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TRYING TO BUY GUNS.

Wilmington Negroes Getting Ready for Trouble-The Scheme Detected-Order Sent to a Greensboro Firm for Twenty-Five Winchester Rifles. For some days the rumor has been current that some of the negroes of Wilmington were trying to buy firearms in large quantities from dealers outside of Wilmington, and the following letter received by the Odell Hardware Company, of Greensboro, on September 20th, is proof that these rumors are well based:

"Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 27, 1898. 'Odell Hardware Company: 'You are to hand, I just to want to know what can I get 12 38 cal. guns with the Privilege of 25. Sixteen Shooters twelve 22 and Twelve 38. You need not be uneasy when we order your goods we will send you a check for the amount charged we will await your answer.

"Respectfully, 'Care M. L. Lee, '504 S. Church." This was the second inquiry sent out by Lee & McAllister. The first was sent to Winchester Arms Company, of New Jersey. This letter was promptly referred to the Odell Hardware Company, the State agents of the Winchester Company, and the Odell Hardware Company wrote asking McAllister to give particulars as to the number of guns desired, etc., and the letter above printed is the reply from Lee, care of McAllister. Mr. Charles H. Ireland, of the Odell Company, had his suspicions aroused, so he wrote to Mr. Ireland, and Mr. Ireland, who was informed by these gentlemen that the parties were negroes, and doubtless wanted the guns to arm negroes with on election day.

Mr. Ireland immediately wrote to Mr. Jacob, telling him that under no circumstances and no consideration would he fill the order of Lee or McAllister. Yesterday evening a telegram was sent from Raleigh to Mr. Irredell Meares, a prominent citizen of Wilmington, asking him to make an investigation and report as to who the parties-Lee and McAllister-are.

At 10 o'clock last night the following message was received: "Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 6. 'Have personally investigated the matter. William Lee is supposed to be cover for John William Lee, who is the negro chairman of the Republican Executive Committee. McAllister is a negro living at the address named.

"IRREDELL MEARES." It seems that the negroes of Wilmington and perhaps other places in eastern North Carolina are determined to retain control of affairs if it takes Winchester 35-caliber sixteen shooters to do it. If there are any who doubt, every statement here printed, he can write to the Odell Hardware Company, of Greensboro, or to either Mr. Jacob, Mr. W. E. Worth, or to Mr. Irredell Meares, of Wilmington.

A Young Negro Boy Beats a White Lady. Correspondence Lumberton Robesonian. On Saturday, October 1st, about six miles southwest of the town of Lumberton, the seat of Robeson county, a young negro aged about 16 years, assaulted and unmercifully beat with a portion of a gig handle, Mrs. Dorcas Leggett, a young widow lady. The boy's mother lived on the plantation of Mrs. Leggett, who turned her calf into the field in which the negroes lived. This so enraged the young fiend that he got a stick and told Mrs. Leggett that he was going to whip her. She retreated toward the yard and succeeded in getting hold of a fish gig, with which she struck at the black brute. The blow missed and the gig handle was broken on striking the ground. Seizing one of the broken pieces the negro knocked Mrs. Leggett down and began to beat her. The screams of the stricken lady brought the boy's mother to the scene and he was stopped. But for this interference she would probably have been killed. Mrs. Leggett is of good family as there is in Robeson county and commands the highest respect from all who know her.

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GUMMER CATARRH Catarrh of the bowels, because it is most frequent in the summer months, is called summer catarrh. It is a complaint which troubles many people. Its symptoms are a feeling of fullness, a feeling of heat, a feeling of burning, a feeling of itching, a feeling of pain, a feeling of discomfort, a feeling of uneasiness, a feeling of restlessness, a feeling of impatience, a feeling of irritability, a feeling of nervousness, a feeling of anxiety, a feeling of depression, a feeling of melancholy, a feeling of gloom, a feeling of despair, a feeling of hopelessness, a feeling of helplessness, a feeling of weakness, a feeling of debility, a feeling of exhaustion, a feeling of prostration, a feeling of paralysis, a feeling of death.

Mr. John Edgerton, 1020 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years. I took Peppermint Cure and am now well.

RUSSELL'S OPINION OF DOCKERY.

