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REV. A. M. STEWART'S LETTERS-XVII. Nevada, Sep. 1868. CAMP LIFE IN NEVADA.

Not tent life, for in this region of magnificent distances, sparse houses and long journeys, tents seem to be discarded. When the pilgrim wayfarer becomes separated from public conveyances and night settles down upon him before reaching human habitation, as may often happen, the ground becomes his bed and the open heavens his canopy. In this but little inconvenience is experienced even by a novice or a new comer. The air is light, and in summer dry as that of a parlor, heated by a furnace, yet without its inconveniences. The ground is friable and with no more moisture than an ash heap. Not a trace of dew can be seen or felt at early morn. Little danger of cold-catching from sleeping on the ground under such conditions! The only necessity for comfort and safety is a covering, as the hights are always cool. The indigenous humanlitles of Nevada these true native Americans, the Shoshonee and Piute Indians, have no shelters but lie down to sleep on the ground without covering in this summer season. III have not had copportunity to witness what kind of abbargain they and winter make about sleep, with int

TWO HUNDRED MILES ON HORSERACK. My preaching mission calling me from Austin to Carson, Nevada, a distance of two hundred miles, the journey has been accomplished on horseback. My companion was Rev. A. F. White, of Carson, now acting as State Geologist. His conveyance was a buggy drawn by two very philosophical mules. The journey occupied us five days -hot, dry, dusty, wearying, yet full of interest and incident.

The finest opportunity was thus afforded for leisurely examining the topography, botany and White looked after the Geology, and gathered up the rocks. There was no town or mining region on our route and no ranch or cultivated land save in one locality. Our general course was over the old stage route, across the Continent. The Western end of the Pacific Railroad being now completed as far Eastward as the Humboldt River those homestead roads I No wonder that for the Pool are so situated that from them you look the commentary. The student should scorn to and the route being far, North of this, the stages and wagons have hence been withdrawn from much of this region. In consequence, the stations have been abandoned, families or employees ropes and buckets; from their deep, wells removed. | Brequently on coming to these places weary and thirsty, we could look down, and see the water but were forcibly reminded of the mispeech by the woman of Samaria to our Saviour; vill The well is deep and we had nothing whereby to draw." Twice we were compelled to journew over-twenty miles without water; either for among his earliest and hest friends in this city obligated in the vextreme; yet in the region is desolate in the vextreme; yet in among his earliest and hest friends in this city obligated dissipation. Old Orchard and the Pool Thirty years ago they had given him the right are just the places for families. Children thrive hand of fellowship and welcome; nor had that wonderfully at them both. And let it be said raising and farming; of which we shall write in adahother connection. The most skeptical about digeological theories would united in saying the surface material of this great area, must have been coatsa period not long in the paste in a fire seven times hotter than that into which were cast the othree Hebrew children. I object qual at name

Mo No tree higher than the ever present sage bush is seen for a hundred and fifty miles of our route. When approaching the sinks of the Carson river, " a tree was seen afar off; and when in its vicinity, I rode some distance out of the way in order, to e get under its shade. It proved to be a scrubby homely cottonwood, only about twenty feet high, mobut a tree nevertheless, and when under its shade, a my hat was taken off and waved with a long, joybe our shout peaceompanied with thanksgivings; to. God for bestowing upon our earth the adornment of trees; for planting a Paradise, and causing the Tree of Life to grow along the living river, with its twelve manner of fruits and speedy ripening, thus to be an eternal joy and beauty of heaven. Soon after this, we come to and crossed the little Carson river, but a short distance above where it loses itself in the arid desert. Again, -towith hat in hand, the shouts went up; and theinexpressible beauty of a Scripture comparison was on the tongue. "As rivers of water in a dry blace Mic No image of the Saviour to persons in . four condition could be more striking and appro--mprintelistences of a too one is not it in cases as

