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Easter
Hail from the east the morning is breaking,
The Goddes of spring with flowers is here,
And each little bird with song is awaking
To give to this world a season of cheer.
The bells of the Churches are merrily ringing,
With music and flowers the city is gay.
With gladness of heart the chorus is singing
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We believe history will chronicle the negotiations of the treaty of arbitration, as the most important event of Mr. Cleveland's administration. It is gratifying to note the hearty indorsement which President McKinley has given this notable achievement, in his inaugural address. While we acknowledge the principle to be right, American interests must be zealously guarded, and American rights firmly maintained. Christian people everywhere should unite prayers and influence to further the great principle of peace. The mothers, the wives, the homes of our land, have the deepest interest in the substitution of law for war. It is a work for the Prince of Peace; every religion is one of peace and goodwill toward men. Mothers, "As we train the youth of to-day, the man of to-morrow will act." We must teach our boys that it is more patriotic to live for our country than it is to die for it. Let us then aid by all means in our power the consummation of this greatest act of Christian civilization, and hasten the glad day, when nations shall war no more, when swords shall be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks. Let us array ourselves against oppression everywhere, and every form of "man's inhumanity to man."

We deem it a privilege to speak here, of the great service done our country by that matchless woman, Clara Barton; whose honor has been won through years of toil and suffering. Many great national calamities have been relieved by the Red Cross workers. Human brotherhood is their creed, the law of love their principle. In the millennial day, when peace has conquered war, and its standard floats out from the shining battlements, the Red Cross workers will be in the van.

The National Congress of Mothers, which recently convened in Washington, was one of the most notable conventions ever held. We hope this will be followed by others still more practical, and will result in the "better and broader, moral, physical and mental training of children." Child culture was the subject before the convention. It included discussions of "The Mother and Child of the Primitive World," "Heredity," "Day Nurseries," "Mothers and Schools," "The Value of Music in the Development of Character," "Reading Courses for Mothers," "What the Kindergarten does for Mothers," "The Child's Spiritual Needs," etc.

There can be no doubt, that the subjects for discussion were excellent, but what we need, is not so much new theories, but that men and women should become better as individuals. The call is for the true new woman and new man in Christ Jesus. The "Seven Rules of Harmony" adopted by the Congress, show that lessons of peace must be taught by harmony at the hearth. Build the home, dear friends, so that it will always face the Father's house. The reception given by Mrs. Grover Cleveland, to the delegates of the Mother's Congress, did further to the gracious impression this true woman has made upon her countryman. Mrs. Cleveland has ever stood for reform and progress, she belongs to that chosen coterie who are seeking to usher a better day, maintaining constantly, those unsumming domestic graces, that are the highest adornment of American Motherhood.

It is the opinion of visitors from all parts of the country that the Tennesse Centennial Exposition will be second only to the World's Fair. The business men of Nashville, have, by local subscription secured a half million dollars towards the extension of this enterprise. One reason why congress has been so ready to pass a bill appropriating $136,000, for a national exhibition, is that the citizens of Nashville have shown themselves so ready to raise the money to push the work to completion.

Gen. Neal Dow, the venerable father of prohibition, has reached his ninety-third birthday in the cause of "home protection and saloon destruction." The work which he began, is too great for the completion of one man and one age. The next century will realize the results of his devoted life, spent in the service of God, and humanity; wrestling with heroic purpose against the powers of darkness, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

To suppose that Christian missions will be driven out of China, Turkey and Japan, in the near future, is a lack of faith and want of confidence in God. Let us come to him in believing supplication and prayer, with renewed consecration. The God of our salvation will answer by terrible things in righteousness for him that inspired it. The editor of the "Arena" speaks of Mrs. Milne's versatility and great literary merit. The following extracts from the poem reveal the author's delicate intuition and poetical insight.

The years shall pass on, with their sorrow and sinning.
With struggle and failure and recom pense meet;
But naught shall imperil the crown of his winning.
Who sat like a child at the Nazarene's feet.
The years shall sweep on to eternity's ocean;
The ages unceasing, their purpose fulfill;
But the life giving force of his spirit's devotion
Shall blend with the currents of destiny still.
He is one with the hope, he is one with the sorrow.
That beats in humanity's bosom for aye;
He is one with Love's work of to-day and to-morrow;
He is one with the faith that can never decay.
Why stand we here gazing? The clouds that were sitting,
Will give him no more to our tear darkened view:
There, he was for the saving, and burdens for lifting up!
Other's help constantly come to the ears of our officers; there is a shortage in the General Fund, and the appeals are urgent. What can we give to meet this necessity? Is this a question each one must decide individually. As we prepare our Easter offering, may our hearts be filled with a spirit of self-denial, remembering the Savior's sacrifice, who for our sakes became poor, that we, through Him, might be made rich.

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Again the land of Judea smiles
With blooming hills and sunlit isles;
And the breath of new-born flowers
Seems wafted to these lands of ours;
As if the angel prison
Emblems of the Christ's risen!

From the blue Judean sea-
From the waves of Galilee.
Music sad and sweet seems blended;
Christ, the Savior has ascended!
Doubt and gloom have passed from earth,
Truth has had a second birth!

Nearly nineteen hundred years,
Burdened with earth's smiles and tears,
Down the long corridor dim-
Witness solemnly for Him-
For Christ, who for us died!

Let little children learn to bring
The fairest, purest flower of spring;
And with hearts as pure as they,
Offerings make on Easter day-
When sweet nature laughs with glee
Among the hills of Galilee.

Mrs. G. R. Harsh.

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There could be nothing better for the inspiration of its members. The higher life "hid with Christ in God" is one of continual spiritual growth, until we are lost in that love which is the "bond of perfectness." In Christ's plan for evangelizing the world there is no room for selfishness. From the very beginning, when He sent his only Son into the world, to become the first missionary of the glad tidings to the heathen and to men, self-sacrifice became the key-note of gospel teaching; and "bear ye one another's burdens" was to fulfill the law of Christ.

"No man lives unto himself." The thrilling pulse of the great human heart, that beats with the same instinct in every living individual, rests the responsibility of his neighbor's welfare. That life which is an end in itself, beauty, truth, love, and is nearest Christ, will, out of the overflowing abundance of its own measure of blessing, give to the famishing souls of others.

