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FAR OFF INDIA.

Recent Letter to Her Parents from Miss Alice Wishart.

Landour, India, June 14, 1905.
DEAREST MOTHER.—When I was walking through the bazaar this morning on my way to Mr. Lyall's Bible reading, I so wished for you and father to be with me to see the strange people, and the varieties of dress displayed. Many hill tribes and Tibetans come here—long-haired, dirty-looking men, with faces like Chinese idols, and a staring, wandering gaze. Then, there are such brilliant colors, too, and the shops are full of interesting things. It is all so quaint and warm and oriental that it is almost like a picture; yet India is the real thing to one—too real sometimes, when one sees the force of the Evil one and his manifest working. The air seems to reek with sin sometimes. But there is a Force working now which has not been felt for some time. The very Spirit of God, who has been grieved for so long, is stirring, and as soon as missionaries and Christians awake, and get on fire, the Revival will come, and that means the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have had very splendid meetings, which have brought forth confessions of sin, conviction, and a deep sense of need from men and women who are leaders in religious things. A terrible need is beginning to be felt everywhere, and missionaries and ministers of the gospel are coming to realize as never before, that it is not by might, nor by power, nor by talent, education, or ability, but by God's Spirit that the work must be done here. There has been so much energy of the flesh—honest, faithful, good work— toil, toil, toil—but this will not bring men to Christ—it needs a mightier than any human one to do it; and so dozens, if not hundreds, are praying daily for an outpouring, such as Wales knows, to sweep men and women and the heathen into the kingdom.

Is it not true that the greatest curse of the church to-day is lukewarmness? What littler concern for dying souls! SELF, and what SELF wants, has been playing such a part that there seems room for nothing else. People think more of their clothes and stomachs and amusements, than of immortal lives—are playing at being followers of Christ. It isn't any use mincing or glossing over matters. It is so here; and if I remember rightly, it was so at home. Those who are satisfied with things as they are, will call those who are not—"cranks." But what does it matter? What we need is Power; and we cannot get it until we get at an end of ourselves. As some one says, "To be real; something, is to be nothing, humanly speaking." I simply grow disgusted with the satisfaction in myself and in other Christians. We must be emptied before we can be filled; and there is no limit to a life in the Holy Spirit. One needs to give up everything; but our all is such a contemptible little, to what God will give in return. It is all sure to clash with the world. But when there is a Force which widens one into unconditioned largeness, the world "isn't in it." It means not an imitation, but a real indwelling Christ.

This vacation has been a time of receiving lessons very straight from God. And I need them. Do all of you pray that the church, both in India and America and in other countries, may get a baptism of fire and become thoroughly awakened? Some of us are so dead asleep, we don't know it, and that is the worst part. Faithful, believing prayer will bring it. But we must be desperately in earnest about it; it must be real, and no counterfeit.

Mr. Lyall, the Scottish-American Evangelist, who spoke at the Convention, and is now holding a mission here, is well known in

NEW LAW ON DEEDS.

Sheriff Alexander Will Acknowledge Deeds Before Prothonotary Harris.

Instead of acknowledging deeds in open court as heretofore, the sheriff under the new law will go before the prothonotary with all deeds for real estate. The new law directs that all acknowledgements of Sheriff's deeds shall be before the Prothonotary and they can be made on all days except on Sunday and holidays. The new law also provides that all such deeds shall be placed in the continuance docket of the Prothonotary's office and filed in a separate book to be kept in the recorder's office subject to inspection as are other records of said court.

No deed shall be acknowledged before the return day of the writ under which the sale was had, or pending a motion to set aside the sale or exceptions made to its confirmation, nor shall a deed be delivered while such a motion or exceptions are pending whether made before or after acknowledgment, and until the expiration of such further time, if any, as the court may direct by rule, or special on standing order. At the expiration of the time stated, and after the final disposition of all such motions and exceptions, if any such be made, the prothonotary or clerk shall deliver the deed to the sheriff who shall forthwith cause it to be registered in the proper office, if registry is required, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds and so forth in said county.

