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AIR--*Old Hundred.*

"A Nation born!" Imposing thought
When mingled with the love we feel,
For those brave souls, who victory brought
With blood of hearts, as true as steel.

"A Nation born!" Yet in the hour
Of birth was fought no tyrant's aid,
But guided by the God of Power,
Blest Freedom found herself arrayed.

"A Nation born!" But not by arms
Of fettered souls or slavish might,
But free-born men from shops and farms,
Directed by the God of right.

"A Nation born!" Its banners now
By Freedom's breath is wide unfurled
And graven in its God-lit prow,
"Columbia's sons will save the world."

* When the old bellman had received the joyful intelligence of the passage of the Declaration of Independence, and peal after peal had rung out on the air, a devoted royalist, who was then in Philadelphia, remarked, "I regard that as the death-knell of these colonies." "It may be," replied his daughter, "but I regard it as the signal of a new born nation."

Meeting of the Preachers' Association.

The Preachers' Association of Snow Hill District will meet in Cambridge, Md., on Tuesday, June 19th, 1860. The following will be the order of business:

1. Opening Sermon, A. Wallace; J. Dyson, Alternate.
2. Conversion of Peter, an Essay, W. Formosa.
3. Importance of keeping faithful church records, T. L. Poulson.
4. Do the scriptures require us to give one tenth of our income to benevolent purposes, J. B. Merritt.
5. Review of Barnes on "the Apostolic Church," W. Trickett.
6. Sermon on Regeneration, W. T. Tull.
7. Sects and Heresies amongst the Jews, A. Freed.
8. Best method of conducting class meetings, T. W. Macleary.
9. Review of Bledsoes Theodicy, R. W. Todd.
10. Importance of furnishing young converts with good reading matter, W. W. Redman.
11. What do the signs of the times indicate as to the prospects of Romanism, G. A. Phoebus.
12. Importance of Executing Discipline, J. Hargis.
13. Miracles as evidence of a divine Revelation, W. F. Talbott.
14. Review of Landis on the immortality of the soul, A. Wallace.
15. History of the Agapae or Love Feasts, W. Merrill.
16. Reforms needed in our Sabbath Schools, A. M. Wiggins.
17. Christian Progress, its evidences, C. H. McDermond.
18. The Millenium, E. G. Irwin.
19. Best manner of Studying the Scriptures, J. W. Purner.
20. Has the introduction of sin into the universe frustrated any of the designs of God in relation to man, J. Dyson.
21. Does not our course of Study for travelling preachers need further emendations, J. A. Massey.
22. Prophecies in relation to Christ and their fulfilment, J. O. Syphord.
23. Conversion of Saul of Tarsus, J. A. Mulford.
24. The planting of the Church at Ephesus, A. J. Mobray.
25. History of Universalism, G. Cummins.
26. When is the centennary of American Methodism? W. Quinn.
27. A voluntary Paper, J. W. Hammersly.
28. Exegesis on Prov. XVIII. 22, N. W. Bennum.
29. The Advantages of Colporters as an instrumentality for disseminating our religious literature, J. McLaughlin.
30. Written Sermon, Subject Optional, T. F. Plummer.
31. The Passover, its typical character, C. F. Shepherd.
32. Extemporaneous preaching, E. Townsend.
33. Our Hymn Book, and its influences, J. T. Gracey.
34. The necessity of system in our Church finances, J. Hough.
35. African Colonization, W. T. Quinn.
36. Home Missions, J. Blizzard.
37. The call to the ministry, E. G. Irwin.
38. Prayer, D. D. Hudson.
39. The Importance of Systematic work among our Local Preachers, L. E. Straughn.
40. The duties of Local Preachers, W. Hazzard.
41. Melchizadeck, J. F. Chaplain.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. Ought we to require conference licentiates to remain unmarried until admitted to the full powers of the ministry? J. A. Massey, J. B. Merritt, T. W. Maclary, J. Hough.
2. Could monthly Stewarts' meetings be advantageously introduced into our circuits? J. Hargis, J. F. Chaplain, A. Freed, W. Merrill.
3. Are our preachers and people doing what they ought in the matter of supplying our parsonages with furniture? A. Wallace, A. M. Wiggins, W. F. Quinn, N. W. Bennum.
4. What kind of Union of the different Evangelical sects of Christendom is most practicable and desirable? H. Colclazer, J. Dyson, W. Trickett, T. L. Poulston, L. E. Straughn.
5. Is there sufficient good done at Camp-Meetings to warrant their continuance? R. W. Williams, W. Formosa, G. Cummins, E. G. Irwin.
6. General conversation on the best method of conducting revival meetings.
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Up! Sluggard, to thy Feet!

BY J. W. BRYCE.

Man was not made to rust,
Up! sluggard, to thy feet!
Trample despair to dust,
And taste for once how sweet
The bread of honest toil,
Won from earth's bounteous soil.

If on the mart you fail,
The workshop will not pay,
Why, with a childish wail,
One idle hour delay?
The world is moving past,
Coward! will you be last?

Out from your city dens
Where palsied manhood faints,
Where every breath offends,
With foul and noxious taints,
Into the country air;
For God, and health are there!

Go! where the wide-spread plain,
Before you tempting lies,
Waving its golden grain,
Industry's honored prize!
Go, sluggard, claim your own,
And reap, *when* you have sown.

Go, seize the axe, or plow,
Fell trees, and till the earth,
Each sparkle on your brow
Of honest sweat is worth
More than a jewel's ray!
'Twill wash a curse away!

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CALHOUN'S DREAM.

[The following remarkable communication appeared in the Quaker City, from the pen of its Washington correspondent, about the time of the Nullification movement in South Carolina. The present Senator from Georgia, Mr. Toombs, is the gentleman referred to.]

MR. EDITOR:—The other morning at the breakfast table, our friend, the Hon. John C. Calhoun, seemed very much troubled and out of spirits.—You know he is altogether a venerable man, with a hard, stern Scotch-Irish face, softened in its expression around the mouth by a sort of sad smile, which wins the hearts of all who converse with him. His hair is snowy white. He is tall, thin and angular. He reminds you very much of old Hickory. That he is honest, no one doubts; he has sacrificed to his fatalism, his brightest hopes of political advancement—has offered up on the shrine of that necessity which he worships, all that can excite ambition—even the Presidency of the United States.

But to my story: The other morning, at the breakfast table, where I, an unobserved spectator, happened to be present, Calhoun was observed to gaze frequently at his right hand, and brush it with his left in a hurried and nervous manner. At length, one of the persons composing the breakfast party, (his name, I think, is Toombs, and he is a member of Congress from Georgia,) took upon himself to ask the occasion of Mr. Calhoun's disquietude.

"Does your hand pain you?" he asked.

To this Mr. Calhoun replied, in rather a flurried manner. "Pshaw! It is nothing! Only a dream which I had last night, and that makes me see perpetually a black spot—like an ink blotch—upon the back of my right hand: optical delusion, I suppose."

Of course, these words excited the curiosity of the company, but no one ventured to beg the details of this singular dream, until Toombs asked, quietly:

"What was your dream like? I am not very superstitious about dreams, but sometimes they have a great deal of truth in them."

"But this was such a peculiar absurd dream," said Mr. Calhoun, again brushing the back of this right hand; "however, if it does not too much intrude upon the time of our friends, I will relate it to you."

Of course, the company were profuse in their expressions of anxiety to know all about the dream. In his singular sweet voice, Mr. Calhoun related it:

"At a late hour last night, as I was sitting in my room engaged in writing, I was astonished by the entrance of a visitor, who, without a word, took a seat opposite me