The cry of distress continues to go up from the famished districts of India, and each mail brings the prayers of our consecrated missionaries for help. We cannot escape the fearful responsibility, and God will not hold us guiltless if we shut our hearts. We have been estab-

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prayer which she is taught to offer for herself and others, binds her to the covenant-condition on which they are bestowed at all, to dispense them, and to teach others the divine charter which conveys to her the warrant to teach and preach the gospel at all. This divine charter which conveys to her the warrant to teach and preach the gospel to all nations. The divine charter which embodies a commission to administer gospel ordinances at all, binds her to administer those to all nations. The divine charter which communicates power and authority to exercise rules or discipline at all, binds her to exercise these not alone or exclusively, to secure her own internal purity and peace, union and stability, but chiefly, and supremely, in order that she may thereby be enabled the more speedily effectively and successfully to execute her grand evangelistic commission in preaching the gospel to all nations. If, then, any body of believers, united together as a church, under whatever form of external discipline and polity, do, in their individual, or congregational, or corporate capacity, wilfully and deliberately overlook, suspend, or indefinitely postpone the acceptance of the great end for which the Church universal, including every evangelical community, including its bestowment of spiritual treasures—the great end for which she has obtained separate and independent constitution at all—how can they separately or conjointly, expect to realize, or realizing, expect to render the described presence of Him who alone hath the keys of the golden treasury, and alone uphold the pillars of the spiritual edifice? If any church, or any section of a church, do thus neglect the final cause of its being, the very condition and tenure of all spiritual rights and privileges, how can it expect the continuance of the favor of Him from whom we obtained the divine tenant, spring-head, all such rights and privileges must ever flow? And if deprived of His favor and presence, how can any church expect long to exist, far less spiritually to flourish in the enjoyment of inward peace or the prospect of outward and more extended prosperity?

THE DIFFERENCE.
A Chinese lady read of the faith and parables of our missionaries slain by mob at Sungpu, and was so impressed by what she was told of their lives and deaths, she traveled to another city to ask the missionaries about the religion which could produce such fruits, and she said, "that makes you Jesus people so different from us. We call you 'foreign devils'—our people have murdered two of your teachers, who only did good to our people; and you show no revenge and receive me as a friend." She was told that this was the teaching of Jesus, who died for us when we were his enemies. This lady, who was termed the "Chinese Queen of Sheba," continued for two weeks with the missionaries to learn of their faith and doctrine, and then returned to her own city to tell her neighbors: "These Jesus people know how to love their enemies."—Missionary Herald.

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"THE WORK AT HOME."

The subject of home missions is one that is very dear to the heart of every loyal child of the Great Teacher. In the wonderful completeness of his gospel, no field can be neglected. The comprehensiveness of the command, "Go ye into all the world," includes the beginning at Jerusalem. While we recognize that our beloved State of Alabama is not, without a knowledge of that Savior, who would have us follow in his footsteps, we believe that the work of leading her people into a fuller understanding of his precepts as taught in the divine word, is one pleasing in his sight. Our evangelist has already done a great deal for the advancement of the church of Christ in our borders. He has patiently and prayerfully preached Christ and him crucified, as a result of his devotion he seeks "the field ripe unto the harvest." We earnestly hope that we long the standard of the King, unaccompanied by creeds and doctrines, may be reared in all the purity of primitive Christianity, in the midst of Alabama and other places, which have not yet entered into the joy and blessedness of being one in Christ.

Facts: Alabama has a population of about 1,500,000 souls. Of the 99 large counties in our State, 14 have no church of Christ. Mobile has 40,091 people, and has no church of our own brethren. Montgomery has 10,000 people and one very weak congregation, a mile from the center of influence. Other cities of 10,000 have no church of Christ.

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Music is the art which expresses, by means of sounds, what is not in the province of literature, of sculpture, or of painting. The sculptor or the painter aims to have his work appreciated and admired by all who see around him. In each case the artist seeks to express, by means of his art, that which already existed. The painter looks out on the world of color and form and sees before him all that his art would reproduce, and it is only as he sees and represents nature truly that he is great. But music stands apart from the other arts. It seems a distinct creation. For it really reproduces nothing which previously existed, either in the world of sense or thought. The painter's art lies upon the surface of the world; its secrets are unsealed by the yellow goldenrod and by the purple heather upon the hills, while the musician's art lies beneath the surface. His rough material of sound may rather be compared to the dull diamond, earth-embracing, and hidden deep in the mines. It simply does not exist as a brilliant thing of priceless beauty, until it has been refined and made luminous. The musician seizes this rough element of sound and compels it to work his will. Because musical expression is indefinite, it does not mean just that, was the minister's answer.

"I want to be saved. What must I do?" "Give yourself to the Lamb of God just as you are," said the minister. "What! just as I am," she said; "and I a sinful creature? Surely you do not mean that God would accept me as I am." "I mean just that," was the minister's reply.

The young girl went home, entered her room, and, thinking of God, duty and heaven, took up her pen and wrote the verses of the beautiful hymn so dear to the heart of every Christian:

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And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
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**THE CHURCH**

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**Mrs. J. M. WATSON.**

The church in Birmingham was set in order, bishops and deacons being ordained, with twenty-seven members, in April, 1885. R. W. Vanhook, then evangelist in the state, president.

Meetings were held in an itinerant court room until 1886, when a lot was purchased and, subsequently, a house of worship erected thereon at a total cost of $4,600. The following have served as pastors:

R. W. Vanbook, 1897 to 1890.
James A. Sharp, 1890 to 1892.
Ira C. Mitchell, 1892 to March, 1894.
J. M. Watson, 1894 to present time.

The membership has increased steadily and now numbers over three hundred. Last year there were ninety-six accessions, and the growth in some other respects was encouraging.

The records of the first three months of 1897 show a gain in numbers of seventeen. If the disciples coming into the city during this time had promptly placed their membership the gains would have been much larger.

The Sunday-school is good. T. A. Schooler, the superintendent, has served in this capacity more than ten years. He is unanimously accepted, efficient and godly. His place could not be easily filled.

The eight teachers in the Sunday-school are punctual, consecrated and worthy of much praise. Despite distance and inclement weather they fill their places.

Mrs. Lou Watkins has been teacher of the primary class from the organization of the Sunday-school more than ten years ago. She is tireless, faithful and justly held in the highest esteem by all of her pupils. It takes more than thunder and lightning to keep her from her post.

The ladies’ meetings are well attended and successful. Our women do their part. Blessed with culture, consecration and talent they are qualified to take a prominent part in any noble endeavor.

Those disciples who, from its inception, have been identified with the cause of religious reform, in this city, have made a splendid record—a record marked with unaffected loyalty. They are the old guard and many have been their victor.

Those of our brethren who come from other sections and, observing a weak, struggling congregation compared to those from which they came, instantly grow near-sighted and “can’t find the Christian church!” If such as these constituted the kingdom of Christ on the earth it would require a special miraculous administration to save it from utter collapse.

