

The Sabbath Recorder.

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THE ANCIENT SYNAGOGUES OF ISRAEL.

The descendants of the "holy nation," the covenant people of Jehovah, have become a by-word and a reproach. The holy things of that ancient and honorable people are despised.

The social and public worship of Jehovah, and receiving instruction in his law, are duties which have been enjoined upon men from the foundation of human society. Noah was a preacher of righteousness.

of Jehovah, and the instruction of the people in the holy truths of his word. Where, therefore, there was a devout and orderly congregation, it was surely such a place as any Christian might attend on the Sabbath day for the purpose of giving unto the Lord the glory due unto his name.

a statement calculated to suggest solemn, though not necessarily unpleasant, thoughts to every minister of the Gospel. He says that during the year, one hundred and seven members of his church had rested from their labors, and that this makes just one thousand of his spiritual children who have been removed by death from his pastoral instruction and supervision within the space of ten years.

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS.

The Postmaster General has published the regulations of the Post Office Department for the enforcement of the acts of Congress of the 1st, 2d, and 3d of March, 1847. The following are the principal changes introduced:—1st. The franking privilege is extended, with certain restrictions.

GIVING SYSTEMATICALLY AND FROM PRINCIPLE.

The American Messenger says that for about seventeen years an anonymous letter has been received every month, directed to the Secretary of the American Tract Society, Boston, signed "A friend to the American Tract Society."

In February, 1846, this friend sent \$75; and in August following, \$75 more, to aid in sustaining a German colporteur among the Germans. At the same time he has continued his donation of \$5 each month to the present.

It has been ascertained that this friend is a mechanic of moderate property, and that his donations are by no means confined to this Society. The following letter shows the principles and motives upon which he has cultivated this liberal spirit, even before he professed hope in Christ, or had united with a church.

REV. SETH BLISS.—Dear Sir: The Lord continues to prosper me in my worldly possessions, and, I trust, to bless me with the renewing influences of the Holy Spirit. As a thank-offering both for the temporal and spiritual blessings which I enjoy, I inclose \$75, for the American Tract Society, at Boston, for the support of a colporteur, whose labors I wish may be principally among the boatmen and others employed in the vicinity of and upon the canals, rivers and lakes, in the western parts of our country.

I know not but I am as able now to increase my contributions to \$500 per annum for the support of the cause of Christ among my fellow men, and to pay it as promptly, as I was seventeen years ago to give \$12 per annum, when I first commenced my contributions to your and other societies.

ROBBING PETER TO PAY PAUL.—No doubt there are many good men among the advocates of laws to prevent trading on Sunday. When these men are pressed with the question whether they expect to make conscientious observers of Sunday by means of statutes, with pains and penalties, they will not pretend such a thing, but say they only wish to place those who are conscientious on a level with their neighbors, by requiring all to rest.

THE SOUTH DOING ITS OWN WORK.—From an editorial in the New York Observer, on the "Annexation of Slave Territory," we cut the following gratifying paragraph: "It appears that some of the Southern Synods, and a large number of Presbyteries, have during their autumnal ecclesiastical meetings taken action 'on the actual state of the Southern churches in relation to the system of slavery,' and they are carefully maturing a report which shall embody the facts on that subject in an honest and impartial manner.

AMERICAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.—The Boston Journal says that within a short period, very earnest applications for Christian teachers have been made to the Missionaries of the Madura station, in India, from thirty-four different cities or villages. And it is known, that for some years past, solicitations at the various Missionary stations in the Eastern countries, for the supply of instructors to surrounding districts, have been constantly multiplying.

C. C. BURLEIGH IN PRISON.—We learn from the Pennsylvania Freeman, that C. C. Burleigh has been imprisoned in the West Chester jail, for selling books on Sunday, contrary to the statute. The complaint against him was made by James McKissick, an elder of the Presbyterian Church, in Oxford, whose zeal in behalf of the proper observance of the Sabbath was aroused by his being unfortunately worsted in a debate with Mr. Burleigh, at an Anti-Slavery meeting.

