

the confusion and logical inconsistency? It has grown out of an attempt to maintain a theory as to what constitutes the church—the theory that the visible church of Christ is constituted of believers and their children. Confession of Faith, chapter 26, article 2: "The visible church, which is also Catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation as before under the law) consist of all those throughout the world who profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation." (See also Larger Catechism, Q. 62.)

And what are we referred to as Scripture proof of this doctrine? We refer to 1 Cor. 12, and 1 Cor. 12:13. But those texts so unmistakably prove the spiritual nature of the church that one can never doubt that every true believer who professes to be a member of the church is made up of all except those who give credible evidence of having been regenerated by the baptism of the Spirit. And Psalm 2:8. This proves certainly that Christ shall have dominion over the whole earth and its inhabitants, but how does it prove that the uttermost parts of the earth, or that the children of those who profess the true religion are members of the church?

And 1 Cor. 7:14 and Acts 2:39. These two texts, as we have previously shown, can not be interpreted to mean that infants are members of the visible church without violating principles of interpretation which all evangelical Christians are compelled to admit and hold.

And Gen. 17:7. "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant; and to be a god unto thee and thy seed after thee."

This passage, interpreted as Pedobaptists interpret it, makes all the children of Abraham the true children of God, which we, who have shown to be false.

It is shown that the covenant with Abraham was limited in its duration. We have shown that it was confined to the Jewish people, and passed away when the gospel came, and set up. It seems to us that the grand cause of the error into which Pedobaptists have fallen, is their not perceiving the difference between the Jewish and the Christian system. The Jewish system, or ritual system, was one that required only a ceremonial cleanness in order to be admitted to the ceremonial ordinances of the church, that is, to give him all the privileges of the church and nation. Any Jew, who had not committed a capital offense, could, by undergoing a prescribed ceremonial purification, be admitted to all the religious privileges of that system. It is true that the design of those ceremonial purifications was to touch the need of cleansing by the atoning blood of Christ, and by the sanctifying power of God. But the Apostle Paul shows that that system was imperfect, was made up of a carnal ordinance, and has now passed away. Now the time has come when men must come to God by a personal faith in Christ. Now is the dispensation of the Spirit. Under this dispensation only those persons have a right in the church who give evidence that they have received the baptism of the Spirit, by which they are vitally united to Christ, and are in the highest evidence.

Gal. 3:23-29. "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up to the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And ye are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

WE have not seen the smiling face nor heard the cheering words of the travelling editor in this portion of the Oregonian, hence he or she is not near so large a number of subscribers as there might be and ought to be.

POPULAR BOOK.—We think that Louisville ought to be well enough supplied with Baptist theologians without Pilgrim church calling upon Frimble to give up the only resident pastor and bishop among us, Elder Andrew Jackson. The ladies have covered the floor of this church with new rug carpet, 121 yards.

COSS BREX.—The pastor here is an earnest, indefatigable worker, and one of the most faithful visiting ministers we know. Old and young, rich and poor alike require attention. We regretted that our notes of January seemed to leave the impression that he was to be blamed especially for a meeting has been held at Middle Creek by Brethren Powers and Jackson. We have not heard much of him. Distance, mud, and sickness prevented us from attending.

MITCHELL AND LOONEY CREEK.—The churches of our faith and order at these points are moving along as usual, understand, nothing to the contrary.

OF our churches would keep up regular and interesting prayer-meetings weekly, it would be greatly to their advantage. Literally nothing can be accomplished in a religious point of view without prayer—private and united. It is the soul of Christianity, as the poet expresses it, "The Christian's vital breath." I. ANNOLD.

ORDINATION.—At the call of Elm Grove Baptist church, Calvary county, Ky., the following named ministers, viz., K. L. Melan, D. M. Brown, T. H. Stamp, J. B. Fletcher, met with church for the purpose of examining into the qualifications of Bro. John W. Bell, A. J. Bell, J. D. O'Neil and B. Neal to the several offices of exhorter, deacon, pastor by D. M. Green, examination of candidates by T. H. Stamp, charge by J. B. Fletcher, presentation of the Bible by K. L. Melan, prayer by Bro. J. W. Bell, benediction by the pastor.

