

any wonder that their nervous system... We, as Americans, feel proud...

selves for the conflict. It will be sharp and stubborn. Will we be prepared by willing, intelligent, prayerful study...

EXPLANATORY.

To the Editor of the SABBATH RECORDER: The soubriquet of "fiery" which we applied to the Voice in a late number...

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

Can the Sabbath-school be made more efficient? As the result of thought on this question, the Sabbath-school of the Dodge Centre, (Minn) Church has organized a temperance department.

A copy of Good Words—the little paper sent out from Alfred Centre Church—is before me. It came to my table a very welcome little visitor.

S. R. WHEELER.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND QUARTERLY MEETING.

The recent meeting of the Ministerial Conference and Quarterly gathering of the Seventh-day Baptist churches of Southern Wisconsin, held with the church at Milton Junction, was a good one.

The topics presented at the Ministerial Conference provoked some spirited discussions, which were helpful to such as are interested inquirers after truth.

and are still, holding some extra meetings in their respective churches, and are being encouraged by a renewed interest among the membership, and an addition of converts, and of inquirers after the truth.

The following is the programme for the next Ministerial Conference, which will convene (D. V.) at Rock River, the last week in May:

- Define the difference between the natural and spiritual body. S. L. Maxson. What relation has Bible geography and Bible history to religious truth as revealed in God's Word? A. U. Burdick.

THE BRICK CHURCH AGAIN.

The following is a corrected statement of contributions to the Lost Creek Church toward rebuilding the church house:

Table with columns for church name and amount. Includes Second Hopkinton Church, Rockville Church, Wellsville, Plainfield, Jackson, New Market Sabbath-school.

Total amount to Feb. 28, 1888. \$440 08

J. L. H.

CONSECRATION.

Consecration is the universal and absolute demand of the hour among all Christian churches, the Seventh-day Baptists as well as others. It lies at the foundation of all Christian life.

I think the trouble begins in the early part of Christian life, and the responsibility resting upon the church and ministry, in not setting forth plainly our relations and necessities and God's claim, is very great.

Not for the first time, was the pastor of Second Alfred Church surprised on the evening of Feb. 27th, and so, after all, it was not so surprising. Returning home from an appointment at Angelica, tired and longing for rest, the pastor was lost in reverie, thinking of the pillow and the coveted "sleep he giveth his beloved."

of consecration is the submission of the human to the divine will. Without such submission there can be no consecration; and this is in accordance with the necessities and circumstances of the case, first, because the will of God is the only rightful authority; and second, because the will of God is on the right side of every question, while the human will has no authority and is, when opposed to God's will, on the wrong side of every question.

With such consecration universal, or even general, in the churches, the great object for which the Saviour lived among men, and for which he died, would be advanced, as it would give power and assurance with God and man.

Home News.

New York. ALFRED CENTRE. Some observant citizen has remarked lately that there are not very many weddings in Alfred.

A petition to the Legislature of this State is being circulated, asking that body to constitute a new county, to be known as Lincoln, out of the eastern part of Allegany town and the two western tiers of Steuben county, with Hornellsville as the center and probable "county seat."

Not long since, the ladies of the Evangelical Society gave what is familiarly known as a "New England Supper" and sociable, at the dining-rooms of the University Boarding Hall. A good time was enjoyed, and the society netted a little over \$50, which is appropriated to the fund for sending a helper to Mrs. Davis, in the China Mission school-work.

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To-day, March 4th, brethren Wm. Langworthy, Sylvanus Whitford and Joseph Edwards were consecrated to the office of deacon, in the Second Alfred Church, those brethren having been chosen by the church some time before to come to that service.

This is a much needed reinforcement, as we have practically had no one deacon for many years. Dea. P. Hamilton, who

has for years been in this church, the lone deacon, and who has, by his fidelity and untiring service, "purchased to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith," will welcome the newly called out as co-workers in the service which has grown increasingly precious as the years have come and gone.

