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"Free from the dotting reasons that fetter our free-born soul."

NOTES AND NEWS.

The silver quarter was first issued in 1792. Messrs Conkling and Gordon were not personally made up.

Mr Redhead is a member of the Mississippi Legislature.

Dan's friends now speak of Clay, Webster, Voorhees and the rest of 'em.—Chicago Times, Ind.

The latest discovery of Spiritualism is that Horace Greeley's spirit doesn't know how to spell correctly.

Wm H Vanderbilt has killed his man—that is, the man he recklessly ran over with a team of fast horses is dead.

Some vile traducer says that for a month before marriage and a month after death men regard their wives as angels.

A St Louis man has been strangled by an indignant community because he shot at a lightning rod man and missed him.

Rev H J Ross says that the Spanish peasant is truthful, kind, brotherly, chivalrous, devoted, noble, religious, lazy and dirty.

Whitlaw Reid has been unanimously re-elected editor of the Tribune by the stockholders for another term of five years, ending January, 1883.

General Joseph E Johnston is mentioned as a probable candidate for member of Congress in place of Mr Walker, of Virginia, who has signified his intention of retiring at the close of his present term.

This is the time when the young minister of personal attractions goes privately to the village store and offers to trade ten pair of worked slippers and a half bushel of pens for a plug hat and a pair of boots.

The King of Italy died just five years to a day after the death of Louis Napoleon. The Buffalo Express remarks with ill-suppressed levity that "the death of Victor Emanuel takes from the world, among other things the most ferocious and generally remarkable moustache it ever had."

Col Robert G Ingersoll is challenged by Rev William B Aftleck, a Wesleyan minister, of England, now at Buffalo, N. Y., to an intellectual combat in support of his religious vagaries. He is said to be the equal of Col Ingersoll in rhetoric and repartee, and if the latter accepts the challenge thus offered a lively discussion no doubt will ensue.

Some time ago there was a female lecturer who went about seeking who she might convince that eating potatoes produced a thirst for alcoholic drinks. Now comes an English scientist who declares that a vegetable diet is a remarkable help to the cure of drunkenness. There is always a pleasing variety of information to be had in this progressive world.—Courier-Journal.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, has introduced a bill for the repeal of that section of the national bank act which prevents the establishment of State banks of issue by imposing a tax of ten per cent. upon their circulation.

Elsewhere in our columns this morning we present a thoughtful and scholarly article on the subject of man's future state. It is from the pen of one of the clergymen of the city from which class of gentlemen we should be glad to hear further upon this important theme.

The plain-spoken Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier says of Mr Polk, of Missouri, the Democratic door-keeper of the House of Representatives, that he is a humbug and will soon go the way of the Thomas who thought himself "a bigger man than old Grant." We are pained to see so unfavorable an opinion expressed of a descendant of "one of the signers."

The Columbia Register gives currency to a rumor that Hon Honest John Patterson has placed his resignation at the disposal of his Democratic friends and is prepared to doff his robes of office provided he can secure immunity from punishment through Democratic influence and be assured that the succession will be conferred according to his ideas. This yet found its origin in Washington and some gentleman was probably paid all of a penny a line for it.

THE LEE STATUE.—Nearly all of the Democratic Senators and Representatives in Congress from the Southern States have united in an address to the people of the Southern States, in which, referring to the fact that the State of Virginia has initiated the undertaking of erecting an equestrian statue of Gen Robert E Lee, on the capital grounds, Richmond, Va., they give the scheme their cordial indorsement, and appeal to their constituents to give an earnest and liberal support to the Lee Monument Association, the executive board of which is composed of the Governor and judges of public accounts and treasurer of the State of Virginia. This address is signed by both the Senators and all the members from North Carolina with the single exception of our immediate representative, Col Steele, who writes the Raleigh Observer saying that his name would have appeared among the signers but for the fact that at the time the address was issued he was at home sick.

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY.

Periodically the following poetical prophecies start the rounds of the newspapers. They have now begun their semi-annual tour, and in order to be on equal grounds with other enterprising journals we reproduce them here, though they appeared in the OBSERVER not more than six months ago—before, however, the prophecy contained in the last two lines had been fulfilled. The lines are said to have been published before the Crimean war of 1853, some authorities dating them as far back as 1453. They are as follows:

"In twice two hundred years the Bear The Crescent shall assail; But if the Cock and Bull unite, The Bear shall not prevail. But look in twice ten years again— Let Islam know and fear— The Cross shall wax, the Crescent wane, Grow pale and disappear."

The Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist summarizes the events above foretold and the manner of their fulfillment by saying that "twice two hundred years," from 1453, brings us to 1853. This was the beginning of the "Crimean war." France (the "cock") and England (the "bull") declared war in alliance with Turkey (Islam) against Russia (the "bear"), in March, 1854. In 1856 peace was concluded by Congress at Paris. "The bear did not prevail." "Twice ten years" from this period brings us to 1876, during which year disturbances commenced in Herzegovina, Bosnia and Bulgaria, Montenegro and Serbia, which finally involved the Porte in a war with the last two named provinces, and although attempts at compromise and mediation were made by the Congress which assembled at Constantinople in the fall of 1876, Serbia alone yielded to Turkish authority. Montenegro refused all overtures looking to submission, and Russia, having completed preparations for the war, made haste to take such action as has already given assurance that "The Cross shall wax, the Crescent wane, Grow pale and disappear."

There seems to be little doubt that Mother Shipton's famous prophecy was published in 1453 and revised in 1641. It runs thus:

"Carriages without horses shall go, And accidents fill the world with woe, Around the world thoughts shall fly, In the twinkling of an eye. Water shall yet more wonders do, Nor strong, yet shall be true. The world upside down shall be, And gold be found at root of tree. Through hills men ride, And no horse or ass shall be at his side. Under water men shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk. In the air men shall be seen In white, in black, in green. From in the water shall gold Gold shall be found and grown In a land that's not yet known. Fire and water shall wondrous do, Beaded at last shall be a Jew. The world to an end shall come In eighteen hundred and eighty-one."

Our Augusta contemporary again remarks that here we have the distinct announcement of the discovery of steam, telegraph, the Keeley motor, the Copernican system, the Mount Cenit and other tunnels, California gold mines, diving apparatus, balloons, iron shipbuilding, the marvels of modern chemistry and natural sciences, and the political enfranchisement of the Jewish people in England, culminating in the predominant power of "Disraeli." Mother Shipton has surely brought matters to a fine point. She may have failed in locating the day of Judgment in 1881, but who will feel easy until that fateful year shall have come and gone without a grand finale?

WHAT CLERGYMAN THINKS ABOUT IT.—Gen. Thos L Clingman, of this State, who has been in Washington nearly all winter, has recently been interviewed, and among other things said: "The attempt to put Mr Tilden, or any other man, forward at this time is premature, and should be discontinued. Such an attempt will only damage Mr Tilden's chances. Two years hence will do to name a candidate. There is plenty of time. I was in the St. Louis Convention, and my first choice was Hancock for President, but all of us from the South were a unit on one thing. We wanted the strongest man. We acquiesced in the choice of Mr Tilden, as he seemed to be very strong in the North. He was elected, and it is pretty much his own fault that he was not inaugurated."

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—Mr Jesse M Turpin, who died near this city recently, was a member of the Shepard Lodge, No. 721, Knights of Honor, which organization he joined August 1, 1877. He died December 30, 1877. During his connection with the lodge he paid to the fund the sum of four dollars. Yesterday an order was received from the Supreme Lodge, at Wooster, Ohio, for \$2,000, to be paid to Mr Turpin's heirs. This sum is paid to the heirs of every deceased member of the order within a few weeks after his death. The present order is numbered 187, showing that there have been 187 deaths in the order since the date of its organization in June, 1873. The total amount paid out has been \$74,000. So far the cost of insurance to each member has not been more than \$11 per annum, and during the last four months 61 cents have been paid to each member for each death. There are 500 members of the order in Augusta, both in a flourishing condition.—Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist.

Life and Punishment After Death.