The true disciple carries his banner unfurled. He shows his colors. Unabashed and firm he stands by the truth, caring naught for ridicule. He is the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and the hope of the future church.

That temple—well, it is yet one of the happy things of the future. When it shall become a proud monument of the present, the Birmingham church will have stepped to the front, her faith and good works will become proverbial, and many generations will rise up to call her thrice blessed.

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If the sap of the tree is bad or the heart rotten you will never have a good tree, nor will you ever become a man if your thoughts are impure or wicked.

Begin to think on the great subjects of the day. Give yourself to Christ to begin to make ready to fight his enemy, Satan, at every point. Spread the gospel tidings either by getting ready to go, or by sending, to the mission field.

Fight the enemy and his strong fort, the serpent. Refuse to associate with a boy who will smoke a cigarette or swear. Have right opinions on every subject that will advance the cause of Christ or uplift humanity. Let the world be a little better because you have lived in it.

Begin to help it be better by making it brighter. The greatest good a little child does, I think, is when it makes others merry and happy. Keep in a good humor; scatter sunshine.

If the little one knew how much a cross face hinders and how much a smiling face helps mother in the performance of her duties, I am sure they would never look sour.

Put away your sour puckers children. Don't put out things which will make others merry and happy and you will have lifted somebody's burden and made somebody happier.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S INFLUENCE OR, CHILD TRAINING.

By special request I undertake the delicate subject so much to mothers concern the subject which heads this article.

Reluctantly I write, I smiled at the thought that some old maid, or an old bachelor, such as Herriot, Shakespeare, and others, were so concerned about the managing of children; and that "the shoemaker's child goes bare-footed."

The smile soon disappears and tears come in its place, as my thoughts dwell on the fact that I know not of the children off thy shoes, or this is holy ground.

We talk of filling a mission. Angels were not honored with such a mission as this.

God has endowed all men with some talent. This is an idea that he may change the lifeless marble to the statue of a man; another can take the beautiful switch and soon a picture breathes to us his inspired thoughts in language tender and beautiful.

The mother chisels, not the lifeless clay, but entrusts into her keeping to mold and to fashion is God's most perfect gift, an immortal soul! Such an honor and such a responsibility! One to be valued above any responsibility held by a boy or girl in life.

She is painting, not upon canvas, but on the hearts of children.

She is building, too, not for time only, but for eternity, and the material frame is flesh and blood, nerve and brain, heart and soul.

Throughout the list, I leave you to make the application.

If she successfully directs and governs them, no wonder that her son successfully directs the ship of state.

Dare anyone look upon these cares lightly or as a burden? Blessings upon the children for they make life worth while. May the cruel arrows from the crushing us; they lighten the gloom and loneliness of the darkest night. They keep us happy because they keep us busy: they are at once our treasures and sunshine and the source of anxiety, thought and care.

For what are all our contrivings, or the wisdom of our books? When compared with their caresse; or the gladness of their looks?"
THE GOSPEL MESSENGER.

Too often we are selfishly absorbed in some vexing little troubles of our own. We see the child compliments, some trifles that have sometimes precipitated a sharp rebuke or perhaps severe misfortunes. Many had been bestowed because of a bad liver, or a spell of indisposition or because of some superfluous nerves; but the innocent, mischievous-loving child bears the consequences and we console ourselves by thinking he may well have punished him." A gentle, loving counsel would often be far more effective.

Love our children. Do they love their children but manifest very little affection for them; therefore I must say that children cannot be loved too much. They have suffered in an atmosphere of love; they are the sunshine. Affection develops character. Lives have been embittered thinking, I only do my duty when I quench an,? we console ourselves by mischief-loving child bears the conse-

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Instructing their receptive little minds thus to prove they love mothers. All but most important, dear of training the Immortal souls entrust-

Boys. Iln you know 'tis worth your 

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lay down and died of a grief too great for his little frame to bear.

Surely the child could have treated unkindly these faithful dumb friends of ours, who when mercifully considered, love us so devotedly.

Alice had just learned to draw her needle patiently in and out of Jolly's new dress. She walked over to mamma, and bending her curious head to watch a letter that was fast growing under her skillful hand, she exclaimed with a merry laugh, "Mamma, you thread your peg with ink!"

She dedicated to share with him the wisdom her superior years and busy little brain with his. It was amusing to note how much she did enlighten the matter of fact brother only half her age.

One day, flushed and appreciative, he was getting a drink from the cistern. "This is soft water," she commented, "and, do you know there is hard water too?"

"No, there isn't!" he contended, incredulously. Then, looking very thoughtful a moment, he said loftily, "Oh, I knew!" He had stuffed his pockets first for a pair of sturdy legs that kept fast pace with father as they walked and clinging very firmly to his hand.

Mother called him "Little Blessing," and while he was immemorially proud of his father, he had cast his baby love like a happy into mother's great great

Father said, as they passed opposite our imposing home, "Don't you think that's a pretty house, my boy?"

"Yes, father," he answered.

"That's lots prettier than our house. Don't you think?" came the adroit query to the earnest boy.

"It's lots bigger than our house," he said, not understanding the words, for he walked so fast.

"Wouldn't you like to live there, Willie?" father ventured. Instantly the loyal boy replied, "I wouldn't like that! Because—because our mother ain't there!"

MOTHER'S BOY.

"Good morning, mother," a dear boy over him.

And tip-toed up, as she bowed her head.

And kissed her with a bright, sweet smile.

Boys, do you know 'tis worth your while.

All through the day, the smile and they never taught me how."

May such never be said of anyone who reads these words. And may the Father of the only perfect model enable us to bring up in the nurture and admonition of ... Lord these lives in whom we are to live again after we are dust.

The memory of them had made her glad.

Keep her young as long as you can. With loving words, my dear little

They cost you little and are worth. More to her than the wealth of earth.
THE GOSPEL MESSENGER.

Easter Edition.

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NASHVILLE, TENN., APRIL 16, 1897.

This Woman's Edition of the GOSPEL MESSENGER comes to you with the pattern of April showers, bearing a greeting from the ladies of the First Christian church of Birmingham, Ala. It comes with the robins note that heralds sunny days; its breath is that of bursting buds; its voices like freed cooing streams through the odorous woods on their way to the sea.

It tells of nature, like a redeemed soul that wears a marvelous sweetness from the power of the touch of the Creator's hand.

We plead for your life, in the light of another resurrection day to prove its faith in the future and its trust in God.

It is with pardonable pride we estimate the benefits resulting from our venture as editors of the EASTER MESSENGER. With such a staff of co-laborers to accomplish the work essential we feel that much of whatever success is ours is due to the indissoluble painstaking assistance given us by the all-the-time Editor, M. F. Harmon; who has, while associated with us gallantly submitted to our preferences; meanwhile letting patience have her perfect work.

