

WESLEYAN ALMANAC

APRIL, 1879.

Full Moon, 6 day, 9h, 10m, Afternoon. Last Quarter, 12 day, 9h, 45m, Morning. New Moon, 21 day, 9h, 41m, Morning. First Quarter, 29 day, 10h, 2m, Morning.

Table with columns for Day of Week, Sun, Moon, and other astronomical data.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Position gives the time of high water at Portsmouth, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

OBITUARY.

JOSHUA BLACK.

The Amherst circuit has greatly changed within the last few years. All "old things" seem to be passing away.

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MRS. ELIZABETH JOHNSTON. We are again called upon to mourn the loss of one of our oldest members in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston, of Gardiner Ridge, Dumbarton, N. B.

O may I triumph so, When all my warfare's past, And dying find my latest foe, Under my feet at last.

W. R. T.

SUPERB STRAWBERRIES.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROWING LARGE BERRIES.

BY R. H. HAINES.

The unusual size of many of the newer varieties of this fruit is causing many persons to engage in the culture of the berries who previously had been satisfied to depend on what could be obtained in the markets.

Burr Oak. This is the first of the newer kinds that will receive our attention. It is especially noticeable on account of the lateness of its time of ripening.

Minier's Great Prolific.—This variety though not one of the largest, yet has so many desirable qualities that it is well worthy of a short description.

President Lincoln.—At one time this was thought to be the largest variety known, having given one berry eleven inches in circumference, and many measuring from six to eight inches around.

Crystal City, Duncan, Early Adelia and Russell's Advance are good early kinds, some of them ripening a week or two before most of varieties of strawberries.

spoiled deeply spaded or subsoil ploughed, so that the roots can obtain an abundant supply of moisture and nourishment.

Sangerties-on-Hudson, N. Y.

CONVERSATION AND ORATORY.

The following from the Examiner and Chronicle we most heartily commend to preachers, superintendents, Sabbath-school teachers, church members and others who take part in prayer and conference meetings, and to all who in any way address the public on religious themes.

"The relation of conversation to oratory is intimate and immediate. The very highest type of oratory is, indeed, only glorified talk, or conversation raised to the zenith power.

There is, we repeat it, greater need of care, on the part of our public speakers with reference to conversation; and that in three particulars. First, the choice of themes.

THE YOUNG FOLKS.

THE HOMELESS BOY.

BY BELLE SPARE.

One dark, lonesome night, in the month of March, in a large city, sitting on a low step near a grand house of stone and marble, might be seen a boy.

He was hungry for a home in that great cold city. Would it not make your heart almost break if you stood in the street alone, homeless, friendless?

Of Mrs. Horton, we the people of R—, knew as yet nothing, save that since by manners we usually judge, she was a lady in every respect—gentle, quiet and refined.

ed the night; the wind on the ocean was high, and it made the waves dash and roll, and the old ocean roar and moan.

Then the years went by, and one terrible night his father went down in a storm, and left his boy alone in the world.

WILLIE'S TALK WITH GOD.

Willie was a sturdy little fellow about four years old, who had considerable mischief in his little body, and had to be watched pretty closely.

One day, as he was walking with his brother, who was about three years older, he espied some very tempting apples on the stand of a Chinaman.

"Where'd you get that?" exclaimed Eddie, his brother.

"Oh, somewhere," Willie managed to say, his mouth well filled with the delicious fruit.

After considerable urging, Eddie drew from him the story of the apple, and when they got home told the story to his mother, who was very much shocked.

"Have you, my dear?" answered his mother. "What did he say?"

"He said, he did, 'Little boy, did you hook an apple off of John Chinaman's table yesterday?' and I said, 'Yes, sir, but I'll never do it again'; and he said, 'Oh, you naughty boy! Are you sure you will never do it again?'"

CLEAN HANDS, PURE LIPS.

"Why didn't you strike back, you goose?"

I paused in my sewing and looked out unobserved upon a group of little folks playing near my window.

What could be the trouble now, I wondered, seeing Amy's flushed face and catching the scowl on the brow of the questioner, who asked: "Why didn't you strike back again?"

I listened for the answer with interest. "Cause—'cause—my mamma would—wouldn't kiss my hands—if I—struck anybody!" sobbed the injured little one.

"Wouldn't kiss your hands?" exclaimed her listener wonderingly. "What do you mean, Amy? What a queer idea!"

"Will you take me to your house, dear?" I asked with a smile, and stooping to kiss the small, griefed face.

I agreed rather indignantly that it was the meanest thing, and then we walked along the road to where Amy's mother lived.

"Maybe I am foolish, Mrs. —, but ever since my little one was given me I have loved to kiss the little baby hands as well as baby lips.

"As she grew older I still kept up the custom, and when night came and undressing her I failed to kiss the little hands, Amy knew it was because they were not quite clean from naughtiness.

But she cared more for kisses on hands and lips than for anything else in the world, I believe; my loving little Amy!

My own eyes were tearful when Mrs. Horton's voice ceased, and I envied little Amy her beautiful young mother's companionship.

DIPHTHERIA.—The name strikes a chill to a mother's heart as she realizes what a dangerous malady it is.

A LIFE SAVED for thirty-five cents! A lady in Boston had diphtheria and was almost dead from strangulation, but was instantly relieved and finally cured by Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.

PROFITABLE INVESTMENT. One dollar's worth of Sheridan's Cavalry Condition Powders led to a coop of thirty hens which yielded a profit of three dollars, besides preventing all manner of diseases.

A learned Professor of one of our universities made the remarkable statement that rarely succeeded themselves if they ers of tobacco. T or pipes seemed to and to have the them from sedulo sufficient to exceed degrees. We rep heard it, and subtrou. Perhaps oth candid and obse similar tale to tell.

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