

The Sabbath Recorder.

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"ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE SABBATH."

The discourse of the Rev. Dr. Smith upon this subject, in the Jan. st. Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, on the 13th inst., was one of those specimens of theological charity, of which there have been of repeated exhibitions for the last three hundred years.

Full half of the discourse was occupied in refuting the argument of Paley, that the Sabbath was first instituted, not in Paradise, but in the Wilderness of Sin. Exod. 16. It was well to take some notice of the argument, perhaps, but we thought that the speaker spent entirely too much time upon it.

After disposing of Paley, and glancing at the scriptural allusions to the Sabbath in the Patriarchal Age, the lecturer dwelt upon the institution as embodied in the Jewish Dispensation. He brought it down to the Christian Era, and showed that our Saviour himself honored the institution, holding him up in this respect (so we thought) as an example for his followers.

The advocates of Sunday sanctification, however, dare not conform their language to the inspired pattern; it would be fatal to their cause. Had they never given the name Sabbath to the first day of the week, the above-mentioned passages uniformly appropriate to the seventh.

The next lecture of the course, as given in the program which we published last week, will be "The Jewish and Christian Sabbath," by the Rev. Dr. Potts.

BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Sunday Movements—Jewish Disabilities—Popery—The Pope and the Emperor.

GLASGOW, March 4th, 1853.

Next week the Crystal Palace Company's Bill will be considered by a Select Committee of the House of Commons. Whether a clause for the Sunday opening will be then inserted or considered, seems a matter of uncertainty.

Our Glasgow Improvements Bill, with a clause against Sunday trading, with a view to protect the church's holiday more perfectly than the law of the land does, has been withdrawn, in consequence of the Bill's being otherwise so faulty.

In the House of Commons, the Jewish Disabilities Bill—rendering unnecessary, in the case of Jewish members, the oath, "on the true faith of a Christian"—was read for the first time, this week.

Lord John Russell has now resigned the office of Foreign Secretary into the hands of Lord Clarendon, for whom it was understood to be designed.

The Pope, it is announced, has agreed to come to Paris to crown the new Emperor. He is to remain there two months, but competent judges may be permitted to question whether there be security for the crown remaining so long on the imperial head.

NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The New England Baptist Convention was held at Boston, agreeable to appointment, on the 8th inst., and was full of interest.

It has resulted in the establishment of an Historical Society, bearing the name of "Backus," the design of which is to collect and preserve documents, known to exist, of interest and importance to the denomination.

Reports were made upon the condition of Baptist Academies in the New England States, from which it appears that in Maine there were none under the direct supervision of the Baptists, but that of the sixty endowed by the Legislature, there were some ten or twelve of whose trustees the majority are Baptists.

The Convention bestowed considerable time upon the subject of Theological Education, the result of which was a recommendation of the plan of establishing a Theological Institution in Vermont, to meet the wants of a class of young men desirous of pursuing a shorter course of literary and theological study.

The large amount of gold received last week from California, and the announcement that the "miners are very successful," will doubtless increase the already too high California fever.

An intelligent correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune, writing from Marysville, under date of Feb. 10, gives the following results of his experience and observation in gold-hunting:

"I came to this country with a party of acquaintances, all working men, and, at the time of leaving home, all in good health. We took passage by the mail steamer, were thirty-five days in reaching San Francisco, and lost by death one-sixth of our number.

ties that have come to this country during the past season. "Wages for mining cannot be quoted at more than four dollars a day without board, and almost any number of men could be procured at that price.

LETTERS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.—By the ship Nestorian, from Shanghai, which arrived at New York last week, we received letters from our missionary brethren Carpenter and Gardner, dated Nov. 7.

Bro. Carpenter writes:—"We are in usual health, and never felt more interested in our work, though we see no signs of a speedy harvest."

