

The Sabbath Recorder.

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SLAVERY IN THE TERRITORIES.

The great question now before the people of this country, is whether the system of slavery shall be extended and strengthened by incorporating it into our free Territories.

It is pretty generally acknowledged, we believe, in many parts of the South, as well as at the North, that slavery in the abstract is a flagrant wrong and a crying evil—a wrong to the slave, which no sophistry can justify.

There is one grand defect in the argument of all those who advocate the extension of slavery over new territory, which readers of their speeches cannot have overlooked. They claim that a slave is the property of his master in the same sense that a horse is the property of his owner.

The agitation of this question in connection with the presidential election, may raise an issue not often brought before the people on such occasions. Generally these elections are made to turn upon mere political considerations.

DRAYTON CONVICTED.—The heroic but unfortunate Drayton, in whose vessel some seventy slaves recently attempted to escape from their house of bondage, has been tried and convicted on one indictment of stealing the negroes.

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

It has been represented, that nearly all of the ecclesiastical bodies in France are in favor of a separation of the Church from the State.

THE WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION.

The Wisconsin Seventh-day Baptist Association held its second anniversary with the Church in Albion, Dane Co., commencing July 6, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

After preparing a list of delegates, and hearing reports from the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, the Letters from the Churches were read. The following are their statistics:

Milton.—Z. Campbell, pastor; S. Coon and D. Babcock, elders; W. P. Stillman, deacon; J. M. Todd, clerk; post-office, Milton. Added 19; deceased 3; rejected 1; dismissed by letter 2; total 108.

Albion.—O. P. Hull, pastor; J. Weed and A. Ayers, deacons; J. H. Potter, clerk; post-office, Albion. Added 4; deceased 2; total 81.

Walworth.—S. Coon, pastor; A. Maxson, deacon. Added 6; total 21.

The various Standing Committees were then appointed. These Committees presented their reports in due time, which were adopted by the Association, and the most important of which are given below.

Report of Committee on Benevolent Operations.

The Committee on Benevolent Operations would respectfully report, that in their opinion Christianity is one grand system of benevolence; and all societies and organizations, to effect any thing in the way of promoting the Gospel, should be deeply imbued with this divine principle.

The following are the officers of the Missionary Society: Eld. S. Coon, President; Eld. D. Babcock, Vice President; W. H. Redfield, Cor. Sec.; John W. Stillman, Rec. Sec.; D. J. Green, Treasurer; O. P. Hull, J. M. Todd, and J. Bond, Directors.

Resolutions.

Whereas, there are violent and oppressive movements among first-day people in Wisconsin against the Seventh-day Baptists, averse to Christianity, equal rights, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and tending to unite Church and State; therefore—Resolved, That this Association, collectively and individually, awake to their interest and a sense of duty, in maintaining equal rights and privileges with other denominations at the hands of our legislators.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, disapprove of all Secret Societies of whatsoever name.

Whereas, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is of the very first importance to the existence of vital piety and practical godliness, therefore—Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the members of the churches composing this Association, who are heads of families, the necessity and importance of reading the Bible to their families, and of maintaining daily family prayer.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, deeply deplore the existence of the system of Slavery, and the evils which it entails upon every inhabitant of the United States.

State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion report, that viewing the state of religion generally, although we have cause of gratitude to the great Author of every good and perfect gift, we have much cause for self-abasement and humiliation of soul, and are loudly called upon to repent and do our first works; and to effect an object so desirable, that we now, like the prodigal, may return to our Father's house from which we have most unwisely departed.

Corresponding Letter.

The Wisconsin Seventh-day Baptist Association, to the several sister Associations of the same faith, greeting:—

BELOVED BRETHREN,—We rejoice in every testimony we receive of your attachment and love to the cause of our glorious Redeemer, and your cordial cooperation with us in promoting its advancement.

The following are the officers of the Association for the ensuing year, viz. John Stillman, Treasurer; W. H. Redfield, Cor. Sec.; Orlinzer Allen, Rec. Sec.

VISIT TO AN ANCESTOR'S GRAVE.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:—

DEAR SIR,—It has been a source of pleasure to the good of all ages, to cherish and perpetuate the memory of their virtuous and honored ancestry; and the "first commandment with promise" seems directly calculated to aid or encourage this laudable impulse.

In the early settlement of this country, a small company left the then infant Colony of Plymouth, to seek a more congenial situation on the coast of Connecticut, then a wilderness, inhabited only by savages.

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cept by a few of the present generation, that in this lonely place rest the remains of that early patriarch, John Maxson, who, at the age of 82 years, died in 1720. From this ancestor descended Jonathan Maxson, who died in 1732, at the age of 52 years, and whose remains lie interred at the same place with his father.