There is an inherent desire in every heart to labor for fruition, visible, tangible. Our Savior discerning this human incentive taught us that the things we see are temporal; those not seen eternal. Missionary work is essentially work for eternity. We sow here; we shall reap in the life to come. There is a work however, and grandly missionary, whose confines are at once visible and infinite. Engaging in this we shall begin at once to reap the reward of our sowing. We refer to the educational work of Alabama. For eight years the Woman's Board has given funds to worthy young men who were fitting themselves to become ministers of the word of God. Our help was a loan; to be paid back without interest, when they should enter actively upon their chosen career. Through this instrumentality many worthy young men were able to secure an education. Five have graduated with honorable records at Bible College, Lexington, Ky., and there remains others, undergraduates, to whom we look with pride. We have recently determined to invite these young men home to Alabama for the ensuing vacation that they may work among needy and remote congregations. These who thirst for visible returns to the money they desire to contribute to the Savior's work, will find that a gift to our Woman's Board will accomplish results we may rejoice to see while we yet live.

Cuba and Crete stand today, terms synonymous with liberty. Without attempting a resume of the conditions which have led up to their present position—the eyes of the world focused alike on each "tightly island," we declare our belief that in the sight of History, the United States will be culpable for her attitude toward the Cuban revolutionists. It is not too late yet for Congress to avert much of the defamation that may be rightfully reserved for our country seemingly forgetting the memory of her own cradling. We are not as yet implicated in the questions that agitate all Europe today. None can foretell how soon we may be. How significant these become to the map of Europe, we trust that arbitration will ever prevail over armies. God grant His guidance to King George, who has, despite the possible alternative of war, stood firm in his resolve to succor his own Grecian blood in Crete; and in refusing to submit to the equivocal dictation of the European Powers.

Would there were more kings of his type; kings for humanity and honor! Kings worthy of a crown, indeed!

We regret very much to have to leave out the Horticultural Department, by Mrs. F. Sid Jones.

The announcement of Prof. Henry Drummond's death which occurred in Ghana on March 11, carries genuine sorrow to tens of thousands, that one so gifted should be called to join the immortals while yet near life's noon. In cooperation with mighty forces organized for the betterment of society in Scotland's somber gray city, shade too evil, his work will be potent for good generations after today. Beside the dignity he sustained in filling the chair in that classical University, his talents were further directed to the propagation of clearer gospel truth for all mankind.

Aside from that incomparable feast of precious things he has given us in his Natural Law in the Spiritual World, in its consummate style, copious beauty and unassailable strength. We believe his elaboration of I Cor. 13 will become the memorial to perpetuate his name in the world of letters.

In India's famine the Christian world sees the picture far-removed. When we think of our missionaries in the midst of all, confronted day and night by the needs of those destitute multitudes—living themselves on the meagre salaries the Boards can forward them. For a moment to place ourselves in their stead we are appalled and oppressed to realize that our missionaries are helpless to render any assistance. To be there; to suffer for necessary comforts; to view want amid continual peril; and then to think of the plenty at home in America, to which in the name of Christ they are entitled by reason of our promised support, but which, by our indifference is not forth-coming, must cause the heart to break. Are we doing for our missionaries the things incumbent upon us? 'For me to live is Christ,' swings far beyond our horizon. What it means we may vainly strive to guess unless we live and love and pray and give that His kingdom shall come sooner by our having lived and loved, prayed for and given to His workers who as heroes stand in the van of His armies.

Mrs. Hansen formerly W. C. T. U. President for India, writes: "The famine belt is thirteen hundred miles long and four hundred
wide with a dense population. Already there are nearly three million people on the relief works, and soon that number will be exceeded. No one goes upon the relief works until every last boarded coin or bit of jewelry has been expended for food. With their homes broken up, their thin cotton clothing worn to the scantiest rags, and hope perished out of their hearts, they seek the relief works. There, at night, after a day of such toil as their weakened and emaciated frames can accomplish, each one receives from the government kitchens about a pound of unleavened cakes and pulse. Hundreds of thousands of them have not so much as a yard of muslin for their entire wardrobe. Keen as has been their hunger, women have begged most piteously for a bit of covering rather than food."

In our previously untried experiment of soliciting advertisements from the merchants of our city, we have been the recipients of uniform courtesy and business-like attention. This was the dreaded feature in assuming our work on the Easter Messenger, but the memory of the undertaking will be pleasant to recall.

The man of to-day who does not advertise is not in the race, and the man who does not read advertisements cannot hope to invest his money wisely. We suggest to all of our advertisers, because, while desirous to secure a good list, we have had room for those firms which we can unqualitiedly recommend. We hazard the assertion that those firms herein mentioned will have cause to remember without regret the occasion when they gave their money to us. We are done with our soliciting; and however much the subscribers to the Gospel Messenger desire our editing the paper permanently, we shall be compelled to decline, because we are all housekeepers, and have no predilection for out-in-the-world business life. But we are not done with the add. In a catalogued list in our purser we will keep the names of those houses to whom we return our thanks, giving them the preference henceforth in our buying, and wishing them prosperity in the future in proportion to their kindness to the Messenger.

Hamilton College, whose card pears elsewhere, is just closing

an extraordinarily prosperous year, with exceeding one hundred boarding pupils. Lexington has an aggregation of colleges that give it rare educational prestige. To those who are educating daughters, we plead a consideration for Hamilton, a representative religious home college of highest merit.

To our sister, the wife of Brother C. P. Williamson, we wish to convey our tenderest sympathy. For many weeks she has been at the bedside of her husband, who, at last accounts, was little improved. Brother Williamson has endeared himself to many people in Atlanta outside of his own congregation, that numbers nearly eight hundred members—most of them won by his labors to the service of Christ. We unite our prayers that he may rally speedily to resume the work which will be his crown of glory.

Alabama Locals.

We feel very glad that in a short time the C. W. S. M. will be reorganized. We hope for a general revival of interest, not only in Birmingham, but in the entire State.

The "Ladies' Working Circle," with Mrs. Watkins for our President, is in a thriving condition.

All of us are giving Mrs. Mary Jolly Vanhook a cordial welcome back home. We hope to have her with us permanently, and that she may use her pen more frequently.

Mr. George C. Nance and family, having recently moved from West Point, Miss., are located at 2429 Fifth Ave. Mrs. Nance is a daughter of our beloved and departed sister, Sarah Ewing Williams, and that assures her a place in all our hearts.