The law specifies that the acknowledgment of the deed and the delivery to the sheriff shall operate as a delivery to the grantee or grantees with the same effect as if acknowledged in open court, under existing laws and as if delivery to the grantee or grantees personally.

Why is it that weeds higher than a pedestrian's head are permitted to grow unmolested along the walks of some of our streets? Can it be that our councilmen are taking a vacation, or have abandoned the good work begun last spring when they had the streets put in such fine shape? It is to be hoped that property owners will give this their immediate attention and give our "city dads" a much needed lesson on civic pride.

CITIZEN.

WEST DUBLIN.

George Miller, John Hoopengardner and Elliot Smith, of McConnellsburg, who are working at Riddlesburg, passed through this place Monday, having spent Sunday at their homes.

Edwin S. Clevenger, who is employed with the Pennsylvania R. R. in Pittsburg, spent a few days recently with the family of his father, Hiram Clevenger, while returning from a vacation trip to New York, Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Cisney, of Burnt Cabias, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Comer.

Charles Gray, who had his feet so badly frozen last winter, while dredging for oysters in Chesapeake Bay, that he had to be taken to a hospital, passed through this place Sunday morning on his way to Morrison's Cove, Bedford county.

Rev. Salter preached a good sermon at Fairview Sunday afternoon from Heb.-13:1.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Last Sunday U. W. Kline was at the home of F. R. Shives, and Louis Shives was at J. A. Mellott's.

Thomas Mellott and Emma Strait were guests of Frank Mellott and wife last week.

D. H. Truax is on the sick list.

Chicago. He is a very magnetic speaker, or rather, I should say, full of the Spirit.

BIG FIRE AT THE GAP.

The Wister Flouring Mill Burned Last Saturday Night.

About half past nine o'clock the attention of a number of our people was attracted to bright light reflected from the sky in the direction of Mercersburg, and on Sunday it was learned that the big flouring mill at Cove Gap, or Foltz as the postoffice is called, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all its contents.

The mill was a three-story building and the fire was first discovered on the first floor by several gentlemen who were standing near the store not far from the mill property. They at once gave the alarm and the citizens promptly responded. It was found impossible to save the structure and all efforts were exercised in saving the adjoining property.

The mill was owned by the Mercersburg Water Company and was considered one of the best mill properties in that section of the country. A quantity of new wheat, flour and feed, belonging to the company, was consumed with seventy-five bushels of malt and 150 bushels of rye belonging to D. W. Unger, the distiller at Foltz. The loss is estimated at about \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. A few years ago the mill property and site were sold by J. A. Wister to the Mercersburg Water Company for \$8,500. The mill was built of brick and stone with a slate roof.

The house occupied by Howard Bryan and owned by the company which is close by the mill, was several times in danger of being set on fire. Through the efforts of citizens, who formed a bucket brigade, the house was saved from being badly damaged.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Half an hour after the closing down of the mill the fire broke out all of a sudden, as though from a combustion of some kind. The rollers of the mill were taken out last week and sent to the Wolf company to be ground. It is said that it is not likely the Water Company will rebuild the mill.

Michael Lehman, Mrs. Lou Jackson, and Miss Roettger, of this place, were visiting friends at Ft. Loudon the past week.

J. Nelson Mellott and wife, of Indianapolis, Ind., spent a few days the first of this week, the guests of Mr. Mellott's sister, Mrs. S. K. Pittman, of this place. Mr. Mellott has been an employee of the Railway Mail Service for the past fifteen years, and is spending his annual vacation with his father, David R. Mellott, at Pleasant Ridge.

James Woodal, Sr. and James Woodal, Jr. and D. A. Washbaugh, who are jointly working the Jared Pittman farm and the John B. Hoke farm, the latter farm now owned by Mr. Washbaugh, have during the summer spent out 65 acres of corn, ploughed it four times, and made and put away 125 tons of hay. When it is considered that they had an extra hand but four days, and that the elder Woodal is 65 years of age, it is a pretty good record.

