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THE MINISTRY.

As I study the history of our people, one fact stands out prominent, that whenever the denomination has been led to new consecration and greater activity; there has been an increase of laborers in the gospel ministry.

When brethren Carpenter and Wardner gave up home and friends and native land, to go to China, it sent a thrill through our people that led to a deeper consecration to God, and enlisted new men into the ranks of our ministers.

A few years later, Bro. A. H. Lewis, taking the lead in the subject of Sabbath reform, stirred our people as with a trumpet tone, and awakened them to the solemn fact that God called upon us to spread the Sabbath through the world as well as to keep it at home.

Money began to pour into the treasury, tracts were printed, and lecturing agents sent out, and the people began to address themselves manfully to the work.

But while this was going on, our University was being filled with devoted young men that were already looking forward to the ministry, and only waiting for better facilities to thoroughly prepare for the work.

Under the increased activity and interest in the denomination, the Theological Department was founded and partially endowed, and a noble class of nine young men entered at once upon the prescribed course of study.

That so much was contributed in our small denomination for the new cause, and that so many were already ready to enter and enjoy its advantages, were especial reasons for thanksgiving.

Other, though smaller classes, followed, and, with those prepared at other seminaries, furnish a noble band of young men who are doing much of the heavy work of our denomination.

3d. The solemn resolution to preach the gospel is often made known only to God, and even intimate friends do not know of it till circumstances require it to be made public.

But while we believe that God is thus calling for a great increase in the gospel ministry among our people, to carry forward our increasing work, and many are heeding and silently preparing for that work, the practical question remains, how may we all help them to do so?

1st. Increase the missionary spirit in all our churches. The Shiloh Church has been pervaded with the spirit of missions for forty years.

2d. Aid the young men financially, so they may finish their course as soon as possible, for we need them now.

3d. Press the Sabbath reform, Bible-study, and every department of church work, and thus train up the workers for the gospel ministry.

4. Continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

THE NEW SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN OFFICES.—We are glad to be informed that the Scientific American came out of the late fire in New York, like the fabled Phoenix, with renewed life.

REV. D. E. MAXSON, D. D., has received an invitation from Prof. R. E. Thompson, Ph. D., Editor-in-Chief, which he has accepted, to prepare an article on The Seventh-day Baptist Church, showing its rise, geographical diffusion, present strength, and distinctive principles, for the American Supplement to the Encyclopædia Britannica.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March is a beautiful and remarkably interesting number. It embraces fifteen prose articles, and six poems, with sixty-nine illustrations, besides the usual ably conducted editorial departments.

CORRECTION.—In the review of Mr. Besse's book, last week, a bit of pleasantry, by way of a parenthetical clause, got into the text, by mistake, as part of a quotation, for which we beg pardon of the author.

Communications.

A NEGLECTED CHURCH DUTY.

It was recently my pleasant privilege to attend the ordination services of a worthy brother, whom one of our churches had called to the office of deacon, and to hear ably declared what were the duties of that office, as learned from the divine Word.

We have a better idea of what is justly due a pastor who will devote his full powers to the upbuilding and Christianizing of society than our grandparents had, and rejoice when a church becomes so strong in the faith that it earnestly undertakes the full support of such a pastor.

It is unjust to demand that another shall gratuitously bear our burdens, while we are able in any way to bear them ourselves; and vain to expect deacons to do all that befits their office, while the church keeps aloof from taking the responsibility of bearing the burden.

We have churches to whom the Word is preached free of cost, or nearly so, by devout men who, from a sense of duty, proclaim the gospel; but it is questionable whether by an unwise generosity they are not impeding the very work they desire to advance.

What is the influence of this free labor upon the members of the church? Do they, by self-sacrifice, soon become cheerful givers? Do they become more generous in outside work than those who pay freely and continuously for the support of a pastor?

If it is true that the influence of such gratuitous work on the part of the preacher tends to death and decay, rather than to life and growth, it is equally true when applied to any other department of church labor.

REPORT OF LABOR.