The sad death of Brother Frank M. Mosby's wife, leaving to the bereaved father an infant son, drew to him our sympathy unfeigned. Again, we are touched that he has suffered bodily injuries in the recent railroad accident, but are thankful he is recovering from their effects, which are less serious than at first feared.

The appointment of Brother James M. Pickens to a position in Washington creates a void in our church circles which must remain until he returns to fill it. We rejoice at his good fortune, but deplore his removal from our midst.

Her many friends in Tennessee and Alabama will receive with joy the intelligence of Mrs. W. Jolly's continued improvement in tediously recovering from her serious accident which occurred four years ago. A "shut in" for so many years, she has learned meanwhile the place she fills among her friends, and especially in the church at Birmingham, to whom she is inexpressibly dear.

That greatest of all gifts, a little child, has come to the home of Brother and Sister Watson. May they bring the fulfillment of their fondest hopes to the treasured boy, Pendleton Spiegel Watson.

When our Evangelist, Brother O. P. Speigel, located among us from Kentucky, bringing his winsome wife and her mother and grand-father, we deemed our prayers for just such were being swiftly answered. Mrs. Mary Widener, the gracious mother is welcomed for her womanly worth; and to the aged grand-father, for so long a child of God, we are bound by the ties of Christian love.

The North Birmingham chapel is being used now. Brother Watson preaching there every Lord's day at 3 P. M.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson has moved from Mt. Hebron to Eutaw. This will weaken the former church, but add strength to the former.

"Grand-nou" Wilson, of Mt. Hebron, is 82 years old, and her hope grows brighter with the passing years. She is planning for a visit to relatives in Florida.

The ladies of the Christian Church, New Decatur, are making substantial progress in getting ready to furnish their new church which will be built this spring.

Our dear Sister Love is living at her quiet home in Marion since the death of her aged husband. She holds the sympathy and love of all the disciples in her declining years.

We have heard so much of Mrs. C. E. Gaston, of Fultondale, that we feel as if we knew her. We hope she and others whom we have never met may attend our State Convention to be held in Birmingham Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, that we may meet them face to face. We would like so much to grasp the hand of all the brothers and sisters of our Father's family. Even now the First Church is getting ready to discharge her duties as hostess, and the larger the attendance the more our people here will be gratified.
And, standing up
Fathers looked at their own bright sons,
And there, in the still warm evening,
Men and women on either hand,
And low in the grassy kirkyard
And sweet in the purple twilight
Over the lofty Ben-Lomond
And It seemed it was so with the butterfly.
Each with the other smiled; and why?
Light as a song from the angels sent,
And crossed hers—If as she sighed: "alas!"
"'Twill kiss the lily there in the grass;"
It leisurely over the garden flew.
Floating the lovely spring day through.
I saw a butterfly young and new

THE MYRTLE AND THE LILY.
Our sweet past knew,
The star flower blue
Looked up to the sun,
And the sweet, white nun
Its wings all white
It was so light,
As comes the night
Of quiet restful calm,
Upon the fevered earth,
So death doth to the Christian bring

A MOTHER'S ANSWER.
LILLIE E. BARR.
Over the lofty Ben-Lomond—
The charm of the sunset fell,
And sweet in the purple twilight
The chime of the old dirge bell,
And low! in the grassy kirkyard
Was the white-haired dominie.
And men and women on either hand,
And the children at his knee.
And there, in the still warm evening,
Low sitting among the dead,
The good man took the sacred Book,
And the trial of Abraham read,
Until in the solemn shadows
The sorrowous wondrous near—
Fathers looked at their children's bright sons,
And the mothers dropped a tear.
Thoughtful all sat a little space,
And then the dominie said,
David, could thou have done this thing?
And the old man bowed his head.
And, standing up with lifted face,
Answered: "I think I could.
For I have found through eighty years
That the Lord, Our God, is good.
"Janet, you've been a mother oft,
Could your faith have stood the test?"
She raised her grandchild in her arms,
And she held it to her breast.
"God knows a mother's love," she said,
While the tears dropped from her eyes,
"And never from a mother's heart
Would have asked such sacrifice."
"Oh, mother, wise!" the preacher said,
"Oh mother, wise and good!
A deeper depth than man can reach
By thy heart hath understood.
Take Janet's sermon with you, friends,
And as your years go by,
Believe your Father nor poor soul
Beyond its strength will try."

THE RELIGION OF JESUS WILL ALWAYS BE A YOKE; BUT HIS PEOPLE FIND IT TO BE AN EASY ONE, LIKE THE YOKE OF MARRIAGE TO THAT HAPPY PAIR WHO DAILY BLESS EACH OTHER.

WHAT SAM JONES SAID.

I said in a sermon a few days ago that if ten greedy old negroes were to congregate in a back alley in Nashville and play cards for an old tin syrup pitcher, the police would run them to jail for gambling; and yet the deacons and stewards and elders, with their invited guests, play cards for a cut glass vase in their elegant parlors, with the whole list of names published in the papers next morning telling who won the vase; and yet nothing is done."

BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

The annexed beautiful lines are taken from Sir Humphrey Davy's Salomon:

"I envy no quality of the mind or intellect in others, be it genius, power, wit, or fancy; but if I choose what would be most delightful, and I believe most useful to me, I should prefer a firm religious belief to every other blessing; for it makes me a disciple of goodness, creates new hopes when all earthly hopes vanish, and throws over the decay, the destruction of existence, the most gorgeous of all lights, awakens life even in death; and corruption and decay call me, as long as they last only gloom, decay, annihilation, and despair."

A FASHIONABLE WOMAN'S PRAYER.

Dear Lord, have mercy on my soul, and please let me have the French satin that I saw this morning; for with black lace flounces and over-skirt, that dress would be becoming to me, I know. If you grant my request, please let me have a new black lace shawl, also, dear Lord.

I kneel before Thee to-night feeling perfectly happy, for Madame Emile has sent me home such a lovely bonnet. A most heavenly little bijou! It is composed of white satin, with coral ostrich tusks. For this favor, I am feeling grateful.

Give me, I pray thee, an humble heart, and a new green silk, with point lace trimmings. Let me not grow too fond of this vain and deceitful world, like other women, but make me exceedingly gentle and aristocratic. When the winter fashions come, let them suit my style of beauty, and let there be plenty of puffings, pleatings, ruffles and flounces, for I dearly love them all.

