NOVELIST AND BONIFACE.

THE MINISTER UPON WHOSE BURIAL A FAITH IS FOUNDED.

Rev. Solomon Spaulding as an Author and Tavern-Keeper—Joseph Smith Transmutes His Production Into the Book of Mormon. A Graduate of Dartmouth College.

Amity, Pa., Correspondence to Pittsburg Post.

A neglected grave, marked by a fragment of broken sandstone, can be found in Amity's old cemetery, where three quarters of a century ago the dead were laid beneath the sod from which had hardly faded the foot prints of the Monongahelas, the Mingoes and the Shawnees. Yet around this uncared-for tomb centres much of interest to the historian. The chipped and mutilated stone indicates the burial place of Rev. Solomon Spaulding. It was in Amity that he died, leaving an unpublished romance, "The Manuscript Found," which, falling into the hands of Joseph Smith, became the scriptures of the Mormon church, the so-called "Book of Mormon."

The Rev. Solomon Spaulding was born in Connecticut in 1761, graduated in the class of 1785, Dartmouth college, and immediately entered the ministry of the Congregational church. After preaching several years his health failed and he was forced to abandon his sacred calling and go into business in New York state. His enterprises were all unsuccessful and in a few years he had failed again, this time to meet paper falling due. He then removed to Conneaut, Ohio, and embarked again in an unsuccessful business venture. While residing here he began writing the mystic romance which Joseph Smith is known to have used so freely. Removing to Pittsburg in 1812 he left his manuscript at a printing office, where it remained unpublished for several years. In the meantime a journeyman printer, Sidney Rigdon, made a copy of the novel which, through him, fell into Smith's hands, and was afterwards transmitted into the "Book of Mormon." The historical evidence supporting this is as nearly perfect as could be wished, and so there can be little doubt as to the conclusion.

Spaulding moved from Pittsburg to Amity in 1814, where he died October 20, 1816. None of the inhabitants of the village can date their personal reminiscences back as far as the death of the famous divine. Several years ago the last link was removed in the death of Joseph Miller, a highly respected citizen. In his early days he was well acquainted with the Spaulding family, and often heard portions of "The Manuscript Found" read by the author. It was Mr. Miller's lot to make the coffin in which Rev. Spaulding was buried. The tombstone has entirely disappeared, and nothing but a small chunk of sandstone that once marked the foot of the grave can now be seen. Even this is fast disappearing. Every tourist feels in duty bound to carry away a small fragment as a relic. In a couple of years there will be nothing to mark the grave unless the good people of the neighborhood erect a monument, as they have sometimes talked of doing.

The people of Amity, of course, venerate Spaulding's memory. It is traditionally held by them that he was a short, "squat" man, compelled to move around on crutches and always in bad health. He was the literary lion of the place and was eulogized by everybody. Some rather wild views are claimed to have been promulgated by him. Spaulding's worldly affairs were in a bad shape while he lived here. The novel doubtless was written with a view to pecuniary compensation. He supported his family by keeping a hostelry, then quite famous, across from the present hotel. He was an affable landlord, had a good trade and, so says tradition, kept for sale an excellent brand of whiskey. The old tavern building is now occupied as a residence, but it bears many of the marks of time. At the death of the novelist, the family moved to New York, and afterwards to Massachusetts.

THE WHEAT OF THE WORLD.

India's Competition With This Country—Labor Here and There.

