









And this, an entire... of all Greece... I say an entire... of the Bacchanals... whole city of Athens...

reeking exhalation from the bottomless pit, under its present specious disguise, is fast finding its way into the very bosom of the Christian Church!

seemed to appreciate the privilege they enjoyed. If these institutes could be encouraged by an active interest and co-operation on the part of our Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers, they would undoubtedly do much good.

two by two. There will be occasional union meetings at present, looking to more special effort. Rev. O. U. Whitford preached for the New York Church last Sabbath, the 11th.

The stockholders of the St. Louis & Chicago, and the St. Louis, Chicago & Peoria Railroads have signed articles whereby the two roads have been consolidated and given the name of the first mentioned.

The Hornellville Seventh day Baptist Church holds regular services at the Mill of the Methodist Protective Association, on Broad St., every Sabbath, at 9 o'clock P. M.

ADAMS CENTRE.

Mrs. Helen M. Barker, President of the W. C. T. U., of Dakota Territory, was recently among us on a visit to old friends, and gave here a very fine temperance lecture to a large and appreciative audience.

LEONARDSVILLE.

We have had the pleasure lately of visiting this society—our old home. We find an earnest, working element in the church and a good interest among the young people.

DELAWARE.

After delightful autumn weather all the fall, a cold wave struck us very suddenly, the evening after Dec. 1st, since which time we have had winter in earnest, with good sleighing most of the time.

RHODE ISLAND.

A second meeting for the purpose of considering the spiritual condition of Westerly, and the best means of improving it, was held under the auspices of the Protestant ministers of the town, in the Broad Street Christian Church, Monday evening, Dec. 13th.

HOME NEWS.

An interesting Sabbath school Teachers' Institute, under the conduct of T. R. Williams, D. D., of the Sabbath School Board, was held here, beginning on Tuesday evening, December 7th, and closing on the Thursday evening following.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Domestic. Abstaining from food as a remedy for disease is finding converts in Washington. Dozens of people there have taken to fasting.

REQUESTS TO TRACT SOCIETY.

The generous purpose of some persons to aid in the work of this Society, by gifts of money or other property, after their death, is sometimes defeated by some technical defect in the instrument by which the gift is intended to be made.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE quarterly communion and covenant meeting of the Seventh day Baptist Church at Richburg, N. Y., will commence at 3 P. M., on Sixth day before the second Sabbath in January, 1887.

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Popular Science.

MARVELOUS MINUTENESS.—A microscopic slide in the possession of the Manchester Philosophical and Literary Society, in England, contains the Lord's prayer written within the 405,000th part of an inch.

BLACK SNOW.—A "black snow," which fell in 1875 over an area of about fifteen by twenty miles in the vicinity of Holland, Mich., was found to contain a considerable proportion of dark earthy matter.

FORMIC ACID IN HONEY.—At a recent meeting of the Physiological Society of Berlin, it was stated that when the bee has filled the cell either with pure honey or a mixture of pollen dough and honey, and has completed the lid, a drop of formic acid obtained from the poison bag connected with the sting is added to the honey by perforating the lid with the sting.

THE DUST IN THE AIR.—We might suppose that with no dust in the air we should at least have more light; but while it is undoubtedly true that the sunbeams show us the motes, it is also no less true that the motes and fine dust actually show us the sunbeams, and that one is invisible without the other.

GOOD COFFEE.—Miss Corson, in a lecture, says: "It is one of the simplest things in the world to make a cup of good coffee, and this can easily be accomplished by applying a little common sense.

UNKNOWN ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC.—The fact that two islands of considerable size have recently been discovered in the Pacific Ocean shows that we have yet much to learn of this watery expanse.

the-known island, and opens trade with its inhabitants. If business thrives, he keeps his secret as long as he can, so as to enjoy a monopoly.

GYPSIES AS MUSICIANS.

In days of yore, long ere the hills of England were tunnelled, its rivers crossed, or its valleys were invaded to make way for railway trains, it was sweet to listen to the mild music which, emanating from some gypsy camp in a secluded dell, mingled with the rich notes of the nightingale and other birds of song.

WELCOME CHRIST.

While there is much thought and discussion upon the second coming of Christ that is unsatisfactory and without any very practical outcome in the way of preparing men for that great event, there is a sense in which Christ's coming is eminently personal.

EXPOSED TOO EARLY.

One day last summer a group of florists and flower lovers was gathered in a garden in a small town in New Jersey. The owner of the garden had succeeded in cultivating the Victoria Regia, the famous Australian lily, the rarity and beauty of which make it the queen of flowers in the eyes of horticulturists.

ble stain. No after culture nor remorse can bring back the lost blushes to a woman's cheek.

"I was engaged twice at sixteen," said a middle-aged woman lately. "I married neither of these early lovers, but another man, years afterwards, and have been free for thirty years his faithful wife.

A woman may acquire sense, judgment and reserved manners with advancing years, but the modesty and refinement of youth once lost never can return.—Youth's Companion.

THE CURSE OF IDLENESS.

He was a wise man who prayed, "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me." And the reasons he gave are very applicable to the present day.

"SOMEBODY IS KNOCKING."

I once knew an interesting family whose happy lives I shall never forget. A quiet happiness reigned over the whole dwelling, and seemed to extend itself even to the dog and the cat.

"Are they never angry?" thought I; "do they never quarrel?" "Once I learned a secret. Being in the garden, I saw the young girl approach Sarah, the youngest, and the one next in age.

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