In addition to what I reported to the RECORDER, which has been published, I will say, that after closing the regular series of meetings, we continued to hold two prayer-meetings each week, with good interest.

was elicited on the Sabbath question, as I preached on that subject, and distributed tracts, &c. A goodly number who had been far back in sin and the giddy pleasures of youth were revived, and took hold of the work with energy and profit in leading others to Christ.

I wish to add that while others have been blessed, my own soul has been watered and strengthened, doubts of my acceptance by the Master in the work removed as never before, for all of which let God be praised.

A strong desire being expressed by my own Church at Welton, Iowa, for revival work, and feeling that about all were gathered in at Long Branch who were in any way hopeful, I came home on February 1st, and commenced meetings on that evening, which we are now holding every evening, with good indications.

WELTON, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1882.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Polygamy—Work before Congress.—The Government of the City of Washington.

In the House, Mr. Burrows introduced a bill, which was promptly passed, providing that no person guilty of more than one wife shall be eligible to the office of delegate in the House of Representatives from a territory.

The enormous number of four thousand bills have been introduced in the House, and there is little prospect of an early termination of this Congress. Many Senators and Members believe that the session will last until the middle of July, or until the heat and malaria shall drive Congress to more healthful localities.

A very determined effort will be made by the friends of this forlorn District, to improve the Potomac marshes, with a view of suppressing the malaria which infects everything here, not excepting legislation.

Home News.

The Hornellsville Seventh-day Baptist society met on the evening of Feb. 4th, for the purpose of organizing a Mite Society, the proceeds of which are to form the nucleus for the purchase of a lot and erection of a

church in Hornellsville. (Now don't laugh; you know how coral is formed.) Our organization being completed, we are ready for the mites or mighties, if our dear friends and the friends of the Sabbath of Jehovah are anxious to cast them in.

On the evening of Feb. 8th, the members of the Hornellsville Church and society, made Mr. and Mrs. Wilber a surprise as an expression of their appreciation of the services Mrs. Wilber has rendered to the Church, since its organization, as Organist.

Berlin still nestles as cosily between the mountains as ever, divided by a beautiful stream which bears the pretentious name of Little Hoosick River, but which reminds one of a certain river described in the common school classics of long ago, which was "navigable for boats as far as Waterville."

But Berlin is by no means without moral and religious restraining influences; there are three regular worshipping congregations in the village. About the 1st of September last, a series of meetings was commenced in the Seventh-day Baptist church, continuing several weeks, Eld. J. L. Huffman assisting the pastor, which resulted in the addition of eleven to the church, and quite a general awakening in the community, since which, quite a number have died, some of whom were among the reawakened in the meetings.

The annual meeting of the society was held, and largely due to an improved system of managing the finances, it was found that the pastor was paid, and the other expenses of the church and society provided for.

Last Fifth-day night, Feb. 2d, the friends of Eld. B. F. Rogers, both from our own society and others, came together at the meeting-house, and, after partaking, generally, of a bountiful supper, and an evening of enjoyment, the pastor found himself in possession of \$113 96 which he had not before, and he would, with his wife, express great gratitude to the donors, both for the feeling manifested and the gifts bestowed.

The Sabbath-school was reorganized at the beginning of the year, with Thomas E. Green, and George E. Jones, Superintendents; Mrs. Jennie Greenman and Arthur Green, Choristers; Miss Arletta Green, Secretary; Ernest Jones and Myrta Green, Librarians; and William D. Green, Treasurer.

There have been three stormy Sabbaths in succession, but last Sabbath we had the worst snow-storm of the season. Sabbath-day, Feb. 4th, as Mrs. Amanda Maxson, widow of Eld. Wm. B. Maxson, was on her way to church, she slipped on snow-covered ice, breaking and dislocating her elbow in a very painful manner.

The McGibeny Family unique concert in the Pl... the evening of Feb. 4th... of the Ladies' Benevolent... was fine, but the... small on account of the... Mr. and Mrs. McGibeny in Plainfield, were guests... Babcock, where, on Sun... Emil Seifert, musical dir... favored a few friends... exquisite violin solos.

