

REPLIES TO MARK TWAIN.

Dr. Ament Vigorously Defends The Missionaries in China.

A Chicago dispatch to the New York Sun says:

Rev. Dr. William S. Ament, against whom charges of looting were preferred by Mark Twain in connection with the conduct of missionary affairs in China after the siege of Peking, defended himself publicly last night in a lecture at the First Congregational Church.

The charges of Mark Twain were vigorously resented and the actions of the missionaries defended on the ground that the missionaries were acting for good of the Chinese Christians, for whose welfare they were responsible.

After the siege there were about 3,000 native Christians under our protection, said the missionary, and with only a few exceptions they were without food and clothing.

We were notified when the troops came that our native charges must vacate the British Legation, as the room was needed for British soldiers.

We appealed to Minister Conger. He advised us to take the furniture on the premises and sell it at auction.

The Memphis Reunion.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 18.—The following is the official programme of the coming Confederate reunion:

Tuesday, May 28, Morning.—10 o'clock, meeting of delegates in Confederate Hall; calling to order by chairman, George W. Gordon; invocation by the Rev. J. W. Jones, chaplain general.

Wednesday, May 28, Morning.—9:30 a. m., business session of veterans. Afternoon, 2 o'clock, business session resumed.

Thursday, May 30, Morning.—Business session of convention, grand parade of veterans; United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Vertical Writing Thrown Out.

New York Sun.

After having given a thorough trial to the vertical system of penmanship in the public schools the authorities have decided that it is not as well adapted to the needs of the pupils as the slanting system and have decided to teach the pupils a hand that is a compromise between the vertical and the Spencerian.

Several objections have been found to the vertical system in practice," said Assistant Supt. Melony yesterday, "among them being the attitude that the pupil has to assume at the desk.

There is a great difference of opinion among teachers of penmanship as to whether the vertical or the Spencerian school of writing is the better.

They who deal with the devil must pay his price.

Mrs. McKinley at the Point of Death.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—Mrs. McKinley is in the valley of the shadow of death and may pass away at any moment. This morning, shortly before dawn, she sank rapidly, and it was feared she would die before restoratives could be administered.

Sketch of Mrs. McKinley.

Mrs. McKinley was Miss Ida Saxton. She was born about 52 years ago in Canton, O.

The Saxton family is well known in Stark county Ohio. She was married to Major McKinley soon after the civil war.

Two children were the result of the Union, but both died. After the birth of the second child Mrs. McKinley became an invalid, and has been afflicted ever since, having occasional bad spells. She suffered much with epilepsy.

Since being in the white house she has been unable to participate in all the official serial functions she desired.

The President has been beautiful in his tender devotion to her, and this one characteristic in his nature is praised by all men alike of whatever political creed.

That is the secret of the great success and of the great popularity of President McKinley. No man, friend or foe, differing from him or agreeing with him, has ever been brought into personal contact with him without not only loving but also respecting him.

The Political Revolution at the South.

Richmond Times.

There are signs of political revolution in the South and it is always an error to shut one's eyes to the signs of the times. We have no idea that the Republican party is going to capture the South.

Of course some of our very sensitive contemporaries will say that this is Republican talk. Nonsense. We are simply stating facts which are so plain that all except those who are blinded by partisanship can see for themselves.

How John Kept His Pledge.

The Charlotte News says that the May Musical Festival was "a success from every standpoint—musically, financially and socially."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VIII, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 26.

Text of the Lesson, Acts II, 1-11. Memory Verses, 1-4—Golden Text, John xvi, 13—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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1. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." In the feasts of the Lord which He gave to Israel there was a foreshadowing of future events concerning the Lord Jesus both in His humiliation and exaltation.

2. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." They had been since His ascension continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication, and now they were with one accord in one place (I, 14; II, 1).

3. 4. "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak." The promise of the Father, the promised Comforter, came as Jesus had said He would, for every promise of His is as good as fulfilled when made, for He is faithful who promises (I Thess. v, 24).

5. 6. Devout men out of every nation under heaven heard them speak in their own language. The countries from which they came are mentioned in verses 9-11, and in all these different languages the disciples spoke, for all languages are equally easy to the Holy Spirit, and it was the Spirit who took control of them and spoke through them, not because they were specially good or holy, but for His sake whom the Spirit would glorify through them (Ezek. xxxvi, 22; John xvi, 14).

7. 8. "Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans, and how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" In their estimation nothing good or great or wonderful could come from Galilee (John vi, 52), and to hear an uneducated fisherman from Galilee speak the language that was their birth was truly an amazing thing, and they did not know that God, the Creator of all things, the Lord God of Israel, was dealing with them that they might know Him and His Son whom they had crucified.

9-11. "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." Peter's sermon, which follows, also Stephen's sermon in chapter vii, and Paul's in chapter xiii, give a good idea of the wonderful works of God which they declared, but after speaking of His past wondrous works in His dealings with Israel they always led up to the crucifixion of Christ and His resurrection from the dead and the assurance that He was indeed the promised Messiah of Israel, the Son of David, who, having fulfilled the prophecies concerning His humiliation, would in due time fulfill all other prophecies (chapters ii, 20-36; iii, 18-21).

The Spirit so honored this testimony by Peter that 3,000 accepted Jesus as the Christ after his first sermon. As afterward through Stephen they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke, and in them was fulfilled the promise of the Lord Jesus, "I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist."

GENERAL NEWS.

The next meeting place of the Southern Baptist Association will be Asheville, in May, 1902.

