



The Sabbath Recorder

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MEANING OF BAPTISM.

Religious ordinances are pictures of facts or of facts and doctrines; and in inquiring after their meaning, the facts and doctrines of which they are symbols, require careful study.

The introduction of sin wrought such a change in the religious condition of man that a radical change in religion was required.

Every passage of scripture, whether in the Old or New Testament, referring to the weekly day of rest, has in regard to this day, and it is for this reason that Seventh-day Baptists contend.

Those who observe the first day of the week do so in violation of all Scripture teaching on this question. They set at naught God's day, and in its stead set up one of their own, borrowed from the heathen, and sanctified by putting upon it a Christian name.

The Sabbath—First or Seventh Day? The old Jewish Sabbath was the seventh day. God worked six days, and rested the seventh.

1. He confesses himself condemned to death on account of his sins. 2. He also acknowledges his utter helplessness in his condemned state.

3. He accepts Jesus Christ as his remedy, and with his whole heart believes in Him as his salvation. In this faith, all His promises are included.

How idle is the talk about the loss of time, for this is not a question left to chance, for God Himself has taken care of it. Did He not know which the seventh day of the week was when in the wilderness He withheld the manna on that day?

But baptism sustains a more intimate relation to the forgiveness of sins and to the new birth in a many seem to suppose. Concerning John the Baptist, it is said that the people were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

THE SABBATH.

Dear Sir,--Your kind heart has moved you to address through the Christian Secretary a letter in which you refer to the Sabbath question.

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WAKE UP.—No. 1. "The night is far spent, the day is breaking." So Paul intimates to the Christians at Rome. Rom. 13: 11, 12. It is a fact, though it may be a strange one, that Christian professors do get into a state of spiritual slumber or an inactive state.

TRACT BOARD MEETING. The Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in quarterly session at Leonardsville, N. Y., April 14th, 1874. Present—A. B. Spaulding, J. B. Clarke, J. M. Todd, A. C. Potter, Geo. B. Clarke, Edwin Whitford, Stephen Burdick.

EXPPOSITION OF 1 COR. 15: 27, 28. A correspondent requests of a short, common-place exegesis of 1 Cor. 15: 27, 28; and this, we think, we can best give by putting it into the form of a connected, but condensed statement, thus: In the beginning God revealed himself in his character of creator and governor of the world.

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It looks now as though Bilboa was to be delivered from the unpleasant fix in which it has been placed by the enemies of the Republican government in Spain. The forces of Don Carlos are gradually being expelled from the country, and the future of the Don in Spain looks exceedingly dim.

The Congress of Chile is discussing a bill providing for the disestablishment of the Roman Catholic Church. The leading newspapers of Valparaiso and Santiago are strongly in favor of the bill, and there is reason to believe that its passage and enforcement will be secured.

Washington dispatches comment on the historical fact that on Wednesday last week, for the first time, a liberated slave presided over the United States House of Representatives, while Judge Parker, of Missouri, delivered an address in favor of educating and civilizing the Indians.

Among recent revivals, one is reported at Ann Arbor, Mich., in which most of the churches have shared, and especially the students of the State University. Of three hundred converts, two-thirds of them are professing Christians.

The decision of the umpire, Sir Edward Thornton, dismissing the claim of Aguirre against the United States is published, and will be a great relief to the United States. It is known as the Mexican Indian deputation claims, and aggregating some \$31,000,000.

The bones of Rev. Lorenzo Dow have been removed from the Howland street building, and deposited in the Oak Hill Cemetery. A commemorative address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Cleveland on the occasion.

Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, has signed the new revenue bill, which is a great relief to the United States. It is known as the Mexican Indian deputation claims, and aggregating some \$31,000,000.

The value of the cheese shipped to England from this country during the last three months was \$2,610,230, or nearly the same amount that was shipped to that country during the month of April, 1874.

Advices from Constantinople report that the Suez Canal difficulty has been settled by M. Delesclap, acceptance of the tonnage rates prescribed by the International Commission.

Commodore Vanderbilt has donated an additional \$100,000 to the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., to complete the building according to the plans approved by him.

The sales of gold at New York for the month of May will be as follows: On the first and third Thursdays, \$1,500,000 each day; and on the second and fourth Thursdays, \$1,000,000 each.

An attempt was made last week to burn a monument erected in honor of the late General Fremont. The monument was destroyed by the flames.

According to a bill passed by the Legislature of New York, sewing machines are to be taxed in the same manner as other articles of luxury.

The Baronesse Burdet Countess of Moynah was killed by a train in Scotland. The train was carrying a large number of passengers, and the countess was among them.

Cardinal Baraboo, who died recently in Rome, was the one honored and second cardinal who has died since Pius IX. came to the Pontifical chair.

The Conference of Ocean Steamship Lines, by which uniform rates and freight were established, has been dissolved, and the different lines will hereafter charge rates on an independent basis.

A poor mother's anguish—On last Thursday afternoon, two officers of the New York City Hall Police took into the station a middle-aged woman in deep mourning, whom they had found in convulsions in a Third Avenue car.

Foreign emigration—Certain States, Tennessee being one of them, desirous of adding to their population, are earnestly inviting foreign emigration. But the emigrants sometimes find that they have fallen victims to a cruel and cunning scheme.

Correction—I wish to correct an error I committed at our last General Conference in regard to Keang Quang, the Chinese brother who died about a year ago. I there stated that he was converted in my family and baptized by myself.

My departed mother—Alas, how little do we appreciate another's tenderness while she is living! How heedless are we in youth of all her anxieties and when she is dead, when the cares and coldness of the world, in the absence of a precious mother's love, come withering to our disconsolate hearts.

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