

My dear Sir:—In my last I stated that your argument in favor of supplicating the assistance of Mary, instead of appealing to God Himself, seemed to me a very strong argument against it. And my first remark was that it dishonors the character of Mary. In order to show that there is some advantage in approaching God through her mediation, you represent her full of mercy, but entirely wanting of justice. Consequently she wishes every sinner to be forgiven, without any regard to the requirements of justice.

But Mary is no such woman. If she were, her intercession would be of very little use; and she would be a miserable creature, charging God with cruelty whenever His justice is honored in the punishment of transgressors.

Second. Your argument reflects great dishonor upon God. You represent Him as doing at the request of Mary what He would not do if He acted in accordance with His own attributes. You say "His Divine justice would of itself require the punishment of the sinner rather than his forgiveness;" but when Mary intercedes justice is waived, for "He will refuse her nothing which she asks of Him." A good man would do almost anything for a woman, where there was no principle at stake.

I trust you will allow that I am justified in withholding assent from a doctrine whose foundation is so shadowy, and even in protesting against a practice which is not supported by any Scriptural precept or example, and which seems to me to cast dishonor upon the character of God and the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Very truly yours, EVANGELIST.

The Future of the South.

The National Intelligencer utters but a trite sentiment when it says that the future of the South is in the hands of its young men. How many of them are qualifying themselves to manage its factories, control its railroads, mine its ore, work its machine shops, and cultivate its plantations? Professional men it has in abundance—able lawyers, accomplished physicians, eloquent speakers. These have their uses, but the growth of a State depends less on them than the character of the men who manage its industrial enterprises. What is most needed in the South to-day is that the young blood which fought for it so gallantly should work it as determinedly.

On the plantation, in the shop, in the factory, there the South is to effect its true restoration. The young men who dug trenches and fed on hounny and pork, who went in homespun gray, and slept in cold or rain or shine under the canopy of the heavens to further the fortunes, as they believed, of their native land, can now do noble service by laying hold of its plough-handles, turning its latches, guiding its spindles, handling its locomotives. But there is want of capital. No matter. They have youth, health, hope, ambition, and good abilities. They have every incentive for which to work. Begin with a will, and success will crown their efforts.

Gen. Schofield has decided that Dr. Watson, who was tried by the civil courts of Rockbridge county, Va., for the murder of a negro and discharged, shall be tried by a military commission on the 17th inst.

A New Jersey Central Railroad train struck a wagon in which a man and woman were seated, at Round Brook, killing both persons instantly. A breakdown of a gravel train on the Erie Railway was killed by being run over near Peabody City, on Wednesday.

Arrest of Surratt.

The evidence taken by the Military Commission in June, 1865, proved John H. Surratt in the assassination of Lincoln. It was at the house of his mother that the meetings were held; up to the week of the assassination he had been journeying between Richmond and Montreal; Booth was his constant companion; Mudd concealed him in the woods near his house; Payne consulted with him; Atzerodt confessed that Surratt induced him to join the conspiracy. His name was the first in the indictment. Had there been any doubt of his guilt, his flight would have removed it, for though none of the principals were more frequently seen up to the 2d of April, on the afternoon of the 14th he was seen for the last time, booted and spurred, ready for his escape. From that time the very existence of John Surratt was a mystery. It was believed he was dead—that he had revealed the names of his fellow conspirators to escape—or that he was secretly imprisoned. It was noted that no reward was offered for his arrest. Yet, as time passed on, John Surratt was forgotten, till the other day came the startling news that he had been arrested by the American Consul-General in Egypt.

Of his wanderings little is known. It is said that he was recognized on a Liverpool steamer shortly after the murder. Then came the rumor that he was serving as a private soldier in the Pope's Guards at Rome. We now know that he had been a soldier in the Papal Zouaves at Veroli, and served under the name of John Watson. The fact became known to Mr. Rufus King, our Minister at Rome, who telegraphed to our Government, and was instructed to secure his arrest. Mr. King conferred with Cardinal Antonelli, who issued an order for his seizure. Surratt was taken; he was imprisoned, and on removal from their hands, and jail, guarded by five soldiers, broke from their hands, and jumped, it is said, over a precipice more than one hundred feet high, and escaped into the Italian territory. Mr. Marsh, our Minister at Florence, obtained telegraphic instructions from the Italian Government to have all the seaports of Italy watched to prevent his escape. He was soon supposed to have embarked in a steamer for Malta, and a dispatch to that island arrived too late to detain him. Another was sent to Alexandria, and when Surratt stepped upon the shores of Egypt, he was seized by the strong, far-reaching arm of America. United States detectives, it is said, have watched him since October. Upon Surratt's presumed connection with the rebel government, Andrew Johnson charged Jefferson Davis with complicity in the assassination. New revelations are expected from his trial. The public may be disappointed in that, yet if John Surratt could be induced to confess before the death, which is almost certain to be his fate, there is no reasonable doubt but that he might tell the whole story of Lincoln's assassination from the beginning to the end.

CABLE AND OTHER NEWS.

THE UNITED STATES CLAIMS. Paris, Dec. 25.—In the case of the United States before the French Court, the United States has been ordered to pay the French Court as security for costs, in case the suit went against them, the sum of 150,000 francs. The U. S. consul remarked that, while equal proceeding had been instituted in France in relation to the claim, there was likely to be something more serious than mere diplomacy in the case of England.

THE FINANS. London, Dec. 15.—Non—Pecan arrests in Ireland continued to be made. Much needless alarm prevails throughout the entire island.

REPORTED REARREST OF STEPHENS. London, Dec. 16.—A man has been arrested in Norfolk supposed to be James Stephens, the chief organizer of the Irish Republic, but the establishment of his identity is as yet considered dubious.

