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GOSPEL MESSENGER

"If ye then be risen with Christ, Seek these Things which are Above."



EASTER

Hail! from the east the morning is breaking,

The Goddess 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

All hail to the King
who is risen to-day.

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TOPICS HERE AND THERE.

Mrs. Harry Harsh.

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; our 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," "Hereditry," "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, added still 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 in a better day, maintaining constantly, those unassuming domestic graces, that are the highest adornment of American Motherhood.

It is the opinion of visitors from all parts of the country that the Tennessee 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 \$130,000 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 He alone is the confidence of all the ends of the earth and to them that are afar off upon the sea. Our faith is increased,

by the courageous words of the United Presbyterian, that God will now as he has ever done, make the political changes of the world open up new doors for His messengers.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has set apart the 11th to the 18th of April, inclusive, as a special season of prayer and self-denial. Cries for 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? This is 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.

The poem written by Frances Margaret Milne in memory of Rev Isaac Errett, the founder of the Christian Standard, is in every way worthy of the noble life which 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 poetic insight.

The years shall pass on, with their sorrow and sinning,
With struggle and failure and recompense 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 rifling,
Will give him no more to our tear-darkened view:
There are souls for the saving, and burdens for lifting
Up! faltering never, the journey pursue.

Missionary

EDITED BY
Mrs. G. R. HARSH.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

EASTER DAY.

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 they burst their gloomy prison—
Emblems of the Christ that'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 the Savior, crucified—
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. Mary Ware.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions has adopted as its watchword for this year, "Fuller Consecration." 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 God sent his only Son into the world, to become the first missionary of the glad tidings of peace and good will to men, self-abnegation 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 throbbing pulse of the great human throng is one, thus upon each individual rests the responsibility of his neighbor's welfare. That life which is richest in 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 famine and plague 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 against it. It has been estimated that each Christian woman is responsible for the souls of five heathen women, lost in the darkness of night. In the face of the awful facts, in the face of the great need, can we sit at ease?

"Rouse to some high and holy work
of love,
And thou an angel's happiness shall
know,
Shalt bless the earth, while in the
world above;
The good begun by thee, while here
below,

Shall like a river run, and broader
flow."

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!—Mrs. G. R. H.

"ALL HAIL."

When our triumphant Savior had conquered death and come forth from the grave, the "all hail!" with which he greeted his followers was a salutation of joy. The wise man of old in saying that a merry heart doeth good like a medicine had not meant merely a gaiety for selfish personal pleasure. That had been a forecast of this "rejoicing always in the Lord," which would be possible after our Savior had risen from the tomb and brought life and immortality to light. In his earthly ministry he had proclaimed that he came in order that we might have life and have it more abundantly. We should as disciples of his, look ever unto him who is the author and finisher of our faith and keep our hearts set upon him in order that we may grow into his likeness. A blessing can come to us in the special contemplation of him as our risen and glorified Savior. The blessing will be in encouraging us and making us brave-hearted to follow Christ in the example which he set of ministering unto others. Never should we be so satisfied with the full salvation Christ has granted unto us that we will for a moment cease our efforts to win others for his service. We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb and adopted into the family of God's dear Son, in order to show forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Jesus said that his father was glorified by his disciples bearing much fruit. Our enjoyment of what has come to us through a risen Savior should therefore count something to us in the way of encouraging and equipping us to be constant toilers in the vineyard of our Lord.

Jesus declared that it was his meat to do his Father's will. We shall come far short of those characters which should be truly Christ-like, in order to please our Heavenly Father and honor his name, if we do not feed upon God's word, which will inform us concerning his will. Most earnestly does the Christian Woman's Board of Missions call upon every one to systematically study God's word as the source of light and life. It is a joy to me to greet our beloved readers of the "Gospel Messenger" at this glad Easter time in the name of him whose authority is supreme and as a representative of this Christian Woman's Board of Missions which labors under the motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Our heavenly Father is calling upon us to hasten the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Christian Woman's Board of Missions was organized that we might with united strength do an effectual soul-winning work in all parts of the world, that would be impossible without such uniting of the work and money offerings that could be given by individuals. Through our two monthly papers, the "Missionary Tidings" and "Junior Builders" information will come to all who will regularly, constantly, prayerfully read these. After they have been thus studied, if they are kept for constant reference our women can become intelligent concerning the calls of the fields where the needy ones are without Christ's gospel. Our brethren and sisters can in this way also know how to work systematically to have the best efforts put forth to sustain heralds of the cross in the needy regions in any part

of the earth where our supply of funds and workers will enable us to place them.