For the satisfaction of very many interested in the above, I will add, that John Maxson, senior, was early connected with the Sabbatarian church in Newport, and was a prominent member in an early part of its history; and when the church at Westerly was set off in 1708, he was ordained their pastor, at the age of 70 years.

THE AGE OF LAND TURTLES.

It is stated in a recent number of the Recorder, that Mr. Elias Bassett, of Hampden, had discovered a land turtle on his farm marked with the initials of his name, E. B., in the year 1800, about half a century ago.

As to the question, "How many centuries do they live?" I know not who can answer it; but I have no doubt, from the testimony I have received, with my own experience and observation during an acquaintance with their family of sixty years, that their natural term of life will reach one century or more.

Since writing the above, I have met with the following still more extraordinary notice of the land turtle, which I copy from the Philadelphia Times:

"Our readers are aware, that St. Peter's church is undergoing repairs. A singular incident has transpired in the course of the work. There is a space between the flooring of the pews and the earth, of about eighteen inches, principally occupied in supporting the same.

Here then is a case where two of these turtles have existed for a term of eighty-six or eighty-seven years, confined within a space probably not exceeding one hundred feet square, deprived of the rays of the sun, and the moisture from the clouds. What could have been their means of subsistence? I should think but little different from that of the reptile in the cavity of the tree or the centre of the rock.

SHANGHAI AS A MISSIONARY STATION.—A letter written in December last, by Mr. Yates, one of the Southern Baptist missionaries, speaks as follows of missionary prospects at Shanghai, China:—

"As I have said, there are five missions, in all fifteen missionaries, at Shanghai; most of whom have families. This, as a mission station, is not surpassed by any in China. We are allowed to go unmolested into any part of the city, and have free access to both male and female. Apart from the facilities we have in the city and country for thirty miles in the interior, this is the key to the entire empire.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:—

Will some of your correspondents give their views relative to the following: Ought an almost habitual neglect to attend Sabbath meetings with our covenant brethren, unless reasonably hindered, to subject one to the discipline of a church? Also, ought the same neglect of the covenant meeting to be considered in the same manner? A PASTOR.

A BAPTIST COLLEGE IN MISSOURI.—We learn from the Western Watchman, that a plan is on foot, and is succeeding beyond the expectation of its projectors, to establish a College in Missouri which shall be under the control of the Baptists of that State. The plan is to secure 1,000 persons, or that which will be equivalent, who will pay the interest of \$100, at 6 per cent, or six dollars annually, for eight successive years.

THE MEXICANS.—An officer of the American army, whose letters have been published in this city, represents the Mexicans as a people who can only be looked upon as a very inferior and degraded portion of the human family. In physical, moral, and intellectual attributes, they are low, very low; in most traits of character inferior to most of our North American Indians.

CIRCULATION OF METHODIST PERIODICALS.—Zion's Herald says that the circulation of the Christian Advocate & Journal has declined, during the last four years, some 6,000; that of the Quarterly Review some 1,000. The Sunday School publications have advanced; the Sunday School Advocate had 40,000 subscribers four years ago, it has now 80,000!

METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.—The Christian Repository, a Methodist paper, says, "the capital stock of the entire concern, according to the last report, does not vary much from eight hundred thousand dollars. The yearly profits are said to be about \$40,000, and the expenses, including Dr. Bond's salary and others, about \$20,000."

RESOURCES OF BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.—The income of most if not all of the voluntary benevolent societies, whose anniversaries were held in New York last spring, was considerably in advance of that of any preceding year.

Table listing various benevolent societies and their financial resources, including Am. Seamen's Friend Society, Colonization Society, Board of For. Miss. of Pres. Church, etc.

NOVEL SCHOOL.—The N. Y. Tribune says that about two years since a school was established under the patronage of the clergymen of St. John's and St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal churches in this city.

TWO WHOLE, LIVE MEN!—Under this caption, a correspondent of the Chronotype says that Gerritt Smith has paid, within three or four months, \$400 for the redemption of helpless, innocent young females from the clutches of the soul-and-heart traffickers, and \$500 for the defense of Drayton and his associates, who periled themselves to assist slaves!

Immigrants of this year, immigrants abroad, was months, or from the organization of the number, last fifteen in 1847, there natives of the year, 1848, exceeded by this is Denmark, the German fleet. The 24,622, of 11,740 from Scotland, Swiss way, mark, 3,8

General Intelligence.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The principal subject before the Senate last week was the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill...

In the House of Representatives, the Army Appropriation Bill was under consideration for a long time...

THE FOREIGN NEWS.

Since our last, two steamships from Europe have arrived at New York, the America and the Hermann...

From Ireland, the news is rather startling. That country seems to be on the eve of an outbreak...

In France, things are becoming quiet again. The examination of nearly 1,100 insurgents confined in the Fort of Ivry has been concluded...

