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THE STROUP FUND.

Legacies Left by the Wills of David and Esther Stroup to Help the Destitute in Bloomsburg.

Some of the Money Lost by Unfortunate Investment.

In 1883 David Stroup died. He kept a small store in the building now owned by J. A. Hess on Main street opposite the Episcopal church, and he and his wife resided in half the building. By frugality and economy he accumulated a comfortable fortune and when he died, after providing liberally for his wife, he made a number of charitable bequests. Among them he gives as follows:

"To the town of Bloomsburg in which I have long resided and where my property has been acquired, the sum of two thousand dollars, the same to be invested and kept at interest securely, the annual interest therefrom to be applied to the furnishing of necessaries to destitute persons, citizens of said town, who shall require charitable relief, and particularly and first, to the furnishing of fuel and light to such destitute widows and infirm persons of said town, and the procuring and distributing of such supplies shall be under the authority of the council of said town, and accounts thereof shall be settled annually. * * * The above trusts in the town of Bloomsburg shall be formally accepted by the town council by resolutions recorded upon their minutes before the same shall take effect, but after their acceptance any citizen of the town may apply to the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, as occasion may require, for any proper order, decree or judgment to define or enforce said trust, and cause the same to be executed according to their true intent and purpose."

This was accepted by the town council, and the trust was executed satisfactorily so far as is known.

In 1891 Mrs. Esther Stroup died, and by her will she left a similar sum of two thousand dollars, to be used in the same manner, the wording of that clause in her will being almost identical with that of her husband. The beneficiaries are left to the discretion of the council, except that Mrs. Stroup provided that they shall be people who are not "public charges."

Two thousand dollars of this was invested in preferred stock of the Silk Mill, paying six per cent.; one thousand dollars in Carpet Mill bonds, and eight hundred dollars in stock of the Brass & Copper Company. These securities were handed over to President Ikeler two years ago, at the beginning of his term, and subsequently the Brass & Copper Co., paid off their bonds to him. This eight hundred dollars was not reinvested as it was held until a thousand dollars could accumulate for investment. At the expiration of his office Mr. Ikeler handed over to President Townsend the Silk Mill stock, the Carpet Mill bonds, and \$972.31 in money.

The Carpet Mill bonds will be paid off through an audit now pending for the distribution of the proceeds of a sheriff's sale, and it is estimated that the amount realized on them will be about fifteen cents on the dollar, or \$150.00. The loss on these bonds will therefore be \$850. It appears that two hundred dollars of the principal had been expended in some way previous to Mr. Ikeler's time, but \$172.31 of this has been made up by withholding the interest. The money invested in Carpet Mill bonds will be irredeemably lost except the 15 per cent. Trusts of this character should be invested only through an order of the court, as otherwise the party who loses it by bad investment may be held responsible, if it can be collected. As it stands now the Stroup funds amount to only \$2972.31 with a probable \$150 to come from the Carpet Mill bonds, making \$3122.31 instead of \$4000.

So far as we are able to learn, there has been only \$3800 in the fund for some time back. What became of the remaining \$200.00?

The old water wheel, which for many years has done service at the Bloomsburg Iron Company's plant at Irondale, is being removed. It was sold to Frank Drake. He will dispose of it as old iron.

VESTED CHOIRS.

There was a time, and that comparatively but a few years ago, when vested choirs were to be found only in Episcopal churches of the school known as "High Church." Twenty-five years ago there were very few of them outside of the cities. To have proposed then the introduction of a vested choir into such a church as St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, would have been met with open hostility by a large portion of the congregation, as a step towards ritualism, it not indeed, a movement towards Roman Catholicism. When, about ten years ago, the vested choir was introduced here, it was not with unanimous consent. There were many who had misgivings as to the outcome, and a few who for a time absented themselves from church on this account, but as they saw what an improvement it was, a larger choir, better music, uniformity of dress, more impressive services, all opposition ceased, and today there would not be one vote in favor of abandoning it.

