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HENRY PEET, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. June 27, '68.

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office—corner of Main and Pine Streets, opposite Porter's Drug Store.

DR. H. WESTON, DENTIST.—Office in Patton's Block, over Gore's Drug and Chemical Store. jan 1, '68.

DAVID W. SMITH, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Towanda, Pa. Office on 2d floor under George H. Wood's Photograph Gallery. my30,'72

DR. T. B. JOHNSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office over Dr. H. C. Porter Son & Co.'s Drug Store.

DR. C. K. LADD, PHYSICIAN and Surgeon, Towanda, Pa. Office one door north of Day, Huddell & Sanderson's coal office. jan18'72

F. G. MORROW, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, offers his professional services to the citizens of Warren and vicinity. Residence first house north of J. F. Cooper's Store, Warren Centre, Pa. apl18'72.1y

DR. S.M. WOODBURN, Physician and Surgeon, Office northwest corner Main and Pine Streets, up stairs. Towanda, May 1, 1872.-1y*

L. P. WILLISTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, TOWANDA. South side of Mercur's New Block, up stairs. April 21, '70—tf.

H. STREETER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, may30,'72. TOWANDA, PA.

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KELLY & STANLEY, DENTISTS. Office over Wickham & Black's Store, Towanda, Pa. Gas for extracting teeth. W. B. KELLY. [mar.20'72] C. M. STANLEY.

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OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphan's and Register's Courts. apl 14'70 E. OVERTON JR. S. C. ELSBREE.

MERCUR & DAVIES, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda Pa. The undersigned having associated themselves together in the practice of Law, offer their professional services to the public. ULYSSES MERCUR W. T. DAVIES. March 9, 1870.

W. A. & B. M. PECK'S LAW OFFICE. May be found at Peck's Hotel, Towanda, Pa. Oct. 22,'70.

A. A. KEENEY, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, Towanda, Pa. Office with M. L. D. Smith, second door below Ward House. Will be at the office the last Saturday of each month and at all other times when not absent on business connected with the Superintendency. All letters intended for him should be addressed as above. dec 1,'70

DR. J. W. LYMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office one door east of Reporter Job Office, Residence corner Pine and 2nd street. Towanda, June 22, 1871.

JOHN W. MIX, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT. Especial attention paid to Orphans' Court business. Office Mercur's New Block, north side Public Square. apr. 1, '69.

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DR. D. D. SMITH, Dentist, has purchased G. H. Wood's property, between Mercur's Block and the Elwell House, where he has fitted up his office. Teeth extracted without pain by use of gas. Towanda, Oct. 20, 1870.—y.

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RUMMERFIELD CREEK HOTEL, PETER LANDMESSER, Proprietor. This old and well-known stand, formerly kept by Sheriff Griffin, at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek, is ready to give good accommodations and satisfactory treatment to all who may favor him with a call. Towanda, Sept. 28, 1870.—tf.

MEANS' HOUSE, TOWANDA, Pa., COL. MEANS AND GEORGE MEANS, PROPRIETORS. The Proprietors, Members of the firm of Means, Means & Means, Attorneys-at-Law, offer their services to the public in the collection of claims against Rebels by Fire, without any extraordinary charge. A supply of Old English Brown Ale, just received. T. R. BURTON, Telegraph, Jan. 24,'71. Proprietor.

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CHAMBER SETS, cheaper than ever, at FROST & SONS.

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FISH! FISH! HAMS AND LARD at GOODWILL & MYERS'

Miscellaneous.

