

Who these dispensants may be, does not appear from the record; of this, however, we are confident, they both are live men. May the truth win.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AT LITTLE GENESEE.

MAY 26, 1879. The Ministerial Conference of the Seventh-day Baptist Western Association met, as appointed, on the evening of May 26th, 1879, at Little Genesee, N. Y.

A passage from the Scriptures was read by W. B. Gillette, and prayer was offered by J. Sumnerbell. After a hymn by the choir, W. B. Gillette preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Cor. 5:14.

After another hymn, J. Kenyon took the chair and announced that by vote of the last Conference the remainder of the evening would be devoted to social conference. The meeting was participated in by J. Kenyon, N. V. Hall, J. Sumnerbell, W. B. Gillette, M. S. Wardner, Chas. Rowley, T. B. Brown, J. J. White, and W. H. Ernst.

MORNING SESSION.

The Chairman, J. Kenyon, called to order, and J. J. White offered prayer. The minutes of the preceding Conference were read by the Secretary. The By-Laws of the Conference were read by W. H. Ernst and was elected a member.

The sermon of last evening was taken up and remarked upon by W. H. Ernst, Chas. Rowley, J. Sumnerbell, and N. V. Hall.

A. A. Place read his essay, "Sin against the Holy Spirit." Criticisms were made by T. B. Brown, J. J. White, J. Sumnerbell, N. V. Hall, A. A. Place, and W. H. Ernst.

N. V. Hall presented an essay on "The Old and New Covenants." Criticisms and remarks were offered by T. B. Brown, N. V. Hall, and J. Sumnerbell.

An essay on "Condition of the Spirit after Death," was presented by W. H. Ernst.

Adjourned to 2 P. M., after prayer by T. B. Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by prayer by W. B. Gillette. The essay of W. H. Ernst was taken up and remarked upon by W. B. Gillette, J. Sumnerbell, M. S. Wardner, W. H. Ernst, A. A. Place, and J. J. White.

J. Sumnerbell presented his essay on "Who are Proper Subjects of Baptism?" Questions were asked, or remarks made, by W. H. Ernst, J. Sumnerbell, J. J. White, W. B. Gillette, Chas. Rowley, J. P. Dye, A. B. Coon, and T. B. Brown.

The essay of C. A. Burdick, "Is the Old Testament Abolished in the Fulfillment of the New?" having been sent by mail, was read by the Secretary in the absence of the author. Remarks were made by J. J. White.

Voted, in view of the excellence of the essay of C. A. Burdick, criticisms on it be waived, and the report of the Committee on Programme be received. After amendment, the report was adopted, as follows:

- 1. Introductory Sermon, A. H. Lewis.
2. How can the Sabbath be kept holy? J. Sumnerbell.
3. The Relation of Finance to Christian Life and Church Work, J. Kenyon.
4. Does the Bible teach the return of the Jews to Palestine? W. B. Gillette.
5. Does the Bible teach the Endless Punishment of the Wicked? W. H. Ernst.
6. What will be the reward of the Righteous, and when will they receive it? J. Sumnerbell.
7. Has the Kingdom spoken of in Dan. 2:44, been set up on the earth? N. V. Hall.
8. The Resurrection, T. B. Brown.
9. What constitutes the Church? O. D. Sierman.
10. The Relation of the Sabbath School to the Church, T. B. Williams.
11. Family Religion, I. L. Cottrell.
12. Your committee recommended to hold the next Conference at Richburg.

The Chairman, by vote, appointed W. H. Ernst, M. S. Wardner, and J. Sumnerbell, to report at next session.

Prayer was offered by J. Kenyon. Adjourned to meet with the Church at Richburg on the third Tuesday in October, 1879, at 7 P. M. J. KENYON, Chairman.

THREE NIGHTS AND THREE DAYS.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: Finding that several persons are inquiring for the pamphlet on the subject, I wish to say to the readers of the Recorder that the "Sign of the Messiah"—a pamphlet of 40 demy 8vo. pages—will be sent to any address in the United States on receipt of six cents. This will not pay, financially, but it will assist in circulating Sabbath truth, and will encourage us in our arduous exertions to promote it. Clean postage stamps and greenbacks (the latter preferred) will be accepted. I am engaged just now in some heavy work with no-law theorists, and in preparing matter for publication intended to promote the observance of the Sabbath of the Lord.

W. M. JONES. 15 MILL LANE, Goodman's Fields, London E. C., May 25, 1879.

DEATH OF ELI THOS. B. BROWN.

News has come to us of the death of Eli Thos. B. Brown, of Little Genesee, on last Sixth, only lasting his sickness was brief, ending sometime five days. As no communication has come directed to this office and intended for publication, we defer further notice until next week.