FROM THE CHURCHES.—Bro. J. C. Porter states in a private letter that the meeting at Stinking Fork, Christian Co., Ky., closed after 18 days, with 110 conversions, and 90 additions to the church. He has been quite successful as evangelist in this his winter's work. He preached more than 250 sermons since July 1st. It was reported in the Recorder some time ago that Bro. P. was married. That event has not occurred and will not occur till he comes back. He expects to be at the Anniversary next session. Elliott House, Louisville, March 11th.

DR. WATSON CO. KY.—I had a meeting in January of 1889. There were 133 professions and 8 baptisms; others to be baptized at next meeting. I was assisted by Bro's B. H. Vire and J. J. Cooper. They did good service. B. BERRY.

SEASON, MERCER CO., KY.—Last fall had a meeting of days and several were added among the number a young man had been somewhat wild, but in a short time I noticed at church that he had his treatment in his pocket, and it struck me that he was going to work a few weeks ago we organized a Sunday-school and he took in Testament class, and today our superintendent decided to serve longer, that young brother was elected, and has taken hold of his work, and I think will make a good pastor. Most you may have seen a good report from our church and school. Would like to send something to the State Board before long, but we can't send now, for we are poor, and hard run to meet expenses, but all seem interested, and I know that when we get a good start they will give something. If all go to that Sunday-school hall will move. May it be a general move, I am praying. W. S. Nevada, Ky., March 14, 1890.

BOOKS.—A brief notice of all books appearing in this column are reviewed and a fuller notice after the book appears in the column, may be had of the American Co. of Publishers, 150 Nassau St., N. Y.

HETTS WHIGGOT, or Faithful over a few things. By Lena Ward. Philadelphia: The Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street. Price, \$1.00.

BELLA AND HELEN; or, the Heavenly City. By Julia Goodfellow. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, Price, \$1.00.

A NEW MAP.—We have received from the Boston, Worcester, and Lowell, Mass., a new map, which we regard as especially deserving the attention of Sunday-school superintendents and teachers. "The Traveler's Key to Geographical Order, and New Map of Palestine, by Rev. A. P. Stone," is designed to trace the travels of Jesus through all his earthly life, from the flight from Bethlehem to the ascending Mount Olivet. The travels are traced in lines of different colors, showing which parts of the journey were made by land, which by sea, and which by air. There is also a Chronological Table, by the aid of which it is readily to be seen from which point each came to any given point, and to what point he went. There are also tables giving the names of mountains and hills, the distance and the distance from Jerusalem to the principal cities; the population of cities in ancient and modern times. All the cities and towns of the New Testament, and most of those in the Old Testament, are given very distinctly. The size of the map is 22x16, and is admirably executed. It is possible for a map of that size to be so well and read in a Sunday-school room, this map can be said to read.

THE APRIL NUMBER OF THE "NEW AMERICAN" will contain an article by George T. H. Smith, entitled "Our Country, Our Duty to the Republic." It will cover the whole period of Gen. McClellan's military career, from the first invasion of the South to the defeat of Lee at Antietam. It will be followed by a second part in the May issue, giving the fate of McClellan's removal from command. These articles will be replete with facts hitherto unknown to the general public.

WE want to double the circulation of the Recorder by the first of June and we are willing to pay our friends to help us to do it. We, therefore, offer the following very liberal premiums for new subscribers:

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From Bro. J. A. Brown, D.D.—This selection is remarkable for its variety, and its every-where use. It is a most pleasing new hymn-book, and is well suited to the hymn-master of our churches. The compiler has shown devoted feeling and made this his best effort.

From Bro. J. M. Mearns, D.D.—It is clean, suited to the pocket, well printed, and contains many new hymns, and a single objectionable one. It is, in my opinion, the best hymn book of the times.

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They are slipping away—these sweet, swift years like a leaf on the current...

As I grieve and sigh as a mother's thread, Or as a lover's first gleam!

As I look at the bright of the thistle-down, As I feel in the world's dream!

As I pass the flash by the sun-bright thread, As I see in the world's weaving thread...

One after another we see pass, Down the dim-lighted stair...

There are only a few years left to love; Shall we waste these in idle strife?

There are only a few swift years—ah, let No serious tattle be heard...

Partly of the Holyday. It is said Judge G.S. French, the Democratic nominee for Common Pleas Judge in the Clark district...

