

man was a collusive manœuvre to deprive the Conference of its undoubted control over the property.

Gold Drops.

It is only as a man begins to know himself, that he begins truly to know other people.

Men, in society, were intended to resemble the solar system; each individual is a little world, revolving on its own axis, and moving in its own orbit, yet all revolving round a common centre of law, order, and association.

Life is divided into three terms: that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present to live better for the future.

The storm which tosses the surface into the wildest disorder, may leave the depths below in perfect calmness.

Prayer is the golden key which opens the mystical gospel clouds, and dissolves them into sweet, gracious showers.

A Few Minutes with Authors.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE PROMOTIVE OF WORLDLY INTERESTS.—We affirm not that every one who keeps holy the Sabbath will necessarily become rich, or great, or honourable, in the common acceptation of these terms; but that the due observance of the Lord's day has a direct and palpable tendency to improve man's temporal condition.—Every unsanctified Sabbath is likely to be attended with those extra expenses which idleness and vice seldom fail to create.—

Desecrated Sabbaths stand at the head of those avenues which lead directly to the abodes of infamy, intemperance and death. The number of squalid, miserable, and vicious poor could not be multiplied faster than by blotting out the remembrance of the Sabbath from the minds of men. Such a measure would be sure to fill our streets with beggars, and our prisons with criminals. We concede, that in some instances the violators of the fourth commandment may prosper and accumulate wealth; but their prosperity is for the most part only temporary. The wisest and best observers of human events tell us, that if we follow along the path of these men, we shall generally find that the end of it is covered with darkness. Their sun, after all, is wont to set in a cloud. The Sabbath is especially the poor man's friend. Its uniform tendency is to encourage those industrious and frugal habits, which are inseparably connected with the comfort and respectability of the humbler classes of society. The individual, who regularly attends on the ordinances of religion, cannot ordinarily be consigned to want, ignorance, or vice. Let wicked men say what they will, there does come an influence from such scenes, to beget a feeling of self-respect, and ward off the evils of poverty and depression. The house of God, all the country over, is the radiating point of light, and order, and peace, and industry, and contentment, for the whole neighbourhood in which it is placed. So true is this, that our poor rates could be lessened in no way more effectually, than by bringing about a universal observance of the Sabbath.

A London ironmonger's shop-boy was induced by a young woman in humble life to abandon his project of mis-spending the Lord's day evening, and accompany her to hear a sermon in the Moorfield's Tabernacle. This was the turning point in the life of John Williams the far-famed and successful Missionary to the South Sea Islands.

A Macedonian Jew stated to a number of Protestant gentlemen with whom he was conversing, that the only Christians he knew worshipped pictures of the saints and of the Virgin, and, with him, Christian was only another name for an idolater. What a comment on Popery!

Aaron Wolfgang Messely, a Jew, has been appointed by the Emperor of Austria, Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Prague.

The regulation in France requiring signatures to original articles, has, on the whole resulted favourably for the Press; the abler contributors also have obtained a position in popular esteem, and a claim on their employers, which years of anonymous drudgery would not have secured.—Unfavourable appearances often result in good.

M. Arago, the great astronomer is nearly blind, and it is feared will entirely lose his sight. His brother, a man of eminent abilities, has been blind many years.

A statue of Bolivar has been furnished by the eminent Italian Sculptor, Tenerani. It is said to be a fine instance of the beauty and delicacy of the sculptor's treatment, happily conceived and exquisitely executed.

A group, by Herr Kiss, in bronze, of an Amazon encountering a lion has been purchased by the Prince of Prussia as a present to Queen Victoria. A copy of the same work in zinc has been purchased by an American gentleman for two thousand five hundred pounds.

Charles Hood, who is employed in the Iron works of G. Downing, Esq., Smithwick, England, has produced a book the leaves of which are iron, rolled so fine that they are no thicker than a piece of paper. It is neatly bound in red morocco, and contains forty-four of these iron leaves, the whole being only the fifteenth of an inch thick.

Neander, it is said, received from his publisher at Hamburg, for the sale of a single work, more than twenty thousand dollars, exclusive of the interest his heirs have in it.

Linen, and sugar, and spirits of wine, are so much alike in their chemical composition that an old shirt can be converted into its own weight in sugar, and the sugar into spirits of wine.

Amongst the Clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Ireland sixty-four are converted Roman Catholics.

The Churchman, an American paper, charges Dr. Aydelott, whose withdrawal from the communion of the Episcopal Church we mentioned last week, with hypocrisy, and intimates that he has cut himself off from the appointed channels of grace!

Within the last fifty years, it is estimated, that Thirty-two millions of Bibles have been distributed over the earth, translated into two hundred dialects. The good these have been the means of doing, eternity alone can reveal.

