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The Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1864.

New Books.

D. Appleton & Co., the eminent New York publishers, are as active as their neighbors in the production of standard works. Their "New American Cyclopædia," every line of which was expressly written for it, will long remain an example of their enterprise and judgment. Commenced in the autumn of 1857, just when the country had "fallen upon evil days," it was issued, as promised, with surprising regularity, and completed in a manner creditable to the firm and satisfactory to the public. Their scientific library, their Dusseldorf Gallery, and other richly-illustrated works; their superb edition, in two volumes, octavo, of James Stuart Mill's "Principles of Political Economy," and other publications, are equally creditable to their judgment. They have recently commenced the reissue of a work lately begun in London. This is a "History of the World," by Philip Smith, one of the chief writers of the splendid series of Smith's Dictionaries of Greek and Roman Antiquities, Biography, and Geography. We have seen the first number, which is full of promise. "Weiss' "Life of Theodore Parker," Hunt's "Life of Edward Livingstone;" their beautiful edition of Merivale's "History of the Romans under the Empire," of which three volumes have appeared, and their reprint, in a manner superior to the London edition, of Rawlinson and Wilkinson's new English version of "The History of Herodotus," should also be borne in mind.

Merivale's Roman History covers the whole time from the first Triumvirate to the transfer of the seat of Empire from Rome to Constantinople, a period of 400 years, at the close of which Gibbon's annals commence. The first and second volumes contain the best account of Julius Cæsar's conquests ever yet written, and the third gives a graphic account of what happened in Rome after his death; the fall of Antonius, Brutus, Cassius, and Cicero; the appointment of Octavius to supreme power, as Imperator, (Emperor,) and his assumption of the title of Augustus; and the early events of his long and brilliant reign. This reprint follows the fourth London edition, and, like that, has a number of necessary maps, and will have a copious analytical index.

Messrs. Appleton lately published a 12mo. volume, entitled "Education; intellectual, moral, and physical," which has attracted the attention, and obtained the eulogy of some of the deepest thinkers, in which matter and best teachers in this country was written by Herbert Spencer, well known as a large contributor to the leading quarterly reviews of England. From these he has lately selected thirteen essays, which *Messrs.* Appleton have printed in a handsome volume, entitled "Illustrations of Universal Progress." This will soon be followed by a volume entitled "Essays; moral, political, and æsthetic." Of all English writers now living, none has investigated the philosophy of Nature so closely or so successfully, and his wonderfully lucid manner of expression may be noticed as a leading cause of his success. The papers in this volume on Manners and Fashion, the Philosophy of Laughter, Wit, Origin and Function of Music, and the Development Hypothesis, will be found particularly attractive to general readers. It is Messrs. Appleton's intention to republish the whole of Herbert Spencer's writings.

They have also published a volume of "Church Essays," by G. D. Modern, (whose "Popular Handbook of the New Testament" we lately had occasion to commend,) and this opens with an exact history of the formation of the beautiful Liturgy of the Church of England. "Mount Vernon, and other Poems," by Harvey Rice, containing something that is good, with much that is commonplace and trouble and some terribly bad rhymes, (we have no hope of a man who makes *corn* rhyme with *calm*, *dawn* with *scorn*, *charm* with *balm*, *lawn* with *morn*, and so on,) yet, after all, showing occasional depth of thought—as in "The Mystery of Life"—and a thorough loyalty, which covers a multitude of [literary] sins. Very pretty is a volume entitled "Hints to Etiquette," by H. W. S. Cleveland, of Danvers, Mass., which is practical, and has told us more about rifles and rifle-shooting than we ever knew before. Whoever wants to learn the power of a rifle, and the construction of the weapon by various makers, will economize time and research by perusal Mr. Cleveland's volume is a careful perusal. Messrs. Appleton's latest publication is a personal narrative, entitled "My Cave Life in Vicksburg." The author is a female Secessionist, who left a place called Jackson, "on the night of the 15th" (month and year not stated), for Vicksburg, lived in a cave there for some weeks, during the bombardment and until General Grant took the place. Various letters from other Secessionist localities follow the main narrative. The book really is of very little interest, except where it shows to what straits the besieged in Vicksburg were reduced ere they gave in. The above-named works can be procured from Ashmead & Evans, 724 Chestnut street.

