



The Sabbath Recorder.

New York, April 22, 1852.

REFORMATION NEEDED.

As the annual meetings of our Associations draw near, we are troubled with some unpleasant forebodings. We fear that the communications from the several churches will show a lamentable coldness in piety, if not an important diminution of numbers.

Already, we seem to hear the Head of the Church saying, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Indeed, we know not but we are now undergoing the execution of that fearful sentence implied in the words, "Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."

But what does our zeal for the Sabbath itself amount to, after all? Lectures however numerous, and tracts however abundantly distributed, and controversies however earnestly prosecuted, will carry but little conviction to the public mind, while we ourselves are guilty of "holding the truth in unrighteousness."

Seventh-day Baptists have indeed an important mission to fulfill in the earth; but alas! they are not ready. Must our annual gatherings, this year, only serve to render the humiliating fact more glaring?

DEATH OF ELDER JOB TYLER.—A letter from Clark Needham, of Burroak, Mich., informs us of the death of Eld. Job Tyler, which occurred some time in February last, on board a vessel in which he was a passenger from Panama to San Francisco.

circumstances; and to relieve himself, he concluded to spend a couple of years in California, in company with two of his sons. But his hopes of retrieving his fortune in that country, and securing means to preach the gospel unembarrassed on his return, have been thus sadly disappointed.

AMERICAN & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American and Foreign Bible Society (the institution organized by the Baptists at the time of their secession from the American Bible Society) held a special meeting in New York on Fourth-day of last week, afternoon and evening.

An abstract of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board was presented, showing that \$42,312 25 had been received during the year, of which \$21,675 had been appropriated to the foreign field.

Whereas, The American and Foreign Bible Society has been notified to vacate the rooms No. 350 Broome-st., now occupied by them,

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to comply with the request at the time specified.

In the course of the meeting, a plan was proposed for erecting in New York a building suited to accommodate the business of the Society.

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The Society adjourned to meet at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 13th of May next.

BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Religious Liberty on the Continent.—Popery—Public Funeral—Polytechnic Fire.

More and more does the cloud lower upon the interests of religious liberty on the Continent of Europe. The liberty of the press, even, has been suspended in Germany, and the Chamber of Bremen dissolved.

In this country, Popery continues to make great efforts, and distinguished perverts, male and female, continue to join their ranks, led onward by Tractarian teachers in the bosom of the Church of England.

gow Free Press of last week asserts that more than half of the population of Glasgow is Popish. A more glaring falsehood never was circulated; for, we believe that an eighth part would be about the proportion of Papists to Protestants in this city.

There was a public funeral in Glasgow this week—that of one who had long taken an active part in public matters—one who aimed at doing good in all things, and certainly effected it in not a few.

There has been considerable interest manifested in this country in a recently patented discovery. It proposes to dispense with coal for domestic purposes, and it is asserted will be fully as economical, while it will do away with smoke, dust, ashes, and danger from sparks, and it can be produced at pleasure and regulated at will.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST SETTLEMENT IN OREGON.

To the Editors of the Sabbath Recorder:

No great enterprise is undertaken without a leading or controlling principle, equal in magnitude to the difficulties to be overcome; and none should be undertaken without a well-arranged system of present and future operations.

How is it with Seventh-day Baptists in proposing a new settlement on the shores of the Pacific ocean? Are they oppressed in their native land, so that they cannot enjoy religious privileges—the right to worship God as his word dictates?

It may be said, that by making early settlements we may participate in securing some privileges to Seventh-day Baptists in the organic laws. There is some plausibility in this view; but what great privilege is to be secured that is not enjoyed in most of the Northern States?

To settle in a society sufficiently numerous to form a nucleus for after settlers, may be laudable, where enterprise impels persons to emigrate to far distant lands.

I am able to discover an object, purely religious that should induce a few, say fifty or a hundred families, to separate themselves by a distance of half the diameter of the globe, to endure the privations inevitable to new settlers, with consuming expenses, when all the advantages sought are enjoyed in their native land.

The Apostle, in the above-cited passages, evidently speaks of days which were constituted holy by the law of Moses. He who assumes that the weekly Sabbath was one of those days, begs the whole question.

POPEY AND REPUBLICANISM.—A card appeared in the Philadelphia Sun, of March 10, signed "Rev. John Dudam," the writer of which professes to be a Romish priest from Hungary, who has been dismissed from service in Lancaster, Pa., on account of his republicanism—especially for having "blessed" a banner which was given to Kossuth, for praying for the success of liberty and the downfall of despotism all over the world, and for visiting with Lutheran heretics.

THE "FOREKNOWLEDGE" DISCUSSION.

Perhaps, all things considered, it would be more conducive to harmony of feeling, and I trust not less so of sentiment, among those interested in the late discussion on "Foreknowledge," to resume it, that it may be brought to an issue less abrupt than that which now characterizes it.

1. My article shall remain unreplyed to one week. 2. The articles on each side shall be of nearly equal length. But— 3. This shall not so bind the respondent as to do injustice to his cause.

We have already said, that "if our brother feels that justice has not been done him, or that the cause of truth requires some farther elucidation of his views, the door is open." To this we have nothing to add.

REVIVAL AT BERLIN, WIS.

BERLIN, Wisconsin, April 1, 1851.

To the Editors of the Sabbath Recorder:

I take this opportunity of informing you, and our brethren generally, that God has been pleased graciously to pour out his Spirit and revive his work in the Seventh-day Baptist Church in this place.

Last Sabbath, (March 27) I had the pleasure of baptizing nine willing converts, and receiving them to the fellowship of the church; two were added by letter. Others are expected soon; the work is yet going on, and it has been felt in all the surrounding country.

