A Wilderness Library.

One of the largest libraries in Russia belongs to Genadi W. Judin. It consists of over 100,000 volumes, and the oddest thing about it is that it is not situated in a large city, but in the neighborhood of one of the most inaccessible Siberian towns, Karsjomarsk.

An ordinary headache may generally be cured by applying water as hot as it can be borne to the feet and back of the neck.

Loose Business Morals.

An Arctic explorer was praising the late William Ziegler. "He was a man of the alertest wit," the explorer said. "I never saw his equal in the hitting off of a person's character with an opposite story. Once, I remember, he was describing a flour manufacturer of loose business morals. Mr. Ziegler said this manufacturer was like a certain grocer who called his clerk up before him one day and said:

"'That lady who just went out—didn't I hear her ask you for fresh laid eggs?'

"'Yes, sir,' the clerk answered.

"'And you said we hand't any?'

"'Yes, sir; that is correct!'

"The grocer, purple with rage, yelled:

"'Didn't you see me lay those eggs myself on the counter not ten minutes ago? You are discharged, you mendacious scoundrel, and see that you don't look to me for a reference, either.'"—New York Tribune.

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Dr. Sigurd Ibsen.

Dr. Sigurd Ibsen, son of the noted dramatist, is prominent in the movement which recently culminated in the secession of Norway from Sweden. Dr. Ibsen is the constant and close associate of Frithjoy Nansen, the explorer and scientist, in these troublesome days.

SEVEN YEARS AGO

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes:

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THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY BISHOP C. C. McCABE.

Subject: God's Little Ones.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bishop C. C. McCabe preached in the Hanson Place M. E. Church Sunday morning. The Rev. Charles E. Locke, the pastor, conducted the service. Bishop McCabe chose for his subject "God's Little Ones," and preached from the text Isaiah lx:22: "And a little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, hath said it, in his time." He said:

There are two thoughts that claim our attention as we study this text. One is the kind of workers God chooses to do His greatest work in this world—the little ones; and, second, the possible rapidity with which God's work may go forward in this world. God chooses the lowly to do His great work. The history of the world never yet has been fairly written. We know what the great have done, we know what kings and emperors and generals and philosophers and poets and inventors have done, but the Macaulay has not yet arisen to trace out in history what God's little ones have done, yet the history of the world cannot be fairly written without telling the story of their lives, because they have done so much for the world, and what others have done would have been in vain had it not been for what God's little ones have accomplished. He chose the lowly. "God hath respect unto the lowly, but the proud He knoweth afar off." He loves the lowly heart that trusts in Him. What an impediment to Christian work is pride! We cannot build up a strong Christian character without humility. Humility comes from the Latin word "humus," which means "the ground"—the ground on which to build a strong Christian character. Its corner stone and foundation stone must be humility, and if the character lack that grace, it will not stand the test of time and temptation; but, with humility, the Christian character may be built up with a symmetry and universalness that will endure through life and eternity. What do you think of this passage? "I, the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, I will dwell in the high and holy places with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." God chooses as His associates the humble and the contrite.

Our Lord carried on His work after the same plan. He chose the humble and lowly workers and sent them out to preach His gospel. And one day they came back to Him surprised and delighted with their experience, and they said: "Master, even the devils are subject to us in Thy name," and it is written that at that time Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said: "Father, I thank Thee because Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight." I am understood this well when he wrote to the Corinthians: "Not may wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and the base things of the world and things which are despised hath God chosen; yea, and things which are not to bring to naught things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence." How low He gets it down! That has always been God's plan, even before the time when the babe came to the manger in Bethlehem. Jesus born in Bethlehem in Judea—that little, lowly one was God's answer to the world's cry for help and light. It was a little added weakness to that we had already, poverty added to the poverty we had already; it was an infant's wail added to what Paul calls the "groan of creation." That was God's way of answering man.

I will just call your attention to the possible rapidity with which the kingdom of God can grow in this world, "a little one becoming a thousand." There is a tremendous race of gain; it seems as if it could not be so. We say Isaiah was a poet; a mystical man and exaggerated sometimes, but this is no exageration. It has often been the case. Yea, a small one has become a nation in the history of the onward march of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, our Lord. I believe that God wants His kingdom to grow rapidly, and I think that was the spirit of Jesus when He told His disciples the parable of the talents. On another occasion He gave them another parable of the rich man who before going away gave each of his servant a pound and on his return required his own with usury. One man said: "Lord, Thy pound hath gained ten pounds." That was a big percentage of interest. And another said: "Lord, Thy pound hath gained five pounds." That was a good percentage, and Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like that." That is the way invested lives may grow; that is the way life, no matter how humble, may grow; that is consecration. That is the teaching of these two parables.

