

THE PLACE OF BAPTISTS IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

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The place of the Baptist people in the Christian church is to be determined by the potency of the Baptist principle for Christian service.

Crucify it and the third day it will rise again. Bury it in a sepulchre and the stone will be rolled away while the keepers become as dead men.

The essential Baptist principle, as I apprehend it is: An acute and vivid consciousness of the sovereignty of Christ, accompanied by a steadfast determination to secure its complete and consistent recognition throughout the world and in all the works and ways of men.

It has been in behalf of soul liberty, primarily, that we have ever stood for.

Now this conception is one that carries with it, inevitably, the Baptist doctrine of individualism. To Christ and to Christ alone, the individual must stand or fall.

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From first to last we have uttered our steady protestation against all soul reliance upon ceremonial observances. We could do no other. Our fundamental principle lays the axe at the root of all sacramentalism and sacerdotalism.

And what could be more fitting than that a Baptist should lead in such a cause as this? Baptists created the conscience of this country on the subject of slavery.

It is in the light of the Memorial League of Christ, all doctrinal and dogmatical, that the doctrine of baptismal regeneration, not merely meaningless fictions, but unconscious defamations of the crown rights of the Holy Ghost in the immediate bestowment of divine grace, is a union of the soul of Christianity, is a union effected by the sovereign operation of the Holy Ghost in the immediate bestowment of divine grace.

The brightest chapter of Baptist achievement has, however, been enacted, not in the old world, but in the new. The old spirit of religious intolerance crossed the Atlantic in the "Mayflower."

In our postulate of soul liberty we affirm the right of every human being to exemption in matters of faith and conscience from all coercion or intimidation by any earthly authority whatsoever.

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chapter from Charles the First, had in 1635 settled a colony in what is now known as Maryland, on what purported to be a basis of religious liberty.

Once in a golden hour, Up to earth a seed, Up there came the flower. The people said, a weed.

It has given her, spiritually, a southern exposure, through which she has felt at her heart the thrill of a new vitality, while bearing on her outmost branches a burden of precious fruit for the vintage of the skies.

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With humble thankfulness we claim as ours, John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer of Bedford jail; Christmas Evans, the one-eyed man of Anglesea, and a prophet sent from God.

The world must not be permitted to forget what the Baptist doctrine of soul liberty, broadening into the conception of personal liberty and finding its noblest expression in the doctrine of individualism, has wrought for the emancipation of mankind.

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British Ports. TORONTO, July 27.—Passed, str Remsdalen, from Chatham, N.B., for Belfast.

Foreign Ports. HAVANA, July 18.—Arr, sch King of Avon, Morris, from Mobile.

Shipping News. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. July 27.—Sch Adeline, 193, Smith, from Bridgeport, R. C. Elkin, bal.

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ST. PETERSBURG.—Emperor's message to the Congress expressed his confidence in the Russian government and which was reprinted in every day.

Several papers proposition to publish a book on the life of the Emperor. The book would be written by a disinterested person.

Arrangements for practically complete evacuation of the harbor at unusually slow speed.

As soon as the Russian and German vessels have anchored off Admiral W. W. both vessels, and then his return to the harbor will land from sea, and as they mayflower and a salute of 19 guns.

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