The Greek Church puts Tradition on a level with the Bible, and, in justification, quotes 2d Cor. iii., 3,—“written not with ink,”—also same chapter 6th verse,—“the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life,”—the “letter” is the written Word, the “spirit” is unwritten tradition!—Proofs, those worthy of the cause sought to be established, and quite as good as those generally brought forward to establish the fable of “Apostolic Succession” as held by Romanists and high-Churchmen!

The Moravians have Two hundred and eighty-two Missionaries, male and female, in the field; and number more members in their Mission-Churches, than in their Churches at home.

In the Mysore territory, India, there are thirty-three thousand villages, of which four only have a Missionary of the Cross.

A London ironmonger's shop-boy was induced by a young woman in humble life to abandon his project of mis-spending the Lord's day evening, and accompany her to hear a sermon in the Moorfield's Tabernacle. This was the turning point in the life of John Williams the far-famed and successful Missionary to the South Sea Islands.

A Macedonian Jew stated to a number of Protestant gentlemen with whom he was conversing, that the only Christians he knew worshipped pictures of the saints and of the Virgin, and, with him, Christian was only another name for an idolater. What a comment on Popery!

Aaron Wolfgang Messely, a Jew, has been appointed by the Emperor of Austria, Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Prague.

The regulation in France requiring signatures to original articles, has, on the whole resulted favourably for the Press; the abler contributors also have obtained a position in popular esteem, and a claim on their employers, which years of anonymous drudgery would not have secured.—Unfavourable appearances often result in good.

M. Arago, the great astronomer is nearly blind, and it is feared will entirely lose his sight. His brother, a man of eminent abilities, has been blind many years.

A statue of Bolivar has been furnished by the eminent Italian Sculptor, Tenerani. It is said to be a fine instance of the beauty and delicacy of the sculptor's treatment, happily conceived and exquisitely executed.

A group, by Herr Kiss, in bronze, of an Amazon encountering a lion has been purchased by the Prince of Prussia as a present to Queen Victoria. A copy of the same work in zinc has been purchased by an American gentleman for two thousand five hundred pounds.

Charles Hood, who is employed in the Iron works of G. Downing, Esq., Smithwick, England, has produced a book the leaves of which are iron, rolled so fine that they are no thicker than a piece of paper. It is neatly bound in red morocco, and contains forty-four of these iron leaves, the whole being only the fifteenth of an inch thick.

Neander, it is said, received from his publisher at Hamburg, for the sale of a single work, more than twenty thousand dollars, exclusive of the interest his heirs have in it.

Linen, and sugar, and spirits of wine, are so much alike in their chemical composition that an old shirt can be converted into its own weight in sugar, and the sugar into spirits of wine.

Messrs Bond, the astronomers at the Cambridge Observatory, U. S., have discovered a third ring around the Planet Saturn.

Aquafortis and the air we breathe are made of the same materials.

Peruvian bark and the poisonous principles of opium are formed of the same materials.

Captain Poole, of the East India Company's service, has discovered on an island situate between New Holland and Norfolk Island a wingless bird. Specimens are on their way to England.

In 1790 the Rajah of Nadiga, in Hindoostan, expended one hundred thousand rupees in marrying two monkeys! Last year at Baroda a man of rank spent about twenty-five thousand rupees on the marriage of two dolls! And yet these expenses were sensible in comparison of the millions of pounds annually squandered by persons in Christian countries for the purchase of intoxicating drinks.

The hereditary ranks of China are very few, while there is no bar, save the want of qualification, to prevent any of its subjects rising to the highest honours and emoluments of office, beneath the throne.

A railroad is to be constructed from Calcutta to Delhi. It will pass through India from east to west, and in all probability will be extended to Lahore, the capital of the Punjab. A remarkable feature in the undertaking, is, that it will cross the Sone river where it is three miles wide, by a bridge consisting of eighty suspension bridges of two hundred feet span each, and is to cost one million pounds sterling.

Some enterprising capitalists have invested thirty thousand dollars in a flax and cordage manufacturing establishment at St. Paul's, Minnesota.

A Judge of Probate in Minnesota territory has decided, that if the government enlist a married man, it must provide suitable accommodations for his wife, and that every enlisted soldier may have a wife provided for.

The New York Legislature has passed a very stringent law for the suppression of gambling.—Parties convicted under the law, shall be sentenced to not less than ten days hard labour in the penitentiary, or not more than two years hard labor in the State prison, and be fined in any sum not more than one thousand dollars, for the use of the common schools in the County where such conviction shall take place—in default of which they shall remain in prison until such fine be remitted or paid. Another step in favour of morality.

The Utica and Shenectady Railroad, seventy-eight miles in length, has, in fourteen years, realized, over current expenses, \$4,218,204, netting in that time, after paying the whole cost of the road, a clear profit of \$2,718,204.

