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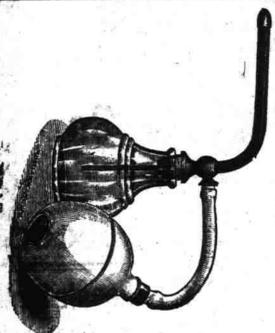
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1897.

Since the president had so little to say in his message, he might have spoken less. If he is ever elected to office again it will be by the Typographical union.

An esteemed contemporary's remark that something that worries only itself "cannot be allowed to pass unquestioned," reminds us of a time when the same troubled authority declared that "silence will not do in this case," and was afterwards effectually silenced. When Our Hospital is ready to receive patients we shall allow no personal recollections to debar the needy from sharing its benefits.

It will be of considerable general interest to Asheville people and our visitors that the learned and eloquent Bishop Dudley of Kentucky, is to deliver his lecture, "The Historic Christ," in this city. The delivery of this lecture at the Parliament of Religions at the World's Fair was one of the most noteworthy events of that important gathering and the opportunity of hearing it in Asheville is a subject of much congratulation.

THE LESSON OF THE YELLOW FEVER EPIDEMIC.

The chief surgeon of the Southern railway, Dr. C. M. Drake, is one of the writers in a symposium in the current number of the North American Review on the subject of the "National Government and Public Health." Dr. Drake says:

"The recent epidemic of yellow fever in the south has fully demonstrated that state and municipal health authorities are inadequate to prevent the entrance and spread of infectious and contagious diseases, and has emphasized the necessity of national action.

"The numerous conflicting, and, in many instances, ridiculous quarantine regulations, formulated by state, county and municipal authorities, and enforced oftentimes by excited and inexperienced men, aided in some cases by the shotgun, during the epidemic of yellow fever which has just prevailed in the gulf states; the utter disregard of commercial and railway interests, and in the end the complete failure to arrest the passage of the contagion from town to town and from state to state, form a telling object lesson, which must convince the staunchest supporter of state autonomy that the federal government should take entire and complete control of quarantine in these several diseases."

In this connection it is interesting to note that at the last annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, at Nashville, resolutions were introduced and passed, "placing that association on record as favoring national laws giving entire control of quarantine to the Marine Hospital Service in outbreaks in this country of cholera, yellow fever, smallpox and the plague; and a concurrent resolution was

recently introduced in the Georgia legislature memorializing congress to enact additional legislation enlarging the powers of the Marine Hospital Service."

In the same article quoted above Dr. Gardner remarks that "Millions of dollars are expended annually by the United States to maintain an army and navy to protect the lives and property of the people against possible enemies in the form of armies and navies of other nations; while at all times, right in our midst, we have actual enemies in the form of various kinds of disease germs which not only destroy life and health, but cause untold financial loss, and on which war could be waged by the government with intelligence and effectiveness."

He calls attention to the fact that in a recent epidemic of typhoid fever at Elmira, N. Y., the source of infection was discovered to be over the line in Pennsylvania, and owing to the difference in the states' laws valuable time and hundreds of lives were lost before the infection could be removed. He states that while cholera, yellow fever, typhoid fever and plague are the only diseases quarantined stations pretend to keep out of the United States, the loss of life from tuberculosis, typhoid fever and diphtheria is 157,078 persons annually, and he adds: "Be it remembered that we are as familiar with the cause and means of preventing these three scourges of our people as we are with those of the diseases against which we quarantine."

BARBARISM AND CULTURE.—It is narrated (by a graduate of Princeton) that when the Harvard football team went to West Point, and the struggle with the cadet eleven reached a point of extreme intensity, the West Point coaches ran back and forth on the side lines bellowing: "Whoop it up, West Point!" "Tear 'em up, West Point!" "Now, boys, go through 'em!" "Gor for 'em, West Point!" and the like. But the Harvard coaches, alert but self-respectful, cried in Boston accents: "Fiercely, Harvard! Fiercely!"—Harper's Weekly.

CHAT FROM ABROAD.

Caedmon, the first English poet, is to have a statue at Whitby, where he lived and died.

Lourdes saw its first exclusively British pilgrimage this year. There were 60 persons in it, including a bishop and eight priests.

Abyssinia's social code provides for a fair chance to young married couples by forbidding the bride's mother to visit her daughter till a year after the marriage.

What is called malaria, after raging for four years in central Asia, where it was attended by great mortality, has reached the Caucasus, and is spreading. The military hospitals report 400 cases a day each.

A John o' Groat's to Land's End record for motor carriages has been established in England, the first carriage to make the journey having covered the distance in 93 hours. The time can easily be beaten when a record for speed is sought.

At Luchow, in Germany, 129 fathers have been fined one mark apiece for allowing their children under ten years of age to dance at the harvest festival of a village near by. The village pastor objected to the dancing and reported the case to the police. It was discovered, however, that his children had danced, too, and he was fined with the rest.

Verdi, who objects to hand organs, has an effective though expensive way of suppressing them at Moncalieri, where he spends his summers. He hires all the organs in the district for the season and stores them in his house! A reporter of Le Figaro counted 95 instruments, and the composer told him that it cost him \$300 a season to suppress them.

Gabriele d'Annunzio cannot become a member of the Italian parliament, as his political opponents have shown that his record includes a sentence to six months' imprisonment for adultery, which makes him not only ineligible, but deprives him of the right to vote. In commenting on this Le Figaro asserts that such a law in France would be equivalent to suppressing universal suffrage.

THOSE WHO WRITE.

Mr. Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel) is preparing a second volume of "American Lands and Letters," which will appear early next year.

Thomas Whittaker announces the publication of a new story by Charlotte M. Yonge entitled "Founded on Paper, or Uphill and Downhill Between Two Jubilees."

It may interest the readers of E. W. Hornung's Australian stories to know that he is a brother-in-law of Dr. A. Conan Doyle.

A monument is to be erected in Paris, in the Place Malesherbes, to Dumas the younger. In the same square there is a statue to the elder Dumas, and the name of the little park will be changed to "Dumas."

Sir Lewis Morris, the English poet, who is to make a lecturing tour in this country, commencing early this month, began his career as a lawyer, and now leads the life of a country gentleman, possessing ample private means. His last volume, only just out, is called "The Epic of Hades."

The publishers of the complete edition of Miss Jane Austen's works recently received a letter addressed to "Miss Jane Austen," and regard it as a good joke to tell. But the fact is that many people who enjoyed Jane G. Austen's stories, "A Nameless Nobleman," "Nantucket Scraps," "The Desmond Hundred" and other modern novels, have imagined that the novels of the Jane Austen of our grandfather's time were by her. Hence the amusing occurrence recorded above.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

1897

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