CHURCH ORGANIZED AT DAKOTA, WIS.—Under date of Dakota, Wis., March 1, 1853, Bro. C. P. Rood writes: "Eld. Todd, of Berlin, has been laboring with us for a time past, and his labors have been blessed to the conversion of sinners, the reclaiming of backsliders, and the strengthening of the brethren and sisters.

REVIVAL AT VERONA, N. Y.—A letter from Bro. Martin Wilcox gives us the particulars of an interesting work of grace in the first Seventh-day Baptist Church at Verona, Oneida Co., N. Y.

REVIVAL AT HAYFIELD, PA.—Eld. Ray Green writes us in relation to a pleasant religious interest in Hayfield, Pa., and vicinity. The Methodists and Seventh-day Baptists united in a protracted meeting, which resulted in a general revival of professors of religion, and the hopeful conversion of some forty persons.

TRAGIC END OF A HOME MISSIONARY.—The Home Mission Record learns from Rev. T. R. Cressy, that Rev. Elisha S. Terry, a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, among the Chippeway Indians, on Red River, was barbarously murdered, a short time since.

THE CHURCH OF SCIO.—Resolved, That the non-resident members of the Church of Scio, Allegany Co., N. Y., shall be considered as dismissed, unless they wish to hold their standing, and communicate the same, by letter or otherwise, within one year from date.

MINISTERS IN THE WEST.—The following statement of the inadequate support and necessary self-denial of many Western ministers, is suited to awaken interest and prayer in their behalf:

"Nine out of ten of our young ministers in the West begin the ministry in debt for their education; have consequently very little to begin with, unless they should get it with a wife, which always subjects them to embarrassment in another way, if the wife is not much more than ordinarily prudent.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF SLAVERY.—The following paragraph from a New Orleans paper furnishes the most striking illustration of slavery that we have lately seen:—"Chauncey B. Blake was brought before Recorder Baldwin, charged with tampering with slaves. It was proved that he was seen conversing with a number of them in the street, that he asked them if they could read and write, and if they would like to have a Bible.

JUVENILE ASYLUM.—From the Report of the New York Juvenile Asylum, we learn that the \$50,000 required by the act of incorporation has been contributed, and the Board of Supervisors have appropriated a like sum, making \$100,000, to be expended for a permanent location and buildings.

MORTALITY IN NEW YORK.—We have received the City Inspector's Report for 1852—a pamphlet of 321 pages—from which we learn that the total number of deaths reported for interment during the year 1852 was 21,601.

A SENSIBLE RAPPER.—The editor of the Palmer Journal has been mixing with a circle of rappers, and made a dollar and a half out of the operation, as follows:—"We accepted an invitation to a sitting of a circle of spiritualists, the other evening, and were not a little surprised when the following message was spelled out to one of the company: 'PAY THE PRINTER!'

GROUPS OF DISMISSION.—A council of nine ministers and five delegates lately called by the First Congregational church of Austinburg, Ohio, unanimously advised the dismission of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Avery, on the ground of "a want of sympathy between the church and pastor," and that "his labors have not been adapted to secure the edification and spiritual fructification of the church."

CATHOLIC MISSIONS.—Within the last six months, the Society for Propagating the Faith in France, one of the principal missionary centers of the Roman Catholic church, has sent out 18 missionaries to Asia, 7 to China, 2 to Cochinchina, 1 to Thibet, 4 to Pondicherry, 2 to Tonquin, 1 for Siam, and 1 for Meyssoane.

SUNDAY LABOR.—The police of Brooklyn are trying to put a stop to Sunday labor. We learn from one of the daily papers, that a man was arrested there last Sunday for washing a carriage in violation of the city ordinance.

The Baptists of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have renounced government aid to their college. The Presbyterians in Nova Scotia, corresponding to the Scotch Seceders, were the first party to denounce such aid; the Congregationalists, when they commenced their college at Liverpool, were the second; and now the Baptists, chiefly by the influence of New Brunswick, are the third.