J. O. FROST & SONS, MANUFACTURERS OF FURNITURE! Our ware-rooms at all times contain an UNRIVALED ASSORTMENT OF CHAMBER SETS Of all styles and prices, combining with the Rich and Elegant, the Medium Prices, suitable for all, and so cheap that any can afford to have them. Also the finest and most FASHIONABLE BLACK WALNUT PARLOR AND LIBRARY FURNITURE. Of new and original designs and of the most superb style and finish. Also a choice assortment of TABLES, WARDROBES, DRESSING CASES, SIDE-BOARDS, LIBRARY AND BOOK-CASES. Also a complete line of Tete-a-Tetes, Sofas, Sounges Rocking, Easy and Parlor Chairs, in the greatest variety of styles and prices. Also an endless variety of BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS, CHAIRS TABLES, MIRRORS, FEATHER PILLOWS, MATRESSES, & SPRING BEDS, Of every description, and in fact everything to be found in a First Class Furniture Store, CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST! We pay Case for Lumber, or will take Lumber in exchange for Furniture. Also a large stock of COFFINS Of every description from the most common to the finest Rosewood, always on hand. We are sole agents for FISK'S METALIC BURIAL CASES, Which are now conceded by all parties to be far the best Metallic Case in use. We have the FINEST HEARSE In this section of country, and will furnish anything in the UNDERTAKING line AS LOW as the same quality of goods can be got at ANY PLACE, either in Towanda or elsewhere, and from our large EXPERIENCE and thorough acquaintance with the business, we can save persons many annoyances to which they are always subject when dealing with incompetent parties. STORE 107 MAIN STREET. ☞ Do not forget the place. J. O. FROST & SONS. Towanda, April 2, 1872.

PHOTOGRAPHY! The undersigned would inform the public that they have purchased the GALLERY OF ART, of HARDING & GUSTIN, on Main street, first door south of the First National Bank, and mean, by strict attention to business, and by the addition of every improvement in the Art of Photography, to make the place worthy of patronage. Mr. GUSTIN is to remain with us, and give his whole time and attention to the making of IVORYTYPES, PAINTINGS IN OIL AND WATER COLORS, As well as PENCILING in INDIA INK. Particular attention given to the enlarging of pictures, and to the finishing of all kinds of work, so as to secure the best results, and as much time as possible given to making negatives of small children. Those wanting pictures will please give us a trial, and we think that they will be satisfied. GEO. H. WOOD & CO. jan11'72y1

M. E. ROSENFIELD'S CLOTHING EMPORIUM! OPPOSITE THE MEANS HOUSE. (Formerly occupied by H. Jacobs.) The rapid growth of Towanda requires the expansion of business, and the undersigned, realizing this want of the community in the READY MADE CLOTHING LINE Has opened a new store in Beidleman's Block (formerly occupied by H. Jacobs,) and is now prepared to offer to his old customers and the public generally, a better stock of MENS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING Than can be found in any other establishment outside the cities. My stock has all been purchased from the manufacturers this season, so that I have no old stock to get rid of, bought at high prices. I have a full line of GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS of the finest quality and latest styles, which I am Offering at low figures. REMEMBER! I have no connection with the old stand, and when you want anything in the clothing line, for yourself or boys, call on me in Beidleman's Block. Towanda, March 28, 1872. M. E. ROSENFIELD.

MESSRS LAZARUS & MORRIS, OPTICIANS AND OCULISTS, HARTFORD, CONN., Have with a view to meet the increasing demand for their CELEBRATED PERFECTED SPECTACLES appointed W. A. CHAMBERLIN, Watch Maker and Jeweler, dealer in Swiss and American Watches, TOWANDA, PA., Sole Agent in this Locality. They have taken care to give all needful instructions, and have confidence in the ability of their agent to meet the requirements of all customers. An opportunity will be thus afforded to patrons at all times, Spectacles Unequalled by any for their Strengthening and Preservation Qualities. Too much cannot be said as to their superiority over the ordinary glasses worn. There is no glimmering, wavering of the sight, dizziness, or other unpleasant sensation, but on the contrary, from the perfect construction of the Lenses, they are soothing and pleasant, causing a feeling of relief to the wearer, and producing a clear and distinct vision, as in the natural, healthy sight. They are the only spectacle that preserve as well as assist the sight, and are the cheapest because the best, always lasting many years without change being necessary. CAUTION. W. A. CHAMBERLIN, TOWANDA, PA. Sole Agent in Towanda, Pa. ☞ We employ no peddlers. March, 28, 1872.

