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The Two Offers,

"THE TANNER AND THE SALT BOILER." BY ANN F. PORTER.

It is scarcely fifty years since the first settlement of Ohio. The "backwoods," as they were then termed, echoed for the first time the merry sound of the busy axe. A few years made a great change--the 'clearings' were dotted here an I there with picturesque log cabins, and the weary traveller, who for hours had followed the bridle path through the forest, hailed the curling smoke from the mud chimney as a sure pressage of a warm welcome, and a warmer supper of 'ham and hominy.' The perils of the Indian war and the close intimacy occasioned by life in the garrison, made the settlers feel their dependence up. on each other and united their hearts as well. as their interests. Nearly all of these pioneers were pilgrim sons, inheriting the stern virtues and brave hearts of their puritan fathers. Danger was pustime to their restless spirits, and the hard labor of clear-ing land, building their own houses and tilling their fields, even before they were cleared of stumps, gave vigor and energy to their bodies, and even were there fewer advantages to be gained by a life in the wilderness, they but exchanged the cold winds and barren sands of our. New Eng. land sea shore for a dwelling amid the rich fields and fertile valleys that border upon the 'La Belle Rivier.' The first parmanent settlement was made in 1783 at a spot on the river where the Muskingum, literally translated Elk Eye, rolls its tributary wa ters to the Ohio.

The traveller of this day, as he is hur. ried swift along by the almost magic power of steam, fails not to cast a lingering look upon this lovely spot and echoes the remark of each preceding observer, "What a delightful location the early settlers chose! The place increased but slowly on account of Indian troubles. It first received its name in 1793-that year memorable in France for the tragic death of Maria Antionette, and these sturdy sons of the forust, uniting with their sterner nature a sympathy-for the fair sufferer, gallantly called it Ma. rietta in honor of that most unfortunate queen. Nearly all of the inhabitants resided in the garrison. This was a piece of ground in the form of a square, surrounded and tasteful, and her black hair formed a by an embankment of earth-on the top of fine contrast to her complexion. The first which was a rude embrasure stakes driven into the ground at short distances from each other. Within this enclosure were the houses, mostly built of unhewn logs presenting rath er a rude appearance to the eye accustomed in the neat and tidy dwellings of a New England village. But we will not despise them, for many a noble spirit has been cradled in those rude houses of the west and many a bright eyed merry girl has graced them with her presence. As some who peruse this may have never seen a log cabin allow me to push open the door, for the latch string is loose and give them a peep into a domicile of primitive-times. Start not. gentle reader, the hand of neatness and of isste has been here. Thank Heaven-the gifts of nature are lavished profusely, upon all earth's children. It needs but the open eye to'see their beauties, and the open heart to receive them. The sunbeams shine as brightly upon the rich, brown back of these rough logs, as it does upon the fretted domes and gilded palaces of a monarch-the rose, twined over low door-way above your head gives forth its portume as sweetly as when nurtured by high-born damsels, and watered from marble fountains. Above all, in the human heart here, that exquisite piece of God's workmanship, you will find more kindly impulse-more of the graces which digoify humanity, than in the prowded city where every thing seems calculated to call forth the selfishness and cupidity of men. But I keep you too long at the door-see sleeping flower to beauty, and though it it is near evening, and the mother has gath. ered her little flock around her-the ooard. dant icicle. Through the urgent entrcaties if it received its finishing touch from the upon the head board to draw it out, we should not perceive the trundle ben beneath But here are more bodies than can be comfortably lodged in two beds. Ah, but you perceive not all the conveniences of the lace. Yonder is a narrow ladder. It leads to the loft-that is the resting place for the older boys. They need not, like the scientific Ferguson, go out into the open fields to watch at the stars, for the openings through the unshingled roof are but so many loop holes for the embryo astronomer .--The rain and snow may give them some trouble, but these are only trifles to the buckeye boy. They were early inured to hardship, and taught by their brave mothers they were well prepared for the trials and orgencies incident to a new country .---Little has been said of those noble women who accompanied the early settlers. Their names are unknown in romance or in song, but their meed of praise (and ought woman to ask more?) is, that " their children rise

these emigrants were all united in feeling group seemed worthy of Martha's notice, and in action. Most of them were adventurers, energetic spirits, determined to seek and find a fortune. Industry was the watch word of all-and when trees were to be felled, stumps rooted out, log cabins rolled up, corn to be planted, and new lands to survey, who could be idle? But there were some exceptions. As the Indians ceased to trouble them, and pitched wig wams further towards the setting sun-and the rich land began to yield abundant crops, then temptations were presented to those who, too indolent to sow amid hardships and danger, were yet willing to reap when days of peace came