-rechtenium bas e Animalities it ha beiden is Ts hot wanting in this boundless arid region. 10 The Lord has made animal life in its variations and adaptations even more completely to occupy at the Falmouth House, one of the best of hoevery nook and corner of land and sea, than veg- tels in one of the most beautiful cities of New etable life. Birds of various kinds find here safe and louely liabitations. The cooing dove would be remembered, a few years since, but the fire has do often sit quietly on the dry, dusty pathway until proved no disaster but rather an advantage. lo almost trodden upon by the horses hoofs. The Larger and better buildings have been erected, lo drow and the raven new over us and erouked, and with such rapidity, and in such numbers that for their prey of death. An occasional burrowing one can scarcely trace the desolation, It is woned owl would sit beside its hole and look, or seem to derful to see the energy of these Down Easters, -irefare, at us with its great yellows eyes ! Little the determination with which they set about vichorhed toads, and beautiful lizzards leverywhere their recovery from any misfortune, and the ais abounded by Now and then surabbit, very large, thrift that follows their efforts. and with marvellously long ears bounded from a to Casco bay, with its multitudinous islands, is naisage bush and scampered off at great speed. The thing of beauty. A sail over its waters is never to largest snimad we saw or heard of was the kaiote; be forgotten, especially if undertaken on a moon-lit the size and shape of a small dog of the hound inght. The city itself is not devoid of interest, a species - samean, prowling, sneaking, cowardly, in its well laid streets, public buildings completed

ing about us every night. Once they became so impudent as to come and seize a large shawl that covered us; with an attempt to tug it away. This which the marauders speedily disappeared in the darkness and among the sage brush.

HUMAN ABODES.

These were few and far between. Now and then we lighted upon a man, perhaps two, making choice of a purely hermit life. The history of such, were it written, would perchance exceed fiction. A few families were found,-one a father, mother and six daughters; the eldest married-not long from Utah; weary, or perhaps disgusted with the domestic notions of Brigham Young. How they got there, why they stopped what they were doing, and how they lived were all secrets to us, I talked to the children about school and to the parents about church and they seemed to them as unmeaning terms. A grand child had died the day we called and was lying on a pallet, unshrouded and uncoffined, awaiting the coming of their nearest neighbor woman for whom they had sent, and who lived a dozen miles away, When! O, when, shall schools, and the blessed gospel be not only within reach but in actual possession of every family on earth? at most of an to select and A. M. STEWART.

Law STMOST IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL PARKET To day a large congregation assembled in the Thirteeuth St. Presbyterian church, New York. Rev. Dr. Burchard pastor. Before the pulpit were two coffins containing the remains of a husband and a wife. Together they happily lived about two score years. Together they had rejoiced over the birth, the growth, the marriage, and at their stations, passengers for Old Orchard are so complete that he may be tempted ato let and prosperity of their children; and together Beach, and the Pool, are left. Old Orchard is them do his studying for him of it would be an wept; when a vacant chair, a vacant pillow, a one of, the finest beaches on the Atlantic coast. easy thing for any lazy minister to take one of dear one departed. The other day they drove drive, of exquisite exhibitation; the bathing is labor, and gather materials in a short time, for a out to East Chatham, N. Y 4 to breathe thereweet. excellent, and there, is nondanger of undertow. very learned sermon. But let him be cautious, the Report. Such aged and worthy sufferers, country air, to look upon those familiar hills and There are good hotels, whose prices have not valleys, to revisit the old church and cometery, and live over again the scenes and incidents of their earliest years. For this purpose they were houses: allhe Pool is at the month of the Saco, on a drive in a buggy with a spirited horse. No and is so called from the conformation of land buoyancy and bound of his elastic strides over crooked necked squash ... Both Old Orchard and ling. It is well enough for the unlearned to squeeze times flew over that iron track! No wonder they mishes the best drives—the Pool, the best fishing. using a reasonable amount of his own. P.S. rider just in the rear! But on, on they came, sleep, so that the visitor, after a few weeks, feels full thirty miles an hour, and before the reverber- perfectly renovated. Further East, a day's sail ations of their tramp had died among the hills Philo V. Bebee and his wife Sophia were in to which many have resorted this last, summer. eternity.

And now we were assembled in the city; weep-

ing relatives, and a very large concourse of sympathetic friends-for the last offices of respect and kindness. The pastor spoke of them as: of their relations to their pastor as replete with, the best affections of the human heart; of their relations to God as full of the best and highest hopes. Death had rudely sundered their hands, but not their hearts; and after a few days, at the Master's call, they should meet again.

He spoke with tears on the lessons of the hour: first, that God governs wisely and well; secondly, that sanctified afflictions are among the richest blessings; thirdly, of the comfort derived from these views, and finally of the impressive call of this event to prepare to meet God.