ANCHOR LINE STEAMERS SAIL EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY. Passengers booked to and from any Railway Station or Seaport in Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, Holland, Belgium and the United States. Cabin fare from New York to LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, and DERRY by Wednesday's Steamers, $60. By Saturday's Steamers, $65 and $75. EXCURSION TICKETS, $120. INTERMEDIATE, $35, STEERAGE, $28. All payable in Currency. Parties sending for their friends in the Old Country can purchase tickets at reduced rates. For further particulars apply to HENDERSON BROTHERS, 7 Bowling Green, N. Y. or to S. C. MEANS, Central Express Office, Towanda, Pa., or N. S. BETTS, Jr., First Nation Bank of Towanda. octl5'71.

Selected Poetry.

THE OLD COUPLE.

They sat in the sun together,
Till the day was almost gone,
And then at its close, an angel
Stepped over the threshold stone.

He folded their hands together,
He touched their eyelids with balm,
And their last breath floated upward
Like the close of a solemn psalm.

Like a bridal pair they traversed
The unseen, mystical road,
That leads to the beautiful city,
Whose builder and maker is God.

Perhaps in that miracle country
They will give her lost youth back,
And the flowers of a vanished spring-time
Shall bloom in the spirit's track.

One draught of the living waters
Shall restore his manhood's prime,
And eternal years shall measure
The love that outliveth time.

But the shapes they left behind them—
The wrinkles and silver hair—
Made sacred to us by the kisses
The angels imprinted there—

We'll hide away in the meadow,
When the sun is low in the west,
Where the moonbeams cannot find them,
Nor the wind disturb their rest.

Miscellaneous.

MY WIFE'S VISION.

At the time of which I write I was master of the brig Argonant, sailing between Portland and Rio Janeiro, a matter of from sixty to seventy days length.

I had been married about two years to Emily Hasbrouk. My wife was a young woman of uncommon good sense, and had waited quietly at her mother's house in Cambridge until I was whole master of the Argonant, and my worldly goods became sufficient therewith to endow a wife, when we were married, after a long trial of mutual love and faith.

Between Emily and her mother there existed an unusual affection and intimacy. The two women were all that were left of a once large and prosperous family. Little by little the property had vanished, one by one the sons had died, and when old Captain Hasbrouk was lost down in the Gulf, his widow and one little child were left alone and poorly provided for. Like most New England women, Mrs. Hasbrouk knew how to make a little go a great way, and Emily was well educated. Mrs. Hasbrouk was like a mother to me always, and when I took Emily away on my first voyage after we were married, I think I was almost as near crying as my bride at leaving the dear old lady and the snug little home.

Emily was a wonderful sailor and made the voyages with me like an old tar, never being in the least affected by weather or waves, and always bright and cheerful. "The captain's lady" was greatly admired by the crew for her strength of mind and "sea worthiness," and to me she was of course, a great joy and comfort, for I have always pitied the lonely sea-faring men who have to leave their wives ashore.

On the 3d of August we were preparing for another trip, and Emily and I went down to Cambridge to bid her mother good-by. We had a happy day together, and Mrs. Hasbrouk was looking so well and bright that I spoke of it, and complimented her on her good looks.

"Yes, George," she said, "I have never felt better, and if it were not that you are going to take Emily away again, I would say I never felt in better spirits. I only hope, my dear children, that we shall all meet again in this way when you come home," she added, with something of solemnity in her tone.

Emily kissed her, and told her that we all meant to be just so, well and happy when we met again. "And don't mind, mammy dear, about writing to me, for George says there can be no communication between this and Rio before we shall be on our homeward trip."

"I cannot hear from you, my darling, before I see you?" Mrs. Hasbrouk asked, as she walked to the little gate with us.

"Not unless my wrath should visit you," Emily said, laughing thoughtlessly, as she gave her mother a final embrace.

