

Soldier's Families—Frigid Zone.

To the Editor of the Evening Bulletin.—Some very touching cases of want and destitution came before me to-day, and I should like to relay one or two of them before your readers. First let me say—We were at the funeral of the soldier's little daughter referred to in my last communication, spoke a word of comfort to the weeping sick mother, told of him who had compassion on the Widow of Naam, and wept tears at the grave of Lazarus.

So feeble was she and so intensely cold was the day, that she could not go to the grave, so strangers bore away the little child, sweet in death, and laid it in its little cold grave, where the moaning winds sighed through the weeping willows, its little sad funeral dirge. There it shall lie till the great day when the small and great shall stand before God. The mother has been tenderly cared for by the special contributions sent us, and so has been her infant child.

While aiding a respectable soldier's widow to-day, in my study, with food and clothing, &c., she burst into tears and sobbed out, "Oh, it's too bad for me, too bad for me, things to think that I must beg!" "Beg," my dear madam? "I repeated in soothing astonishment, 'don't say so, there is not a true daughter of the South who would not feel that he or she owes you a debt he can never pay.'"

"The little assistance that I can render the soldier's widow and orphan is to help on her mind, as she passed out, with her bundle of clothing and order for groceries, her full heart would run over, and in the entry I could hear her sobbing. Ah, the widow's memory! maiden smiles, bridal joys and widowed loneliness are in these signs and tears, as well as hungry, naked children, and a cold, cheerless garret. Here comes a recollection of the Professor Saunders, in the hands of a widow.

Prof. Saunders is a well-known veteran in the soldier's cause. After referring to her case, he says, "She is as good as she looks." Yes, that's a sweet, sad face, Professor. That poor young heart has been beated, crushed. While I write, my heart utters mild my failing strength help her, God bless her, God comfort her!"

He closes his recommendation by saying, "I know you would rather help her than sit down to a feast." This is a great truth. There is joy in such a work. I am sure our citizens must feel in giving the precious truthfulness of the Professor's remark. Several similar cases have been here, and many trying dissimilar ones, which I have not time to write. The applicants are increasing daily, and our citizens seem to manifest the right spirit, and are resolved that the widow and orphan of them who died for us, shall not be cold, naked or hungry.

Those who recommend for aid, will please make themselves acquainted with the character of the case. Again, let me give you notice, that no applicant need come for aid without a recommendation from some citizen of the Gospel, or from some respectable citizen, endorsed, if possible, by some Minister of the Gospel.

Send contributions to Wm. McEllis, City Pastor, 1841 Lombard street, Philadelphia. Yours, &c., CITY PASTOR. January 11th. P. S.—A gentleman has just brought me \$31 from the Sixth Precinct of the Twenty-fifth Ward, and tells me it was all subscribed in almost a moment, by a single proposition of some few men who suggested the matter. He says moreover, that they will be good for \$100 more some of these days. It is a good sign, and shows influence and leisure in all our wards and precincts go and do likewise?" This suggestive question is a good one. We hope it will be answered by a single lady brings me \$47 50, the proceeds of a fair held at her house, for the widows and orphans of soldiers. Will not many of our young ladies and gentlemen likewise try? All we ask is effort.

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CITY BULLETIN.

M. W. BALDWIN & CO.'S LOCOMOTIVE WORKS.—Among the largest, perhaps the very largest, industrial establishments in this State, and it may be in the world, is the Locomotive Works of M. W. Baldwin & Co. This great mechanical depot extends from near Spring Garden street to Willow street, with a front on Broad street about five hundred and eighty-six feet, covering nearly all of the three squares between the two first named streets, and having an entire front on Fifteenth street. The two widest streets run through the premises (Buttonwood and Hamilton), thus affording convenient access to the different departments, and superior facilities for receiving materials and sending away the products of the establishment. Connected with the works is a board and lumber yard, occupying about an acre of ground, on the opposite side of Broad street. The extent of business carried on must be seen to be appreciated; for we should fail in any attempt to convey a proper idea of its immensity. Every observer, however, who sees how possible it is that so much of machinery, so many departments, and so many operations, can be kept working in harmony, will be struck with the system which makes the whole so perfect, that every piece of machinery performs its proper functions, and every man is in his proper place to discharge the duties of his job. To the able and efficient superintendent of these works, this admirable discipline is in a great measure due. It requires no ordinary talent to place the works in the position which they occupy, and it must have taken years of schooling to enable him to master the intricacies of his position.