The interest in our Sabbath services continues good, though the morning hour is not quite as convenient for some as was the afternoon hour, in consequence of which the attendance has not been quite so large for the past six months as for the six months next preceding the last.

We report no special revival interest here this winter, though we have an occasional Sabbath evening sermon. Had there not been so much sickness in a number of homes, we would have had services from house to house.

It is "worthy of note" that there is no falling off in attendance at church; but, as is the habit, the Independence brethren keep right on in a steady and somewhat conservative way, but few allowing any trivial circumstances to keep them away from public worship.

Our teacher's meetings have been a source of help in preparing us to study and apply the Sabbath-school lessons, and the teachers seem to enter heartily upon their work.

For our last Missionary Concert we had the following programme: Singing, "The promised day is dawning." Prayer. Scripture Selections. Singing, "I would be a light for Jesus."

We are looking forward in anticipation of soul reviving and interesting services in connection with the ordination of our brother, G. H. F. Randolph, missionary elect, with his wife, to China. The church has called him to ordination and invited all the churches of this Association and the Board of Managers of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society, to send delegates to sit with us in council, Wednesday and Thursday, March 14th and 15th.

Already a large number of delegates have been elected by the various churches, and we cordially invite all from everywhere to be present. It is with no little pride that we give up brother and sister Randolph to the great work of foreign missions, and may the Lord roll upon this church such a burden for souls that more of our young men and women shall consecrate their lives to a service of self-sacrifice and toil for the Master.

"Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." H. D. CLARKE.

Scott is among the living, notwithstanding you have not heard from us through the Home News in some time. We have survived the cold winter so far, and no one frozen to death. One man, however, was buried in a snow drift near this place yesterday while hauling logs. He was dug out and found just alive, although quite black in the face. It was occasioned from a slide of snow on the hillside.

As a church, we are still striving for the Master. Have had no special revival effort this winter, as we had anticipated, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather and a few other hindering causes; but still we are trying to keep the banner aloft. As a community, we are doing what we can on the side of right. We have held quiet a number of temperance conference meetings, have had temperance sermons, and what is better, carried the town for no-

license by a large majority in the recent town election. We now have a no-license board.

The church and society gave the pastor a donation on the evening of Feb. 16th, which amounted to \$76 85, mostly cash.

It has been very cold and blustering here this winter. Some of the inhabitants say it beats anything they have experienced yet. Snow-banks have been very deep. One in the center of the highway, north of the place, has been 15 feet deep by actual measurement. It has been gradually thawing for several days, which will help very much to hinder a flood in the near coming spring.

Condensed News.

Domestic. Over one hundred persons were killed in the cyclone at Mount Vernon, Ill., February 17th.

The curvature of the earth is such that a straight line a mile long would be 2.04 inches from the surface at either end.

The net increase of members in the Methodist Episcopal Church for 1887 is 106,599. This is about five per cent of the whole membership.

Full returns from Oceana county, Mich., show that it has gone for local option, making thirty-one counties in this state, so far, which have declared for no-license.

The House Judiciary Committee has ordered a favorable report on the bill to render eligible for military service persons who served under the Confederate government.

A few years ago the number of persons supported by employment in connection with electricity could have been counted by the dozen. Now, according to the estimate of the New York Sun, they are fully 5,000,000.

George H. Corliss, the eminent mechanical engineer and manufacturer, died at Providence, R. I., Feb. 23d, of paralysis of the heart, superinduced by gastric fever. His death was quite sudden. He was seventy-two years old.

Next September an exhibition is to be held in Albany, under the auspices of the retail merchants of the state. The committee have already started in to make preparations for a monster exhibition of food products to be held upon the Albany fair grounds.

The Empress Eugenie has spent \$160,000 on the mausoleum at Farnborough. The appointments of the tomb are of the most ornate and costly description.

King John of Abyssinia has issued a proclamation summoning all classes of his people to arms, and declaring that he hopes after exterminating the Italians to annihilate the Soudanese.

A British Naval Construction and Armaments Company is to be formed with a capital of \$600,000. Lord Hartington will be chairman. The company will acquire the Barrow Ship Building Works.

