

The Sabbath Recorder.

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THE MONTHLY CONCERT.

The Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Association has repeatedly urged upon its friends the importance of maintaining a Concert of Prayer for Missions, and has recommended that it be held on the first Sabbath in each month.

There are always reasons, sufficiently weighty, why the friends of the missionary cause should be frequent and importunate in their addresses to the throne of grace.

Again we say, the commencement of a new year is a good time for those churches not already enlisted, to commence the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions.

MILEAGE OF CONGRESS.

The N. Y. Tribune is urging an amendment of the law in relation to the mileage of Congress, and illustrates the necessity of such amendment by some curious facts.

\$47,223 80. The number of extra miles charged by Senators is 18,602, for which they receive \$14,881 40.

HOME MISSIONS—NO. 3.

Notwithstanding all the discouragements thrown in the way of engaging in home missionary labor as ministers of Christ, yet it is not without its inducements.

Another inducement we would present, is the command, "Go ye into all the world." A young man of enterprise, who wishes to be a farmer, does not hesitate, and say it is not expedient, because my father's farm is small and there is not sufficient room for me.

I am of the opinion, that we have never felt enough on this subject, neither ministers nor people. There are many weighty reasons why we should do more for home missions.

CONVENTS IN SWITZERLAND.—The Grand Council of the Canton of Lucerne, Switzerland, has declared the suppression of all the convents in that canton.

numbers are few, and our means limited, yet we can do much. The God of heaven will prosper us. Let us pray for God to raise up men, and I believe that means may be obtained.

W. B. GILLET.

KIDNAPPING IN NEW YORK.—On the 20th instant, a respectable colored man, named Belt, was walking in Duane-st., N. Y., with a companion, when he was suddenly seized by two white men, who thrust him and his friend into a carriage, evidently at hand for that object.

POSTAGE REFORM.

First Assistant Postmaster General, S. R. Hobbie, having enjoyed very favorable opportunities of witnessing the operation of the best-conducted Offices in Europe, was requested by the Postmaster General to report to him the results of his observations and reflections.

ITEMS OF FOREIGN RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

THE BIBLE IN BELGIUM.—The Glanew Missionaire gives accounts of meetings held in different parts of Belgium, for promoting the circulation of the sacred volume.

DISSIDENTS IN PRUSSIA.—The Minister of Public Worship in Prussia has commanded that the use of Protestant churches be granted to the Protestant Dissenters and German Catholics, wherever such is the desire of the public authorities.

CONVENTS IN AUSTRIA.—The Austrian government is, it is said, about to suppress all monastic institutions existing in that country.

PIEDMONT.—We regret to state, says a late number of the Evangelical Christendom, that the political changes which have taken place in the kingdom of Sardinia, have ameliorated the lot of the Vaudois of Piedmont, far less than was generally believed.

PREJUDICE AGAINST COLOR NOT INVINCIBLE.—An exchange says that prejudices against color seem to be rapidly disappearing in Cortland and Tompkins counties in this State.

REVIVAL IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The New England Puritan has a letter from Candia, N. H., dated November, 16th which speaks of an interesting and extensive revival as in progress in that town.

THE CHOLERA IN NEW YORK.—The Cholera, so-called, was brought to this neighborhood some three weeks ago, by the packet-ship New York. Up to the present time, the steerage passengers of that ship have remained at the quarantine, about six miles from the city, where several new cases have occurred, and a few deaths.

AN EXAMPLE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMITATED.—Not long ago one of our Local Agents requested us to send him an account of what was due for the Recorder in his neighborhood, so that he might attend to its collection.

NEW YORK CITY TRACT SOCIETY.—This society held its anniversary one evening last week, at which the reports of the various officers were read.

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BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for December has articles on Mrs. Hemans; on the Miseries of Ireland and their Remedies; the Caxtons—Part VIII.; Republican First-Fruits; Prophecies for the Present; Sigismund Fatello; the "Green Hand"; Eastlake's Literature of the Fine Arts.

THE following, from the Philadelphia Ledger and Transcript of Dec. 19, shows how the business of punishing barbers for shaving their customers on Sunday, is progressing in the city of brotherly love:—

THE BARBERS' CASE.—The certioraris of prosecutions for violation of the Sunday laws, which have been instituted by one portion of the fraternity of barbers against the other, came up before the Court of Common Pleas yesterday.

