

THE SURVIVAL OF TRUTH.

Never the cause that is right shall be buried in ashes. Never be lost in the cloud or be sunk in the deep...

MACHINE EDUCATION.

Science in School Management. Popular Science Monthly, December. The progress of popular education is gradually bringing into prominence a class of questions of fundamental importance...

HELP THE ORPHANS.

To the lovers of children in North Carolina: The coming of Christmas, always sweet in the minds of children peculiarly sweet anticipations, and we meet the earnest appeal ever dashed from their eager eyes in confiding innocence when that Holy Day is mentioned, we can but feel "that hardened and cold indeed must be the heart which refuses to respond appropriately to the expectations of orphans at Christmas, when all Christians rejoice and all who respect God's commands should seek to make joyous and happy the lives of His orphaned and helpless ones."

THE METHODISTS.

The Year's Work in North Carolina. The Statistical Secretary (Wilmington Star) of the North Carolina Conference last week in session at Wilmington reported 74,888 white members—gain 2,632; 182 colored members—gain 34; baptisms of 2,796 infants and 3,211 adults; 240 local preachers; 96 parsonages worth \$121,775; 843 churches valued at \$938,262; 847 Sunday schools, 46,026 scholars; 3,506 teachers, 28,431 volumes in libraries valued at \$6,087. \$29,294 has been raised for Church Extension and equally divided between the Parent Board and home churches. For the Bishop's salary \$1,725.40 has been collected and 14 supernumerary preachers, widows and orphans \$5,387.33.

THE NEW COTTON-PICKER.

Its Practical Working. [Charlotte News and Courier.] Many anxious inquiries from all parts of the cotton growing section of the South as to the success of the machine known as the Mason Cotton Harvester, will find a satisfactory answer in the official report given below, and which has just been forwarded to the authorities of the World's Fair at New Orleans. As the lateness of the season precluded the possibility of any exhibition of the actual working of the Harvester at the Exposition, a committee of experts in cotton culture was appointed by Commissioner-General Morehead to test and report upon the practical efficiency of the machine at the home of its inventor at Sumter county, in this State, before the open cotton should have disappeared from the fields.

THE VIRGINIA EPIDEMIC.

News From the Afflicted Region. LYNDENBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—The latest and most trustworthy information received about the epidemic in the southwestern part of this State is contained in a letter written by its Congressman A. L. Pridemore, of Scott County, Va. The region in which the scourge has raged so fatally, and is thoroughly acquainted with the people in all of the counties in which the epidemic prevails. The following is Mr. Pridemore's letter: Yours of the 24th inst. enclosing an account of the "scourge in southwest" I have not seen any of the persons actually suffering from the disease, but from all the symptoms as described it is that of flux, or rather a mild form of cholera. The victim is taken with severe pains, sometimes accompanied by fainting, followed by severe vomiting and purging, which in several instances ended in death in from four to twelve hours. There have been in Wise county, as I am reliably informed, 200 deaths. Two entire families, both parents and all the children died. In several, all the children, in others the parents. The same disease exists in a milder form in the counties of Scott county, near the Wise line and in the same belt of country. So far it has been confined to people using freestone water; not a single case that I have heard of in the limestone neighborhoods. In the coal iron and sandstone regions at all times in the Fall season the water is low and bad, the pools in the river being black as ink from the sulphur and iron. The water is very strong and turbid, and the creeks and smaller rivers so that they do not run, and the springs are but mud-holes, and to this cause I think the origin of the disease may be in every instance traced. In Scott County the rain on election day so far brought relief that there was not a new case for several days. Seven or eight sometimes die per day, and there have been in the past several weeks, on the same day, and this is especially so in the mountains. The frost so far has not had any appreciable effect upon it. I am not personally acquainted with the condition of the country, but have given about all the surroundings that they need medical aid, and some action ought to be taken to move them out. Many are too poor to get away from home, and some are so ill that they cannot be moved. The aid of liberal men. There does not seem to be much alarm near the fatal locality. I do not know that I have fully answered your inquiry, but I have given about all I know about it. It has been steadily at work since 1st of last August, and if I were to write a full description of its symptoms and effects it would be such as I have read of—cholera in a milder severe form.

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The Bill Before the House. [New York Times.] A Bankrupt Bill was passed by the Senate on the 21st of last July. It was originally prepared by Judge Lowell of Massachusetts, but was considerably modified in the Senate by the committee on the amendments proposed by a convention of merchants in January. The bill was discussed very carefully in the Senate and secured a strong majority on its passage. It is far from a perfect bill, but it is a step in the right direction. The bill provides for the liquidation of the assets of the bankrupt, and for the distribution of the proceeds to the creditors. It also provides for the appointment of a receiver to manage the property of the bankrupt, and for the appointment of a trustee to administer the estate. The bill is a very important one, and it is to be hoped that it will be passed by the House in the near future.

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