

Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "MEMO."

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Eagerness to look at the outer appearance of a great man is no real compliment to his work. Willingness to take of his message and live it is more to be praised. By way of illustrations, let me cite Christianity. As the centuries increase in number behind us, the vital strength of Christianity seems (I do not write of creeds but of deeds) to increase. And I doubt not that the world's workers, who have learned from The Great Worker, care less and less for His personal appearance; since were we to behold Him as He was, like enough we should see but little cause to admire Him. A man's work is more than the man, and his message more to be heeded than his face. And we gaping ones who would run hither and thither just to "see," advertise that we as yet understand but little of what influence really means. Like those who gazed upon caged lions, are we who gather to stare at famous thinkers—we have our rewards; we are disappointed in both lions and men, for they are out of their proper setting.

And those who, having aided the thought of the day, straightway imitate the freaks of the museum, showing themselves at every public place, have their reward also—they are seen, their work is judged by their facial or physical insignificance (for great thoughts are no necessary product of magnificent brows or herculean bodies), and they are on the way to the land of forgotten things. Better to live unknown and leave a message for all time hereafter, than to kill time and influence by idle parades of self.

The "silent influence"—what a world of satisfaction there in the idea! It brings us all in as one in the onward work of the world. The "silent influence," soft as a snow flake, gentle as a summer zephyr, despised as an earth worm, unheeded as a blade of grass, is what is doing the work of the world. Mightier than monarchs is the quiet thought of the people, passing from hamlet to hamlet and growing as it passes; more enduring than mountains are the personal and national virtues that are quietly and silently taught and lived by unknown men and women; more persistent than death are the silent works done generation after generation by the humble and unseen—done because they were right to be done, and not because they were to be beither seen or praised of men. Humble ones everywhere, the "silent influence" and a knowledge of its grandeur in all history, all progress, all morals—makes the humblest of us humble ones proud to live and eager for more of the patient plodding to which we have hitherto been confined. We are a part of the great human body, as much the invisible oxygen in us as part of us, and like it we are exercising a definite influence for good in our race, no matter how small or insignificant may be our effort towards wisdom and righteousness of life.

Purpose in life is like the sunshine that comes over the hills to make the way clear after a night of doubt and wandering. I am not surprised that many people find existence altogether too confusing and give up in despair. It is because they get into the maze of life and lose hold upon the one thread that will guide them out into freedom.—Like the early alchemists who always had one thing lacking when they tried to transmute metal, many of us are seeking the philosopher's stone that shall turn to fine gold the days and hours that are allotted to us. Failure follows failure, failure lives with us, failure nauseates us because the one thing lacking is purpose. Good, sincere, honest purpose is more to be desired than great riches, and stronger to sweep difficulty out of the way is it than music. But the possession of clear purpose does not necessarily mean that all difficulties will disappear. Such are good for us and test our purposes as to whether it has the genuine ring of pure metal about it.

I assume that the preceding paragraph will be regarded as applying most definitely to young men out in the world's work. But I do not want it so applied. That's too narrow a way of regarding it. It applies to us all, as I shall show.

Weary widow, with a heart crushed by a strange and terrible affliction,

—left perhaps with small children to sustain, none of them able to help with the family purse, except to help empty it—look back at the first few hours of your bereavement and recall how the almost fierce resolve to bring them up well in spite of every obstacle, brought some measure of quiet orderliness to your brain and has made the struggle seem worth while ever since.

Aged pilgrim, whose beetling brow is covered with the snows of life's winter, lift up your head into the sunshine, let its glories linger around your tempest-torn face, that the young may look up to you as a guide and an encouragement; that they may see what it is to have borne the conflict and resisted the storm, to stand at the last strongly, quietly, brightly in the midst of a light that seems to grow more beautiful as you sink away into the night. Purpose is still yours to enjoy; the purpose to guide and encourage others. That will make the last days as beautiful for good, as permanently useful as any that have gone before, since you know not what undreamed-of hero, what budding genius you may be stimulating; or what "silent influence" you may be inaugurating.

Maidens with knowledge of life yet to be learned; bereaved and smitten ones in a world where there are ever deeper sorrows than yours; men who seek to make money for itself alone and who lose happiness in the making; young men over whose bright way there is but the one cloud that arises from abusing life instead of using it; all, all who are weary and heavy laden, all who are puzzled, bewildered, lost; clinging fast to one purpose—to do all you can for as much as you can as long as you can,—and the living out of the golden rule will make crooked paths straight and show even the most trifling duties to be "worth while."

