



The Sabbath Recorder.

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EDITORIAL CHIT-CHAT.

DeRuyter, N. Y., June 9, 6 o'clock, A. M.

On the evening of second-day, June 5th, we left New York in company with brethren Lucius Crandall and Nicholas Rogers, to attend the meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Central Association...

Albany continues to be about as much of a nuisance to travelers as it was years ago—not on account of its location, or the character of its inhabitants in general—but on account of the miserable race of hackmen and carmen it supports...

The city of Schenectady, sixteen miles from Albany, has not improved much—perhaps it has declined—for many years past. Union College has no doubt done something to benefit the city.

The railroad from Schenectady to Utica has recently been much improved by the laying of a new track, and it is now in fine order. The conductors of it are gentlemanly and accommodating.

The railroad from Utica to Syracuse is receiving an important improvement in the shape of a new track, upon which large gangs of hands are now employed.

From Chittenango to DeRuyter, you go by stage, twenty-three miles, arriving there in about twenty-eight hours from New York.

The DeRuyter Institute, we rejoice to hear, is now in a prosperous condition. It has about sixty students in attendance, which is considerably more than the average number for this, the busiest, season of the year.

The Central Association has been in session two days. But it has not yet completed its business by a good deal, and we must defer an account of it until another post.

THE CONDITION OF SWITZERLAND.

Chambers' Edinburg Journal says, the common supposition that Switzerland is the freest country of Europe is a very erroneous one. About two-thirds of the Swiss being Protestants, and the remaining one-third Catholics; and the Protestant and Catholic cantons, as the recent civil war has shown, hate each other as the hostile clans in the Highlands...

EDITORIAL CHANGES.—We see it stated that Rev. Abel Stevens, editor of Zion's Herald, has been elected by the Methodist General Conference, now in session at Pittsburgh, editor of the Christian Advocate and Journal, for the next four years.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.—NO. 1.

The Christian ministry is a divine institution. Christ Jesus called Saul of Tarsus and "sent him unto the Gentiles," "to take out of them a people for his name," and gave him authority to ordain elders in every city where there should be gathered an assembly of Christian believers.

As to the first, the superiority of oral instruction over every other mode of imparting it is universally allowed. It arrests the attention more effectually; it admits of more easy and familiar illustration, and of repetitions, which, in a book, the teacher would fail to perceive necessary, or would think tedious; it is associated with the tones, the looks, and the gestures of him who utters it, with the circumstances under which it is delivered, with the very place of meeting, and the assembly itself; and for these reasons is more strongly riveted on the memory.

LIBERIA.—The Commercial Advertiser, citing from its late files of Liberia papers, says:—"The Luminary speaks of a very general and strong desire on the part of the native residents, the Congoes especially, for instruction. They throng the Sunday schools and manifest astonishing eagerness in the pursuit of knowledge.

DESOLATIONS OF RUM IN AFRICA.—At a recent monthly meeting in the American Tract House, for the public communication of mission intelligence, Rev. J. L. Wilson, from Western Africa, stated the appalling fact that rum, introduced by traders from America, England, and France, was probably doing much more to depopulate and afflict that country, than even the slave trade, with all the bloody skirmishes in its train.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE INSANE.—At the Utica Lunatic Asylum, of which Dr. Brigham is the efficient and humane Superintendent, the patients are every year allowed an "Asylum Fair," to which the unfortunate beings always look forward with all the pleasure imaginable.

the morbid associations of monomania. The time for holding these fairs has been changed from winter to spring, and there was one held this year on the 7th inst. It is stated that the number of curiosities this year was much larger than ever before.

REFLECTIONS.

Often, in my rambles to catch the first rays of golden light or to watch the fading tints at the close of day, I have passed a giant rock rearing his ribbed sides from the ocean-wave.

THE MARINER'S FAMILY INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.—The Fourth Annual Report of this Society contains much that is interesting. This Society was organized for the purpose of placing in the hands of the destitute female relative of seamen, the means of labor and of enabling them to relieve themselves by their own industry from the sufferings of poverty.