Roumania has informed the Porte that Austria has given her assurance that a Russian violation of Roumania territory would be considered a movement against Austria, and would form a casus belli.

It is reported that a syndicate of French, Belgian and Dutch bankers has advanced to Russia the sum of \$30,000,000, refusing to grant a larger loan unless the Bulgarian question is settled peacefully.

The land commission has reduced rents in Donegal, Ireland, twenty-five per cent. Several landlords in the Gentiles district of Donegal have reduced rents forty per cent, and the concession has had a good effect.

A Frenchman has invented a tiny electrical apparatus for illuminating watch-dials for use in the night. In mines and in military operations, where it is dangerous to light a match to see the time, this invention must be very useful.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COURT, SAMANTHA POTTER, Plaintiff, AGAINST PERRY SWIFT & OTHERS, Defendants. By virtue of a judgment of partition and sale, made in the above entitled action, on the 14th day of February, 1888, the Suburban, a real estate, situate in the town of Alfred, in the county of Allegany, was sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the "Keller House," in the town of Alfred, in the county of Allegany, on the 15th day of April, 1888, as one whole lot, to the plaintiff, for the sum of \$2,000.00, in full of the debt due to her by the defendants, and thereon described as follows: "All that tract or parcel of land situate in the town of Alford, in the county of Allegany, and State of New York, better known as the 'Isiah Crandall homestead,' and bounded on the north by lands formerly owned by Amos W. Jones, and now by ———; on the east, by the center of the highway leading from Alfred to Alford; and on the south and west by the highway leading to the Mottney Valley; containing eight and 50-100 acres of land, be the same more or less." Being the same premises of which Milo Swift died seized.

DAVENY, February 29, 1888. DAVID B. STILLMAN, Return. HENRY L. JONES, Plaintiff's Attorney, Wellsville, N. Y.

A GOOD CHANCE TO BUY A STOCK OF HARDWARE AT MILTON, WISCONSIN. A \$1,500 stock! Can rent store cheap! Where are some of those young men who have got to leave the Sabbath to go into business? Write to Bank of Milton, Milton, Wis.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

Mrs. C. was a woman of prayer and benevolence, and for years her prayers and alms had gone up like those of Cornelius...

A WHITE ROBIN.

we all heard of that rari avis, a white bird had long desired to see some bird of its kind...

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK.

For a young Christian—even if no longer young in years—needs spiritual assistance occasionally, and is reluctant to ask...

THE BEST GIFTS.

Let us not be content with serving the Lord a little, with giving him the odds and ends of life; the cold crumbs and broken fragments...

SAY IT TO HIS FACE.

Sometimes it does people good to be brought face to face with persons whom they have slandered and abused. It is astonishing how soon under such circumstances their impudence evaporates...

Bill at last he arrived at a small, commonplace room at the end of them all, where there was a single table with a lamp upon it...

Then the poor man prostrated himself at the emperor's feet, "Send me to Siberia, sir," he said: "force me to be a soldier, only do not compel me to read that poem."

When he had finished, she said, "I do not think he will write any more verses about us. He need not go to Siberia just yet."

WOMAN'S WORK.

It is often said in disparagement of women that they have not originated or invented much. They have not; but it is their devotion to the minor details of life which has set men free to distinguish themselves...

Home, especially the English home, has inspired volumes of poetry and floods of oratory. It is a subject on which we can all speak from the heart. But when we come to consider any one home in particular, we soon realize how entirely its essential character, its homelikeness, depends on the details of comfort supplied by the women who care for it...

And verily, women need some such consolation. Consider how much of their work perishes in the day that it is done, and has all to be repeated day after day, and then say whether it is a matter for great marvel that some of them have been ill advised enough to talk occasionally about their "narrow sphere"...

Popular Science.

ACCORDING to recent investigations by Dr. Ohon, an eminent authority on the subject, diffused daylight is not injurious to the eye, the great desideratum therefore in artificial illumination being to imitate the conditions of natural light—that is, it should not be dazzling, should be supplied bountifully, should not heat the eyes, and should burn steadily.