The advantages of vested choirs are being seen by others as well as Episcopalians, and they are growing in number. In "Holland's" letter to the Philadelphia Press last Sunday, the following appears:

"There are, however, other evidences of the gradual establishment of a community of interest among the denominational churches, notably here in Manhattan, where upon Easter Sunday, for the first time in any Baptist church in the United States, a vested choir took part in the services of Easter Sunday. This was at the church which formerly worshipped in Twenty-third Street, and over which the Rev. Thomas Dixon was pastor.

The introduction of a vested choir seems to have been agreeable to the congregation, but it is noticed that some of the other Baptist churches here have been disposed somewhat to criticize it. The criticism, however, is vague, and feeble, and the chances are that within a year or two many of the Baptist churches here will, now that the step has been taken, adopt the vested choir. It is not so long ago that the feeling has been forgotten that there did prevail in New York outside of the Episcopal and Catholic churches decided repugnance to the vested choir, but now at least one-half of the Methodist churches in New York and one Presbyterian church here have vested choirs and the understanding is that several other Presbyterian churches are seriously considering the introduction of them."

CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS.

There is a growing tendency towards a wider observance of Holy Week and Easter everywhere. Churches of nearly every faith throughout the country held special services on the seven days preceding Easter. The old denominational prejudice against a display of the significance of the period is gradually disappearing, and there is no reason why it should not. The very foundation stones of the Christian religion are the facts that Christ was born; that he was crucified and died; and that he rose again. With many, Christmas is a day set apart for gift-making and turkey dinners; Good-Friday is observed as a day when banks and government offices close because the law makes it a legal holiday; and Easter is observed as the proper season for eating boiled eggs, and coming out with new spring bonnets.

The rapidly growing tendency to observe these days for what they really are, is to be most heartily commended, and the lessons they teach cannot fail to benefit the world. We cannot believe that Christ lived unless we believe that he was born, and hence the observance of Christmas as the birthday of the Redeemer. We cannot believe that he died for the sins of the world unless we believe that he was crucified, and hence the observance of Good Friday. And unless we believe in the resurrection of Christ from the dead we can have no faith in the immortality of the soul, no hope for a future existence beyond this life. Easter is the queen of all festivals, and in a few years will be universally observed as such.

It is not pretended that the days designated for the observance of these fasts and festivals are the exact ones. Easter and Good Friday could not be so, for they are movable. But they are as near as it is possible to get to them, and their observance helps to impress upon the mind the most important events, in fact the very corner stones of the Christian religion.

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STREET PROFANITY.

Profanity on the streets is growing worse instead of better. Last Sunday evening as the churchgoers were on their way to service the loafers were getting in their usual work. At the First National Bank corner a crowd was gathered, and also in front of the hotels. Regardless of the fact that many ladies were passing they were pouring out profanity in chunks, and seemed to be doing it purposely. Is there no redress for this sort of thing? Must private citizens act as prosecutors, or have they the right to expect the paid officers of the town to so perform their duty that women and children will not be compelled to listen to oaths and obscenity every time they go on the street in the evening? Rev. J. D. Smith earnestly referred to this subject recently, and it ought to be agitated until it is stopped. Bloomsburg is worse in this respect than any other town we know of, and there is no use of trying to conceal the fact. It has that reputation with travelling men. Loud profanity on the streets can be stopped if the police will make an example by an arrest or two, and the imposition of a fine of 67 cents for every oath uttered.

I Have Moved

Into my own yellow front building, formerly occupied by Ben Gidding's clothing store, and am receiving the following

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Dry Goods.-- Have you been in our store since we changed the interior of it? It was a very pleasant store to shop in before. The change makes it much more pleasant. Daylight everywhere and every opportunity to examine the goods. Never before have our lines been so complete and varied. The reason for this, that we make our selections from six more houses than we did before. This naturally gave us more variety. No one house possesses the ability and judgment to select the choice things, so we had a dozen large stocks to choose from and the result is a very carefully selected stock, the pick and the best of them all. We want your verdict on the stock. While we would like to have your approval, we will be as grateful for a fair disapproval for we learn by our mistakes.

While the weather is cold and Spring backward the warm days are coming. We are prepared for them.

Shirt Waists.-- We are handling the same line of these goods that we have had for three years. The patterns and styles are private to us, and can be seen in no other store in Bloomsburg. We have them at all prices. Look them over before buying.

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