He Says He is a Traitor, a Deserter, a Fool, a Liar, Monthly, Mauldin Imbecile, a Dead Beat and a Blatherskite. After the election of Governor Russell in the fall of 1896, The Wilmington Messenger asked him for an interview, which he consented to give, and which he wrote out himself, questions and answers, and sent to The Messenger office. Before it was published, Mr. W. F. Chabour, one of the Governor's friends, called at The Messenger office and borrowed the type written manuscript. Subsequently the manuscript was returned by Mr. G. Z. French, another of the Governor's friends, interlined partly in Mr. French's hand and partly in a hand supposed to be that of Mr. Chabour, and with some of the passages stricken out. As thus modified it was published in The Messenger of November 29, 1896. The Messenger people preserved the copy of the interview and publish it in their paper of Wednesday in its original form and also as it was modified. A reading of the original and of the modified copies show some of the rough edges taken off the first draft, but it is printed substantially as it was first written. It is exceedingly interesting now as showing the Governor's opinion at that time of Col. Oliver H. Dockery, at present the fusion candidate for Congress in this district. We copy a part of this interview as Russell wrote it:

"What do you think will be the outcome of the senatorial contest?" "I hope Pritchard will be elected." "Will it be the chance for Guthrie and Dockery of which you speak?" "Neither of them will have any showing because neither of them can ever get anything but Democratic votes. The Democratic members might swallow Dockery, but he would be an awful dose even for them. Democrats, like other people, despise deserters and traitors."

"But Dockery says he was conscientiously for silver and would have refused the Republican nomination after the St. Louis convention declared against silver." "Yes. And the old husband was fool enough to think that somebody would believe him. Before the Republican convention he was pretending to be for Allison, an anti free silver man, for President. But after he got locked in his rascally plans to capture the Republican convention by mean whiskey and ribald fraud--then he was so strong for silver that he could not support McKinley. Nobody ever heard of his being for silver till Butler picked him up out of the manure pile and chucked him at the Republican party. Butler thought that was great politics. By it he was going to disintegrate the Republican party, give Russell a 'shaking' and 'skeer' him so bad that he would come down in favor of the Populist candidate for Governor. So out went old Dockery, a-a-snorin' through the woods, dishing out exploded lies about the fusion ticket, and the Republican convention and about the fusion ticket in 1888, and appealing to Republicans to vote for Bryan and Guthrie and free silver. (I hear that he voted for Watson, and I believe it.) Every time Dockery opened his head he rallied the Republicans to Russell. He was the cheapest help I ever had. He could not have done better for me if I had hired him on a salary and he had tried to earn it. Butler's smart management resulted in forcing upon his party an old hulk that they were and are ashamed of and in solidifying the Republican party so that in all the State there was scarcely one vote, not even Dockery's own vote which left us to augment the Populist strength."

"Was it that you did not reply to Dockery's attacks upon you during the campaign?" "Have I not already told you that I want to keep him going? Besides, it is a matter of time in a speech to take up in detail the stupid lies of this mauldin, mauldin old imbecile. For example, he said that my brother, Thomas Russell, had been a private business man and had supported me for Governor. This there was not one word of truth. Thomas B. Russell never went to his house in 1888. I do not even know that he would not accept the nomination for Governor of anything else in 1888, because I wanted to head off the Democrats by refusing to run a State ticket in that year. The rest is shown that I was right. He said that he bolted the ticket and caused his defeat for Governor. The whole ticket bolted. I quit my private business and lost several weeks in that campaign, paying my own expenses, as I always have. I was weary with something to me. My personal earnings have not been confined to beating counting friends by borrowing their money and paying them in bankruptcy notes or desperate compromises. I have followed the profession of office-seeking for a living. Indeed, I have never held an office that did not involve a pecuniary loss. Yes, in 1888 I bowed to the decision of the party because of my devotion to its principles. I supported Dockery, the blatherskite, against Fowle, the scholar, jurist and orator. I did more than this for Dockery. While canvassing with him and for him in 1888 I subjected my nervous system to a course of worry and anxiety, because while I listened to his stupid rant and nasty jokes. After that let no man ever give me a cent for anything."

This is quite entertaining. It will be remembered that Dockery contested with Russell for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1896, and charged, after he was beaten, that Russell had bought his delegates. The charge was untrue. This of the man who, less than two years ago, wrote me that he was a deserter and a traitor, a mauldin, mauldin imbecile, a dead beat, an office-seeker, a blatherskite and a blatherer. Dockery has modified his opinion of Russell since Russell beat him for the nomination for Governor and wrote the above. Has Russell modified his opinion of Dockery? He has said nothing to indicate that he has. There is a pair of sweet-scented gratulations.