UNION TWP.

David Wentzel of Nebraska is at present visiting his aged parents here. . . . Rev. S. E. Davis was calling on his old friends here last week. . . . Rev. W. H. Hoeh preached his last sermon at the Witmer church on Sunday morning from 11 Cor. 13-11. . . . On Sunday the Witmer S. S. elected the following officers: Supt. Allen S. Sechrist, Asst. Supt. A. S. Sechrist, Sec. S. O. Longacre, Asst. Sec. Edwin Wolf, Tres. D. G. Witmer. . . . Oliver Wise is on the sick list. . . . J. S. Aueker is now busy sawing lumber for Harrison Stahl's new house. . . . Miss Lottie Spangler had a very interesting program rendered on Washington's birthday at Keiser's school house.

MT. PLEASANT MILLS.

Henry Harding bought the store property in Mt. Pleasant and will take possession of same on March 1st, Absalom Schnee will occupy Mr. Harding's house in town. . . . A. G. Garman has fully engaged in the undertaker's business. . . . Albert Schnee contemplates making a western tour in the Spring. . . . F. E. Reitz will move to town in the Spring. He will occupy the house which is at present occupied by P. A. Schnee. . . . Washington's birthday passed off quietly here. . . . Miss Alveta Sehee is visiting friends at Lykens. . . . Brosius and Minium intend extending their store room 20 feet thus making a room 60 ft. long, the present room facilities are too small for their greatly increased business. . . . J. A. Shadel has been engaged to photograph the Kantz band. . . . George A. Boyer of Allenwood Union Co. is here in the interests of the estate of Nathan Arbogast dec'd. . . . Agnes Reichenbach returned home from Sunbury where she had been employed at the city restaurant.

FOR SALE.—A Southwest Missouri stock farm; one thousand and fifteen acres; all in one body; 400 acres in the prairie; more than 500 acres in cultivation; 1,000 acres tillable and all smooth, rich land; neither rocky nor hilly; an inexhaustible supply of the best of spring water; eight dwellings; if desired, the tract can be divided into six or eight good farms; the one thousand and fifteen acres all together makes one of the finest stock farms in the Southwest. It is located in the great Ozark Fruit Belt of Southwest Missouri. If taken now this farm can be bought for Nineteen Dollars per acre. For plat and full description address the owner, A. B. Lovan, Springfield, Missouri.

Spring Election Returns.

ADAMS.—Judge of election, John F. Zechman; inspectors, C. P. Fiss, C. P. Erb; school directors, J. E. Fetterolf, Henry H. Thomas; overseer of the poor, Moses Erb; supervisors, W. C. Loe, Eliu Snook; assessor, A. H. Swartz; auditor, J. A. Wagner.

BEAVER.—Judge of election, John Heimback; inspectors, Charles Dreese, Oliver Sanders; school directors, Jacob Hetrick, John D. Herbst; overseer of poor, Philip Herbst; supervisors, Archie Middlewarth, Charles H. Bingham; assessor, John S. Kern; treasurer, Benjamin Hoffman; auditor, John W. Hassinger.

BEAVER WEST.—Judge of election, J. M. Baker; inspectors, F. W. Gundrum, G. G. Goss; school directors, Thomas Herbst, R. H. Herbst; overseer of poor, H. I. Peters; supervisor, J. P. Fisher; J. M. Wagner; assessor, Isaac Middlewarth; auditor, J. A. Spigelmier.

CENTRE.—Judge of election, George W. Shroyer; inspectors, S. S. Bowersox, E. B. Hartman; school directors, Nathaniel Jordan, Phares Shmabach; supervisors, Ephraim Keister, Uriah Weirick; overseer of poor, William Napp; assessor, Charles E. Sampsel; auditor, A. A. Bingham.

CHAPMAN.—Judge of election, M. E. Carling; inspectors, A. S. Kreitzer, Jacob Leach; school directors, John S. Rine, W. C. Moyer; overseer of the poor, S. B. Arnold; supervisors, S. Y. Dengler, Robert Wendt; assessor, D. G. Garman; auditor, George I. Dengler.

FRANKLIN.—Judge of election, W. H. Houze; inspectors, Lester Derr, G. D. Maneval; justice of the peace, C. H. Dunkeberger, E. D. H. Walter; school directors, Irvin Graybill, George W. Diehl; overseer of poor, Joseph L. Marks; supervisors, J. C. Hockenberger, Hop Mitchell; assessor, John W. Walter; auditor, J. W. Eisenhaur.