Soon after the garrison was descriedand houses began to be erected in different parts of the valley-there was quite a commotion in the settlement occasioned by the arrival of a family. As the boat neared the shore a group were collected to receive them, the men in their flannel frocks or hunting shirts, and the women in their fustian gowns and check aprons. But careless of personal appearence, they were impatiently waiting to welcome the strangers for a pilgrim from New England was hailed as brother from home.

A number of ladies were discerned in the stern, and one by her commanding figure and richer dress attracted their attention. As she stepped from the bost to the plank, she was supported by a gentleman in the garb of an officer who appeared to be her brother.

A veil partly concealed her features though it could not wholly hide the glances of a full black eye, as she raised her head to gaze at the crowd. The gentleman inquired for the house of Gen. Putnam, and being directed, passed quickly on with his charge-much to the disappointment of the wondering dames, and if truth be told, no less to the chagrin of some of the lords of creation, for the bewitching glance of a pair of fine eyes had made them wish for a further view of the fair face to which they

had belonged. Days passed and little was known of the strangers, save that the gentleman, who proved to bushe lady's brother, had been sent out by government to transact busi-ness with the Surveyor General. His sister was his only remaining relative and be-ing distantly connected with Gen. Patnam, the was placed under his care. She seem-ed studiously to avoid all intercourse with the inhabitants-and when reluctantly comcelled by circumstances to be a partaker of their festive gatherings, it was a task rather then a pleasure. While her brother's merry laugh and cheerful manners made him a welcome guest in the humblest cabin, her hauteur seemed to chill even the happiest, hearts around her, like a sudden frost upon the fairest flowers. Her dress was fich glance pronounced her beautiful, the se-

save a young man to whom her brother introduced her, as a former acquaintance in quest him to come to me. Surprised at manners surprised him, so different from boat of which we spoke at the commence. the city. His polished manners and brill-iant conversation interested her, and for once she strove to be agreeable. She retraced the happy hours of city life, trod again the stately rooms, promonaded Broadway, and was once more the heiress. She even condescended to converse awhile with Anna Perkins, the village favorite and frowned not when she saw her leaning on her brother's arm. Atherton was charmed with her beauty; and she, with a woman's

instinct, perceiving her power, drew the silken chains yet lightly around him. A call was proposed for the next evening, and Martha had already promised herself to Atherton as a partner in the dance when the boat touched the shore on their return. Anna Perkins, who was the life of the party and seemed more animated and looked more beautiful than usual, was the first to spring to land, exclaiming as she did so-"There is Monsieur's bake housecome, Miss Ellis, you "parley vous" it sometimes, let's go and have a chat with the Frenchman.

A smile of contempt curled on Martha's lip, but before she had time to reply two. men came from towards a boat and entered the bake-house. Their appearance idicated long travel, and the casual observer would see nothing remarkable in their exterior.

"There, look !' said Anne, as she touched Martha's arm, who knows but they are noblemen in disguise, from sunny France, come to visit their poor countryman all alone in the backwoods.

* Like enough, Miss Perkins ! A French nobleman visit a baker! Those shabby boatmen would thank you well for your high compliment.'

Never mind, answered the gentle Anna, as she turned with light feet to the Erenchman's, ' I'll go by myself and take my evening lesson, Bon Soir.'

In a moment she was in the presence of the man of cakes. The old settlers well brother and sister. It was a bitter drop in remember the place and its worthy proprielor.

As she entered, the two strangers were busily engaged, in making their bargain, that he had escaped a precipice, though he or rather mourning over their disappoint. ment in obtaining boat stores at the time promised. From her limited knowl. edge of French, she gathered that the poor baker, though he had worked hard all day, had not been able, for want of help to complete the required quantity. His eve brightaned as he saw Anna enter. As soon as she understood the difficulty, in a trice her

"Mr. Therton,' said Martha, "I will board. Of course he met Martha Ellis years. Many changes have taken place the altered manner of her who commanded, and yet obedient to her wishes, he crossed the room.