The days and the years that we form, are quickly going by. The time is short for you and me to show the gratitude for our own salvation by fully consecrating everything that we have and are to the service of Christ. He has taught us that whatever we do to reach the souls for whom he died he counts as done unto himself. May your answer to the salutation of your risen Lord be a glad following wherever he leads, a brave endurance of whatever trials may surround you in that path, and the constant, prayerful, self-denying service in order that like him we may uplift and bless humanity.

Let no allurements to selfish ease and pleasure, nor even the demands that seem to call for ceaseless toil for daily bread, deter you from following closely this risen Savior who has called upon each one of us to wear his yoke and bear his cross. The unfulfilling promise of our heavenly Father is, "All things work together for good to them that love God." The matter of supreme importance with us is to love God. If we have this love it will be manifested in the works and fruit of the Spirit. Your sister in Christ's service,
LOIS A. WHITE,
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THE FIELD.

The field is the world. There are at least a thousand millions without the gospel. In India, out of a population of 287,000,000, not more than 500,000 have been discipled. In China, out of a population of 430,000,000, not more than 50,000 have been discipled. In Japan, out of a population of 40,000,000, not more than 35,000 have been discipled. For every Christian in Japan there are six Buddhist priests. In Africa, out of a population of 200,000,000, not more than 600,000 have been discipled. Whole nations are practically unevangelized. Anam, with a population of 20,000,000; Afghanistan, with a population of 8,000,000; the Sudan, with a population of 100,000,000; Thibet, Mongolia and Arabia—these lands have scarcely been touched by the influence of the gospel. All Christendom has 4,693 males, 3,228 females, and 40,083 native helpers in all heathen lands, and contributed \$12,000,000 last year for their support: of this, \$4,561,227 came from the United States. That same year the drinking people of the United States paid \$1,000,000,000 for drink. There are as many Christian people as drinking people in America. The bill for tobacco amounted to about \$600,000,000. The wealth of the Christian people of America is estimated at \$13,076,300,000. The average annual increase for the last decade was \$434,790,000. If they gave one-tenth of this annual increase it would amount to \$43,479,000, instead of \$4,561,237. Of the enormous wealth now in the hands of Christian people only one thirty-second part of one per cent, or one dollar in 3,287, is given for foreign missions.

THE MAIN WORK OF THE CHURCH.

According to Dr. Duff the chief end for which the Christian church is constituted—the leading design for which she is made the repository of heavenly blessings—the great command under which she is laid—the supreme function which she is called on to discharge—is, in the name and stead of her glorified Head and Redeemer, unceasingly to act the part of an evangelist to all the world. The inspired

prayer which she is taught to offer for spiritual gifts and graces, binds her, as the covenanted condition on which they are bestowed at all, to dispense them to all nations. The divine charter which conveys to her the warrant to teach and preach the gospel at all, binds her to teach and preach it to all nations. The divine charter which embodies a commission to administer gospel ordinances at all, binds her to administer these to all nations. The divine charter which communicates power and authority to exercise rule 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, effectually and extensively 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 national capacity, willfully and deliberately overlook, suspend, or indefinitely postpone the accomplishment of the great end for which the Church universal, including every evangelical community, implores the vouchsafement 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 abiding, the promised presence of Him who alone hath the keys of the golden treasury, and alone upholds the pillars of the great spiritual edifice? If any church, or any section of a church, do thus neglect the final cause of its being, and violate the very condition and tenure of all spiritual rights and privileges, how can it expect the continuance of the favor of Him from whom alone, as their divine fount and 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 patience of missionaries slain by a mob at Sungpu, and was so impressed by what she was told of their lives and deaths, that she traveled to another city to ask the missionaries about the religion which could produce such fruits. "What is it," she asked, "that makes you Jesus people so different from us? We call you 'foreign devils'; our people have martyred 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.

A. McLEAN.

"THE WORK AT HOME."

The subject of home missions is one that is very dear to the heart of every loyal follower 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 sees now "the field ripe unto the harvest." We earnestly hope that ere long the standard of the King, untrammelled by creeds and doctrines, may be reared, in all the purity of primitive Christianity, in the midst of Mobile 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 66 large counties in our State, 14 have no church of Christ.

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Music Department

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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 reproduce in idealized forms what he sees 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 whispered 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-encrusted, 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 follow that music is inexpressive. But this is one of the qualities that place it on the highest level of art-excellence, enabling it to suggest still more that it displays, and to stimulate the imagination of the hearer, as much as to exercise that of the artist. The musician is a poet, who expresses thought and feeling through the medium of sweet sounds.