JACKSON.—Judge of election, Franklin Brouse and R. M. Fetter (tie); inspectors, J. F. Wagner, R. J. Letzler; school directors, Solomon Kline, and Paul W. Beuffer and John Ritter (tie); overseer of poor, John Reichler; supervisors, William Seebold, Daniel Hollenbach; assessor, H. D. Maurer; auditor, J. A. Letzler.

MONROE.—Judge of election, G. G. Fiss; inspectors, A. R. Young, William Frymire; school directors, T. P. Hummel, Benjamin Hummel, G. M. Fisher; overseer of the poor, Thomas Watts, supervisors, William Stear, George Zimmerman; auditor, Jonas Trexler.

MIDDLEBURY.—Judge of election, F. W. Thomas; inspectors, Ellsworth Aurand, C. O. Leing; school directors, J. R. Deamer, L. F. Hummel; overseer of poor, W. A. Hummel; supervisors, W. L. Schroyer, G. J. Roush; assessor, N. P. Hummel; auditor, Milton Dauberman.

PENN.—Judge of election, G. W. Row; inspectors, H. M. Romig, M. P. Herman; justice of the peace, W. O. Holmes; school directors, I. N. Jarrett, F. P. Kuster; overseer of poor, C. P. Landenslager; supervisors, H. B. Smith, Benjamin Stetler; assessor, W. D. Jarrett; auditor, B. F. Long; treasurer, J. M. Aurand.

PERRY.—Judge of election, John R. Trout; inspectors, W. A. Kaltrier, G. B. M. Ranck; school directors, Irvin Boyer, Jacob D. Shaffer; overseer of poor, Jonathan Trout; supervisors, Elias H. Heintzeman, Levi Kautwell; assessor, Willis R. Gordon; auditor, George Stier.

PERRY WEST.—Judge of election, C. S. Dunn; inspectors, D. N. Graybill, Francis Martin; school directors, John Whiteley, W. H. Haas; supervisors, Jacob Woerner, H. H. Mengel; overseer of the poor; Abram Mitterling; assessor, J. W. Garman; auditor, H. S. Hornberger.

SPRING.—Judge of election, Samuel F. Aurand; inspectors, L. F. Smith, Ira A. Kline and J. B. Spangler (tie); school directors, H. W. Ulfel, Elmer Shannon; overseer of poor, W. J. Price; supervisors, Samuel Shilling, Henry Maurer; assessor, Henry Lepley; auditor, H. W. Laub.

SELINGROVE.—Town council, William H. Gembling, F. J. Wagenseller, E. R. Gembling (3 year); judge of election, Josiah Kessler; inspectors, J. F. McFall, Jonas Miller; school directors, Geo. Long, A. A. Conrad, overseer of poor, D. F. Keller; assessor, Valentine Bolig; auditor, Benjamin Kantz.

UNION.—Judge of election, W. I. Neitz; inspectors, H. L. Shaffer, John I. Charles; justices of the peace, M. P. Arnold, Allen Sechrist; school directors, John Brubaker; John R. Riegle; overseer of poor, D. G. Stahl; supervisors, W. I. Witmer, H. H. Reichenbach; assessor, A. W. Aueker; auditor, C. W. Knights.

WASHINGTON.—Judge of election, Chas. A. Riegle; inspectors, Z. T. Hoover, Calvin Miller; school directors, Rolandus Selp, H. S. Schnee; overseer of poor, John Hepper; supervisors, Peter Kratzer, Miles Kantz; assessor, Francis Glass; auditor, W. L. Bassler; township clerk, John W. Haas.

ADAMSBURG.

Chas. McChath and William Bolerider, who had been spending the last few months at Elk Garden, W. Va., have returned home. . . . P. S. Bingham of Poe Mills, was the guest of H. I. Romig's last week. . . . Chas. Klose, Iva Shannon, Mrs. Koch, Kate Shannon and Jacob Greenhoe are on the sick list. . . . Mrs. Dr. Ulrich of Millersburg, visited at Rev. Kantz's last week. . . . Jno. Rauch, was united in marriage, to Miss Carrie Williams, of Bloomsburg, last week. . . . Rumor has it that we will have a few more weddings in the near future. . . . Prof. F. C. Bowersox visited the schools this week. . . . Val. Bolig and wife of Selingsrove, visited at Claude H. Klose's. . . . J. I. Bingham, was to Sunbury, where he rented a house. They will move in a few weeks. . . . The Stereoptical Lecture and entertainment given on Friday evening by J. A. L. Romig, the well known evangelist from Benton Harbor Mich., assisted by his Singer Prof. Millard of Mo., far surpassed the expectations of the large audience. Standing room was at a premium. The Christian Endeavor society will hold a social in the Lutheran church on Mar. 4. All are cordially invited to attend.