Now these are commercial figures. Let us take them into the light and try to understand them. In the parable the master speaks of three rates of gain. When the man who had five talents brought five more he was worth 100 per cent. to his master, and he who had two and brought two more was also worth 100 per cent to his master, but when the man who had only one pound brought five pounds more he was worth 500 per cent. to his master, and the man whose one pound had gained ten pounds was worth 1000 per cent. to his master; and Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like that." All those rates of gain are possible in the kingdom of heaven. We cannot receive it right off. Let us try to comprehend the Master's meaning. Six per cent.—we know all about that—will do wonders if we will only give it a little time.

In 1620 the island of Manhattan was bought by the white man from the Indians for $24, which is an insignificant sum. Yes, but put it out at interest at six per cent. and add interest to interest and let it grow for 285 years and how much would you have then? The $24 would then have increased to $192,000,000, and that is the way the kingdom of heaven ought to grow. And if you keep that money out at interest for 450 years it will be able to buy Manhattan Island with all there is on it, and then there will be enough left to buy every State in the Union, and then there will still be enough left to buy Great Britain. And if left out at interest for 500 years there would be enough to buy the United States, England and Germany. And the Master said: "The kingdom of heaven is like that," and that is the way it ought to grow, and that is the way it would grow if we would simply keep the idea of the power and compound spiritual interest of the church of God. If you kept out the $24 with interest added to interest for 600 years it would wreck the world. Six per cent! That is entirely too small a rate of gain to suit my soul. What does it mean? It means this: That here is the church of 100 members instrumental in the conversion of six souls to Christ in a year. I would not be satisfied with that rate at all. One hundred per cent. is the least rate of gain that any Christian church ought to think worthy of the kingdom of God. If the bells of the millennium would be ringing before we died if we only would keep our soul winning for a few years. It is not difficult to win a soul. I have been trying to work out this problem for years—trying to be worth something for Jesus. One night I arrived at New Haven, Conn., and took a hack at midnight to the house where I was to stay. When the hackman asked for his fare I dropped a quarter into his hand, and, grasping it, said: "Good night, sir! I hope to meet you in glory some day." He jumped on the box, whirled his horse around, and was gone.

I did not expect to see him again. Away after midnight my host knocked at my chamber door and said: "A hackman is here, acting queerly. He says he wants to see you and has got to see you to-night." I said: "Let him come in." I arose and threw a shawl over me, and in came a great stalwart hackman with his whip in his hand and tears running down his cheeks and he said: "If I meet you in glory I have got to turn around, for I am not going that way. I have come to ask you to pray for me. I could not keep away." What a joy it was to pray for that man! He went out comforted by God's holy spirit, and I believe, I was worth 100 per cent. to my Master that night. The possible growth of the kingdom is what I am talking about.

In 1865, when the war was over, I was on a train going from Lancaster, Ohio, and saw a drunken soldier sitting by himself. Nobody would sit by a drunken soldier, but that is the very kind of man I like to sit by. I sat down by him and by and by stole my arm gently around his neck and whispered to him: "Comrade, when are you going to give your heart to Jesus Christ and be a Christian?" He looked embarrassed and got up and went to another part of the train. I thought I had offended him. I went that night to preach in the little town of Putnam, where I once was pastor, and there sat that man and his sister beside him. We had a glorious meeting that night. I did not see him again for thirty-five years, but one night I was about to speak to the Grand Army in the old Dutch Church on Fifth avenue. There were 1800 soldiers there. A splendid looking man came down the aisle and I said to a gentleman: "Who is that man?" and he said: "That is Colonel Hadley, the head of the St. Bartholomew Mission. He has been instrumental in planting fifty-four rescue missions in this country." I went down, and said: "Brother Hadley, I am glad to see you. I have heard about your work, but I never saw you before." "Oh, yes you have," he replied. "Thirty-five years ago I was sitting on a train and you came and sat down by me and wanted to know when I was going to be a Christian and give my heart to God. I never got over that question. You have seen me ever before." I believe it is possible for every Christian to gain over 100 per cent. for our blessed Lord every year.

