

Who would not turn and seek  
About the mountain lodges green.  
The shepherd talks with God apart,  
And as he talks, adores.  
—Kable: Christian Year.

After an absence of four centuries  
the Theophany blazes out once more.  
Its last appearance was the "lamp  
of fire" which swung low between the  
fragments of Abraham's dismembered  
sacrifice. The ineffable voice heard  
last by Jacob at Beersheba, as he  
journeyed to meet his long-lost son,  
now breaks its protracted silence.  
Light and voice falls upon eye and ear  
of a solitary shepherd far down the  
Sinaitic Peninsula.

Were we looking for a deliverer for  
captive Israel, we would hardly have  
traversed the wilderness of Shur, Pa-  
ran, and Eltham to find him. We would  
not be likely to have gone to the  
tribe of Midian, so spiritless and desti-  
tute of resources. We would not  
have selected a meek and peaceful  
shepherd.

But God seeth not as man seeth.  
A better emancipator could not be  
conceived of than the very herdsman  
knelling before that green bush trans-  
muted into a flaming shrine. Moses  
knew Egypt, not the mere "lay of the  
land," but Egypt's language, litera-  
ture, law, custom. He knew the points  
most likely to be vulnerable in the  
character or administration of any  
Pharaoh. He knew his fellow coun-  
trymen, their strength and weakness.  
He was familiar with every inch of  
the Sinaitic Peninsula, from point to  
point of which he was to lead the  
emancipated nation for forty years.

But this knowledge after all, was  
merely incidental. Moses' real qualifi-  
cation was his religiousness. Is it  
too much to believe that it was this  
which led him to the sanctuary of the  
desert in very hope that there Jeho-  
vah would break the silence and com-  
municate His will? The prepared  
message came then as ever to the pre-  
pared mind.

Never was more striking illustration  
of the Divine affirmation, "My strength  
is made perfect in weakness." Con-  
sciousness of his personal inadequacy  
and his personal inadequacy  
to the tremendous task of freeing a  
wholly dispirited people from the most  
invincible despotism drove him to im-  
plicit obedience and trust in Jehovah.  
Forty years of exile, too, had inured  
him to trying vicissitudes, and made  
him "much enduring above all men."  
He was a graduate thoroughly equip-  
ped from God's school of adversity.  
His wonder-working rod was his diplo-  
ma.

As a few months later, in this very  
mount, his face toward Canaan, and  
three million liberated serfs at his  
back, he prayed, "If Thy presence go  
not with me, carry us not up hence,"  
so now, with his face toward Egypt  
and his mighty task clearly outlined  
before him, he invoked the Divine  
presence, and there came the assuring  
response, "Certainly I will be with  
thee." Enough! Pharaoh and all his  
serried legions are as the exceeding  
fine dust of the balance.

**ANALYSIS AND KEY.**

1. Reappearance of the Sacred  
Flame. When, where, to whom?  
Under what circumstances? When  
and by whom last heard?  
2. The Divine Voice heard again.  
When, where, by whom? When and  
by whom last heard?  
3. Moses an unlikely deliverer. In  
the wilderness. A shepherd. From  
the tribe of Midian.  
4. A better emancipator inconceiv-  
able. Knew Egypt: language, litera-  
ture, law, custom. Knew Israel:  
strength and weakness. Knew wilder-  
ness; in which he was to lead Israel  
forty years.  
5. Consciousness of personal inade-  
quacy drives to obedience and trust  
in God.

**THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.**

A long leap that from the papyrus  
ark to the shaggy acacia—the one  
floating, with its precious burden, on  
the Nile; the other burning with the  
ophanic splendor on the brow of Sinai.  
The span is eighty years in time, and  
two hundred odd miles in space. That  
arch covers the double tutelage of the  
boy, Moses, the training of the court  
in all Egypt's wisdom, and of his  
mother in the pious annals of the pa-  
triarchs. It covers the sublime self-  
oblivion which rejected the treasures  
of Egypt for the affliction of God's  
people; the premature effort at emanci-  
pation; the flight into Midian, whose  
awful solitudes were educative in  
themselves.

