

Sabbath Reform.

Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

AGITATION IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES.

The effect of the Outlook is plainly seen in the fact that the Autumn of 1884, has been marked by an unusual amount of discussion concerning the Sabbath question in religious circles.

At the Union Ministers' Meeting in Cleveland, last Monday morning, Oct. 14, the subject of The Attitude of the Church in Respect to Sunday Amusements was discussed.

At the New York State Congregational Association: Rev. William Kincaid of Oswego read a paper entitled, Sunday a Holiday, or a Holy Day?

THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH. The Use and Abuse of the Sabbath was the title of Rev. Carlos Martyn's evening sermon at the Bloomingdale Reformed Church, Seventy-first street and Ninth avenue.

The following "Congregational Associations," discussed the Sabbath question in their latest sessions, mainly in October, 1884.

At the State Sunday-school Association, Portland, Maine, Rev. W. F. Crafts, read a paper on, "What shall we teach about the Sabbath?"

The Oxford Congregational Conference at Berlin, N. H., discussed "The Sabbath," at its Autumnal Session.

"THE SABBATH WE HAVE." The following from the pen of R. F. Cottrell, in the Review and Herald, is worth repeating entire.

In the Morning Star, Dover, N. H., June 25th, is an article headed as above, by Rev. J. M. Bailey, D. D., which exhibits wonderful effrontery in naked assertions, presuming very greatly upon the credulity of the readers.

FRON H. P. BURDICK. SINGLE HOUSE, Pa., Oct. 19, 1884.

My last lady convert to the Sabbath was united with this church. Some keeping the Sabbath that ought will come in soon.

"the influence of keeping Saturday and working Sunday" can be "destructive of the Christian Sabbath;" for Saturday is a seventh part of time, as well as any other day.

The following statement would be truly amusing, were it not the deliberate utterance of a grave doctor of divinity. Speaking of the change from Old Style to New he says, "The English were so slow in adopting it that they were obliged to jump eleven days, calling the 3d day of Sept. 1752, the 14th day, bringing the Sabbath into the middle of the week."

Again we quote: "When Moses established the Sabbath he did not pretend to count from the creation, but from the falling of the manna which might have been any day of the week for all that we know."

Sabbath means rest. God worked during six days. Can any one of those days ever become his rest day? Not till he shall rest upon it.

Now if the Lord still requires us to obey the fourth commandment by keeping his Sabbath, and yet has suffered the day to be lost so that we cannot possibly find it, an impossibility is required, and we cannot be blamed, though we work on his rest day.

Jesus kept the Sabbath. Did he not know which was the day of rest at the creation? His disciples kept it "according to the commandment" after his death.

Our friend makes the customary voyages around the world both ways to find an objection to the Creator's arrangement in making "the Sabbath for man," and yet placing him on a round and rolling earth.

Learning comes by studying; wisdom, by thinking. Learning comes from without; wisdom, from within. Learning is an acquisition; wisdom a development.

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Education. "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding."

HOW PROHIBITION PROHIBITS. The Independent refers to the Christian Mirror's account of "Portland's rum-hole,"—the hole through which the liquor captured by the police of the city is poured into the sea, and goes on as follows:

That paper now reports another 'rum-hole,' that into which the State sheriff pours the liquor he has seized.

Gallons rum seized, 1,975; gin, 95; whisky, 2,083; brandy, 26; wine, 180; ale, 35,878; lager beer, 8,189; porter, 81; Bass ale, 14; cider, 55. Total gallons, 48,395.

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"This does not look like an absolute failure, even in Portland."

BREVITIES. The Queen of Madagascar is said to have organized a police force to prevent the manufacture, importation, or sale of intoxicants in her dominions.

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