Editor Charlotte Observer:—Early in the sixteenth century arose a sect called Psycho-pantachists, or theosophists, which taught that the soul, when separated from the body, subsided into entire unconsciousness. This opinion seems to have come from the East through Averroes, and had before been condemned in the councils of Lyons, Forth and Trent. At the time of the Reformation it was adopted by Socinus and his followers. The Kato-Baptists, as Calvin called them, held the same view. One of his earliest controversial labors was a reply to these opinions. In more modern times Blackburne, Bishop Law, Archbishop Whately and others maintained the same view. Quite recently in this country Rev Mr Miller has been conducting his church for a rebirth of these opinions. Heard has valuable suggestions on this subject. Most important for us is this truth, that the Scriptures do not as some that man ceases to exist the instant that his brain ceases to act. Take the parable of Dives and Lazarus; with all reverence our Lord's parable is worse than unmeaning if the state of the dead until the resurrection morning is that of entire unconsciousness. So also with his promise to the dying thief. The Apostle Paul declares that though he would rather be of those who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, that so mortality might be swallowed up of life, yet he would accept the disembodied state as the greater of two gains. He would willingly choose exile from his home in the flesh, that in the spirit he might enjoy the full communion of his exalted loved ones.

If the state of death were a state of entire unconsciousness, the apostle could never have chosen it as the better of two alternatives. Where was the gain to die, if he lost one kind of consciousness and did not presently enter into a higher?

And in Revelation xiv it seems decisive that while there is no bodily it is the highest spirit. We admit that in a certain light Rev Miller's theory is plausible; nay, more, that on the grounds of common reason he may have the best of the argument. Kant's Kriitik on the usual philosophic proofs of the soul's immortality, and which seems to be almost unknown in this country, is unanswerable. The argument of Plato's Phædo is thoroughly familiar; the soul is a unit uncompletable of entire unconsciousness. It is indestructible. It was elaborated by Descartes. Kant showed that while the soul could not cease to exist by any diminution of its extensive quality, that the argument, from its simplicity, did not exclude its extinction through the gradual weakening of its forces and the successive relaxation of its intensive quantity. Memory has always a degree of continuity. It is not finally decreased; so of self-consciousness and so of all other faculties. Assuming the rational soul to be indivisible, it is a long step to asserting it to be indestructible. Rev Miller's arguments miss their object because he has not given due weight to the moral consciousness of man as the function of an organ differing from the rational soul. In Dellysch's Psychology the spiritual triad of spirit, soul, and body is beautifully unfolded. Spirit, the organ of God-consciousness; rational soul, the organ of self-consciousness; and body, the organ of sense-consciousness. It is only so far as man is a spirit that we can see any grounds that he is made to exist forever. Once he loses this, the conditions of immortality are gone—God's work is in vain. It is the animal not even the intellectual part of man's nature, but in the moral or spiritual. The instant Adam sinned, spirit died. The provision made in Christ prevented the penalty being exactly enforced. John v plainly teaches that all life beyond the grave is from Christ as the Son of Man. He is the quickening spirit as the first Adam was the living soul.

The reporter of the whole human race is bound up with the person and work of Christ. It is not enough to say that hell was prepared for the sin of Adam, and that Christ's work opened heaven to all believers. It is more consonant with scripture to say that both heaven and hell, the life eternal of the one and the second death of the other, are the result of the meritorious work of Christ. It is the question of the final state of mankind turns absolutely on the point whether they are in Christ or not. As to those whose spirits are renewed in this life by the Divine Spirit, it is declared that "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

It would be a relief to believe that the dormant spirit could never be aroused in the "next life." But the scripture is plain that the spirit who die going despite to the spirit of grace, even as their bodies shall be raised in the last day by the power of Christ's work, so in death their dormant spirit will be quickened to meet its just penalty. Thus in death though man becomes disembodied, he does not pass away into entire insensibility. On the contrary, though deprived of sense-consciousness in this season, he remains in himself and consciousness, and God-consciousness; the one exercise of pure reason, and the other of spirit, are exercised in a higher degree than ever, unbroken by the calls of animal life.

while the scriptural expressions, everlasting punishment and everlasting life, rest on a philosophical basis, so that an arguable philosophical basis on which holds good for the other. It is an axiom that neither Beecher, Porter nor Farrar would assent, that the unhappiness of the wicked will last as long as their wickedness lasts. We will not find in the next world any exception to the universal and necessary rule that sin and misery go together. If, then, the misery of the wicked be not eternal, it must be terminated, either by their reformation or annihilation. Only the first supposition confronts us here. Is a reformation possible? The burden of plain scripture truth is against it. What does common sense teach? Where is punishment ever removed a criminal when love failed? Let the records of penitentiary and prison life answer. So the penal suffering of the future life, instead of reforming only the hardened criminal, stands his heart against the Being that metes out justice. Dives in hades repented not, but only sought alleviation for his torments.

