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THE BRYENNIOS MANUSCRIPT.

Rev. Dr. Johnson, pastor of the Baptist Church in Old Cambridge, Mass., on a recent baptismal occasion, presented some valuable thoughts on the manuscript known as The Teaching of the Apostles. The age of this manuscript is not so certain, he observes, as has been supposed. It is dated at about the middle of the eleventh century. As it is the only copy known to be in existence, the age of the original treatise can only be conjectured. It has been assigned to the middle of the second century, but some critics have placed it in the third. Another important question arises, How many changes and interpolations have crept into the treatise as it has been copied and re-copied in the ages between the third century and the eleventh? It is known that such changes have taken place in other manuscripts, some by accident, some by design; and it is altogether probable that this manuscript is not in every important particular an exact representation of the original. And, again, Did this treatise tions affords matter of congratulation in its original form represent the views of the churches in general in the age friends of the churches by which they in which it was produced, or of some are sustained. This is one indication sect or party? There is good reason of their love to the cause of Christ, and for believing that the treatise had its it is well. So when a child is seen to origin among the Jewish party in the church, as it is ritualistic in its tendency, in opposition to the liberty de- on its fair proportions and its healthy fended by Paul. But if we take the manuscript as it with expressing admiration is not sufis, what bearing has it on the position of the Baptists ? Episcopalians maintain that there are three orders in the ministry, .bishops, priests and deacons, that the bishops are the successors of the twelve Apostles, and that valid ordination is conferred only by hishops whose ordination has come lineally from the Apostles. Now in this manuscript we find mention of Apostles, but they were travelling ministers who are forbidden to stay more than one day in a place. What the proper work of these men was, does not appear, but nothing is said about their ordaining ministers. The language of the manuscript is: "Appoint, therefore, for yourselves bishops and deacons worthy of the Lord, men meek and free from the love of money and true and proved." The doctrine of Apostolic succession, which is not taught in the Scripture, finds no support in the treatise before us. An important question at issue between the Baptists and some other denominations is that of infant baptism. In this manuscript nothing whatever is said about the baptism of infants; on the contrary directions are given which assume the non-existence of such a practice. The directions are two, first, the candidate is to be instructed in the the things contained in this treatise; second, the candidate is to fast before the ordinance. In other words, the only recipients of the ordinance were persons old enough to be taught the principles of our religion and to fast, Some think that they have discovered in this document a justification of some other act of baptism than immersion. If some thing were recognized as valid in the place of immersion, that would make no difference; as the document Minutes of Associations; and that the is confessedly a human production. The churches began at a very early age to depart from the simplicity of the Gospel. The Epistles of Paul are sufficient evidence of this. But so far as the act of baptism is concerned, the departure indicated in this document is very slight. Immersion is required except in cases of absolute necessity. such supply of information on various The direction is : " Immerse in living denominational matters. Whether it water; but if thou have not living water, immerse in other water; and we do not here express any opinion, yet if thou cannot in cold, in warm. But it may have acted this year like if thou have not either, pour out water witholding seed from the farm. We thrice upon the head." In case of absolute necessity only, was pouring accepted. This case of necessity was probably sickness. Very early, in the among the people to sustain our work departure from the simplicity of the but the change of machinery has gospel, the custom was introduced of evidently been followed by results such

immersing them; for baptism had come Instead of about 7,000 copies of the huge robe are stubborn bronze. The to be regarded as necessary to salva-Minutes of Associations and 3,000 of tion. This is the whole of the case the Year Book going to the churches about which some of our pedobaptist as soon as printed; there have been brethren have been so jubilant. If so only about, say 3000 copies of the Year small a thing can create such joy, the Book distributed, which although preceding sorrow must have been published in good time, have gone forth great. One other point remains to be but slowly during the year. noticed. The relation of baptism to

the Lord's Supper is defined in this document just as the Baptists define it. "But let no one eat your eucharist the necessities of the case. but those that have been baptized into the name of the Lord." Thus baptism is to precede the communion.

Pedobaptists in their joy over this manuscript have asked, What now ar the Baptists going to do? In view of all the facts of the case, we might better ask, What now are our pedobaptist brethren going to do? Are they going to accept this document as their guide ? Are they going to give up infant baptism? Are they going to immerse except in cases of necessity? Are they going to teach uniformly, as they do generally, that valid baptism should precede the Lord's Supper? If so we welcome them to a position so near our own. Certainly no position could be more untenable than theirs, this document, whose authority they have invoked, being judge.

CONVENTION MATTERS.

