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THE BAPTIST HERALD AND THE SABBATH-DAY.

The Baptist Herald is published at Lebanon, LaClede Co., Mo., and is a well-condensed and spirited paper, and we wish it success. It is edited by J. G. Leman, T. L. Lewis, assistant editor, and Eld. Joseph Walker, A. M., is editorial contributor.

In part, the above paragraph seems to us a little mixed; it concludes, however, with the seemingly graded admission that the day on which the manna ceased to fall in the wilderness was the seventh day on which God rested at the close of creation.

"This was the Sabbath referred to in the moral law, where it is said: 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' After the return of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, after an interval of forty years from the giving of the law, the Sabbath was modified so as to include in their recollection of it, their Egyptian servitude and deliverance, as well as to commemorate the creation of the world.

"That at the death of Christ, the ceremonial institutions of the Jewish economy, and also all the civil regulations of the nation passed away, we admit, and this of course included their annual sabbaths, as we read in Col. 2: 16, 17. These were shadows of things to come, Christ being the body or substance. The argument of W. then, for a change of the Sabbath, is built upon a foundation laid for another purpose, and of course must be a failure. If he assumes at the commencement, uncertainty attends him at every step to the end.

"There is no controversy among Christians as to an original and divine institution of a Sabbath-day. None will deny that God did sanctify such a day in commemoration of his creation of the world, together with all which it contained; nor was it designed for the benefit of all people—namely, the whole human race. As the words quoted alone say, 'The Sabbath was made for man'—for all men—and therefore for Christians prospectively as well as Jews and patriarchs."

"That there should be no controversy among Christians on this subject we agree, but such, we are sorry to say, is not the case. Very many Christians deny that the Sabbath was appointed at creation. The first known of the Sabbath, they say, is in the sixteenth chapter of Exodus—that it was a Jewish institution, and was abolished at the death of Christ.

to with the day of the Sabbath appointment than the day on which he died.

"The Jews in the wilderness, the Sabbath was marked as the seventh day after six days of labor, from the falling of the manna. Whether this was the seventh day, counting from God's rest day after the creation or from man's seventh day, counting from his second first day, we are not informed, nor is it possible for us to ascertain, but as the manna ceased to fall on the Sabbath, the presumption is, that it corresponded with his own rest-day, which being man's first day, its spirit may have been carried out by both Jews and Christians, even from that to the present time.

"We may well doubt in advance whether such a Sabbath would have been suited to the reign of grace and merciful forbearance under the Christian dispensation."

"But if the death penalty attached to a violation of the Sabbath made it unsuitable for a reign of grace, then would it also make the commandment against adultery and disobedience to parents unsuitable to a dispensation of grace, for sins against these commandments were punished by death also."

"There were other addenda and modifications, which Adventists and Seventh-day Baptists would do well to be reminded of, when insisting on observing the abrogated Jewish Sabbath, as a gospel requirement; but these, as must be reserved for a future paper."

"What these 'addenda and modifications,' which Adventists and Seventh-day Baptists would do well to be reminded of, are we told, to know hereafter, and for this information we hope these parties will be duly grateful; but Bro. W. is mistaken in saying we insist on observing the abrogated Jewish Sabbath as a gospel requirement. The position of Seventh-day Baptists is, that the Bible knows no other day of weekly observance than the seventh. That the Sabbath commandment was for all mankind, whether Jew, Christian, or Gentile. It is, therefore, not a Jewish or Christian Sabbath, but a Sabbath for all mankind. If the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is abrogated, then there is no Sabbath, as no other day has God been put in its place. Perhaps, however, we are too fast. It may be W. will show us another way. Let us wait and see.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION. The Seventh-day Baptist Western Association convened for its Forty-third Session with the First Alfred Church, Alfred Centre, N. Y., Fifth-day, June 13th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Jas. Sumnerbell, from Psal. 122: 1, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.'

The Association then adjourned to 12 o'clock P. M., after singing 'What a friend we have in Jesus,' and benediction by N. V. Hull. AFTERNOON SESSION. After singing 'Jesus paid it all,' and prayer by J. L. Huffman, the report of the Committee on Nominations was presented, and adopted as follows: Moderator—A. H. Lewis. Recording Secretary—John M. Mosher. Deacon Recording Secretary—M. S. Gardner. On motion, U. M. Babcock was appointed to read the letters from the churches. Letters were read as follows: First Alfred, Andover, Bell's Run, Friendship, First Genesee, West Genesee, Hartsville, Hebron, Honeye Branch, Independence, Richburg, Stannard's Corners, Second Alfred, Hornellsville, and Clarence and Pendleton. Communications from corresponding bodies being called for, no delegate appearing from the South-Eastern Association, U. M. Babcock read the Corresponding Letter from that body, and made a few remarks in relation to their condition; T. L. Gardner responded as a delegate from the Eastern Association, read their Circular Letter, and spoke of the feeling of that body in regard to delegation; T. R. Reed, from the Central, read the Corresponding Letter of that Association, and remarked in reference to the present and immediate future doings of that body; and H. B. Lewis read the Corresponding Letter of the North-Western Association, following its reading with a few appropriate words of cheer. On motion, these brethren were welcomed and invited to participate in our deliberations. The letter from the Portville Church was read. Singing, 'All hail the power of Jesus' name.' The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees: On Petitions—J. Kenyon, C. A. Burdick, B. F. Langworthy, and W. B. Gillette. On Resolutions—N. V. Hull, H. B. Lewis, T. L. Gardner, T. R. Reed, and W. B. Gillette. On the State of Religion—W. B. Gillette, U. M. Babcock, J. Sumnerbell. On Religious Exercises—Pastor, Elders, and Deacons of the First Alfred Church. To Nominate Preacher, Delegates, and Deacons—J. Kenyon, C. A. Burdick, L. H. Kenyon, I. R. Swinney. Corresponding Secretary, having removed from the bounds of this Association, sends the following card: My Corresponding Secretary respectfully reports, that he was the letter to Sister Associations, but soon after removing to the South-Eastern Association could not perform the other duties pertaining to the appointment. L. R. SWINNEY. LOST CHURCH, W. Va., June 8th. The Treasurer submitted the fol-

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OUR SABBATH LETTER. (From a Regular Correspondent.)

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signers by rotation, the French pay a marked compliment to their guests... The Exhibition has created pro has vice quite a London Parisian season...

FROM OHINA. To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: If you think the following extracts from Erlov's letter will interest the friends of the China Mission...

THE EASTERN QUESTION. The Congress of the Powers has got fairly at work, but what the result will be is but feebly shadowed forth in the dispatches...

SUMMARY OF NEWS. The centennial anniversary of the evacuation of Valley Forge by the Continental Army, was celebrated June 19th...

It is believed that the International Monetary Conference will hold its session either at Bern, Switzerland, or at The Hague, Netherlands... Chief Justice Waite decides that little ships must not get in the way of the large ocean steamers...

CONSUMPTION CURSED—An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India missionary the receipt of a simple remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all chronic and radical cures...

LETTERS. J. M. D. Ambler, Esq. B. G. Bardick, Esq. W. W. J. Clarke, A. C. Titus, Z. S. Brown, L. C. Rogers, Mrs. Esther Bennett, A. B. Maxwell...

RECIPIENTS. All payments for the SABBATH RECORDER are acknowledged from week to week in the paper. Persons sending money, should send it in the name of the Editor...

THE TRIAL OF THE VANDERBILT. The trial of the Vanderbilt will be held in progress.