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A Dollar Apiece. Lumberton Robesonian. Dr. Norman, S. A. Edmund and Sheriff Hall spoke to the Croatan at Union chapel last Friday night. The snews of war were in evidence, we are told, and Hector Locklear left the meeting with \$150 to \$175 in his pocket. For the money Hector, our informant says, is to deliver 150 to 175 Croatan votes for the fusion ticket--or one vote for every dollar paid him. We do not believe the Croatan voters of the county are so corrupted, and if their votes are purchasable, which we doubt, they are worth more than a dollar each.

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NOLAN WASN'T SHOT.

One of Col. A. B. Andrews' Men Pleaded for Him and Got Gen. Butler to Spare His Life--A Story of Two Wars. Spartanburg, S. C., Herald. One of the few "little stories of the war" that escaped The Atlanta Constitution's gifted war correspondent, was told by Capt. "Bunch" McBea, when he was down here a few days ago from Portsmouth. Capt. McBea is general superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line. He said that he was in Washington a few days before he came down to Atlanta, and while there he called on Gen. Matt Butler. Gen. Butler, like Gen. Joe Wheeler, was a General in the Confederate army but when this country declared war against Spain President McKinley appointed him a major general in the United States army. A number of men who had served under General Butler in the Confederate army volunteered when they learned that he had been commissioned by the President. Among these was a man named Shaw, who had been in the First North Carolina Regiment under Col. A. B. Andrews, now first vice president of the Southern Railway. Shaw did not want to carry a gun, being a little old for that kind of duty, and he got a place as master of wagons. He had been a scout in the Confederate army under Andrews and Butler, and ever since the war he followed the political fortunes of Gen. Butler faithfully.

During Capt. McBea's call on Gen. Butler, Shaw called and sent in word that he wished to see the general on important business. He was ushered in. "I have had a remarkable experience," he began, addressing Gen. Butler. "That place you got me as wagon master is all right and I am suited with it. Soon after I took hold I noticed a teamster whom it seemed to me I had seen somewhere before. I studied over it long time. I found out that his name was Nolan, and I began to get my bearings. To-day I went up to him and asked him if his name was Nolan, and he said it was. I asked him how long he had been in the army, and he said for a good many years. Then I asked him if he did not belong to the First North Carolina Regiment of the Confederate army. He flushed up a little bit and asked what business that was of mine. "I knew the man right away, and I said to him: 'Didn't you and a partner capture six prisoners and their horses one July day in 1863, in Virginia?'" He replied that he did. Then I said to him: "Yes, and you deserted with two of the horses. Your partner was ahead with four prisoners and you were behind with two. Your partner crossed a river at a ford and after he had gone on some distance, he turned around and looked for you and could not see you. You had deserted."

"Who in the devil are you?" Nolan asked. "I told him that I was the man who was ahead with the four prisoners, and that he had played me a d--d mean trick to desert me and take the horses, too, when we needed them so badly. "I was left with four prisoners thirty miles from camp. That night I was dead tired, and so were the prisoners from travelling all day. I took them in to a farm house and made them a talk, telling them that I had treated them well, and I had, for I had given them my dinner and supper. I told them I was going to lie down on the floor and go to sleep, and if they concluded to try to escape at night that all I had to say to them was not to harm me. I had treated them well and wanted them to be as considerate. They promised, and we all lay down and went to sleep. It was broad daylight the next morning when I awoke. All my prisoners were there, and I took them on into camp.

"Now, General Nolan begged me not to tell you, but I said I had to report up to headquarters that I had found a deserter. General, he went but shot, will he?" "I don't know about that," answered the general, with a wink to Capt. McBea. "But General, I gave him my guarantee that you wouldn't let him be shot, even if he was court-martialed. And the general with apparent reluctance finally promised not to have Nolan court-martialed for deserting from the Confederate army."