Every age and clime has its varieties of musical idiom, which are unappreciated, if not unintelligible, to other generations. And the very principles that govern it have been and are so variously developed in different times and places that music which is delightful at one period, or to one people is repugnant at another epoch or to a different community. Under the influence of music we are deluded some way. We imagine that the performers must dwell in the regions to which they lift their hearers. We are slow to admit that a man may blow from his trumpet the most soul-animating strains, and yet be a coward; or melt an audience to tears, and yet be a heartless profligate. We do not have enough music in our homes. The charm of music is great. It hushes the infant to rest: at the family altar it lifts the soul in worship to God; in the home it fosters the home spirit and strengthens family ties. No influence is sweeter. Encourage the children to sing. It matters little whether there is much music in their voices or not; there is music in their souls, and that is enough. Parents who sing will find burdens grow lighter and life smoother. There is rest and recreation in music. Shakespeare has said:

"The man who has no music in himself, Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds: Is fit for treasons, strate-

gems, and spoils: the motions of his spirit are dull as night, and his affections dark as Erebus. Let no such man be trusted."

It may not be amiss to give a moment's thought to music in our churches. There is no estimating its power in worship. Many a careless listener to a discourse has had his heart touched and melted by some sweet hymn, which conveyed a Savior's precious invitation, or breathed our Father's boundless love. Realizing what a power there is in music, we cannot place too much emphasis upon its importance in the service, nor give too much heed to rendering each hymn in such a manner as to impress its sentiment. If we drag through an inspiring, soul-stirring hymn, which should awaken every impulse and arouse every child of God to action, its effect is lost. It takes the soul out of our sweet songs and hymns to drag through them in such a heavy manner that the singing becomes tiresome and monotonous. If we sing a hymn in a half-hearted way, we derive no real benefit from it, and it fails to reach the listener, who may not be able to take part in it, and thus (outside of the Bible) one of the most effective means of conveying to the heart the priceless love of Christ, the precious promises of God, and his boundless love to us is marred. Let us enter into the spirit of our hymns, and glean the comfort and encouragement from them which will help to make life's burdens lighter and our hearts more tender and susceptible. Let us sing with the "spirit and the understanding."

Charlotte Elliott, a young girl, stood before a godly minister, and said:

"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:

"Just as I am without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me;
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God! I come, I come."

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The church in Birmingham was set
in order, bishops and deacons being
ordained, with twenty-seven mem-
bers, 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 \$4,500. The following have
served as pastors:

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- James A. Sharpe, 1890 to 1892.
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- 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 six
years. He is unanimously accepted,
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school are punctual, consecrated and
worthy of much praise. Despite dis-
tance and inclement weather they fill
their places.

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of the primary class from the organ-
ization 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 at-
tended and successful. Our women
do their part. Blessed with culture,
consecration and talent they are qual-
ified to take a prominent part in any
noble endeavor.

Those disciples who, from its incep-
tion, 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 victories.

Those disciples in the city who per-
sist in retaining their membership in
their trunks, or in the congregations
from which they came, are making a
serious mistake. Their neglect entails
upon them a spiritual loss, and the
church suffers for their help.

"We are unsettled" is an excuse of-
fered by a few for retaining their
church letters. Some of these have
been in the city for years. "Unsettled," I fear, possesses a sad spiritual
significance of which these careless
ones are little aware.

Those of our brethren who come
from other sections and, observing a
weak, struggling congregation com-
pared 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. Un-
abashed 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 tabernacle—well, it is yet one
of the happy things of the future.
When it shall become a proud monu-
ment of the present, the Birmingham
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Children's - Dept.

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BIRDIE'S GOOD-MORNING TO NELL.

Open your eyes and come out, dear,
We have a song for you to hear;
Come quick, come quick, cher-a-chee;
Open your eyes and listen, Nell,
Listen to the story we have to tell;
Listen twit; listen twee; twit-twee.

I'm building a nest on this limb;
Here I'm to sing my morning hymn;
Daylight, sun bright, cher-up-chee;
Sing praises to him of whose care
Children and birdies alike have a
share.
Praise Him; praise him; twit-twee.

Look at the morning sun so bright,
Peep through the trees to make it
light.

Good-morn, good-morn, cher-a-chee,
We wish you would come out to play;
The birdies soon must fly away.
Come out, come out, twit-twee.

NO MAN LIVETH TO HIMSELF AND
NO MAN DIETH TO HIMSELF.

Children, did you ever notice a tiny little oak sprout? One not so high as your little sister's head? Well, did you notice that the leaves on it are just like the leaves on the big oak tree, that's ever so many times higher than any man you ever saw? A little tree is very much like a grown up tree, is it not? Well, a boy is very much like a grown up boy, whom we call a man; and a girl very like the grown up girl, whom we call a woman.

In fact they are just alike except each part of the boy or girl or baby tree must grow bigger. That means your mind as well as your body, of course, is like a man's mind, only it must be developed.