Among those who were guests in the family of Merchant J. W. Lake, of Pleasant Ridge, during the past week were A. G. Shoemaker, wife and little daughter Precious, and Prof. W. Don Morton of McConnellsburg; Mrs. Maria Palmer, of Needmore; Prof. B. N. Palmer, of Salix, Pa.; Mrs. C. M. Dixon and daughter Ethel of Chambersburg; Dr. Lorenza L. Truax, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. N. Palmer and Fred Palmer and wife of Everett; Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Pittenger of Harrisonville; Boyd Lake of McKibbin; Mrs. Date (Lake) Gants and little son William, of Philadelphia; Dr. Palmer and wife of Needmore, and Miss Ida Bard of Pleasant Ridge.

The Cost of Life Insurance.

Walter Wellman, the capable Washington correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, is filling in the interim between Congresses by studying a number of economic and civic questions and giving the readers of his newspaper the benefit of his information and observation. Just at present he is writing a number of letters from New York on questions relating to life insurance, the topic, of course, being inspired by the disclosures in the Equitable society. In one of his recent letters he asks this question: "Does life insurance in the United States cost too much?" and he answers it with a very emphatic "Yes."

Serenio S. Pratt, an economist of distinction, in a recent article in the World's Work, made the statement that the expenses of twenty-eight American life insurance companies in 1894 were 17.4 per cent. of the income, whereas in Great Britain the expenses of ordinary life companies were only 9.2 per cent. of the income, and in Germany the government industrial insurance expenses were 7 per cent. Mr. Wellman puts the percentage of expense to income even higher, and says that 20 per cent. is probably correct. This is more than twice the cost in Great Britain, and nearly three times the cost in Germany. He says: "Obviously American companies spend too much money in management. There are too many high salaries, too much lavishness in magnificent offices, and, above all, too much money going out to the agents and solicitors who drum up new business."

There has recently been published by a Boston expert, a volume entitled "The Brown Book of Life Insurance Economics," in which a table is given of twenty-five leading companies, showing the expense cost per \$1000 of insurance in force, and the ratio to premiums of the various items of expenditure. From this table it appears that nine of these companies have their home offices in New York city. The remaining sixteen are scattered, although located chiefly in New England. The average expense cost for the nine in New York is \$13.05 on each \$1000 of insurance in force, whereas for the sixteen companies outside of New York it is \$8.58. The average expense of the entire twenty-five companies is \$9.86, and every one of the nine companies doing business in New York city is above the average. All but four of the sixteen companies outside of New York city are below the average. In commenting Mr. Wellman says:

"These are significant figures. They show that life insurance in New York city is keyed too high. The struggle for bigness, the eager rivalry for rapid growth, participated in so keenly by the managers here, are producing their inevitable effects. Everything is keyed high in New York. Living is costly. Money is spent at a rate which amazes us homely folk from the modest West or the easy-going national capital. Salaries are big in New York. Men live high. It costs as much to set a decent dinner in this town as we Western boys used to pay for a week's board.

"The golden stream that flows into the treasuries of life insurance companies of this metropolis comes from all parts of the United States. It is one of the tributes which the country pays to New York's financial dominance. And the high-salaried, fat-living, automobile-running, swell apartment, trips to Europe men who control these golden streams are not as careful or as scrupulous as they should be in the management of their trusts. In these figures we have the proof of it."

It is perhaps not within our province to refer specifically to the companies which appear to be economically managed and those whose management is extravagant, but we may properly call attention to those who have

DON'T LIKE HAGERSTOWN.

"Citizen" Says It's a Rich Man's Town. Wants Out.