A Divorced Man's Freak. Baltimore Dispatch, 6th. The novel sight of a divorced husband acting as best man to the groom at his former wife's second marriage was presented in east Baltimore to-night. Two weeks ago Mrs. Minnie Ostertag, a pretty young woman, was divorced from Albert Ostertag, a restauranter. Last night she married John Emmert. Mrs. Ostertag was in white satin, and her former husband looked even happier than the groom in his new dress suit. When the orchestra started the wedding march two little girls led the procession into the parlor. Then came the divorced man wearing a monster wedding cake. His former wife, the new bride-elect followed. After the ceremony Ostertag kissed his ex-wife, congratulated her new husband and sat on the left of the bride at the wedding supper. A few days ago Ostertag had properly to his divorced wife a part of his property.

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NEGROES IN THE EAST ARMING.

Nearly 1,000 Negroes in Office--This Question Must Be Settled Some Way, So Even the Most Conservative White People are Saying. Raleigh Correspondence Charlotte Observer, 8th. A Democratic leader said to-day: "The speeches of Senator Butte, and Dr. Thompson do more than anything else now to arouse race prejudice. They are defending the negro about whom the white Republicans consider it good policy to be silent. There is conclusive evidence that the negroes are arming. Their attempt to purchase repeating rifles in quantities outside the State is proof. The negroes in Halifax county are boasting of the rifles they have. Even conservative white people are saying this race question must be settled by the ballot, or otherwise, and that the present conditions in eastern North Carolina cannot continue to exist. "In one county seven out of eleven nominees are negroes; in another three negroes are nominated for the Legislature, and in yet another two. In five counties there are 148 negro magistrates, and in the entire State nearly 800. There are 25 or 30 negro postmasters. In North Carolina there are nearly 1,000 negroes in office. All these are Republicans, elected or appointed by Republicans. There are 110,000 negroes, who vote solidly. They of course control their party. Senator Butler says that the Democrats, during twenty-three years, appointed 15 or 20 negroes to office. This is all the answer he could make to the Democratic statement as to negro rule. The Republicans are boasting about sweeping the State by an overwhelming majority. Yet they only claim 30,000 white Republicans. There were at the last election 32,000 Populists. Where do the Republicans count on getting their immense majority? The Republicans are trying to keep the negro from pushing himself for office, for fear he will injure their chances."

Insulted the Postmistress--A Negro Who Got Angry Because He did not get a Letter. Raleigh Observer. The Republican postmaster at Clayton recently had a taste of the insolence of the negro that his party has been and is asserting does not exist. Duncan is the name of the postmaster and his daughter, Miss Duncan, attends to the office. Horace Baucum, a negro who gets his mail at the office, came in the other day and asked if there was a letter for him. On being told by Miss Duncan that there was nothing he grew angry and seemed to consider it the fault of the postmistress that he failed to get any mail. He grumbled for a while and finally grew so insulting that a white man who happened to be in the store where the postoffice is kept could stand it no longer and kicked Baucum out of the house, following up the ejection with a good thrashing. All of which goes to show that others besides Democrats suffer from the fruits of fusion rule.

Resolved, That in view of these intolerable conditions, it is the sense of this meeting that it is the duty of every good citizen to exert his utmost influence and personal effort to effect results which will restore order, protect property and give that sense of security to our lives and our homes which obtains only in civilized communities.

Resolved, That this Chamber is sensible that its province is commercial and not political, and the intention or desire to enter the sphere of politics is distinctly disclaimed, but the conditions confronting us and calling for solution are commercial and social, and not political; and as citizens and business men, with the one desire to promote the prosperity, peace and happiness of the community, we declare to the world that these blessings are not possible under government by the present political regime, whose existence and power are predicated on the blind adherence of the negro element of our population, which, taken as a whole, with some worthy exceptions, are under the most absolute bondage and domination of a few designing men of the white race, who for selfish ends play upon their prejudices to array them against order and good government.

The meeting was presided over by President James H. Chabour, Jr., who was one of the first to spring to his feet in the unanimous raising vote on adoption of the resolutions. Mr. Chabour has up to now been a prominent Republican and was elected treasurer of New Hanover county by that party which office he now holds. He, however, yesterday declared himself in hearty sympathy with the resolution and several of his most intimate friends say that he has signified his intention to vote a straight Democratic ticket at the approaching election.