Elijah and Paul undoubtedly went  
for training to this self-same school  
of nature, where granite cliffs and silent  
canyon are teachers. The Tishbite  
prophet fled from the scant shelter of  
his juniper-tree to Horeb, the Mount  
of God, and the Christian Apostle says,  
"I went to Arabia," and speaks of Mt.  
Sinai as only an eye-witness could.

The thorn-bush well symbolizes the  
state of captive Israel. It burned, but  
was not consumed—Israel was like as-  
bestos. Egypt's furnace, heated seven  
times hotter than ours, failed to con-  
sume Abraham's seed. The tyrant's  
wrath praised God, and its excess He  
restrained.

The humble symbol of Moses' exile  
life, his shepherd's crook blessed of  
Jehovah, becomes more potent than  
any massy and jeweled crozier, so  
"The cross bold, type of shame to hom-  
age turned,  
Shall tower as sovereign emblem over  
all."

Gather the elders: That is philoso-  
phic. Masses and classes are reached  
and influenced most readily through  
their natural leaders. It is a hint in  
Christian strategy to-day.

The onus of the case was thrown  
where it belonged by the modest re-  
quest of three days' furlough to wor-  
ship. The refusal displayed the  
tyranny and impety of the despot.  
That was all that was intended. It  
was not an insincere expedient to ef-  
fect an escape. The Lord knew the  
request would not be granted. "I am  
sure that the king of Egypt will not  
let you go."

**WAS WASTING AWAY.**

"I was being troubled with kidney dis-  
ease for the last six weeks," writes Fred  
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**TRAINED NURSES GRADUATE.**  
State Auditor Dixon Delivers an Elo-  
quent Address—Baseball Players  
Arriving Daily—Other News Notes.  
Special to The Observer.

Washington, N. C., May 30.—The  
first commencement of the Training  
School for Nurses at the Washington  
Hospital in this city was held in the  
auditorium of the Elks Club on Main  
street last evening at 8:30 o'clock.  
The graduating class is composed of  
the following members: Misses Fran-  
ces, Gentry Elizabeth Slaughter, Mary  
Kelly and Maria Hardy. A very at-  
tractive programme has been arranged  
for the graduating exercises. The of-  
ficers of this hospital are Drs. T. Tay-  
lor, Joshua Tayloe and E. M. Brown—  
three of the most prominent doctors  
in the city. Miss Marjorie M. Tayloe,  
is superintendent of the Hospital and  
Training School for Nurses.

Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, ar-  
rived on the noon train Wednesday  
and was the guest of Capt. Geo. J.  
Studder. At the auditorium of the  
public school building Dr. Dixon ad-  
dressed the graduating class. A very  
large crowd assembled in the audi-  
torium to hear his address, which was  
a master-piece and showed the speak-  
er to be a man of power and elo-  
quence.

The baseball players for the Wash-  
ington club are coming in daily and  
by June 1st Fleming Park will be one  
of the liveliest places in the city. For  
the first ten days the players will go  
through a regular training course,  
consisting of practice games in order  
to be in trim for the opening of the  
season June 10th, when the first game  
of the season will be played. Just  
as soon as the players arrive a roster  
of the club will be published, a sched-  
ule arranged and an umpire selected.  
Enthusiasm is running high and all  
our local sports and fans are very  
eager for the season to open.

Miss Emma Carter, one of the  
faculty of the Washington public  
schools, returned to her home in Ab-  
erdeen Wednesday morning.

Mrs. A. D. MacLean and little son,  
Angus, are in Raleigh, where she went  
to consult a specialist for treating her  
son's eyes.

The Washington Light Infantry will  
go to Beaufort June 8th to attend the  
railroad bridge celebration.

There will be another grand Mas-  
querade skate at the rink of the Wash-  
ington Amusement Company next  
Wednesday evening. Our young peo-  
ple expect to turn out en masse and  
a general good time is expected by  
all.

