastern papers, that several large importations of the Cashmere, or rather Angora-shawl, wool-bearing goat, have recently arrived in this country.

HOW THEY ARE MADE. A foreign paper describes the process of making up a fashionable beauty in Paris at the present time.

shading the upper lip, are destroyed by depilatories; freckles and skin stains are removed by a paste, which is said to decompose them and form a new soft skin.

Michigan; Hon. Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, has a flock; Texas has several thousands; while in California they are thriving abundantly.

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English hay, wheat, and the same quantity of grain. A ton of sweet corn fodder prepared as above, and fed, is worth nearly as much as a ton of hay.

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ODDS AND ENDS. An exchange says it has been discovered that rats can be got rid of by covering the floor near the rat hole with a thin layer of moist caustic potash.

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