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THE SABBATH.

We called attention two or three weeks since to an article that appeared in the Christian Standard on the Sabbath, which took the ground of its perpetuity and of its change from the seventh to the first day of the week.

It certainly is quite reasonable that the day on which the great work of redemption was completed should be celebrated with praise; but that does not prove that the seventh day was changed to the first; for the first day is not celebrated for the same reasons, its celebration does not rest on the same authority, and it does not commemorate the same facts.

We concede that if for any reason the first day was kept "by the first Christians under the guidance of the apostles," then we doubt not there is good reason for our observing it, even if there be no law requiring it.

But let us give a little special attention to this paragraph, and see whether it is well put together.

It states that redemption was finished on the first day of the week, and therefore it is reasonable "to celebrate it with praise." But the Scripture says nothing whatever of this.

The Standard says it is "reasonable" to celebrate the day on which redemption was finished. On this also the Scriptures are silent.

But we rest for the present, asking the reader if he agrees with us, that as a people, we are not prospering in our religious life as we should be, and also ask him if he can trace any of this want of prosperity to himself?

WHAT IS THE REAL DIFFICULTY?

That our religious prosperity, as a people, is not what it should be, all confess. We do not feel that we are really castaways, nor do we feel we are backsliders in the ordinary sense of the word, and yet we do not prosper as we should.

What is the real difficulty? The question comes up, Why this state of things? Some of us give one answer and some another, but it is not possible that we often mistake in this, placing the responsibility too much outside of ourselves? That there are causes for stumbling all around us is true, but need these trouble us? The multitude who stand Jesus speak and saw his wonderful deeds, offered excuses for not believing in and following him.

Let us now turn our thoughts upon ourselves, and see if we can not find there the cause of our want of prosperity. Let us look into our hearts and observe their spiritual state. Are they healthy? Jude says, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto eternal life."

HOLLAND CORRESPONDENCE.

HAARLEM, Sept. 16th, 1880.

Dear Sister, - Some time ago in one of our church meetings a letter from you to Mrs. Velthuisen was read, from which we learned some thing that filled our hearts with pleasure and thanks to the Lord.

Another text is, "Do we love the cause of Christ? If we love Christ, we shall sympathize with him in his work. He came to earth impelled by love for sinners, though rebells against his Father's government, and if we love him, we shall love those he came to save, and shall join him in his work. If we love God, we shall love his people. "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death." 1 John 3: 14.

TRUST BOARD MEETING.

The Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society met pursuant to the call of the President, at Leonardville, N. Y., Oct. 17th, 1880.

Prayer was offered by C. D. Potter, and the following action was taken: Voted, that the quarterly meeting of the Board be held on the second Tuesdays of January, April, and July for the ensuing year.

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HOME NEWS.

A council of ministers and deacons met at the Seventh-day Baptist Church on Dodge's Creek, on Nov. 11th, 1880, at the request of the West Genesee Church, to examine and ordain G. P. Kenyon to the gospel ministry, and to ordain J. A. Crandall to the deaconship.

After another hymn, W. B. Gillette was made Chairman, and M. S. Gardner, Clerk. The list of delegates present was found to be as follows: Niles, W. B. Gillette, Dea. Wm. Gardner; First Genesee, M. S. Gardner; Portville, C. A. Burdick, Dea. Barber; Cortland, J. Sumnerbell.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The Ministerial Conference of the Seventh-day Baptist Western Association met according to appointment with the Church at Niles, N. Y., at 7 P. M., Nov. 9th, 1880.

The minutes of last session were read, after which the ministers present engaged in a conference meeting, remarks being made by W. B. Gillette, J. Sumnerbell, C. A. Burdick, I. L. Cottrell, M. S. Gardner, and J. Kenyon.

The Moderator, J. Sumnerbell, appointed J. P. Dye, M. S. Gardner, and C. A. Burdick, a committee to prepare a programme for the semi-annual session.

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Our meetings continue, in winter two times a week, starting from home to a time of serving the Lord's Word and principles of the Sabbath as they are laid in Holy Scriptures. I enjoyed preaching the whole Bible as I did of sinners in that was a great and strange thing for me, for I had never before seen the Lord's Word in my life.







