

The Sabbath Recorder.

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EDITORIAL ADVISERS.

It is now nearly five years since we undertook to edit a religious newspaper.

The first of our advisers—being anxious, no doubt, that we should start right—gave us his opinion soon after our paper appeared; and it was to the effect, that a newspaper should never contain a long article, and should always be well spiced with anecdotes and puns.

Such is the substance of the advice we have received upon the subject of editing in general. Perhaps we ought to add, that we have occasionally received a suggestion as to the manner of treating the subject of the Sabbath in particular.

Now, it is easy to see, from the above specimens, that an editor who should attempt strictly to follow all his advisers, would very soon find himself in a fix.

In this connection, we take the liberty of copying and calling particular attention to the following sensible article, on a kindred subject, from the Oxford Herald.

Selections for Newspapers.

Most people think the selection of suitable matter for a newspaper the easiest part of the business. How great an error! It is, by all means, the most difficult.

he get out such a paper, he will find his labor a most difficult one. Every subscriber thinks the paper printed for his especial benefit, and, if there is nothing in it that suits him, it must be stopped, it is good for nothing.

AN AFRICAN KING.

A mission was recently undertaken by a Mr. Cruickshank, under the direction of the English Government, for the purpose of suppressing the slave-trade in Africa.

He is the absolute sovereign of the nation, and the people are all solely under his control, to whom they look up as to a master; no person can hold any property except by his permission, even during life, and at death all reverts to him; he is protected by an immense army of women, numbered at many thousands.

THE TRACT SOCIETY.

Since the Anniversary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, in September last, the attention of the Board has been directed mainly to the printing of such tracts as had been previously stereotyped, and the distribution of them by means of colporteurs and missionaries.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Treasurer, Thomas B. Stillman, or to the Corresponding Secretary, Geo. B. Utter, New York.

FAITH AND WORKS.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:—I beg leave to trouble you with a few words about some remarks in Eld. Griswold's Report respecting the State of Religion among the Eastern Churches, which Report was published in the Recorder of Jan. 4, 1849.

Eld. Griswold farther says, that good works are consecutive, and not causative of justification. By which I understand him to mean, that good works are a kind of necessary consequence, rather than a voluntary obedience, that follows faith in the natural order of things, just as I have heard the case represented by others, who say that good works are the fruit of faith; as if they thought that good works were involuntarily produced by faith, just as the apple-tree involuntarily produces apples; or else, that those good works were some how involuntarily rendered voluntary by the mysterious operation of regenerating grace.

Brother Griswold farther says, "There is danger, in these days of 'do this and thou shalt live';" whereas, the Bible is full of just such language, (i. e., do this and thou shalt live,) from beginning to end; and I apprehend that there is much greater danger in believing that we can be justified by faith alone, than there is in believing as the Bible teaches.

Brother Griswold does not mean what we understand his language to signify, he would do us a kindness if he would give us his meaning in language that we could understand.

WM. STILLMAN.

REVIVAL AT SHERBURNE, N. Y.—A correspondent of the Syracuse Recorder says that a very extensive and powerful work of grace has been experienced in Sherburne during several months past.

SUNDAY IN FRANCE.—In France, for a long time past, the workmen employed by the State have been required to continue their labors on Sunday, but allowed to spend a great part of the following day in amusement.

No CATHOLIC COLLEGE IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The House of Representatives of Massachusetts has had under discussion the question of granting an act of incorporation to the Roman Catholic College at Worcester.

THE LEAVEN WORKING.—The London Patriot announces the secession of Rev. John Dodson, M. A. Vicar of Cockerham, Lancashire, from the Established Church of England.

MONUMENT-BUILDING.—Projects are on foot in England for erecting monuments to the memory of Oliver Cromwell and the poet Cowper.

POPEY AND MOHAMMEDANISM.—A letter from Constantinople says that the Austrian Government, backed by Russia, has applied to the Sultan of Turkey to lend his fleet to aid the Austrians in the Adriatic.

KITTO'S CYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE.—This work, an advertisement of which will be found in another column, has attained an enviable reputation among the biblical students of this country and of Europe.