" Why, Henry !' she exclaimed, as a moment after he stood by her side, ' why will you spend all your time and attention upon that simple girl? Here am I with no one to wait upon me but that odious Atherton. A tanner! I wonder I did not see it before-but look, his very face is an advertisement of hides and tollow, and he has the odour of tan vats in his speech. A flush mantled the fine, open face of Henry, as he said, ' He is a dear friend of mine, and not the less so because he owns and superntends two or three extensive tanneries."

There was a little bitterness in his remark, and how much was caused by Mare tha's first observation we know not, but certain it is that the cloud passed from his brow, as he caught the smiles of Anna, who was just then in the act of taking Sambo's stringed instrument to teach him to perform his part more to edification. Her white brow strongly contrasted with the sable hue of the African as she bent over his shoulder, and smiling, listened to the self-complaisant remark of the musician. No, no, Misses, don't think to teach Sambo,

who has played the fiddle these forty years in Old Virginia. ' Come,' exclaimed Martha-' do. let us get out of the place as fast as possible. 'I will accompany you home,' said Henry, and indeed you are fatigued, and may view things with more pleasure in the

bright sunlight of morning." 'I shall look with no pleasure upon mechanics,' was the reply of the haughly girl as she drew her shawl around her and dis-

ppcared from the room. We will not positively assert that such ulgar personages as listeners are often found in a ball room, but we are confident

that not two hours passed before Atherton was knowing the conversation between the his cup that night, but reason was stronger than passion in his well ballanced mind. and it was not long ere he was led to feel had been upon the ' border of the brinkat But while pursoing the history of a few individuals, we had forgotten to speak of the rapid improvements in our village. That it had made some progress in civilization we have learned from the establishment of Monaieur's bakery. A log store had preceeded, containing supplies for the inward and outer man, as the sign held

arms were embedded in dough. Goods and groceries,' also ' A new supply 'Thank, you, ma, belle fille,' said the of Dilworth's Spelling Books,' ' The Psal-

lected in the bar room, Gen. Putnam was

there, wondering with the rest what would

be the next news from Bonaparte. It was

at the time when that man of blood was

down his pipe, and as was his wont scruti-

nized the stranger. There was a look of

" But what are you willing to do ?"

' You are the man for us,' was the quick

Martha, and in 'pride of condescension,' she treated him with more attention than she was wont to give the hired men of the household.

In the mean time Henry had purchased a fine lot on the banks of the Ohio and was self, he had invited our friend Anna to. share his hearth and heart.

A year flew by and brought some change to Erwin. He had become a great favor. ite among the enterprising men of the place. No new building was raised but his strong arm must aid, no land to be surveyed but his correct eye must place the line. But notwithstanding his prospects of success, he was at times melancholy and reserved. Many attributed it to his love of books-for it was known that he was the greatest reader in the place. The General's library was freely opened to him.

But there were deeper feelings at work in his heart. We have said, from his introduction to Martha he had been fascinated with her boauty. The object of his admiration was fully aware of it, and what woman's heart is proof against the homage of her personal charms." Even the proud heiress was moved, and her voice was lower, her eye wore a softer expression whenever she spoke of Erwin. Better had she shown more openly the proud heart that beat beneath this fair exterior.

'If she was not rich,' thought Erwin, I might have some feeble hope of winning her, but it is too presumptuous. The rich beauty will nover condescend to accept the hand of the poor adventurer.'

the kindness and familiarity of Henrywould reassure him, and he ventured to the foremost of the choice spirits there.if fortune favored, he might be found worthy to wear so rich a prize. He toiled early and late, taking no recreation save in the library, for she, too, was a reader, and indeed possessed an intellect superior to most of the ladies of the place. It was a pleasant summer evening ; Erwin had retired to the library, and was intently