THE editor of Zion's Herald makes the following sensible suggestions, the remembrance of which would save newspaper correspondents a great deal of uneasiness:—

COMMUNICATIONS.—It is a generally understood law of the press, that articles in the hands of the editor are not to be returned—correspondents should always keep copies if they deem it important to preserve them.

A SAW-FISH.—Geo. W. Bowditch, Secretary of the Commissioners of the new Custom House at New Orleans, has sent to the National Institute the jaws, saw, part of the back-bone, and an egg of a very large female saw-fish caught by him in July, 1846, at the mouth of the Mississippi river.

"She was first enclosed in a seine (while hauling for red-fish) which she took away with her and ran up the bay about half a mile, when, finding the water shoaling, she turned suddenly and made for sea.

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"From the Sandwich Islands we learn that at nearly all the stations, there has been more than usual interest. The number admitted into the churches during the last two years, has been 2,559. The whole number of communicants is now 23,846.

"The Sandwich Islanders are advancing in Christian liberty. The contributions collected for benevolent purposes during the last two years, are greatly in advance of what they have been in former years.

"The educational prospects of the Hawaiians are represented as steadily improving. And the state of public sentiment in relation to the use of intoxicating drinks is remarkable.

LIBERTY... In the bill of... Mexico... red to the... Judiciary... motion was... It was then... Committee... United States... resolution... Spain... Cuba... brought up... Ichnus... discussion... In the... a motion... Roor's... Cuba... and... leave to... the District... press... in the City... Mr. Jacob... Miss... each... interpreted... meant to... knew no... Mr. Thompson... the table... were denied... in the... bill was laid... In the... day, calling... concerning... ernment... of Cuba... was finally... across... was also... In the... bills were... ferred... after... discussion... Message... In the... bill for the... Lands... the second... agreed to... the ever... ation... and... establishment... hall, was... amended... In the... a bill for... article of... appointment... to run a... which... mittee of... offered a... on Foreign... ing the... China, which... Committee... reported a... of a Govern... was referred... In the... relations... ed by... Mr. Dix... for the... at Wash... was passed... In the... was one... gers, bring... and Vice... pray that... cut down... mile, which... bers of... mileage... the table... The call... in order... ing report... thereon... What... tells now... the Republic... the fundam... tem, and... through... to the... the Nation... of Columbia... as a... Trade... The... the... motion... the table... ordered... was not... returned... the main... House... and... resolution... The... of the... of Ford... was post... of inquiry... the... which... the... Pe... the... resolution...

Miscellaneous.

THE FLIGHT OF TIME.

BY J. O. PERCIVAL.

Faintly flow thou gentle river, Like a dream that dies away; Down the ocean gliding over, Keep thy calm undisturbed way.

MONKEYS IN INDIA.

Strangers are very much surprised to see monkeys romping about the tops of the houses in Madras, or dashing across the streets; and sailors, on landing, are greatly amused by them, and try to catch them, or hit them with sticks and stones.

Within the last eight or ten months, they have played all sorts of pranks in our houses; for, as we are obliged to allow the doors and windows to be open on account of the heat, they can easily enter my apartment.

Sometimes they get on my bed and scratch themselves, then roll about in their gambols, and leave plenty of marks behind. At other times they admire themselves in a looking-glass, and endeavor to touch what they believe to be one of their own kin.

"Well, but why not kill them?" say my young friends. I did shoot one, but I shall not soon do it again; he looked so much like a human being; his companions also made such a noise, and hooted me for days after; then the natives were most offended; so that I cannot try the plan again.

A MODERN JACK SHEPHERD.—A boy of 17 was found hidden in a rubbish box in the New York Custom House; by the porter, recently. He had about him the life of Monroe Edwards, the forger.

as a diary since November 16. He turned out to be a boy who had been advertised as "missing." The father came and said his son used to be a good boy, but had lately been ruined by reading bad books.

THE MAYOR OF LONDON.

The Lord Mayor of London has a salary of £90,000 a year. He has also a mansion or palace provided by the city corporation, which is furnished with great splendor; the banqueting hall and the Egyptian hall are magnificent apartments.

The carriage of the Mayor is generally most beautifully adorned with painting and gilding, and the liveries of the servants are generally gaudy in the extreme, being one mass of gold and silver lace.