It is quite refreshing at a time when it is known that a great many nominations are now secured by the use of money...

used by them to obtain their position. The nominee for Circuit Judge in this district, Hon. Ross Riddell...

one of the best judges that ever sat on the bench in the State, are so informed by parties who ought to know...

that he did not expend any money or whisky to secure his nomination. Men who obtain nominations in this manner will make officers worthy of the position they occupy.

Judge French was raised in this country, and his brother, James H. French, once made a race and was elected County Judge of this county.

An incident of the canvass was told on a few days since by a gentleman who was a warm political and personal friend of Judge J. H., which shows that the French family is opposed to the use of money to secure elections.

This gentleman told us that a few days before the August election in 1868, he was one of a committee who waited on J. H., and asked him to contribute to the common fund to secure the success of their ticket. His reply was: "Gentlemen, you please do upon the track without consulting my wishes and can withdraw my name if you desire, but I can not give you one cent to secure my election."—Mt. Sterling Sentinel.

A Perfect Home. The most perfect home I ever saw was a little house into the sweet visage of whose airy fires went not earthly things.

A thousand dollars served as a year's living of father, mother, and three children. But the mother was the creator of a home; her relations with her children were the most beautiful I ever saw.

Even the dull and commonplace man was lifted up and enabled to do good work for souls by the atmosphere which this woman created; every inmate of her house invariably looked into her face for the keynote of the day, and it always rang clear from the rose-bud or clover-leaf which, in spite of her hard household, she always found time to put by our plates at breakfast, down to the story she had on hand to be read in the evening, there was no interruption of her influence. She has always been and always will be my ideal of a mother, wife, and a homemaker. If to be quick brain, loving heart, and exquisite fong had been added the appliances of wealth, none of the enlargements of wide culture, hers would have been absolutely the ideal home. As it was, it was the best I had ever seen.—HELEN HUNT, in Interior.

Blatancy. Our mistakes are sometimes in the best of the best that could have happened to us. However they turn out, they at least discipline character and compel independence. It is true, most assuredly, that when we ask for wisdom, and ask properly, it will be given us, for God is faithful who hath promised. But we do not either get or discern the gift immediately. Various channels and diverse agencies and long intervals

may bring it. Yet God is behind them all, working through and beneath them.

Suppose we lose the main road, and for awhile turn off by a by-path? There may be some flower to pull, or some landscape to see, we should be missed otherwise. The panic of an irreparable mistake almost

ensued us; we saw no way of escape from a blunder into which we seemed to have been pushed in answer to fervent prayer. But wait, and things will turn, and in the end your fancied error may prove the wisest thing you ever did in your life.

A good conscience as a motive, a child-like wish as purpose, a devoted heart as affection, helped to make the light in which Christ walked with his Father, in which he would have us walk with him, ever trying to do such things as please him.

When the curtain rises that shuts out the secret of divine government from our mortal gaze, our mistakes may be seen to have been our education for immortality.—Good Words.

Cat and Rattlesnake. In American Ga., a cat attacked a rattlesnake in a garden. When the cat was ten feet away the snake suddenly coiled up, flared the cat, and darted out its forked tongue.

The cat circled around the snake so rapidly that the eye could hardly follow her. Suddenly she darted toward the enemy, but went high above the snake, which also struck at the cat. The cat went too far, and by the time it had turned to face its foe, the reptile was again coiled and ready for the attack. The same moment occurred, and the rattlesnake for four or five minutes occupying at least half an hour. The cat wished to catch the snake, but seemed aware that if it missed the neck it would be certain death. At the sixth assault they met, and instantly the snake was wrapped in several folds around the body of the cat, which used its sharp claws with deadly effect. The cat had been bitten on the head and neck several times, and both continued to fight. The snake was torn nearly to shreds, but did not continue to ascend its victim. The poison was swift, but before the cat died it caught the snake's head in its mouth and crushed it, and fighting they died, the snake enveloping the cat in its coils. The snake measured four feet eight inches and had thirteen rattles.

A Genuine Reward. In one of the hotly contested fights in Virginia, during the war, a Federal officer fell in front of the Confederate works. While lying there, wounded and crying for water, a Confederate soldier (James Moore, of Burke county, North Carolina) declared his intention of supplying him with a drink. The bullet were flying thick on both sides, and Moore's friends did not dissent from his somewhat hazardous offer.

