



The Draft Department.

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VICTORY AT LAST.

Church history, in the primary sense, is the unfolding of God's revelations to men, for their redemption from sin, and restoration to harmony with truth.

I. That the course of truth, like that of light, is necessarily onward to final and complete triumph: for all truth is a revelation from God, an unfolding of Himself in human life.

"TRUST IN GOD, AND KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY." This famous "order" has passed into an adage, which is designed to teach that faith and works should go together.

Looking at the case thus, it is comparatively easy to trace the course of truth, like a thread of gold in the tangled skein of human error and sin, and to see how, through it all, the web and woof of righteousness are woven together.

2. Looking still closer, we see that there are certain central representative ideas, toward which God is ever seeking to draw the world—certain fundamental truths on which all else rests.

3. Standing at this point in the history of the Church, noting her strength and her weakness, one can not fail to see that her need of reform lies in the direction of law. Her activity in spreading religious ideas was never as great as now.

What think ye of Christ? is asked and answered through every shade of doctrine. But God, his law, and our relations to it, are largely ignored.

ers and obeyers of God's law. Sabbath law, more than any other, represents God, and at the same time involves the idea of Christ in the promise of that rest which comes through redemption.

The cause of truth has worked its way slowly and painfully along thus far. False theories, one after another, have been tried and failed. In this way, the honest ones have better chance to come to the truth.

These thoughts come directly home to Seventh-day Baptists in their work. They are but a handful, as men count, circumscribed on every side. And yet God and the truth call on them to go forward to higher life, greater zeal, and enlarged enterprises.

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"want of foresight," "lack of calculation," &c. The fatal effects of refusing to trust God will be more clearly seen if it is remembered that we are as children, compared to Him, lacking in wisdom and feeble in power.

He who works for the truth must often burn his ships behind him, and trust in Jehovah alone for victory. There is never need to make provision for defeat, when God forms the rear-guard.

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they feel warranted to go ahead of means, at times, furnished in the general work of the Society, they think it best to advance with us only as they can do so upon the cash principle, and with good prospects.

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one, until, like scattered drops of molten metal, drawn by the invisible power of truth, they unite, and Jehovah guides their steps to victory. Sabbath Reform will doubtless follow in the usual course.

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The Sabbath Recorder.

WESTBURY, N. Y., FIFTH-DAY, DEC. 28, 1871. GEORGE B. UTTER, EDITOR.

A NEW VOLUME.

With this number we begin the twenty-eighth volume of the Recorder. In many respects the auspices are favorable. Our list of subscribers was never larger than now, and their interest in the welfare of the paper was never deeper than now.

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than they who, taking its natural poetic images as literal descriptions, fail to find their instinctive longings gratified, or their purest desires stirred to high and profitable activity. Actual description could only influence the few; a suggestive variety reaches the many.

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Under date of Dec. 20th, Eld. A. H. Lewis says: "Our new church at Andover is flourishing. Have purchased the church property formerly owned by the Methodist Episcopal church for \$8,000. Winter and snow in abundance."

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS. Monday, Dec. 18th. The Senate was occupied all day in discussing the caucus resolution for an investigating Committee, which was finally passed in an amended form, being a practical victory for the independent Republicans.

ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. On Tuesday, Dec. 19th, President Grant sent to Congress a message in regard to Civil Service Reform, the substance of which is covered by the following paragraph: "In accordance with the act of Congress approved March 3, 1871, I convened a Commission of eminent gentlemen to devise rules and regulations for the purpose of reforming the civil service."

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The poor gentleman had been a member of the Church for many years...

WARMING COUNTRY HOUSES.
One of the most important items in the preservation of the general health is being comfortably warm all the time...

HOW TO GET A WIFE IN INDIA.
When a man in decent rank of life in India wishes to marry, he must first of all be a Hindu...

THE OLD-TIME PONY EXPRESS.
However, in a little while, all interest was taken up in a strange new mode of traveling...

Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River, as high up as British America, they receive beehives from Texas...

CURE FOR A FELON.
Is he a thief, hang him! If a sore finger, an exchange, or a sore nose to put some coals into a pot...

PAPER CLOTHING.
The uses of paper clothing are constantly multiplying, until it is now made serviceable in nearly every department of manufacturing industry...

NEEDLE MAKING.—There is a needle factory at New Haven, Ct., where the whole process is done by a single machine...

AMERICAN CHEESE IN ENGLAND.
The Utica Herald reports: The cheese which we sent to England in the fourth month of the year...

PEOULIARITIES OF THE ARABS.
No Arab is ever curious. Curiosity with all Eastern nations is considered unmanly...

PURE WATER THE BEST DRINK.
There is no axiom of health more true than that, no new beverage, or taste appetite till they eat with a plain ordinary food...

CHINESE JEALOUSY.—The Chinese are the most jealous people in the world. They consider it sacrilege for a man to look with anything like a steady gaze at their wives...

THE TEXAS CATTLE TRADE.—It is estimated that during the past season 600,000 head of cattle were driven from Texas to Kansas, Nebraska, and the Western States and Territories...

habits of strict military discipline and watchfulness, that his food was vegetables, and his drink was water, never indulging himself in animal food or wine...

ROYAL HAVANA LOTTERY OF CUBA.—\$380,000 in gold drawn every week by the Government of Havana...

200,000 COPIES SOLD.
JUDGES & FOSTER'S UNEQUALLED CHURCH MUSIC BOOK, THE SACRED CROWN.

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