In a yard is a tree that has been pruned and topped; a branch cut in one place and in another, whenever it was needed, ever since it began to be a tree. Just outside the fence the same kind of a tree grows but it has never been pruned. No branches have been cut off and it has never been topped or trimmed. What is the result? One tree is symmetrical, rounded, well developed and beautiful. The other is rough, scraggy, knotty, crooked, and ugly.

Now, this is just the way with boys and girls. If they are trained and taught—a bad habit cut off here, a naughty word checked at another time; evil thoughts trimmed and pruned as soon as they begin to grow, they will become as well developed as the tree in the yard; otherwise like the one outside.

Each boy and girl must do some of these things for himself. He must aid in the pruning.

You, my little friend, must begin now to make yourself a rounded man or woman if you ever become one.

You must decide now for which side you will use your influence. You cannot live without causing others, because of your life, to be either better or worse.

Which shall it be? It is said, for every one bad man, in five hundred years there are one thousand paupers, drunkards and criminals. Do you wish to swell the list of the wicked or of moral and Christian men? You do not have to do great deeds to begin with; for great deeds are rarely ever thought of before they are performed. The thing to do is to think right. No man ever became a criminal, no man ever lied, or stole or swore if he never thought of these things.

If you think gentle, beautiful, pure thoughts, your words will be of that kind and you will do great deeds in spite of yourself.

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 with and then be 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 saloon.

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

Put away your sour puckers children, do; and smile even though things do not go smoothly and you will have lifted somebody's burden and made somebody's heart brighter.

MOTHER'S INFLUENCE; OR, CHILD
TRAINING.

By special request I undertake the delicate task of a talk to mothers concerning the subject which heads this article.

Beginning reluctantly to write, I smiled at the thought that some old maid, or an old bachelor, such as Herbert Spencer should theorize concerning the managing of children; and that the "shoemaker's child goes bare-foot."

The smile soon disappears and tears come in its place, as my thoughts dwell on the subject: "Take off thy shoes, for 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. One is gifted, so that he may change the lifeless marble to the statue of a man; another can take the brush and canvas and soon a picture breathes to us his inspired thoughts in language tender and beautiful.

The mother chisels, not the lifeless clay, but entrusted into her keeping to mold and to fashion is God's most priceless gift, an immortal soul! Such an honor and such a responsibility! One to be valued above any responsibility that comes to us in life.

She is painting, not upon canvas now, but she is developing a picture nevertheless.

She is building, too, not for time only, but for eternity, and the material for the structure to be reared 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 the home, there is 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 living! They keep our sorrows from 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 anx-

ious thought and care.

'For what are all our contrivings,
Or the wisdom of our books,
When compared with their caresses,
Or the gladness of their looks?'

"They are better than all the ballads,
That ever were sung or said;
For they are living poems,
And all the rest are dead.

Is it not due them and due humanity that much thought be spent upon their physical, mental and spiritual training; that it may not be said of our children, like Topsy, they "jes' growed?"

First briefly let us think of some characteristics of the model mother.

She should possess an unusual faith, an unflinching trust in her Lord's promises. Trusting him she will receive the help which alone will enable her to develop her child "into the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ."

The old man, when he was not altogether mistaken, said, "Three things only were needed in rearing a child: God, common sense, and a cow." A mother should be a woman of conviction, not an echo; not a nonentity; not one unable to think independently, but having opinions positive and well grounded; that she may unconsciously win the respect and obedience due her, as queen of her household, and companion for father and children.

She should possess unlimited courage, such as Jochabed possessed who was not even afraid of the king's command when it conflicted with her duty and mother love. What a pitiful sight it is to see a mother without the courage to obey her natural instincts and knowledge of the right. Too much afraid of fashion's commands and society's dictates to fill her mission as a God appointed nurse.

Often the little one is beautified, primed and bedecked and by a hireling taken out of mamma's way and out of sight; often she does not even know where.

Poor mother, if such read this, you do not know of what you are depriving yourself. How much pleasure you lose that you would derive from so many sweet hours of companionship which the child spends in learning, from an illiterate nurse. Hours when you could sow seed that would ripen and bear fruit for eternity.

It would be infinitely better to pay for sewing done or even to have your demands of society neglected, than to pay another to entertain and instruct your child.

Make the home the most attractive place for the children and mother's society the most desirable. Stop to entertain them; it will pay you a royal interest, otherwise you may wonder that your boy goes off with other boys who are not fit associates for him; that he prefers their society to yours.

Win their confidence. Above all else keeps your child's confidence. As long as all secrets are shared with mother so long you have a good child, you can be sure of it no longer.

Sympathize with them. Enter into their childish pleasures. Console them in their little troubles. Don't ridicule your child nor laugh at what seem trifles to you.