come to request some slight favor. He

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thank you to speak to my brother and re. often. At first her beauty and polished since Martha Effis stepped from the little any thing he expected to meet at the West. ment of this sketch. Ohio holds a high His manner toward her partook more of rank among her sister states. Cities have defer ence and respect than the rest of sprung up in the forest as if at the touch the household. It was quickly observed by of Aliddin's lamp, and no where do we find more energy an d public spirit than in the buckeye state. Her wise men are known in our councils, and her legislators teach wisdom. The traveller pauses to admire her fine roads, her produce-laden canals, fine lot on the banks of the Cano and in the latter she is excelled by no state in erocting a tasteful cottage. Notwithstand, ing the bitter words of his sister, and her the Union. Her agriculture, too, is wor-thy of notice. Within five miles of Mariand above all, her public institutions, for etta is a fine farm of eight or twelve hundred acres. It is noted for its extensive wheatfields, its fine cattle, and especially for the intelligence and liberality of its owner. In the porch, over which the woodbine had twined its graceful folinge, shooting its tendrifs through the lattice work, shedding and sharing domestic love,' may be seen on a summer's eve, a middle aged lady surrounded by hughing girls and merry boys. The hair that once clustered in ringlets on her brow is now plainly parted upon the forehead, and we should hardly recognize the face now shaded by the matronly cap, were it not the same blue eyd sparkles as joyously, and the same sunny, smile dwells on the cheek of our fair Anna. A few gray hairs on the head of her hus. band, Henry Ellis, show that time has touched his brow, but his happy countenance tells that it has left no impression upon his heart.

Not far distant from this peaceful home lies the beatiful town of Somers. The passing traveller will not fail to admire a princely mansion a short distance from the bustle and business of the place. It is in a spot beautiful by nature, and art has but added to its beautics. The school boy in the street will tell you its ower with a smiling face, for his voice has often been rais. Such thoughts would often make him ed for 'Erwin the Congressman,' and the wish he had never seen her. Then again listener in the halls of Congress will recognize his lofty brow and speaking eye among indulge the hope that at some future day, It was at the close of one of happiest efforts that he was met by his friend Henry Ellis, then a visiter at Congress.

'Ah! Ah! Erwin, the salt has not lost its avor?

'I trust not,' said the eloquent speaker, his broad, good-humored countenance lightened by a smile at the remembrance of his salt boiling days. 'But how are friends at home ?'

"All well, save sister Murtha,' (the brother was happily ignorant of the secret sleeves were rolled up, and her pretty forth, written in fair white chalk marks up. tha, as she entered unseen by Erwin. She cause which sent Erwin from his western hands and nearly half of her little plump on the wooden window shutter, 'Dry spoke in her blandest tone, for she had bome,) 'she is much troubled with the tism, and this added to her unhappy disglanced from his book to her face, and position, makes her trouble enough. Poor "Thank, you, ma, belle fille, said the of Dilworth's Spelling Books," The Fail-cider of the strangers in a tone and manner, which convinced Anna that he was no cos." A tailor, goose in hand, arrived One wish, one hope possessed has mind, were it not for her 'o er restering pride," ordinary boatman; though notwithstanding soon after, and ere long a amiling milliner Ho turned again to the book-bis eyes fell she might now be the happy wife of your

coud detected a want of brendth and expansion in the forehead, the third discovered a

Je ne sais quoi' in her air and manner which made him turn with pleasure to the open browed, unsophisticated buckeye

damsel at his side. Such was Mariha Ellis at her first introduction to western society. Her father was originally an industrious plodding shoe. maker, but by great frugality, acquired wealth, married into a poor but aristocratic family, and died one of the richest merchants in New York. Martha lost her mother in early life; but not until she had im. bibed some peculiar notions with regard to the distinction and importance to which

wealth would entitle her. Her father saw them with regret, and wouldoften point hertohis shoemaker's bench and tools which he carfully preserved to the day of his death, as a memento of the way in which he was first enabled to procure her the luxuries of life .-- But while Martha inherited her mother's pride and beauty, Henry possessed the liberal view of his father united to the refinements of educa-tion. He loved his sister devotedly, and when he followed the remains of his father to the grave, she seemed to be the only resting place of his affections. It was re-turned with all the warmth which a solfish and proud heart is capable, a warmth like that of the sun in winter, which falls so obliquely upon the heart that it awakens no

ed floor is cleanly swept-the bed looks as of her brother, she was persuaded to accompany him to Marietta, little dreaming hand of a quakeress, and were it not for but that she should find a "select coterie," She was surprised at the primitive group on the shore, still more so when the Gene. ral told her that they were the most re-

spectable inhabitants. She could hardly believe it possible when she saw his own wife and daughters engaged in the domestic dutics of the kitchen. It was fruitless to search for the aristocratic-for once with double interest by the independent that employment.' buckeyes. She urged her brother's return, but he starsys found a ready excuse for re-

maining, and was daily proposing some excursion of pleasure-generally, however, without success.