Bless my children, and please send them a good nurse, for I have neither the time nor inclination to look after them myself. And now, oh, Lord! take care of me while I sleep, and pray watch over my diamonds.
In the Christian Endeavor work we should be wide awake and energetic, with an earnest, willing heart, that is ever conscious of the work that is to be done. Endeavorers should "press toward the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus." There is no standing still in the Christian's life, but a moving forward or backward is inevitable. Christian Endeavorers may delude themselves that they may rest awhile without regenerating; no more serious mistake could be made. They have a goal to reach and it lies up stream! Nothing of consequence may be attained without prayerful, persistent effort. Let us keep moving, keep growing. The C. E. Society is not the end, but the means. It is the young Christian's training school where the lessons learned will last through life.

The monthly Consecration meeting has been called "the milestones which mark our progress on the divine highway." These services refresh us spiritually and stimulate our desire for swifter advancement along Endeavor work. We need more thorough consecration in our Christian Endeavor Societies. The pledge is a chain of golden opportunities, binding us closer to our Heavenly Father and to our duties. If we are true to this pledge, we will become more earnest and faithful in our study of God's word, and in our daily communion with him.

NETTIE MONTGOMERY.

In the Church of Christ.

There is one especial reason for the people who plead for non-denominationalism and a union of all Christ's people to become enthusiastic Endeavorers and to encourage it and similar organizations, that do not exist in other religious bodies. While it is undoubtedly true that there are many narrow sectarian spirits among the vast army whose motto is for Christ and the church, the very spirit of the organization is contrary to sectarianism and it must die a natural death by the survival of the fittest, if Christian Endeavor continues to hold our young people as it does now. This is an admitted fact by many among the denominations, and we should have with joy any plan for working for Him which both honors Christ and hastens the day when "all shall be one."

Any organization that brings together Christians of all denominations in a harmoniously working band of Christians, simply, proves that our plea is practical as well as beautiful. Moreover, it actually does unite at times; and though it is but a temporary and partial union, should we not as a people, be the first and most eager for all such opportunities to bring about the answer to Christ's prayer and our own plea for union.

The same may be said of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and all organizations where Christ's name is prominent and the work is not contrary to Bible precepts.

Give Christian Endeavor a warm place in your heart for this reason, aside from the great fact that it enables our young people in service for Christ and the church.

C. E. Convention Items.

The Y. P. S. C. E. state convention is to be at Talladega this year May 6 to 9.

There are one hundred and twenty-five C. E. Societies in Alabama. Three only are in the churches of Disciples of Christ.

There are about two thousand Endeavorers in Alabama.

Twenty-two societies have been organized, together with six or more Junior societies, since last convention.

A splendid program has been prepared for the convention, and those who fail to go will miss a rare treat. Be sure to go.

William Shaw, of Boston, will be at the convention, and he is a convention in himself.

Mr. Williamson, of the Christian Church, a noted Endeavorer from Atlanta, was to have been on the program, but is seriously ill now and we fear we may lose the treat we thought in store for us through his presence.

One of the most important themes and main objects of the convention—in fact, the key note in more Bible study—That is as it should be, and we rejoice.

The local union of the Y. P. S. C. E., in Birmingham, is the best in the State, and one of the best anywhere. Some gifted, consecrated young Christians lend their presence every meeting.

The denominational rallies are to be one important feature of the convention. Mr. Watson has charge of the rally. Do let us rally to him, even though we do not "belong." Let us have a large representation of our people in Talledega, May 6-9. Talledega extends a cordial welcome to all, and will leave nothing undone for our comfort and pleasure. All in all, the convention promises to be one of the most enthusiastic and helpful ones ever held in Alabama.
As I have been asked to contribute a letter to the MESSENGER on my travels, I have wondered what would be most interesting, and finally decided to take a trip to San Francisco and the surrounding areas.

San Francisco is a wonder of the world, with its incredible snow sheds to go through. The mountains were no longer bare, but glimpses of green valleys and rich meadow lands are seen at San Francisco. We were met by gentle and intelligent women, at the Palace hotel who almost crown us with flowers. San Francisco is an interesting city, every nation seems to be represented here. Every one visits Chinatown at night, and it possesses a visitor a horrible fascination. The narrow alleys, the rickety stairways, the groups of Chinamen, with their pig tails and blue blouses present a picture that is not soon forgotten. We visited Sutro Heights and the Cliff house. The high bluff over looks the Pacific ocean and we are near enough to see and hear the growls of the huge sea lions, as they clamber over the cliffs and plunge again into the deep. The conservatory of the Golden Gate park is a wilderness of rare flowers and palms. Across the bay we visited Oakland, and it is a dream of beauty with its broad streets, palatial homes and lovely flowers. Some of the richest citizens of San Francisco reside here.

We next went to Yosemite Valley. It is set apart as a park for seers and no one should go to California without seeing Yosemite. It cannot be compared with Yellow Stone National Park, because there are few points of similarity and each is peerless in its own way. No other scene presents the beauty of the one or the other, and having seen one, you should see the other. We went by Raymond, stopping to see the Mariposa group of big trees. The trees 600 in number are a marvelous sight. The most striking of all was the "Grizzly Giant." It is 300 feet round, its circumference is 50 feet. The first limb was ninety feet from the ground and six feet in diameter. We had the pleasure of driving through Warona (big tree) in a stage drawn by four horses. It measures twenty-seven feet in diameter, and the timid through which the stage passed was ten feet high and nine feet broad. Leaving San Francisco for home we went by the Mt. Shasta route through Northern California to Portland. I have never seen grander scenery even in Switzerland, than Mt. Shasta clad in snow all the year through. We have reached only later to see something grander. Along the Rhine or the Rhone or the Hudson there is nothing that will compare with the Palisades of the Columbia.

After leaving Portland we came by the northern Pacific to Livingston; then leaving the main line, we went fifty-one miles through Paradise Valley to Cinnabar a small town within six miles of the Mammoth Hot Springs hotel, the entrance to the Yellow Stone National Park, an area of greater value and of more interest to the tourist would be hard to find, and it was a wise and creditable act of the United States Congress in 1872 to set aside 30,000 square miles as a national park for the pleasure of her people. I have heard about its wonderful beauty, but no where in all the world is seen on so grand a scale evidences of existing subteranean fires. We were in the park five days: when we saw the Geysers we thought nothing could compare with them, but after seeing the beautiful colored springs, shaped and tinted like so many flowers, we did not think the Geysers so wonderful. Our last day was spent at the Grand Canyon. I had read Dr. Wayland Hayts beautiful description of the canyon, and thought it must be exaggerated. When I saw it, I was awestruck. I have never seen anything so beautiful and so grand. Some of the colors are as bright as those to be found in a paint box. It would be difficult to exaggerate their brilliancy. As we walked along the brink of the canyon, a succession of views present themselves which are awe inspiring in their grandeur. At our feet far below us rise towers and arches that would mock the masonry of man. The canon is 1200 feet deep and the Yellow Stone Falls are 350 feet. They have not the volume and breadth of Niagara, or the height of some of Yosemite falls, but none are more beautiful, and after the river makes the leap, it looks like a silver thread winding in and out the chasm. It is impossible to describe the trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis except in superlatives. As we turned our faces homeward, after this lovely trip, we felt no country could compare with ours in beauty and grandeur, and I say to all who want to feel proud of their country, go West.

