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## The World As We See It.

Write it on the work-house gate,  
Write it on the schoolboy's slate,  
Write it on the copy-book:  
That the young may often look:  
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on the nation's laws,  
Blotting out the license clause;  
Write in on each ballot white,  
So it can be read aright:  
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it on our ships that sail,  
Borne along by storm and gale;  
Write it large in letters plain,  
Over every land and main:  
"Where there's drink there's danger."

Write it over every gate,  
On the church and halls of state,  
In the hearts of every band,  
In the laws of every land:  
"Where there's drink there's danger."

## The Church Trust.

Newell Dwight Hillis, who advises the formation of a Church Trust with a view to eliminating the small church, is effectively answered by the Ram's Horn, which proves that the statistics of two hundred and forty-eight churches, evenly divided into large and small, show that the cost of new converts is almost twice as great in the former as in the latter, ranging from \$262.22 to \$150.14. Appraising souls in this way is somewhat questionable, but in this case it serves to puncture a theory.

## The Failure of Reform.

The strong prejudice against Mayor Low of New York City in the present campaign indicates the failure of the so-called reform movement of which Mayor Low was the exponent at the last municipal election. Usually a reform officer excites opposition and this opposition is often a proof that he has done his duty. But in the present instance the very men who voted for Low because he stood for reform are crying out most loudly against him. The truth of the matter is, all reform movements which are based on political grounds must fail. Reform must be based on moral principles or nothing.

## Uncle Sam Still Perplexed.

When Reshid Pasha the Vali of Beirut at the time the American Consul at that place was fired at, was removed at the demand of the American Government, there was a sense of satisfaction on this side of the water where the impression prevails that Turkey has been receiving too much consideration. But now there is perplexity. The deposed Vali has been promoted to the Valiship of Brusa. This act of the Sultan cannot be construed as anything else than a challenge to the Powers. But the "sick man" will be ready with some placating movement at the proper time and as usual will be the winner. The Sultan is very much like "Joey Bagstock, Joey B."

## The Audubon Society Still in Evidence.

While the arrest of Mr. G. W. Anthony, of Burlington, who is really a kind man, for killing a swarm of chimney sweepers which had greatly annoyed him was precipitate and somewhat strained, yet it must not be taken for granted that

the Audubon Society is a thing of mere sentiment. It stands for something very practical. There is a wholesale slaughter of birds in this State, especially during the hunting season, and our birds must be protected. Mr. Anthony was ignorant of the law now in force and which is a good one if we understand it. And while ignorance of the law is not presumed to excuse, yet the well-established character of Mr. Anthony should be taken into consideration.

## The Inland Water Route.

The Government engineers have recommended to the War Department, it is said, the construction of the Inland Water Way between Norfolk, Va., and Beaufort, N. C. Several routes were surveyed by the engineers. The route recommended is 119 miles long and its cost is estimated at \$10,000,000. The value of this canal would be greater than the public realizes. When we calculate the loss that is entailed by that long tongue of land which thrusts itself out fifteen miles into the ocean and known as Cape Hatteras, and realize that much of this loss could be prevented by the proposed canal, all skepticism as to its utility must vanish. Congressman Small has greatly interested himself in the enterprise and its consummation will be a great compliment to his energy and ability.

## The Governor Settles It.

The lease of the A and N. C. R. R. has received considerable attention in the last few weeks. The first proposition made by those who wished to lease was to pay a rent of two per cent for fifty years on the capital stock of three million dollars. This was rejected at once. The second proposition was to extend the road west of Goldsboro for a distance of fifty or sixty miles, and pay two per cent for fifteen years, three per cent for the next fifteen years, and four per cent for the final twenty years. It is stated that Governor Aycock has said unequivocally that the second proposition would be rejected. We are unacquainted with the merits of the case. But it seems to us that no disposition of State property in the shape of a railroad should be made where there is lack of a proper understanding of the whole proposition on the part of the people who compose the State.

## A Question of Diet.

There is a very interesting discussion in one of our religious papers on the question, "Should swine's flesh be eaten?" We must confess that whatever willingness we may have to uphold the Hebraic and medical doctrine is checked by a certain weakness of the flesh.

Dr. Adam Clark, when requested to ask a blessing at a table on which there was a roast pig, said, "Lord, bless these potatoes, and this bread and butter, and if thou canst bless under the Gospel what thou didst curse under the law, bless this roast pig."

We saw a few mornings ago about 9 o'clock a gentleman who, on account of having to work during the night, was in the habit of sleeping until near noon. We inquired why he was up so early. He said that while turning over for another nap, he caught the odor of fresh ham for breakfast. He had to get up. We are inclined to sympathize more with the latter gentleman than with the learned Doctor Clarke.

## WORK.

Whate'er thou doest do it with thy might.  
Seek first the motive for thy lifelong task,  
And if 'tis true, then work nor favor ask;  
No one shall tell thee thou art wrong or right:  
Work, work as thou hast strength, as thou hast light.  
Care not to in approval's favor bask,  
Work with thy might—hide not behind a mask—  
But work as with eternity in sight.  
If thy high purposes and truth be dear,  
Work though mistakes seem blocking up thy way;  
Thou canst not measure effort from beneath;  
Prepare, be true, then work, thou needst not fear:  
Work though the world seem holding thee at bay;  
Still work, and thou shalt wear the victor's wreath.  
—Frank Moore Jeffery, in New York Christian Advocate.

Rev. D. C. Geddie, Jones Circuit, writes: "We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Shady Grove. Visible results: nine accessions to the church, and the church blessed and financial outlook hopeful. Rev. E. H. Davis helped me five days. And no one ever assisted me who was more effective. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan has decided not to undertake a special evangelistic campaign at the World's Fair in St. Louis. It always seemed to us that the poorest place at which to hold a religious meeting is at a Fair or Exposition. The very people who need the meeting most will not attend on the plea that they have come to a Fair and that they can attend "meetin" at home.

That was a sensible father, alert to his moral responsibilities as a parent, who declared to his son, in the course of a discussion as to church-going, "As long as my boy sits at my table he must sit in my pew." That sort of training raises up generation after generation, firm and loyal supporters of the church. There is no reason why children should share in the privileges without sharing also in the duties of the home. And the home duties are not confined to the area of the parlor or the dining-room, but should properly be recognized as having an outward sweep in the direction of the church and of society in general.

As one looks round upon the community to-day, how clear the problem of hundreds of unhappy lives appears! Do we not all know men for whom it is just as clear as daylight that that is what they need, the sacrifice of themselves for other people? Rich men who with all their wealth are weary and wretched; learned men whose learning only makes them querulous and jealous; believing men whose faith is always souring into bigotry and envy.—every man knows what these men need; just something which shall make them let themselves go out into the open ocean of a complete self-sacrifice. They are rubbing and fretting and chafing themselves against the wooden wharves of their own interests, to which they are tied.—Phillips Brooks.

Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires and a touch that never hurts.—Charles Dickens.