Echo Gives the Usual Answer. Concord Times. What has become of the Republican speakers? Where, O, where, can they be? They are usually loud-mouthed and rampant in campaigns. Is it not a significant fact that they are all so silent this year? Have they not the cheek to defend openly Russell's administration and the fusion legislation? Why do they send out Cy Thompson and other Populist leaders to do their talking and dodging and lying? Is it not evident that their object is to divide the white votes and lead the Populists into the Republican party before they know it? It is not evident that they desire to perpetuate negro supremacy in the east? Are they not afraid to come out for they must say that they will either stop negro rule or continue it. In doing this they would offend either the white men or the negro. Their policy is to stir up strife between the Democrats and Populists, and they will reap all the fruits. Will intelligent honest white men be deceived and vote against their own interests just to spite the Democrats?

His Last Engagement. Judge. "Shot through the heart was Private Jones. The path was steep and narrow"--Nay, reader, do not shed a tear. The shot was Cupid's arrow.

Our little boy was afflicted with rheumatism in his knee; and at times unable to put his foot to the floor. We tried in vain, everything we could hear of--that we thought would help him. We almost gave up in despair, when some one advised us to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We did so, and the first bottle gave so much relief that we got a second one, and, to our surprise, it cured him sound and well.--J. T. Bays, Pastor Christian Church, Neodesha, Kan. For sale by Jas. A. Hardison.

STRONG RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington Regarding the Political Situation. Wilmington Star, 7th. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce yesterday took a decided stand in regard to the political situation in the city and country, declaring that while the Chamber is sensible that its province is commercial and not political, and disclaiming any intention to enter the sphere of politics, they as citizens believe that good government and security to life and property are not possible under the present political negro rule regime. The meeting was largely attended and great enthusiasm and determination were manifested. The resolutions in full as adopted are as follows: Be it Resolved by the Chamber of Commerce, That the political situation in this city and county is a menace to the peace and order of the community, in which property has no protection and life of the citizen no security; that the feeling of unrest and apprehension following upon an incompetent public service which, while it exacts tribute in taxes offers no immunity from danger to the property or person of the citizen, is detrimental to every business interest, arrests enterprise, hampers commerce and repels capital which might otherwise find investment in our midst. That such commercial stagnation and social disorder are the logical outcome of a condition which finds the control of government in the hands of corrupt and incompetent men, whose authority fails to inspire fear in the worst element of our population as it does to command the respect of our best citizens; that this lawless and wholly irresponsible element, fortified by the consciousness that the authorities are either impotent or unwilling to impose restraint upon them and protect life, property, convert liberty into license, perpetrate outrage on every hand, disturb the peace of the community and offer indignities to our white woman which have culminated in instances of personal violence to them on our streets, and in an attack on the virtue of the woman of our Southland by the negro editor of the infamous Daily Record.

Resolved, That in view of these intolerable conditions, it is the sense of this meeting that it is the duty of every good citizen to exert his utmost influence and personal effort to effect results which will restore order, protect property and give that sense of security to our lives and our homes which obtains only in civilized communities.

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Resolved, That the counties of this State, which are in the majority in each of these counties. No negro domination, you say! Yet even in the matter of selecting delegates so important a convention they assert their power and send only men of that race to name a candidate to be voted for by people in every county, and who, if elected, will hold court in every county in the State.

The counties of this district alone elect the Solicitor. A negro is named for this office. The Judge, having to be voted for by citizens of all the counties of the State, the negro convention made a virtue of their fears and named Charlie Cook.

JOAQUIN MILLER'S TOMB. Poet of the Sierras Erects a Stone Pyre, Upon Which He Can be Cremated and His Ashes Scattered. San Francisco Dispatch to The Baltimore Sun. Joaquin Miller's latest freak has been to build his tomb. It is also a crematory and so arranged that after incineration the ashes of the "poet of the Sierras" will be blown all over Fruiteville Hills.

When he returned from Klondike, where he had been nearly frozen to death, the poet declared that he would build a real stone pyre, on which his lifeless body would be destroyed. Several weeks ago the building was commenced and it is now finished. It is erected on the back of a little hill near his home and covers a space of exactly two square feet. It is solidly built of 620 huge bowlers cemented together by skilled hands.

A few feet from the tomb is a big brown bowlder weighing over a ton. On its smooth face is painted in large letters the words "To the Unknown." In the top of the pyre is a coffin-shaped hole, in which the poet wants to be cremated. There is a straight hole through the structure that will insure the reflection of this remains to ashes, and having done this the wind will then scatter the ashes over his beloved hills. "The poet will not discuss the matter, but merely says, "It is my wish."

