





THOUGHTS ON OUR WORKS. To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: My time has come again, by the "Fraternity Union" rule, to contribute some words to your valuable columns. And let the general reader should remain ignorant of what and who this "Union" is, let me explain a little.

I find by the printed leaflet before me, that it had its origin in an informal meeting of several of our ministers at the Conference held at Plainfield, in 1878, and again at Brookfield in 1879, in which its members, for the purpose of more efficiently advancing our common cause, are recommended:

- 1. To pray for each other every Friday morning.
2. To have a Ministerial Association at each Conference—those not present to report by letter.
3. To keep our denominational enterprises—Missions, Tract, and Educational—continually before our people.

Opposite these names appear the respective dates for writing. How well we have kept the first of these specifications, each member can answer for himself. Of our fidelity to the last, all who have paid attention to it, can judge. And it is for the purpose of securing, by way of remembrance, more general conformity to the last rule that I insert the list of names. Let me say, that to the first in particular, I have tried to be faithful; my prayers for the brethren, generally being Friday evening, however, instead of Friday morning, which, I trust, has not diminished the chances of their being answered. The last requirement I fulfilled six or seven months ago in sending you an article at the required time, and this I expect will reach you for the assigned date—July list.

Let me suggest to the members of the "Union" that we can hardly apply the Romanist's idea of works of supererogation, and think that whatever we may happen to write for your columns at odd times, will satisfy the law which asks us to write for specified numbers.

In my last, I referred, I spoke particularly of the demands of our cause; the urgent need of earnest, faithful, and concentrated labor; and what might be expected as results from such a concentration and consecration. I think the estimate was an increase of nearly a thousand members during the year, if each church would do her duty. I am happy to report that in this part of the suggestion has become a reality, and that about thirty have been added to our church, nearly half the number being converts to the Sabbath. And at this rate we should increase two thousand instead of one. By the efficient aid of Bro. Backus, and through the grace of God, the work was done. To God we give the glory. Now do we, I think, have any idea of lying "on our oars" this next year, to rest up from the labor of this. We hope to accomplish more rather than less. Do we narrow our fields of labor and limit results, by fixing in our own minds, whether through man or man, through Jesus Christ, and God the Father who raised him from the dead. Do the brethren ask upon what duty do we bring to them the message of salvation through a crucified and risen Savior? Do the churches inquire why our Missionary Board present before them so frequently and earnestly their work and claims? Do our congregations ask upon what ground we urge the duty of regular and generous contributions for the cause of missions? Let the answer be, we are missionaries, messengers, not men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father who raised him from the dead. Do the brethren ask upon what duty do we bring to them the message of salvation through a crucified and risen Savior? Do the churches inquire why our Missionary Board present before them so frequently and earnestly their work and claims? Do our congregations ask upon what ground we urge the duty of regular and generous contributions for the cause of missions? Let the answer be, we are missionaries, messengers, not men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father who raised him from the dead.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.—The Democrats have put in nomination for President, General Hancock. As a civilian he has the most experience, and, therefore, no history, but his military record is of his most honorable character. Of his fine public record, in so far as he has one, we are glad.

repentance and faith. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ; and in gratitude for our wonderful redemption, we ought to work and pray that men may be delivered from the kingdom and power of Satan, and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, that glory, honor, dominion, and power may be added unto him who loved us and gave himself for us.

(6.) It is common-places, I know to speak of the worth of a soul; but though no new thing, it is a matter of everlasting concern. He who came to seek and save lost souls, teaches as that if a man gains the whole world, he has gained nothing and lost everything. And when at the day of judgment he shall find that his soul is lost, he will have no counter price with which to purchase it back. The blood of the Only Begotten was the price paid for the redemption of souls. Brethren, seeing the sword coming, let us blow the trumpet and warn the people, that the wicked may turn from his way and live; for it is a great thing that a soul may be saved.

FROM CORRESPONDENCE. THE EASTERN WOMAN'S FRIEND. It is pleasant to welcome again the Missionary Department, which has been published in the East. We are not only called into the light of saving love, and preserved by the salt of divine grace, that we may become the children of our Father who is in heaven, but we are called to carry light to darkened souls, and to preserve the world from moral corruption, that multitudes through us may come to say Abba, Father, too. And no more convincing proof can we give to the unbelieving world than the love which we bear to our fellow-creatures.

Missionary Department.

