



The Sabbath Recorder.

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THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Western Association, was held with the 2d Church in Alfred, Alleghany Co., N. Y., on the fourth, fifth, and sixth days of last week.

The Opening Discourse was preached by Eld. Thomas E. Babcock, of Independence, from the text Galatians 6: 9—'Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.'

The Association was organized by electing JOHN B. COTTRELL, of Richburg, Moderator, and E. A. GREEN and J. M. ALLEN, Clerks.

The Letters from the Churches gave a more complete account of their condition than is commonly obtained through such means. The reason is, probably, that the Association several years ago published a series of questions, which were distributed among the churches with a view of helping them to make full annual returns.

The next meeting of the Association is to be held with the 1st Church in Genesee, Alleghany Co., N. Y., commencing on the fifth day of the week before the fourth Sabbath in June, 1852.

AFFLICTIONS.

It was announced to Adam, in the day of his transgression, not only that he should return to the ground from which he was taken, but that until that solemn event, he should obtain his bread by the sweat of his face, and eat it in sorrow.

No one expects to evade that portion of the law which adjudges man to death; but by skillful management he hopes to escape the afflictions of life, and innumerable are his devices for the accomplishment of this much desired object.

He who hopes by his own good management to place himself in a state of exemption from trouble, not only overlooks the fact that afflictions are embraced in that very sentence which dooms mankind to death.

So necessary is it that this law should be carried into execution, that when one, after years of toil and anxiety, has amassed a sufficiency of wealth to render him comfortable, and has brought all his affairs into such a state that nothing appears likely to be a source of disturbance to him any longer, it almost always happens, that then is the time for him to die.

Perhaps he begins to decline in health; he spends years lingering between life and death, his body a prey to a thousand distressing pains, and his mind rendered gloomy and apprehensive by the disease under which he is suffering.

It is admitted, however, that the case would be far worse than it is were it not for the mediation of Christ. It is Christ, rather than Noah, who comforts us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.

OUR CHINA MISSION.

[By the ship Celestial, which sailed from Shanghai on the 2d of March, and arrived at New York on Sunday last, June 29, interesting letters were received from a friendly epistle of Mrs. Carpenter to one of the editors in all we have time to copy this week.

We are all rejoicing at the reception of your late overland letters, which fairly broke up the train of our newspaper reading, so that the last file of Recorders, sent by the Channing, are not yet all read.

I must tell you about a little image of Boodh, which I have on hand for you, and which I hope will go soon. It is the free-will offering of a widow—her household god, as it was that of her fathers.

What would become of the "sacred stillness" of Sunday, if there were no laws to guard it, and no justices of the peace to enforce the laws? Some people seem to think it would soon be unknown, and that even Religion would step out with it.

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ROMANISM IN 1851.

The following extract from an official document of the Tuscan Government, furnishes matter for serious and practical reflection. By Protestant editors and preachers generally, it is commented upon severely, and represented as significant of the course of Romanism wherever it shall obtain authority.

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