Mrs. Hasbrouk's farewell to me was very loving and tender, as she blessed me and bade me take care of her darling child. She always put Emily under my protection in this way, just as she had done at the time of our commencing the voyage of life together, so that I was perpetually having renewed the pride and humility of a new made husband when I was bidding Mrs. Hasbrouk farewell.

When we were in the cars, bound for Portland, Emily said to me, "It is such a comfort to me, George, to have seen mother looking so well before I sail." I was glad too, and we started on our outward course with fine weather and light hearts.

We had a month of undisturbed clear sky. The wind blew especially for our benefit, and we were making an uncommonly swift passage. The crew had hardly enough work to occupy them, for the vessel almost sailed herself. Emily sat on deck most of the time, and did no end of worsted work and light reading and in the moonlight nights she would keep out till midnight sometimes, singing and watching the waves in the shine, and the phosphorescence on the water.

We were prepared through all this easy time, for the foul weather to come, and when the wind shifted, and a little cloud no bigger than a man's hand began to rise, "We're a waitin' for the blow," said Jack Salt; and sure enough we had it for forty-eight hours, heavy and strong, and then it calmed down somewhat, and we took a run of rainy days, not fit for any but men to be out in.

Emily staid below, except once she put her head out of the companion way, all tied up in a hood, and smiling and nodding to me she said, "Ugh! how wet and nasty everything looks! even the sea seems more watery than it was before. I think I had better go down again, George. I mall not do for a deck hand." So she disappeared into our cabin.

On the night of Thursday, the 29th of September, five days out from Rio, I staid on deck rather later than usual, talking with the mate. It was a quiet night, drizzling a little, but the sea smoother than it had been in some time. Mr. Myles, the mate, who was rather a queer fellow, had been telling me some stories bordering on the supernatural, and had tried his best to make me give into his belief in the communication of departed spirits with this world. I turned down the cabin stairs with an incredulous shake of the head, and left him on deck with his watch.

I had bid Emily good-night at least two hours before, when I left her to go on deck, and expected to find her asleep in her berth. It was eleven o'clock when I left Myles at the ladder head, and I descended softly, not to disturb Emily. As I opened the door I could see that she was not in her berth, but it was not till I was fairly in the cabin that I saw her.

My wife was standing in the middle of the floor, her black hair streaming round her. Her hands were clasped, and held a little in front of her bosom. Her face was as white as snow; her eyes were staring and blank, as though they saw nothing around her. Never have I beheld such awful anguish as her whole aspect showed.

"Emily! my wife!" I cried.

She gave a sort of gasp.

"George, I have seen my mother!—my mother is dead!"

I caught her as she fell forward in a swoon.

When my dear wife returned to consciousness I tried to keep her as quiet as possible, but it seemed that she must unburden her mind of the awful revelation that had been made to her. I sat by her all that night and held her trembling hand in mine; and at last she told me how it had come.

My wife said: "I was ready to go to bed, but the ship rolled so little to-night that I thought I would read awhile before I turned down the light. I suppose I had read about fifteen minutes, when suddenly I began to think of mother. I often do this; for, somehow, when I am thinking of other things mother comes into my mind, and then I always say, "She is thinking of me now, or talking about me to some one." Gradually I took my eyes off the book, and raised them toward the door of the cabin, and there my mother stood before me. She was very pale, as though she had been through some illness, and her hands were crossed upon her breast. I spoke to her: "Mother, what is it?" She smiled, and waved her hand to me, and disappeared. I know that she is dead, and that I shall never see her again"

Emily was strangely moved and excited throughout this recital. At first I was frightened, for I thought her mind must be affected in some way. But at last she became so calm and sad that I saw she really believed her mother to be dead. And I believed it too. Why should not two hearts, so closely bound together as were Emily's and her mother's, be able to communicate to each other such great change as the leaving the world? I believed Mrs. Hasbrouk's spirit had found means to tell her faithful daughter of its flight.

When we reached Rio, Emily caused mourning to be prepared, and our homeward voyage was not gladdened by my wife's songs. She was quite subdued by her sorrow and loss.