The Chinese Government has offered to pay \$11,000,000 a year until the indemnity of \$337,000,000 demanded by the allies is wiped out.

President McKinley's tour is being interfered with by the sickness of Mrs. McKinley. She took food on one finger soon after leaving New Orleans and it gave her fever and much pain which together with the unavoidable excitement threatened a breakdown.

The chairman of the Relief Association's Employment Bureau at Jacksonville, Fla., states that labor is in demand by saw mills, transportation companies and other business enterprises, but that it is difficult to meet the demand because of the large number of able-bodied men who refuse to work.

From Black to White.

A dispatch from Newton says: Dolph Setzer, a well known negro of this town, who some years ago was a coal black man, is now as white as any member of the Caucasian race. About 15 years ago Dolph began to notice small white spots on his body in marked contrast to the general coalblack appearance of his hide.

A Step Forward.

We are glad to see from the new catalogue that Trinity College, N. C., has, in addition to the 50 scholarships open to under-graduates, established a year or two ago, established 12 graduate scholarships ranging in value from \$50 to \$200, which are open to graduates of Trinity or other colleges.

Mrs. Nation Insane, Attorneys Declare.

TOPEKA, Kas., May 17.—The case of Mrs. Carrie Nation, charged with saloon smashing in Topeka last February, went to the jury at noon. Her attorneys set up a plea of insanity as a defense.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 18.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Carrie Nation charged with "joint" smashing, the evening returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence will be pronounced to-morrow.

Ploughed up Gold.

Burlington is all agog over the finding of a pot of gold on the 14th by a negro, Dock Fuller. The negro was plowing in a field near the academy, and plowed up a vessel containing sixty odd \$10 gold pieces.

Bugs Take a Town.

A despatch from Hartford, Me., says that the town is visited by a destructive insect which has entirely destroyed green foliage over a large portion of the town. The bug is about as large as a common striped squash bug.

STATE NEWS.

Judge Council hesitated to hold court at Durham on account of smallpox. It is said there are 22 cases in that town and 82 in the county.

Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams has been recommended by Senator Pritchard as a judge in the Philippine Islands, and will probably be appointed.

Mr. B. N. Duke, of Durham, of the American Tobacco Company, has contracted for a \$20,000 stable, and will besides spend \$50,000 to \$100,000 in a new dwelling house.

A special correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution announces that Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, is a candidate for United States Senator J. C. Pritchard's seat when the latter's term expires, in 1903.

The Rev. R. A. Yoder, D. D., has resigned as president of Lenoir College and Rev. W. P. Cline as professor in that institution. The Rev. W. A. Deaton has been elected to the presidency of that institution.

Raleigh correspondence Charlotte Observer: This year, for once in a lifetime, the leaves were not full grown by May 10th. They did their best, however, in the face of an adverse season. The last tree to put out is the mimosa. The pecan is also a late one.

A report from Marion states that H. L. Murray and son of Williamsport, Pa., have purchased from the Western North Carolina Land Company 25,000 acres of valuable timber lands in the Blue Ridge mountains. The property is already in course of development, with saw mills in operation upon it.

The Agricultural Department is advised that the fruit crop this year in the State will be a great one and that the huckleberry crop will be the largest in many years. The latter crop is a profitable one, as in Sampson county alone it brings in \$100,000 a year.

Lutheran Visitor: It is mutually understood that the centennial anniversary of the North Carolina Synod in May, 1903, will be celebrated in St. John's church, Salisbury, N. C., where the Synod was organized. With this object in view, that congregation is refurbishing its newly remodeled edifice with circular oak pews, velvet carpet, brass altar rails, etc., to cost \$2,000, in order to have its house of worship in beautiful order for the event.

"A Drunken Man Better Than a Fool Any Time."

A drunken man saved Conductor Murray's train, on the Ontario & Western Railroad, while running south, about dusk Sunday night, from probable destruction and loss of life to members of the crew, at a point called Pork Eddy, near Trout Brook, N. Y. Engineer Val Powell was at the throttle, when suddenly he saw a man gesticulating wildly and staggering up the middle of the track toward the engine. He stepped aside just in time to escape being struck, and as the engine passed the engineer heard him shout "Rocks!" at the top of his voice.

They All Recommend Grove's.

Paris Medicines Co., City. Gentlemen—We wish to congratulate you on the increased sales we are having on your Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic. On examining our record of inventory under date of Jan. 1st, we find that we sold during the month of 1901, 500 dozen Groves' Tasteless Chill Tonic. We also find that our sales on your Laxative Bromo-Castoria Tablets have been somewhat increased during the same period. Please mail down order enclosed herewith, and oblige. Yours truly, JOHN T. VINYARD.

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Vanderbilt's Pig Farm at Biltmore, North Carolina.

George Vanderbilt's pig farm at Biltmore has been augmented by the arrival of 32 Berkshire pigs valued at \$8,000. They were purchased by R. Gentry in England from the leading breeders, and represent all the leading prize winners.

No animal was purchased whose pedigree is not full of prize-winners. Some sows weigh 900 pounds.

Mr. Gentry sailed from England April 6, arrived at New York April 18, was quarantined several weeks, arriving last week. He lost two and sold two pigs on the way.

The others are in fine condition and are beauties.

Advertisement for Healthy Mothers and Wine of Cardui. Features an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the benefits of the wine for women's health.

Advertisement for the Southern Railway. Standard Railway of the South. The Direct Line to All Points. TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, CUBA AND PORTO RICO. Includes text about equipment and schedules.