It costs thirty-five millions of dollars to pay the salaries of American lawyers; twelve millions of dollars are paid out annually to keep our criminals; ten millions of dollars to keep the dogs among us alive; while only six millions of dollars are spent annually to keep the sixteen thousand ministers in the United States. Yes, and it costs more than all these put together to pay the salaries of the rum-sellers.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

An Editorial Convention is to be held at Marshall, in Michigan, early in June. Although the Editors of the Peninsula State are notorious for their ultraism in politics, on such an occasion as this they meditate burying the hatchet, and to renew old acquaintances, and form new ones, without regard to political differences.

The Protestant Missionary Society of Basle has recently sent out three missionaries to labor on the west coast of Africa. A letter from Stuttgart, dated Nov. 11, says the same society were about to send out "a young black woman of Africa, named Pauline Fatme, who was for some years servant in the house of Baron de Muller, of Basle, to propagate Christianity among the black women in Egypt. It is said that she is the first negro woman to whom such a mission has been intrusted."

The Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Boston, have unanimously voted to proffer to their Rector, Rev. Dr. Vinton, a leave of absence for six months, to enable him to visit Europe, at such time during the present year as may suit his pleasure, and moreover, to continue his salary, and supply the pulpit during that period, and to present him with a sum amply sufficient to pay all the expenses of his journey.

Rev. Hugh Stowell, in the course of a lecture on "Habit," which he gave to the members of the Manchester Young Men's Christian Association, recently, denounced the practice of tobacco-smoking in unmeasured terms. He said: "Never myself will I hire a curate who indulges in it. I never now make inquiries for a curate, but I invariably inquire, is he a smoker of tobacco; if he is, I instantly reject his application."

The Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, near Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, took fire March 14. The south end of the building was destroyed with its contents, except a portion of the instruments. The valuable library was burned, and the 300 pupils were unable to save any of their books or clothing.

A North Carolina correspondent of the New York Recorder, says the church in Elizabeth City, and others in its neighborhood, call the roll of membership at each monthly conference, and absentees are required to give an excuse. If a member is absent nine consecutive meetings, he ceases to be a member of the church, unless she can give a satisfactory reason for his absence.

A man who lived far from the sanctuary once complained to his minister of the distance, while many others had but a few steps to walk to enjoy divine ordinances. "Never mind," said the good pastor; "remember that every Sabbath you have the privilege of preaching a sermon six miles long. All the residents and people you pass, you preach the gospel to."

Miss Morse, of the Baptist mission in Siam, mentions the hopeful conversion of three Siamese men and one woman, and says that there is now for the first time a Siamese prayer-meeting, conducted by Siamese brethren. A female prayer-meeting was commenced some time since.

The late Amos Lawrence, of Boston, gave away, during his life, more than five hundred thousand dollars! On his pocket-book was inscribed the following words: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The town of St. Anthony, situated at the Falls of the same name, though young in years, has seven or eight organized churches, and a minister for every one hundred inhabitants, a larger proportion of ministers to the population than any town in the Union.

The Church of St. John, in Liverpool, was, towards the close of last month, the scene of an impressive public ceremony—six adult converts renouncing the Romish communion, and declaring their adhesion to the Church of England. The building was crowded by a most attentive audience.

The following missionaries recently embarked from Boston for Smyrna, in the Edisto, Capt. Kendrick; Rev. William Bird and his wife, Dr. Fayette Jewett and his wife, and Miss Sarah Cheney. Dr. and Mrs. Jewett expect to reside at Tocat, in connection with the Armenian mission; and the others are to join the Syria mission.

The largest State Temperance Convention ever held in Rhode Island assembled at Providence March 15. The proceedings were exceedingly spirited, and after two sessions during the day, Howard Hall was filled to overflowing in the evening.

A collection was taken up in the Rev. Dr. Alexander's church, in the city of New York, on the first Sunday of the year, for the cause of Foreign Missions, amounting to \$3,158 45. They had just entered a new house of worship.

