

Agriculture, &c.

Large or Small Corn.

MR. EDITOR:—I noticed in reading the Farmer, an article headed, "Which to plant, large or small corn?"

I am a farmer, and a miller also. I have had a chance to see 8 and 12 rowed corn brought to mill in the ear, and I can say that not more than one grist in ten comes to mill of the 12 rowed but what gets mouldy before the cob is seasoned.

Pulverization of Manures.

This is a subject in which I heartily agree with "M. F." in saying that its importance demands a more thorough attention.

Three or four days before I want to use a quantity of manure, I fork it up into a heap, occasionally applying plaster as an absorbent and pulverizer, at the same time taking care to break to pieces the largest lumps.

Friends that are worth having are not made, but "grow," like Topsy. An old man once gave this advice to his sons on his death-bed:

A woman asked her gardener why weeds always outgrow and covered up the flowers?

Wrinkled silk may be rendered nearly as beautiful as when new by sponging it on the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic or white glue, then ironing it on the wrong side.

Railroad Song.

BY THE PEASANT BARD.

There's the bell! listen well! "All aboard!" is the cry; We are going, going,—gone,— We'll be back, by-and-bye.

Hear the bell; listen well; "Clear the track!" is the cry; We are flying, flying,—down Like a "streak o' lightning" by.

Blow it loud to the crowd Who our coming wait to spy; Who are coming, coming,—come;— Rub the cinders from your eye.

Correspondence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Stray leaves.

Continued and active effort, in any time of procedure which has for its end and aim the elevation of our race in mental or moral status, seems from the beginning to have been decreed by a wise providence as the only means by which success is to be obtained.

Having put our hand to the plough let us not look back; while one pit-fall remains in the path of the unwearied traveller our work is before us; while one misguided mortal, with eyes dazzled by the glitter of his cankered gold, continues to proffer the cup of death to his fellow-competitor for the goal of perdition, let us still raise our voices in solemn warning, and bear high our white standard on the strong signal pole of the Eternal word.

Widespread and death-dealing is the influence wielded by the upholders of this accursed traffic in "Slaves and souls of men" that mars the fair face of God's beautiful heritage.

As written with an iron pen in the everlasting rock the unchanging Word proclaims his destiny; while he, with the creed of the atheist in his heart, deals out daily to his seduced victims the deadly draught, and grasping the glittering price of his brother's blood, speeds on his way to the Judgment.

While around us by the Arch-enemy of our race is waged a cruel and destructive warfare. While on the right hand and on the left fall, one by one, earth's noblest sons, laid low by the poisoned shafts of the fell destroyer.

victory, when the infernal strong-hold totters to its fall; shall we, the besiegers, in coldness and apathy rest upon our arms, when the fight grows thickest with the last sorties, the last throes of the monster?

Ours is a work that brooks no respite: "line upon line—line upon line" by precept and example, by smiles and frowns, should the faithful Son of Temperance aid, and aid continually in the "glorious insurrection of Virtue against the cruel bondage of Intemperance."

Forward then brethren in your chosen and Godlike work. Exemplify in your conduct towards each other, and to all men; the lovely graces of Temperance, Benevolence, and Brotherly love.

GERSHOM.

For the Christian Messenger.

Sabbath School matters.

MR. EDITOR,—

In the C. Messenger of April 3rd, in your Sabbath School article, you think the carrying out of the Sabbath School Convention "is not so much dependent upon funds as upon cordial co-operation."

The difficulty you speak of in reference to the locality of officers is a great one, and should at your next annual meeting be remedied. Your staff of officers and Board should be so located that they may be able to consult together whenever necessary.

St. John, N. B. } May 24th, 1861. }

For the Christian Messenger.

The Manning Fund.

MR. EDITOR,—

Permit me to acknowledge the following additional payments to the Manning Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Mrs. Patience Shaw (\$40 00), Howard Locke (1 12), Capt. John Arnold (1 00), X. L. Chipman (1 00), Abigail Churchill (0 50), Priscilla Locke (0 50), Xenophon Chipman (0 50), Rev. A. W. Bars (1 00), A Friend (1 50), Mrs. John Locke (0 62).

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Harvey Nickerson (\$1 00).

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Rev. W. G. Parker (\$1 00), S. L. Chipman (1 00), Edwin G. Dodge (1 00), Mrs. Edwin G. Dodge (1 00), Christopher Margeson (1 00), Mrs. Christopher Margeson (1 00), Susan Margeson (1 00), Christopher Margeson 2nd. (1 00), D. W. Morton, Esq. (1 00), Mrs. D. W. Morton (1 00).

The first item is the widow's mite, and is only one fifth of the whole amount contributed. The rest is secured by note.

I have witnessed with pleasure the increasing zeal which is being manifested in behalf of the College. While the Manning Fund is not to be abandoned, other plans are proposed which acting in concert must sooner or later realize the wishes of those who are most friendly to the interests of our youth.

The connection is extensive, and generally in good circumstances, so that I have no doubt the amount can be easily raised.

Yours in the Lord,

D. FREEMAN.

Canning, May 27th, 1861.

P. S.—Please notify that my address is "Canning, Cornwallis."

For the Christian Messenger.

Letter from Rev. Thos. Keillor.

MR. EDITOR,—

Dear Sir,—I wish to make known to the public, through your valuable paper, that I am compelled by principle to dissent from the Calvinist Baptists, upon account of some points of doctrine, the particulars of which was noticed by the Council, in one of your late numbers.

I denounced that form of doctrine which is contradictory. And I most firmly believe that man's responsibility and God's sovereignty are reconciled in the scriptures, and if we have correct views of scripture we will behold their harmony.

I do utterly refuse to preach at any time a doctrine that I would contradict at another. And confident that the scriptures teach that we believe the gospel, in order to receive the Spirit, Gal. iii. 2-14, and do not receive the Spirit in order to believe the gospel.

Deeply regretting that there is the difference of sentiment existing to call for such a separation; for that people are dear unto me; and it required great fortitude upon my part to have come to such a conclusion and would have prevented it if I possibly could, but honesty prompted me to it.

Nothing but a careful examination of the New Testament has brought me to take this decided stand. I have not changed in my view of doctrines, but have studied out their consistency