led here and there upon the Ohio. It is about twelve miles from Marietta, and has said he, turning-'a disposition like Anna's since been memorable as the scene of would throw gladness around a cloudy the General's family. The primitive sim- thoroughly educated man. up and call them blessed." I have said that | Burr's defeat. None among the happy day.'

her playful sally, she was much surprised hang out a bonnet from the window oppo at the discovery as would Martha herself site the thriving tailor.

have been. Pray don't bake that in your Such things were the sure precursors loaf,' he added as he dropped a glittering busy times. One important building should ring in the sticky mass before him, "keep have been first named, as it was the first it as a rememberance of the Frenchman." to greet the traveller on his entrance to Before she could disengage her hand from the village. I refer to the log tavern situa. the bread to return the jewel, the stranger ted on the bank of the Muskingum, not far from its mouth. The creaking sign upon was gone.

Ma foi ! said the baker, as he gazed at: the branch of a buckeye free near the door it, ' a real diamond ! no common boatman that, but a genuine French lord in, disguise.'

Anna was amusing herself with the surprise her narrative would cause to Martha, and perfectly assured that it was indeed a distinguished stranger, but she little on horseback, carefully protected by one dreamed until months after the fact was who feared not, even in those troublesome

made known, that the bread buyer was none other than the heir apparent to the throne of France."

. For further particulars of Louis Phillipe's visit to Marietta, see a late work of Gov. Cass entitled ' Recollections of the King and Court of France.' The next evening was a gay one for the village of M_____. With less of gorgeousness than the poets ball, there was still fair women and brave men' assembled in astonishing the world with his prowess. Their attention was suddenly attracted by the largest room the place could afford. And none gayer or more brilliant than Marthe entrance of a tired way-farer, who cratha Ellis, and when her partner rose to lead ved supper and lodging. The General laid the dance all eyes were turned in admiration upon them. Henry and our gentle Anna followed. The contest was great between the two girls. One like the splendid dahlia, attracting all eyes by its beauty. the other like a delicate violet, winning by its perfume. We gaze in admiration at the one, but place the other in our bosom. Atherton found new charms in his companion-his heart was won, and he determin. ed to seek the first opportunity to disclose

the state of his affections. But be ware much of ' the West,' he had come to seek ye to o hopeful lovers, for ' Cupid is by fol. his fortune. y led.' Our hero was standing by the side from his pocket, ' is the last piece of money of Martha in a retired part, for, weary with the dance, they had withdrawn from the I have, but I suppose work is plenty. party some time before. He was giving an have health and strength. ecount of his journey and his business at they were found wanting. She found her 'the West. 'I come,' said he, 'to see if a 'Anything that is to be done, sir,' said position a most uncomfortable one. Her suitable place could be obtained for the the young man. 'I suppose there are trees cold and reserved demeanor was returned erection of a tannery, being engaged in to be felled, and land to be cleared.'

He stopped, for Martha had suddenly cased to be interested, and was looking you shall be supplied. carcestly at her brother, who, with light heart, and lighter heels, was tripping it stranger, thanked the General and promisthrough the mazy dance with Anna, whose ed to be there by sunrise. clear, ringing laugh and smiling face for

proposed by the villagers to Blennerhassetts the first time attracted Atherton's atton-Island, one of the many fairy spots sprink, tion.

" A bright face and a merry heart that, by laborious exertions. plicity of the times admitted all to the social

on the following words-'i must confess read them aloud, and added :

'Think me not presumptuous to quote this as the expression of my ow heart .-strong man trembled, 'perhaps I ought to have crushed those feelings long since .--But like polar star they have been to me gave notice that there could be found ' En. tertainment for-man and Beast.' It was a fuvorite resort for the inhabitants when the labors of the day were closed. The post office was in one part of the building, and once a week the mail made its appearance times, to follow the bridle path through the filled her heart, but suddenly the expression an stately and as stiff as the rustling robe forest to the nearest post town some fifty or sixty miles distant. It was on one of rung in the car of the surprised and dia. these important evenings when the worthy appointed Erwin. innkeeper was in momentary expectation of the weekly budget, that a group had col-

Really, Mr. Erwin, you have presumed indeed; I trust your next love affair will be less aspiring and more successful. With these words she walked haughtily away; Erwin stood as if petrified. A refusal he had feared-but to be scorned, insulted, was more than his spirit could brook. beautifully expressed :

"To make us idols and to find them elay."