We reached Portland on the 20th of December, late in the afternoon. Emily found that a train left for Boston at four o'clock, and finally persuaded me to go with her to Cambridge.

"You can get back to Portland early enough in the morning, George dear," she said; "and I feel that I can not rest till I have been to the dear old home, though it will be so changed and sad."

I tried to dissuade my wife from going until we had heard some particular of the condition of her mother's house; for there might be strangers in it, and I thought it would be less trying to her to visit it by daylight, and after her mind was somewhat prepared to meet new people in her mother's place.

We went to Boston, however, and, taking a carriage, drove out to Cambridge. It was nearly ten o'clock when we reached the street on which Mrs. Hasbrouk's house stood.

My wife was shivering, more with restless dread than cold, as we drove up to the once happy little home. She was very quiet, though I know she was powerfully affected.

The House seemed quite dark in front.

As we knocked (Emily had insisted on getting out of the carriage, and stood close to me)—as we knocked, the lock turned, and the door was thrown open. The hall was filled with light, and in the doorway, as bright and well as ever, stood Mrs. Hasbrouk, the same happy lady we had left five months before.

Emily, of course, went back to sailors. We have never had the affairs satisfactorily explained, but certainly Mrs. Hasbrouk was perfectly well during the whole time of our absence, and she had nothing to do with the appearance of her own ghost.

I think that Mr. Myles, to whom I afterward told the story, has disliked Mrs. Hasbrouk from that time.

DON PIATT writes from White Sulphur Springs: "The paternal author of the belle here, it is said, the other day, shortly after his return to the Springs, was approached by a youth who requested a few minutes conversation in private, and began: 'I was requested to see you, sir, by your lovely daughter. Our attachment—' 'Young man,' interrupted the parent briskly, 'I don't know what that girl of mine is about. You are the fouth gentleman who has approached me this morning on that subject. I have given my consent to the others, and I give it to you. God bless you.'"

THE delights of a southern seaside resort are thus enumerated: There are flies in the honey, beetles in the sugar, fleas in the butter, dead rats in the spring, rattlesnake under the pillow, and skunks running over your feet.

[For the REPORTER.]

THE TEACHERS' MISSION.

An Essay read before the Bradford County Teachers' Association, by Miss CHLOE DIMMICK.

I come not before you this morning with a labored essay, filled with abstruse ideas. I would rather let fall a few chance drops from that jeweled chalice of thought, filled at the fountain of Truth.

I will not endeavor to unravel hard sayings, or to bring to light hidden truths, but merely to catch a few of the random thoughts that flit hurriedly through my mind. These I offer for your consideration, as you repose upon the "mossy bank of leisure," and pluck the "fairy flowers of content" that deck the time-stained rock of Meditation.

And I trust that Charity will be no stranger in our midst, for however carefully the garden may have been weeded, there will be some tares; however diligently the grapery may have been thinned, some fruit will be sour; despite the diligence of the guards, some foe may lurk within the camp.

Teachers, our mission is a noble one. The effect of our labors will be perceptible, not merely for a day, nor for a year, but throughout the never-ending ages of eternity.

The children of to-day! The masses of to-morrow! They are the same. How important, then, that they should be educated aright, that their minds should be filled with pure and holy aspirations! We must become better fitted to perform our duties, and then they will be both pleasant and profitable.

In order to make real our ideals, we must help one another. Mutual dependence is the great law of humanity, and no one realizes the truth of this more fully than does the teacher.

We often hear of the deeds of self-made men. Self-made, indeed! As if any man could live independent of his fellows! He might truly breathe, depending for breath upon his Creator alone; but is this life? Is this the life with which we, as teachers, should be content? No; away with such drones and sluggards, who barely exist, with no care for others, no thought even for self beyond the present moment. We must be live men and women. We must enter into our work with enthusiasm and love. We must make our schools halls of learning, where the mind, hungering and thirsting after knowledge, can be fed with true wisdom.