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NEW MARKET. Dea. I. D. Titsworth made a flying visit to Ashaway, R. I., last week. His health, which has not been very good much of the...

The Seventh-day Baptist Parsonage was entered three days later, and to the utter surprise of the family, \$92 in cash were taken...

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NEW MILTON. FEB. 5, 1882. The Winter has been unusually warm and wet. An itemizer at West Union reports...

Through the interest wrought up in music by Bro. P. B. Davis in the last few months, our church has been supplied with a good organ...

Eld. J. B. Davis preaches here the first Sabbath in each month; Eld. Jacob Davis, the second; Dr. Bee, the third; prayer-meeting for missions, conducted by Dea. Lowther...

The New Milton Literary Society, the object of which is to instruct in public speaking, reading, and parliamentary rules, is eagerly participated in by a part of our citizens...

Wisconsin. I suppose there is hardly a place within the bounds of our denomination where there is so much going on of a literary and social character...

Birthdays Thoughts. The years roll on, a rushing tide. More fleet as now you nearer glide. O'er life's great sea so dark and wide...

Condensed News. OIL FIRE.—A Bradford (Pa.) dispatch dated Feb. 12th, midnight, says: "A spark from a locomotive on the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia road, this evening, set fire to little pools of oil in the low ground near Olean, N. Y., where the United Pipe Lines have a number of large iron tanks...

The last entertainment given was an oyster supper, furnished by the friends of Rev. E. M. Dunn, pastor of the Milton Church. This supper was served up in Morgan Hall, at Milton Junction, on the evening of February 2d. Over two hundred took supper...

The next entertainment will be a grand literary and musical entertainment, in College Hall, on the evening of the 9th inst., when Mrs. Jeannette B. Day, of Janesville, who is teaching elocution in our College, will give one of her popular readings...

THE RICHBURG MURDERERS.—John McCarthy, who killed Patrick Markey, in Richburg, N. Y., in November last, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree. His counsel will move for a new trial. Edmund Whipple, for killing Googe, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the first degree.

Minnesota. DODGE CENTRE. We are having a very mild, beautiful Winter, with no sleighing of any account, but the best of wheeling. We have been obliged to do a good deal of our Fall work this Winter on account of the extreme wet weather of last Fall...

Nebraska. LONG BRANCH. The relatives and friends of Mrs. Dea. J. G. Babcock met at her home Jan. 27, 1882, it being the occasion of her birthday. Sister Babcock has been deeply afflicted by the paralysis of her left side and limbs, for some five years, rendering it almost impossible for her to get out to enjoy the social or religious privileges of life...

LETTERS. E. J. Van Horn (see Recorder of Feb. 2d), L. Coo, W. A. Niles, E. R. Crandall, J. H. Babcock, S. Bumpus, L. E. Livermore, C. V. Hibbard, J. F. Hubbard, Samuel Burdick, S. S. Griswold, B. F. Rogers, W. H. Ernst, O. D. Sherman, W. M. Jones, H. S. Burdick, Geo. H. Babcock, Mrs. A. H. Pierce, S. R. Wheeler, Miss Effie M. Burdick, Geo. W. Hills, Geo. J. Crandall, J. B. Whitford, A. B. Emerson, W. L. Clarke, R. T. Burdick & Co., H. Stillman, Charles L. Boyd, C. W. Threlkeld, J. H. Stillman, H. E. Babcock, O. U. Whitford, J. B. Clarke, A. E. Main, F. F. Randolph.