**OFF FOR RICHMOND.**

Mose Webb, Wife-Beater, Captured—  
Conductor Candler Taken Suddenly  
Ill. Also a Flagman—High School  
Commencement—The Thomas Phar-  
macy Building Sold.  
Special to The Observer.

Durham, May 30.—The veterans  
left yesterday for Richmond, to attend  
the annual reunion. There were 150  
in the Durham party, among these be-  
ing General Julian S. Carr, commander  
of the North Carolina division of  
veterans. Most of them went in their  
Confederate uniforms. They went by  
way of the Seaboard road.

Some months ago a negro by the  
name of Mose Webb used a piece of  
iron pipe on the head of his wife and  
came very near killing her, Webb then  
skipped out at a sawmill plant in the  
northern part of the county by Officer  
Tilley. He was brought here, given a  
hearing and committed to jail to await  
the action of the grand jury.

Conductor Candler, of the Norfolk  
& Western Railroad, was taken very  
ill last evening and had to be taken to  
his home in Lynchburg for a rest and  
treatment and the Norfolk & Western  
train back in here yesterday brought  
in a very sick flagman, who is suffer-  
ing from stomach troubles and was in  
an extremely serious condition for  
hours after reaching here. He had to  
be taken to the hospital on a stretcher.

The city high school commence-  
ment began Thursday evening with  
a meeting of the alumni associa-  
tion, at which time Mr. W. F. Carr  
delivered the annual address. This  
evening the annual sermon will be  
preached by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor  
of Trinity Methodist church. The  
graduating exercises will take place  
on Friday evening, the address being  
delivered by Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Ra-  
leigh. There are between 40 and 50  
in the graduating class.

The Thomas Pharmacy building, a  
very valuable business house on the  
corner of Main and Mangum streets,  
was sold at public auction Thursday  
at noon. This property belongs to the  
estate of the late W. Mangum and was  
sold for division. The first sale re-  
sulted in the property being bid in for  
\$10,000.

**BOTH WERE COLLECTORS.**  
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A local newspaper artist got a letter  
one day from a man over in Indiana who  
said he was making a collection of  
sketches. "I have drawings from well  
known newspaper artists in nearly every  
State in the Union," the Indiana man  
wrote, "but I have none from Ohio. I  
have seen some of your work and I  
think it is good. If you will send me  
some little sketch for my collection I  
shall be glad to frame it."

The artist noticed from the letterhead  
that the Indiana man was connected with  
a bank in one of the small towns over  
in the State of literature. That gave him  
a hunch, and he wrote back as follows:  
"I am making a collection of 100  
tills. I haven't secured specimens from  
every State in the Union, but I have sev-  
eral tens and a few twenties, and I am  
particularly anxious to have a ten dollar  
bill from Indiana. I notice that you are  
employed in a place where ten dollar bills  
are kept, and if you send me one for my  
collection I shall be glad to have it  
framed."

**SUMMER MILLINERY OPENING.**  
J. B. Ivey & Co. Have Second Open-  
ing and Display of Summer Hats,  
White Goods and Other Things.

A very large crowd visited the  
store of J. B. Ivey & Co. yesterday,  
the occasion being a second spring  
or summer millinery opening and dis-  
play of summer styles in white goods,  
fancy lawns, muslins, shirt waists  
and the usual warm weather fixings  
which go to supply the fashionable  
woman's wardrobe.

The store was tastefully decorated  
for the occasion and presented a most  
cool, dainty and inviting appearance  
with its big display of pretty goods.

The millinery department was es-  
pecially attractive with its fine exhibi-  
tion of all the latest styles in hats  
for summer wear.

A large number of ladies were in  
this room all day, admiring the new  
and beautiful effects and studying the  
changes and improvements in the  
styles over the early spring season.

There were some very pretty and  
dainty hats in the collection, which  
showed the skill displayed by the  
milliners.

Another noticeable feature was the  
great quality and variety of the  
styles shown. There were new and  
tasty hats suitable for all occasions,  
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pretty tourist or walking hats, also  
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