Manners Old and New.

"Yes," said the distinguished gentleman who is keenly studious of the life around her, despite her crown of silver hair, "I see a great advance in this generation so far as concerns education and its results. But as to manners, I confess I perceive a falling off. I do not always find, even in the highest circles, the true courtesy and fine grace that belonged to the best people of the past generations. The young people of to-day are conscious of their intellectual advantages and their superior capabilities. The sense of this makes them a little bit too self-satisfied and independent—less anxious to propitiate and please. This result either in an off-hand familiarity or a critical reserve and indifference. "The repose of manner" which is supposed to characterize "thorough-bred" is a pleasure to contemplate in a civilly, intelligent, unaffected member of society, but it approaches idiosyncrasy when it means an icy absorption in self and an utter absence of interest in the rest of the human race. Save us from the repose of manner that requires human beings to sit in immobile nonentity, like the wax figures in a shop window, with the gauze of "high breeding and reserve" to guard them from the dust and flies of mediocrity! There is a repose of manner which comes from the consciousness of being in the right place and doing the right thing by necessity; there is another, which is the outcome of gentleness of nature, sweetness of temper and habitual self-control. Now and then we meet one to whom these perfect manners are so natural and spontaneous as fragrance to a flower; then we realize after awhile, if not at first, that this charm of manner is more captivating than beauty or intellect. When united with loveliness of person, fine sense and cultured mentality, the combination is irresistible, and constitutes the flower of humankind. The Humanitarian.

Directions for Facial Massage.

Massage excites the circulation, brings the blood to the surface and makes the joints supple. It should follow the bath because after the bath the skin is most supple and flexible and is more apt to receive outer impressions. There are different kinds of massage. The Swedish consists in exercising all the limbs of a perfectly passive patient. Russian massage is given with an oiled or soaped glove, followed by an application of the birth rod. The Turkish method is to take the hands and then make the fingers crack, as if they were dislocated. Every joint of the body is operated upon in this way, and the spine is beaten. In all cases the rubbing is vigorous. Persons who cannot afford to have a masseur or massage can create a friction with long strips of leather or horsehide, with the handle at either end, linen gloves, gloves of Turkish toweling and other similar material. For face massage use the purest and best of cold cream. Rub gently for a while, then rub off the cream and put more on. After this wash the face with rosewater. Oil is good for hard skins, and flabby skins need to be rubbed with alcohol perfumed with verberna. The face should never be massaged immediately before going out. The blood is brought to the surface by the process and the sudden chill is bad for the skin.

Pillows for the Tired Patient.

Among all the plenitude of picturesque or comfortable pillows and cushions none, perhaps, fulfills its modest mission better than the little cushions used at the hospitals for tucking under back, knees, hips or arms of the patient tired and "achy" from lying in one position. They are about a half-yard in length by a quarter in width and are made by loosely stuffing a cover of coarse-meshed net or cheesecloth with long, narrow shavings of white tissue paper, such as are used in packing oranges. These are so soft, cool, flexible and altogether convenient that two or three might well be added to every housekeeper's "emergency" store against a day of need.

Hints to the New Woman.

"The new woman," says Margaret E. Sangster, "must not make her womanhood the excuse for possible failures in duty. To keep her word, to fulfill her engagements, to pay her debts, to be fastidious in honor, to scorn vanity and coquetry are her obligations. She must not stoop to silly flirtations, nor too easily yield herself even to the persuasions of the man that seeks to marry her. The sought, never the seeker. The new woman must not hold herself cheap, though. When she is won it shall be said of her as of her sister in the long-gone days, that 'her price is far above rubies,' her husband is known in the gates, and 'she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.'"

Novelty for Busy Mothers.

A novelty that busy mothers will appreciate is a stocking foot to be used in mending children's worn-out stockings. Instead of darning holes, the mother can cut off the worn feet and attach one of the ready-made feet to the good stocking leg. The new feet cost only ten cents a pair and are much liked by the housewives who have tried them. Six pairs of feet may be bought for fifty cents.

Unbidden guests give pleasure—when they go.

District Institute Held at Kratzerville, February 11 and 12.