When a mother is companionable to her children, often that problem of problems, concerning punishment, needs no solution. It will take care of itself. Corporal punishment is unnecessary when dealing with reasonable creatures; and when we associate as a friend and companion with our children we soon learn that they have reasoning faculties as well as grown-up children.

Too often we are selfishly absorbed in some vexing little troubles of our own and are scarcely conscious of the trifle that has sometimes precipitated a sharp rebuke or perhaps severe measures. Many whippings have been bestowed because of a bad liver, or a spell of indigestion or because of some superfluous nerves; but the innocent, mischief-loving child bears the consequences and we console ourselves by thinking, "I only do my duty when I punish him." A gentle, loving counsel would often be far more effective.

Love them. Many mothers say they love their children but manifest very little affection for them; therefore I mention this. Children cannot be told too often of our love. They flourish in an atmosphere of love as planets do in the sunshine. Affection develops character. Lives have been embittered and ruined for lack of a demonstrated love. Don't appear indifferent when your heart is throbbing with love.

Exact obedience, implicit and immediate; not with threats and blows, but thus to prove they love mother too tenderly to incur her displeasure, not forgetting that while children are told to "obey their parents," parents are told "not to provoke their children to wrath."

Become their chief instructor. Don't leave the pleasure of entertaining and instructing their receptive little minds altogether to others.

We would think a mother criminally negligent who would allow a nurse to take a child into some hovel where it contracts a fatal or loathsome disease, yet we think so little of a far more important matter that their little minds are often tainted and diseased because we fail to know what they are being taught and by whom.

Last, but most important, dear mothers, let us make the Bible our chief guide and help in our great work of training the immortal souls entrusted to us. Let it be in our mouths continually. Remember that what a child learns is retained long after the lessons of the mature mind is lost.

Teach them from it daily. Let them know its blessed truths in mother's language. A child comprehends the significance of its mother's teaching long before he grasps that of another. And we should pray with our children. A dear girl who was dying said to her best friend: "I wish I was certain where I am going. Maybe the Lord knows I have not had a good chance. I never heard my mother or father pray in my life 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 the Lord these lives in whom we are to live again after we are dust.

MOTHER'S BOY.

"Good morning, mother," a dear boy said,
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 words,
Kept mother as happy as the birds;
And when she was tired or lonely or sad,
The memory of them had made her glad.

Keep her young as long as you can,
With loving words, my dear little man;
They cost you little and are worth
More to her than the wealth of earth.

Each sweet greeting and loving word bright—
Straight from the heart of her little knight,
Is more to her than the miser's gold;
Making her rich with a wealth untold.

HALE.

I wish all the little folks had known Hale. I am going to tell you of this beautiful, faithful playfellow of my younger days.

He was brought to us when he was but a few weeks old in a basket; a round, roly-poly little pup, with black spots in his white shaggy hair. He became at once an interesting member of the family; so great a favorite, that to show our admiration we honored him with the name of a man who was one of our warmest friends.

I could fill this page telling you of his cute, funny ways and his intelligence.

His education was good, for he went regularly to school with us. He would stay half the day in my room, then soberly trot down stairs, to the room where my little sisters were taught, and stay quietly under their desk till school was dismissed. He would then walk home with us, unless one of the three staid behind. He refused to go a step until all three were walking in front of him.

He would go to church on Sunday with us, in time for Sunday school, walking round to the front seat, he would shake hands with the superintendent and sober, old deacon who always sat there, before settling himself for a nap under our bench. When we knelt to pray, Hale would put up his paws on the bench till the amen was said. He could shake hands about as politely as any boy I ever knew.

It was funny to see him run as we did, to get the first kiss from papa in the evening, when he came home from the office. Often he was there first, and bounding over our heads was greeted kindly before we had our arms all about papa clamoring for our kisses.

His warmest attachment, however, was for John the little boy, who was the baby when he came to us. He took the best of care of him. If he thought him in danger, it was touching to watch his movements. Once John was lying on the floor, Hale thought, too near the fire. He walked up to John's mamma, looked up at her and then turned toward the little fellow. They understood him but waited to see what he would do; mamma giving no attention, he then went to papa, wagging his tail restlessly and expressing the same dumb language. Not succeeding in getting either to attend, he went to John and taking hold of his clothing with his teeth pulled him further away from the fire, then lay down near him to watch him again.

One day John was taken sick: Hale did not understand at first why John was not at play. He would go to the bed and whine and bark, quick, sharp little barks. John grew worse. The family became anxious. Hale watched us. He would keep his eyes on our faces and walk to the bed and wag his tail. Hale had many different ways of wagging his tail. It did not mean the same, every time. He showed plainly he was anxious about it all.