Hence we as teachers, should not only be learned in the lore of this world, but we should also be wise in the knowledge of spiritual things. I think I am not saying too much, when I assert that every teacher should be a Christian. And why? Because the Christian, the only perfect type of the Great Teacher, is alone able to guide the youth in the paths of true knowledge.

Our teachers should also be persons of originality, not mere "mouth-pieces of some school or system." However much we may prize the words of the old song, "Listen to the mocking-bird, singing so sweet," they must not be spoken in reference to us.

We must leave the old winding paths, in which our fathers for generations have traveled, and make for ourselves and those under our care new and far better paths. We should not confine them to text-books, which are too often dull and wearisome, but help them to learn from the greater book of Nature. There the songs, warbled by bright-plumed birds, are written by the fingers of the Almighty on field and forest. Flowers are said to be the alphabet of angels. God uses this alphabet to write great truths for man. The angels pause before the great White Throne, and learn these songs; then floating away — away — they write them all over this green earth. The birds catch the strains, and sweetly pour them forth from millions of tiny throats, until the other vibrates with the melody.

And shall we dare stifle the longing of the immortal spirit, by chaining the minds of the children down to the hard realities of life? No; they will be obliged to learn these lessons soon enough. Let them enjoy the beauties and the voices of nature while they may. Fill the school-rooms with flowers. Bring them now a rose, now a lily, a daisy or a violet, and explain to them its nature; teach them how it grows, what is its mission, and how it performs that mission. Or we can teach them many a valuable lesson from the wing of a butterfly, the web of a spider, the feathers of a bird, or the cast-off skin of a serpent. Thus we make teaching pleasing and instructive.

We should not present merely names and uses, and afterwards the things themselves; but rather give first the thing, then its use, and last of all its name. Thus by a pleasing association of ideas, the facts acquired will be more readily assimilated than could otherwise be possible.

Were these lessons judiciously intermingled with the more solid branches, there would be fewer mathematical ignoramuses, geographical blockheads, or grammatical dunces; and more true, earnest men and women. Then, and not till then, will our mission be accomplished.

These are the teachers the country and the times demand. To such the whole world is crying, "Come and help us." We live in an age of progress, I may say in a fast age, and we must necessarily be fast teachers, live, active, ever working. What though we occasionally step ahead of the present moment, and advance ideas which are ridiculed by the vulgar? It matters not. The world will soon live up to them. Better this than to fall behind the rapid march of Improvement.

"We must therefore work; work with a will, work to some purpose, work for God and Truth.

"Bold in speech, and bold in action,
Be forever! Time will test,
Of the free-souled and the slavish,
Which fulfils life's mission best.
"Be thou like the noble Ancient
Scorn the fate that bids thee bear;
Speak! no matter what betide thee;
Let them strike, but make them hear.
"Be thou like the first Apostles,
Be thou like heroic Paul;
If a free thought seek expression,
Speak it boldly—speak it all!
"Face thine enemies, accusers;
Scorn the prison, rack, or rod;
And, if thou hast truth to utter,
Speak, and leave the rest to God."

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The committee of the London Sunday-school union has recently issued the following call to prayer:

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

"Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.—*Lam.*, ii: 19.

It has been thought by the committee of the Sunday-school union, that in view of the solemn and increasing responsibilities of their work, their fellow-laborers would gladly welcome the proposal to appoint a day on which teachers throughout the land might offer special prayer, both unitedly and privately, on behalf of those committed to their charge.

In answer to such a prayer, a new blessing might be confidently expected; while the effect of the hallowed fellowship would be felt by both the teacher and the taught; the former being stimulated to more fervid piety and zeal, and the latter being led to a more thoughtful concern for their immortal interests.

The committee therefore propose that Lord's Day, the 20th of October, and Monday, the 21st of October, should be set apart for the above purpose, and suggest that the following order should be as closely as possible observed.

That on Lord's Day morning, October 20, between seven and eight, all teachers should offer special prayer, in private, for God's blessing upon their work; especially in the conversion of their scholars to Himself.