FRIDAY EVENING. Institute was called to order by Harvey Beaver, after which R. L. Schroyer was elected President, Harvey Beaver, Vice President, Mary E. Weaver, Secretary. Address of Welcome by Harvey Beaver. The audience was then entertained by a program rendered by the Kratzerville School, after which a very instructive paper on "History" was read by Reno Snyder. The Institution was next addressed by our worthy County Superintendent, F. C. Bowersox, who spoke on the "Higher Aim of Education".

DECLARATION BY SINA RENNINGER. Institute adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY MORNING. Institute was called to order by the President R. L. Schroyer.

The subject of "Manners in the Public School", was then opened by Lillian Herman, discussed by Harvey Beaver, J. P. Schaeffer, J. C. Klingler and R. L. Schroyer.

"Are We as Teachers Progressive", opened by J. P. Schaeffer, discussed by Harvey Beaver, and H. W. Fishel whose remarks were highly appreciated and instructive as well.

Institute adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Institute was opened by singing "Home Sweet Home". The subject of "School Government", was then opened by Harvey Beaver, discussed by J. P. Schaeffer, C. O. Gaugler and Dr. P. Herman.

The Subject "How to teach Language", was opened by C. O. Gaugler, discussed by Harvey Beaver and J. C. Klingler.

R. L. Schroyer then addressed the Institution on the "Good and Evil of the Newspaper in the Public School", Declaration by Gertie Good.

On account of non-attendance of the teachers of the District and non-interest of some present, the Institute closed by singing "America."

Though some good has been accomplished, how much more could be done if every teacher would be "Faithful to Duty."

COMMITTEE.

Absolutely Pure Grape Juice. Spear's Unfermented Grape Juice is perfectly divested of all fermenting principle by electricity and fumigation, that if uncorked and half a bottle used and well corked up again immediately and placed upside down in a cool place, it will keep for months; but if allowed to come in contact with the air in a warm temperature it will absorb the fermenting germ from the air and will not keep good, but will ferment and become slightly alcoholic. For sale by druggists.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 6th, by Rev. C. D. Zweier, at Beavertown, John D. Baumgardner and Cora B. Herbst, both of West Beaver township.

Feb. 6th, by Rev. John W. Messinger, at Milton, John W. Michael and Phoebe D. Daubert, both of PortTrevorton.

Feb. 17th, at Bloomsburg, by Rev. C. H. Brandt, Jonathan M. Rauch of Beaver Springs and Carrie Williams of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Feb. 19th, by Rev. S. E. Ochsenford, at Selingsrove, Henry A. Herman of Kratzerville and Effie M. Fries of Middlecreek township.

In Franklin, at the United Evangelical Parsonage, Feb. 22, by Rev. J. H. Hertz, William Prunkard and Rachael Knepp, both of Altoona, Pa., the latter formerly from Decatur twp., mifflin Co., Pa.

This is what the Sunbury Democrat says regarding the financial condition of Northumberland county: "The Commissioners' statement for 1897 shows that the county is in debt one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. The treasurer received \$173,831.91 and paid out \$172,496.12, leaving a balance of only \$1,335.79 in his hands, but with the \$181,000 burden for the taxpayers still to carry. There will be observed upon scanning the expenditures, some very fat pickings. The district attorney's fees amount to nearly as much as the judge's salary. Prothonotary Kremer got from the treasury over \$4,000. Each commissioner got over one thousand, while their chief clerk got \$1,200. The pay received by the jury commissioners was for two years. They received pay for 1896 after the report for that year had been prepared for publication. The total paid for bridge work foots up the big sum of nearly \$16,000. The commissions of Treasury Gibson are about \$4,000 for theyear."

MIDDLEBURY MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods like Butter, Eggs, Onions, Lard, Tallow, Chickens per lb., Turkey, Side, Shoulders, Ham, Wheat, Rye, Potatoes, Old Corn, etc.

Sale Register.