Finally, the sad day came, when the death angel visited our large, happy family, for the first time. In our great grief Hale was entirely forgotten, until we heard his piteous howls from the grave, where the little white hearse had deposited its precious burden.

From this day the dog refused to be comforted. He neither ate nor drank and followed John's mamma about till one week later, the noble little friend,

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

Surely no child could ever treat 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 dolly's new dress. She walked over to mamma, and bending her curly head to watch a letter that was fast growing under her skillful hand, she exclaimed with a merry laugh, "Mamma, you thread your pen with ink!"

She delighted to share with him the wisdom her superior years and busy little brain afforded her and 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 know! Ice!"

His first pants covered such a very short pair of sturdy legs that kept fair pace with father as he walked, talking and clinging very firmly to his hand.

Mother called him "Little Blessing," and while he was immeasurably proud of his father, he had cast his baby love like an anchor into mother's great great heart.

Father said, as they passed opposite an 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," came the reply with a puff between 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!"

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This Woman's Edition of the GOSPEL MESSENGER comes to you with the patterning 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 odor-ous 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 indispensable 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 fruitage, 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. Those 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 "tight little 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. However 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. P. Sid Jones.

The announcement of Prof. Henry Drummond's death which occurred in Glasgow 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 co-operation with mighty forces organized for the betterment of society in Scotland's sombre gray city, shadowed too with 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 promulgation 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 in 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. Hauser 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 hoarded 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 a careful reading of our advertisements, because, while desirous to secure a good list, we have had room for those firms which we can unqualifiedly 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 "ads." In a catalogued list in our purse 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 appears 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. B. 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 2420 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 the years bring the fulfillment of their fondest hopes to the treasured boy, Pendleton Spiegel Watson.

When our Evangelist, Brother O. P. Spiegel, 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 preaches 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-ma" 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 Fairhope, 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.

Selections.

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Mrs. W. R. WATKINS.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE.

JULIA NEELY FINCH.

As breaks the day
Of some glad summer morn,
So cool, so calm, so kind;
So does the Christian life begin;
A tender peace within,
Which doth inspire the wish to find
Some soul by sin and sorrow torn.
And show to them God's holy way,
So is the Christian soul, first born.

As melts the day
To fervid heat of Noon
Wherein all Nature basks,
So does the Christian life progress.
It would the whole world bless;
And be about the Master's tasks,
And live in sweet accord and tune
With all who walk life's weary way,
And cheer them with love's kindly ray.

As comes the night
Of quiet restful calm,
Upon the fevered earth,
So death doth to the Christian bring
Sleeps soft and tranquil balm,
Which doth prepare for that new birth
Of God's own tender ordering.
The soul doth wing its happy flight
From shore to shore in God's own sight.

THE MYRTLE AND THE LILY.

I saw a butterfly young and new
Floating the lovely spring day through.
It was so light,
Its wings all white
It leisurely over the garden flew.

"'Twill kiss the lily there in the grass;"
I told my heart: but we saw it pass,
And the sweet, white nun
Looked up to the sun,
And crossed hers-elf as she sighed: "alas!"

Over the garden the white wings went,
Light as a song from the angels sent,
Away they flew
To a star flower blue
That seemed just dropped from the firmament.

And then my heart—my heart and I—
Each with the other smiled; and why?
The star flower blue
Our sweet past knew,
And it seemed it was so with the butterfly.
Montgomery, Ala. —*Kalydid.*

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 kirk bell,
And low! in the grassy kirkyard
Was the white-haired dominie,
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 sorrow grow wondrous near—
Fathers looked at their own bright sons,
And the mothers dropped a tear.

Thoughtful all sat a little space,
And then the dominie said,
David, couldst 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
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
God for the bondage. It is a burden,
but always light, because of his grace
and love; the burden of a pair of
wings to a bird, which gives buoyancy,
ascension and the expanse of the
skies.—*Jay.*

WHAT SAM JONES SAID.

"I said in a sermon a few days ago
that if ten greasy old negroes were to
congregate in a back alley in Nash-
ville 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 publish-
ed 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
Salmonia:

"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 be-
lieve most useful to me, I should pre-
fer a firm religious belief to every
other blessing; for it makes me a dis-
ciple of goodness, creates new hopes
when all earthly hopes vanish, and
throws over the decay, the destruc-
tion of existence, the most gorgeous
of all lights, awakens life even in
death; and corruption and decay call
up beauty and divinity; makes an in-
strument of fortune, and scales the
ladder of ascent to Paradise; far
above all earthly hopes, calls up the
most delightful visions of palms and
amaranths, the gardens of the blest,
the security of everlasting joys, where
the sensualist and sceptic view only
gloom, decay, annihilation, and de-
spair."

