

thereof," is to convey the idea of extent or duration, not the annunciation of the fact that the sun moves, and that those passages have no bearing either one way or another on that subject. But they fail to apply this rule of reading to other texts, and thus fall into errors as egregious as that of the colored minister of Richmond.

Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still, and it is recorded that the command was obeyed. But the main fact in the relation of the circumstances described is that the light was prolonged to an unusual degree, so that the Israelites might see to finish their victory. How this was accomplished matters not so much as the declaration of the phenomenon which occurred through faith. It was not necessary to the accomplishment of this wonder that the regular progress either of the earth or the sun should be arrested, or that any known laws of nature should be violated.

A peculiar condition of the atmosphere at certain seasons causes an appearance of a similar character, although not in the same degree as the "standing still" of the sun in the days of Joshua. The sun appears above the horizon at those times for a considerable period after it has actually "set," according to the time of the earth's diurnal motion. Both the sun and moon, by the same causes, frequently appear magnified beyond their usual dimensions. The refraction of light, caused by a certain density of the atmosphere, explains the phenomena. The cause that produces these appearances for a short time could, by being itself prolonged, continue the effect. And thus the same simple means by which the sinking luminary of day is made to appear above the line of departure after it has really sunk to rest, and that gives what is known in England as "the harvest moon," may have produced, by perfectly natural means, the "miracle" that has been the laughing stock of sceptics and a stumbling block to halting believers for hundreds of years.

"This is my body" was evidently as much of a metaphor as, "I am the true vine," "I am the door," and other similar expressions. And the "everlasting burnings," "the worm which dieth not," etc., which were made typical of the punishment of the wicked, referred to the place called Gehenna, a valley outside of the walls of Jerusalem, where the rubbish of the city was cast and a perpetual fire kept up, in which popular belief located a salamander, fire snake or worm which lived in and was not consumed by the never-dying flames, the smoke of which continually ascended. The language of oriental nations is highly figurative and a literal construction of all the phrases in use among them would be ridiculous in the extreme. The Savior and his Apostles, in explaining the great truths they enunciated, made frequent use of metaphors founded upon well known facts or popular ideas, not stopping to correct the latter or to note whether they were strictly scientific or actually true, being only used to convey in a simple form principles of everlasting worth, and therefore unimportant compared with the points at issue.

An understanding of this is necessary to a correct reading of the sacred Scriptures. But the most essential need of a Bible student is the same spirit which inspired the sacred writers. Without this the true meaning of their words cannot be thoroughly reached, and after all the understanding that may be obtained of the word, "the letter killeth; it is the spirit that maketh alive." Alone, the Bible is not a sufficient guide. The light of continued revelation is necessary to unfold the true signification of the past, and the "more sure word of prophecy" is indeed like "a light shining in a dark place." Simple John Jasper may be much mistaken in clinging to the literal verbiage of scripture, but many of those preachers who are more learned than he in human philosophy, and who make fun of his ignorance, have just as much need of enlightenment in regard to the things they attempt to teach to others.

We have received a Stake Conference Report which we are able to publish without pruning or other disagreeable labor. Thanks, Mr. Clerk of St. George Stake of Zion.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

By a new law, defendants in criminal suits under the Statutes of the United States may appear and testify in their own cases, if they are so disposed. Several States in the Union have a similar law and it is likely to become general in a few years.

A child was born at Muscatine, Iowa, a few days ago, weighing just one pound and three quarters. The latest account is to the effect that it is likely to live. There is a chance for Barnum, he can call it "The Minotaure Muskatine."

The new timber culture act which has passed the United States Senate and is likely to pass the House, gives to settlers on the public lands a quarter section on which they shall have planted ten acres in trees. A good law. Private tree planting is a public benefit.

Exchanges report that Vinnie Ream, the sculptress is thinking seriously of taking a husband. We see nothing very Ream-arkable about that; whole quires of girls have similar thoughts and intentions, and are only waiting like Vinnie, *in statu quo*, for proposals and specifications.

