

We ask our readers as men of calculation, wisdom and prudence, whether the second of the modes supposed would not be infinitely better than the first, both as to individual benefit and general results? There would be all the moral benefits arising from organization, association, and preaching, (and with intelligent Christians there would be more than this), without any of the deadning, unscriptural, and costly popular machinery ordinarily employed—namely—a £300 or £500 SERMON READER.

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Electricity applied to the Telegraph.

Thought transmitted 10,000 miles in a Second of Time.

Electricity is one of the most universal and wonderful agents in the physical world; yet, of its nature and powers little is yet known. Its recent application to Telegraphic communication forms a remarkable era in the age we live in. By two plain and exposed continuous wires stretched upon uprights, a conversation by intelligible signs can, by this means, be kept up between two points, however distant! Between Baltimore and Washington, Buffalo and Lockport, London and Southampton, these lightning messengers are in full operation; and, probably, before the close of this year, they will extend from Boston to the Lakes! When this is done, the arrival of an Atlantic Steamer will be known, *in less than five minutes*, 1000 miles from the Seaboard!

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The Blue Laws of Connecticut.

They were so called from being done up in Blue Covers. These Laws show how little reliance is to be placed upon the opinions of "THE FATHERS," distinguished though they were by many noble traits of character. We give a few items by way of curiosity:—

The Governor is amenable to the voice of the People.

The Assembly of the People (namely, the Governor and Magistrates) shall not be dismissed by the Governor, but shall dismiss itself.

The judges shall determine controversies without a jury.

No man shall hold any office who is not sound in the faith.

No Quaker or Dissenter from the Established worship of this Dominion shall have a vote.

No food or lodging shall be afforded to a Quaker, Adamite, or other Heretic.

If any person turn Quaker he shall be banished: if he return he shall suffer death.

No Priest shall abide in this Dominion, but shall be banished, and suffer death if he return. Priests may be seized by any one without a warrant.

No one shall run on the Sabbath-day, or walk in his garden or elsewhere, except reverently to and from Meeting.

No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting-day.

A Drunkard shall be a Master appointed by the Selectmen, who are to debar him from the liberty buying and selling.

No one shall read Canon Prayer, keep Christmas or Saints' Days, make minced pies, dance, play card or play on any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet, or jews-harp.

No Gospel Minister shall join people in marriage; but Magistrates only.

Every Male shall have his hair cut round according to his cap.

With the love of liberty, and a very high estimate of moral order, there is evinced in these laws the strong bearing of the persecuting spirit of the age, of which they themselves had merited been the victims. It was then, however, but the morning of liberty. The Sun of freedom shines brighter now; although it is yet far from the meridian.

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LIFE AND DEATH.—The population of the earth is estimated at one thousand millions, and a generation lasts thirty-three years. Therefore, in 33 years the 1,000,000,000 must all die! Consequently, the number of deaths will be, by approximation, each year 30,000,000.