

Correspondence.

ON THE SEA.

DEAR BROTHER MEARS:—

"Out on the ocean sailing."

So sing our Sabbath school children in one of their beautiful hymns of life. Yes, all out, on the ocean of life, sailing, sailing away, away, and will soon be over earths, seas, and continents, beyond present human vision and into that realm unseen and unrealized by mortal conception.

Bishop Berkeley could have possessed but a dim apprehension of his now so famous stanza, was to mean:

"Westward the star of empire takes its way," &c.,

Our Leviathan of the deep is the steamer Arizona of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company—we glide along in a smooth sea, under a warm sun, off, and within sight of Cuba. One thousand human beings are here crowded together, en route for an entrance into the Golden Gate, and to swell still more the augmenting tide on the far off Pacific coast—that Ultima Thule—that end of the earth, where Asiatic and Anglo-Saxon now meet and are to make a speedy decision as to which race is hereafter to rule the world.

PARTINGS—HERE AND HEREAFTER.

Never before have I enjoyed so interesting and realizing a sense of this, "Western Tide," as in the two hours previous to the departure of our steamer from her wharf at the foot of Canal St., N. Y. Whoever feels any interest in this changing condition of our race and has not previously witnessed the scene, we advise by all means, should occasion offer, to spend two or three hours on the North or East river, previous to the sailing of a California steamer. There and then, within that brief space, can be read by eye, and ear, a volume quite as interesting and one much more instructive than flows from the brain and pen of Dickens—a volume of real and not imaginary life. Here are lessons for the Statesman, a book for the philosopher, with a sermon for the Christian. The thousand persons hurrying and bustling to be aboard for the Pacific, brought to the wharf much more than a thousand friends to see them off, and to bid them the "God speed." Carts, drays, express-wagons with carriages of all descriptions come hurrying with their freights—big boxes, little boxes, trunks, band-boxes, budgets, bundles, shouts, screams, curses, jestings together of drivers and hackmen—challenges of guards at entrance, authoritative orders of policemen—all making up a scene to be enjoyed and not soon forgotten.

Previous to leaving, the vessel was crowded almost to suffocation with passengers and friends. Soon a colored official passed with his deafening gong along promenades and through cabins, shouting the meanwhile at the top of his voice; "All not going now leave de boat." Then were there embraces, sobs, tears; "God bless you," with, "Be sure to write and don't forget us." Such partings are a not unimportant type, or foreshadowing of the occasion when our entire race shall be assembled for final judgment and eternal separation. The ties which here bind even the ungodly together cause their possessors to feel:

"There is a sudden pang of sorrow,
When friends but part to meet to-morrow,"

but what tongue or pen can describe

"The pangs when forced to sever
To meet no more, perhaps forever."

Happy, thrice happy, all who are Christ's. They, and they only, when called to separate in the journey of life, can feelingly and truthfully sing,

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart
(And hope to meet again.)"

Your correspondent looked in vain among the multitude of passengers for a familiar face—not even one he had ever known or seen before. Yet without conscious selfishness this solitary condition was preferred, and as a lone seat was found on the stern of the deck, he witnessed the last handkerchief waived by those on shore and those on deck, as we mutually faded into dimness and our majestic craft with its living freight glided as by magic out to the sea. Very lonely, pleasingly sad, but not unhappy, a wave of hand with bounding impulses of heart went towards the locations of dear ones, and loved friends fast fading from view, but not from soul and memory.

WITHOUT A TICKET.

'Ere we passed out of Sandy Hook and the return of our pilot, the passengers were called upon to show their tickets. Why this seeming haste was not at first understood, but we soon learned it was to discover whether any had stolen on board without paying passage, and if so, be sent back by the pilot boat. Only one such was found—a young and delicate looking female without trace of abandonment or ill-intent. When challenged, she said she had no money; wanted if by any possibility, to reach California; hoped if off with the crowd in some way to get through. From what desiring to escape and what to reach was not stated.

Not rudely but sternly was she handed quivering with fear down the narrow steps on the side of the vessel into the pilot's boat and sent back to perhaps a burial of ruin in the absorbing Metropolis.

How many, very many, it is to be feared, fail to secure a proper ticket for the voyage of life—one which will pass them safely along and finally admit without challenge into the desired haven. More we fear than one in a thousand as on our good ship Arizona.

A. M. STEWART.

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