Andrew Fuller says that the poor people of Glasgow used to say: "David Dale gives his money by sho'fuls, and God Almighty sho'ls it back again." David Dale was a Baptist pastor, and at the same time a manufacturer and banker.

Wisconsin, with a sparse emigrant population, has a school and university fund of \$850,000, and an annual outlay for the instruction of her children of \$120,000.

The eldest son of the Hon. Mrs. Norton, the authoress, has been converted to Romanism. He is attached to the British Embassy at Naples.

Mary Lyon, the excellent teacher of the Mount Holyoke school, was wont to say to her pupils, "When you choose your field of labor, go where nobody else is willing to go."

Governor Martin, of New Hampshire, has appointed Thursday, the 7th day of April next, to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, throughout the state.

Governor Seymour, of Connecticut, has appointed Friday, the 25th instant, as a day of fasting and prayer.

Miscellaneous.

Eva. Dry the tears for holy Eva, With the blessed angels leave her; Of the form so soft and fair Give to earth the tender care.

That day. After the smoke of the battle had cleared off somewhat, (our men were in hot pursuit of the flying enemy,) then I saw, in the distance, more than five hundred Britons emerging from heaps of their dead comrades.

forts, ports and States, that they suffer no damage to be sustained by you, or your crew, or your effects, or permit you to be assailed; but that they deem you possessed, as you are, of the ever living word of the Cross, worthy of being honored, defended, and venerated.

In this manner the experimenter, who is still prosecuting his researches, hopes to obtain silk as secreted by the worm of many other colors.

Free Negroes in Illinois. A most barbarous law was passed at the recent session of the Legislature of Illinois, by which free colored persons are forbidden to immigrate into that State, under the penalty of being sold into slavery.

American Sabbath Tract Society's Publications. THE American Sabbath Tract Society publishes the following tracts, which are for sale at its Depository, No. 9 Spruce-st., N. Y., viz:—

Juan Fernandez. A narrative of adventures in this far-famed Island, by I. Ross Browne, is given in a recent number of Harper's Magazine.

Short Sight. Those who are engaged in occupations which require the long-continued employment of the eyes on minute objects, are more apt to become near-sighted than those who are not thus employed.

The Gin Palaces of London. The London gin palace is generally at the corner of two intersecting streets, in a girdling neighborhood.

Application of the Electric Light. Public curiosity, which has been much stimulated by repeated and partially successful experiments with the electric light, is likely to be soon fully satisfied by seeing that singularly beautiful and powerful application of voltaic electricity brought into permanent and profitable operation.

A Good Example. It was recently stated, that James M. Whitton, Esq., had given \$20 to the New Hampshire State Agricultural Society, but the purpose for which the donation was made were not stated.

These tracts will be furnished to those wishing them at distribution or sale, at the rate of 15 pages for one cent. Persons desiring them can have them forwarded by mail or otherwise, on sending their address, with a remittance, to GEORGE B. UTTER, Corresponding Secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, No. 9 Spruce-st., New York.

There are in all some six or seven huts, pleasantly surrounded by shrubbery, and well supplied with water from a spring. These habitations are built of the straw of wild oats, interwoven through wattles or long sticks, and datched with the same; and, whether from design or accident, are extremely picturesque.

The far-discerning eye of the Indian is well known, and it is asserted that near sightedness does not exist among the Arabs, or Tartars, who are used to roam about, and to look at distant objects. The power, also, which sailors possess of seeing at a great distance, is only acquired by practice.

Within, the splendor is in keeping with the splendor without; counters fitted with zinc, and a long array of brass-taps; fittings of the finest Spanish mahogany, beautifully polished; bottles containing cordials, and other drugs, gilded and labeled, as in the apothecaries' shops.

The light having thus been got into working order, the next point to be considered was the great commercial question of cost, as until the invention could be practically made to pay, there was little hope of its being brought into general application.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.—A car full of passengers recently passed over the Western Railroad, in which occurred a simple but touching scene, worthy of record.