Abraham's concluding response embodies the denial of reformation. If men in this life under the gracious influence of the Spirit hear not Moses and the Prophets, are not saved by the ordained means of grace, one from the other, they shall stand in advance. Much less when under the tortures of deserved punishment could any agency from the Kingdom of Saints effect a reformation among the denizens of hell. Their condition is fixed.

Not mine, writes Dr Farrar, to close against him with jarring sound the doors of everlasting punishment. Shallow evasion! Not his, nor mine, but God's, and mine to say amen to His just sentence of condemnation.

There is a fact in every day of this life to prove every verse in the Bible. The wayfarer to eternity stumbles over it daily. Take this incident recited the other day by Proprietor Jenkins of the American Hotel at Danville. Just after the first battle of Manassas, as the federal soldiers rushed panic-stricken through the streets of Washington, one of them fell panting and exhausted in front of the residence of the Rev. Dr. Norwood, an Episcopal minister, a righteous Southern man, and brother to the Hon. John Norwood, of Hillsboro, N. C. Miss Rebecca, his daughter, saw the man fall and at once started to him with a cup of cold water, but suddenly recalled as she thought of the bitter enemy he was to her and her people, and turning back she sat down the water. Then as it were the image of her sainted mother seemed to stare her with the words, "even a cup of cold water shall not lose its reward," and again she took it and went to the soldier lifted his head and gave him drink. Several days after—Dr. Norwood already being within our lines—Miss Rebecca started out of Washington, having charge of her father's little child, and as she got to the long bridge, a sentinel stood statue-like at each end and sternly forbade her crossing. She had turned back, wretched and despairing, when a soldier, horse-back, and wearing a sword, dashed to the bridge and ordered the sentinel to hand aside or he would cut with his hand. He next ordered a carriage and placing the good lady and the children in it he rode escort behind till in sight of our lines and then bidding Miss Norwood adieu he said, "Madam, I am the man to whom you gave that glass of water."—Reidsville Times.

DIDN'T SEE HIM HOME.—The disappearance of the colored folks in Goldboro on last Friday, because Stephen Darden's (the colored boy) sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, was deep, intense and outspoken. An aged negro walked twenty miles, from the lower edge of Greene county, to see him hung. "Well, Auntie," said a bystander, "it was a hell of a long haul, the hanging 'wot' come off." "Does yer tell me, honey, day isn't gwine to hang nobody? An I walked all dis distance in wain? It's too bad."

FEDERAL COURT.—The case of Anthony Swayze and others vs. the North Carolina Railroad Company was called on at the Federal Court yesterday Judge Bond presiding. The question whether at the report of the commissioner, B. Batchelor, allowing the original counsel in the case an additional fee of \$40,000 should be confirmed, came up, and it was contended before his honor that the report of the commissioner be approved by the following counsel: Judge Brewster, of Philadelphia, Merrimon, Fuller & Ashe and R. C. Maddox. The following counsel appeared in opposition to the commissioner's report: Judge Marshall, of Virginia, D. M. Carter, & M. Busbee and Geo M Smodes. After elaborate argument pro and con, the court took the papers, reserving its decision.—Raleigh Observer, 25th.

Among the antecedents of disease are in excess in the circulation of the blood, an unnaturally attenuated condition of the physique, indicating that the life current is deficient in nutritive properties, a wan, haggard look, inability to digest the food, loss of appetite, sleep, strength, and sensation of unnatural languor. All these may be regarded as among the indicia of approaching disease, which will eventually attack the system and overwhelm it, if it is not built up and fortified in advance. Invigorator, then, without loss of time, making choice of the greatest vitalizing agent extant, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, an elixir which has given health and strength to myriads of the sick and debilitated, which is avouched by physicians and analysts to be pure as well as effective, which is immensely popular in this country, and extensively used abroad and which has been for years past one of the leading medicinal staples of America.

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