Thursday, Feb. 24th, two miles west of McKean's, John W. Hoffman will sell 3 horses, 2 cows and farming implements. Saturday, Feb. 19th, at Centreville, C. M. Showers, attorney-in-fact for the heirs of Mrs. Julia Markie, will sell personal property and real estate. Thursday, Feb. 25, one-half mile north of Middleburgh, Harry Bowersox will sell 1 mare and 4 cows and farming implements. Monday, Feb. 28, John Gilbert will sell, at his residence 1 mile north-east of Middleburgh, live stock and farming implements. Friday, Mar. 1, J. A. Smith, of Globe Mills, will sell farm stock and farming implements. Saturday, Mar. 5, one and one-half miles west of Centreville, H. H. Hackenburg will sell 3 mules, 2 horses, 2 cows and farming implements. Tuesday, Mar. 8, 1898, at Globe Mills, the S. H. Yoder estate will sell farming implements and household goods. Tuesday, Mar. 7th, near Kratzerville, Perciva N. Brouse will sell 2 horses and farming implements. Thursday, Mar. 10, one mile north of Kremer's, J. S. Steier, administrator of Harry Brouse, will sell personal property. Saturday, March 12, Henry Howell will sell 1 mile west of Fremont, 2 horses, 2 cows young cattle and farming implements. Saturday, Mar. 12th, in Middleburgh, Mrs. Harriet W. Smith will sell at public sale a lot of household goods. Tuesday, Mar. 15th, at Fremont, George Dreese will sell 8 horses and a lot of cattle, 30 shoats and farming implements. Monday, Mar. 21st, James Erdley will sell, 2 miles west of Middleburgh, live stock and farming implements. Tuesday, Mar. 22, two and one-half miles south of Beaver, Isaac Bilger will sell 4 horses, 3 cows and farming implements.

Sheriff's Sale of REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of certain writs of F. I. Pa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Snyder Co., Pa., and to me directed I will expose to public sale at the Court House in Middleburgh, Pa., on FRIDAY, the 25th day of February 1898, at one o'clock P. M., the following described real estate to wit: Tract No. 1 in Spring Township, bounded by lands of W. H. Kline, tracts Nos. 2 and 3 P. H. Knepp, C. O. Greenlee, Andrew Ullsh and J. G. Moyer, containing 110 acres more or less on which are a DWELLING HOUSE, BARN and other outbuildings. Tract No. 2 bounded by lands of J. W. Klingler, A. Pardee, P. F. Belgie and tracts Nos. 1 and 3, with the appurtenances, containing 88 acres more or less. Tract No. 3 bounded by lands of tracts No. 1 and 2, P. H. Klingler, P. H. Belgie and P. H. Knepp, containing 30 acres more or less on which are erected a DWELLING HOUSE, BARN and other outbuildings. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Joseph W. Underwood. P. S. RITTER, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Middleburgh, Pa., Feb. 1, 1898.

Headache and Neuralgia cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Killer. "One cent a dose."

Chewing Gum and five others. One dime. ROBERT SWITZER, Lansdale, Pa. 2-17-18

WANTED by an old established house, a man to take charge of and look after their business in this section. Salary \$600, with commission. Cash security required. Address Business, care Post. 21

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Let- ters of Administration in the estate of William H. Pawler, late of Centre twp., Snyder county, Pa., dec'd., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned. ELIZABETH FESSLER, C. A. FESSLER. Feb. 12, 1898. Adm'rs.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Let- ters of Administration in the estate of Mary Butler, late of Middlecreek twp., Snyder county, Pa., dec'd., having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned. J. S. MEISER, Adm'r. Feb. 12, 1898.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK

RICHARD A. MCCURDY PRESIDENT STATEMENT For the year ending December 31 1897 According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

Table showing financial statements: RECEIVED FOR PREMIUMS - \$45,025,201 99; From all other sources - 11,485,266 28; Total - \$56,510,468 27; DISBURSEMENTS - \$56,124,000 99; To Policy-holders for Claims by Death - \$15,270,680 00; To Policy-holders for Sickness - 12,715,424 75; For all other accounts - 10,137,895 24; Total - \$38,124,000 99; ASSETS - United States Bonds and other Securities - \$189,017,341 44; First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage - 60,428,027 81; Loans on Stocks and Bonds - 12,230,920 00; Real Estate - 21,615,444 00; Cash in Banks and Trust Companies - 11,704,155 00; Accrued Interest, Not Deferred Premiums, etc. - 6,141,390 20; Total - \$298,136,188 45; Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities - \$10,270,680 07; Surplus - \$288,865,508 38; Insurance and Annuities in Force - \$288,865,508 38

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct; Balances calculated by the Insurance Department. CHARLES A. PHELPS Auditor. From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual. ROBERT A. GRANNING Vice-President. WALTER R. GALETTI General Manager; ISAAC F. LLOYD General Vice-President; FREDERIC CHANNELL Treasurer; EDWARD H. CHANNELL Secretary. Lambert & Waterhouse, General Agents for Pennsylvania. G. D. Edmondson, District Agent, Danville, Pa. No-Do-See for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed to cure, unless you are not strong, head pain, etc. All druggists.