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PERSECUTION FOR RELIGIOUS OPINIONS.

It is no just occasion for surprise, that worldly men are anxious to secure uniformity of religious opinions, and that the governments composed of worldly men have repeatedly enacted laws to secure such uniformity.

But we must confess that we have been surprised when we have seen professing Christians pursuing this phantom of uniformity, and foremost among the persecutors of the intractable.

The religion of Jesus Christ not only discommensures the imposition of pains and penalties upon its opposers, but it never asks for human legislation in its behalf.

One object for which the Convention was called, was to consider the expediency of forming a World's Temperance Union.

liberties of all good men, because some bad men will pervert the true doctrines? Let us not, by such a course, do evil that good may come.

THE ABOLITIONISM OF OLD TIMES.

It is common for those who oppose "anti-slavery agitation," to refer to the abolition of slavery in the New England States as proving that agitation and severe language are not necessary to accomplish the object.

"And now, reverend sir, I would humbly ask, have you had no hand in this iniquitous man-stealing? Have you not bought divers of these people for money, people made of the same flesh and blood with your children?"

THE WORLD'S TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

Among the great meetings held in London during the last month, none has appeared to us to promise greater usefulness than the World's Temperance Convention.

The following resolutions, which were almost unanimously adopted by the Convention, will give an idea of its principles.

"That in the opinion of this Convention, as a means of extending the Temperance reformation, the following truths should be spread throughout the world; and that Temperance organizations be exhorted to give them the widest possible extension."

"That it is generated by the process of fermentation, and is the same, though existing in different degrees, in cider, wines, and malt liquors, as in distilled spirits."

"That it is a perpetual fountain of disease, poverty, crime, temporal and spiritual death, never needful or useful to men in health in any climate, or any employment."

"That the whole manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a beverage, though a source of revenue to Government, is a manufacture of human misery, and highly injurious to the souls and bodies of men, and should not be licensed more than other moral evils by human Governments."

"That the word of God often prescribes total abstinence to avoid existing evils, and that the spirit of Christian love directs us to shun wine, or any thing whereby our brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

"That a voice comes up from every part of the globe calling upon kings, and all who are in authority, upon reflecting and influential men of all climes, upon parents, teachers of youth, medical men, ministers of religion, and all who love their race, to put forth the hand and stay the plague which is filling our world with woe, and which, unless checked, will continue to sweep thousands of succeeding generations prematurely and wretchedly to eternity."

NEW MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—A highly respectable Convention of the friends of Bible Missions was held at Albany, N. Y., on the 2d and 3d insts. After a full discussion of the subject, it was agreed that the time had come for the formation of a New Missionary Society, in which those who are opposed to close corporations for such purposes, to unwieldy associations, to abstaining from the moral reforms of the age, and to the neglect of a portion of heathen in our own land, could cordially unite.

HEATHEN AT HOME.—One of the colporteurs of the American Tract Society, who has visited the western districts of Pennsylvania, describes places where the Sabbath is unknown, except as a day devoted to hunting, fishing, and "buck-wheat threshing;" families that have never heard a sermon in their lives; houses in which not a single book of any kind is to be found; shingle-cutters and hunters, living in houses alone in the woods, or lining the water courses at intervals, where the gospel never comes, and no book is ever bought or read.

ANOTHER VICTIM, ALMOST.—The Granite Freeman says that S. S. Foster and wife were arrested and tried before a Justice recently, in Lake County, Ohio, on a charge of breaking the Sabbath, [Sunday, we suppose he means.] It appeared in evidence that they had sold books on that day, after the manner of most traveling agents.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE KARENS.—From letters published in the Baptist Missionary Magazine for September, it appears that twelve hundred Karens have been baptized within the present year, in the regions of Sandoway, Rangoon, Tavoy, Mergui, Amherst, and Maulmain.

THE EASTERN MONITOR is the title of a neat little volume just published by John Eyre. It comprises a series of letters to a Young Emigrant, to which are added Familiar Letters on Various subjects.

PEACE WITH MEXICO.—The New York Tribune of Monday morning last, publishes a letter dated Havana, August 16th, in which the writer gives currency to a reported agreement between Santa Ana and certain agents of the British and American Governments, for securing peace.

"That alcohol, the intoxicating principle, is a subtle poison, at war with the physical, intellectual, social, and religious interests of men."

The following article, from "The Occident and American Jewish Advocate," expresses our mind so fully upon the subject of which it treats, that we cheerfully give it a place in our editorial columns.

SUNDAY LEGISLATION.

Our readers will recollect that in our November Number of last year, we announced in our News Items, the passage of an ordinance by the Common Hall of Richmond, Virginia, imposing a heavy fine for infraction of the sanctity of Sunday, over and above the penalty enacted by the State laws.

"Mr. Mayo presented the following report: The committee to whom was referred the subject of an ordinance for the more effectual suppression of Sabbath-breaking, passed the 11th day of August, 1845, with leave to report by ordinance or otherwise, beg leave to report: That though the ordinance under consideration may be liable to construction that some have placed on it, as applying to Sunday as a religious Sabbath, your committee believe that this is a misapprehension of the true meaning of the ordinance; for however unguarded the language used, your committee are of opinion that neither the Legislature nor City Council, have any power, or control, over that day as a Sabbath, more than any other day."

"1st. Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the ordinance entitled, 'An ordinance for the more effectual suppression of Sabbath-breaking.'"

or any other day as a religious Sabbath, so far from being conferred on the City Council, is by the plain understanding of the Constitution and genius of our government, withheld even from the Legislature, who in fact, impliedly permits the dealing with slaves on that day, with the consent of their masters; (Rev. Code C. 305, §20) and if the Council have the power to regulate the conduct of men on Sunday as a religious Sabbath, they have equally the power to establish it as a day of rest altogether.

"If it were the intention of the Council to enforce the observance of Sunday as a religious Sabbath, however vain the effort, it would have been more manly, and less liable to misconception, at once to have declared that Sunday should be the only religious Sabbath, and then to have ordained, 'Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath day;' and appointed some officer (if such could be found) competent to have the same fulfilled and observed. But your committee are satisfied that this is a misconception of the ordinance. It convicts the Council of doing that which they are bound to prevent, for instead of protecting all in the peaceable enjoyment of their own Sabbath, it hinders a large and respectable portion of our citizens from doing it."

"Your committee are of opinion, that to guard the city from violation of the law from such sources, on Sunday, as well as on every day of rest, or holiday, the city police requires augmentation; and that with such augmentation, if the police efficiently perform the duties prescribed by the acts of the assembly referred to, all will be accomplished that is necessary."

"Your committee, with all becoming respect and reverence as they hope for the Sabbath, as claimed by all religious denominations, whether on the use of one day, or the other, respectfully suggest to the Council, that there is no necessity for the continuance of this ordinance; but recommend that the police of the city should be so increased as to have a special police not for Sunday only, as a day of rest, but for any other holidays upon which the Mayor of the city shall think proper to call them into requisition, and that in aid of the general purpose designated, the High Constable of the city be requested to permit the night-watch and all police officers, to qualify as his deputies, for the purpose of aiding more fully in the execution of all the penal laws. It does not occur to your committee, that there is any particular act requiring legislation by the Council, which is not provided for by legislation of the State; but if there be, the committee respectfully suggest to the Council, that the act should be clearly defined by the ordinance prohibiting it."

"2d. Resolved, That it is expedient to increase the city day-police to the number of \_\_\_\_\_ for each ward, whose duties shall be performed on Sundays only, unless, by order of the Mayor, their services shall be required on any other day of rest or holiday."

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