It will call for very serious and earnest discussion at the Convention to know what is to be done to meet

> Some talk was indulged in some year or more ago that, as the Convention now has the sole control of funds for Benevolent Objects, there is but little for the Associations to do, and one or two persons at least thought they might be dispensed with without serious loss. If any who had entertained any such idea had been at the late gatherings of our Associations, they would have had the notion entirely dispelled from their minds, and would not want to wait for a year to see whether or no the spirit that existed there, was the genuine outflow of fraternal Christian fellowship.

> There was no necessity for asking " whether the fervour at our Associations was mere blind passion " or something else. The very suggestion of such a thought is not creditable to the source of the remark.

surface is so wrought by the hammer that it gives the effect of mottled silk. Worth might be proud of the sleeve of her mantle. The gesture of the outstretched right arm is full of spirit, while the left holding the tablet, forms, with the head a beautiful balance in the composition. It seems sacrilegious

to have an 'interior' to such a superb creature. The entry is by the sole of the uplifted foot-they say a Chicago girl was the model-and a tall man can go in easily. Inside we seem to be looking up to the lantern of a Gothic cathedral, with numerous eyelets of light from the rivet holes piercing the gloom. We reached the head by temporary wooden staircase. At New York there will be an elevator working in the great framework of iron which is to form the main support for the structure. The old cicerone tells us the tale of dimensions as we ascend. Reckoning from the coronet to what may be called the footstool the figure measures 101 feet 113 inches-I want to be accurate-but it is higher to the hand. The pedestal of granite is to be 82 teet. From the surface of

Bedloe Island to the top of the torch will be 219 feet 111 inches. Now, the monument in London, the loftiest isolated column in the world, is about 202 feet high; the Vendome Column, 144 feet; and the Arc de Triomphe.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY MEETING.

On Thursday last a large congregation assembled in St. Matthews Church, it was announced, to welcome three Foreign missionaries belonging to that body, Rev. H. A. Robertson and hi wife from Erromanga : Rev. K. Grant and his wife from Trinidad ; and Rev. J. Fraser Campbell and his wife from India. J. S. McLean, Esq. occupied the chair. After the opening devotional services, Mr. Grant was introduced and spoke of the work on the island of Trinidad among the Hindoo coolies 60,000 in number, which number is being constantly increased. H described the remarkable success that had attended labor amongst that people, and the benevolence developed in the converts.

Mr. J. F. Campbell was then called for, and shewed the vast numbers among whom he is laboring-having but four missionaries for nine millions. He pleaded for more men to be sent out to labor among these perishing multitudes.

Mr. Robertson who has been at home some time, said he had spoken at 219 meetings since his return from the South Seas. Ten years ago there were only two or three islands accessible. Now all the islands are ready to receive the N. B. Baptist Seminary will be teachers. 150,000 are now waiting for God's law. There are now 4000 chris tians, 13 missionaries and 100 teachers in the several islands. The Mission vessel-the Dayspring-costs £1900 a year. The collection taken up at the close amounted to \$45.10.

JULY 30, 1884. POWERS OF DISPERSION

Mr. Spurgeon can afford to speak on this subject. This is the way he treats the matter :---

When Handel once undertook, in a crowded church, to play the dismissal on a very fine organ there, the whole congregation became so entranced with delight that not an individual could stir till the usual organist came impatiently forward and took his seat, saying in a tone of acknowledged superiority, "You cannot dismiss a congregation. See how soon I can disperse them !" We have known excellent men who could use that last sentence without being guilty of the slightest egotism. Whether they conduct a public service, or teach a Bible class, or lead a prayermeeting, the result is sure and rapid. Instead of saying with the Babylonian king, " Is not this great Babylon that I have built ?" they can cry, "See how soon I disperse them !" After one or two such feats would it not be well for brethren to rest upon their laurels? We have none too many strong institutions at present, and we do not wish that their number should be diminished. If, however the brother must be seen and heard, let him now try the rake for gathering instead of the fork for scattering. It is the time of hay-harvest; he can learn what we mean by going into the meadows.

WE perceive by the Christian Visitor that it is at present uncertain where located. A general meeting of the Society is to be held on the 31st to reconsider the question of location &c. Offers of bonus are invited from different locations, and it is expected that there will be liberal contributions from wherever it is to be placed. A correspondent intimates that the grounds suitable in St. John would cost \$40,000 and thinks that a pleasant locality near some railway station . . . would have many advantages over St. John.

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THE success of our missionary operaand rejoicing to the members and grow, and thrive, and develope, it gives pleasure to its friends, and they remark activity; but the love that is content

ficient to secure a continuance of such health and growth and activity. There must be sources of supply of wholesome, nutritious food that will provide for its necessities, or the joy of admiration will soon come to an abrupt termination. It is so with these benevolent institutions. What is required of our churches is the love of parents to supply the means of sustenance. This is more important than that of the friend who only admires the results of careful toil and bountiful supplies.