The arrow entered deeply into his soul, satisfaction as he surveyed the expansive but it drank not up its energies.

'I can stay here no longer,' was his se forchead, expressive, deep blue eyes and cond thought; retiring to his room he manly form of the young man before him. packed up his little store of clothing and While supper was preparing, he seated himself on the long bench outside of the door, but in those early days, the stranger was soon made welcome. It was not long before he informed the group that hearing miles above Marietta, and added, 'I think "This," said he, drawing a half dollar his friend's hand and departed.

Not many years after this event a college was established in Athens, Ohio. It was made to sustain it. Erwin determinreply.' Come to my house to-morrow and ed to avail himself of its advantages, though too old as he supposed to take a regular Erwin, for such was the name of the course. But summer found him busy boiling salt, and working with all the energy

That night his sleep was sweet and his of his strong physical powers, and winter ed with bright anticipations of fortune won all the other students in the rapidity of his less than £575,466. attainments. Every thing seemed to be.

The next day found him domesticated in absorbed in the one strong wish to be a We will pass over an interval of some

friend Atherton there, member of the Commy true love-therefore pardon me.' He mittee of Finance and one of the weathiest. merchants of New York.

Erwin thought for a moment of his car love, then turned in fancy to his happy Perhaps, Miss Ellis,' and the voice of the home and to his loved and loving wife, who was the light of that home, and secretly congratulated himself upon his escape. was even as her brother had mid. Mar: as I hoped a guide to success. I felt with the Ellis, the once beautiful beiress, was the prospect of such a prize, with the faint a fretful, impatient old maid. Time had hope I should have said, I might one day withered her cheek, but a more corroding win a name which even you would not finger than time had quenched the bright despise to wear. Could you but lead me ness of her eye and fed the worm gnawing to hope that at some future day this attach. at her heart. In her lenely room she site on the may be reciprocated, no effort shall 'in maiden meditation, fancy free,' far n be spared, no sacrifice will be considered high born lover has ever yet laid his honors. too great ;'--he paased. Martha had stood at her feet. Alone, among the many she in silence ; astonishment and chagrin had walks the streets in her antiquated brocade

with those other juvenile jaw crackers, Cana-ie and Michilimacinaek ? It was a proud of your school boy life-an epoch in your ih thoso words she walked haughtily : Erwin stood as if petrified. A re-he had feared—but to be scorned, id, was more than his spirit could Ho felt what Mrs. Hemans has fully expressed: make us idols and to find them slar.'

We pause for a reply." Can one in ten thousand, among the millions who have studied Webster's epcling book, answer the question ? Chickamicomico is an Island on the coast of

N. Carolina, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras. Greensboro, Pat.

"He's CUT & Dino."-It is told in history that the few books he possessed. He then went to Gen. Putsam and briefly stated that he Christ, fled from that place after the murder of had understood they were about construct. her husband, and with a colony settled upon the ing salt works upon the Muskingum, a few northern coast of Africa, where she built Carth miles above Marietta, and added, 'I think I shall go and offer my services.' His with a bull's hide. Having made the agreement, friend and patron approved of his plan and added, 'Erwin, I expects one day to see them together, elaimed as much land as she could added, 'Erwin, I expects one day to see you a distinguished man. The path is open before you; persevere; my best wish-es attend you.' The young man pressed phrase has come down to our day .- Boston Ame.

A parish clerk of East Retford lately cotifi was the first in the state and great effort a vestry meeting of the parish, to determine what colour the church should be white washed.

> From discoveries made at Liverpool there now no coubt that the recent conflagrations in that tywn have been the work of a hand of diabolical incendiaries.

The cost to the country of the execution of our slave trade treaties, for the year 1842, is not

There are 216 mechanics' institutions in Eng fand comprising 26,651 members and subscribe of whom about one-half belong to the class