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 re-
quest, 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 bon-
net. A most heavenly little *bijou!*
It is composed of white satin, with
coral estricon tufts. 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 deceit-
ful world, like other women, but make
me exceedingly gentle and aristo-
cratic. 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.

Amen.

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Christian Endeavor

EDITED BY
Miss SUE JOLLY.

Christian Endeavor is one of the grandest and most interesting of the many phases of work that has been developed by the Christian Churches for the winning of souls to Christ, and the strengthening of those already won. What a great work it is! What incalculable good it has accomplished!

The cosmopolitan character of the Christian Endeavor was shown by the fact that when "Father Endeavorer" Clark was crossing the Red Sea there were no less than ten members of the Endeavor on board the ship. One of this number was from England, two from Canada, two from Australia, and the others from four of the United States. From the *Christian Endeavorer* we learn: "According to the last census, about one-third of the entire population of the United States are twenty-one years of age or under. This means that there are about thirty-three millions of youths in the plastic state where character is being moulded and purposes formed for future living. Each one of these youthful minds are influenced, and in each heart there is a chamber of imagery, the walls of which are being decorated for good or evil." What a responsibility for the different C. E. Societies! Each and all of the committees are essential to the growth and well-being of the local society. Most of us will agree that the Lookout is the most important since they who compose it go out and search for members; they must work for the spiritual growth of the individual members of the Society. This committee should realize its responsibility and the necessity of close companionship with the Master, in order that the duties attending this office should be fully assumed. They must be a *doing* not a *standing still* committee. The prayer meeting committee is a very important one. The leader of the meeting should be fully prepared and seek God's blessing. This committee should try to make the evening both profitable and interesting to those present. Do not let the hour's services degenerate into a merely formal affair. Do not hold the meeting beyond the appointed time for closing, but save some of the good thoughts for the next meeting. The social committee is one of great importance to the successful C. E. Society. The social duties of the Society should not be left entirely to the regularly appointed committee; much more good may be accomplished by each member of the Endeavor feeling it to be his duty and pleasure to work along the social lines.

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 retrograding; 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 hail 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 enlists 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 is to 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.

Dr. Rhantaller, known as the Christian Endeavor cyclone, is a prominent Presbyterian preacher from Chicago. He is to be at the convention. Dr. Rhantaller enters so thoroughly into the Endeavor spirit that he is content to drop Presbyterian as a name, and his church is called Christian. He himself advocates that all use that name.

The denominational rallies are to be one important feature of the convention. Mr. Watson has charge of our rally. Do let us rally to him, even though we do not "belong." Let us have a large representation of our people in Talladega, May 6-9. Talladega 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.

Correspondence

EDITED BY

Mrs. WILLIE HUSLEY.

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 a trip to the West would be most profitable, as some of our Endeavorers may wish to go to San Francisco to the convention. No where on the globe is there to be found such a variety of climate, scenery, and resources as between the Mississippi river, and the Pacific ocean. Americans go to Europe to Switzerland, and the Rhine, to spend a winter in Italy, and visit other places of interest, when right in their own country are rivers, forests, lakes and mountains, sublime scenery, bordering on the weird and supernatural far excelling those of Europe. These places, too, are easy of access, and it is not necessary to learn a foreign language to be able to enjoy them. July 7th, 1888 there was a party of us, who left St. Louis on the Union Pacific, for San Francisco, to attend the National Educational Association. The route was a perpetual succession of surprises. After travelling two days and nights on the plains, to come suddenly upon a magnificent city without suburbs, was a delight to us all. Denver is a wonder! We drove through her broad streets, down sides flow crystal streams of water. We admired the magnificent court house, fine churches, and palatial residences with their velvety lawns, sparkling with fountains and vivid with bright flowers. We took a side trip up Cedar Creek canon over the famous Georgetown loop, and had our first view of the grandeur of the Rocky mountain scenery. After leaving this beautiful city we found ourselves again on the desolate plains, nothing to be seen except now and then a prairie dog, until we reached the lovely Salt Lake valley. On one side of the valley was the mountains, and on the other the lake. The ride of thirty-seven miles on the shore of the lake, was one not soon to be forgotten. After seeing Denver, we were not so surprised at Salt Lake City. The city has a population of 35,000; her buildings were fine and showed every indication of wealth; her streets were broad and lived with shade and fruit trees, and bordered on both sides with a clear running stream. The air was balmy and sweet, with the odor of flowers. We visited the great temple at that time incomplete; the Assembly Hall and Tabernacle which seats 12,000 people. Before getting to San