The managers of our several departments of missionary work are calling for immediate aid to meet the necessities arising from their faithful and euterprising administration of the work entrusted to them. Let it be understood by all who are permitted to hold the King's treasures, and who are entrusted with his bounty, listen to the call, and ask themselves if this is not the business which He would have them

attend to. Let them not delay, but, being the depositaries, let them be the ready almoners of his bounty also, and they will feel that it now requires haste. Let them feel that the honor of the Master is concerned, and bring forth what they can for His service. To speak plainly, the Convention Fund wants large donations from many liberal friends within the coming two or three weeks, or there will be sorrow and suffering not so easily allayed afterwards pockets, and, with a few exceptions, The appeals of the Executive Boards have found their own instruments. should be promptly attended to. They do not, however, disdain assist-

"WE are now confronted by the question, Shall we slaughter one, or both, or neither." Tress are the words used by a contemporary in reference to one of our denominational institutions. They sound more like the vauntings of an Indian brave with his war-club ready to do execution than the language of the Christian Divine with the spirit of the Master. Baptist people do not require this at the hands of any one.

A SUGGESTION TO OUR HALIFAX POLICE FORCE .- A contributor to the Sussex G. B. Daily News says a policeman's lot is a very happy one in Brighton from what took place yesterday, for whilst a section of them was meeting the Volunteer Fire Brigade at cricket in the Queen's Park Cricket Ground, the members of the Borough Police Band were enjoying themselves in the Park itself; Mr. George Duddell having allowed them to take open air practice in his grounds. They have evidently made the most of the seven months during which they have been organised inasmuch as they play well together, and will doubtless, astonish the inhabitants by their proficiency when they make their appearance in public. It must not be supposed, however that they are going to give public performances, having banded themselves together solely for their own amusement and that of their comrades, when the latter have their annual summer outings; and their appearance in the Queen's Park yesterday afternoon was with the sole view to practice playing whilst marching. They give evidence of musical taste and ability, and that they enter into the matter con amore may

160 feet; while as for the Colossus of Rhodes, he stands 140 feet in his stockings. Miss Liberty will beat him 70 feet and over. The stairs in the arm have not been completed, so we had to stop at the head, the last story but one, and there through the apertures in the coronet all the glory of Paris bursts upon the view.

INDIA was long affected with restriction that forbid the remarriage of Widows. Prejudice still exists in that land and humanitarian and Christian writers are zealous in seeking to destroy the prejudice. An anonymous writer a short time since over the signature of "Mari" reasons on the subject as follows :--

The Empress of India is the off. pring of widno remarriage. And since the days of Alfred the Great, England has probably not had a better Sovereign than Victoria. If then one of the very best sovereigns that the Almighty has ever sent to England-if the present Empress of India-is the offspring of widow remarriage, surely such a fact constitutes a very strong argument for the remarriage of widows in India, especially of Hindoo widows. The kindness of Britain which abolished sati is a very doubtful kind of kindness, because it did not at the same time give widows the power to marry again, which widows in England enjoy. It is known that there are in India about twenty-one millions of Hindoo widows, who are forbidden to marry Of these it is believed that about twenty millions live in sin. The number of infants which they annually murder with a view to conceal their shame is something tremendous. There is indeed a mockery of a law on the subject. But it reads something like cruel irony. Hindoo widows may marry again, but if they do, they must forsake their children and their property.

FROM THE FAR WEST .- The folbe inferred from the fact that they pay lowing, not written for publication, will for their instruction out of their own be read with much interest by the

POLITICAL .- It was announced or Saturday evening that the reconstruction of the Local Government had been effected, and that the offices had been filled as follows:

Mr. W. S. Fielding, Provincial Secretary and President of the Council. Mr. A. J. White, Attorney-General. Mr. C. E. Church, Commissioner of Works and Mines.

MEMBERS WITHOUT OFFICE :

- Mr. Thomas F. Morrison, Mr. Thomas Johnson,
- Mr. I. LeBlanc,
- Mr. J. W. Longley.

Two seats in the Council remain vacant. This will render an election necessary in the county of Halifax, to confirm the appointment of the Hon. W. Felding. The nomination of candidates for the election is appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 13th of August. By this change Hon. Albert Gayton retires from the office of Com-

missioner of Works and Mines. The Liberal-Conservatives bave called for a Convention to-morrow, Thursday, evening to nominate a candidate to contest the seat.

ONE of our morning papers says :

The cheery season at Bear River, Digby, is now at its height, but on account of the frequent rains much of the crop has been destroyed. Large quantities will be shipped to St. John and Bar Harbor.

Of course the cherry season is a "cheery sesson." Parties go to Bear River and purchase the cherries on one or more of the large trees and go into picking and eating for two or three days, carrying home what they cannot eat, making it a sort of cherry picnic.