A work wholly new in its character, and likely to interest a great number of readers, is announced by Mr. Appleton to be completed in two large volumes, 8vo., (to match with Boynton's Encyclopædia of War and Hough's, we suppose,) and to be entitled the "Cyclopedia of Commercial and Business Anecdotes." It will be written, edited, and compiled by Frazer Kirkland; will have forty portraits on steel, and many wood engravings, and will exhibit the humorous phase of trade and traders. The portraits are in groups, and finely engraved on steel. In the centre of one group is the *vera effigies* of John Grigg, who, single-handed but enterprising, built up in this city the greatest book-selling business in this country. Besides the portraits of noted merchants in Europe, Asia, and America, the work will contain wood-cuts illustrative of incidents in their lives, and views of many business localities. This Cyclopedia, if we may judge from what we have seen of it, will be just the book to take up and read in the odd half hours everybody has, and thereby gain information while seeking only for amusement. It will be sold only by subscription, and the sole agent for this city is James K. Simon, 33 South Sixth street.

The Progress of the Freedmen.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS,

To the Editor of the Press:

PENNA. FREEDMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION,
424 WALNUT STREET, April 19th, 1864.

SIR: I send you herewith a letter which I think, if you should have room for it, will interest your readers. It is from Mr. Reuben Tomlinson, Government Superintendent of the Freedmen in St. Helena's Island, South Carolina. Yours, truly,

J. M. McKIM.

Mr. Tomlinson is a Philadelphian, well and favorably known to many of the best people of this city. He went out to Port Royal under the auspices of our Relief Committee, as an ordinary superintendent, and has since raised himself to his present responsible and important position, as Treasurer and Paymaster. His duties are at this time chiefly magisterial; he hears complaints, and settles difficulties arising among the freedmen, [enjoying the confidence alike of General Saxton, who appointed him to the office, and of the colored people who have to abide by his decisions. He is particularly well qualified for his duties. He is also well qualified to serve as a witness in the matters of which he here testifies.

His letter, you will perceive, has been drawn out by one from me. It is our practice to call, from time to time, upon our teachers and superintendents for reports of their progress, and in my last requisition I took the liberty of including Mr. Tomlinson, in the list to respond, and this is his report. It speaks for itself. The significance of his statements is obvious, and comment is unnecessary, but I would direct attention to the argument for emancipation underlying what he says of the negroes' increased purchases. The articles, now multiplied tenfold, which the negro boy brings from the North. The money which they pay for them comes into Northern tills. The more money they make the better able will they be to buy our goods. Emancipation gives us a new market, and a home market at that. For the products of Northern industry and ingenuity we shall hereafter have four million new customers! Verily, "Godliness hath the promise of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come."

Yours, truly,

J. M. McKIM.

ST. HELENA, S. C., April 10, 1864.

DEAR MR. MCKIM: I have yours of the 21 inst., requesting a statement of *facts*, bearing upon the progress of the freedmen in this department. You say that the question is constantly asked at home and abroad, "What are the evidences of the progress of the freedmen?"

To us, living in the midst of these evidences, the question seems superfluous. Yet, I suppose it ought to be and must be answered.

The first fact to which I would call attention is this: In August, 1862, when I first came into the department, nearly the whole colored population was drawing rations from the Government; at this time I think not more than five hundred persons draw rations from month to month. I include in this estimate *refugees* and those that would be paupers under any circumstances. The number is constantly diminishing, and by the end of the season there will be none entitled to "rations" except the destitute old and infirm persons, and we hope to have established, before that time, a system of taxation that will insure the support of the poor and infirm without any aid from the Government.

Last year four plantations were purchased and worked by the freedmen for themselves. The "Reynolds" plantation produced over four hundred bales of cotton, besides a plentiful provision crop. After paying all their expenses, the people on this place have now property and funds to commence the year with. The "James Tripp" place did proportionately as well, but I cannot trust my memory to give exact figures, nor cannot get them in time for the steamer. I know that no one person on the place received less than fifty dollars as his share, while most of the shares ran over one hundred dollars, and some as high as two hundred dollars. Allen, also, besides a large provision crop. The "Inlet" place, owned and worked by Harry McMillan, produced thirteen hundred and fifty-eight bales worth of ginned cotton. The bulk of this cotton was raised by the labor of Harry, his wife, and two daughters, with the aid of a mule and plow. Harry pays for his plantation, buys necessary stock, including cotton gins, &c., and has left a handsome balance to season the year with. The "Edgerly" place, on Port Royal Island, did fully as well as either of the above. The people on that place not only raised a crop of cotton, which paid them all a large dividend, but in addition to this they raised on their own land twelve hundred pounds of ginned cotton for the Rev. Dr. Peck, he, of course, paying for the labor; and they also paid to Mr. Hitchcock, a gentleman from New York, who was a Government agent in their neighborhood during last season, a bale of cotton (equal to $400) as compensation for his advice and assistance; which leads some of us to think that they either overrated his services or that they made more money than they knew how to use. The "Edgerly" people have had lumber brought from the North, and having divided up their land, are building houses upon their several lots.

