



PUBLISHING COMMITTEE:
 GEORGE W. CHILDS, CHAIRMAN, THOMAS MACKELLAR, WM. V. MCKEAN.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN.
 CHAS. GODFREY LELAND, CHAIRMAN,
 WILLIAM V. MCKEAN,
 PROF. HENRY COPPÉE,
 GEORGE H. BOKER,
 CRAIG BIDDLE,

REV. WM. H. FURNESS,
 FRANCIS WELLS,
 R. MEADE BACHE,
 ASA I. FISH,
 CEPHAS G. CHILDS.

MRS. ROBERT M. HOOPER,
 MRS. E. S. RANDOLPH,
 MRS. WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS,
 MRS. THOMAS P. JAMES,
 MRS. PHEBE M. CLAPP,

LADIES.
 MISS SARAH F. CUYLER,
 MISS ANNA M. LEA,
 MISS GRACE KIERNAN,
 MISS LAURA HOOPER,
 MISS DELIMA BLAIS.

No. 9. PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, JUNE 17. 1864.

THE FAIR MOVEMENT IN THE LOYAL STATES.—No. 9.

GREAT WESTERN SANITARY FAIR, CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI was not slow in following the example of Chicago. There has always existed a sort of rivalry between the Queen City of the West and her younger sister of the Lake; but never was that rivalry displayed in a nobler and more generous form than when the contest arose which city should do most for the soldier. The "National Union Association," of Cincinnati, took the initiative, and, under its auspices, an organization, called the "Sanitary Fair Association," was formed, by which the Great Western Fair was conducted. General Rosencrans, who had seen much of the operations of the Commission in the Army, and who thoroughly appreciated the systematic beneficence of its work, was the President of this association, and gave it the valuable support of his great name. Two of the largest and most convenient edifices in Cincinnati, Mozart Hall and Mechanics' Institute, were occupied as the central depôt or grand exposition. A large building, known as the Industrial Palace, was selected as a place of exhibition for machinery; and a temporary restaurant, of enormous dimensions, was erected on Market Square. As at Chicago, the design was to enlist the support of every class in the community, and even of every individual, no matter how humble his means, in the holy work; and this design was effected

by persistent, systematic, and thorough canvassing in every part of the country which had any relations, social or commercial, with Cincinnati.

The Great Western Fair opened on the 14th December, 1863, when speeches were made by General Rosencrans, Bishop McIlvaine, and other notabilities, national and local. The number of things that were done to insure its success defy all description or enumeration. There was an Autograph Committee, whose business it was to hunt down celebrities all over the country, and extract from them something in their own handwriting that would satisfy the public craving for this species of curiosity. The following is the answer of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Boston, to the request that he should be funny "over his own signature" for this special occasion:

Boston, December 14, 1863.

DEAR SIR:—You ask me for a list of questions in Natural History, with answers subjoined, for the use of the instructor. I submit a few which, I think, will serve your purpose for the proposed examination of the Scientific Class:

"1. What animal produces one of its own parents?"

"Answer.—The beaver, which is well known to construct its own dam.

"2. Is the Dodo extinct?"

"Ans. It is not, as shown by the following bill in my possession:

"Mr. _____ to X _____.	Dr.
One mongrel goose.....	\$8 00
One do. do.....	3 00
	<hr/> \$6 00

"3. What is the largest quadruped?"

"Ans. The mole of Adrian.

"4. What is the lightest quadruped?"

"Ans. The lynx. The lynx weighs less than an ounce.

"5. When does a horse stand on six legs?"

"Ans. When he stands on his fore legs and his two hind legs also.

"6. What other insect is the bee afraid of?"

"Ans. The beetle—(scare-a-bee-us.)

"7. Is the otter of roses obtained from that animal when fed on other vegetables—cabbages for instance?"

"Ans. Probably. The musk deer furnishes his perfume when fed on water melons.

"8. What instance can you give of the cunning of serpents?"

"Ans. The simple fact that they secrete their venom where they can find it when wanted.

"9. Why do the above questions amuse you more than the answers?"

"Ans. Because the person who asks the question is the querist.

"As to the other questions about which you ask my opinion, my answer must be brief.

"Eighteen hours' study out of the twenty-four is too much, I think, for delicate young persons. It does not allow sufficient time for sleep, recreation, and meals.

"I doubt about the introduction of capital punishment as a part of the ordinary college discipline. It will have a good effect on the survivors, no doubt.

"OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES."

There was a "Committee on Trees," whose business it was to dress Christmas trees, and large numbers of them, we need hardly say, were disposed of. There was a Horticultural Department, and it was filled with flowers and plants from various parts of the State. There