There are souls that are worth a thousand per cent. There was that noble woman in the Epworth Record with her nineteen children. Do you know she adopted five orphans besides—twenty-four altogether—and her husband was a preacher. (Laughter). Surely the invested life of Susanna Wesley was worth more than 1000 per cent.

The bishop then reviewed at some length the progress of Methodism since the first conference in 1773, particularly in Ohio. He then spoke of the work in Russia, where there are now 2,000,000 converts, and liberty to worship according to conscience, and then said:

There will come a time when God Himself will get in a hurry and when He will say, "The earth has wept long enough. There has been enough war, enough trouble," and when He will hasten on the kingdom and bring it quickly. I think He will hasten when we hasten. Oh, brothers, let us hurry with the gospel!

After an urgent appeal for increased subscriptions to missionary work, Bishop McCabe concluded his sermon as follows:

Brothers, your children will see this world converted. In a great meeting the other day we sent his message to Theodore Roosevelt: "We are looking to you to bring about a movement for universal arbitration." I find twenty-one nations have asked him to take the initiative, and your children will live to see the day when war will be no more, and when that happens we, who have believed it all the time, will say, "I told you so." There are two kinds of faith, one that believes before a thing happens, and the other after. What kind have you? I think God I believe it now before it happens. I believe the whole earth is going to be converted. The time is coming when no man will have to say to his neighbor, "Know the Lord." And the time is coming when "the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea." May He hasten it in His time.

All Light.

The difference between receiving the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit is a difference not of a kind, but of a degree. In one case the light of Heaven has reached the dark chamber, disturbing night, but leaving some deep shadows. In the other, that light has filled the whole chamber and made every corner light.—William Arthur.

NEWSY GLEANINGS!

Only 819,229 children were born in France last year.

The British War Office has announced that it can not give official recognition to polo.

Several artists in London are now executing portraits in wax of well-known and fashionable people.

There are thirteen King streets in the county of London, three of which are in the city of Westminster.

The One-by-One Band is a successful organization in England for promoting personal Christian work.

Photographs of 25,704 criminals are preserved at the central Berlin police office, an increase of 5000 since 1900.

The number of deaths has decreased by sixteen per cent. in the City of Mexico since the opening of the great sewer.

A newspaper correspondent recently found near Kimberley, South Africa, a diamond of 149½ carats that he sold for $13,455.

The London Jewish World announces the offer by Mr. Claude G. Montefiore of a prize of £200 for the best book on Jewish mysticism.

France and the city of Paris have spent nearly $700,000 this year in entertaining royal guests and paying for the journeys of the President.

The Society of Gray's Inn, London, has offered a reward of £100 for the stolen "Beda Super Canticum Canticorum" and "The Maske of Flowers."

The Spanish newspapers mention the proposal for a marriage between King Alfonso and the German Princess Marie Antoinette of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

It is now believed that Miss Mabel A. Williams, of East Hartford, Conn., the Wellesley College student whose body was recovered from the Charles River the other day, was a victim of versitudy.

Wasn't Shot.

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, while going to Washington one day not long ago, noticed a crowd around the depot at one of the stations on the Southern, down in North Carolina, and poked his head out of the window, and asked of a negro: "Adam what's the matter here?" "Jim Johnson's dead, sah," was the answer. "Somebody shoot him"? "No, sah; nobody shot no-one to him; he jis died at 'one o'clock yesterday."—New Orleans Picayune.

BODY NOT TO BE EXHUMED

Judge Watts Denies Petition of Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co. to Have Body of Dargan, the Dead President of Independent Oil Company Taken Up for Examination—$25,000 Policy in Question.

Cheraw, S. C., Special.—The first step to be taken by the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co., of Philedelphia, in an effort to have the body of Robert Keith Dargan, the late president of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, whose reported suicide here some months ago caused a profound sensation, exhumed, failed Saturday before Judge Watts, of the Circuit Court, who refused the petition of the company. Dargan was insured in this company in the sum of $25,000.