QUERY.—Can the editors of the Recorder, or any of their correspondents, show that the following passages from the epistles do not effectually prove that no day, and especially the seventh, is now binding on any one, except so far as he may think it expedient—to observe either as a Sabbath as time of worship?

ROM. 14: 5.—"One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day as holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath," &c.

REPLY.

BRIEF AND CONCLUSIVE.—Henry C. Wright, one of the Garrison school of Abolitionists, lately addressed a letter to Gerrit Smith, on the "Sin of Human Government."

HENRY C. WRIGHT.—Dear Friend: I have just read your letter to me in the Liberator. I answer as many as I can of the letters addressed to me.

One hundred men put to sea in the same ship. They have scarcely left the shore ere two or three are detected in a plot to scuttle the ship, and escape in a boat with all the money.

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NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature of New York adjourned on Sabbath morning, April 17th, at 6 o'clock, after a stormy all-night session. A very large number of Acts were passed at this session of the Legislature, but they were mostly of an unimportant character.

The following important bills were left unacted upon: The Senate Excise bill; the General Savings Bank; the Colleges Appropriations; the Building Societies; the Emigrant Passengers; the Taxation of Railroads; the extension of the Charter of the New York Institute for the Blind; the Anti-Rent "Stay;" the bill relating to Divorce; the Insurance bills; the disposition of the Chancery Funds; also of the unclaimed dividends and deposits in Savings Banks.

OREGON MISSIONS.—A statement has been going the rounds, on the authority of Rev. H. H. Spalding, to the effect that a treaty had been formed with the Indian tribes of the Middle District, Oregon, an article of which provides "that no American (i. e., Protestant) Missionary, shall ever again enter their country." This statement is denied by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who says in a letter to President Fillmore:—

"I am reluctant to believe that Mr. Spalding has made the statement imputed to him, as it is entirely destitute of truth. There have been thirteen treaties negotiated with the Indians in Oregon by the Superintendent, the first dated August 5, the last November 6, 1851. All except the last bear the signature of Mr. Spalding himself, who was associated with the Superintendent in their negotiation. In no one of the whole number is there any provision whatever, that gives the slightest semblance of truth to Mr. Spalding's statement."

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS.—It is stated by the officers of the Baptist Missionary Union, that the sum of \$47,707 was received in the course of the month of March, making for the year, \$99,000,—being upwards of \$3,000 more than that of the year before. Living contributors have given \$4,600 more than in the year ending March 31, 1851, which, with the amount to be received from other sources, will no doubt make out the \$125,000 required to meet the responsibilities of the Board.

A BIBLE HOUSE IN ALABAMA.—The Southern Advocate says that the recent visit of the Rev. Dr. Styles, the Southern Secretary of the American Bible Society, to Montgomery, Alabama, has led to the purchase of a large house, in that city, to be used as a general depot for the Scriptures, to supply the wants of the people of that State.

CORRECTED BIBLE.—The Record of the American Bible Society says: Inquiries are frequently made as to the time of issuing the Bible mentioned in the last Report, with the corrections of the "Committee on Versions."

SWINDLING CALIFORNIANS.—California Ticket Swindling has been carried on largely in New York for a few months past, and nearly every week develops some new instance. Within the last ten days, complaints have been entered, and arrests made, of two companies, one of which is supposed to have realized some \$50,000 by selling spurious tickets.

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Miscellaneous.

The Forest Trees.

By ELIZA COOK.

Up with your heads, ye sylvan lords, Wave proudly in the breeze, For our cradle bands and coffin boards Must come from the forest trees.

From the New Orleans Picayune.

The Aztecs.

The Northern papers for some time past have contained frequent notices of two diminutive specimens of the human race, known as the Aztec children.

ceremonies of the Aztecs and those of the ancient Jews, and other circumstances of the same nature, lend plausibility to the theory of a Hebrew origin.

The Brewster Branch of the Mormons.

The Illinois Journal gives the particulars of the condition of the Brewster branch of the Mormon Church. It appears that over fifteen years ago, a family by the name of Brewster came to Springfield, Ill.

Progress of the Americans.

An English journalist, speaking of the unexampled growth of the United States in all the elements of national prosperity, sums up in this wise:—

From the Cleveland Herald.

Oregon—Interesting Letter.

Many in the West are now looking to Oregon as a future home, and the tide of immigration thither this season will be much increased over past years.

Profits of Farming.

The New York State Agricultural Society are in the habit of awarding, at their annual meetings, premiums for the most successful management of farms.

Transplanting Trees.

In taking up trees for transplanting, a regard should always be had to their size, and a due proportion should be preserved between the size of the tree and the amount of root attached.

mensure—it is greater, I think, than that of any State in the Union. On the large streams, however, it is very expensive using it, on account of the great rise and fall in those streams in the rainy and dry seasons.

Origin of Newspapers.

Mankind are indebted to the wisdom of Queen Elizabeth, and the prudence of Burleigh, for the first printed newspaper.

More than was Asked For.

A singular trial has grown out of a spiritual communication, made through a couple of mediums who lighted down in the town of New Berlin, Chenango County.

Beggars in Paris.

A Paris correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says that a great number of beggars have for some time past occupied a large house in the quarter de la Pépinière.

Trouble among the Rappites at Economy.

A case of considerable interest has just been decided by Judges Griër and Irwin in the Circuit Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Custody of Children in Pennsylvania.

In the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, April 12, Judge Kelly delivered an opinion in a case argued a few weeks since in which the mother of a child, now 9 years of age, desired to take the custody of it from her sister, the aunt of the child.

Local Agents for the Recorder.

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occupied, perhaps, one-third or one-half of its whole circumference. Some trees have a much greater tenacity of life than others, and hence may grow with a much smaller root, or even with none at all.

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