

...om a misprint for vineyard, a
...aint organ 125 years old, and a
...ekety stairway leading to the
...elfry. If you visit the "Hub"
...n't fail to see this church.

... A piece of Plymouth Rock has
...een forwarded by the Pilgrim So-
...ociety of Plymouth, Mass., to Rev.
...enry Allon, of the Mission Chapel,
...ersington, London, to be built into
...the chapel pulpit. The original
...ock is now sheltered by a hand-
...ome granite canopy, the floor of
...hich is so built around the rock
...hat only two square feet are visi-
...ble. This was found necessary to
...reserve it from the depredations of
...sitors, who chiseled and hammer-
...ed pieces from it to carry off as me-
...entoes.

... The case of the late Dr. Beard of
...ew York ought to be a warning
...gainst citing death-bed testimony.
... case occurred recently in this
...ity where a celebrated citizen died
... a hotel, and his death was her-
...eided as having been a peculiarly
...appy one. Not only was this not
...e, but the sick man when near the
...nd, which he knew could not be
...uch longer delayed, put his feeble
...gnature to a check which drew
...at all his funds from the bank, and
...laced them beyond reach of his
...ndlord, to whose request for at
...ast partial settlement of his board
...all he paid no attention. That
...ndlord is still ready to receive the
...oney due him.

... The Government of Chili, on the
...efusal of the Vatican to approve
...ts nomination for Archbishop, has
...roken relations with the Pope.

... Herbert Spencer, Profs. Huxley,
...nd Tyndall, John Morley, and
...bout 200 of the leading literary
...nd scientific men of England, have
...igned a memorial to be presented
...o the Home Secretary, protesting
...gainst the continuance of the im-
...prisonment of Mr. Foote, the editor
...f the *Freethinker*, for blasphemy,
...nd asking for his release. Sir
...William Harcourt, it is understood
...will refuse the petition. Public
...eeling against atheism is strong,
...nd it is said that Lord Randolph
...Churchill is preparing a bill to dis-
...ualify atheists from sitting in
...arliament.

... The Southern Baptist Foreign
...Mission Board prints its thirty-
...eighth report, somewhat abridged,
...its organ, the *Foreign Mission*
...ournal. The past year, it is

... stated, has been a year of prosperi-
...ty. The income of the board was
...\$56,805. It has at the end of the
...year over \$6,100 in the treasury.
...The Mexican mission has 65 church
...members, 13 having been baptized
...the past year. Two missionaries
...with three assistants, besides native
...helpers, are employed. In Brazil
...there are 50 church members, with
...5 baptisms during the year. The
...stations are in Santa Barbara and
...Bahia. The two missionaries with
...their wives, express a confident be-
...lief in future success. They have
...secured a hearing, and hope in time
...to have a mission in the capital.
...In China, there are three missions,
...viz., the Tung Chau, the Shanghai,
...and the Canton. During the year
...62 persons were baptized. The
...whole number of members is 587;
...of pupils 202. The contributions
...amounted to \$546. The church in
...Tung Chau, has, it is said, "grown
...in knowledge, self-reliance, and
...efficiency, having supported a native
...preacher" this year and promised
...to do so next year. The church re-
...ceives no funds from the mission.
...The Shanghai mission maintains
...regular service in five places. The
...Sunday morning attendance in
...Shanghai is 150. Dr. Yates la-
...ments the absence of indications of
...revival. "The mission," he says,
... "that uses money freely among the
...Chinese will be popular."

That Denominational Name.

... A discussion has been going on
...for some time in some of our papers
...on the question of what name we
...shall be known by in the Census
...and in current history. It would
...seem rather late in the history of a
...religious people, after a half century
...has gone by, to be discussing what
...name we shall wear. We are not
...surprised that several of the de-
...nominational organs have made
...this fact an excuse and justification
...for applying to us names that we
...do not and cannot accept, seeing
...that the question is still, apparent-
...ly, an unsettled one. But we de-
...precate this discussion, especially,
...because it seems to us to indicate a
...wrong tendency in our thought,
...and a misconception of our aim and
...work. Let us explain what we
...mean.