RECEIPTS. All payments for the SABBATH RECORDER are acknowledged from week to week in the paper. Persons sending money, the receipt of which is not duly acknowledged, should give us early notice of the omission.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Alonzo Potter, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Laura Potter, J. C. Hoard, Mrs. C. L. Hall, A. B. Cottrell, J. H. Burch, W. M. Palmer, J. S. Coon, F. E. Dresser, N. W. Babcock, A. L. Crandall, B. D. Mills, Mrs. Elia B. Aysars, Mrs. Arvilla Brown, V. C. Bond, John Ellis, M. M. Ellis, W. Churchward, Miss Jessie Kimball, Mrs. A. H. Pierce, Samuel Burdick, J. F. Hamiter, Mrs. E. G. Burdick, W. H. H. Coon, W. B. West, A. M. Knapp, W. L. West, Lucy M. Coon, F. D. Reed, E. A. Walters, F. R. Wescott, H. Stillman, G. T. Collins, T. S. Green, W. M. Jones, Geo. Molyneux, A. Bee, Mrs. D. F. Randolph, L. F. Heritage, S. R. Wheeler, Georgia A. Todd.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICES have agreed unanimously to report favorably a bill for the establishment of postal savings banks, where deposits shall be received in sums from ten cents to one hundred dollars, the maximum deposit from one person to be five hundred dollars, the deposits to bear interest at two per cent.

The House Committee on Banking has agreed to report favorably the bill providing that the Treasury notes of the United States, known as legal tender notes, shall be liable to State taxation on an equality with gold and silver coin, during the time they continue to be redeemable in coin by the Treasury.

The biennial readjustment of salaries of Presidential postmasters will be commenced shortly. There are two thousand three hundred of these officers. The receipts of the present quarter must determine the compensation for the next two years.

The State and local boards of health of Minnesota have forbidden the sale of pork until after inspection. The board examined a large quantity, and found that nearly all was filled with encysted trichinae.

Hon. Alex. H. Stephens celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birth, Feb. 11th, by a general reception of his friends and admirers.

Twenty-seven lives were lost recently by the foundering of the steamer Cosmo, off Kilia. The Cosmo was bound for London. Advances from Texas say that a big bridge on the Texas Pacific Railroad has been swept away by the flood.

Three hundred Jewish refugees sailed from Liverpool, Feb. 4th, for the United States. The British Parliament was opened Feb. 7th, by a speech from the Queen.

FOR LESSON LEAVES. L. T. Titsworth, New Market, N. J., \$6 75; E. J. Van Horn, Bluffton, Neb., 45; H. S. Burdick, East Sharon, Pa., 1 50.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET. Review of the New York market for butter, cheese, etc., for the week ending Feb. 11th, reported for the Recorder, by David W. Lewis & Co., Produce Commission Merchants, No. 85 and 87 Broad Street, New York.

BUTTER.—Receipts for the week were 16,550 packages; exports, 927 packages. A short year ago the great dairy interests of New York were wickedy done to death by the veto of a so-called "Oleomargarine bill." The Governor dared to do his duty and now here is butter half a dollar a pound. Poor dairy interest sick and needy.

CHEESE.—Receipts for the week were 15,789 boxes; exports, 24,786 boxes. The market has continued difficult to work on, and reports are the same from Boston and Philadelphia markets.

EGGS close a trifle lower than last week on account of soft open weather. Sales of near-by finest fresh were at 27c, with sales of Western fresh at 28c, in 10 bbl. lots, and 22c. bid seller all February, and 51c@52c, bid for geese eggs all February and March.

BEESWAX.—Pure wax, 23 @ 24c. BEANS.—We quote: Marrows, per bushel, 62 lbs., prime, \$4 00 @ \$4 40; "fair to good, 3 50 @ 3 75; Mediums, " " good to choice, 3 25 @ 3 50.

DRIED FRUITS.—We quote: Evaporated apples, ring cut, choice, .11 @ .18; "fair to good, .08 @ .10; State and Western, quarter apples, .06 @ .07; Apples, North Carolina, sliced, .06 @ .09; Peeled peaches, evaporated, .35 @ .38; Peeled peaches, sun dried, .18 @ .22; Unpeeled peaches, halves and quarters, .05 @ .07; Raspberries, dried, .28 @ .27; Blackberries, .12 @ .15; Cherries, .15 @ .17; Plums, .15 @ .17.

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