

the awful scene of the past night, the apparent anxiety of the unearthy intruder to direct my attention to this bureau, and the chance which had just been given to the extraordinary fulfillment of his restless wish. The worthy Doctor heard me with the most profound attention and the deepest awe.

"It was most strange, most startling!" he exclaimed, "even if it had been but a sleeping vision.

"I received his promise to this effect, and that day I quit it forever. Circumstances soon after called me abroad; I remained absent some years, and on my return to England I felt a wish to learn if the papers I had found had been instrumental in placing the Misses Norton in the situation they were born to fill. I dispatched, accordingly to Dr. Graham a letter of inquiry, and heard from him in return that the proper legal proceedings had been instituted with success, and that the daughters of the unfortunate Mr. Norton had received, along with the acknowledgment of their legitimacy, the sum \$5,000 each, which had been left to them by their father's will. Dr. Graham added, that the haunted house was haunted no longer, and that the restless dead, its attendant on earth accomplished, returned no more from the silent, though populous, mansions of the grave!

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The opposition have recently had brought to their mills, to grind a large quantity of what professed to be grain, but which in reality turns out to be only smut. A committee was recently appointed to investigate alleged abuses in the Navy department and Navy Yards, the report of which committee was made last week. The intention was to implicate the President and Secretary of the Navy in a knowledge of frauds, but that signally failed. The facts elicited by the examination, do not even bring the President within the controversy, and fully exonerate the Secretary of the Navy. Irregularities and abuses do exist, and it is now in the power of Congress to enact legislation to correct them.

The minority of the committee, two republicans of the most bitter school, have, however, also published a report, which the opposition press, with characteristic fairness, seize upon and spread before their readers as the report of the Committee, in which the facts elicited in the investigation are given anything but a just and fair construction, and which has already been characterized as such by some of their own friends. When shall we arise at an era when fairness in politics will be required as well as in any other honest walk of life.

It is worthy of note, the eagerness with which the opposition gloat upon the efforts of J. Glancy Jones to favor the people of Reading and Berks county, brought to light by the investigation. His principal sin heretofore has been that he cared not for his home interests, but now, presto change, when his exertions for them are in proof he is denounced with equal spirit—for what?—for obtaining work for the Reading mechanics, foundries, &c. What a world! We here give notice, that so long as the people of this world remain in their present ungrateful condition, we decline to serve them in Congress or in any other, so called, high position. The pay is indifferent, and character, reputation, and every other desirable quality, goes overboard, notwithstanding the best intentions. We are no candidate for Congress. No! No!!

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week, a National Sabbath School Convention, was held in Jayne's Hall, Philadelphia. The attendance of delegates was very large, and from every section of the Union, even from the states "beyond the sea," Ex-Governor Pollock, of our State, presided, and delivered a spirit-stirring address. Prayers and addresses were also made by clergymen and others from all parts of the country. The subject matter of the deliberations of the Convention was the welfare of the Sabbath Schools. A series of resolutions were discussed and adopted, which are not published among the proceedings.

The following are the Questions discussed, upon which the resolutions adopted, are based:— 1. Is the Sunday school competent, as an agency, for bringing the entire youth of our country under the saving influence of the Gospel? 2. Should not every teacher avail himself of the facility of seeing to families which his position gives him, by visiting his scholars regularly at their own homes, and thus not only increase his influence with the child, but secure the co-operation of the parent? 3. What should Sabbath school teachers be willing to accept as a test of their faithfulness? 4. What are the requisite qualifications of a good Sunday-school teacher? What are some of the particulars in which failure is most frequently observed? 5. Is not the sentiment of the Church and of Sabbath-school teachers in regard to the study of the Bible, far below Bible history and Bible teachings, and ought not teachers in all their instructions to keep this object steadily in view, as the great and only truly satisfactory result of their labor? 6. Would not the organization of Sunday-school teachers' associations do greatly to the efficiency of the system? and what is the best means of organizing them? 7. What are the qualifications of a good superintendent? 8. How can we remedy the great deficiency through our schools in the matter of committing the Scriptures to memory? 9. How shall we promote the spirit of benevolence among children, both with reference to present objects and habits of future benevolence? 10. How can we secure from the membership of our churches the best of their talents, and their personal services, which they owe to Sabbath schools? 11. How far are Missionary Sunday-schools contributing to the evangelization of our destitute population, and what can be done to give a further increase to their efficiency, and how far, and in what way, may such schools be made more serviceable in elevating and improving the social condition of the families represented in them? 12. How can a larger attendance of our own youth of both sexes be secured?

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The Baltimore Republican contains an account of a distressing case of sudden death in that city on the morning of the 23d. A Miss Stratton attended a ball, and on her way home, accompanied by her brother, complained of being unwell, and sat down on a door-step, while her brother went for assistance. While he was gone she became worse, and when the young man returned she was a corpse!

Horace Greeley and the Tribune are about deserting Senator Seward in his aspirations for the Presidency. Are they coming out for the democracy? The State Constitution.—In the House of Representatives of this State, a series of resolutions have been introduced, proposing amendments to the Constitution of our Commonwealth. The first amendment strikes out section two from the first article, and substitutes a provision requiring that hereafter members of the Legislature shall be elected biennially; and also requires that members of the Senate shall be elected for a term of four years, in place of three years as at present. The ninth section of the first article is to be struck out and a new section to be substituted, which provides that the Senators who shall be elected at the first general election after the adoption of these amendments, shall be divided into two classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, and those of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, so that hereafter one-half of the whole number of Senators may be chosen every second year. This does not interfere with the terms of Senators elected before the adoption of this amendment. These are the most important features of the proposed amendments.

The House of Representatives passed a resolution on providing for the adjournment of the Legislature on the 25th of March. This is intended for public effect. The House is perfectly aware that it will be impossible to adjourn at the time designated. They have not the remotest idea of adjourning so early, but they wish to throw the responsibility upon the Senate, and appear to be in favor of hard work and a short session. If the Senate should take the House at its word, and agree to adjourn on the 15th of March, they would be surprised and disappointed. The fact is that this Legislature has as yet transacted no important business.

The Harrisburg Patriot & Union complains that not a single article of the department, or of the Cabinet, with the exception of the Governor, visits at Harrisburg. The point is well taken. The seat of government is Harrisburg, and its officers should not only visit, but reside, there. If their salaries are not large enough for that purpose let them be increased. We are in favor of such an appropriation but opposed to other expenditures, such as 20 or 30 thousand for monuments to beautify Harrisburg at the expense of the state at large.

Hon. Daniel E. Sickels, Member of Congress from the city of New York, killed on Sunday last, in the streets of the city of Washington, Philip Barton Key, Esq., U.S. District Attorney for Key, being seduced by his wife. He shot him three times with a revolver. Key died on the spot. Sickels delivered himself immediately into the custody of the Attorney General, and was conveyed to prison. Sickels had only discovered the crime the day before, and has an acknowledgment of his wife's guilt, signed by herself. Such is the worm that protrudes itself occasionally in the fashionable and honorable (H) life of the Capitol!

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