MONTREAL Dec. 15.—The *Minerva* newspapers say Surratt was on his way from Montreal to Washington when he heard of the assassination of President Lincoln, and immediately returned to Canada. In conversation he always maintained that the plot was to carry off President Lincoln to Richmond, and hold him as a hostage for the Southern prisoners. He always protested the innocence of his mother, and avowed that Jeff. Davis knew nothing of Booth's intentions.

A great deal of property has recently been destroyed by negro incendiaries, or white men disguised as negroes, in the southwestern part of North Carolina.

WAR POETRY OF THE SOUTH. Edited by Wm. Gilmore Simms, L. L. D., New York: Richardson & Company, 540 Broadway.

This book is a collection by the eminent novelist and poet, William Gilmore Simms, of South Carolina, of the war poetry of the South, written during the terrible years of the "rebellion." As an index to the feelings and passions of the Southern people during that time, it is invaluable, showing the intense and undying love for the South which was the underlying principle upon which they acted throughout their grand and glorious struggle for independence. The poems are all more or less beautiful. Some are magnificent, while none are commonplace. All breathe a spirit of intense patriotism and love of country, which reminds one of the brave old days of "76—the times that tried men's souls." Mr. Simms himself is among the contributors, while the volume is enriched by the unequalled effusions of Hon. A. B. Meek, Henry Timrod, Paul H. Hayne, Albert Pike, John R. Thompson, John Easton Cooke, Jane T. H. Cross, Carrie Sinclair, Anna Peyre Dinwiddie, Mrs. Caroline H. Gervais, and many others.

It is stated that Sir J. Michel, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian forces, has prepared a report, which shows the impracticability of fortifying Montreal except at a very heavy cost.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE. A FINE NEW DOUBLE-SEATED sleigh, with cushioned seats and backs, can be purchased cheap of J. S. HYDR. A. H. GRAY, A. T. WILSON, R. H. EMERSON, E. F. ADAMS. GRAY, WILSON & Co. WHOLESALE GROCERS. ST. MARY'S, Opposite Alpine House, Elk County Pa. DEALERS IN Flour, Feed, Butter, Cheese, Corn, Salt, Fish, Pork, Ham, Powder, Canned Fruits, Beef, Peas, Nails, Glass, AND STAPLE GROCERIES. December 20, 1866 ly.

NOTICE. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS of Elk County, No. 15, January Term, 1867. In the matter of "Petition of B. F. Ely for a commission of the Insane in Lunacy," in behalf of Lucretia Warner, of Ridgway, Elk county, Pa., widow of Zebulon Warner, deceased. To the friends or relatives of the said Lucretia Warner: Notice is hereby given in pursuance of an order of said Court, that a jury will be empanelled from the Jurors attending the next Court of Common Pleas the 2d Monday of January, 1867, at the Court House in Ridgway, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day, and that the deposition will be held by one of the Judges of said Court, to inquire as to the lunacy of the said Lucretia Warner. SOUTHER & WELLS, Att'ys for Pet'r

TAVERN LICENSES. David Thayer, Ridgway. John Healy, Ridgway. Mrs. E. O. Clements, Ridgway. H. B. Shons & H. Long, Centerville. Amos Wheeler, Centerville. Joseph Windfelder, St. Mary's. Charles H. Volk, St. Mary's. A. Forthman, St. Mary's. D. C. Oyster, Fox twp. STORE LICENSES. Joseph Wilhelm, St. Mary's. Coyne & McVean, St. Mary's. James MacIskey, Centerville. GEO. A. RATHBUN, dec 20, 1866. Prothonotary.

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NOTICE: WHEREAS, MY WIFE TERESSA WILDFIRE has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, all persons are hereby cautioned against harboring or trusting her on my account as I will pay no debts of her contracting. ANTHONY WILDFIRE Dec. 18th 1866. 3c.

THAYER HOUSE, RIDGWAY, PA. DAVID THAYER, Proprietor. The undersigned having fitted up a large and commodious hotel on the southwest corner of Centre and Mill streets, with good and convenient stabling attached, respectfully solicits the patronage of his old friends and the public generally. dec13'66 ly DAVID THAYER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Le Mont Gas Coal Company will be held at the office of the Company—No. 71, Broadway, New York City—on THURSDAY, the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock. H. A. R. MORN, Secretary. dec13 2t.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the Estate of Eddy Hyatt, late of Fox township, Elk county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, therefore all persons having claims against, or are in any way indebted to said estate are requested to call and settle their accounts. J. N. HYATT, Adm'r. ORPHA HYATT, Ad'x. dec13 6pd.

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Refers to J. Powell, B. F. Ely, Ridgway. Ignatius Garner, Chas. Haigen, St. Mary's, nov 22, '66, 3npd.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Whereas, letter testamentary on the estate of Jos. Seel, late of Benzingers township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, they hereby give notice to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement. G. F. SHAFFER, Executor. CAROLINE SEEL, Ex'x, nov226tpd.

STRAY HEIFER.—Stray away from the premises of the subscriber about the first of last June, a BRINDLE HEIFER, has two large white spots on outside of each hind leg, small horns—one crooked, a few white spots on belly, and a white star on forehead, and is two years old. Any person giving information of said heifer, will be liberally rewarded. MARTIN FRITZ, Nov. 8, 1866. St. Benzingers, P. O.

JOHN G. HALL, JAR. K. P. HALL, HALL & BRO. Attorneys -at- Law, ST. MARY'S: BENZINGER P. O. ELK COUNTY, PA. September 20, 1866. ly.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.—The late firm of Burke & Woods of the borough of St. Mary's, Elk county, Pa., having on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1866, made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said firm will please make payment, and all having claims present them to CHARLES McVEAN, Assignee. St. Mary's, Benzingers P. O. December 6th, 1866.