

BEYOND THE SUNSET.
Shadows of the day are creeping,
And the sun sinks to his rest...

THE SABBATH RECORDED.

are in the highest degree intolerant,
and this every Mason knows. In a
recent number of their great Masonic

THE FORCE OF EXAMPLE.
Some years ago, they lived in the
South of Germany a wise and good

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teach us, that, though we cannot
all go abroad, and teach the heathen
ourselves, we may be missionaries

THIRTY.
My sheep are blown about the world,
from Hebra to Content to Hebra...

HOW IT IS DONE.
The Benton Street Mission School,
in St. Louis, of which Mr. E. D.

LESSONS.
Some time since we took up the
Gospel of John, assigning six verses

LIBRARY.
So far we have deemed it unwise
to append a library to our school,

GAZELLE SHOOTING.
Sir S. W. Baker, in his new volume
devoted to Abyssinia, gives this

REWARD SYSTEM.
The system of rewards may be carried
with safety to a certain extent.

MUSIC.
The choir, under the leadership of
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so as to admit of a deposit in each
of these apartments, which are numbered

WORK FOR CHRIST.
Work for Christ! This is the best
work for a spiritual invalid in the

BLACKBOARD.
This appendage has become really
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he gave twelve thousand dollars to
Andrews, without any apparent reason.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.
The first beginning of the royal
burials at Westminster is uncertain.

DEATH NOT A MISFORTUNE.
We are accustomed to speak of
death as a misfortune, we almost

MURDER AND CONFESSION.
No case of murder in the Commonwealth
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THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The report of the Delegate from the North-Western Association to the Eastern, Central and Western Associations, was deemed rather lengthy for incorporation in the minutes of the body represented. It is, however, full of interesting and important suggestions, that we take great pleasure in placing it before our readers in a position more conspicuous, and more likely to be read, than if embodied in the official minutes.

Your delegate to the other Associations has performed the task assigned him, impressed with the conviction that you did not send him so much to fill out a form and keep up a custom, as to carry your Christian greetings, and represent your thoughts and religious life, and to carry the inspirations by which you are moved, to our dear brethren of the other Associations. Each of the Associations, he has been most cordially welcomed, and assigned such places as would give him the best opportunity to do what you sent him to do.

What I wish to say to the Associations, will be found arranged under the following heads:

- 1st. State of Religion. 2d. Sabbath-Schools. 3d. Education. 4th. Reforms in general. 5th. Ministers. 6th. Church Buildings, &c. 7th. Unity of Work.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Whatever of Christian work we do, must depend for its success upon the prevalence of the Christian life and spirit in the hearts of our members. To foster this life is the function of the church, with all its institutions and appointments, through the faithful application of the gospel to the affairs of every-day life. There seems to have been a general ingathering to the churches of the Associations east, while some of the churches reported precious revivals and increase of strength. The total increase of membership in the Eastern Association has been about forty, while in the Central Association there has been a decrease of fourteen. The membership of the churches in the Western Association has been kept.

MINISTERS.

Your delegate, in mingling with the counsels of the Associations he has visited, could not but be impressed with the changes time is working upon the ranks of our ministers. "Our fathers, where are they?" In the Eastern Association, only Walter B. Gillette, pastor of the Shiloh church, remains in active service of the ministers who have been active organizers and vigilant workers in days gone by. He still seems young and vigorous, and is wedded to the progressive work of the church, as if he had been born in the midst of its hurly-burly. Around him stand a new generation of ministers, and it is most inspiring to see the past and present clasped hands in a common work, to make the future as glorious as the past. In the Central Association, Alexander Campbell, now pastor of the 1st Verona church, seems to be the father. Although past seventy, he walks as erect, and speaks with that precise diction and solemn earnestness which so much impressed me when I first saw him. He is still the most vigorous of our young ministers. To-day gray hairs and wrinkles premonit the time, but far off, when his manly and high-toned voice will no longer ring back from the advance. Full of mental vigor and moral stamina as ever, he approaches the home of his fathers as an old man, when, from the summit of their work, they pass it to other hands. He is still performing work—work which would tax the strongest—and still are his words inspiration, and his counsels weighty. Not the men who bury such workers will realize the worth of their work, will also ripen their faith. Contemporary prejudices and passions and misconceptions must yield at length, and the world and church will come in time to honor their workers. It is sadly glorious to see such leaders of our cause work to the end of their days, and to their reward. But it is full of cheering promise to see our young men, animated by their spirit, inspired by their examples, and appreciative of their better opportunities, rising to fill their places. I come back to my work, animated, encouraged, and strengthened, by the counsel and strength of a noble band of young men coming to the leadership of our cause, with qualifications of mind and heart that fit them to take up the work at its advanced stage of unfolding, and lead on the people in higher plains of duty and achievement than they have ever before occupied. Our young ministers are growing, and here is our hope for the future.

CHURCH BUILDINGS, &c.