Camel breeding is being made profitable in Texas. These "ships of the desert" feed on brush and cacti, the females give a colt every year, and the young need only a few days' close attention. A well broke camel can travel 100 miles per day without difficulty.

Queensland, Australia, has increased, during the 18 years of her colonial existence, from 28,000 to a population of 200,000. Agriculture has been added to its pastoral industry, and sugar cane is successfully cultivated there to a considerable extent.

Iowa is progressive. The lower house of the Legislature has passed a resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, giving the right to women to vote and hold office in Iowa. The vote stood 55 to 42. Now let the upper house follow this lead and the people will fall into line.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." Several men wished their pocket books were clouds as big as those that rolled up and burst over the city this afternoon. It looked at one time as though the lining had fallen out, but it was only cold comfort in the shape of sleet, heralded by thunder and attended by lightning.

O'Leary who won the prize in the international walking match at Islington, London, is praised by the press as "The American Pedestrian." O'Leary is an "American from Cork." He was born at Cork, Ireland, in 1846, and his success is said to be mainly attributable to his Cork soles.

The paucity of our telegraphic dispatches this evening is in consequence of the prostration of the wires between Laramie and Cheyenne. The news is received at the latter place and sent on by train to the former, where it is repeated. Until the train arrives at Laramie there is a delay in the transmission.

The stipulation of the treaty between Russia and Turkey, giving the troops of the former three months time to evacuate the European territory of the latter, enables the invader to keep a powerful army close to the city of Constantinople and get a good ready for occupation while England is fuming and threatening. Muscovite diplomacy is cunning and it will take much British valor to conquer its craft.

Iowa has done a new thing under the sun—partially reimbursed a man for four years' wrongful imprisonment in the penitentiary. The Legislature gave him fifteen hundred dollars, which is a poor compensation for his loss of liberty, but it is just fifteen hundred dollars more than such cases usually obtain.

A statement has been going the rounds of the press to the effect that coffee culture has become one of the profitable industries of California. The *Pacific Rural Press* says: "As far as we know, we have never had a coffee plant ripen seed in the open air in this State." This shows that we need not look to California for our coffee at present.

The N. Y. Herald says: "If the House Judiciary Committee can have its way, women will be disfranchised in Utah." That way is a very bad way, and Congress sometimes has a way of rejecting bad bills. Committees do not always have their own way in everything. Disfranchisement is a singular way to aid the "down trodden women of Utah." Away with it.

The latest method of maritime destruction is an invention of a Londoner. He has been exhibiting a machine constructed for the purpose of burning ships. It throws crude petroleum over the vessel doomed to demolition, a rocket is then projected which sets the ship on fire, and the result can easily be anticipated. Is coal oil to be the next popular weapon of warfare?

A member of the Canadian Parliament takes hold of the Chinese question by the hair. He proposes to practically prohibit the employment of the pig-tailed celestials on the Canadian Pacific Railroad, by a provision that no persons shall be engaged on the work who wear their hair longer than five inches and a half. Every Chinaman, however, who loves lucrative labor better than a foot or two of hair, can cut through this law easily with a pair of scissors.

A New York paper announces that "The Sarpint of Siskiyou Country," the hunky boy with a calico eye, is coming, and will appear next Monday in No. 21. The query is, why has that boy only one eye and wherefore is it calico? Why not blue drilling, or brown lustre, or sheep's grey or glazed lining? Such stuff as that announced above is sent out of New York by the cord, weekly. Parents, take care that your "hunky boys" do not have any kind of an eye for such literary trash.

Iowa is following the example of Utah in giving women a chance for office. A sensation was made in the House of Representatives a few days ago by the voice of a woman reading a message from the Senate. It was Miss Hattie Rabbourne, engrossing clerk of the Senate, who read the message clearly and distinctly and was rewarded with a round of applause. This is the second message ever carried by a woman in that Legislature. Iowa is progressing.