Mr. J. R. Dodge, statistician of the department of agriculture, in an article entitled "Products and Price of Wheat," which will be published with the department's August crop report, says: "The official record of imports of wheat into the United Kingdom for the first half of the present years shows a large increase in the proportion furnished by the United States—68 per cent against 54 per cent in the first six months of 1886 and 1885. Counting flour as wheat, the proportion is 73.5 per cent. against 66.8 in a similar period of 1886, and 60.6 in 1885. There is a great reduction in receipts from Russia, a decrease from India of 20 per cent. as compared with the first half of last year, and a decrease from Australia. The value of wheat from this country is 8 cents per bushel more than from India and 5 cents more than Russian wheat. It is higher than that of any non European country, and yet the quantity furnished is twice as much as that supplied by all other countries. This is a satisfactory test of the comparative quality of our wheat, especially as the price averaged 5 cents higher than for a similar period last year. While India is the principal competitor of the United States in the world's markets, her importance as a competitor is greatly overrated. The occurrence of a famine year would reduce to zero her exports. So fixed are the industrial usages of the people that great enlargement of the wheat area is next to an impossibility; there has been no material increase as a result of the exportation of the surplus of the last 10 years."

The present indications point to a more than average European crop. It was late nearly everywhere, perhaps two weeks on an average at the beginning of June, but in growing condition, and its advancement since has been rapid. The Russian and Austrian crops especially are of fine promise. That of Spain is mediocre. In Germany, France and England reports are generally favorable. The Indian crop, harvested a few months ago, will be 20,000,000 bushels less than the preceding, say 238,000,000 bushels. Australasia will produce probably 15,000,000 bushels more than in 1885 86, or 37,000,000 bushels. The product of the world promises to be quite as much as for each of the two preceding harvests.

The competition of India with the United States in the markets of Europe has led Mr. Dodge to make a careful study of the distribution and conditions of labor in that country as compared with the United States. The population of India in 1881 was 253,982,595, or about five times that of the United States in an area less than half that of the United States, (not including the Indian Territory or Alaska.) The proportion of workers to the whole population of India is 45 per cent, while in the United States it is only 35 per cent. This difference is mainly to the pressure of poverty in India which forces its dense population to begin laboring at an earlier age than children are required to work in the United States. In dia is a very old country, with centuries of development in industry and great skill in certain lines of artisan effort, and yet nearly two thirds of her laborers are employed in agriculture. There is evidently little tendency to reduce this proportion, while the proportion of agriculture in the United States is diminishing and will soon be reduced to four tenths of our labor. Not less than 30 per cent. of the agricultural workers are females, while in this country less than 4 per cent. are designated in the agricultural class. Of the 21,000,000 workers employed in manufactures and mining in India 5,485,455 are engaged in manufacturers of cotton and flax, 2,815,000 in the manufacture of dresses, 1,022,000 in manufacturers of stone and clay, 473,000 in manufacturers of iron and steel, 473,000, or exactly the same number, in the manufacture of gold, silver, and precious stones; 763,000 in the manufacture of gums and resins, and 681,000 in the manufacture of bamboo, cane, rushes, straw, &c. Of the 19,000,000 workers engaged in personal and professional service, 695,000 are clergymen, ministers, priests and church and temple officers; 189,000 are physicians, surgeons, and druggists, (including 75,000 women;) 35,641 are "authors and literary persons," 10,800 are artists, 207,000 musicians, 90,000 actors, 171,000 teachers, and 11,621 "scientific persons."

The product of the vast army of labor in India is nearly all consumed at home. For the past six years the exports of all kinds of merchandise from that country have averaged only $1 21 for each inhabitant, while the exports from the United States have been $5 59 for each inhabitant. The agricultural production of India is about $6 a year per capita, while that of the United States is more than $70 a year per capita. The deposits in the savings banks alone of the single state of New Hampshire are three times as great as the deposits in all the banks of India taken together. Of course it is not meant that this contrast as to savings banks is a fair measure of the relative wealth of the two countries or of the savings of their working classes, but it has a significant bearing on the thrift of the people and the possible surplus remaining after the supply of physical and other wants.

AN AUGUST AFTERNOON.

All the long August afternoon
The little drowsy stream
Whispers a melancholy tune,
As if it dreamed of June
And whispered in its dream

The thistle blow beyond the brook
Just on their down and bloom;
And, out of many a weed-grown nook,
The aster flowers look
With eyes of tender gloom.