I am in Hagerstown, but would as lief be out. It is a good sized town and has a great many factories, but wages are low and they only work boys and girls. A man with a family can hardly get a position. If one gets 90 cents or \$1.00 a day for labor, it is big. Carpenters get from \$1.25 to \$2.00; and if they have a family of six or eight children, they will have to live on about four cents a meal. Rent is mostly high, excepting a few story-and-a-half houses, which rent for \$6 to \$8 per month. Other things are high in proportion to wages. Taxes are fearfully high. There is lots of money here, but the men that have it know what to do with it. They want 6 per cent. and good security and mortgage and insurance turned over to them. It is a rich man's town. I will get out of it as soon as I can sell.

CITIZEN.

FOREST DALE.

The farmers are all done harvesting and the threshing men are at work.

Uncle John Hann has contracted to build a mansion house for John A. Hawman.

One day last week on his return home from Mrs. Maria Mann's at the foot of Greenhill, W. E. Bair was overtaken by an automobile and his horse became frightened and jerked Billy from under his hat.

Philip Strait has swung two cradles all harvest. "It is a boy."

Lewis Sponsler has returned home from Franklin county, where he had been harvesting for four weeks.

Rev. Pittenger and wife took supper at Jackson Deshong's last Sunday evening.

Our Huckerster, Bert Hann, has purchased a new wagon. Come on now with your butter and eggs.

Lewis Sponsler and wife and sons Clyde and Percy; Elva Hartman, and Russel Mellott, wife, and daughter Irene, spent Saturday evening very pleasantly with Jackson Deshong and wife.

Robert Speer and wife, of Everett, attended church at Greenhill Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Hann of Saluvia, and her daughter Sadie, of Chambersburg, have returned from Clearfield county, where they had been visiting friends.

their home offices in Massachusetts. The table in the Brown book shows that our own Springfield company, The Massachusetts Mutual, in which there is naturally manifested a considerable degree of local pride, has an expense of only \$7.46 per \$1000 of insurance in force, which, with one exception, is the lowest of any of the entire twenty-five leading companies. The expense cost of the Berkshire Life is \$7.90, and of the State Mutual \$8.67. The administrative and clerical per cent. of these three companies is respectively 5.35, 5.51 and 4.95.

It is an exceedingly satisfactory showing that these three Massachusetts companies make. It tends to prove the assertion that the insurance business in Massachusetts is well conducted and efficiently supervised. Theoretically, the big companies in New York ought to make a better economic showing than the smaller companies, because it is an axiom of modern industrialism that the greater the business the less the relative cost of handling it. That they do not, appears to be due solely to their extravagant methods, a horrible sample of which we have seen in the Equitable disclosures. The people are becoming better acquainted with the insurance business, and it will not be surprising that as a result of public sentiment the big companies will suffer to the advantage of the smaller ones.

The Union.

WHY MILK GETS SOUR.

Not by Thunder Storm, But by Atmospheric Conditions.

The dairy men of Washington county, have had considerable trouble this season in keeping their milk from souring. Some of them attributed the tendency of the milk to sour quickly to the frequent thunderstorms, the belief generally prevailing that thunder and lightning will almost invariably sour milk. Others, however, held that thunder and lightning had nothing to do with milk souring. To settle the controversy, the matter was laid before the United States department of agriculture. In reply to a letter on the subject, D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, states that thunder and lightning do not sour milk. He writes:

"The thought conveyed in your question, as to whether thunder and lightning will cause milk to sour, is an error very popularly believed all over the country. It comes about from an improper observation of cause and effect. The thunder and lightning themselves have nothing to do with the souring of milk, but usually when the atmospheric condition is right to produce thunder and lightning it is also right for the quicker souring of milk. Under these conditions the air is usually very moist and, more frequently than otherwise, very hot.—These two conditions favor the souring of milk, and the development of bacteria in the milk goes on at a very rapid rate under such conditions. The only thing that causes the souring of milk is the growth of bacteria in it. The milk sugar is broken down, forming lactic acid and some other products which have no effect on the milk, and the muggy weather usually attending a thunderstorm causes the development to proceed very much faster than under other conditions."

A. E. Clevenger.

Aaron Ellwood Clevenger, son of Samuel M. Clevenger, of this county, died at his late residence near Reynoldstore, Va.; July 15, 1905.

