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ATTENTION! - We would call attention to a former offer to the patrons of the Recorder...

AUTHORITY FOR SUNDAY. The National Baptist, in its column of Literary Notices...

Passing over to the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, the author combats the idea that the Lord's day is identical with the Sabbath of Creation...

Such a view has the great fault of disparaging the work of Christ, and putting it under such disadvantages as to make it a mere burden, and not a privilege of creation.

It commemorated the whole plan of salvation when it first dawned upon the earth. It saw the fulfillment of all prophecy. It witnessed the completion of the recovery of a lost world.

The editor of the Quarterly referred to does not permit himself to become responsible for the sentiments of the articles, furnished by his correspondents...

But reader, this is not all there is of this question, and we beg you to permit us to plain with you. You read in the Bible the command to keep the seventh day...

"Does Christian baptism take the place of circumcision?" This writes one of our correspondents, and to the question we answer, We think not.

But now comes the question of establishing the claims of the "Christian Sabbath." That the keeping of Sunday is not formally required in the New Testament every intelligent reader of it knows.

Whoever has carefully studied this question has observed that not a passage quoted was originally penned for the purpose of giving support to Sunday observance.

And now thinking of it here is an institution according to the doctrine of its friends so underlying the Christian system as to become its chief representative...

Supper? These are the ordinances of divine appointment for the purpose of celebrating the work of redemption, and they cover the ground completely. Redemption essentially centers in the death of Christ, and yet the work seems out short unless his resurrection is declared as well as his death...

THE COLLEGE AND THE ACADEMY. AND OUR DUTY TOWARD THEM. It must be apparent to all that the few institutions we possess makes it almost impossible to speak of educational affairs without a seeming special reference...

THE "NEW CONSTITUTION." Our churches will, before long, I suppose, begin to think about taking action upon the adoption of the "New Constitution," and I desire to ask two or three questions...

But it is not that a real college has an academic attachment, that we object. We have rather urged that each college should have at least a half-dozen academies attached to it...

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period, they will be our workers, and the supporters of our Sabbath cause; and will demand a college, and make it necessary. If we neglect this field, and turn our strength to the building of Great Easterns to float in shallow waters, they will not float. This is not prophecy, it is common sense.

One thing more. For a young man or woman to spend a long period of years at one institution is to be deplorable. He is liable to fall into ruts. An indigent kind of conceit is too liable to envelop him. He needs to be shaken up, and to try a new field, with new professors.

"W. C. W." tells us, "The facilities and incentives of the colleges, though they are four-fifths academies, are superior in fitting young people for college." This is sophistical. Now it is possible for the Seventh-day Baptists to build a Grand Memorial Hall at our University, to supply apparatus, and to send up recruits from all our borders...

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due consideration of the nature and importance of the step proposed by them who would have our denomination reorganized upon this new basis. I do not desire to find difficulties where there are none, or to raise unreasonable objections to measures that older and more prominent brethren may think to be wisest and best...

ARTUR E. MAIN. AHWAY, R. I., February, 1875.

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