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"The sweet persuasion of his voice Respects thy sanctity of will. He giveth day; thou hast thy choice To walk in darkness still."

In our Sabbath-school department this week we have given both the review outline and the missionary lesson of the Helping Hand. We wish that each of these lessons might receive a full hour's attention on review day. It would be profitable.

We are in possession of several lengthy articles, such as essays and sermons, and also two or three series of continued articles, which are waiting their opportunity to see the light. They are all good, and we shall be glad to give them to our readers as soon as we can.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL, which has always taken and paid for a large number of Our Sabbath Visitor, has just sent money to pay for a year's supply to three small schools, and promises to send for more soon, making about 50 copies besides her own supply.

A BAPTIST divine, the Rev. J. M. Pendleton, writing for a contemporary, makes a strong argument respecting the meaning of baptism, and the mode of baptism as derived from its meaning. The reference to the Scriptural connection between baptism and the resurrection of Christ is particularly well made.

There is something inexpressibly sad in that sentence of John concerning Jesus, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." It was clearly God's purpose, through all the Old Testament history, to train and fit a people of whom, and to whom first, should come the world's Redeemer.

who had rejected him, the case would have seemed different, would, indeed, have been different, though it would have been sad enough; but no, "He came to his own, and his own received him not." Let us learn from this that our own have claims upon us for consideration, sympathy and help that others cannot have.

Outside of his pulpit work, Mr. Beecher's most conspicuous public services were rendered just previous to, and during, the War of the Rebellion. His love of mankind made him a terrible foe to all forms of oppression, and the system of human slavery, which disgraced our country until the emancipation act of 1863, received not a few of its final thrusts from his sharpened pen and his stentorian voice.

Mr. Beecher's fame as a preacher is known in almost every city and hamlet of his own country, and is scarcely less universal in the countries of Europe; it will not, therefore, be enhanced by the many eulogies which will now be written by his friends; nor will it be obscured by the criticisms which may be written or spoken by his enemies.

tions which come naturally and necessarily in the wake of such a revolt as he led, do not produce more harm than the apparently harsher views and interpretations against which he revolted. When men forget God as the sovereign of the universe, whose very purity makes him hate sin, and whose righteousness compels him to mete out justice to every transgression, the liberty which they seek in his love soon degenerates into license whose brood of evils are numberless.

Whatever Mr. Beecher's weaknesses and faults, and he surely had both, the universal verdict must be that he was a great and good man; and his death will justly be lamented as a public loss.

Communications.

WAYSIDE NOTES. BY REV. J. B. CLARKE.

The Woman's Missionary and Tract Society, of Richburg, N. Y., is an efficient organization, one of whose meetings we had the privilege of attending. Their programme of exercises was excellent, both in variety and quality. They have been successful in raising funds for our benevolent work the past year, and hope to do even better in the future.

to find Bro. H. D. Clarke well settled in his new field of labor. He seems already to have won the hearts of the people, and is favored with some revival tokens in his meetings. The Sabbath-evening meeting, which we enjoyed, was a spiritual feast.

A few miles away, at Whitesville, a series of meetings have been held by some young men of the "Immanuel's Band," and many conversions have been reported as the fruitage.

The canvass at Independence made plain the fact that some friends of truth have a growing interest in its publication, if increased gifts may be taken as proof. While the work of the Tract Society grows in the scope of its seed-sowing and influence, and when the "reaping time" is dawning, why should indifference and love of self and the world keep back needed funds and hinder a rich harvest that is so near.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, ETC.

The Ministerial Conference and Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Seventh-day Baptist Churches convened at Milton, Feb. 25-27, the former occupying the first day, and the latter, Sabbath evening, Sabbath-day, the evening following and the evening after First-day.

The following is the programme adopted for the next session of the Ministerial Conference, which is to meet at Walworth, on Sixth-day before the last Sabbath in May, next:

The theme assigned to S. L. Maxson at the last meeting, continued. Exegetical of Hebrews 4: 9. A. McLean. Under the teaching of Christ in Matt. 5: 43, what is the duty of Christians toward tramp? L. T. Rogers. The difference between the natural and the spiritual body spoken of by Paul in 1 Cor. 15: 44. E. M. Dunn. What do the Scriptures teach as to the work of Christ in the "Holy of Holies," in heaven? J. W. Morton. Is it reasonable to suppose that a redeemed sinner will enjoy more blessedness in the eternal state than he would had he never sinned? N. Wardner.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Dodge Centre Seventh-day Baptist Church: WHEREAS it has seemed best to our beloved pastor, Rev. H. B. Lewis, to respond to the earnest request of the Ritchie, (W. Va.) Church, and to leave us, with whom he has so kindly and faithfully labored; and

By order of the Church. V. C. BOND, Church Clerk. Dodge Centre, Minn., March 1, 1887.

FROM C. W. THRELFIELD.

SOUTH AMERICA, Ill., March 2, 1887. As it will be a week or more before I can reach Alfred, on my visit home, I thought I would give a few field-notes from this place. It has been, despite the hard weather and bad going, a profitable, interesting time.

ATTENTION, CHURCHES!

The Treasurer of the General Conference finds that an impression prevails quite extensively that the apportionment made at each annual session is to be applied for the payment of the expenses thereof for the year to come. This is a mistake. This appropriation is always for the payment of the expenses of the year just closed.