These are those that worked for themselves. Now for those that worked for other people. Anthony and Venus, laborers on the "Capt. John Tripp Corner," place St. Helena, received $194.89, exclusive of their provision crop. Anthony is over 60, and Venus over 70 years old. Frank and two daughters, girls of sixteen and eighteen years, of the same place, received $184.56. Cato, wife, and daughter, of the Robert Fulton place, received $180. The following amounts were received by persons on the "Coffin Point" place: Aaron and Judy, $136.28; Abel and family, $210.57; Amos and family, $335.24; Leah and Peter, $99.38; Hacklius and Phillis, $175.32; Frank and family, $131.93; George and family, $174.60; Millie and family, $188.67. There are several other families receiving amounts ranging from $50 to $100. This, of course, is independent of their provision crop. On the "Fallbanna" island plantation, each hand will average over fifty dollars, and it will be remembered that these cases, as well as numerous others that I might cite, are not the result of high wages, though the wages were *fair*, but of *industry* on the part of the laborers. After this statement, and that made by Mr. Philbrick, that during the past season he paid out twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) as wages to the people on his places, it will not be disputed that the people have worked industriously and earned a large amount of money. The next question is, are they thrifty and provident in the use of it? In my opinion they are. Let me state some facts, which will, I think, sustain that opinion. When the "inauguration" authorizing the "proclamation" of land came down here, over eight thousand dollars were at once deposited, with parties appointed to receive it, by the contraband's people. This, of course, did not take in anything like all the money that would have been forthcoming, had the people felt sure that by so doing they would have secured the land. They had been deceived too often, and, to use their own phrase, they "couldn't trust." At the sale of the town of Beaufort, a short time ago, a large proportion of the purchases were made by colored men, many of them paying the whole amount down, while others bought with the soldiers' privilege, one-fourth down. These purchases were not made for "a song, either, I can assure you. At the land sales which commenced on the 16th of February, the same evidence of thrift and industry on the part of the people was manifested. Of course, however, they could not compete with white men, who had come down here prepared to give the most fabulous prices for land. Still, to some instances the freedmen were successful in securing their land, paying in some cases as high as $20 per acre. In these cases, of course, they spent all they owned, and in a few instances, I believe, borrowed the balance which a generous people have seen fit to advance for the freedmen's benefit. Many more land records could be sold to the people, although not yet sold to them, they are at work for themselves. They are very desirous to secure titles, and to help them to obtain the land. At the recent sales of abattoir property on the different plantations, the ability of the freedmen was again manifested. Horses, mules, and cows were bought by them quite freely, at very high prices. They gave more for them than their friends thought best, but our appreciation of their necessity was probably not as great as theirs. In making this estimate of the material progress of the freedmen in the department, I have not yet referred to the change that is slowly but surely going on in their *domestic habits*. Hitherto their diet has been of the simplest and most meagre kind—corn and potatoes, varied occasionally by a piece of bacon, some oysters, or fish. Now they buy habitually flour, molasses, bacon or pork, beef, sugar, rice, tea, and coffee. These articles, at the present high prices, take a great deal of money, and this should be taken into account in speaking of their wages. Then, in the matter of clothing, it should be remembered that the majority of the people have had to get a complete outfit; for at the time their masters left, even the usual pittance of clothing had not yet been doled out to them. The refugees from other places left everything behind them, and have literally had to commence life anew. Eighteen months ago such a thing as a kerosene lamp, (even a candle,) could not be seen in a negro cabin; now they are frequent, and so say on some others. Again, I might go on through the whole catalogue of material wants, and the same indications of progress would be found. The educational progress of the freedmen is so dependent upon their material welfare, that to prove the one is to settle the question with regard to the other. The schools are always largely attended, and when all the drawbacks are considered, the result so far attained can only be described by one word—astonishing. There are, of course, many lower vices and weaknesses in the character of the freedmen that must yet be up cobed; and a contemplation of them is sometimes very disheartening. The existence of such characteristics, however, any right minded person will take for granted; and it is our business to show that there are counter-tendencies in their character and condition, which now modify, and will eventually control them.