The erecting shop is situated on the corner of Broad and Willow streets—140 feet on the latter and 206 feet on the former. The building is a new one, but recently fitted with new machinery, and contains all the necessary fixtures and appliances. The machine shop, fronting on Broad street 500 feet, extending from Hamilton to Buttonwood street, and goes to the rear nearly the same distance—making it about 500 feet. Part of this extensive building is used for the erection of large steam engines and other machinery adapted to the business, including every species of tool and labor-saving implements.

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The front offices on Broad street comprise seven different departments, including offices, private rooms, store-rooms, and a workshop. The building is also fitted with every convenience, and is well lighted and ventilated, and appropriately furnished with every convenience. There are five different engines located in the various departments of this establishment, all of the largest size, and making an aggregate horse power of 200. About 4,000 tons of coal per annum is used, and it works 1,000 hours per month, all making full time of ten hours each.

We need scarcely speak of the merits of the engines manufactured by Baldwin & Co. They have a world-wide reputation, and the evidence of their superiority is attested in the four quarters of the globe. In Europe, especially, the engines made by this establishment can be found on every prominent road; and no man, or no firm in the country has done more than M. W. Baldwin & Co. to elevate the character of their character abroad for the skillful execution and durability of our machinery. While in our own country, East, West, North and South, Baldwin's engines are conceded to be among the best.

Mr. Baldwin is a practical mechanic of many years' experience. With habits of industry he possesses a spirit of enterprise and a versatile ordinary aptitude, and possessing a quickness of perception, he promptly comprehends the most intricate machinery. This faculty has no doubt greatly contributed to his success. He commenced business in a small way about 1850, in Minor street, where he remained until 1854 or 5, when he removed to his present location, and has gradually added to his establishments until it has reached its present dimensions.

NORTHERN PROGRESS OF OUR CITY.—It would well repay the pedestrian to travel over the more northern portion of Philadelphia, and observe the extensive improvements now in progress. Such is the enterprise manifested that the work of building has been prosecuted without cessation, during the entire cold weather. In the vicinity of Columbia avenue, below and above, and extending west beyond Broad street, rows of dwellings are going up, including some of the most splendid mansions in the city. One would suppose that, in what has heretofore been considered the suburbs, the improvements would be of an ordinary character, adapted solely to the means of an industrial population. But not so. The dwellings in many localities are first-class houses, three-stories back and front, with all the modern conveniences. Among them will be found every variety of architecture, and many of the plans familiar to the oldest inhabitants. We notice that the French roofs are becoming quite fashionable, especially with those who erect three-story houses. This takes the place of the old garret, but in fact, adds another story. Brown stone, marble fronts, with brick dressing, granite, &c., articles and brick work, as the taste of owners may dictate, are to be seen on all the prominent streets.

Among the enterprising gentlemen who thus beautify and add to the business of our city, is Mr. J. Rhodes, Mr. Joseph Thornton, Mr. John Davy, Mr. Joseph Shingley, Mr. Isaac Senneff, Mr. Isaac E. Blyden, Mr. Christopher Ely, Mr. James E. McElroy, and others. These gentlemen are building extensively, while there are many citizens erecting single dwellings in various places. Entire blocks of houses now occupy ground which, but a few years ago, was devoted to truck patches. Hills are leveled, hollows filled up, streams cut off, and every obstacle to the progress of improvement disappears as if by magic. In a day or two we shall designate some of the more progressive localities, and note the various kinds of property which enrich the neighborhood.

LA COTERIE CARNAVAL.—This entertainment, on the 25th inst., will be the grandest ball of the season, and of many seasons. The sale of tickets up to this time has been unprecedented, and Messrs. Abel & Risley have been kept busy. To-morrow evening a meeting of subscribers will be held in parlor C of the Continental, at which committee will be appointed, tickets chosen, &c. All subscribers are invited to attend. We learn that on Monday week a distinguished New York customer will arrive with a huge assortment of costumes for ladies and gentlemen, and that an easily accessible room on Chestnut street will be procured for their exhibition. For further particulars we refer the reader to Messrs. Abel & Risley.

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ALLEGED BURGLARY.—George Andrews, Charles Wilson and Joseph Andrews were before Alderman Beidler yesterday morning, charged with having been concerned in the robbery of the store of Sington & Pototsky, North Third street. The arrest was made by Detectives Taggart and Lantz, who discovered a portion of the stolen goods. The accused were committed in default of \$2,000 bail for a further hearing.