The attorneys argued that the testimony set forth in the affidavits was based entirely on hearsay and for this reason the court would not be justified in ordering the body exhumed. In making his decision, Judge Watts stated that he did not feel that it was the court's business to confirm these rumors and that the facts in the case, as presented by the petitioners, did not justify an order for the re-opening of the grave, inasmuch as the action was brought by individuals. Had the request came from the solicitor Judges Watts stated that it would, in all probibility have been granted.

One of the attorneys of the petitioners stated that the company would begin action at once along other lines to secure the desired end. It is probable that the company will make an effort to enlist the interest of the solicitor.

The hearing of the case has revived, to no small extent, the interest which attached to the failure of the Independent Cotton Seed Oil Company, the suicide of Robert Keith Dargan the president, whose accounts were hundreds of thousand dollars short, and the sensational rumors to the effect that Dargan did not commit suicide and that he was still alive. At the time of his death, or supposed death, it was said that he had made an exhaustive study of hypnotism and mesmerism, as had also his brother, who was with him at the time he was said to have died. Some rumors were to the effect that Dargan, when the coroner's jury viewed the body, was not dead but merely in a state of hypnotism. It is a fact that neither the coroner nor any of the jurors touched the body or made any examination. They were, to use a common expression, railroaded through the room where his body was. One of the arguments of the attorneys for the insurance companies at the hearing was based on this theory of hypotism.

Since the day Dargans death was reported there have been many of the best citizens in this and surrounding towns and counties who have doubted the reality of his death and this opinion obtains now without any diminution.

RAM'S HORN BLASTS

THE best way to say "Thank You" to God is to give someone a chance to say it to you.

The only idea of gratitude some have is that it is a back-handed way of getting in line for some more.

Meditate on your mercies and you minimize your miseries.

God judges your gratitude more by your hands than by your hymns.

The man who really hopes for the best has little time to think of it.

Better content and potatoes than greed at the grouning board.

He who sees God in his past needs no other promise for the future.

It is a good indication of where a man's heart is when he fails to get happy until he has disposed of a big slice of white meat.

Appreciation doubles the appraisal of our possessions.

Good-cheer goes from heart to heart rather than from table to stomach.

Many a thanksgiving sermon mistakes glorification of self for gratitude to God.

The wind you waste in grumbling is so much strength stolen from improvement.

Put the best construction on all you see and you will construct the best in yourself.

The review of the year that shows all gains and no gifts calls for a fast and repentance.

The man who says he cannot forget an injury has an unusual facility for forgetting favors.

It may that heaven is grieved over the gains we boast and rejoice over the we grieve.

Fruit is apt to be at a premium on the leafy tree and wordy man.

If you have the Word in your heart there will be more than words on your lips.

The man who cannot preach without a pulpit was never born to preach in one.

Thanksgiving is a season of peril for both man and the bird whose motto is "gobble, gobble, gobble."

Many a man who prides himself on doing a cash business regards his debts to Heaven with indifference.

If His favors were measured by our appreciation some of us would get about twenty minutes of blessings per annum.

Cripple's Patient Work.

Benjamin J. Morgan, a cripple, has completed a wonderful piece of work which is attracting considerable attention. Inside a bottle 8½ inches long, 4½ inches in diameter and ½ inch at the neck he has made a miniature representation of the Litchfield County Choral Union giving its concert at the armory.

Twenty-five of the singers are represented on six rows, the women being attired in white and the men in black, each singer having a red covered choral book in his or her hand. The twenty-five dolls representing the singers are 2½ inches in length, 1½ inches across the shoulders, each doll having to be separated into twelve pieces in order to get it through the neck of the bottle.

After they were passed through the neck they were glued together. There are 781 pieces in all in the glass vessel. The stopper of the bottle represents the front of the armory.—Winsted Correspondence Waterbury Republican.

Nearly every Chinese can read, but about 90 per cent. of the women are entirely uneducated.

"HOT-AIR" COFFIN FACTORIES

Lead Many Unwary Investors into Quicksands of Financial Ruin.

In these days of frenzied finance, and the limelight of investigation on insurance corporations, the ordinary public is amazed over the disclosure of how millions are carelessly handled by the heads of large institutions, supposed to be safe and conservative.

One fact revealed by these disclosures, is that the men connected with such institutions, have gotten beyond the days of "small capital" and deal with such which rival Uncle Sam's treasury, through which, if successful, they realize large profits.