His remains were followed to their last resting place in the cemetery at Wesley Chapel, by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors. Services conducted by his pastor.

Mr. Clevenger was born about three miles north of Needmore, November 20, 1863, hence was aged 41 years, 7 months and 25 days. He spent the earlier part of his life in his native township, going to Virginia in the spring of 1887.

Mr. Clevenger passed peacefully away, leaving the blessed assurance that his spirit has returned to God who gave it—there to sing redemption songs around the great white throne forevermore.

About eleven months ago, he had an attack of measles, which ended in that dread disease, consumption, causing his death.

He is survived by a wife and two children—Bertha and Olive—both at home, by father and mother, and by four brothers, namely, Wm. B. of Swallow Falls, Md.; Geo. L. of Bloomington, Ill.; John M., of Hustontown; Ezra, of Laidig; and two sisters, Mrs. J. P. Garland, of Needmore, and Mrs. Harry Mort, of Sixmile Run.

Farmers' Institute.

The Board of Institute Managers at their late meeting recommended to the Agricultural Department at Harrisburg that the County Institute for the coming season be held at Fort Littleton and McConnellsburg at such a time as the Department think wise.

R. M. KENDALL,
President.

Blanche Wink of Fort Littleton, is spending a few days with her parents, Wm. Wink and wife near Licking Creek.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW!

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure. You'll Find It Right Here.

S. M. Clevenger, of Needmore, was in town Monday evening.

Chester Hann, of Saluvia, was in town Monday on business.

Eta Hockensmith, of Andover, is spending some time in the home of Dr. Palmer at Needmore.

Rev. W. R. Truax and John Mellott attended Harvest meeting at Stone Ridge last Sunday.

Lewis Sipes and wife, of Laidig, were at the county seat on business Monday.

Sheridan Hann and wife of Saluvia, were guests of M. E. H. Bard and family last Thursday.

Frank J. Wilson, of Clearfield, is visiting in the home of George F. Metzler at Harrisonville.

George C. Fraker, of Fort Littleton, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Wilhelm, of Homestead, Pa., is visiting her parents, J. Nelson Sipes and wife.

John Hoover, of Chambersburg, spent a few days in this place during the past week.

Mr. Clarence Wilson and Miss Barbara Largent were the guests of the latter's parents Sunday.

Mr. John D. Cutchall and little daughter Roxy, spent an afternoon in town one day last week.

Annie Reinsner and her brother, Master George, have been spending the past week in Shippensburg.

Lewis Largent, of this place, is spending two or three weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Josie Bergstresser at Waterfall.

Mrs. E. N. Palmer, of Everett, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Martha Palmer of Sipes Mill.

Minnie Mellott, of Needmore, who visited her sister Mrs. Mellott, of Kearney, returned to her home last Sunday.

Mr. Fred V. Palmer, of Everett, accompanied by his wife and mother, are visiting among their friends in this county.

Miss Florida Clevenger, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Morton of Belfast township.

Miss Etta Williams, who is employed at this place, spent several days this week visiting her parents, John Williams and wife, of Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders of Gettysburg, are guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Wolf at the Lutheran parsonage. Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Wolf are sisters.

Editor Harry A. Thompson, of the Tyrone Times, spent a few days during the past week visiting his mother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, in this place.

Dr. L. L. Truax, who spent a few days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, has returned to his business in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Robert N. Shimer, who has been employed in Harrisburg for several months, is spending his summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shimer.

Mrs. John Sheets and Mrs. George B. Shoemaker and daughter Bess spent last Thursday very pleasantly in the home of R. N. Fryman and wife, of the Cove. Miss Bess entertained Meta with some fine selections of music on the organ.

Mrs. Mary Lake, who had been spending several weeks with the family of John M. Lake near Harrisonville, and her daughter Mrs. A. G. Shoemaker near McConnellsburg, and Rhoda Lake of Philadelphia, and M. Alto Lake of Bedford, have all returned to their home at Pleasant Ridge.