THE DISMAL SWAMP.

The Dismal Swamp of Virginia and North Carolina is a fearful place. It is full of wild birds, wild beasts, reptiles, and runaway slaves. Huge bull-frogs, nearly as large as a man's foot, with smaller specimens of the same genus, open a "concert" every night.

PUNCTUATION.

A country schoolmaster, who found it rather difficult to make his pupils observe the difference between a comma and a full stop, adopted a plan of his own, which he flattered himself would make them proficient in the art of punctuation.

LAWYER'S FEES.—The claim of Messrs Geo. M. Dallas and John M. Read, for services as counsel for the defendant in the suit of the city of Philadelphia vs. the Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, to restrain these districts from the free use of the Schuylkill water, was the subject of a recent decision.

THE GOLD FEVER.—A friend asked our advice on the subject of emigrating to California, and trying his luck in gathering gold. We advised him to stay in New York, and be contented with a comfortable living here.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES.—A Swiss Journal furnishes us with the following romantic tale of real life. A married couple who had lived for several years in a state of anti-conjugal harmony, determined to part, and made an appointment with each other to meet at the notary's to sign the deed of separation.

ENGLISH BEAUTY.—Speaking of English women, Mrs. Kirkland says:—With a strong prepossession in favor of English beauty, and a notion that such an occasion as that of the drawing-room would afford a fine field for the display of it, we must confess to have been disappointed in our search.

FAMILIES OF LITERARY MEN.—With the exception of the noble Surrey, we cannot point out a representative in the male line of any English poet. The blood of beings of that order can seldom be traced far down, even in the female line.

HOW TO PLANT CHESNUTS.—The plan for raising the chesnut is this: the nuts must not be suffered to become stock dry. Plant them in the spring of the year. The first winter protect them from the frost, or they are apt to be killed.

MODE OF FEEDING CATTLE IN MADAGASCAR.—The provision is sometimes placed in a kind of rack, but it is also placed so high that the animal is compelled to stand the whole time in feeding, in a position that forces the chief weight of the body upon the hind legs.

VARIETY.

A coach standing across a pathway in Boston, two gentlemen coming up requested the coachman to move. He would not, and a lady who had just alighted, came to the door of the shop in which she was, and insolently told the coachman not to stir.

One of the greatest dairies in our country, is that of Col. Meacham, of Pulaski, N. Y. His farm consists of 1000 acres, 300 of which are devoted to grass; and he keeps 1000 head of cattle, and 97 cows.

The Princeton (Ill.) Herald says—"Mr. N. B. Lucas, of Jefferson county, has just invented a new threshing and winnowing machine, which can thresh and clean with ease six hundred bushels of oats in a day, and about five hundred bushels of wheat."

We learn from the Lawrence Messenger that Mr. J. Robinson, of that town, has procured a patent for pegging boots and shoes, with which one man can drive one hundred pegs a minute.

A recent Prussian paper announces that, "In Copenick, a lady's maid shot herself yesterday, from disappointed love."

Mr. Pope was with Sir Godfrey Kneller one day, when his nephew, a Guinea trader, came in. "Nephew," said Sir Godfrey, "you have the honor of seeing the two greatest men in the world."

Voss, of Dusseldorf, and D'Oench, of Liegnitz, have summoned all the master printers to a general meeting at Leipzig, on the 17th.

In 1825, there was opened in Cochinchina a canal, twenty-three miles long, eighty feet wide, and twelve feet deep.

The Jacksonville (Ill.) Argus says that recently a large ox, fed by Jacob Strawn, of that county, passed through Jacksonville, on his way to New Orleans.

The editor of the Arkansas Journal says—"Where our office was two weeks ago, now runs the Mississippi river. Out of respect for the 'Father of rivers,' we left."

It is estimated that the tobacco consumed in Great Britain and this country costs annually \$93,000,000.

The New Orleans Picayune, of the 6th inst. gives an account of a rencounter between Dr. Byrd, of Baton Rouge, and Dr. Skellman. The latter was killed, and the former dangerously wounded.

The road now existing across the Isthmus of Panama is traveled in two days. A large number of trucks and carriages have been sent out for the purpose of conveying passengers and freight.

A Mr. Wake, of Troy Grove, Ill., a few days since, administered to his children, five in number, some strychnine for medicine, of which four of them died immediately.

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