Camphor floats on water, but sinks in spirits. Its specific gravity is 988. It melts at 288°, and boils at 499°, and leaves no residuum after being burnt.

The first canal in England was on the Duke of Bridgewater's estates in Lancashire, and called, from the locality, the Sankey Navigation.—The first instance of a canal in France was that of Languedoc. In China, canals have been long adopted and generally used.

The most remarkable breakwaters are those of Cherbourg, in France, and Plymouth, in England.

The largest bell known in the world is that of the Kremlin, at Moscow; its weight is estimated at 443,772 pounds. The largest in England is the Great Tom, of Oxford.

Balzac, while on a visit to the Chateau de Bitremont, was taken to see a farmer, and, as usual, interested himself so much in the cattle, that after an hour's conversation, he was amused to find that the farmer had taken him, H. de Balzac, the brilliant Parisian, for a cattle-dealer!

By what an apparently slight cause is death sometimes occasioned. A Mr. Andrews, an eminent lawyer of Alexandria, Va., slapped his slave boy in the mouth with the back of his hand; one of the teeth wounded the hand between two of the knuckles, and from the effects of that wound Mr. Andrews died, a few days afterwards.

The Toronto Christian Guardian of the 30th ult., contains an able justification of “The Wesleyan Benevolent Societies Incorporation Act,” against the attacks of the Globe, Hamilton Journal and Express, and The Examiner.

See third page for List of Missionary Deputations for the New Brunswick District for the present Methodist year.

CANDIDATES FOR THE APPROACHING ELECTION.—The Candidates for Election in the county of Halifax, are, on the Liberal Ticket, Wm. Annand and John Esson, Esqrs.—on the Conservative side, T. R. Grassie, Esqr. For the Township, Liberal, Hon. L. O'C. Doyle and Benjamin Wier, Esq.—Conservative, David Allison, Esqr.—Athenaeum.

THE APOSTOLICAL SUCCESSION.—“There is not a bishop, priest, or deacon who cannot, if he please, trace his descent to Peter and Paul.”—Rev. Dr. Hook.—“There is not a minister in all Christendom who is able, with any approach to certainty, to trace his own succession to any one of the apostles whatever.—Archbishop of Dublin.

Dr. Hook, we imagine, had been fishing with Puseyite bait on the banks of the Tyber, when he brought up that great untruth. The Archbishop of Dublin has taken the false bait from the hook, and left it quite bare. None but a very foolish fish would be caught by it now.

Resignation of Dr. Bunting.

On Wednesday night the Wesleyan Missionary Committee adopted a resolution agreeing to respectfully accept the resignation of its Senior Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Bunting, which he had tendered at a previous meeting. For two or three years past, the venerable Doctor has so far felt the pressure of age, that he has asked the Committee to relieve him from his duties; but he has always, hitherto, yielded to their earnest solicitation that he should continue to hold the post he so long honoured. Lately, however, the state of his health has been such as to induce him to place his resignation before the Committee, in terms which allowed them no further choice. Accordingly, they have, with great reluctance, consented that he should lay down the responsibilities which he has sustained, from the time that the Head of the Church removed from us his great predecessor, Mr. Watson.

This event, although one for which the years of Dr. Bunting might have prepared us all, will be received with lively regret. Dr. Bunting will retire from his public post with a measure of confidence and esteem which an affection for his person, and a veneration for his talents, on the part of those who have best known him in council and in toil, such as seldom falls to the lot of a public man after a long career not unchequered by conflict and difficulty. None can over-estimate the value of his wisdom and his influence to the great Mission cause during the years of fiery trial through which it has lately passed. And no friend of that cause can hear of his resignation without lively anxiety that Providence may ever raise up men by whom it may be efficiently superintended in its operations abroad, and successfully commended to the support of the Christian public at home.

Dr. Bunting has now spent a long life in the service of Methodism. He has devoted to it talents, which in any other sphere would have raised him to eminence and wealth; a judgment, an eloquence, an energy, and a legislative ability such as have seldom been surpassed, in the annals of English mind. All these powers he has taxed with a perpetual diligence, which we believe none will deny him. In the course of his varied life, he has had many tokens that by some his “virtues and his talents” were little appreciated; but many, also, that by the Connexion at large they were worthily regarded. But now that he withdraws from public life, we may safely express a doubt whether any Church, or any cause in England could point to a man of talents so commanding, name so celebrated, influence so extensive, and services so laborious, who at the close of fifty-two years' toil, is found retiring with so little reaped to his personal advantage, or that of his family. The present is not the time to dwell upon his virtues, or his deserts, but all must admit that he can appear before the people he has served and adorned, a great and a beautiful example of disinterested labour.—London Watchman, July 16th.