The churches in the East are fully awake to the importance of Sabbath-schools, as one of our most important means of growth and strength. That people are poorly provided for in this respect, who are neglectful of the Sabbath-school. It is of infinite interest, that our children be taught the Scriptures for their own sakes, and that they are the hope of the church when we are dead. Through them we shape the future of the church. It was prominently urged, in all the discussions on this topic, that the Sabbath-school should be made the center of our life, and that we should build our houses of worship, and employ their ministers, more to please Christ and promote vital godliness, than to "beat the first day folks."

EDUCATION.

Our literary institutions in the Associations east are most of them doing their work vigorously. It has come at length to be felt, that as reformers, educators, we must use our own strength, and our own resources. Our own children up to the age of fifteen, but also to make them attractive to others. There is no other feature of our denomination to-day that gives us more prominence and influence for good than our Sabbath-schools. There linger here and there a few weak-minded Christians, who, by some misfortune of birth or training, have failed to catch the spirit of progress and growth which is the foundation of our educational enterprise. Let us may well be satisfied, that the best that we can do for the education of Christians is to send them to the point of educational preparation.

Livermore, a teacher of fine accomplishments, who, with assistance of good qualifications, are arranging for what promises to be a good fall and winter term. The interests of this institution were thoroughly canvassed during the session of the Association. Long-standing difficulties in the DeLafayette church, together with the unfavorable location of DeLafayette, among other schools, and at a distance from railroad, operate largely to neutralize the efforts of the DeLafayette Institute. I do not anticipate for that school more than moderate success.

Alfred is the only institution of academic and collegiate grade under Seventh-day Baptist control in the Western Association. Its endowment and financial resources have increased since the last year, and its arrangements it has had to encounter. It does not lack so much in money as in men. What Alfred most needs is men of varied and generous culture in her faculty, to stand around her noble president. The trustees have recently sold one of its buildings, known as North Hall, to the district, to be moved, and used as a graded district school, the upper department of which is to be under the control of the University—I presume a good arrangement. They have recently appointed T. K. Williams to a Theological Professorship.

REFORMS IN GENERAL.

The Associations east, all of them, spoke out manfully on the great questions of social and political reform in the past year. A great stage of the work, and a grand era of the work, with the friends of national regeneration and reconstruction, on the basis of impartial suffrage and equal civil and political rights. The Central and Western are active and radical on the question of temperance, demanding prohibition as a condition of license, as the only remedy for the appalling crime and ruin of intemperance. On the subject of secret societies for reformatory purposes, the several Associations are firmly united in opposition to them, as at war with the best interests of the reforms they propose to promote, and in the position of the plan of reform proposed in God's Word, and to the universal brotherhood at the foundation of the Christian faith, and inimical to the strength and unity of the Christian Church.

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giving up manure for two years. I have succeeded in bringing an old tree into fruit, which would have given nothing well, into a first-class soil...

kept until wanted for use. Sometimes a tree is cut to the bottom to the top, the incisions being made about a foot apart...

It is a GREAT OYSTER MAN. A New York correspondent writes: One of the most noted places in New York is "Dorlan's," at Fulton Market...

AGES OF ANIMALS. The average life of a cat is fifteen years; of a squirrel and hare, seven or eight years; of a rabbit seven; a bear rarely exceeds twenty years; a wolf, twenty; a fox, fourteen to sixteen; lions are long lived; the one known by the name of Pompey lived to the age of seventy...

LAW OF RHODE ISLAND. Passed at the May Session of the General Assembly, 1888. An Act annexing a portion of the Town of Hopkinton to the City of Providence...

QUEER THINGS ABOUT BEES. The poppy-bee makes her nest in the ground, burrowing down about three inches. At the bottom she makes a large, round hole, and lines it splendidly with the scarlet leaves of the poppy...

THE WOODPECKER'S FOEBIGHT. The woodpecker in California is a storer of acorns. The tree he selects is invariably of the pine tribe. He bores several holes, differing slightly in size, at the fall of the year...

AM ILLINOIS FARM. A correspondent of the Springfield Republican has been down the Illinois Central Railroad, forty miles from Chicago, to see how a prairie farm was managed...

ABOUT GLASS. The formation of window glass is effected by blowing the melted matter, or metal, as it is called, into hollow spheres, which are afterwards made to expand into circular sheets...

INDIA RUBBER. The first accounts we have of this important product date back to the year 1785, when some French astronomers, who had been sent out to Brazil to make observations, returned to Europe with some of the gum...

TWO-HANDED WORKERS. On the subject of using the left hand as well as the right, the London Atlas says: It is a very old custom to quiz the Celestials about the cramping shoes...

RESTORE YOUR BEAUTY. HOLLYWOOD'S BEAUTY. Faded, Dark, Crisp, and Greasy Hair. The use of VEGAN'S VITAMINE. Was the result of a long and painful illness...

COLONY'S SELECT FLAVORS OF THE CHOICEST FRUITS AND SPICES. Prepared by the Colony Tea Company, New York. The great secret of this success is that they are the fruit of the finest tea...

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