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Religious Miscellany.

OUR BEAUTIFUL SABBATH.

BY MRS. O. J. WARD. Our Sabbath, we love it, and how shall they dare. To take from our Lord our Sabbath of prayer?

It comes to the weary, the way-worn, the pressed, Whose moments of toil have no moments for rest.

It comes to the old as the sun goes down, An earnest of Heaven, of life and a crown.

It comes to the child, whether aged or young, With the olive of peace, which its angels have sung.

And who of our land shall ruthlessly tear This God-given day from these children of prayer?

It comes to all in the sweetest of strains, Of a Heaven-born Child on Bethlehem's plains.

Who, loving the world, yet conquered the grave, By giving his life a ransom to save.

And on our sweet Sabbath, our Sabbath so blest, He rose from the dead, our Redeemer, our rest.

We love our dear Sabbath, we've treasured it long; Can we yield its sweet memories to blaspheming?

Can we blot from our records its beautiful name, And give our dear Sabbath to riot and shame?

Shall the godless, the Christless, the heathen, the vile, Take from our Sabbaths by riotings wild?

We've clung to our Sabbath, we'll cling to it still, With God for our strength, and a sanctified will.

Our Sabbath we'll hold, and its memories sweet Shall kindle our hearts, and hasten our feet.

To save from the godless and rioting throng, Our beautiful Sabbath of prayer and of song.

METHODIST MISSIONARY MEETING.

Last evening the regular annual missionary meeting of the Centenary Church was held, the attendance being good, but by no means as large as might have been anticipated from the importance of the occasion.

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General Miscellany.

THE REV. GERVAISE SMITH IN AMERICA.

DEAR SIR,—Within a few hours of posting my last letter we entered the modern but famous city of Chicago.

It is to-day a magnificent city of warehouses, mansions and churches. I will not trouble you with many statistics, but the following may be of interest to some of your readers.

For the past year, 1873, the receipts and disbursements of the Board of Trade are about \$100,000 each.

The population of the city is 430,000. The valuation of real estate and personal property in the city is \$312,000,000.

The total tax levied for the year is nearly \$4,750,000 or 5-8-4 millions.

The bonded debt of the city at the present time is \$13,500,000.

The total export for foreign countries of wheat, corn, and rye for 1873 was 79,000,000 bushels.

The following shipments from Chicago were made during the same year.

Provisions and meat, 344 millions of lbs.; butter and lard, 103 millions; wool, 33 millions; hides, 31 millions; seeds, 26 millions of lbs.; lead, 17 1/2 millions; 562 millions of feet of lumber, and 408 millions of shingles.

The manufacturing interests of Chicago embrace 490 establishments, employing a capital of 44 millions of dollars, and 45,000 operatives.

The capacity of elevator warehouses for the storing of grain is more than 12,500,000 bushels.

In 1872 there were 285,000 head of cattle shipped from this wonderful city.

Everybody talks about the great fire of three years ago, to distinguish it from the conflagration in rebuilding the city was evoked which was perfectly startling.

During the winter of 1871 there was a large building raised on the average for every working hour. That is, sixty of these immense warehouses or shops were com-

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