The Moniteur of Sunday states that the accounts of the numbers killed and wounded in the days of June were, as might be expected, much exaggerated...

The Hungarians have obtained a victory over the insurgent Illyrians, of whom 300 were killed and many wounded...

Letters from Madrid, Spain, of the 14th, announce that six Carlist officers had been shot at Estella, in Navarre...

The cholera continued to prevail throughout all the Turkish provinces. At Constantinople it continued without abatement...

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVED.—In the seven months of this year, to 31st July, the whole number of immigrants arrived at this port in vessels from abroad was 110,404...

IMPORTANT FROM OREGON.—A telegraphic dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune, dated St. Louis, August 3, says:—

Ten men from St. Josephs have arrived in this city, in eighty-seven days from Oregon Territory. They left the 10th of March.

A battle had been fought between the Indians and the Oregon regiment. The former were defeated, having had fifty killed and a considerable number wounded...

The Regiment, it was thought, would be successful in defending the Territory, but was in want of supplies of horses, &c.

Col. Gilliam, commanding the Regiment, was accidentally killed after the battle by the discharge of a rifle.

Propositions of peace were entertained by the Indians; but the troubles were not settled. The Government had called for more troops...

Col. Garland and Maj. Brant have arrived from Fort Mann. Thirty two Camanche Indians were killed in the engagement with Lieut. Magill's command on the 1st June.

LATEST FROM MEXICO.—The N. Y. Tribune has a dispatch from New Orleans, dated August 2, which says that an arrival from Vera Cruz brings dates from that city to the 26th ult.

Intelligence had reached Vera Cruz that another battle had been fought between the Government troops under Gen. Bustamante and the insurgents under Ex-President Paredes...

INSURRECTION IN CUBA.—The Pensacola Democrat of July 27th, says: "We learn by Captain Thomas E. Miner, of the schooner Governor Bennett, that a smack arrived at Key West the day on which he left for this port...

ATTEMPTED INSURRECTION AMONG THE SLAVES OF PORTO RICO.—By the arrival of the bark Cordelia, from Ponce, Porto Rico, whence she sailed on the 24th ult., we learn that on the 18th of July a plot was discovered among the slaves for a general insurrection...

SUMMARY.

The taverns and grog-shops licensed in the city of New York during the whole of last year were 3,475, and the number of those licensed previous to the 21st of July was 3,116.

The steambot White Rose, of Louisville, was totally destroyed by fire at the wharf at Cairo, Illinois, on the 25th ult. She had on board considerable freight, for the carriage of which to New Orleans she was awaiting a boat.

The telegraph line is now open and working to Galena, 500 miles from St. Louis. This line includes stations at Alton, Springfield, Peoria, Peru, Bradstown, Jacksonville, Quincy, and Hannibal...

Lieut. Gov. Reed, of Massachusetts, recently stated before the Legislative Temperance Society, that in 1827, 1,902,915 gallons of distilled spirits were imported and manufactured in Boston...

The town of Orel, in Russia, was destroyed by fire on the 7th of June, and most of the inhabitants lost all they possessed.

The first experiment of crossing the Niagara Suspension Bridge with horses and carriages has been successfully made. Mr. Ellet was the driver of the carriage.

The Sun has late accounts from Chili, stating that Santiago was visited by another destructive fire on the 12th of April. It commenced on the western side of the Plaza de la Independencia...

Two members of the Massachusetts Regiment, who deserted while encamped on the Matamoros line, are stated to have reached Galveston, Texas, after great privations.

The Receivers of the Plainfield Bank cannot pay a dividend out of the funds in their hands until a suit now pending in the Court of Chancery of the State of New Jersey against them, involving almost the entire amount of those funds, is definitely disposed of...

Daniel Wadsworth, perhaps the wealthiest man in Connecticut, died on Friday morning, at Hartford, in the 77th year of his age.

Philip Olivarius a monk of Orval, in the year 1544 predicted, it is said, all the remarkable events of the present century.

The Legislature of Wisconsin has passed through every stage a bill exempting the Homestead of a Family from sale on execution for debt.

The Hudson's Bay Company have made a proposition to the Government to sell to the United States all their rights and possessions in Oregon, on the south side of the line of 49 degrees north latitude.

The publisher of the Lowell Offering, states in the number for this month, that in one mill, during the past eighteen years, 82 of the "boys," and 405 "girls," employed there, have been married; and from another mill 185 of the girls have been married during five years; and from a single room in another corporation, 35 were married in one year.

Mr. Fortune, Curator of the Botanic Gardens at Chelsea, has been engaged by the East India Company to proceed to China and procure for them live specimens and seeds of the tea plant, for use in their Tea plantations in the Himalah Mountains.