Mrs. Flynn, of San Francisco, has obtained considerable notoriety by giving birth to three babies at one time, and she didn't have a very "bad time" either. It will be interesting to the ladies to know that Mrs. Flynn is "doing as well as can be expected." But Mr. Flynn seems to be afflicted with a bad spell. Proud of the number of visitors to inspect his offsprings, he has chalked over his door as a guide: "This is where the triplits is."

Capt. Paul Boynton, "the man-fish," has been exhibiting his life-saving apparatus in Spain, and in the Straits of Gibraltar. He floated down the river Tagus to Lisbon, going safely over 102 rapids, one of them 50 feet high. The trip was performed in 18 days. In 17 hours he crossed the Straits of Gibraltar, landing on the shore of Tangier Bay, much exhausted, at one o'clock in the morning. The night was dark and the waves rough. These are severe tests of the apparatus, and of the strength and courage of the inventor.

"Spirit photographs" have caused much wonder and made food for much superstition. Prof. Chandler, in a recent lecture at Delmonico's, New York, shed some light upon the "mystery." He exhibited what seemed to be a square of paper of virginal whiteness. An inscription, however, he said, was upon the paper. It was in letters of sulphate of quinine. The lights were almost extinguished, and an electric light was directed through blue glass upon the sheet, whereupon those who were near saw this inscription: "Columbia College, 1754-1878."

Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, are getting up a new edition of Chambers' Cyclopaedia, with a corrected account of "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," which, while given from a non-partisan standpoint, is free from the gross errors which are generally incorporated in such accounts and from the bitter attacks of Appleton's and other similar works. This is a new departure in this kind of literature, and one that will give general satisfaction. Reliable information, not

sectarian perversions, is what the public require in works of reference. Mr. Dwyer has the agency for Utah of the new series, and its publication will be duly announced.

The eminent Californians, officials of Nevada and others who volunteered their advice to President Hayes to appoint Gen. P. E. Connor Governor of Utah, might have the grace to wait until there is a vacancy in the office. Their officiousness is exceedingly impertinent, anyhow, in suggesting appointments for this Territory, and considering that there is no empty chair for their nominee, they simply make themselves ridiculous. The small clique of slanderers haven't accomplished anything on Governor Emery, so far. Don't be too fast.

The career of Stanley the explorer has been most remarkable and successful. It is another illustration of what may be accomplished by pluck, energy and determination. The honored guest of the Prince of Wales, the hero of the hour, and the pet of the Royal Geographical Society of England, was born in a Welsh poor-house. Instead of the charity boy's badge he wears on his breast medals and decorations presented by the crowned heads of European nations, and the child of poverty is now the son of fortune, with a name that ranks among the world's celebrities.

Texas issues a curious public document entitled: "A list of fugitives from justice," from which it appears that 4,402 citizens of that State are wanted by the authorities. Of these wanderers 750 are charged with murder. Rewards ranging from \$50 to \$1,000—the aggregate being \$90,000—are offered for three hundred of these fugitives. It is estimated that over 100,000 horses have been stolen in Texas in the last three years—value ten million dollars. There is no doubt that many of these "border ruffians" have escaped to the West. It is pretty certain that Utah has been cursed with two or three for some time past.

Apropos of the discussion concerning woman's dress, here is the reply made by Worth, the celebrated Parisian man milliner, when asked what costume could be devised that would be at the same time healthy and beautiful. Said he: "I have to make the same answer to you that I have made to the women of Europe. The costume of the Persian women is the handsomest upon the face of the earth. It consists of a loose waist, short skirt, and trousers not too loose. I have made this costume beautiful and hung it up in Paris, but the women will not wear it. I can do nothing more. They must suffer until they are willing to adopt it."

The *Church Union* under the editorship and management of E. B. Grannis has increased its circulation from 500 to 10,000 and established its reputation in the country. The editor, who does the heavy editorial work as well as attending to advertisements, receives a large number of letters addressed "Rev. Dr. Grannis, Elder E. B. Grannis, Dear Brother Grannis," &c and the answers returned have generally given satisfaction to the patrons of the paper. It now transpires that "Brother Grannis" is a little nervous, dark-eyed woman, weighing about ninety pounds. Which proves that some women are able to do some things as well as some men. Score one more for the ladies.

