

The Sabbath Recorder.

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THE CORRUPTION OF MAN'S NATURE NO EXCUSE FOR SIN.

From the time of the first transgression, it has been the practice of man to charge the blame of his evil doings upon some one besides himself.

For argument's sake, let it be granted, that man is not responsible for the original corruption of his nature.

If sinners, instead of speculating upon their original corruption, for the purpose of finding in it some excuse for their wickedness, would seriously inquire whether there is not some remedy for it, they would act much more rationally.

If Adam entailed corruption upon his posterity, the act on his part was sinful, and God will hold him responsible for it.

There is no doubt, that sinners are well satisfied with that depraved disposition which is theirs by reason of their connection with the first Adam.

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REVIVALS IN SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES.—We have had the pleasure recently of announcing interesting revivals of religion in several Seventh-day Baptist Churches.

THE "FOREKNOWLEDGE" DISCUSSION.

To the Editors of the Sabbath Recorder:—From the Recorder of March 18th, I am given to understand that the space occupied by me in its columns is more than properly belongs to me, and perhaps could be better employed.

We certainly had no intention to shut the door against our brother. All we intended was to bring the controversy within such limits as would be regarded by our readers as not an unreasonable tax upon their patience.

THE WANT OF MINISTERS.

Scarcely a week passes that we are not asked where an unemployed Seventh-day Baptist minister can be found to supply some destitute church.

There are now sixty-eight churches connected with our six Associations, and three which are not so connected. In these churches, sixty-one ordained ministers and sixteen licentiates hold their membership.

This state of things is acknowledged by all to be bad—very bad. It is bad for the churches to be unable to supply themselves with acceptable preachers; and it is bad for the preachers to be (or to feel that they are) under the necessity of pursuing some secular business to earn bread for themselves and their families.

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such inadequacy as to involve the church in blame. We wish, at any rate, that the churches could be induced to do what most of them admit to be their duty, and then let us see if two-thirds of the ministers will prefer secular business to the glorious work to which they profess to have been called.

But we took up our pen to introduce an extract from an article by a correspondent of the Southern Presbyterian. After referring to two things which he had lately seen in that paper; one an advertisement of a minister of the Gospel, who wished a situation as teacher, in a place where he might also be useful as a minister; the other a statement that of 70 Presbyterian ministers in Georgia, "only seven receive an adequate support," he says: "Want of Ministers!"

But we will now suppose that the Concert of Prayer is over, and all the churches, especially those which are not supporting their ministers, have been "with one accord in one place," praying the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

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BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Sunday Among its Advocates—Affairs in the East—Prospect of War in Europe, &c.

We have often occasion to note how little the authority of Sunday, as a day of rest, is felt among those who profess to regard that authority as supreme.

The affairs of the East continue to gather interest. By the latest arrivals, the Turkish Sultan is stated to have absolutely refused to the Viceroy of Egypt the power of life and death; while the latter not only asserts this power to be essential to the maintenance of his authority, but declares his determination to resist the new decree.

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first Protestant missionaries in that region. In 1847, after laboring eleven years, they were set upon by the Indians, instigated by the emissaries of popery, several were massacred, others were taken prisoners and treated with great cruelty by Bishop Blanchette, and there rest scattered and driven into the forest, where they nearly perished with hunger and cold.

THE SABBATH-KEEPING ADVENTISTS. PHILADELPHIA, March 9, 1852.

Having been solicited by an esteemed friend, and a member of the Seventh-day Society of Christians, to give some account of the views and manner of worship of the Sabbath-keeping people with whom I am identified, I send you, for publication in the Recorder, the following.

About seven or eight years back, some also began to agitate the question, Are we observing the true Seventh-day Sabbath? (I believe it was first mentioned by Bro. Bennett, formerly a Methodist preacher, and still a minister among us, laboring zealously for this truth.)

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"Jesus, the King of the Jews," should carry back to the source the light of an unbroken Old and New Testament, to the extinguished candlestick! I appeal to you, my elder brethren of the Sabbath—as Christians—as cross-bearing followers of Christ—to lend us, your younger brethren, aid to go and plant the land of promise—to restore again the Sabbath to that land, from whence it emanated—to feed, clothe, visit the sick and prison-house-bound offcast, brethren of Jesus, so that the excoriated branches may again be grafted on their own good olive-tree.

IN BONDS OF CHRIST'S LOVE, and the following of the gospel of truth, I remain, waiting, a pilgrim to go to Zion, JAMES L. BOND.

CONFESSION OF A RAPPING MEDIUM.—Benj. F. Cooley makes a statement through the Springfield Republican in regard to "spiritual rappings," in which he says: Having had extended opportunities for the past three years to investigate the subject, I have arrived at what appears to me to be the true solution of the mystery. I now feel that duty compels me to speak out, and let my fellow-men know what the results of my investigations are.

REPORTS OF HOME MISSIONARIES.—The Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society have issued a notice requesting each missionary to report before the close of the current year, specifying the topics upon which information is most desired.

AMOS LAWRENCE AND HIS CLERK.—Prof. Tatlock, in a lecture before the North Adams Lyceum, lately, related the following anecdote:—"About forty years ago, a young man of limited capital commenced business in the city of Boston, and was obliged to employ a single clerk on a small salary.

COLLEGE APPROPRIATIONS.—The several Colleges now before the Legislature for "appropriations," are asking for the sums following, amounting in all to \$97,000:—

Table with 2 columns: Institution Name and Amount. Includes Rensselaer Institute (\$10,000), Madison University (11,000), University of Rochester (16,000), Hamilton College (6,000), Genesee College (16,000), Geneva College (6,000), University of New York (6,000), New York College of Pharmacy (10,000), University of Albany (16,000).

LACK OF MINISTERS.—It is stated on the authority of Dr. Baird—than whom few persons are better qualified to speak on the subject—that in the United States the excess of evangelical churches and congregations over the number of ministers in the same denominations, is thirty-four thousand three hundred and ninety.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOOKS GRATIS.—The Secretary of the Massachusetts Sunday-School Society, Rev. Asa Bullard, Boston, gives notice that all the missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society can receive Sunday-school libraries gratuitously.

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Miscellaneous.

Tunneling the Hudson.

We find in The Albany Evening Journal a plan for a tunnel across the Hudson for the use of the Railroad lines concentrating at that point.

It is proposed to commence the work at Quackenbush-street, by an open cutting at a descent of 150 feet per mile to Columbia-st., where a sufficient height will be attained for the commencement of the tunnel.

Wreck of the Gen. Warren.

The wreck of the steamer Gen. Warren, on the Oregon coast, and the consequent loss of forty-two lives, was briefly announced in our last.

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Henry O'Reilly, of telegraphic celebrity, is now earnestly engaged in promoting the project of extending the telegraph westward to the Pacific, and is sanguine of being able to have it in operation to San Francisco within eighteen months.

The extent to which the use of this hurtful weed is being carried, may well excite inquiry and alarm. The cultivation of it has gone beyond exhausting the fertility of the richest portion of the South.

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