THE NEED OF CONTENTMENT AND PEACE.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: How discontented is man in his natural state. Truly, there is no peace to the wicked, and many who have professedly, and we hope truly, been changed and renewed by grace, carry with them relics of the spirit of discontent. It is too hot, or too cold, too wet, or too dry, or too low, it will be, for the moon indicates it; it runs too high, or too low. Evil omens are always before them. All is to him desolation and despair. Speak of the country, and all is wrong; everything is tending to ruin. Wickedness and pauperism multiply. These, with corrupt rulers, will soon bring us to ruin. Introduce religious topics and we find but little relief. Ho professes to have a hope in Christ, but O, how gloomy. What is the difficulty? He has been misled by somebody. We inquire, how? Has he been beaten with rods, robbed of property, or character? Not that he knows of. What then is the matter? He is not respected, as he ought to be, not appreciated, community does not know his worth. He is so crowded upon that he can do nothing, and things can not prosper so. All is tending to ruin, and there is no help for it. There might be if the church would do right. The church? What a great irresponsible body is the church; what can the church do? If we loved the church as Christ loved it, or as we ought to love it, our complaints would be but few, "for we would love him, because he hath first loved us." The church is composed of individuals, and each member is a living, acting part of the body; and to speak against the church is to disgrace ourselves. The members of a church have it in their power to make it what it should be—a light in the world, a terror to evildoers. A happy and respectable family is made so by its individual members, and as long as each maintains his integrity, that union and respectability remains. Sometimes an attack is made on the ministry. The estimation of a minister in the community will be governed by the church he serves. If he is appreciated by them, he will be by those who are without; but let there be an indifference apparent on the part of the members, and there will soon be surmises that will lead to coldness, indifference, and careless neglect, and a good man would not be long in concluding that his usefulness was over in that place. The frequent change of pastors is due to the influence of a few discontented spirits, who have neither satisfied the church nor themselves. What is gained by meddling in Zion? A selfish, worldly-minded spirit will sooner see the church destroyed than to have it well gratified. It has no liking for cross-bearing; while the true Christian will say as did David, "Be careful of the young man Absalom." A good man will sooner be sacrificed than to injure in Jesus Christ. I have been surprised when contentions have arisen, to learn their origin. Instead of originating with the young, the gay, and the giddy, offense often come through those in years, and in high places; and it has often led to great decisions, and the propagation of heresies of no common magnitude. Where contentions exist, let them cease, and let the leading desire of the people be to cultivate peace and holiness in the fear of the Lord, choosing rather to suffer wrong than to do wrong. Let us cast our cares upon the Lord, remembering that he ever careth for us, "for the Judge of all the earth doth right."

Friends of Jesus, pray, live and labor for the blessing of the peace maker, that you may be acknowledged the children of God, that your "peace may be as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea."

WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

DEBATE ON THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL IS ALMOST OVER. Senator Thurman spoke yesterday with his accustomed force, supporting the position taken by his party. The speeches made at this session on the legislative and army bills compare favorably with any I have ever heard in the Senate. Senator Thurman used very vigorous language in referring to the course taken by the Republican party in Congress, and by the President. He did not indicate, however, what would be done if the President should veto the Legislative appropriation bill, as he did the army bill and the Ladd bill. Since the veto of the latter, on Monday last, no Democratic caucus has been held, and many expected that Senator Thurman would take occasion yesterday to express his opinion on what should be done. It is safe to say, however, that Congress will not adjourn without making suitable provision for all the Departments not already provided for. Nothing will be gained by such a course. Secretary Evarts has been an attentive listener to the principal speeches of this great debate.

The first three sections of Representative Warner's silver bill were voted on yesterday in the House, and carried. To-day, or on Monday, probably, action will be taken on the remainder. The bill has a large support than was expected. Its chance of going through the Senate, however, is small, and even if it got through that body, the President's friends say that he would veto it.

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"Materialism in Reform," "Faith Blind?" and "American Art." MAYOR PATTON, of New Orleans, denies that he authorized the issue of the police order forbidding the holding of services in the colored churches after 10 o'clock P. M., in the form in which it appeared. What the order should have said, if it had been correctly transmitted, was that colored churches against which neighbors should make complaints for noisy proceedings should be closed at 10 o'clock P. M. The Mayor is entitled to his explanation, but it fails to remove the conviction that it was intended as a special thrust at colored churches, simply because they were colored. Had the order been only in the interest of quiet, why did he not make it general, and the punishment of disorder, subject to judicial investigation, the same as any other breach of the peace? The question only needs to be formulated to secure its legitimate answer.

THE LIBRARY MAGAZINE.