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Curious Document from Jerusalem. The bark Marietta, Captain Capurcus, arrived at New York a short time ago from Jerusalem, having stopped at Malta on her way, where she took cargo. Her register is one of the most curious documents we have ever seen.

There is not in all London a more melancholy and spirit-depressing sight than the area of the larger gin palaces on a wet night. There the homeless, houseless miserables, of both sexes, whether they have money or not, resort in numbers for a temporary shelter.

The advantage which is expected from these discoveries is, that the commercial value of these products of voltaic action will completely cover the cost of manufacture, and leave the light itself a clear and unembarrassed source of profit.

AGASSIZ AND HUMBOLDT.—Dr. Gibbs, of Charleston, at a dinner of the Medical Society, concluded a speech with this anecdote:— "When Agassiz first came to this country, he was under the direction of Baron Humboldt, to whom he was largely indebted for his pursuits, and though desirous of remaining here, he felt bound to return to Europe."

SMART.—The Milwaukee Wisconsin relates the following as an authentic transaction of the managers of the Rock River Valley Union Railroad:— "It is said that the agent of the Company made a contract with an English house about a year since. He was to pay half cash, and the other half in bonds of the road. How to pay the half cash was the question, for the Company had no money."

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Gen. Jackson's Reminiscences of the Battle of N. O. Philo Jackson writes to the Savannah Journal an interesting account of a visit to Gen. Jackson at the Hermitage in 1839, from which we extract the following:— "I longed to hear him speak of his great battle, and one of the greatest battles too of modern history, the crowning exploit of his military life, the battle of the 8th of January, before New Orleans. He had just returned from his last visit to that city, and lamented the decease of most of his old companions since that battle."

F. Bernardinus De Montefranco, Father over the Seraphic Province, Provincial Minister, Guardian of Holy Mount Sion and of the Holy Sepulchre of Jesus Christ, Visitor General and Guardian of all the Holy Land, and Vicar General and Humble Servant in the Lord of the Most Illustrious Remus, Patriarch of Jerusalem.— To our very much beloved in Christ, Blasius Moyasim Peter Capurcus, Captain of the Jerusalemite bark called Marietta, whose proprietor is James Montanus.— The condition of our profession so far forbids us to bestow worldly favors upon any one, that we cannot render temporal proofs of the gratitude we owe.

John Brown's Tract. The Albany Evening Journal has an article, in connection with the "Racket River Improvement," in relation to the wilderness of Northern New York. It observes, that the most desolate, deserted wilderness west of the Rocky Mountains, has had its locality in Northern New York.

SCOTCHMEN IN CANADA.—Col. Alex. Chisholm, when taking the census of Glenngary, Canada, in 1852, made out a table of the number of persons of each clan in that county, of which we take the results from the Cornwall Freeholder: Of Macdonnells and Macdonalds 3,228; Macmillans 551; Macdougalls 541; McRaes 456; McLeods 437; Kennedys 333; McLennons 312; Campbells 304; Macintoshes 262; McGillivrays 243; McPhersons 242; Frasers 176; McPhees 157; McIntyres 140; Rosses 139; Chisholms 133; McGregors 114; Fergusons 110; McLaurins 102; McKenzies 99; Morrisons 99; McCormacks 83; McMaths 72; McKays 72; McArthurs 70; McLaughlins 68; Cattanachs 50. This is an inkling of the immense Celtic emigration from Great Britain to the American Continent. Scotland is still pouring upon our shores her hardy sons.

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Silk-worm Dyers. It has long been known to physiologists, that certain coloring matters, if administered to animals along with their food, possessed the property of entering into the system and tinging the bones. In this way the bones of swine have been tinged purple by madder, and instances are on record of other animals being similarly affected. No attempt, however, was made to turn this beautiful discovery to account until lately, when Mons. Roulin speculated on what might be the consequence of administering colored articles of food to silk-worms just before they begin spinning their cocoons.

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