Truly yours, REUBEN TOMLINSON.

Not Less Sanitary for being Christian.

[With the publication of this letter, from a clergyman, we desire to close our columns to the unnecessary controversy between the friends of two invaluable organizations.—ED. PRESS.]

To the Editor of The Press:

SIR: A communication appeared in *The Press* of yesterday (April 19) with the caption of "Not Less Christian for being Sanitary," regretting that the friends of the *Christian* Commission should manifest any disposition to interfere with the efforts that are in progress to obtain funds for the *Sanitary* Commission, using, at the same time, a specious argument tending to degrade and lessen the influence of the operations of the Christian Commission.

The author of the article in question, who "is widely and highly respected among earnest Christians and philanthropists as a man of piety," has an incorrect view of the work and doings of the Christian Commission—both on the battle-field and among the sick and wounded in the hospitals—or he has utterly misconceived the purpose for which this benevolent and truly catholic national organization was brought into being.

The writer conceives that the Christian Commission is in sympathy with the moral and religious wants of our noble army; that "they have done, and are doing, a good work, and the testimonials of their practical deeds, which have been widely circulated, are gratifying to every loyal Christian heart." Then he asks, "Why seek to diminish the meeting with success at the Olympic. The Sanitary Commission, whose purpose is as benevolent, and, surely, not less important, than the other?" It is by no means certain that any effort has been put forth by any friends of the Christian Commission to "embarrass the efforts of the Sanitary Commission." Rather, from the spirit and tenor of the communication of yesterday, does it appear that the gentleman who has thus written, and who seeks to hide from the public eye the fact that the Christian Commission, with five times as many delegates on the field at Gettysburg, and who to-day have more men and more money in the field than the Army of the Potomac, in case of battle, than any other organization in the land, might feel that the opposition is directed *towards* them, rather than emanating *from* them.

The fourth paragraph of the communication is couched in the following words: "The Christian Commission has its appropriate place and work; the Sanitary Commission occupies another, and, at least, equally important sphere. Let each concern itself rather with the spiritual than the temporal wants of the suffering, and the latter with the temporal rather than the spiritual."

Who, at a glance, does not perceive that those words of the author of the communication in question, to the disparagement of the Christian Commission is *only* Christian, and that the work of the Sanitary Commission is purely for the physical succor and relief of the necessities of our brave and noble soldiers. But is it just to disguise, if not wholly to ignore, an important part of the work and operations of the Christian Commission, as designed in the formation and already carried out in the workings of this organization? The Christian Commission has most liberally and very generally afforded just such relief to the naked, hungry, and wretching soldiers of our army; *always* on the battle-field, and frequently on the camp-ground and in the hospitals.

What are the duties of the great and good men who have promptly and gladly been the representatives of this Christ-like commission? Has it been to visit, pastorally, camp-grounds and hospitals, to "insist upon giving the soldier a tract or a newspaper" *only*, regardless of the obviously pressing and most urgent temporary assistance? Not so. When needed, they have given, FIRST, the food, the cool drink of water or lemonade, the cup of tea, beef tea, pudding, jellies, fruits, oranges, and also stimulants, when ordered by the army surgeons. Their instructions to the delegates to the field include, among others, to supply the field hospitals with all kinds of clothing, bedding, and stores as their necessities require; the distribution of stores and publications to all in the camps, officers and men; * * aiding the men with paper, envelopes, and stamps to write to their friends, and writing for them in cases requiring it; and getting or doing anything whatever which may benefit the sick, the wounded, or distract the ways to be embraced by the delegate."

The writer of this communication *knows* whereof he affirms. He was one among many hundreds of unpaid delegates who, on the bloody field of Gettysburg, day after day, assisted in alleviating the pains of the wounded, binding up their wounds, clothing them with new and clean linen, washing the feet of the exhausted soldiers, and placing upon them new socks, knit by the soft and fair hands of Christian women, (many of them the wives of clergymen.) Then followed "those acts of love and charity which appeal to the strongest sympathies of our nature." Hour after hour, by day and night, did the delegates of the Christian Commission administer to the corporeal necessities of the exhausted and bleeding soldiers, followed by the soothing and blessed truths of the religion of Jesus Christ.

