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THE SAFETY OF DOING RIGHT.

There are but few persons who will boldly deny the safety of doing right under all circumstances. Yet there are vast numbers whose practice, when fairly interpreted, is equivalent to such denial. Nearly every reformatory movement furnishes more or less illustrations of the truth of this assertion.

There is another form in which is manifested this unbelief in the safety of doing right, more criminal, perhaps, than either of those to which we have alluded. It is when the positive commands of God come into conflict with the interests of men, and obedience is bartered for expediency.

UNITARIANS AND UNIVERSALISTS. We learn from the Evangelical Magazine and Gospel Advocate, that influences are at work which seem likely soon to produce a closer union than has heretofore existed between the Unitarians and Universalists of this country.

Skinner, Editor of the Magazine and Advocate, says that if all the Unitarians could feel and speak as Mr. Bellows does—"as indignantly disavow and repudiate the doctrine of endless misery, as fully and distinctly avow a belief in the final ingathering in Christ and restoration of all souls to holiness and happiness, the two sects would surely be one in every thing but the name; and we doubt not that they would soon be one even in name; for the name is of no consequence when compared to the principle."

OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LAWS.

(Continued.)

With such examples, on the part of the National Government, we may reasonably expect that the same bigoted intolerance will characterize State Legislation; for the character of the parent will stamp itself on the child.

1st. The right to life is denied, and placed at the disposal of irresponsible individuals. If the keen-eyed slave-dealer enter the peaceful hamlet in the stillness of night, and seize the sleeping wife or child, and the insulted husband and father resist, the tyrant may deprive him of life and be amenable to no tribunal but the high court of Heaven.

2d. The slave's testimony cannot be given against a white man, so that should the master be amenable for any act done to a slave, he has only to do it in the absence of any white man, to evade the law, though a thousand colored men should see him commit the depredation.

3d. In many of the slave States, death is the penalty by law for learning a slave to spell the name of Jesus Christ. Reference might be made to a recent law of Georgia, as also to others of longer standing, shutting the gates of knowledge and fountain of life on starving millions.

4th. The Heaven-ordained institution of marriage is nullified, thus converting the South into a grand seraglio, where worse abominations than disgrace the palace of the grand seignior are legally practiced.

5th. Slavery has even arrogated the government of man's thoughts, forbidding him to think in the inmost recesses of his soul, that "all men are created equal." See Digest of Louisiana Laws, vol. 1st, page 112. "Free people of color ought never to insult or strike white people, or presume to think themselves equal to the white." Magnanimous legislation that! Can the world beat it?

Such is the condition of our country, and such some of its laws. It is vain that lying sycophants and aspiring demagogues cry, "Peace," for there is no peace. The struggle for the elevation of man, the restoration and perpetuity of liberty, is fearful. The philanthropist looks with trembling anxiety to see another great nation hurled by the thunders of insulted Omnipotence to deserved oblivion.

WARM RECEPTION.

We learn from a letter in the "Liberator," that Rev. Alexander Campbell, of Virginia, recently made a visit to Scotland, one object of which was to disseminate his peculiar theological views in that country. Soon after his arrival in Edinburgh, James Robertson, a Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society, called upon him for the purpose of reading over to him certain extracts from his printed works in justification of slavery, and to inquire whether he continued to hold the same sentiments respecting that institution.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, of the United States, and Rev. Mr. Robertson of Edinburgh, have recently been attempting to settle a dispute, which arose from some libelous remarks made by the former. Mr. Robertson brought an action against Mr. Campbell for defamation of character, placing his damages at \$5,000.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:—By order of the First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Brookfield, I forward to you for publication a copy of the following resolution:—Resolved, That all those members who have gone out from among us, or beyond the pales of the church, are requested to report themselves to the church within one year from the date of this notice.

BEAUTY AND USEFULNESS.

Who has not felt the power of beauty to charm, to captivate the senses? How subduing to the baser passions—how charming to the soul! Yet is beauty itself rendered doubly charming, when we can see united with it the divine attribute of goodness.

RETURNING TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.—A clergyman in England, named Oxley, who abandoned the Catholic church about five years ago, has recently returned to it, and has published a letter expressive of his reasons for doing so, and his feelings in relation to his defection.

THE JEWS AND THE SABBATH.—A letter, dated Königsberg, (Prussia,) June 10, says: The police has just notified the Israelites of this city, that they will not be allowed to carry out the decision they had formed to transfer the celebration of their Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.

"THE GREAT IRON WHEEL."—Writing under the above head, the "Methodist Episcopalian" gives the following description of the machinery of the Methodist Episcopal Church. If the sketch was from any other than a Methodist paper, we should hesitate about publishing it.

PROCLAMATION, BY JOHN YOUNG, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. A day of Public Thanksgiving is due to Almighty God, for blessings bestowed upon the people of this State during the past year.

PAINFUL COMMENT.—A correspondent of the Christian Chronicle, writing from England, closes a communication relating mainly to the condition of the Baptist Churches of that country, with this sad comment:—"From all that we have seen and heard, the conclusion has been forced upon us, that was less time spent in opposing the arrogant claims of The Church, and more in preaching the attractions of the cross, the cause of God and truth would be much better subserved."

SUNDAY RAILWAY TRAVELING IN SCOTLAND.

At the meeting of the shareholders of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway, held here on the 14th inst., there were remarks made on the effect which the opening of the Caledonian line would have on the Edinburgh and Glasgow. One proprietor gave it as his opinion, that if the latter company continued to refuse to run trains on Sunday, the former company would monopolize the traffic.

FAIR OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.—The Great Fair of the American Institute has been open for more than a week past, at Castle Garden, in this city. The display of machinery, manufactured articles of every description, and fruits and flowers, is uncommonly large.

HYMN BOOKS AND TRACTS FOR WESTERN NEW YORK.—A quantity of Hymn Books, in the various styles of binding, have been this week forwarded to Bro. Maxson Green, of Alfred, Allegany Co., N. Y.,—enough, it is supposed, to supply the churches in the Western Association who may find it more convenient to get the books from Alfred than from New York.

CONSECRATION OF A SYNAGOGUE. The Philadelphia News says that the new synagogue of the congregation of the "Seekers of Peace," in Juliana street below 6th, was recently consecrated to the worship of the God of Israel.

The minister, the Rev. Dr. Khan, then standing outside the door, knocked, saying, "Open the gates of righteousness to me," &c., the choir, consisting of 12 ladies in white, responding as the minister with the trustees entered and proceeded to the sacred Ark, from whence they returned to receive the Law-rolls, which after the seven circuits had been performed, amid the responses of the choir and the music of the orchestra, were deposited in the Ark.

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