THE DUTY OF THE CHURCHES TO MISSIONS, AND HOW TO PERFORM IT. When we speak of the cause of missions, we have reference to the labors of Christian men and women in the morally destitute parts of our own country, and in heathen lands. The Lord Jesus was a missionary; for God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved. The twelve were missionaries; for Jesus sent them forth to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, commanding them to preach that the kingdom of heaven was at hand; and Paul the apostle was a model missionary. The work thus commenced was to be carried forward by the Church of Christ. It is the divine plan that men shall come to believe through our word; and therefore, every professed disciple, every church, every denomination, can only claim to possess the spirit of the gospel in proportion to its fidelity in sending the news of redemption to them that are lost.

BUZZ BEES.—The youngest members of Dr. Twetshell's Church in Cleveland, Ohio, have formed a society, which they call "The Buzz Bees." They have elected a queen, and a king, and a court of twelve, brought a map of China of his own drawing at the last meeting, and pointed out where the missions are. Edith Penfield brought a map of the world, from that far-off country. Maps of the sea and Japan were also explained, and pretty songs sung. Several little money banks were opened and it was voted to have the same collected. This is good work for little folks, helping the poor children who never hear of the gospel, isn't it?—Congregationalist.

SERMON FOR THE TIMES.—The last week's Allegany Democrat publishes an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. A. Coit, pastor of the Baptist Church of Wellsville, from Matt. 23:24. "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." The sermon is a vigorous and able one, and well adapted to the times.

SUMMARY OF NEWS. The claims for pensions have increased during the last fourteen months at the rate of 6,000 per cent. The Philadelphia "Times" says that their Philadelphia Newsboys and their Philadelphia Newsboys, describing the annual festival given by Mr. George W. Child on Independence Day. 20 cents a number; \$2 a year. E. L. Farman, ed., and J. C. Thorpe & Co., publishers, Boston, Mass.

POPULAR HISTORY OF ENGLAND, by Charles Knight. Vol. 8, Price, 35 cents. No. 18 Standard Series. This is the concluding Vol. of Frank & Co.'s popular edition of this great work. It contains the Appendix, Annals 1849-1877, a large number of the tables of Contemporary Sovereigns, Chronological Tables of British Writers, etc. This volume also contains a very complete index and a table of contents for the entire work. A very great improvement has been made in this edition, in grouping together the tables of each class instead of scattering them, as they are in other editions, through the different volumes. The price now of this valuable history is so low that almost every family can possess it.

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POSTAL COMPLAINTS.—The Postmaster General calls attention to the fact that serious delays in correcting the irregularities in the receipt and dispatch of mails, are caused by the common practice of making complaint to the Department at Washington instead of to the Division Superintendent of the Division.

Superintendent of railway and steamboat mail service. Complaints from New York State should be addressed to R. C. Jackson, Superintendent of the Post Office, New York City. This has no reference to losses by mail, which should be reported to the Chief Special Agent of the Post Office Department at Washington.

TO BE TESTED.—The committee appointed by the sufferers by the loss of the Narragansett recommends that the sufferers do not enter their claims in the New York Admiralty Court for a share in the proceeds of the wreck, but that they seek their remedy at common law. In order to test the validity of their claims, and ascertain what courts have jurisdiction, A. V. Lynde, one of the committee, has commenced a suit for \$15,000 damages for loss of baggage, personal injuries, and nervous prostration. The property of the steamboat company in Massachusetts is valued at that amount, and the case is returned to the Superior Court on July 6th.

MEMOIRS OF MY EXILES, by Louis Kasowitz. Translated by Ezeretz Jansz. Card manilla cover, price 40 cents. No. 30 and 31 Standard Series. This work has just been issued in Europe, being published simultaneously in Pesth, Hungary, Paris, and London. It is the literary translation of the diary of the prominent part taken by Kasowitz in the events described, his patriotic singleness of purpose, and, above all, the hold he has upon the hearts of his countrymen, give the book many readers in America.

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At the Atlanta dispatch reports that the Atlanta officers in Campbell county, Ga., were fired on by parties in ambush. The officers returned to the city, and the assailants fled. One was killed, and two were wounded, one probably fatally.

A fire in Philadelphia, June 24th, destroyed about twenty-five buildings, involving an estimated loss of \$90,000. One woman was killed by a fall, while a third had her arm broken. It is announced that Queen Victoria will visit Ireland this Summer. She will only visit to that portion of her domains which she has just recently acquired by her marriage and then she remained but a short time.

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