Remittances should be made by postal note, post-office money order, or registered letter; and should be forwarded to the Treasurer at Alfred Centre, N. Y.

THE PEW TO THE PULPIT.

The pew is taught to look to the pulpit for religious instruction, for spiritual food. It remembers that "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." It also remembers the direction of Christ to his disciples: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and also Jesus' command: "Feed my sheep."

every creature;" and also Jesus' command: "Feed my sheep." With these facts before him his righteousness takes his place before the pulpit, looking for that shall give spiritual food. The gospel that gives this all the elements needed. These combined are the food that gives spiritual life. The pulpit is the place for receiving spiritual food. The pulpit is the place for receiving spiritual food. The pulpit is the place for receiving spiritual food.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Concerning this publication the board of the Tract Society report, said: "This much-needed work was suspended at the end of the year for want of support. There is a belief that sufficient subscription could be obtained, by a little effort, on a paying basis. Material has been secured, and Dr. W. C. Whitford is now editing, without compensation, whenever they are ready to publish the publication. We think subscriptions and commences as soon as 500 are obtained."

Home I.

New York. ALFRED CENTRE. Among the evidences that are being seen in these Allegheny counties and going of "twilight of the bluebird," the signs of activity every where the maple sugar camps. Deacon T. B. Bardeen, who had at the Burdick House the past two years, gave a sermon on the evening after the Sabbath. One-half of the net proceeds of the Tract Society was a very pleasant one, and certainly the best of the season. Our Sabbath-school has itself with 150 copies of the edition of "Spiritual Songs" many of the hymns and tunes into the hands of the children to participate in the regular church service, a thing. HORNELLVILLE. The little congregation of this city is growing and increasing through the work





Popular Science.

THE USE OF CRYING.—A French physician contends that groaning and crying are two grand operations by which nature allays anguish, that those patients who give way to their natural feelings more speedily recover from accidents and operations than those who suppose it unworthy in a man to betray such symptoms of cowardice as either to groan or cry.

THE STRENGTH OF SNAILS.—Perceiving a common snail, helix aspersa, crawling up the window-blind one evening, it occurred to me to try what it could draw up perpendicularly. Accordingly, I attached to its shell four reels of cotton, fastening one after the other until I ascertained that a greater load would exceed the limit of its strength.

SURGERY FOR PIANO-FORTE PLAYERS.—The most earnest advocates admit that evolution is an extremely slow process; that it produces wonderful results, but that its operations occupy a corresponding amount of time.

WHY SHOULD THE HARMLESS PHRASE OFFEND US? The word perfection comes from the Latin perfectio, to perfect, to finish, to accomplish.

CANNOT PRAY FOR FATHER ANY MORE.

child knelt at the accustomed hour to thank God for the mercies of the day, and to pray for care through the coming night; then, still came the earnest "God bless dear father and —" But the prayer was stilled, little hands unclasped, and a look of agony and wonder met the mother's eye as she saw the child kneeling at the feet of the kneeling child: "I cannot pray for father any more!"

A SHREWD GAMIN.

have just heard the following good story of Chief Justice Bleckley. All who know Justice Bleckley and recall his long waving beard will appreciate the story.

restriotion in the use of the ring finger by dividing the accessory tendons suggested itself many years ago, but it is only of late years that the operation has become at all common. Dr. Forbes, the Demonstrator of Anatomy at Jefferson College, and Mr. Zeokwer, the Director of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, have both been much interested in the subject, and have done much to make the operation popular.

TO THE FOURTH BOY.

So you have come, you little rogue, To riot and to romp With dreadful noise; Knowing that we already have Three of your kind, And tax our wits, devising ways To make 'em mind.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.

Why should the harmless phrase offend us? The word perfection comes from the Latin perfectio, to perfect, to finish, to accomplish. We give the name Christian perfection to that maturity of grace and holiness which established adult believers attain to under the Christian dispensation, and thus we distinguish that maturity of grace, both from the ripeness of grace which belongs to the Jews below us and from the ripeness of glory which belongs to departed saints above us.

PHENOMENAL WEALTH.

According to Dr. Strong, the wealth of the United States is phenomenal. In 1880 it was valued at \$48,642,000,000, more than enough to buy the Russian and Turkish Empires, the kingdoms of Sweden and Norway, Denmark and Italy, together with Australia, South Africa, and all South America—lands, mines, cities, palaces, factories, ships, flocks, herds, jewels, monies, thrones, scepters, diadems, and all—the entire possessions of 177,000,000 people.

field to field, can do nothing for the world's redemption. People who live in luxury and fare sumptuously every day cannot afford to give anything for this cause. They have money with which to indulge their appetites, but none for the furtherance of the gospel.

THE LOST CHANGE.

A woman, feeble and bent with age and overwork, stepped into a New York horse-car. She hobbled to a seat (fortunately there was one vacant), and depositing her bundle on the floor, proceeded to fumble in her pocket for her fare.

OVERWORKED WOMEN.

American women can do anything, so they try to do everything. Nature cries out against this covetousness. No one person is allowed to have or do everything. Only a certain amount of vitality is manufactured within a given time; and if the expenditure exceeds the income, the result, according to Micawber's calculation, is misery!

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