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The synopsis of the debate between Bro. C. J. Wright and Eld. Jones, now being published in the HERALD, was prepared by Bro. T. M. Morgan from notes taken at the time.

The Announcement and General Programme of the Annual Meeting for Southern California, appears in this issue. We expect a full report of the meeting for publication in due time.

We heartily unite with the editor of the *C. C. Advocate* in the following sentiment:

*The Signs of the Times*, noticing the terrible cyclones, tidal waves, earthquakes, etc., which have lately startled the country, concludes that "God is warning the world by his Word and Providence" that these are "the last days." It expects the end of all things soon. To all this we have only to say, that every Christian should be always ready. If we knew that the world was to come to an end next week, we should get out as good a paper as possible; should make clippings, prepare items, read proof, live for others and to do good to the sound-

ing of the last trump. We have not the slightest fear nor dread of it. As far as we are concerned, the Lord Jesus is welcome to come in his own time. Death-closes up the career of each one, anyhow.

We are in receipt of the Annual Catalogue of Kentucky University.

It shows the various colleges in a very flourishing condition. In the three colleges (Arts, Commercial and Bible) there were in attendance during the session, just closed, about 450 students. The faculty is composed of able men in their profession, and the curators are harmonious in the management of the University. Good work is done in all the departments, and we confidently predict great good from Kentucky University.

*The Old Path Guide* makes the following comments. Further is not necessary. Of course some will persist in saying that the M. E. church is the same "yesterday, today, and forever."

THE NEW DISCIPLINE.—All things human are destined to change, as the following shows:

Before this number of the *Advocate* reaches its readers we hope to have the revised edition of the Discipline out of press. The work of revision has been one of some difficulty, owing to the death of the Secretary of the Conference, Dr. Summers, after the business of the session was in progress.—*Christian Advocate*.

Every four years the Discipline is revised, as it appears from the statement found in the *Christian Advocate*, that "1886 calls for a new revision." This is a little worse than we thought. "But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

Read and reflect upon the following from the *Christian Standard*:

The world do move. Bro. Wm. Sumpter, in a letter from Nelson, Nebraska, under date of June 29th, states that the Cumberland Presbyterian minister of Superior, Nuckols county, Nebraska, published the following advertisement in *The Superior Guide*, of June 15th:

### IMMERSION.

On Sunday, July 2, 1882, I ap-

planned to be administered to twenty five persons, in the Republican River, near the place of F. D. Wilson, in connection with the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

F. M. MADDEN, Pastor.

This may madden affusionists, but it will gladden all hearts that long for a return to apostolic practice. We take Mr. Madden to be a superior guide. Let the good work go on.

What the people of God need for growth is to observe the injunction of Paul to Timothy: "Exercise thyself unto godliness."

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?—We give the *Christian Advocate* credit for this:

A Christian is one who loves God and keeps his commandments. Love, then, is not a mere sentiment, a feeling, it is a principle, the principle of a new life, which holds the life true to itself, true to duty, true to man, true to God. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

This is what we have always claimed. Receiving creeds have nothing to do with making Christians. They sometimes unmake Christians. Keeping God's commandments is a condition both of becoming and continuing a Christian. By the way, if he who loves God and keeps his commandments is a Christian, why not call him a Christian? Why call him anything else?—*Old Path Guide*.

At the annual commencement exercises at Hiram college recently, Mrs. James A. Garfield was elected to fill the vacancy in the college board created by the death of her husband. General and Mrs. Garfield at one-time taught classes side by side in this institute.

There was a touching and thrilling scene, says the *A. C. Review*, on Commencement Day at Bethany College. Just as Miss Mary A. Campbell, a granddaughter of Alexander Campbell, had concluded her beautiful poem entitled "Jewels," her grandmother, Mrs. Alexander Campbell, was seen mounting the platform, and quickly approaching the object of her love and affection, embraced her lovingly and tender-

ly, in the presence of a thousand people. Not only was this Christian matron of eighty years moved with the deepest emotion, but, for a moment, the surprised audience gazed upon the unexpected scene with the stillness of death, many eyes being suffused with tears of joy and admiration. The audience was transfixed. It was a silence that could be felt. It was the eloquence of profound and reverent silence. Alexander Campbell, in his marble bust, was looking down upon the scene.

### Advice to Young Ministers.

Supply your libraries at the outset with the best works on biblical literature. Do not spare your purses in so doing. Wear the old coat, and buy the new books. Incur any hazard or hardship, but those of debt and dishonor, to get your outfit of tools to work with. You must have them early in your ministry, if you are ever to use them. Your wedding can wait, but your library can not. Then systematize your biblical studies, and give yourself to them religiously. Let the garden go unweeded, and let the potatoes rot in the ground. Get rid of the church councils and committees, and executive miscellanies, so far as you honorably can. Leave the social dinners, and the pleasure parties, and the regattas, and the operas, and the fast horses, to those who need them. Say you, with Nehemiah, to messengers who tempt you with such things: "I am doing a great work, so that I can not come down; why should the work cease whilst I leave and come down to you?" Cultivate a stern unity of purpose in your calling of God, and hold to it to the death. Come thus to your biblical sermons with a full mind which aches to deliver itself.—*Professor Phelps*.

Bro. Jones has found a man who is divided between Christianity and Masonry as follows: He gives the church his prayers, and his tears, and his songs, and gives Masonry his money. Jones can not tell whether the man's heart goes with his prayers and songs or with his money.—*Messenger*.