DISSOLVING THE UNION.—Speaking of the frequent threats made by southern members during the last session of Congress, that they would go for a dissolution of the Union unless their wishes were granted, the editor of the National Era says: "The truth is, people here understand the philosophy of the matter."

THE QUAKER POET DEAD.—Bernard Barton, the Quaker Poet, died at Ipswich, England, about the first of April, and was buried amid the affecting silence of the Quaker ceremonial, "broken only by the warning voice of one reverend elder."

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARIES.—The various benevolent societies centering in New York hold their Anniversaries next week. The Boston Anniversaries, of a similar character, will commence on the 28th day of May, and continue about one week.

WISCONSIN, ON BUNSELLING.

We stated last week, that a very stringent bill in regard to intoxicating liquors was passed by the Wisconsin Legislature at its recent session. The bill consists of ten sections, and requires all persons who would vend or retail "spirited liquors" to give bond to the town authorities, with three sureties in \$1,000, "conditioned to pay all damages the community or individuals may sustain by reason of such traffic; to support all paupers, widows and orphans; pay the expenses of all civil and criminal prosecutions made, growing out of, or justly attributable to such traffic." And it is made the duty of the officer holding the bond to deliver it to "any person who may claim to be injured by such traffic."

SECTION 4. It shall be lawful for any married woman to institute, in her own name, a suit on any such bond, for all damages sustained by herself or children on account of such traffic; and the money, when collected, shall be paid over to her, for the use of herself and children.

SEC. 5. No suits for liquor bills shall be entertained by any of the Courts of this State, and whenever it shall be made to appear before any Court before which a suit may be pending, on a promissory note, that such note was given in whole or in part for liquor bills, such Court shall immediately dismiss such suit at the cost of the plaintiff.

SEC. 6. On the trial of any suit under the provisions of this act, the cause or foundation of which shall be the act of an individual under the influence of liquor, it shall only be necessary, in order to sustain the action, to prove that the principal in the bond sold or gave liquor to the person (so intoxicated or in liquor) whose acts are complained of, on the day previous to the commission of the same offense.

SEC. 7. Whenever a person shall become a county, city, or village charge, by reason of intemperance, a suit may be instituted by the proper authorities, on the bond of any person who may have been in the habit of selling or giving liquor to such person or pauper so becoming a public charge.

SEC. 8. Any person against whom a judgment may be obtained, under the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to maintain a suit to compel a contribution towards paying the judgment against him, against all persons engaged in such traffic in such county, city, town, or village, who may have sold or given liquor to such person committing an offense or becoming a public charge.

SEC. 9. Any person who shall vend or retail, or for the purpose of avoiding the provisions of this act, give away, spirited liquors, without first giving the bond required by the first section of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum of not less than fifty, nor more than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten days, nor more than six months, and shall be liable in all respects to the public, and to individuals, the same as he would have been had he given the bond required in the first section of this act.

This remarkable expression of public opinion in Wisconsin on the subject of "spirited liquors," passed the Senate by a vote of 10 to 3, and the Assembly 29 to 21. It goes some steps beyond any legislation on the subject in this country.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.—The Tenth Anniversary of the American Baptist Publication Society was held in Philadelphia on the fourth day of last week. During the year, 15 new publications have been issued, making the whole number on the Society's list 260, of which 68 are volumes; new editions of 75 tracts have been issued; 1,300 pages of stereotypic plates have been added; 18 colporteurs have been employed, of whom 5 are German. The \$10,000 plan has been completed. 11 Ministers' libraries, and 12 Sunday School libraries, have been distributed; 32 life members and 4 life managers have been added. Grants have been made to Burma, Siam, Assam, China, St. Helena, France, Germany, Canada, &c. The Treasurer's Report was read, showing the receipts for eleven months, ending March 15, 1849, to be \$26,740 76, being nearly \$6,000 more than the preceding twelve months.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The late Henry Todd, of Boston, left by his will, after amply providing for his family connections, \$5,000 to the "Massachusetts General Hospital," the interest of which is forever to go toward furnishing free beds for those whose circumstances may require them. To the "Boston Asylum and Farm School" for indigent boys, he left a legacy of \$3,000—to the "Boston Children Friend Society" \$2,000. The remainder of his estate, amounting, probably, to some \$10,000, he bequeathed to the "Board of Education," for the benefit of the Massachusetts Normal Schools.