Mrs. W. T. Wells.
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Having used the Alabama Brand of Rolled Oats, I desire to express myself as being well pleased with them. Alabama does head the list in many things, and the Alabama Brand of Rolled Oats is one of the things in which she is at the head.

Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. J. J. CHEEK.

A LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

After spending the quarter part of a year in another clime I can fully appreciate my native state. We are now enjoying to the fullest extent, the balmy days of Spring. The earth has exchanged its coat of somber gray, for one of delicate green broken here and there by great beds of wild flowers, of numerous varieties. If by chance this letter should catch the eye of any who contemplate a visit to this state, let us say a few words to you especially. After visiting southern California where acre after acre is set to oranges and other tropical fruits; the geranium attains the height of five or six feet and the fuchsia, hides the walls of the cottages, the central portion of the state may sink into oblivion. Visit it twenty years hence, and see what changes will be wrought—the grain fields of to-day will be converted into immense orchards of olives, prunes, oranges, lemons.

There are things the agency of man can never change; foremost is the world famous Yosemite Valley. Since its discovery it has been a favorite resort for all nature loving people. Nature has particularly favored this part of the country. Near the Valley is the region of the Sequoia Gigantea, the mammoth trees of the world. The largest living one measures 155 feet in circumference.

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Points on Rose Culture.

The time not to put out cuttings is from January to May. Those put out between May and August will make a strong root growth withstand the winter. Plants cut at the first of January do nothing more than callous during the cold months; putting out no roots till the warm days come, so the cold does not hurt them. When practicing this method your cuttings should be nine to twelve inches; six inches placed underground.

Soil for Propagating Box.

Find a pocket in the wash beyond the cowpen. It must have caught its rich contents a year ago; the bending process is over and our cuttings will not decay. To each three quarts of this soil add one quart of clear sharp sand and mix thoroughly.

Cuttings.

Let every item have a full blown rose upon it; sometimes several cuttings can be made from one stem. Have each four leaf joints in length; placing two joints above the ground. If you have a glass globe the size of a dinner plate you may have seventy-five cuttings under it. Tumblers may be used. Covering five cuttings each.

The glass receives the escaping moisture and throws it back upon the plant; and it also holds fast the heat of the sun's rays. There, you have the secret of propagation; heat and moisture.

Do not forget to give your cutting box sunshine all day and water at least twice a day. The porous soil and heat require this.

With the first crop of leaves on cuttings comes also the green aphis. Make a weak solution of tobacco, lift the globe, turn the soft leaves about, wetting both sides. If you have a very tender touch, you may draw out the blackened stems that did not strike. Return the globe to be removed no more unless the insect reappears. If so, give another draught of tea.

When a second crop of leaves are visible your cuttings are rooted and ready for transplanting; and we want the gentle hand again. For this select a cloudy day. No sun and as little air as possible must reach the tender roots.

MRS. A. E. PENN.

DOES WOMAN GAIN LITERARY ADVANT-

AGE BY HER ASSOCIATION WITH WOMAN.

Upon this great wave of advanced thought comes the question, does woman gain any literary advantage by her association with an organization of intellectual womankind? Does an interchange of ideas with such women, conduct to the elevation of thought, expansion of ideas, and an exaltation of spirit, in that they receive fresh inspiration from others. If the moral nature is like water, and must have movement, to keep it pure and wholesome, as writes Sarah Imams, the importance of this move-

(Continued on page 16.)
Housekeepers, by the food they provide, by the couches they spread, by the books they introduce, by the influences they bring around their homes, are deciding the physical, intellectual, moral and eternal destiny of the race.—Talmage.

A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER.

How can I tell her
By her cellar,
Cleanly shelves and white walls,
I can guess her
By her dresser.
By the back staircase and halls,
And with pleasure,
Take her pleasure.
By the way she keeps her brooms,
Or the peeping
At the "peeping" of her back and unseen rooms,
By her kitchen's air of neatness,
And its general completeness.
Where in cleanliness and sweetness
The rose of order blooms.—Ex.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

A glass of pure cream, or of fresh milk, with a salt cracker or a crust of fresh bread, is a good lunch between meals, for a hungry convalescent.

Tea should never be boiled. It should be made in a china or porcelain teapot, for the chemicals in it will act upon the tin; not only causing the beverage to lose its flavor, but making it injurious to the system.

Coughs and sore throats may be relieved or allayed by the use of a mixture of a tablespoonful of honey and a tablespoonful of lemon juice diluted with water, taken at night. Hot flaxseed tea with lemon juice sweetened with rock candy is excellent also.—Presbyterian.

APPLES.

As long the fruits which nature has provided for the sustenance of the body, the most important is the apple, and it is rightly called “the king of fruits.” An authority on medicine, states that few appreciate the valuable qualities to be found in the apple. It is an excellent brain food, a preventive of throat disease, and so easily digested, that the physician advocates eating at least one ripe and juicy apple before going to bed. The most delicate system will not be injured by it, as the apple is said to contain more phosphoric acid in an easily digested form than any other fruit known; and it also stimulates the action of the liver, besides encouraging healthful sleep.—Presbyterian.

FOR THE TABLE.

White cake with marshmallow icing.
One cup milk; one and one half cups sugar; one half cup butter; three cups flour, sifted four times; white of four eggs. Cream, butter and sugar; add one cup flour; then whites of eggs well beaten; then cup flour, and one teaspoonful baking powder. Flavor with vanilla. Cover small biscuit pan with white paper. Do not grease either paper or pan, and let cake cool in pan. Icing. Boil one cup sugar with four tablespoonfuls water till it strings; and while hot pour over one-half pound marshmallows, beating well. When cool, spread on cake. Pretty cut into squares.—Mrs. R. H. K.

Charlotte Russe. One quart of cream; whites of six eggs; one cup sugar; one-fifth box Nelson’s gelatine dissolved in one-half cup of water. Beat eggs to a stiff froth; add sugar and beat until like icing, then add all the cream that can be thoroughly whipped. The last thing add gelatine, colored until like syrup and strained through muslin cloth. Pour in slowly, stirring rapidly, and continue stirring until it begins to congeal. Flavor with vanilla.—Mrs. P. S. J.