How sadly in comparison do the "investors" in many manufacturing enterprises appear, when judged from the standpoint of "knowing what you do," and nowhere is this more patent than with the investor that is constantly sinking funds in the many mushroom coffin factories that appear, and then after a spasm "disappear, either through a "shut down" or through the sheriff.

Did the loss but extend only to these "investors" it would be but the usual result, of not "looking before you leaped," but what of the creditors, and frequently the amounts advanced by "localities" paid to stimulate the new town industries, and often the wages due to workmen.

The prevailing opinion in the public mind that the manufacturing of undertakers' goods returns tremendous profits, is no doubt stimulated by experience had with the undertaker, but in the manufacturing of funeral supplies, the question becomes quite a different proposition, for supply and demand, pure and simple, regulates the price, as it does in all other business, with the exception that "the demands" cannot be stimulated, by either style, product, or price, "Father Time," alone controls.

Here is where the over zealous capitalist or community allow promoters, or patriotism to impose upon their credulity, in accepting "statements which will not bear the "light of investigation," but through ignorance of conditions, subscribe and put up their cash, only to get wise after it is too late.

Statistics show that there are one hundred and ninety-five casket manufacturing and jobbing plants in the United States, of which 163 are manufacturers of varying capacities, while 19 manufacture approximately 375,000 coffins and caskets annually, 30 manufacture 360,000, 114 manufacture 612,000, or a total of 1,347,000 coffins and caskets manufactured annually in the United States, all of which must be consumed through the ordinary demand of mortality, but what is the demand? In the mortality abstract of the twelfth census, table number 94, we find that the total deaths from all causes in the registration area of the United States was 512,669 for twelve months, but this registration area was only 38 per cent of the continental territory of the United States. In part 1. of the final report on vital statistics, page VII. the final computation shows a death rate in the United States of 16.3 per 1,000, and while this is considered excessive, but assuming it to be correct, it will show approximately only 1,238,000 deaths per year in this country including paupers.

Now what of the 169,000 coffins and caskets produced annually in excess of the demand which the public can not be induced to purchase by the use of any of the ordinary mediums used to stimulate trade as practiced in other lines of business? Unquestionably it is a curse to over-supply, which can not be disposed of, and the surplus is more than double the quantity stated, for there is no provision in the estimate for pauper coffins, which are not made in the regular coffin factories, whereas the number of deaths include paupers, and thus the fate of nine out of every ten new coffin plants is clearly written, even before the stock is subscribed, to say nothing of the failure of the old ones.

It sometimes happens that a new plant of this kind, after a short struggle, succeeds in surviving some of the older ones, but the same amount of capital and energy invested in some other line of business would not run such great risk of failure, while profits in the event of success have proven to be less than any other class of business.

The records show that the average per cent of profit in the casket manufacturing business by houses which have been in business for a number of years, and equipped with the best facilities for turning out their work at the smallest per cent. runs from 5 to 8 per cent. while several, if not the majority of them can do no better than break even, and in a number of instances close down, or are closed out in a few years.

The government statistics of 1900 shows that in that year $13,585,162.00 of capital was invested in the casket manufacturing business, and the value of the product was $13,952,308.00 at a cost of $10,022,829.00 for material and wages, or a gain of only 28 per cent over the amount expended. Now deduct from this the 20 to 25 per cent necessary for the cost of selling, incidental and sundry expenses and it can be readily seen that the profits will be small if any.

Since these figures were tabulated raw material and labor have both advanced considerably with no advance in the finished product, which makes the small margin between the cost of production and the amount realized for the finished goods likely to disappear altogether.

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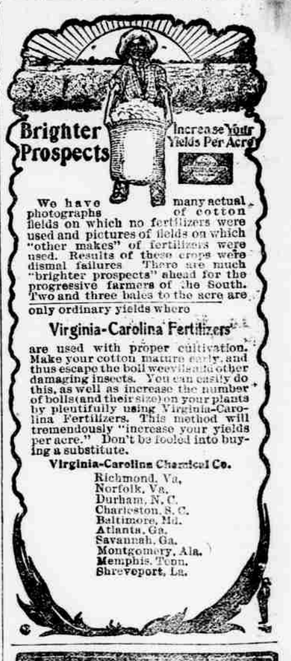

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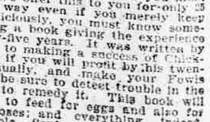

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