The combination of the two-fold blessings, temporal and spiritual, make the Christian Commission pre-eminently valuable to our brave soldiers and gallant sailors after the sanguinary battles in which their strength and bodies have been rolled in blood.

"God Almighty bless you; you come to us not only like the Good Samaritan, but like Jesus Christ himself," were among the numerous grateful expressions of our soldiers as the delegates of the Christian Commission solecisely pursued their blessed work on the gory battle-field of Gettysburg.

Nearly two years of experience in the army, amid the din, havoc, and blood of *seven battles*, convinces the writer of this letter not merely of the peculiar fitness and object of the Christian Commission to compass the immediate wants of our brave and suffering men, but that the delegates to whom has been entrusted the work of distributing the food, clothing, and precious balm of Christian sympathy, and public boons so generously given, has been judiciously and faithfully bestowed. To question their fitness for the holier work of this heaven-sent mission would be as ungenerous as it is unnecessary.

As, therefore, the sanitary and the religious work are combined in the operations of the Christian Commission, it is the conviction of the writer of this letter that Christians are bound to *prefer* the channel to communicate their benefactions to our gallant and noble soldiers and sailors as most happily furnishes.

If it not an inevitable conclusion to which all must come, that *the Christian Commission is not less sanitary for being Christian*, any more than the Sanitary Commission is "not less Christian for being sanitary"?

Shall a national organization, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, and whose treasury is *empty*, while the Sanitary Commission, whose headquarters are in New York, and whose treasury has been supplied with millions of dollars, be left longer without the means to carry on its beneficent and God-like work? Surely, Christians and patriots will respond quickly and liberally, that the two-fold work of caring for the bodies and blessing the souls of our soldiers and sailors may not be hindered.

J. E. C.

PHILADELPHIA, April 19, 1864.

The City Cars.

To the Editor of The Press:

SIR: Allow me to suppose a game that is now being played by the conductors of the city railroad cars upon the passengers. Yesterday, on the Fifteenth-street road, many of the passengers desired exchange tickets, for which they were obliged to pay *ten and ten cents each*. The conductor not feeling inclined to return the change, a lady spoke of this imposition, and was insultingly told by the gentlemanly (?) conductor that she might "get out if it didn't suit her." I know not into whose pockets these extra pennies have gone, but I am sure that a very large portion, probably they are considered a conductor's perquisite, and are never returned to the employers. Are not the conductors obliged to make change for small currency, and cannot the passengers demand an exchange ticket and their proper change? or are the railroad companies too mean to furnish pennies for change, and oblige the travelling public to submit to this stealing extortion?

This system of fraud is not a single exception; it occurs daily; it happened in five instances yesterday in one car, from the Baltimore depot to Chestnut street, and is practised particularly by the Fifteenth-street line upon strangers visiting this city by the Baltimore, Wilmington, and Philadelphia Railroad.

Is there no remedy for this unjust extortion? Cannot the company's officers look to this fraud, and render justice from their hands? If not, let the travelling people of our city refuse to employ the cars, and all support to the company hereafter.

Truly yours, HONESTY.

NEW YORK CITY.

[Special Correspondence of The Press.]

NEW YORK, April 19, 1864.

A PANIC IN WALL STREET.

The bovines and ursines are in a panic. Wall street is feverish beyond measure. Gold declines, and those having hands in stocks are suffering a contraction of their credit. Yesterday it was rumored, on the 'Change, that one of the largest gold-dealing houses had failed for two millions. Others tremble on the verge, and, unless a new initiation can be brought about, the speculators will tumble over as do card houses, and Wall street will be essentially flat. It is a cracking of the crust upon which an insane dance has been held. John Law, with his Mississippi scheme, and Harley Earl, of Oxford, with his South Sea bubble, were the prototypes of the men who have led in this dance. Although the existing panic is believed to be only temporary, it is assuredly the forerunner of an ultimate crash, which will terminate this speculative insanity. This culmination is exactly what we look for. Stocks have declined frightfully. Holders grow nervous, remembering how riches take wings and fly away. The visit of Secretary Chase was considered ominous, and the collapse followed.

A MAMMOTH ENTERPRISE.

A new coal company has just been formed by E.