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thing. I think most of the gentlemen felt as I did—that the negro voting at all only deserved our contempt.

We have gathered the above from a review in the Philadelphia Press, a deep-dyed Republican organ, of the book Mrs. Leigh has published in England. The critic says:

“Her story has a very straightforward sound, and gives me a better idea of the state of things in the South at that time than anything that I have read on the subject.”

The North has not yet learned one-tenth of the story of reconstruction. The infamies and horrors of that period are only known to the white people of the South.

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Gov. Ben Butler says that in the State of Massachusetts there are 164,571 of her male citizens over twenty-one years of age who are refused the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

That is to say by the laws of Massachusetts 36 per cent. of the males over twenty-one years old are deprived of the privilege of voting. He says that there is neither a free ballot nor a fair count and that the present laws are a positive hindrance to the exercise of the right of suffrage.

This is the sum of his complaint. He says the “capitation tax denies free and equal suffrage to her citizens” while the registration laws “are a hindrance to honest voters in the exercise of their rights.” This is a nice record for a State that claims to have all of the brains and cultivation in the land, as well as the greatest supply of “high moral ideas.”

But the arraignment of Massachusetts by the Governor is sufficiently pointed and comprehensive to require the copying of the four items given below. He charges:

“That the Massachusetts laws regulating naturalization, by restricting the process to the Superior and Supreme Courts, operate to nullify the law of the United States, and that the restriction should be repealed.”

“That the money spent by Massachusetts on her reformatory, correctional, and pauper institutions eighty-seven per cent. goes in salaries and perquisites.”

“That the cost of supporting every sane and insane pauper of Massachusetts is double what it used to be and what it ought to be.”

“Can Any Good Come Out of Nazareth?” This question was asked and answered eighteen hundred years ago, and with equal propriety a like question would apply to Wilmington to-day.

Col. W. J. Green gives notice that all who desire to compete for the West Point cadetship, for the Third District, will meet in Fayetteville on the 10th of May.

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Spirits Turpentine

Charlotte Journal-Observer: Mrs. M. A. Johnston, widow of the late M. D. Johnson of this place, died yesterday at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Cyrus M. Alexander, in Sharon township.

Goldboro Messenger: The Rev. J. E. Mann and family have moved into their new home, the district parsonage. The Baptist Church at Smithfield has called Rev. L. C. Brickhouse to the pastorate of that church.

Putnam, a popular actress, appears here on the 26th. This is a notable season for revivals. One is now in progress at the First Baptist Church, where the President Kemp P. Battle, who is in the city, is that the University Normal School will begin June 21, and continue five weeks.

Unreconstructed: She was one of those old maids with cork-screw curls from Connecticut, who came down South on a mission, to either deliver temperance lectures, or collect material for a book.

Religious Miscellany: Follow after holiness, it will repay your pursuit. God does not delay to hear our prayers because he has no mind to give, but that, by enlarging our desires, he may give us more largely.

Religious Miscellany: Prayer is an errand to God—it must be reverent, earnest and definite. When you do errands of this kind for other people, forget yourself.

Religious Miscellany: There were 19,777 Quakers in Great Britain and Ireland in 1880, 6,190 regular attendants at the Friends' meetings who are not in full membership.

Religious Miscellany: An esteemed Presbyterian minister of St. Louis, Dr. Marquis, has caused much discussion in his congregation by beginning to wear a black silk gown during his public ministrations.

Religious Miscellany: With a minister, as much as with the private Christian, character tells. More than half a century ago he destroyed the effect of his discourse by his seeking egotism, or his unscrupulous practices, or his overbearing temper, or some other very unchristian trait.

Religious Miscellany: Rough on rats: Mr. Fogarty and Mr. Samuelson have long been friends, but they are no longer so in consequence of Mr. Fogarty's propensity for joking.