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DR. LOVE ON THE SABBATH.

DR. LOVE proceeds in the next paper to do an impossible thing, to abolish the Sabbath and yet retain it, making his argument turn on Col. 2: 16. "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

By the associations surrounding the "sabbaths" named in Col. 2: 16, it is rendered certain that they belong to the ceremonial services of the Sabbath, but the prophets Nehemiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, in their teachings, placed it in the front rank of religious institutions. Also, Christ noticed it as he did not any other religious institution, giving himself especially to the work of redeeming it from the false position in which the Pharisees had placed it.

The Doctor proceeds with an able and laborious argument, to show that the weekly Sabbath is one of the "sabbaths" mentioned in Col. 2: 16, deprecating the fact that even First-day men in large numbers, and of respectable learning, sustain the view taken by Seventh-day Sabbatharians authors, that the weekly Sabbath is not one of the "sabbaths" named in this passage; and did our space permit, we would follow him step by step, a thing we would be bound to do were we writing a book in answer to him, or were we attempting an extended newspaper review of his argument.

But if the weekly Sabbath was one of the sabbaths that was "blotted out," and still was retained, then were the meats and the drinks and the new moons and holy days both blotted out, or both retained, and they stand or fall, or both stand and fall with the sabbaths named with them. They are all jotted together, and must be affected alike in this transaction. To say that the weekly Sabbath was put with the annual festival sabbaths, and that they were alike abolished, and yet the weekly Sabbath was only as to its form abolished, while its substance remained, and that the others were abolished in toto, is to utter things so contradictory as to be incapable of belief by any who are not driven to it by an overbearing necessity. But those who do this, it must be confessed, are driven to it by such necessities; by having undertaken to prove that the weekly Sabbath is an institution of perpetual obligation, but that the day commanded to be observed has been set aside, and the first day of the week put in its place by him who made the Sabbath. They are forced to acknowledge that there is no direct statement of Scripture to this effect. To supply the support called for by their theory, they put together certain facts neither of which have any necessary or even natural relation to it, and from these draw an inference in its support.

We take the pleasant note below from the Harrison Courier (Iowa) Courier, whose editor has been on a visit to Kansas: "The immediate vicinity where we have been settled by several families of Seventh day Baptists, in the Fall of 1857--most of them old acquaintances of ours. It is astonishing to see what comfortable and attractive homes they have made to themselves since their settlement there, the farms being surrounded by beautiful orange hedges, and dotted with woods and groves of trees--maple, cottonwood, walnut, etc. One tract for about two and a half miles is known over a large part of the State as Seventh day Lane, as this portion of it is exclusively occupied by people of that denomination; and well it is worthy of no notice. It has attained, for very rarely can as many comfortable home like places be found in a rural district of the same extent."

A MUSICAL CONVENTION, under the direction of Dr. J. M. Stillman, is to be held at Alfred Centre, N. Y., commencing Monday, Aug. 30th, and closing Thursday evening, Sept. 2d, with a grand concert. Mrs. A. G. Gibson of the Park Church Choir, (Rev. T. K. Beecher's,) Elmira, N. Y., who is well known as a highly cultivated vocalist, is engaged as soloist. The convention is being extensively advertised, and from all the indications we have no doubt of its being a success in all respects. One-third of the net proceeds will be applied to the pipe organ fund of the 1st Alfred Church.

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The meeting was called to order by J. M. Todd, President, and Dean Rogers offered prayer. The minutes of the special session of the Board held at DeRayter, N. Y., on the 12th of June, were read and approved.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECORDED.

Balance at beginning of quarter..... \$984 73

Receipts for quarter..... 812 67

Total..... \$1,797 40

Disbursements for quarter..... 434 77

Balance to new account..... \$862 63

The Corresponding Secretary presented the correspondence relating to the work of the Board, and reported the action of the Associations at which he was present, stating that a committee had been appointed to look to the establishment of a tent for the North Western Association.

The following action was taken: Voted, that we approve of the action of the Business Committee in sending articles for the use of the tent workers in the Western Association.

Voted, that the Corresponding Secretary hold correspondence with friends in localities where there are no Auxiliary Societies, with a view to establishing such societies throughout the denomination.

Voted, that we invite Bro. N. Wardner to preach the Annual Sermon at the next anniversary of the Society, and that Bro. L. C. Rogers be alternate.

The Auditors reports that they had examined the report of the General and Publishing Agent, and find the same correct; also, the report of the Treasurer for the quarter, and find the same correct. They find there is due J. B. Clarke for stationery and postage, \$6 50; that there is due L. C. Rogers for salary, \$75, expenses, \$30 42, total \$105 92. There is due H. D. Clarke for salary, \$35, for expenses, \$102 94, total \$137 94.

Orders were voted on the Treasurer to pay the above accounts as audited.

The Corresponding Secretary reported that he had met several friends in the Western and North Western Associations, who were of the opinion that the cause of education was not fully represented in the Recorder.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

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S. S. Department.

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Contributions for this department of notes, suggestions, or anything of interest to our Sabbath-schools, are solicited.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS, 1880.

THIRD QUARTER. July 4. The Creation: On God's Work. Gen. 1:1-3:24.

July 11. The Fall and the Promise: On Adam's Sin. Gen. 3:1-22.

July 18. The Covenant with Noah: On Merit. Gen. 9:1-17.

July 25. The Covenant with Abraham: On the Promise. Gen. 12:1-22.

Aug. 1. The Covenant with Abraham: On the Promise. Gen. 15:1-22.

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Abraham had divided the heifer, the goat, and the ram each into two parts, to show that there was only God and himself that were parties to the covenant.

The smoking furnace, and the burning lamp that passed between those pieces, showed that God actually covenanted with him to perform what he had promised.

TRUTHS TAUGHT. 1. God cares for his children in trouble. 2. It is right to ask God to fulfill his promises to us.

3. God condescends to explain and simplify his revelations in order that we may apprehend them. 4. God's promises sufficient ground for faith.

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