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A SERMON Preached by Rev. J. H. McGarrah, at Pleasantville, on Thursday, the 1st of June, the day set apart as a day of Humiliation and Prayer, by the President of the United States.

Rev. J. H. McGARRAH: Dear Sir—We respectfully solicit a copy of your remarks on Thursday last, for publication.

"And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people." 2 Samuel, xix, 2. How sad and solemn are the scenes and circumstances by which we are this morning surrounded.

It is too soon to form a correct estimate of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln. As the roughly-carved statue is not to advantage, by the beholder, before it is set to rest.

In early life he removed to Illinois. Here God prepared him for the great struggle of his later years. The bracing winds and active duties of that frontier life secured to him an iron frame, which he so much needed.

Let us then look at the man a little more closely. Intellectually he was a strong man. Though not finely educated, "he had no superior in perception of facts, in readiness and retentiveness of memory, and in logical acuteness which enabled him to follow unwaveringly every link in a chain of argument.

As to his style of writing, you all know how simple, clear and direct it was. This at first was laughed at by his enemies, but is now acknowledged by all to be one of his crowning excellencies.

Abraham Lincoln was also a good man. I am not acquainted with the character of his inner life. I believe he did not make any pretension to the enjoyment of the blessings which spring from a renewed heart.

"He had a kind nature. It did him so much good to pardon the condemned, or in any way to exercise mercy, when he could do so without invading the rights of justice.

Select Poetry.

DEW DROPS.

"Mother," said little Isabel, "While I am fast asleep, The pretty grass and lovely flowers Do nothing else but weep;

"For every morning, when I wake, The glistening dew-drops lie Upon each blade of grass, And in each flower's eye.

"I wonder why the grass and flowers At night become so sad; For early through their tears they smile, And seem all day so glad.

"Perhaps 'tis when the sun goes down They fear the gathering shade, And that is why they cry at night, Because they are afraid.

"Mother, if I should go and tell The pretty grass and flowers About God's wonderful love and care Through the dark and midnight hours,

"I think they would no longer fear, But cease at night to weep; And then, perhaps, would bow their heads, And gently go to sleep."

"What sweet tears to you, my child, Is the refreshing dew? Our heavenly father sendeth down, Each morn and evening new.

"The glittering drops of dew Are to the grass and flowers, Like slumber through the silent night To life of flowers.

Miscellaneous.

THE PARVALE OF BRAINS.

Working as an ordinary hand in a Philadelphia shipyard, until very recently, was a man named John L. Knowlton.

Knowlton continued his experiments. He took no part in parades or target-shootings and in an short time afterwards he secured a patent for a machine that turns any material whatever, into a perfectly spherical form.

Within a few days the same plain, unassuming man has invented a boring machine that was tested in the presence of a number of scientific gentlemen, a few days ago.

It is quite a curious thing to see a man who has been so long in the world, and who has seen so much of it, and who has been so long in the world, and who has seen so much of it.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.—When you walk in the street with a lady, keep your hands out of your pockets, and your cigar out of your mouth.

AN INSTANCE OF MR. LINCOLN'S GOOD JUDGMENT.—One of Mr. Lincoln's last acts was to decide upon the appointment of a gentleman in one of the Western States to an important office.

THE PRESS IN RUSSIA.—The new press law has been adopted by the Council of the Empire and will probably be shortly sanctioned by the Emperor prior to promulgation.

CHARACTER does not depend on diet. The ass eats thistles and nettles, the sharpest of food, and is the dullest of animals.

THE GROWING WEALTH OF INDIA.

The effect of the war in this country is felt in every land open to commerce, but perhaps in none more than in India, which has been looked to by English manufacturers for a supply of the cotton used in their manufactures.

THESE HOME RULES.—It appears to me that three simple rules, carefully observed from the very term of active existence, would make citizens' tempers much more amiable than we generally see them.

READING THE BIBLE.—Read your Bible slowly. Take time, even if you have but little time. A great mathematician once said, if his life depended upon solving a problem in two minutes, he would spend one of the two in deciding how to do it.

SUMMER FRUITS.—Acids promote the separation of the bile from the blood, which is then passed from the system, thus preventing fevers the prevailing diseases of summer.

IMPORTANT TO MEN OF LIMITED MEANS.—A fine field for northern emigrants is presented in the plantations of the Southern States.

WEAR A SMILE.—Smile will do you good, and make others happy, and make everybody around you miserable.

GOOD READING.—Where the predisposition or susceptibility exists, a book read at the right time often gives an abiding complexion to the character, or a life-long direction to the faculties.

KINDNESS.—Kind words, looks and acts are the small currency of social life, each of considerable value, but in the aggregate forming the wealth of society.

NOT APPRECIATED.

Nothing is more common than to hear people talk of what they have paid newspapers for advertising, etc., so much given to charity.

ANECDOTE OF DR. NOTT, OF UNION COLLEGE.—On an evening preceding Thanksgiving many years ago, two students of the college with the most fond intent of procuring some of the Doctor's fine fat chickens, that roosted in a tree adjoining the house.

"HAVE YOU PACKED UP?"—We once went, upon invitation, to dine with a very clever and intelligent gentleman of the city.

FAULT-FINDING WITH OUR CHILDREN.—It is at times necessary to censure and punish; but very much more may be done by encouraging children when they do well.

QUIDDITIES.—No doubt a lady may be expected to make a great noise in the world when her dress is covered with bugles.

VALER OF AMUSEMENTS.—The world must be amused. It is entirely correct reasoning to suppose that any human being can devote himself exclusively to labor of any description.

THE DUK OF WELLINGTON once lost his temper with the pragmatic imbecility of one of his colleagues in a certain British administration, so far as to say of that vexatious personage, "he is intolerable because he is educated beyond the calibre of his rank."

QUILT, talking of a young man whose sire is remarkable for being extremely wise in his own conceit, said—"There, now, goes a promising young fellow. When he has obtained as much experience, he will be as big a fool as his father."

AN IRIEasant being asked why he permitted his pig to take up his quarters with his family, made an answer abounding with satirical naivete. "Why not? Doesn't the place afford every convenience that a pig can require?"

A SCOTCH woman having invited a gentleman to dinner on a particular day, he accepted, with the reservation, "If I am spared."

A DISAPPOINTED candidate for the office of constable remarked to us, in speaking of men who would sell their votes, that they were "as base as Esop of old, who sold his birth-right for a mess of pottage."

ALL bachelors are not entirely lost to the refinement of sentiment, for the following toast was lately given by one of them at a public dinner: "The ladies—sweet-briars in the garden of life."

A TALL, thin, square-bitted gentleman was seen walking down the street a few days ago, when he was suddenly he was observed to turn round.