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DAILY CHRONICLE

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EDITOR DAILY CHRONICLE:

In *Lev* of the sun-fish story you lately published, I am led to believe that it is a *Young* fabrication.

Yours Truly,
SUN-FISH.

EDITOR CHRONICLE-STAR:

If you will permit me, I would like to say a few words to my friends of "the cloth" concerning the "Sabbath desecration" that they harp on so much. I am a member of the church, and I think I am a consistent one, too, but my pastor tells me that I am a great sinner because I go away on a Sunday, occasionally, to enjoy myself at some such place as Sea Breeze or Fortescue. When I go to these places, I pass the day smoking and reading, and when I return home, I feel just as good as though I had listened all day to good sermons and impressive prayers. Our clerical friends would have us all believe that we are going headlong to destruction because we take pleasure trips on Sunday. Now, I don't believe any such doctrine. I am an ardent admirer of nature and, as God created all things in admiring the beauties of nature, cannot help but think of and esteem the Creator of them all. I wish to say, and to say it emphatically, too, that I can worship God just as well out of the church as in it. Because we are not church-goers is no reason why we should be set down as disciples of the devil. Let those go to church who want to. Let those who think they can worship God only by going to church three times on a Sunday, and remaining home the rest of the time, reading their bibles, do so. (Let me say right here that these very so good people on Sunday, you want to look out for on week days.) We people don't object to what they do, but we want them to let us alone. They have no right to judge us. They can save themselves the trouble of petitioning the Almighty for forgiveness of our sins. Most of us alleged Sabbath-breakers pray for ourselves. This observance of the Sabbath is looked at differently by different people. We people who are cooped up in business places all the week look upon Sunday as the only day we have for recreation. And we recreate, too. We do nothing wrong, whatever, yet every Sunday the ministers pray for us, just as though we were the worst lot of sinners on earth. Our overzealous religious friends do more harm by condemning harmless amusements on the Sabbath than they do good. We beseech them to attend to their own business, and we will attend to ours. Perhaps, when the Great Day shall come, as many of us will be found entering the "pearly gates" as of those who now think we are journeying rapidly toward Hades.

SABBATH-BREAKER.

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HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES.

Interesting to Bridgetonians.

How great have been the changes which time has wrought since the birth of Michael Potter—the Centenarian! We have time and space to note but a few which have occurred in this neighborhood alone. A hundred years ago, Bridgeton had less than four hundred inhabitants; Millville did not exist. He was born nine years before a post-office was established in this place, and when the stage to Philadelphia made but two trips a week. He was six years older than the old stone jail, which was removed in 1867. The county offices were not erected for thirty-two years after his birth; nor was the nail factory established. We had no poor house until he was twenty-six years of age—the townships taking care of their poor up to that time. He was thirty-one years old before we had a newspaper—the Washington Wig, of which the CHRONICLE is the immediate and legitimate successor. This was the first newspaper published South of Trenton for any length of time and the only one continuously since. There were no manufactories of any account until long after he had arrived at the age of maturity, and but little business of any kind was carried on here save the handling and transportation of lumber bark and cord wood. Now our population has reached almost the teens, whilst our manufacturing industries are not only large and varied, but in glass ware alone are enormous. The improvements of every kind now exceeds the anticipation and predictions of the most sanguine, who fully appreciate the many advantages of our beautiful city.

In referring to the venerable patriarch again, we might observe that he has outlived every person, man, woman, and child who was born in South Jersey before when he first saw the light of day. We take in of course the whole of the old 1st Congressional District of the State, then including Atlantic, and the county of Camden, both of which were erected from old Gloucester County, which ran through the State from the Delaware to the ocean.

REV. L. C. BAKER'S VIEWS.

He Denies the Doctrine of Eternal Torment Before the Presbytery.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 18.—At the second session of the West Jersey Presbytery held this morning, the statement of Rev. C. L. Baker, editor of the religious magazine Words of Reconciliation, and formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Camden, was heard. A lively discussion ensued.

At the afternoon session Mr. Baker modified his language to bring it properly before the meeting for discussion. The clergy and layman of the Presbytery are familiar with his teachings. The Westminster doctrine of eternal torment as taught he repudiated. While admitting that his views were not in accordance with the standards, he made a forcible and eloquent address in defence of the same.

The vote was finally reached, and was against Baker, the proposition inviting his withdrawal from the Church being carried by a vote of 55 to 5. Mr. Baker is satisfied with the verdict, and is not at all surprised at the result. He invited the investigation, and was virtually his own accuser; he did not expect that he would be sustained in his views. He says the Presbytery could not have found otherwise than they did, and is quite willing on this presentment to be adjudged a heretic.

CAPEN FUND NOW \$13,686

Additional Contributions for Memorial Building Reported at Meeting in Central Congregational Church

At a meeting of collecting committees for the Samuel B. Capen memorial building fund of Jamaica Plain at the Central Congregational Church yesterday afternoon \$2181 additional contributions were reported. The total amount raised so far is \$13,686. An effort is being made to raise \$50,000 by Easter Sunday, April 25.

Dr Arthur N. Broughton, Rev Chauncey J. Hawkes and Pres Harry D. Evans of the Samuel B. Capen Men's Club addressed the meeting. The largest amount reported was by the F. C. McMorran team, \$681. The other teams reported as follows: Harry D. Evans, \$445; H. E. Dunkle, \$150; R. C. Wellington, \$53; R. Luppold, \$30; Theodore Barnes, \$192; George A. Cowan, \$153; Dr Emmons, \$39; J. Chipman, \$6; C. L. Lawrence, \$25; S. Gardner, \$63; W. F. Allen, \$41; Mrs R. Luppold, \$40; Miss Jessie Rose, \$126; Mrs George Craig, \$32, and \$45 was collected during the meeting.