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THE POLICY OF THE NEWS.

The Marshall Herald rebukes the characteristic intolerance of professedly religious papers towards those with whom they differ in opinion. The secular press should, and generally does, pursue the same course towards such dogmatic controversialists as is observed by modern searchers after scientific truth, and that is to ignore them altogether.

Not having seen the article in the Herald, we do not know the occasion that called it out, and can not decide upon its merits; but we are free to say that the above is a very frank statement of the policy that marks the management of the News.

When driven to close quarters on any of the moral issues of the day, its policy is to find refuge in a "masterly" silence. When unwilling to confront an antagonist, even after provoking a conflict, it folds the mantle of silence around it with a dignity which would appear majestic if the circumstances did not render it absurd.

If the News has been unfortunate in the company it has chosen, it has not improved its religious status by its public affiliation with one of the popular forms of the infidelity of our day. It places itself in company with the "modern searchers after scientific truth," and brands the Christian writers who have questioned the deductions and vagaries of scientific infidelity as "dogmatic controversialists."

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foes of a law securing for the laborer Sabbath rest. The lines are clearly drawn, and the laws of moral gravitation are surely bringing all the elements of society to their true position on this question. No wonder the News feels uncomfortable in the company in which it is found.

Smarter under the strictures called forth by its charge of Puritanism against the supporters of this law and its persistent efforts to manufacture public opinion against it in its reports from the State press and the interior, even after it had avowedly closed its columns against the question, it once more seeks to wrap the mantle of silence around itself, and gives public notice that its repose on this question must remain undisturbed.

It is too late. Neither stilted dignity nor supercilious silence can relieve the News from the responsibility of its utterances on this question. In this land there is no privileged class which may arraign and condemn the convictions of other men and then claim immunity from the responsibilities which all other men must confront.

Let our readers carefully read the extract that heads this article. After flinging out the offensive terms it employs against religious papers and Christian men, it hurries back to its hole with the intimation that if its assaults on the religious convictions of anybody should provoke a reply, it will ignore the subject altogether.

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THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

The word millennium means, etymologically, a thousand years, and may with propriety be employed to express any period of that length. But it has so long been used in reference to the golden age of Christianity that it is now a specific term expressing the kingdom of God to be established on earth.

There is also an old theory on this subject set forth by Augustine that this prophetic period began at the first coming of Christ, when Satan was cast out of the hearts of believers, and that the thousand years is a symbolical expression of completeness, indicating the entire period of the Messiah's reign.

There is a great difference between a politico-religious kingdom and a kingdom administered on religious principles. The one is a religious institution in form; the other, religious in principle. The teachings of the Bible make the latter the reign of Christ in the individual and community. Religion does not take man from his fellows; it does not isolate a select community; it does not put us out of the world, but proposes to keep us from the evil of the world.

The expectation of a political establishment in the millennium is based upon such expressions as the promise to David that his kingdom should be established forever.

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but in spirit and in truth. Nor can we accept the little territory of Palestine as the future kingdom of the Lord, when the Father has promised "the heathen and the uttermost of earth for His possession."

The return of the Jews to the Holy Land is a geographical and political impossibility, because the land would be small to meet the demands of so great a gathering. Suppose the present increase and prosperity of these people should continue for a few centuries more, the millions of Jews could not live in Palestine.

St. Paul, discoursing on this subject, spoke of the "blindness in part that happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." In this noted address to the Romans, he clearly teaches that this blindness will be removed and the chosen people restored to the favor of God.

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Rev. B. D. Dashiell. We have been permitted to see a letter from Sis or Dashiell to a friend in Galveston, written September 25, from Philadelphia. It states that on the 29th his leg was amputated at the hip joint.

We are much gratified to note the fact that among the active agents of the Advocate are some of our prominent laymen. They send us long lists this week, ranging from ten to fifty subscribers each. This helps us. It is proof that our efforts to furnish the church a first-class paper are appreciated by the intelligent members of the church.

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INFIDELITY AND THE SUNDAY LAW.

The Columbus Plain-Dealer has been unusually decided in its opposition to the Sunday law. Ostensibly its plea has been that the law is an infringement on the rights of the individual.

In our boasted land of liberty the powers of kings have been transferred to priests alone, who now use the power of both to keep the masses in subjection to their will. These parasites have three words with which they control their victims: God, Hell and Heaven.

Not the Sabbath alone, but God, hell and heaven are to be banished from the earth; preachers of the Gospel are branded as licentious men who should be muzzled or suppressed, and the churches of God closed as during the reign of terror in France.

A Narrow Escape.

I send you a letter which I received this morning from Rev. T. W. Caskey, of the Campbellite Church, together with my reply. I thought it best to make the matter public, since "Methodism and Christianity" are involved, and since the Methodist Church has just made a narrow escape from total annihilation, of which recent danger it is possibly ignorant.

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the challenge. I see that I had altogether mistaken the character of my competitor. As for me,—alas! I am not versed in "the tactics of polemics."

I don't think I could survive if it were not for the hope I still have that the Methodist Church may yet succeed in raising another "peer"—some David, for instance, who may put a new idea into the head of this Goliath of the Philistines.

The Treasury Department has just received from London a copy of a document relating to trade with the United States, made in reply to a parliamentary inquiry by the House of Lords on the 1st of April, 1879, which called for a statement of the trade of the United Kingdom with the United States.

THERE is a noble tendency, North and South, to place men in official station who were maimed in battle. We are glad there is such a tendency. It shows that republics are not ungrateful. It is right that all who have lost limbs in the service of their country should be rewarded by the people of that country.

It is said the Pope does not approve the violent course of the Bishops of Belgium against the educational law. Do popes differ? This does not sound like Pius IX. What about infallibility?

THE Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which recently held its annual session at Detroit, has about 500 societies and a membership of 100,000. A letter from Leo, XIII was read, granting great spiritual privileges to the members.

ONE thousand subscribers added to our list the past week. So says our mail clerk. Our friends are at work. Many who were careless before are moving to the front as active agents. We hope to hear from all. Let the canvass be thorough. With our membership we ought to have 15,000 subscribers.

Mr. Moody was recently rowing on a pond at Northfield, Mass., singing, "Pull for the shore," when the boat capsized and as the water was chilly, that evangelist pulled for the shore in very cold earnest.

It is said that the influence of Sitting Bull over the Sioux is the result of his successful playing on their superstitions. He has persuaded them that he possesses supernatural powers. His dreams are interpreted by his brother-in-law, and are accepted revelations from the Great Spirit.

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Mexican Border Missions.

During this visit to Matamoros Bro. Purdie received from the Wesleyan Home, in London, a box of Rule's Commentaries on the New Testament in Spanish. Our joy was inexpressible in being put in possession of this new auxiliary to our mission work.

Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. No impostor can be found who would have proceeded thus! Mohammed, for instance, he is impostor or fanatic, was constantly teaching his followers what to say to the "infidels;" and doubtful of proofs of his new religion, commanded them to avail themselves of the last resort (the sword) in order to convince the unbelieving.

texts, therefore, are of the type that were once so common in Methodist pulpits, but in many places no longer so. "Break up your fallow ground," sermon to backsliders. "This year thou shalt die," a sermon to the carnally secure. "I pray thee have me excused," a sermon to apologists for unbelief, etc.

if he was not a man of prayer and faith. He preaches Jesus; Jesus as the only Savior and Mediator. His blood the only cleansing power. He recognizes, invokes and urges the necessity of the light, presence and power of the Holy Spirit. He preaches the doctrine of the Trinity in unity. He proclaims "a salvation for all," and extends the light of hope to the most abandoned.

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