Never in the city, and very seldom in the country, have I witnessed a funeral so impressive. The respective ages of the departed were sixty-five and seventy-one.

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THE LETTERS PROMODOWN KASTA

The tide of travel has been largely toward the rising sun this season. Many, having gone to the pleasant beaches of Maine and the cool retreats of the provinces just now they are returning, with abundant tokens of the advantages of such resorts. Your correspondent among

After a sweltering Sabbath in August, the Monday following found him and his family, large enough for any minister's salary, on the staunch and good ship Franconia bound from New York to Portland, burning ve view goissaugue off a

After thirty-five hours delightful experience of the sea we were in Portland, nicely established England. This city was nearly consumed, it will

thing. As we slept on the ground where might and in process of erection its hills of far-reaching how do you manage to do so much manual work. overtook us, they were barking and howling prospect and the culture of the people,

The religious character of the place is the result of the prayers and efforts of that saintly man, Edward Payson, who being dead yet speaks. aroused brother White in great indignation at The church in which Dr. Payson preached was burned, but a new edifice is going up under the name of the Payson Church, in which it is to be hoped the same gospel will be preached, that from that man of God was the power of God and the wisdom of God unto many souls. Not far from the city is Brunswick, the seat of Bowdoin college, into which the new President, Dr. Harris, is putting new life, aided by a hard-working and enthusiastic corps of instructors. Some welve miles away lie the two cities, Saco and Biddeford, in which the noisy hum of innumerable spindles may be heard with the clatter of looms. Inclination to be a fill a many

Large cotton mills are in both these towns. driven by the waters of the Saco, which, some nine miles from the sea, has a fall furnishing an abundance of power for extended manufacturing. | tary upon St. Luke." It is not only suggestive Much of the sheeting, shirting, ticking, jeans, and cotton flannel of the markets comes from these mills. They give employment to a large crowded by this author in a small space. Every text number of operatives, most of them girls. These is fully treated—difficult passages are thoroughly girls are, from respectable families in the interior, handled; and plain passages are, fully and judiand are, with few exceptions, industrious, and ciously analyzed. For the Sabbath school virtuous. They attend church on the Sabbath, teacher this is a book of rare excellence. He will give for the support of the pastors, and some find all he wants. Perhaps we would not approve of them have considerable sums to their credit all the comments given; but so far as we have in the savings bank. They resort to the mills. either to assist their parents or to, secure the entire, the interpretations, and criticisms are cormeans of establishing themselves in wedded life. rect and judicious. pro the proposal description The writer has known instances of milligirls, la- There is danger for the Theological student boring to keep their brothers in a course of edu- and the pastor in the profusion of modern comcation for the Christian ministry,

These town are on the P. S. & P. Rail, Road, vacant place at the table reminded them of a fit is some nine miles in extent; furnishing a these works which have cost their authors so much swollen into those of imore fashionable resorts. Montreal is one of the chief supporters of these that if he would feel manly and speak, with anwonder they shared with the noble animal the running in the seajvery much in the form of a must dig out his own ore, and do his own assaymodent they forgot that a swifter horse some lout upon the broad Atlantic. Old Orchard fur depend upon another's brains and time, without were not thinking of the W pale horse," and this Both places give you good fare, and provoke from Portland, is Mount Desert a rocky island. The hare cliffs and picturesque bays of this is land, with its cool bracing atmosphere, make it very attractive. In the latest the sect of

1. The charm of these places is that they are not only desirable in themselves, but free from frivcordial grasp been relaxed till now. He spoke that no one knows what mackerel end and hali but are, till they are eaten on the Maine coast. No better sport can be had than that of going out for a halibute of visiting the coops by day for lobsters (Old Orchard was so-called from an ancient orchard of apple trees in that locality.

This whole country suffered in yearly times from the Indians, In one of these Indian raids in colonial times a farm house was visited by the savages while its occupant was in the cellar drawing beer Coming up, and placing his earthen mug upon a table, he was seized, bound and taken to Canada; : Some years after, he was permitted to return, and found his humble dwelling standing, and the mug upon the table where he had placed it, years before. The mug is still in cestor was thus made captive, and the visitor had the satisfaction of drinking therefrom an invigorating draught of the pure water that omes bubbling, springing up, hard by, where whoop of the savage mingled with the murmur of the ever sounding sea. NORTH RIVER.