Every respectable lady who whitewashes or paints her face should ponder on the following: An American girl went over to Paris with her brother the other day, and the instant she was left alone with their companion in the carriage, a middle-aged Frenchman, he insulted her. She told her brother when he returned, and there was a fearful outburst. The Frenchman gave his card, and said he was deeply sorry and would abide by the determination of the other as to the consequences to ensue for his mistake, but certainly he never supposed Mademoiselle was a lady, as she was painted! The brother appealed to the best authorities in Paris in these matters, to learn what the code was under these circumstances, and all the men of the Jockey Club told him that if his sister's eyelashes were blackened and her cheeks rouged, he could have no redress, as these practices were never followed by any but those of the *demi monde*.

One reason why the Sons of Erin always fail in their insurrections is that they divide into factions and betray each other. The movement now in progress is doomed to the usual dissensions. As an illustration, here is the concluding sentence of a letter published in the *New York Sun*, written by Michael O'Neill, a Rossa man, to those Emerald Islanders who oppose the dynamite method of attacking England: "All that we skirmishers ask of you croaking Irishmen is to put up or shut up. I, for one, would rather meet one of you in a hand to hand conflict, than any Englishman who ever wore a red coat. Personally, I have nothing against the English red coats, but to you Irish prophesies of failure, I send you my undying hatred." How good and how pleasant it is to see brethren dwelling together in unity!

O'Donovan Rossa in an interview with a *New York Herald* attaché made the following remarks, as reported in that paper: "Oh, all that talk of civilized warfare is trash. There is no element of destruction that is not used in civilized warfare, and why should we not have the right to use all kinds. They will be used against us if we take the field in Ireland. Our seaport towns will be bombarded, our villages burned, our crops destroyed, and why should we not have the right to lay their cities in ashes; to destroy their shipping and ruin their commerce. They have held us by the throat for centuries and prevented the natural development of Ireland. Why should we not strike down the hand that throttles us? They have no rights in Ireland but that which force gives the robber. Let them get out and we will leave them alone. I am in favor of doing anything in the world to hurt England and serve Ireland. I have no scruples about the means. The only question is as to expediency and opportunity. I want to be sure that whatever we do will really serve Ireland. That is all I will say about it." Rossa is a nice young man for a Fenian picnic party.

## The Kuntry Sassage.

The kuntry sassage iz an oleaginous fruit. They mezzure about seven inches one way and an inch the other, and a pound ov them fried will giv 2 pounds ov grease. They are good for the dispeeshee and liver ailment, and enuff of them will bring on the salt rume and the biles. They are az good kold az they are het up, and if yu eat hearty of them Monday morning for brekfassst yu kan taste them Saturday night of that week for supper. There is two breeds ov these oily vagrants, one iz berlony and the other iz konnektikutt. The berlony iz the biggist and will keep oleaginous for 9 years and not perish. I have seen berlony so advanced in life that they waz all kivered with wrinkles, like an old kows horn, one wrinkle for each year. The only true way to git at the longevity ov a berlony iz to kount the wrinkles. After the berlony gets too old for chewing they can be used for kindling wood, or be kept for plugging up rat holes. They make the best kind of plugs known to man. They will keep the rat knawing away at the plug all the time, and it is from 18 months to 2 years before he kan see daylight. The konnektikutt sassage is as old as the Amerikan revolutshun, and our forefathers used them after they got age enough, for katridges to fire into the pesky British. Menny a British soldier has had hiz earthly biness closed out b' our konnektikutt sassage. I have seen a berlony that was 2 feet long, and 4 inches around the waist; it had been bored out, and was used as a horn to pla in the orkestra, and the German who owned it sed it waz 13 years old last March. This waz 5 years ago, and i presume the sassage iz alive yet. The sassage iz born with a tite skin on them, and this skin iz az tuff and az hard for the stumuk to kontend with az is ing glass.—Josh Billings.

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