"SPICY" PAPERS.—The editor of the National Era says he is apt to distrust what are called "spicy" papers. They are not often strong, just, or truthful. Paragraphs, whose point depends on misrepresentation, strong assertion, broad caricature, coarse abuse, are all deemed "spicy" by a certain class of people.

QUESTIONS FOR SOLUTION.

1st. What are the means mostly to be used to produce a revival of pure religion in the churches? 2d. What is the best plan for churches to adopt in raising money for sustaining missionary and other benevolent operations? 3d. What qualifications should be considered necessary, to entitle a candidate to ordination for the gospel ministry?

The above questions, Mr. Editor, I consider to be of deep interest to us as a denomination, especially at the present time, when we are beginning to take a stand in the religious world, that our importance as a separate and peculiar denomination seems imperiously to demand. I do not design to discuss these questions myself, but offer them to the consideration of those who are interested equally with myself in their proper solution, and who are better able to do them justice.

PREACHERS FOR CHINA.—Rev. Mr. Dean, whose long residence in China has made him perfectly familiar with the habits and wants of the Chinese, says in a letter to the N. Y. Recorder:— "We ask you not to send them books and Bibles, paper and printing-presses; but we ask for ministers of the cross—preachers of Christ. The Christian church is practicing an imposition upon her own credulity, wasting her treasures, and trifling with the souls of the Chinese, by laboring to furnish them with books and the Bible, without corresponding efforts to give them the living teacher. Should we put the best translation of the Scriptures which can be made into the hands of the first scholars in the empire, they would say, 'How can I understand unless some one interpret?' The commission is, 'As ye go, preach!' This is the way in which our Lord proposed to convert the world, and it is enough that the servant be as his Master."

THE SULTAN.—The Rev. Dr. Baird, who has just returned from Constantinople, in a letter to the Journal of Commerce, says:— "While at Constantinople I made the acquaintance of Mr. Carr, and had opportunities for several conversations with him, and was greatly pleased to hear him say that he believed the Sultan to be a liberal-minded, benevolent man, devoted to his country and the welfare of his people, and his ministers capable and earnestly desirous to cooperate with him in all his enlightened schemes for the improvement of the country and the instruction of the people. On the subject of toleration, he said he had not the slightest doubt but that the Sultan himself was of a thoroughly tolerant spirit, and desired to be a father, protector and benefactor to his whole people, without regard to religious differences of opinion, and that to this spirit he would conform his government as rapidly as he could in view of long-existing prejudices."

A NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.—Shekib Effendi has been deputed by the Turkish Sultan to visit Rome for the purpose of congratulating Pius the Ninth on his accession to the Papal See. This is believed to be the first event of the kind in the annals of Romanism and Mohammedanism, of which the Pope and the Sultan are the respective heads. Strange things happen in this day of "alliances." What may we look for next?

NEW AGENT.—Bro. Albert B. Grandall has consented to act as agent for the Recorder at Portville, Cattaraugus Co., and West Genesee, Allegany Co., N. Y. Our subscribers in that vicinity will oblige us by making their payments through him.

ELD. JOSHUA CLARKE, having taken up his residence in Preston, requests his correspondents to address him at Oxford, Chenango Co., N. Y.

The Plymouth Memorial says: "We understand that a large chest, containing several jugs of the 'critter,' nicely ensconced under layers of 'corned' beef, was discovered in the O. C. Road depot, in Boston, not long since. This is the very last expedient for concealing the 'cloven foot' of King Alcohol, and whoever conceived it must have been a bit of a wag, for the state of the beef (corned) was truly emblematical of the condition of those unfortunately subjected to the dominion of that vile tyrant."

Various small notices and advertisements on the right margin, including mentions of 'The Reporter', 'The Recorder', and other local news items.