-COMMENTARIES.

The American looks with pride not only upon the extent of his country and immense physical resources, but also upon the march of mind manifested. Literature, science and the fine arts find pecoming our exports as well as imports.

This is true in many particulars. We have our observatories and astronomers, and new asteroids are as likely to be discovered first here as in the old countries. We have our patent offices and labor, and to ennoble industry, are chiefly the eration since? products of American mind.

But, in no field of lore do we find our stuaccomplishing so much is well known. Not long. since we strolled with him and other brethren through his garden. Everything was in fine order. "Who works this garden?" was the inquiry... "I common standards? The moment that basis was a common standards? The

some four or five hours a day to each," was the old landmarks again appeared, the Pittsburgh answer. This four or five hours a day in the gar- | circular spoke out quietly for the original Presden has enabled him to cultivate his taste, and byterian basis. It was not divisive, it was not preserve his health; and the four or five hours a meant to be a movement of delay. That some day in the study, engaged in hard work, has en- understood, and meant to use it as such, and still abled him to give to us and the world those com- do, perverting this as also other Scriptures, is ments upon the Scriptures which are full of wis- not the fault of the circular nor its signers. dom and piety. It is enough for the religious predecessors.

so full of erudition. We might speak too of a the Millenium. host of other American Luminaries such as Ripley, Hackett, etc., best when the best in con

And still another comes. Rev. W. H. Van Doren has lately written a "Suggestive Commenbut also comprehensive, we had almost said exhaustive. It is astonishing how much has been been able to determine without reading the book

mentaries, and especially from such a work as those written by Messrs. Barnes and Van Doren. They Let him remember these are popular books, in the hands of all our laymen. Let him consider: thority and enrich his own mind, he must inot depend too much upon these excellent helps. He

OLD ALLEGHENY AND RE-UNION.

DR. MEARS: Will you allow me just a word for your interesting, instructive, and useful "reunion column?" I was one of those who favored and subscribed "the Pittsburgh circular." signed it in the interest of re-union, I believed it to be a staunch rejunion paper. Notwithstand- personages win modernitimes who, too often, seem ing the sharp things said and thought of it by others, as well as yourself, I still think it is a re- 31, 32, who passed by on the other side, so pruunion document on the only basis that ever should dentially, and in such state, becoming high life. have been tendered or accepted by the two or gentlemen of means and mode and dignity Schools." Both parties openly held "the common standards;" neither pretended that they of all men, as well as the benediction of our God, wanted anything looser or tighter; and both for the "relief" he so cordially and so effectually claimed to be honest and true to their symbols Both parties stood on the Westminster Standards the word-" Go thou and do likewise." Great before the excision; both, continued to stand on causey my dear sir, has the writer to thank our them after the excision, and both professed to God, that, though an old and lonely minister. seek only that old basis-but alas for human nature! Where was a quarrel ever healed by written contracts! The elements of strife are never satisfied with the original bond. The reason is that they—these elements, find no place in the bond itself, and hence they form for themselves clauses, explanations, and all the materia here his purpose, if so spared; that the next als for a future and fiercer feud. It is, not a question whether the haunted house shall be en? Assembly, shall contain my hame, with more existence; an heir-loom in the family, whose an larged by several rooms for more demons or diminished so as to hold fewer demons, but whether it shall be tenanted by demons at all. Is it not well known that the smallest tenement may shelter legions of devils? The briefest creed is as leeds of blood were once done, and the wild capacious as the longest and all that is needed to fill either to its full capacity is for the respective claimants "to go to law one with another." and the house about which they are disputing, will not only be roofed with devils as was Worms, but it will be full inside and out.