That the usual services of the day should be varied, and each school gathered for prayer, the proceedings being interspersed by suitable addresses.

That in the evening of the day the teachers meet for prayer, either before or after public worship.

That on Monday, October 21, between seven and eight A. M., all teachers should again offer special prayer in private for God's blessing upon their work.

That in the course of the day the female teachers of each school should hold a prayer meeting.

That in the evening a special prayer meeting should be held by every church on behalf of the Sunday-school, suitable and stirring addresses being intermingled with the prayers.

Appropriate topics for supplication and intercession will present themselves to all. Above everthing, the prayers should be for a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, imparting to the scholars docility and seriousness; enkindling the deeper interest of the churches in the work; and leading, as the happy result, to a large ingathering of the young into the fold of Christ.

It is intended to call upon teachers in every part of the world to blend their supplications, so that the poet's thought may be realized in a glorious sense, and

"The whole round world be every way,
Bound with gold chains about the feet of God."

WILLIAM GROCER,
AUGUSTUS BENHAM,
FOXNTAIN JOHN HARTLEY,
JOHN EDWARD TRESIDER,
Honorable Secretaries.

56, OLD BAILEY, London, E. C., July, 1872.

The executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath-School Association, at its meeting held August 23, passed a vote commending the observance of the above named services by all the schools of this State.

A strict compliance with all the particulars stated in the call may not be possible, nor even desirable in all our schools. Such modifications as may seem necessary should be made in each case, but the general observance of the days named is commended, and great good will doubtless result therefrom.

Early action upon the matter is suggested.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the executive committee.

GEORGE A. PELTZ,
Sec'y State S. S. Association.
Philadelphia, Sept. 1872.

SCRAPS—The most dangerous of all flattery, is the inferiority of those about us.

Religion is, in an eminent degree, the science of the heart.

The health of a community is an almost unfailing index of its morals.

I think it best not to dispute, where there is no probability of convincing.

Life is like wine; he who would drink it pure must not drain it to the dregs.

It is only great souls that know how much glory there is in being good.

False heads not only disagree with truths, but usually quarrel among themselves.

The best thing which we derive from history is the enthusiasm that it raises in us.

It is impossible to speak against Christianity without anger, nor to speak for it without love.

Nature has written a letter of credit upon some men's faces, which is honored almost wherever presented.

If we regard the Sabbath as it deserves, it is a jewel upon the spring of time that is very precious.

Curses always recoil on the head of him who imprecates them. If you put a chain around the neck of a slave, the other end fastens itself around your own.

When misfortunes happen to such as dissent from us in the matters of religion, we call them judgments; when to those of our own sect, we call them trials; but when to persons of neither way distinguished, we are content to impute them to the settled course of things.

[For the REPORTER.]

LETTER FROM OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

OSKALOOSA, IO., Sept. 23, 1872.

FRIEND ALVORD: Having a question to ask, and wishing a correct answer—one that can be relied upon—I take this method of asking it, as being the only one I can adopt, being so far away, viz., by letter. Will Ex-Governor Curtin, the "soldiers' friend," support Greeely for President?

I see in all the leading papers of the West, (as well as your own), that he will not, most emphatically. And the very next day the same Western paper will just as emphatically contradict it. Yesterday's *Chicago Times* has a letter purporting to be from Curtin, accepting the nomination of the Liberal Republicans as a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, and the *Times* even in a former issue of this week says Curtin is for Grant.

Pardon me for the liberty I take and trouble I may cause you, but the fact is we have some three hundred Republicans in this county, and a few from what was once called the "Wilmot District," and knowing as they do, that I have recently visited there, they of course seek and ask me for the latest and most reliable news from that district, as they, like all others from that portion of Pennsylvania, have a sympathetic feeling, at least in all political matters, pertaining to that section, as well as the State itself.

On last Saturday we had our "Mahaska county annual Pennsylvania pic-nic," which numbers among its members about three hundred of our best citizens, some of whom are our oldest and most substantial men in