

COURAGE.

BY EMMA PLATTER SEABURY.

There are some hopes so long deferred, Which reach so far ahead the years, And seem but dimly through our tears...

There are some hearts that throbb in vain, For some lost song of joy they've heard, Some melody, that chords have stirred, Lives o'er in memory's refrain...

THE DELEGATE.

By SUSIE BOUCHELLE WIGHT.

Although grandmothers may be at a discount in some homes, they certainly were not at Alice Mason's, and they did not reside upon a shelf...

hardly as old as Alice herself. The old man's clothes revealed the signs of long service and many careful brushings and spongings. The wife was evidently a bride, for her lilac-made, ill-fitting frock was of peary gray with pink trimmings...

—and they tell me you pay your pastor two thousand dollars a year! I guess I was born fifty years too soon, Nannie," he said, jocularly, to the little bride...

She led the visitors to the very forefront in the church. Mr. Harvey had said that he did not want to miss a word of the proceedings. The conference was about to open. Alice had never seen the bishop, but she did not need to have him pointed out...

For the first time the sense of strangeness between her and Mrs. Harvey seemed to disappear, and as Alice sat through the morning session, she watched the little woman by her side, looked at the shabby dress, and came to a conclusion.

Harvey had taken his seat the bishop rose. "Brethren," he said, "it has been a long time since I have seen this old friend, before this conference. Forty years—forty long years ago, he was just beginning his ministry, and was serving a piney-woods circuit away off in an out-of-the-way place...

The bishop paused a moment, and some one out in the congregation began to sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as that congregation had a way of doing upon all sorts of occasions. The bishop bent down and clasped hands with Mr. Harvey, whose uplifted face was radiant.

WORDS OF WISDOM. A fan is used to brush away warmth. Dust is mud with the juice squeezed out. The stomach is the home of the swallow.

Household Matters

Alsatian Cheese. Take two small Neufchatel cheeses and one small onion chopped fine, two tablespoons of sweet cream, salt and pepper to taste...

Oysters in Grape Fruit. Cut grape fruit so as to form a handle basket. Scrape out the pulp and clip edges into points with scissors. Place eight small oysters in each basket and cover them with a sauce made of equal portions of lemon juice, grated horseradish, tomato catsup and speck mustard.

Fricassee of Chicken. Clean the chickens and cut in neat pieces. Heat a mixture of lard and butter in the frying pan and fry the pieces of chicken, dredged with flour, to a rich brown.

Irish Stew. Cut about two pounds of mutton from the neck or ribs into neat pieces and put them into an iron saucepan with about half a cup hot water.

Scotch Short Bread. A real Scotch recipe for its making is this: Put two pounds of butter in a basin, warm and beat to a cream with a wooden spoon.

OUR TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

REPORTS OF PROGRESS OF THE BATTLE AGAINST RUM.

'No! No!' There's a very small word, but some folks are so weak that they find it a terrible hard one to speak.

Some say "No!" so faintly, we cannot but guess. That "O," in their case means Y, E, S, if we'd live sober lives, we'd be safe from "No!"

Inside Information. Rev. M. C. Hawks, D. D., dropped into a car seat with a good looking, but flashily dressed man. He got into conversation with him, and finally discovered that he was a traveling man, asked:

"What is your line?" "Liquors," "Been West?" "Yes," "Travel any in prohibition States?" "Oh, yes, in firm tones, unmistakably, "No!"

"I presume the honest truth is you sell about as much liquor in prohibition States as in any other?" "Not much, we don't."

"I'm a Methodist preacher." "Well, elder, I'm not going to take it back now, because it is true. If I had known you were a minister, of that church especially, I might have spoken with more caution, but it is, nevertheless, the truth."

His Sign Down. A disheveled man, much the worse for liquor, staggered out of a Maine "speak-easy" and laboriously propped himself against the door.

Boelia's Conze. A German physician, Dr. Hirschfeld, has been computing the quantity of alcoholic drink consumed in Berlin. Berlin possessed three years ago 12,892 drinking shops—one for 610 inhabitants—in addition to 391 where wine only is sold.

The Young Man Who Drinks. The time is coming fast, indeed has already arrived, in our commercial life, when a young man who has habits of intemperance is narrowing very rapidly the possible range of openings in which he may make a living.

Train the Moral Sense. The victory for total abstinence can come not by legislative enactment alone, but by the training of the moral sense of individuals, until they make up their minds that, for their own sake and the sake of others, they will absolutely abstain from liquor.

A Hard Pair to Beat. The Liquor Dealers' Club of Chicago, at a recent meeting, declared that to beat temperance reform, it will be necessary to drive the ministers and the women out of the fight.

A Wry face may be made cheaper than a rye face, and is more easily cured.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN.

Weekly Review of Trade and Latest Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says: "Trade and industrial developments have been slightly more favorable, the result being a better tone in various lines of trade and some enlargement of activity in spring demand from jobbers and from retailers."

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week aggregate 2,259,547 bushels, against 2,579,977 bushels last week and 2,395,902 bushels this week last year.

Wholesale Markets. New York.—Wheat.—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 12 3/4 @ 13 1/4; elevator; No. 2 white, nominal, and No. 2 yellow, 7 1/2 @ 8, b. afloat.

Eggs—Easier; receipts, 16,099; state, Pennsylvania and nearby white, fair to choice, 22 @ 23 1/2; brown and mixed, fancy, 21 1/2 @ 22; do., fair to choice, 19 1/2 @ 21.

Hay—No. 1 Timothy, large bales, \$15 @ 15.50; No. 1 do. small blocks, \$15 @ 15.50; No. 2 do., as to location, \$14 @ 14.50; No. 3 do., \$11.50 @ 12.50.

Cheese—Market steady. Jobbing prices, per lb., 16 @ 16 1/2 c. Eggs—Market steady and unchanged, with fair demand for fresh stock.

Chicago.—Cattle.—Market steady. Steers, \$5 @ 7.40; cows, \$3.50 @ 5.50; heifers, \$3.25 @ 6; bulls, \$3.75 @ 5.25; calves, \$3.50 @ 5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.30 @ 5.50.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Cattle.—Supply light; steady. Choice, \$5.50 @ 7.75; prime, \$4.50 @ 6.50. Sheep—Supply light; steady. Prime make up their minds that, for their own sake and the sake of others, they will absolutely abstain from liquor.

Kansas City, Mo.—Market steady to 15c. lower. Top, \$6.90; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.25 @ 6.90; fair to good, \$5.25 @ 6.20; Western steers, \$4.80 @ 6.50; stockers and feeders, \$4 @ 5.50; Southern steers, 4.60 @ 6.20; Southern cows, \$3 @ 4.75; native cows, \$2.75 @ 5.25; native heifers, \$3.75 @ 6; bulls, \$2 1/2 @ 4.75; calves, \$4 @ 7.50.

Get to Farming: There Never Was a Better Time!

THE trend of thought in nearly every avocation now is based on life in the country. People who have hitherto had an aversion to country life because of the trials, privations and almost hopeless efforts to succeed there, are now full of enthusiasm and becoming possessed of a strong will to farm.

There followed an hour or two in the library, and then Mrs. Parker said to the minister: "I am not strong enough for late hours, Mr. Harvey. Will you not have prayers now?"

"The servant, sister?" asked Mr. Harvey. "Do you not have her come in for worship?" Then came a brief but energetic argument in the kitchen with Jane, who finally came in, with a sulky frown, to sit down by the library door.

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