Despite remonstrance and danger, however, Moore leaped the breastworks, canteen in hand, reached his wounded enemy, and gave him drink. The Federal, under a sense of gratitude for the timely service, took out his gold watch and offered it to his benefactor, but it was refused. The officer then asked the name of the man who had braved such danger to succor him. The name was given, and Moore returned to his position behind the embankment. They saw nothing more of each other. Moore was subsequently wounded, and lost a limb in one of the engagements in Virginia, and returned to his home in Burke county. A few days ago, he received a communication from the Federal soldier to whom he had given the "cup of cold water," announcing that he had settled on him the sum of \$10,000, to be paid in four annual installments of \$2,500 each. Investigation has established the fact that there is no mistake or deception in the matter.

Get Even with Him. Many amusing anecdotes are related of John Randolph, of Virginia. One night when traveling through the "Old Dominion" he stopped at an inn near the forks of two roads. The inn-keeper was a fine old gentleman, and knowing who his distinguished guest was, he endeavored, during the evening, to draw him into a conversation, but failed. Hat in the morning, when Mr. Randolph was ready to start, he called for his bill and paid it. The landlord, still

anxious to have some conversation, tackled him again.

"Which way are you traveling, Mr. Randolph?"

"Sir?" said Mr. Randolph, with a look of displeasure.

"I am glad," said the landlord, "which way are you traveling?"

"How have I paid you my bill?"

"Yes."

"Do I owe you anything more?"

"No."

"Well, I'm going just where I please; do you understand?"

"Yes."

The landlord by this time got somewhat excited, and Mr. Randolph drove off. But to the landlord's surprise, in a few minutes he sent one of the servants to inquire which of the forks of the road he took.

Mr. Randolph, still being within hearing distance, the landlord yelled at the top of his voice: "Mr. Randolph, you don't owe me one cent; just take which ever road you please."

Our Little Folks.

MY POLLY. BY ACME COLLIER.

My Polly wears a red, green, gold. Fished out with silver thread.

And a "bang" of bright blue feathers Adorn her velvet hood.

My Polly is a beauty, And owns a house, what's more, With glossy bamboo necktie

And a pair of velvet shoes. He lives alone, with none to fret Or cross his lonely will.

And all day long a stream of words Flies from his velvet bill.

And when he takes his weekly bath, He opens wide his wings.

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Temper at Home. I have peeped into quiet "parlors" where the carpet is clean and not old, and the furniture polished and bright; into "rooms" where the chairs are deal and the floor carpetless; into "kitchens" where the family live, and the meals are cooked and eaten, and the boys and girls are as blithe as sparrows in the thatch overhead; and I see that it is not so much wealth, nor learning, nor clothing, nor servants, nor toll, nor idleness, nor station, nor country, nor rank, nor nation—so tone and temper that make life joyous or miserable, that render home happy or wretched. And I see, too, that in our own country God's grace and good sense make life what no teachers, or accomplishments, or means, or society can make it: the opening state of an everlasting psalm, the fair beginning of an endless existence, the gently, modest, well-proportioned, yet capable to a temple of God, abiding, that shall never decay, wax old, or vanish away.—John Hall, D.D.

A Perilous Position. Five lads who had been playing on the English coast near Plymouth, at low tide, entered a cave in the rock and remained there unobserved of the rising tide until they discovered that it was impossible for them to escape from their prison. They screamed and shouted, while the swift waters driven by a fierce gale, rushed higher and higher. Hundreds of people, attracted by the piercing cry, congregated on the rock above, but they could do nothing. No boat could live in the boiling surf, and all looked helplessly on until two seafaring men, George Andrews and Thos. Penny, offered to attempt a rescue. They were fastened to ropes, lowered over the precipitous crags, and allowing themselves to be washed into the cave by the sea, succeeded in rescuing one boy. This hazardous operation was continued until the five were landed on the rocks above.

Wanted—A Minister. My Dear — Of by the way, if you learn of any with energy, careful interest in the conversion of souls, attractive in preaching, great-hearted, unselfish, merciful; in fact, holy—let me know. Paul was much the kind of man we want. We want a man who knows all about the enemy; has some capacity for working miracles; is ready to be stoned; can teach the women, interest the children, make princes tremble, confound the Jews, convert kings, pick up sticks, earn his own living, go through fire and water for the good of others, with an expectation that they will interest themselves in him; and, in general, lead a fervent hope of dependent followers.—Scriven's Monthly.

