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anxiously towards the older scholars for their case. The taller boys looked at each other a moment and finally said, "No Sir!" and every child in the school, great and small, shouted out tumultuously, "No Sir!"

MORNING STAR. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1858.

THE SPIRIT IN THE WORLD. Most persons are doubtless conscious of a tendency to regard God in all his operations in nature and grace, as at a great distance.

It has been said that variety is the spice of life. Change is as good as rest. Sameness is unendurable. It is certain that God has filled the world with limitless variety.

Some are, and must be, greater than the rest, as Pope has well said. Bacon, and Milton, and Newton, adorned their spheres; equally so, men of less talents have adorned theirs.

MAJORITIES AND MINORITIES. In our republicanism, we are constantly reminded of the fact that the majority rule is the basis of our government.

It is well to pray for the Spirit as we pray for daily bread, as we pray for health and every other good. Because prayer is required, not so much to move God to give, as for a proper avowal of our desire to receive.

Often have we wished, on going into the well regulated Sabbath school, that we could say a word to two in the ears of many thousands in all our land, who are engaged as teachers in this enterprise.

PRACTICAL PREACHING. Most understand very well the importance of practical preaching, still there are great diversities of opinion with regard to what it is.

The General Association (Congregational) of the State of Michigan, has just held its annual meeting at Adrian. The exercises closed Monday evening, the 24th ult., with a collation and a free interchange of fraternal greetings.

be bought and sold in the shambles of this world, but in the battle for truth will stand manfully for Christ.

There is a great deal of good preaching that accomplishes very little, because it does not find a lodgment in the minds and hearts of the people. It is too theoretical and abstract.

Preaching is often too general. A sermon that is adapted to one people no better than another, rarely interests any one. General principles are usually understood and admitted.

One serious objection is in relation to the independence of the churches. This has been the greatest objection I have met with in trying to urge the churches to adopt some plan of itinerancy.

It is everywhere the chief objection. We think this objection is fairly met and answered in the article on this subject in our Quarterly.

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It is as easy to build a boat on dry land away from water (as upon the shore), but the next thing is for the power to carry (sail) it? So it is easier to get up a system of itinerancy than it is to get the means to carry it into successful operation.

Monday was devoted to the examination of the late action of the American Tract Society, which was emphatically condemned. The Congregational ministers of Michigan are a body of earnest, hard working, educated, reformatory Christian men. They can never

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