





Tract Society Department.

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THE LORD'S DAY AND THE CIVIL LAW.

Christian men do not always make the necessary distinction between the appropriate action of church and state on any given topic. The subject may be suitable for civil as well as for ecclesiastical legislation, and yet the reasons and methods may both be different. In the church we have only the religious duties to consider, and our own consciences to consult.

OUR WORK.

With every true Christian, the great question of life is, How can I most efficiently serve the cause of my Master? As the denotation is not an aggregation of individuals, this same question should be the main-spring of all its movements, and indeed, the cause of its existence.

the pound, came out and remonstrated in high terms, severely censuring the driver of a man who would drive cattle through the streets on Sunday.

Our increase has not been commensurate with the natural increase of population. Our young people are constantly partaking of the wide-awake zeal and good-heartedness of the age, and are going out from us, not as earnest champions of the truth and ministers of God's love, but as backsliders, full of worldly philosophy, and falling in with popular errors.

The Sabbath Recorder.

us consider, for a moment, in what particulars our neighbor Methodists have differed from us in their manner of carrying on the war. Their spirit which seems to have filled and controlled John Wesley, was like that which controlled the apostles themselves; eminently a missionary spirit—a spirit of love to all men, and a desire for the salvation of their souls.

REORGANIZATION.

A remark in Ed. Gillette's article of Aug. 25th, is worthy of note. It is to the effect, that if the Conference be reorganized, it be organized into a missionary body, representative in its character. An active representative (or delegate) missionary body will be found to be the missing link in the great work of Sabbath proselytism.

MATERIALISM.

Dear Brother:—It would be useless—yes, more than useless, pernicious—for us to engage in the discussion of the matter of difference between us, in the spirit of your discourse of which I complained. We both profess to believe the Bible, and to find our faith therein revealed. Candor would dictate that we should give each other the credit of being believers; and not separate ourselves as far as possible, and prejudice our readers, by casting the odium of infidelity upon each other; you characterizing my views as materialism, and I branding yours as spiritualism.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

Under the above heading, learned and wise brethren have written as if the question were submitted to the churches for accepting or rejecting the proposed constitution for a reorganization. Is it so?

THE MAGAZINES.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for September has the promised article from Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, entitled, "The True Story of Lady Byron's Life." The other articles are: "Why Harry Jones did not go to Canada," by Rev. Walter Mitchell; "The 'Pos' in the Household," by Caroline Chessbrough; "Jacob Flinn's Journey," by Bayard Taylor; "My Command and I," by J. T. Crowbridge; "A Lone Wanderer," by Wm. M. Rice; "Beyond," by Confucius and the Chinese," by Rev. James Freeman Clark; "The First Cricket," by W. D. Howells; "Gabrielle de Berngers," part III, by Henry James, Jr.; "Log-rolling at Washington," by James H. Johnson; "The Hero of Dorset," by J. Jackson Jarvis; "A Postical Lot," Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston, are the Publishers.

THE COTTON CROP.—The Tribune says the cotton crop of 1869 is so well advanced that it may be safely estimated at three million bales—half a million more than last year. Supposing the cotton crop to be valued at twenty-five cents per pound (gross) it will bring them \$300,000,000, which is more than they have ever received. Formerly they would have received less than \$300,000,000 for such a crop.







Miscellaneous

NEW TEXTILE MATERIAL—RAMIE.

Thomas R. Ayres, Esq., (says the Cincinnati Gazette), has received from specimens of the prepared fiber of Ramie, and three specimens of this material, which he will place on view at the exposition of textile fabrics.

AN ELEPHANT AND A BRIDGE.

The well known sagacity of the elephant recently had a remarkable exemplification, at St. John, in the Province of Quebec.

LEARN A TRADE.

Stephen Girard had a favorite clerk, and he always said he intended to give him a good education.

PARIS LITERALLY DESCRIBED.

To the stranger coming fresh from the other side of the Atlantic, Paris makes many surprises.

KEEPING FRUIT.

After giving a condensed account of experiments in preserving the fruit of 1867, according to Prof. Noye's system, which has already been published in the Horticulturist.

DRIVING A YOUNG HORSE.

In teaching a young horse to drive well, do not hurry to see how fast he can trot.

amount of fruit. On this thirty tree has 90 apple trees, 16 cherry trees, 11 pear trees, over 100 grape vines, quinces, etc., besides all the varieties of berries.

GRASS FOR HOGS.

Many of our farmers do not know the important value of grass as feed for hogs; at least, one would think so, when their hogs, of all ages, may be seen during the whole Summer in small yards, or at least on very scanty pasture.

BARREN FRUIT TREES.

We are not in favor of mangling trees, but we are in favor of fruit trees. Now there are many trees that will not bear, and many more that are shy bearers.

POINTS OF A GOOD OW.

In answer to the inquiry on this subject, two correspondents, both in Maryland, send us copies of the one on the one from London's Encyclopaedia of Agriculture, edition 1839.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL REGION.

The anthracite coal region, now three by four feet square, and six or eight inches thick, has been quarried near Salamanca, New York, having on its top an impression of horses' hoofs.

THE TREASURY PRINTING.

Secretary Boutwell has perfected his arrangements for a complete reconstruction of the bond, bank note and currency printing of the Treasury Department.

SUN-PRINTING ON FRUIT—Monograms.

Monograms, initial letters, or other designs, can be printed on the rinds of apples, peaches, or pears, by the action of the sun, with very pretty effect.

CHARGES FOR THE MILK ROOM.—In addition to the utmost neatness in washing the milk room and all vessels used for milk or cream, the Paris Farmer recommends the following course.

ODDS AND ENDS.

There are improvements in the mechanism of the Great Eastern steamship which are of some moment and value. Her rudder, formerly worked by twelve men, now answers for a single helmsman.

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