... It is not so much a question as
...to what shall be the religious name
...of the individual, or of congrega-
...tions, as such; for the name Chris-
...tian or disciple seems to be quite
...acceptable for the former, while the
...propriety of designating the latter

... as Churches of Christ all seem to
...admit. But the question that ex-
...ercises our scribes, mainly, is what
...shall be our name in the aggregate?
...A name is wanted that will include
...all who have accepted the principles
...of the reformation we plead, and
...no body else, and at the same time
...be Scriptural! The *Religious Her-
...ald* quotes the *Christian Standard*
...as saying: "No name that does not
...clearly distinguish our brotherhood
...should be used." And yet of course
...the *Standard* would demand that
...such name must be Scriptural. But
...clearly such a name cannot be
...found. If it be a Scriptural name
...it will include all God's people, and
...since no one claims that all Chris-
...tians have as yet adopted the
...principles for which we plead, it
...follows that it will include others
...than ourselves. The only way we
...can be distinguished from other
...Christian people is by their use of
...denominational designations which
...are not found in the Scriptures. As
...soon as they begin to use the same
...Scriptural names that we do, they
...will no longer be distinguished from
...us, nor will there be need for such
...distinction.

... A few years since we pointed out
...the error of using such names as the
..."Church of Christ," or "the
...Christian Church," in a denomina-
...tional or sectarian sense, as is done
...when we apply them to our reli-
...gious movement. Such a use of
...the terms is so manifestly improper
...that we marvel at its being so com-
...mon. Not only ought we to use
..."Bible names for Bible things,"
...but we ought to use them in their
...Biblical meaning and scope. It is
...quite right to designate our congrega-
...tions as churches of Christ, for so
...they are; and ourselves as Chris-
...tians, for such we claim to be; but
...the name "Church of Christ," or of
...God, is shorn of its broad catholici-
...ty of meaning when applied to only
...a part of God's people.

... The error of regarding our move-
...ment as a church in the aggregate,
...after the manner of the "Meth-
...odist Church," "the Presbyterian
...Church," "the Universalist Church,"
..."the Baptist Church," etc., is a
...very natural one, considering the
...habit of current religious thought
...and speech; but for that very rea-
...son there is special need for being
...on our guard. We are not a
...church, and never professed to be.
...We never started out to found a
...new church, but to build up and
...organize congregations or churches
...after the New Testament models,

... and to plead with religious parties
...to drop their party names, party
...creeds and party organizations and
...unite with each other on the
...original foundation, wearing the
...name of Christ. We are not an
...ecclesiastical body, but a communi-
...ty of individuals and of churches,
...cooperating in a great religious
...movement—the most important of
...the present century—having for
...its sublime aim the reproduction of
...New Testament Christianity. We
...are not a corporate body, in our
...entirety, but a voice in the wilder-
...ness of denominational confusion
...and strife, crying, "Return ye to
...the old paths! Come back to the
...name you have discarded, the
...foundation which ye have left, and
...the commandments you have neg-
...lected, and dwell together in peace
...and unity, all ye children of the
...living God!" Such missionary
...organizations as we have formed
...are for the purpose of sending this
...voice into all the sections of our
...own land, and around the whole
...earth. They are not ecclesiastic-
...isms.

... The Lutheran Reformation of the
...sixteenth century was a power to
...shake the papal throne, and cause
...nations to throw off the yoke of
...ecclesiastical bondage and supersti-
...tion, while it consisted of a few
...great principles earnestly plead by
...men whose souls were on fire with
...the importance of the truth they
...preached. But, crystalizing into
...denominations, it has lost its pres-
...tige and power, largely, and itself
...needs reformation.

... Human nature is ever the same.
...The constant tendency among us
...will be to denominationalize, like
...the parties around us, and to take
...a place among the Protestant
...Churches of the land. When we
...have consented to this, and have
...accepted our denominational name,
...then the religious parties will bury
...their tomahawks, and we will be
...admitted into the charmed circle of
...orthodoxy. But our glory and
...strength will have departed.

... It must not be so. We must not
...sectarianize. But to avoid it let us
...beware of too much anxiety about
...being distinguished from other
...Christians by having one name
...only, and about having large num-
...bers in Census reports. Rather let
...us be anxious that our growth in
...Scriptural knowledge and piety
...shall keep pace with our increase in
...numbers, and that we keep clearly
...before the people the vast differ-
...ence between the Church of Jesus