Brown Betty. Place a layer of finely chopped apples in the bottom of a pudding dish, sprinkle with sugar, and just a dash of cinnamon; cover with a layer of bread crumbs, with small pieces of butter scattered over. Continue in like manner till the dish is full, having a layer of bread crumbs on the top. Cover closely, and bake in the oven three quarters of an hour, removing the cover for a few minutes at the last to allow the top to brown. Serve while hot, with any preferred sauce.—Mrs. C. T. S.

Salad Dressing. Boil three eggs until hard, and put them in cold water. Take off the shells, and pound the yolks to a smooth paste. Into this stir one teaspoonful of mustard; three teaspoonfuls of cream; one teaspoonful of melted butter; one raw egg slightly beaten; one teaspoonful of sugar; salt and pepper to taste. Stir the whole until thoroughly mixed. Warm slightly one-fourth cup of vinegar and pour into the mixture enough to make it the consistency of cream, add, but a little at a time. The dressing is then ready for use. It may be kept several days in a cool place.—Mrs. H. H.

Tomato Cateup. One gallon tomatoes sliced; five tablespoonfuls salt; two tablespoonfuls black pepper; one tablespoonful each of cayenne pepper and ground mustard; one teaspoonful of mace, allspice, and cinnamon one-half teaspoonful cloves; two large onions; one pint brown sugar; one quart good apple vinegar. Mix all together and let it simmer four hours. When cold, strain.—Mrs. R. K. E.

Mixed Yellow Pickle. Two large heads of cabbage; eighteen large green tomatoes; six large cucumbers, pickled or from the brine; one gill of horseradish; several pods of green pepper; four nice ears of green corn; cut all fine and mix well. Have the vinegar boiling hot and poor over the pickle. Let it stand fifteen minutes. Pour off the vinegar and let the pickle cool. Then prepare the following mixture: one small box of mustard; one-half pint pure olive oil; two teaspoonfuls white mustard seed; one and one-half ounces turmeric two teaspoonfuls sugar; salt and black pepper to taste. Mix oil and mustard well together; then add sugar and turmeric. Mix all; then add cold vinegar enough to cover the pickle well. Bottle for use.—Mrs. W. R. W.

Cream Puffs. One half cup of butter melted in one cup boiling water. While boiling, add one cup of well sifted flour. When cool, add separately, three eggs not beaten; stir until smooth. Drop on buttered pan and bake in moderately hot oven over thirty minutes. This amount of batter makes one dozen puffs. Filling one cup milk, egg, one half cup sugar. Boil until thick. Split puff and fill.—Mrs. J. R. M.

Mrs. Rorer’s Fruit Salad. One lb. of sugar in one quart boiling water; boil five minutes, strain and cool, add one fourth lb. crystalized cherries, one fourth lb. crystalized pine-apples, three bananas, juice of three lemons, juice of three oranges, one fourth lb. malaga grapes, clipping of orange and lemon rind. Freeze.—Mrs. G. R. H.

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My Dear Mary: Because of my long experience, you want my advice in regard to your investing in fancy poultry. Aristotle wrote books about fowls over twenty-two hundred years ago. Tennyson, too, loved birds and fowls.

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tion; study the points of your breed until you know something of what constitutes a pure-bred bird, so that you will never make the mistake of buying a fowl which should have smooth legs with feathers on its legs and toes. Go or send to some reputable breeder, who never keeps culls for sale, and buy the best you can afford. Get Kuhn’s Poultry Architecture, published in Atlanta, price 25 cents. From it, you can select a style of house both suited to your pocket book and the size of your yard, and many useful hints besides.

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ceived and acted upon by the intelli-
gence of the world; nations acknowl-
edge its importance, and band them-
selves together to strengthen and in-
crease their power. If matters per-
taining to the building up of a na-
tion, be so much advanced by co-op-
eration, how can we give importance
enough to this same co-opera-
tion, when it comes to the advance-
ment of soul life, of mental improve-
ment, of all the abilities lying dorm-
ant in the existence of her whose
life is attuned to only one class of ex-
pansion, be that, what it may. Wo-
man, feeding upon herself cultivates
the one class or kind of thought born
of her own imagination: she sees
through the flimy haze of her own
powers: it is like the sight, inlook-
ing through space, it sees nothing:
the power is there, all the requisites
for fine vision; but there is no object
to reflect its image, and the eye has
nothing to carry to the brain; not be-
cause it is lacking in its ability to see,
but space reflects nothing. So with
woman, she may possess brain power,
her intellect may contain fine thoughts
lofty ideas; but if isolated with in her
own limited bounds, she cannot ex-
and; there is no attracting force to
call out, the'powers that lie dormant.
Place her in communication with
others, she is forced to think she has
opinions born from thoughts expressed
by others: she clothes them with
ideas of her own, from the abundant
resources she possesses, then, as now:
but activity was necessary to awaken
these forces.

Brain power multiplies its self by
action, by receiving thoughts from
others, by reflecting upon them the
ideas born with in their own mind.
How many a brilliant woman has had
the knowledge of their own ability,
awakened by contact with those who
appeared to her reserved resources.
Within my own knowledge comes an
example of this. In one of our sister
cities a lady surrounded by all the al-
urements of social life, gave the im-
pression to those who knew her, of
possessing a trivial mind, social
pleasures alone surrounded her, it
became the "style" to write: she fol-
lowed as she ever had when not lead-
ing; the result was, she wrote a serial
for a magazine, and supplied short
stories for papers. She filled her
home with elegant bric-a-brac: hun-
dreds of dollars were spent in satisfy-
ing her desire for beauty in art. Choice
statuary, imported china of rare de-
sign, and beautiful pictures were hers;
all purchased by the result of her
awakened brain power. Had she lost
the opportunity, she possibly would
never have known what really was
hers, and had been her for many
years.

Thus do we see illustrated in life
the necessity of the association of
woman with womankind; the neces-
sity of their closer contact for mutual
benefit in awakening the women of
the present age, and realizing it they
move at a single impulse from all

parts of this vast country, as if the
great wave of desire for knowledge
had swept over the entire land. As
a result, how elevated is becoming
the sphere of woman; how seldom do
we hear the cant of old: that "wom-
en can never meet save for gossip;" or
that "nothing exceeds a woman's curiousit." All must acknowledge
that these maddening forces were the
dress that floated above the pure
brain force, and only needed to be
awowed to bound forward and stand
upon its own merit—to be judged, no
as a gossip, not as one solely possessed
of idle curiosity upon things unimpor-
tant, but a woman with mind, soul,
and brain, who can make for herself
a literary field, where she may plant
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