Literary.

HIMSELF AGAIN, by J. C. Goldsmith, Funk & Wagnalls Standard Library, 25 cts. Halifax, S. F. Huestis.

We should hardly say the incidents in this book are natural and like ordinary life. The exchanging of clothes by a cultured minister, for those of a drowned man-a rough smuggler and impersonating him through a course of years looks very like a story book but not like real life.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR AUGUST, 1884, is a number of unusual variety and interest, with sixty-two fine engravings. The "Artist Strolls in Holland," by George H. Boughton, are resumed, and will be read with as much zest as were the earlier papers, by this spirited author. William H. Rideing, under the title of "The Gateway of Boston," describes the picturesque islands off Boston Harbor. A timely and interesting article, finely illustrated. on Salt Lake City, is contributed by Ernest Ingersoll; and G. O. Shields describes, with animation, the hunting of the antelope in Montana.

Westminister Hall, which now serves as the gateway to the English Parliament, dates back to the reign of William Rufus, in the eleventh century, and since that time it has been the scene of many of the most striking and picturesque events of English history. An American writer, Rev. Treadwell Walden, has accordingly taken " The Great Hall of William Rufus" as the text of a series of pictures of English History, which may almost be said to summarize the political and social development of the mother country in kaleidoscopic fashion. These will appear in four successive numbers of Harper's Magazine, and will be richly illustrated, particularly with portraits of the kings and queens of England, from the most authentic sources. Julian Hawthorne contributes an article entitled "The Building of the Muscle," in which he pays a pleasant -three or four miles from the county tribute to William Blaikie, and depretown. We doubt not these gatherings cates professionalism in athletic sports; and other articles full of interest.

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Baptist Year Book instead of being "MISS LIBERTY."-The entrance to sent out to the churches without pay-New York harbor is to be adorned by ment as in former years has been a gigantic monument presented by the restricted to purchasers. These two French Government. It is being conalterations of the mode of supplying structed in Paris by Bartboldi. A information to the people differing so Philadelphia lady writes from Paris to much from what it has been heretothe Philadelphia Times concerning fore, has necessarily greatly restricted this marvellous work of art: "You will soon be going to explore the wonders of the Bartholdi statue. will ultimately be a better plan or no. went up into it the other day, giving my little contribution towards paying the dear girl's (Libby we call her here) passage to New York. This feared such results might follow the unique thing which confronts one in change. We do not believe that there the Rue de Vigny, towering above the is any the less ability or readiness six-storey houses, is really fine. The pose is simple and majestic, and there pouring water upon the sick instead of as might have been anticipated. can hardly realize that the folds of the trees instead of ripening.

numerous friends of our brother, the writer : DEAR BRO .- I expected to leave

to-day for Nova Scotia, but the kind people with whom I have been working have surprised me by presenting me with \$250 to be expended in going to the Rocky Mountains to remain two or three months. During the time I have been in this place I have greatly enjoyed my labors. A number have already united with the church. Five have been received for baptism next

Sabbath, and others are inquiring. If my life is spared, I expect to see Nova Scotia in the autumn. During my absence West I will try and give you an occasional letter. I can assure you that the MESSENGER is always welcome.

Fraternally yours,

A. C. CHUTE. Stilman Valley, Ill., July 21, 1884.

FARMERS are greatly troubled at the wet weather, making it so difficult to get their hay in in good condition. are parts of the drapery that have the is feared that much will be spoiled. It delicacy of work on a statuette. You is said that cherries are rotting on th

THE Methodist Conference is to meet next year at Lunenburg, and the Central Baptist Association at Mahone Bay will be the means of great benefit to the county.

THE N. B. Religious Intelligencer. by a correspondent, is very discreetly discussing the "The Union Question" between "the Free Baptists," so called, and " the old Baptists" so designated. The closing paragraph of the last article very sagaciously says :

"It is to be hoped that none will take advantage on either side of a question that time will do much to settle. To go into a community and say we soon shall be one, for the purpose of enlarging a church roll is an act 'zeal not according to knowledge. Such methods of promoting Union tend to defeat worthy sims. To lessen interest in hope of oneness one day on our part in all that is precious to us would be an act unworthy of our posi-

It will be glad news to Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's many admirers to hear that he is again at work upon " The Treasury of David." He writes Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, that the seventh and last volume of this great work, which has been so long delayed by reason of sickness, will, he hopes, be ready for issue before the close of the present year.

The public are often lost in wonder at the vast number of books issued from the press. Did the public but know what they escape, their surprise might change to gratitude. Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls report that during the last month they have refused something like 150 manuscripts, most of them works of fiction.

" The Buntling Ball," a Graco-American play, is to be issued anonymously in September, by Funk & Wegnelle