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POETICAL.

In Memoriam. BY MRS. J. FOGG. The plaintive sound of tolling bell; The muffled drum, the funeral knell,

The nation bows its head to-day; And countless mourners crowd the way. Bring flowers fresh from dewy morn,

MISCELLANY. THE GERMAN BAPTISTS. Special Correspondence of the Philadelphia 'Press.' Myronstown, Pa., May 29, 1871.

Three and a-half hour's ride from the heat and dust of Philadelphia over the Reading and Lebanon Valley Railroads brings us to Myronstown, a pleasant village of 1,300 inhabitants

morning in the meetinghouse in Crown street, above Callowhill, Philadelphia, is a great-grandson of Mack.

But while the present organization dates from the movement of Mack and his co-religionists, many of the principles of faith and practice, and some of the ordinances, have been derived from the Waldenses, but to what extent cannot be very certainly determined.

THE FIRST SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

One of the important early settlements was at Mill Creek, Lancaster county. After some years a division occurred in the church at that place.

Present Condition of the Denomination. In attempting to give the present condition of the denomination throughout the United States some difficulty is experienced from the fact that they have never published nor collected denominational statistics.

THE NAME. The name which they use much among themselves, and which is a favorite among them, is 'Brethren,' taken from the remark of Christ to his disciples on one occasion.

THE DENOMINATION. There is probably no denomination in the United States that has been more grossly misrepresented and maligned, and concerning which so many erroneous opinions prevail.

ORIGIN AND HISTORY. There are few published accounts of the origin and history of the denomination, but the present organization undoubtedly dates from the religious movement of Alexander Mack, in Germany, in 1703.

ORDINANCES. First in order of the ordinances is baptism, which is to be observed immediately after the exercise of true repentance, according to the command: 'Repent and be baptized.'

After this, and while the candidate is still kneeling in the water, there is prayer and laying on of hands. Baptism makes the recipient a member of the Church, and is never repeated for the same individual.

Next in order is the ordinance of feet washing; the authority is from the incident of Christ washing His disciples' feet, narrated in John xiii.

Next is the communion, which is observed as a preparation for the love feast and communion, according to the statement of Christ to Peter in the 14th and 15th verses of this chapter.

On the subject of temperance, they are strongest of teetotalers and claim to be the oldest temperance society in the United States.

UNION GOVERNMENT. The Church government is republican in form. Each church has its own council, to which all matters of difference and questions of difficulty must first be submitted.

THE POOR. They make ample provision for the support of their own poor, and never allow them to receive aid from town or county.

LITERATURE. They publish several periodicals and a few standard works, but admit themselves to be deficient in a proper Church literature.

OTHER SIMILAR DENOMINATION. There are in some of the States denominations that have some things in their faith and practice and ordinances in common with the German Baptists.

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PECULIARITIES. They have many peculiarities which they strictly observe. It is to some extent their intention to be a 'peculiar people,' believing it both a privilege and a duty.

DRESS. The prevailing style of dress among them is somewhat similar to that of the Friends, but variations have crept in more among the brethren than sisters.

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to-morrow and Wednesday, and close its doors on Thursday. No religious meetings are held on the ground, nor do the congregation remain there at night.

The exercises are of much interest to the members of the church, as the large attendance shows, and will as they are held from year to year, have a strong tendency to bind them together in that brotherly love which it is their great aim to cultivate.

What we do for ourselves will soon be forgotten; what we do for others may be the vision to cheer the soul when the eye can no longer behold the loved ones.

Love of the Beautiful. Place a young girl under the care of a kindhearted, graceful woman; and she, unconsciously to herself, grows into a graceful lady.

An exchange says: A great many farmers are hesitating about planting potatoes on account of the potato bugs.

The question, does getting drunk ever advance one's happiness? would seem to be put to rest by the Irishman who went drunk, and was asked what pleasure he found in whiskey.

Believe.—The real test of belief is action. If a man tells us he believes a certain course to be the right one to adopt, but in his own case acts as if he believed the contrary, we justly consider him destitute of the belief he professes.

Two rustics came into a village telegraph office to send a dispatch. As they left the office the gong of an adjacent hotel sounded for tea.

Young folks grow most when in love. It increases their sighs wonderfully. The measles are to Brigham Young's family. It is unnecessary to add that there are not enough to go around and several dozens are without a meal.

CARSON'S STELLAR OIL! THE alarming increase in the number of frightful accidents, resulting in terrible deaths and destruction of valuable property, caused by the indiscriminate use of oils, known under the name of Petroleum, prompts us to call your special attention to an article which will, wherever used, remove the cause of such accidents.

CARSON'S STELLAR OIL FOR ILLUMINATING PURPOSES. The proprietor of this oil has for several years felt the necessity of providing for and presenting to the public, as a substitute for the dangerous compounds which are sent broadcast over the country, as an oil that is safe, brilliant, and entirely reliable.

FAIRVIEW MILL! FAMILY FLOUR, ETC. THE undersigned having refitted and added all the latest improvements to his Mill, formerly Frantz's, announces to the public that he is now manufacturing a superior article of FAMILY FLOUR.

DAVID PATERSON. THE highest market prices paid for WHEAT delivered at the Mill. COOPER SHUFF wanted. mar 21-47