THE OVERLAND EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA.—One of the St. Louis papers says that the number of emigrants to California, through Missouri, before the 1st of June, is estimated at 20,000 persons, 11,000 wagons, and 30,000 mules. Where the forage for such a number of beasts can be obtained, is a serious question. There will no doubt be unprecedented suffering on this route.

WESTERN TRAVEL.—By reference to an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that on and after the 1st inst, there are to be six trains of cars daily, Sundays excepted, from Albany westward. On most of the roads between Albany and Buffalo, important improvements have recently been made, the time has been shortened, and the fare reduced, rendering this a very convenient and economical route to the Far West.

Miscellaneous.

OUR HOMESTEAD.

BY MISS FRANK CARY.

Our old brown homestead reared its walls From the wayside dust and loam...

these particulars were obtained, and who was in the boat with Mr. Pohlman, says that he was quite calm and self-possessed.

THE LOST-LUGGAGE OFFICE.

Without describing in detail this property, we will at once proceed to a large, pitch-dark, subterranean, vaulted chamber...

HOW TO MAKE SLEEP REFRESHING.

- 1. Take sufficient exercise in the open air during the day. 2. Eat light suppers, always two or three hours before retiring.

It is well known that the Duke of Wellington, now a hale man, is accustomed to sleep on a hard narrow pallet...

THE POET CAMPBELL.

An American gentleman, while on a visit to the author of Gertrude of Wyoming, told him of a pilgrimage which he and others had made to Wyoming...

Campbell took his hand, pressed it, and said, "God bless you, sir; you make me happy, although you make me weep."

THE HORSE.—Like his master, he is of a complicated structure, and needs care, kindness, good air, and variety of food.

SHOE PEGS.—The following interesting sketch of a factory where 1,000 bushels of pegs are made annually, at Vienna Village, Kennebec County...

SLAVERY IN BRAZIL.—The Journal of Commerce says that upwards of fifty thousand slaves are annually imported into Brazil...

LOVE FOR THE HORSE.—"You do justice," said my friend Christopher Hughes, "to my opinions on the horse!"

ORIGIN OF FOGS.—The very common, but mistaken idea, that the fog which we see of an evening hanging over low meadows...

LONDON MILK.—Milk in London is not quite what it is in the country; the chalk-pit and the pump have sometimes more to do with it than the cow.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS IN GREAT BRITAIN.—An analysis of the returns from all the railways in operation in Great Britain and Ireland for the last six months of 1848...

RAISE MORE FRUIT.—When Dr. Dwight first removed to New Haven, there was but little fruit raised there.

VARIETY.

Dr. Johnson, once hearing a bishop say what is called grace before meat, in some such words as these, "For what we are about to receive, the Lord make us thankful!"

An Indian having been found frozen to death, an inquest of his countrymen was convened to determine by what means he came to such a death.

Some one, looking at a rich man, said, "Poor man, he toiled day and night until he was forty, to gain his wealth, and he has been watching it day and night, ever since, for his victuals and clothes."

It is a truth well established among cultivators, that land planted with fruit trees of good varieties will yield to the acre more food for man and beast than any other crops...

Professor Mulder, who has been thoroughly investigating the potato, solemnly denounced it as an article of food, and says it is the cause of the moral and physical degradation of the nations that use it.

DEWETTER INSTITUTE. REV. JAMES B. IRISH, Principal. GURDON EVANS, Instructor in Natural Science.

TERMS AND VACATIONS. The Academic Year for 1848-9, is divided into Three Terms of Fourteen Weeks each.

AGRICULTURAL AND ANALYTIC CHEMISTRY. Instructive in this Department, will be equal to any that can be obtained in the State...

Kitto's Cyclopaedia of Biblical Literature. THE BIBLE.—The undersigned beg leave to ask your attention to the following Work, which they offer for sale...

NOTICES OF THE CYCLOPAEDIA. From Home: Author of "Horn's Introduction to the Study of the Scriptures" last edition.

From the Biblical Repository and Princeton Review. "Dr. Kitto comes recommended even to those not acquainted with his other writings..."

From the Methodist Quarterly Review. "This work was not compiled in the method hitherto usual with works of similar character..."

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