"Old Phil," a servant belonging to Mr. James Brent, of Charles County, Maryland, died on the 5th inst., at the age of one hundred and fifteen years!

The notes of the Atlas Bank, secured by bond and mortgage alone, will be paid at a considerable discount by the Controller. The bond and mortgage upon which \$65,000 of notes was issued was sold at auction for \$35,000.

A Mexican girl, aged eighteen, whose attendance on the sick Americans excited enmity among her relations, has arrived at Pittsburgh with the volunteers.

The barn on the farm of Mr. Solomon Dorney, in Lehigh County, Pa., was struck by lightning and entirely consumed with its contents of about 40 tons of hay, 1,200 shocks of grain, a four-horse wagon, &c.

Mr. John O. Wattles and his wife, are the sole survivors of a community which had been established about 40 miles above Cincinnati, some eighteen months since.

Letters from different persons connected with the Dead Sea Exploring Expedition say that the party have successfully and satisfactorily completed their task and returned to Jerusalem, where they were on the 19th of May.

George Wells committed suicide at Rochester. He took off his coat and boots, and laid upon his face in shallow water, with the remainder of his clothing still upon him.

Advices from Sierra Leone to the 17th of May mention the recent landing of upward of 1,000 negroes, captured from slavers by various Government vessels, and that farther arrivals are expected.

The ship Anne, arrived in the London docks from Shanghai, has brought 100 tons of Chinese iron.

A short time ago, at a stove factory in Rochester, N. Y., a cast iron wheel 7 feet in diameter, and weighing about 800 pounds, going almost with the speed of lightning, exploded, and scattered the fragments in every direction.

A "father" in Poughkeepsie, named Whalan, has been sent to prison for cruelly whipping his little daughter, a child only eight years old, with a rope about a yard long and three quarters of an inch thick...

The rock known by the name of the Dent de Naye, which was situated at a height of 7000 feet, fell on the 3d ult., into the valley of Montroux, Switzerland, and destroyed seven houses and all the persons in them.

Two gold mines in Buckingham County, Va., are supposed to be inexhaustible; nine bars were recently taken from them, valued at \$1,666.

A Mexican squash, produced from seed brought from Vera Cruz, is growing at Mobile. One of the fruit measured in circumference two feet five inches by two and a half.

A Coppersmith in Quincy, Ill., has just patented a tea-kettle that sings the baby to sleep. By means of a little contrivance connected with the spout, a style of melody is got up that nearly equals Jenny Lind.

A large Bear was recently killed on the farm of Leonard Yeomans, about four miles from Catskill. A Panther was recently seen in the same vicinity, and two girls narrowly escaped him.

The Mining Journal states that Sir James Anderson, who has spent a fortune in experiments, has at length succeeded in perfecting a locomotive carriage for common turnpike roads.

Much of the country to the northward of the Island of Montreal, especially about St. Eustache, has been completely devastated by the caterpillars and grasshoppers.

Andrew Jackson, a colored man, and an anti-slavery lecturer, was drowned in the Connecticut River, at Putney, Vt., on Monday the 17th ult., while bathing.

The New York State Cattle Show and Fair will be held in Buffalo on the 5th, 6th, and 7th days of September.

L. M. Wheaton, Esq., has made the munificent donation of \$10,000 to the Wheaton Female Institute in Norton, Mass.

New York Market, Monday, August 7. ASHES—Pots are up to \$5 50; Paris 6 00. FLOUR AND MEAL—The market is dull.

LETTERS. Maxson Green, R. W. Utter, H. G. Hawley, S. S. Griswold, S. M. Olden, J. F. Randolph, Wm. M. Jones, Asa West (no) Charles Potter (all right—take your time to attend to the business.)

RECEIPTS. P. L. Berry, New London, Ct. \$2 00 pays to vol. 5 No. 52. L. Bush, Waterville, 2 00 " 5 " 26. R. Saunders, Sweden, 3 00 " 5 " 52.

THE ANNIVERSARIES. THE SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION will hold its Sixth Anniversary at New Market, N. J., on the fifth day of the week before the second Sabbath in September...

THE SOUTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION. The Seventh-day Baptist South-Western Association will hold its next session with the Church in Jackson, Shelby Co., Ohio, commencing on the fifth day of the week before the second Sabbath in October...

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U. S. SCHOOL AGENCY. WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A large number of first-rate agents, to whom a liberal commission will be paid for every new school they shall establish...

THE SCRIPTURAL CALENDAR, AND CHRONOLOGICAL REFORMER, for the Statute Year 1848, including a Review of Tracts by Dr. Wardlaw and others on the Sabbath Question.

PEOPLE'S LINE—ALBANY DAY AND NIGHT STEAMERS.—Day steamer, the Hendrik Hudson, Capt. A. Gorham, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 7 A. M.

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