Better than Gold. I shall give fifty to the missionaries," said Billy, and he put his hand on a little gold dollar, as he counted the contents of his money-bag.

"Why?" Susie asked.

"Cause it's gold. Don't you know the wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold? And the missionaries work for Jesus."

For stillness for a little, then Susie said: "The gold all belongs to Him anyhow. Don't you think it would be better to give it to Him and give Him just what He asks for?"

"What's that?" Billy asked.

"Susie repeated softly, "My son, give me thine heart."

CHILDREN, if you make a promise, keep it. Nothing shows a person's real character more than little things; and even if the breaking of your word would not lead to serious results to others, it will lead to a habit of neglect and carelessness to yourself that you will always regret.

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Old and New.

REMEMBER that horses and cattle, young and old, kept in stable and put at level full liberty during the day, should be regularly cleaned. In this the brush must be used as a sweeping instrument. The currycomb of an old horse should be used and dust in using it should be held off and worked slightly to circles rather than forward and back. This currier once loosened, by a quick stroke, circling the bridle by passing them lightly over the top of the curlycomb or stroke, without to clean an animal quickly, perfectly and without giving it pain is a feat that should be studied more than this.

A NEW BANKRUPT LAW.—A movement is on foot to bring about the enactment by Congress of a new bankruptcy law. Chicago takes the lead in this matter, and will have the bill presented to Congress as early as the 15th inst. The bill will not only protect honest creditors and debtors, but at the same time shut out dishonest men of both classes. It is long as the law is, but it is so framed that it will be popular and will be long in force. It is also one of the highest tributes we can pay to the pure levels, that the use of a pure level for one or two or three generations is not only an effective mode of making a marked improvement on common stock, but also a means of securing a more uniformity in the quality of the stock.

HOW TO OBTAIN SLEEP.—The following is recommended as a cure for sleeplessness: "We half a towel, apply it to the back of the neck, pressing it upward toward the head of the brain, and flange the dry half of the towel over so as to prevent the too rapid exhalation. The effect is prompt and charming, cooling the brain and inducing calmer, sweeter sleep than any narcotic. Warm water may be used, though most persons prefer cold. In those who suffer from over-excitement of the brain, whether the result of brain work or growing anxiety, this simple remedy has proved an especial boon."

FEEDING TROUGHS FOR PONY, properly constructed, ought to be generally substituted for the wasteful practice of feeding from the ground. The reasons why are obvious. Where there is a scramble for the food, there is a waste of the food, and the animals are prevented by the struggle from getting their share until the latter are satisfied and the food is trampled in the dirt. It is no advantage to fowls to eat sand, dirt or gravel mixed with their food, neither, and other indigestible substances necessary in the gizzard can be given separately, and should be. A simple trough can be made, defended by slats placed vertically or on a convenient angle, and the trough may be made of any material, but the best is iron. It should be so constructed that it is thrown carelessly on the ground.

SULPHUR AND DIPHTHERIA.—This terrifying disease no longer be feared, if a simple remedy as Dr. Piel's, of England, gives its effect in an extraordinary simple: Put a teaspoonful of four of brimstone in a wine-glass of water, and stir with the finger instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water. After the mixture is well mixed, give it to a child in two or three minutes, and the patient is in a few days cured. It is a simple, cheap, and worthy thing.

GENERAL ITEMS.—The national debt, less cash in the treasury, is now less than \$2,000,000,000. In Atlanta the stock market and business is quite large and the prices are well maintained. The number of logs packed in Cincinnati last week was 18,000, a decrease of 30,000 from last year. It is said Dr. H. J. Glenn, of California, has made in Colusa county, the crop in wheat 100 percent.

Reports from all points in the West indicate that the present wheat crop is in fine condition, and more than an average crop may be expected. Thirty years ago the common sheep of Germany are said to have had only 6,000 or 6,500 wool from the square inch of surface; through improvement in breeds, the common grade of sheep now have 27,000 of the same inch, and the pure bred Merinos have from 40,000 to 65,000 wool elements to the square inch.

A miller says, in the Independent Farmer, that if wheat is ground in a cold day, the flour which it produces will be soft and if ground in a hot day it will be hard and if ground in the extreme heat, it will be soft and the flour kept in a cool, dry place, it will keep sweet for a year.

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