The slight orchard sticks are sweet
With smell of ripening fruit.
Through the sere grass, in any retreat,
Flutter, at coming feet,
The routed strange and mute.

There is no wind to stir the leaves,
The harsh leaves overheard;
Only the querulous cricket grieves,
And thrilling locust weaves
A song of summer dead.

A Suggestive Editor.

From the Columbus (O.) Capital.

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Special Watches for Farmers and Railroaders.

Fine lot of Rings, &c. Also, Elgin, Waltham (Aurora for which I am Sole Agent), and other First-Class Watches. Best Watch and Jewelry Repairing.

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No. 139½ N. Queen St., Near Penn's R. R. Depot.

Spectacles, Eyeglasses and Optical Goods. All Kinds of Jewelry.

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SOLDIERS who were disabled from wounds, injury, rupture, exposure, piles, deafness, or who were, in consequence of their military services, incapacitated for manual labor, whether from wounds or disease, are entitled to pension.

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INCREASE. Thousands of pensioners are entitled to a higher rating. No fee unless successful. Can refer to many successful claimants. Soldiers, it will cost you nothing to write me, and it may result greatly to your advantage.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

ESTATE OF THOMAS CUMMINGS, late of Lancaster city, deceased.—Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Lancaster city.

G. BYRON CUMMINGS,
W. PARKE CUMMINGS,
C. W. CUMMINGS,
Administrators.

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ESTATE OF ANN KEENAN, LATE OF Lancaster city, deceased. Letters testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Lancaster city. JNO. R. K. WARNER, Executor. jy16-6t&S

ESTATE OF RUDOLPH ERB, LATE of Penn township, deceased. The undersigned auditor, appointed to distribute the balance remaining in the hands of Joseph K. Erb, administrator of the estate of Rudolph Erb, deceased, to and among those legally entitled to the same, will sit for that purpose on Monday, August 29, A. D. 1887, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in the Library Room of the Court House, in the City of Lancaster, where all persons interested in said distribution may attend.

WM. AUG. ATLEE, Auditor. aug6-3t&S

HIRSH & BROTHER.

A CARD.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

—AND—

THE PUBLIC.

Being temporarily thrown out of business by the burning of our store, we shall immediately begin rebuilding our store and shall on or about September 10 occupy our old stand on the corner of North Queen street and Penn Square, where and where we shall be pleased to show you not only our Improved Handsome Building, but an entirely new and complete stock of

CLOTHING

—AND—

FURNISHING GOODS,

—FOR—

MEN, YOUTHS, BOYS AND CHILDREN.

As our stock of Clothing and Furnishing Goods was completely destroyed, we take this method of informing you that the insurance companies have taken every article that was saved; and removed it from this city to New York.

We shall continue as heretofore to treat our Customers in the only fair and legitimate manner of dealing with you.

ONE PRICE TO ALL.

With kindest thanks for past patronage, and awaiting your renewed patronage, we are Respectfully yours,

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THE THIRD PRIZE.

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We will continue to sell REAL BARGAINS in every department until work is commenced on Extensive improvements to our Store.

WILLIAMSON & FOSTER,

32, 34, 36 and 38 East King St.,

LANCASTER, PA.

SADDLES, &C.

SADDLES, HARNESS, &c.

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To make room for the Winter Goods that we have ordered shipped to us next month, we offer the following

BARGAINS IN

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Cut down from 75c. to 50c; $1.00 to 75c; $1.50 to $1.15; $1.75 to $1.25; $2.00 to $1.50; $2.25 to $1.75; $2.50 to $2.00. These goods all have [illegible] elegant designs of flowers and birds on them and are No. 1 in every respect.

We have had a great run of FLY NETS, but our low Low Prices, but as the season has just begun we offer a $2 fly net for $1.50 as an inducement to us to sell the few dozen remaining.

HARNESS, TRUNKS and BAGS as Low as the Lowest.

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