Well to be plain, as soon as some men began to discuss re-union on the principles of a horsetrade, or " set a rogue to catch a rogue" then the Church was beset, with all manner of patent here a home, and rich products of thought are gins and snares, in the way of clauses and coungins and snares, in the way of clauses and counter-clauses to catch, heretics; and an equally large assortment of engines to destroy or render large assortment of engines and the engine as th it the yearning of fraternal Presbyterians to get agricultural colleges, and the inventions which into each other sarms across "the middle wall of have done so much, in the 19th century to abridge partition? that wall so furiously cast up a gen-

When the primitive church, found themselves in the midst of no little dissension and disputadents doing, a greater and better work than that tion, it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to accomplished by our earnest, scholarly commenthe General Assemblies of both parties O. S. accomplished by our earnest, scholarly commenture the general Assemblies of Lord Parties, bright scenes, its airs forever vern tators. We may well be proud of our dear and and N. S., met in Jerusalem, to lay upon the fur And what communion, what society, venerable Albert Barnes, whose books are read ture church no heavier burdens than a few new Wision, fruition, and perfection full all over the Christian world. The secret of his cessary things, which deliverance caused much partial our perception dull;

Presbyterian church, and was it not found in the

The Allegheny City Presbytery made good its public to know that the first volume of his last re-union record by an almost unanimous vote book, his commentary upon the Psalms, is pub- for the Assembly's plan. Not as the best, but lished. It will speedily find its way beside its as better than no union. The Pittsburgh circular is better, and we hope yet for consistency sake, Then, too, who has not read with interest the for future harmony's sake, that this will be the volumes of Jacobus, and Plumer, and what scholar only Presbyterian basis, until we get a still betdoes not prize the works of Addison Alexander, ter one which will be some time later toward

DR. COX ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

To the Rev. Dr. Shepherd, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ministerial Relief

REV. AND HONORED BROTHER :- The "Fourth Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Ministerial Relief Fund, presented to the General Assembly, May, 1868," is lately presented here; and I have just read it with sincere sym pathy, and, as I trust, with Christian approbation and thanksgiving to God. It is an interest and an object of great, importance, duty, beneficence; and is so managed, as we all think, who know its principles and its auspices, with wisdom, care, serutiny, and impartial kindness; to needy. and most worthy objects, that I can think only of two causes that might, one or the other or both combined, hinder its prosperous and appropriate usefulness, !: hamely, rack property loving money and misery store than mercy and magnanimity, as too willing to let suffering, of this unique and elevated character, continue without relief; or, IGNORANCE of the facts, and so of the merits, of such peculiar cases, all so well given and depictured in the excellent appeal and argument of the pobles, the peers of the realm of God, MUST Now have their sorrows and their wants unredressed The Presbyterian church of either branch, I know them too well to doubt itneceds only to be well informed and assured in the premises, to give, as the Lord loveth, each a cheerful giver, in such a cause.

In our noble country, the Church, not the State. the Church our Maker's and our Saviour's own cheritage, the Ohurch, of God, must sustain and materially comfort all her own, especially her superannuated, indigent, and faithful ministers ! To heglect them were not only surprofitable and short-sighted; it is sin ; it deserves no better name, in the sight of God, though avoided by many wealthy Christians...if that name may be applied to such to act, as imitating those in the parable Luke 10: The good Samaritan has the honor and the prais extended to the needy, injured sufferer. Hear who entered the last fourth of a centenial life on the 25th ult., yet he is not among the suitors, but would rather be of the patrons of this munificence. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Though his income is quite limited, and not he alone depending on it wet he writes "Report" of the wise and good committee to our perhaps, than two mites contributed. I respectfully ask every reader of this sif, not there already, to have HIS or HER own proper attestation and example there, honorably and honestly inserted; one common and honest and impressive commendamies to so good a cause?

If we love the Saviour, so of necessity love we also His ministers; hence, to write our names in the books of His kingdom if done in godly sincerity, is demonstration, too; that our own name are written by Himself in the Lamb's Book of Life; from the foundation of the world.

But I am too long in writing, as often, or sometimes, I have been in preaching, they say

Ye old and faithful ministers of Christ. Winners of souls, so prospered by His grace; God gives the increase, p. Oft He tries His own; This world is but vestibular to heaven: "Lord God omnipotent;" He fills the throne— Jehovahe word inviolably given, You know, and oft have realized its worth, Its cordial comforts thro, your pilgrimage: He can fongettyou maven ion the earth; Your griefs or fears, the weaknesses of age! Time's pinions fleet—soon comes exenuty; And death is yours, as well as life eternal. Th' unfading Paradise of God you'll sea; Rich fruits, bright scenes, its airs forever vernal. And what communion, what society, consolation and joy. Was not a similarly simple plan before there was less one rebout ear nine in Samuer H. Cor.

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