MR. COX'S LECTURE.—A rare treat was enjoyed by those who attended the ninth lecture of the Free Club course, at Musical Hall last evening. The orator was Hon. S. S. Cox, of Ohio, and his subject was "Irish Wit and Humor." The topic was treated in brilliant suggestions, and the lecturer gave the most unqualified satisfaction to every auditor.

TELEGRAPHIC.—The American Telegraph Company have opened an office in the second story of the West Jersey Railroad Company's building, at the foot of Federal street, Camden. Messages to all points in the United States and British Provinces will be promptly transmitted. The office is in Camden has long been needed, and we are glad to see that the American Company has established one.

ALLEGED SHOPLIFTING.—Mary Sullivan, alias Catherine Hayes, had a hearing, yesterday, before Alderman Beidler, charged with shoplifting. She was arrested with three pieces of merino in her possession, which she had purloined from the store of Ann Yarnall, at the corner of Third and Arch streets. The goods were valued at \$100.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Charles Bauer, residing at No. 445 N. Second street, Philadelphia, was yesterday afternoon, while being pushed from the platform of a Second and Third streets' passenger railway car, at Third and New streets. He was admitted into the Erie Hospital, where he is now lying.

AN EXPRESS ROBBERY.—Walter Harvey, charged with the larceny of \$200 from one of Howard's Express wagons, was arraigned before Alderman Beidler, yesterday, and held over for a further hearing on Saturday.

SINGULAR DISASTER IN COVINGTON, KY.

A very singular disaster, involving a heavy loss, occurred in Covington on Monday. The fruit house of Caldwell, Brothers & Smalley, on the east side of Scott street, between Fourth and Fifth, was partially demolished by a gas explosion. It is supposed that the gas burst in the air-tight ball of the building, filling it with gas. About seven o'clock a workman with a light in his hand, threw open the door of the hall, when the gas was instantly ignited, causing a terrific explosion, shattering the walls of the building so that they will have to be pulled down. The doors of the apple bins, which are made of oak, eight inches in thickness, and lined on both sides with heavy sheet iron, were wrenched from their hinges, and torn into many pieces. The iron floor was also torn up, and the bins completely wrecked. The man who operated the floor, had nearly all the hair burned off his head, and was very much stunned. The report of the explosion was heard all over the city, and many buildings in the vicinity were shaken. The fruit house belonged to Robert and Richard Caldwell, and A. D. Smalley, of Newport, and was erected at a cost of \$50,000. The damage to the building was estimated at \$20,000, and as the apples (of which there are ten or twelve thousand barrels in the house), will have to be removed, they are expected to lose a considerable amount. It is estimated that \$20,000 worth of them will be lost. The firm had no insurance against such a catastrophe.

HEAVY ROBBERY.—On Saturday night last, the residence of Wm. Earhardt, a wealthy farmer residing near Blairsville, was entered by burglars. The carried off \$100,000 in greenbacks. No other property was obtained, but the robbery was a very serious one. The burglar was seen to enter the house, and with gunpowder blew the door off of it. They stole from the safe \$70,000 in five-twenty bonds and eleven other valuables. The robbery was a very serious one. The burglar was seen to enter the house, and with gunpowder blew the door off of it. They stole from the safe \$70,000 in five-twenty bonds and eleven other valuables.

FATAL RESULT.—Samuel Yardall, who was injured by the explosion of the range boiler at his residence, near Hestonville, died yesterday afternoon.

THE TIME TO BUY HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.—We wish this evening to direct the attention of our readers to the fact that the time has now arrived when the winter goods are being purchased at their lowest prices. It is a rare opportunity to see the goods at such a low price, and we are glad to see that the winter goods are being purchased at their lowest prices. It is a rare opportunity to see the goods at such a low price, and we are glad to see that the winter goods are being purchased at their lowest prices.

HAVANA CIGARS AND LYNCHBURG TOBACCO.—Best in the city, at moderate prices, at No. 232 Chestnut street, opposite the Continental, and at No. 107 Arch street. Customers purchase on Saturday night.

FIRST IN PEACE, as it has been during the winter, in the estimation of the people, among all the perfumes of the world, Parfums de France are the most popular. One would suppose that, in what has heretofore been considered the suburbs, the improvements would be of an ordinary character, adapted solely to the means of an industrial population. But not so. The dwellings in many localities are first-class houses, three-stories back and front, with all the modern conveniences.

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