The current number of this magazine contains: The Defense of Lucknow, a poem by Alfred Tennyson; The Difficulties of Socialism, by John Stuart Mill; Biographies of the Season, from London Sketches; The Choices of Books, by Frederic Harrison; Homes and Haunts of a Past Tense, by Frances Eleanor Trollope; Questions About the Afghan Question, by Archibald Forbes; Fresh Assyrian Finds, by B. H. Cooper, B. A.; The Study of Entomology, by W. S. Dallas, B. S.; The Book of the Year, in England, by Sir Coutts Lindsay; Toilers in Field and Factory, from London Times; Wagner as a Dramatist, from Fraser's Magazine; The Royal Wedding, by H. C. Merivale. Also a supplement, of 41 pages, American Book Exchange, publishers, 55 Beekman street, New York. Sold only by them direct to purchasers.

DICKENS'S DICTIONARY OF LONDON.

This edition, it seems to us, might be appropriately styled, "The Bible of Literature." THE COLORED EXODUS continues to engross the attention of Southern economists, most of whom promulgate some reason for the movement from which the political and social ostracism of the colored race is eliminated. This is, of course, natural, as no man takes pleasure in publishing himself, or his class, as in fault for anything which can be accounted for on any other hypothesis, however unstable its foundations. The colored men being admitted to possess the natural affections of humanity, that they have strong affections and attachments was always claimed when they were slaves, it follows that there would be no such general breaking away from all the associations of home and native country, from motives of avarice, were they protected in their personal and political rights. In one breath we are told that they are, as a class, immoderate and lazy, and in the next, that their cupidity, excited by inducements, is the moving cause of their abandoning their old homes. Whatever may be said by opponents of the movement, the known laws of human nature, corroborated by the statements of the emigrants, and their reported treatment by landholders and bulldozers, will not fail to fix the cause where it belongs.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) Dispatch of May 18th, says: "The breaker at Stanton shaft, Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, burned early this morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of gas which had been rising in this shaft since May 7th. It is believed this morning's fire was caused by the accidental ignition of gas, which has been issuing from the shaft in great quantities since the accident. The original cost of the breaker and shaft was \$250,000. The Freeman, husband and wife, have been found guilty of homicide by the magistrate at Barnstable, Mass., on the charge of the sacrificial killing of their little daughter. Freeman says he will have an astonishing revelation to make May 21st, and still maintains that he was justified of God. His wife is greatly excited by the dogging conviction that she had been guilty of crime.

BIBLE OF LITERATURE.

A LITERARY AVALANCHE—An enviable fame among people who love good books is being achieved by the American Book Exchange, 55 Beekman street, New York. Simultaneously with the completion of their wonderfully cheap and successful Aome edition of Chambers's Cyclopaedia of English Literature, they announce the publication of six other standard and popular books, all choice editions, at prices which are very low. "Rollin's Ancient History," 1,192 very large double-column pages, large type, price in cloth, \$25 in sheep, \$27; "Josephus' Complete Works," 1,042 pages, uniform with Rollin's, price in leather, cloth, \$2, sheep, \$2 50; "Arabian Nights," large type, cloth 55 cents; "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress," very large type, cloth 50 cents; "Robinson Crusoe," large type, cloth 50 cents; "The Arabian Nights," extra large type, cloth, 50 cents. A discount of 10 per cent. from these prices is allowed to all whose orders are received before June

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SECOND QUARTER. April 5. Sanctified Attention. Job 31: 1-30. April 12. Property Restored. Job 41: 1-10.

IX.—PROPHECY AGAINST TYRE. For Sabbath Day, May 31. Ezekiel 26: 1-14. For this saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

TOPIC.—The word of God can not fail. 1. Prophecy confirmed. Ezek. 21: 1-14. 2. The riches of Tyre. Ezek. 27: 1-25.

Miscellaneous. THE AGED HUSBAND'S LAST ADIEU. BY MRS. C. W. WILSON. "Come, sit beside me, wife; yet, nearer still."

Miscellaneous. With started, anxious gaze he crossed the room. And stood beside the bed with plaintive moan.

Miscellaneous. DORA'S BEGINNING. BY MARION HARRAND. "It is a long lane that has no turning," thought Dora Ralston, as she collapsed into a shaken heap of gray merino, tousled hair and tears.

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EXPLANATIONS. I. V. 7-10. Thus saith the Lord God. God is sovereign over all. He rules the nations, overturning or establishing them according to his wise purpose.

QUESTIONS. Introduction. Give a short sketch of Ezekiel. What was the vision he did see? Give a brief view of the contents of the Book of Ezekiel. Or what was Tyre? Where was Tyre? In what direction did it extend over a small adjacent island?

INTRODUCTION. Ezekiel (God strengthened) was the prophet of the captivity. He was the son of Buzi, and of priestly descent. He belonged to a company of captives who had been taken away with Jehoiachin king of Judah.

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