Francisco there were interminable snow sheds to go through. The mountains were no longer bare, but glimpses of green vales and rich meadow lands are seen at San Francisco. We were met by gentle and intelligent women, at the Palace hotel who almost crowned 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 for the 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" measuring 93 feet in circumference. 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 found Portland to be a beautiful city of 50,000 inhabitants. No one should leave the city without having a view of the landscape from the hills. Looking across the valley, through which the Columbia and Willamette wind their way are to be seen the Cascade mountains, and above them the five great snow peaks, Mt. Hood, St. Helens, Rainer Adams and Jefferson. While in Portland we

went down the Columbia to the Dalles. The Columbia is one of the worlds great rivers. The scene is one of continued wildness and grandeur for miles and miles, and numbers of times the tourist will think the climax has been 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 3,000 square miles as a national park for the pleasure of her people. I had 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 all 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 Canon. I had read Dr. Wayland Hayts beautiful description of the canon, and thought it must be exaggerated. When I saw it, I was awe stricken. 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 walk along the brink of the canon, 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 granduer, and I say to all who want to feel proud of their country, go West.

MRS. W. T. WELLS.

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It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the excellence of the Alabama Brand of Oat Flakes. MRS. G. R. HARSH. Birmingham, Ala.

I take pleasure in recommending Alabama Brand of Oat Flakes. MRS. J. R. MONTGOMERY. Birmingham, Ala.

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.

MARY JOLLY VANHOOK. Birmingham, Ala.

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We have given the Alabama Brand of Oat Flakes a fair trial. We use no other. MRS. O. P. SPIEGEL. Birmingham, Ala.

I take great pleasure in testifying to the high merits of the Alabama Brand of Rolled Oats, having used them to my entire satisfaction.

MRS. W. A. HOBSON. East Lake, Ala.

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 eyes 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 fuschia, 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 *Segnoia Gigantia*, the mammoth trees of the world. The largest living one measures 125 feet in circumference.

The great gold belt is also in this same range of mountains on whose sides are built the settlements of the numico called "Camp-angels." The Utica, the largest quartz nenio of the state is in this vicinity.

In the coast range mountains is some of the finest fruit land of California; the valleys are small but very fertile. The producer finds a ready market and convenient shipping point for all his land yields in San Francisco, the metropolis of the Pacific.

Across the Bay from San Francisco

on the Oakland side is the State University and forty miles from there is the Stanford University, where some of the best instructors of the United States are employed. The constant aim of California is to improve the school system and suffice it to say that at the present we are second in rank to none except New York and hope in time to be first.

A NATIVE DAUGHTER.

POINTS ON ROSE CULTURE.

This 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 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 heating 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 aphid. 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 ADVANTAGE 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, conduce 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 Irams, the importance of this movement to secure the greatest amount of moral and intellectual good, is beyond estimate.

With such association she becomes emancipated from a circumscribed career: she is enabled to loosen the shackles of monotonous care for a brief space, and like the thirsty at a spring, drink deep of the refreshing fountain, this reservoir of intellectual

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The Household.

EDITED BY
Mrs. C. T. STARBUCK.

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 measure
By the way she keeps her brooms,
Or the peeping
At the "keeping"
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 much alleviated by glycerine and lemon juice diluted with water, taken at night. Hot flaxseed tea with lemon juice sweetened with rock candy is excellent also.—*Presbyterian.*

APPLES.

Among 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; whites 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, cooled until like syrup and strained through thin muslin or cheese 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 of 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 Catsup. One gallon tomatoes sliced; five tablespoonfuls salt; two tablespoonfuls black pepper; one tablespoonful each of cayenne pepper and ground mustard; one teaspoonful each 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 pour 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 teacups 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 thirty minutes. This amount of batter makes one dozen puffs. Filling one cup milk, one 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, chipping of orange and lemon rind. Freeze.

Mrs. G. R. H.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., APRIL 6, 1897.

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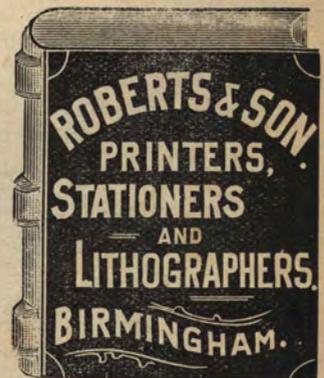
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Place her in communication with others, she is forced to think she has opinions born from thoughts expressed by others: she clothes them with ideas of her own, from the abundant

resources she possessed, 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 appealed 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 allurements of social life, gave the impression to those who knew her, of possessing a trivial mind, social pleasures alone surrounded her, it became the "style" to write: she followed as she ever had when not leading: 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: hundreds of dollars were spent in satisfying her desire for beauty in art. Choice statuary, imported china of rare design, 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 hers for many years.

Thus do we see illustrated in life the necessity of the association of woman with womankind; the necessity 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

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