THE NEW PHONOGRAPH.—The old phonograph was a failure. You could understand it very well if you knew what it was going to say, but otherwise its remarks were open to many different interpretations. It is claimed that the new phonograph is free from this objection. It is proposed to manufacture the phonograph upon a large scale, and put it upon the market for practical use.

BUTTONS FROM BLOOD.—There is a large factory in Bridgeport, near Chicago, employing one hundred workers, in which waste animal blood is converted into buttons. From 8,000 to 10,000 gallons of fresh beef blood are used daily for this purpose. It is prepared in thin sheets by evaporation and chemical processes, and afterwards worked up into various useful articles. Not only buttons, but tons of ear-rings, combs, belt clasps, and trinkets are annually made in this manner from blood.—Good Health.

ARTICLES FOUND IN AN ETRUSCAN TOMB.—A fine glass vase, just discovered in an Etruscan tomb at Bologna, is of a sea-green color, like a soda-water bottle, thick and of a unique form, with two handles. It is nine inches high and without ornamentation. There is not a single defect, flaw, crack, or chip about it. With it was found an ivory chair, made after the fashion of a modern camp stool, having all its screws and rivets still in perfect condition, and a small casket containing beads and some very elegant articles in bronze. The articles are supposed to date from the fifth century. The tomb in which they were found was closed at the top by an enormous globular mass of stone as fresh as if it had only been fashioned yesterday.—Scientific American.

STEAM HEATING OF CARS.—The heating of cars by steam has at last met with a genuine experience with the worst conditions that it can expect to ever be called to meet, viz., the bitter cold and blocking snow of a veritable north-western blizzard. From the 12th to the 17th of last month a steam-heated train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railway struggled with snow and cold on a special run from Chicago to Des Moines, Iowa, 363 miles, and return. Seventeen hours of this time were spent in a snow-drift. During the trip the temperature of the outside air ranged down to 29 degrees below. The cars were kept comfortable through all this. When the engine was detached to seek release from the snow-drift, the cars were kept warm with the Baker heaters. Steam heating is shown in this experiment to be here to stay, despite the cavil of unbelievers, for it has successfully carried a train through conditions that reach the maximum of severity in our latitudes. But it has also been shown that we are as yet only upon the threshold of the science of steam-heating, for these severe conditions have brought out defects that must be removed before ordinary train hands can be trusted to carry it into a blizzard. We confidently expect that these defects will be remedied.—Railway Review.

RECOVERY OF SOAP FROM WATER.—Alderman Taylor, chemist, of Rochdale, Eng., has lately completed an invention whereby the pollution of the river Roach by a local firm of manufacturers has been prevented, and at the same time a large saving effected in the working expenses. His experiments have been conducted on behalf of Henry Tucker & Co., silk manufacturers, who feared that an injunction would be obtained against them for polluting the river by the large quantity of soap water which came from their works. Mr. Taylor's process is as follows: The water containing the dissolved soap is run into a vault large enough to hold a day's "washings." Over this vault are two elevated tanks of the same size, and beneath them a retort is fixed. The soaped water is pumped from the vault into the elevated tanks, and chlorine, generated in the retort from hydrochloric acid and manganese, is forced into the liquid. This causes the refuse and fatty matter to gather in a cake at the bottom. The water in the tanks is then run off into the river, containing no foreign matter with the exception of a little common salt. The pollution of the river is thus averted. The cake of fatty matter and dirt is next turned to profitable account. It is placed in what are called the filter beds, and then pressed in a machine press until the fatty matter is extracted. The oil thus obtained is next made into brown soap, exactly similar to that which is used in the process of washing the raw silk. The soap is again used for washing purposes, and is found to answer quite as well as in its first application. Only five per cent of the original weight of soap is lost in the reclaiming process. The value of the invention is proved by the fact that the firm has been offered £30 per ton by wholesale dealers for the reclaimed soap.—Chem. and Drug.

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