UNION OF ROMAN CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS.—In Germany (as appears from European papers) the cause of religious liberty is especially advanced by the political revolution. At Vienna the abolition of the differences of creed in respect of political rights was one of the popular rally cries.

CONVERSION OF A JEW.—The Jewish Herald relates the following circumstance of the conversion of a literary Jew to Christianity:—

"Being met by a number of his associates for mutual improvement, he read the 13th chapter of the first Epistle to the Corinthians. It was listened to with great delight; and again he read it, dwelling with reiterated emphasis on the words, 'is not puffed up—is not puffed up,' and then advancing to the table, he said, 'He who wrote this could not be an impostor. As the Lord liveth, I am Christ's.'"

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES.—Intelligence has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Jencks are on their way to this country on account of the dangerous illness of Mrs. J.

REFORMATION IN VIRGINIA.—We learn that the late session of the Virginia Episcopal Convention adopted an amendment to their constitution, "making it the duty of the diocese of Virginia, to exclude from the communion-table all members of the Church who were addicted to gaming and horse-racing, who should attend public balls, theatrical exhibitions, ballet dancing, and the exhibition of the model artists."

ADVICE TO A STUDENT.—When the Rev. C. Buck, author of the "Theological Dictionary," was a student, the Rev. John Ryland, Senior, of Northampton, gave him the following items of advice:—

- 1. Do not buy too many books, for that will hurt your pocket.
2. Do not sit up late at night to study, for that will hurt your constitution.
3. Do not go courting, for that will hurt your mind.

NEW SOCIETY.—A Society has been formed in Paris, under the title of "La Societe pour l'application du Christianisme aux Questions Sociales," which is to embrace the following objects:—

- 1. The application of the principles of Christianity to social questions.
2. The assertion of the right of conscience and of private judgement in all cases in which they may require to be protected against the absorbent tendencies of the State.
3. The non-payment of ministers of religion by the State.

THE JEWS IN EUROPE.—The Jewish Emancipation bill had its third reading in the House of Commons of England, on Thursday evening, the 4th of May. Under present circumstances it can hardly fail to pass the House of Lords, now not strong enough to oppose the popular will.

"I see by the papers, that the Israelites of Paris have petitioned the Provisional Government to abolish the present Consistory, as it is elected by 111 persons, when the Jewish population exceeds 6,000. I presume you have seen the synopsis of the Constitution offered by the Emperor of Austria to his subjects, in which the Israelites are accorded equal rights. I heard that some disturbances had occurred in Posen, during which the Israelites had been treated with barbarity; one child had been murdered by bleeding it to death, and other horrible atrocities perpetrated. I see by the papers of the day, that according 'to an ancient prophecy, bound up with the superstitions of the people of Posen, that when Easter Sunday falls upon St. George's day, a great miracle will ensue, which will fill the world with lamentation and woe; and afterwards with joy.'"

ATTENDANCE ON THE PRAYER-MEETING.—The following remarks, from the Congregational Journal, we think, commend themselves to the consideration of Christians—especially those who are disposed to excuse themselves for non-attendance on the prayer-meeting on every trivial occasion, by supposing that it is of little consequence whether they attend:—

Does it ever occur to you, my Christian brother, that your attendance on the prayer-meeting will greatly encourage your minister, and that your absence will dishearten him? Such, we know from experience, is the fact—and it is a fact of too much importance for you to overlook. He is the servant of the church, and whatever stimulates and encourages him, exerts a most favorable influence on the church and congregation. He will preach better—better perform all his pastoral duties—be more spiritual and instructive, for he will feel that his efforts are appreciated—that he is not laboring in vain and spending his strength for naught.

Is not one of the causes of the low state of religion in the church to be found in the melancholy fact that the prayer-meeting is forsaken? Is not this one reason why people become disaffected with their minister and wish for a change? Think of these things and be found at the next prayer-meeting—and never again absent yourself unnecessarily.