WE HAVE SOWN NEGRO RULE.

And Now We Are Reaping Insolence and Sullen Insubordination. Raleigh News and Observer. One of the worst features of these days of negro rule is the insolence of the negro on the farms and the absolute impossibility of controlling him. "I can get no work done by negroes on my farm," said a Harnett county man yesterday, as he stood by his wagon load of cotton on Wilmington street. "If you hire one he is apt as not to fail to turn up on the morning you need him worst. But if he comes he'll probably slobber his work; and you dare not reprimand him for it. If you do ten chances to one he'll throw up his job on the spot. This spirit has been coming over them for the past year, and it has grown very rapidly during the past few months. "Unless there is speedily a change of some kind many farmers will be left in a mighty bad hole, and their crops, especially cotton, will be left to rot in the fields." A lady--a widow--living near Neuse, had much the same story to tell. She was here to get a discharge for her only son, who is a member of a Virginia regiment. "I have no one to help me," she explained. "At home there are my two young daughters and myself, absolutely without protection. We fear for our safety. The negroes are very insolent. Then the crops in the fields are ripening and there's no one to gather them. It is only now and then that I can hire a negro laborer, and even then they are so trifling that I can do nothing with them. I never remember such a condition of affairs before."

All this is but the natural fruit of negro rule.

A Pretty Candidate For a Judge. Raleigh Post. Mr Charles A. Cook, of Warren, who has been nominated for State Senator, Judge of the Superior court and Brigadier General during this summer, failing in the last and rejected finally by the negroes of Warren an I Vance for the first, has "accepted" the nomination for Judge of the Superior court.

The so-called convention which nominated him for Judge met in Rocky Mount, and was composed entirely of negroes, not a white delegate in the convention. With him was nominated a negro, Williamson of Grayev, for solicitor. The Judge of the Superior court rides the circuits of the entire State. And here is a candidate chosen for this very important position by a convention composed entirely of negroes.

Let us see the counties composing this judicial district: Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton and Warren. The negroes are in the majority in each of these counties. No negro domination, you say! Yet even in the matter of selecting delegates so important a convention they assert their power and send only men of that race to name a candidate to be voted for by people in every county, and who, if elected, will hold court in every county in the State.

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Religion is Not Declining. Atlanta Constitution. If the sensational declaration made last Sunday in New York by Benjamin F. DeCosta, rector of the Church of St. John, the evangelist, is warranted even in the slightest degree by the facts it follows that the status of religion in the United States is most deplorable. Of course it is possible that the worthy divine may not be correctly reported, and we trust for the sake of the cause which is so vital to our civilization that such may be the case; but he is credited with saying that infidelity has become so rampant of late years that it begins to look as though the organized efforts of Christian denominations to evangelize the country were hopeless. In other words, he is credited with saying in effect that religion is dying out in the United States.

We reproduce this remarkable utterance not for the purpose of giving it circulation, but for the purpose of denying it in toto. We do not believe that religion is lying out in the United States, but on the contrary we believe that the most reliable signs of the times distinctly point to its healthy growth. Without undertaking to deny that infidelity is rampant or that the forces of evil are more persistently at work than ever in the land, we nevertheless feel assured that such opposition to the spread of religion may be due to aggressiveness rather than to relaxation on the part of Christian denominations. Within certain limits opposition begets opposition; and, therefore, it is perfectly fair to conclude that the intensity with which religion is assailed at the present time may be due to the intensity with which religion is performing its work in the world. There can be no denial of the fact that there are vastly more people outside of the church than there are inside of the church even in this country, which is nominally Christian; but statistics show that the membership of the church in the United States was never greater than it is at the present time. Ought not this to encourage the faithful men and women in this country who are bearing upon their shoulders the work of the church and who are looking forward with such devout eagerness to the ultimate fruition of the labors in which they are engaged? We most earnestly commend to the rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist the wisdom of looking at the other side of the picture. Doleful misgivings do not become the pulpit, which is sacred to the gospel of hopefulness and of faith. Ministers who interpret their Bible aright and who preach the gospel in its purity may yield to momentary fits of depression when they look out with aching hearts upon the waywardness of the world, but they cannot doubt the ultimate triumph of that great cause of which they are evangelists.

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