

Swain County Herald.

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A large Roman Catholic cathedral has been dedicated at Hong Kong, China. The edifice, which cost \$120,000, holds 4000 people.

The Emperor of Austria has been granting numerous pardons in all parts of his Empire. To a great number of convicts the last years of their sentences have been remitted.

In a recent talk with a delegation of clergymen at others who called upon him to urge a more Christian policy in dealing with the Indians, General Harrison said emphatically that he should do his best in the direction named.

It is said by the New York Star that a majority of the suicides belong to clubs, which would argue that clubs are demoralizing, but for the fact that the self-murderers were not habitues, but members who seldom frequented the club.

The United States has been discussing the question of what should be done to increase the trade between this country and Mexico. There is evidently pressing need, states the New York News, that something should be done.

A newspaper in Ohio recently brought suit against forty-three men who would not pay their subscriptions, and obtained judgment in each case for the amount of such claim. Of these twenty-eight made affidavit that they owned no more than the law allowed, thus preventing attachment.

The Chicago Herald thinks some philosopher should explain why the plug that prospers. "How is it?" is asked "that a covering which cannot be put on canvas, which will not defy the weather, which harmonizes with neither the charms of nature nor the aspirations of the soul—how is that this hat, from decade to decade, sustains its empire?"

The wife of ex-President Cleveland has leased the cottage of Rev. Perry Brown, at Marion, Mass., for the coming season. The house is located on Bartlett's Hill, next north of the summer home of R. W. Gilder, the editor of the Century Magazine.

Beauty shows having become stale, baby shows flat and complexion shows unprofitable, Vienna announces a fresh attraction in the form of a grand competitive exhibition of masculine good looks, and bad looks too.

"Many extravagant stories are in circulation," said George W. Allen to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat representative, "as to the cost of private cars, such as are used by railroad magnates, opera singers, imported actors and millionaires, and I have often heard it stated that an average Pullman palace car is worth \$50,000.

The Secretary of State is informed that Russia will send delegates to the Marine Conference, which meets at Washington on the 20th inst.

The German Crown Prince, six years old, is to get up at six every morning and begin his studies at seven.

An explosion has occurred in the Brancepeth Colliery at Durham, England. Five persons were killed.

The agitation in favor of a legitimate exhibit of pure dairy products has crystallized in a new corporation, the name of which is the National Dairy Fair Association of America.

NORTH AND WEST.

NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Being A Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States.

A FREIGHT train ran into a burning bridge at Catawissa, Penn., and broke through into the ravine, making a terrible wreck and killing Engineer Bonstien, Fireman James Russell and brakeman James Indine. The loss was about \$70,000.

A GUISHER oil well was discovered at Le-groveville, Penn. It threw oil 115 feet into the air, and was running at the rate of 700 barrels a day.

The plant of the Harlan (N. Y.) Electric Lighting Company was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of nearly \$150,000.

FOREST fire swept an area of about 2000 acres surrounding Millville, N. J., destroying barns, crops and much valuable timber. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

OLIVER PERRY LEWIS, aged twenty-one years, of New York city, drowned himself while in his dress suit in Central Park reservoir. He had recently undertaken the support of his mother and sisters, and shame and distress at his failure are thought to have been his motive.

JAMES CONNER and James Harris were killed near Homer, Mich., by a premature explosion of dynamite while blasting stumps.

GEORGE M. McNEIL, formerly of Iowa, employed on the Oak Levee, at Baton Rouge, La., and two colored women, Colly Norton and Frankie Romero, were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff in which they were attempting to cross the river.

A COLLISION occurred between two freight trains a mile south of Glen Mary, Tenn. Brakeman Taylor, Conductor Hine and Engineer Rusk were crushed to death. Two others were slightly injured.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Daniel A. Grosvenor, of Ohio, to be chief of a division of the First Comptroller's office. He is a brother of Representative Grosvenor.

SIR EDWARD MALLEY, the British Ambassador at Berlin; Mr. Scott, the British Minister at Bern, and Mr. Crowe, the commercial attaché of the British Embassy at Paris, have been appointed Royal Commissioners to represent England at the Samoan Conference.

MR. PENDLETON, the United States Minister to Germany, will take no part in the conference in Samoan affairs. He presented his letters of recall to the Emperor William, and immediately left Berlin.

MESSRS. KASSON, Bates and Phelps, the American Commissioners to the Samoan Conference left London for Berlin.

KING CHARLES of Rumania officially announced that his nephew, Prince Ferdinand, had been selected as heir to the throne of Rumania.

The Edison General Electric Company, with \$12,000,000 capital, has been incorporated in New York city. The company's object is the purchase and sale of electrical machinery.

RETURNERS from all cities and towns in Massachusetts show that the majority against the prohibition amendment is 44,490.

JOHN W. BROCKLE, ex-Postmaster of Mount Carmel, Penn., has been arrested on the charge of issuing about \$4000 of fraudulent money orders.

JOHN WADSWORTH and wife, an aged couple, living at Appleton, Md., and John M. Linderman, a boy of Wilmington, Del., were instantly killed by an express train at Newport, Del. They were in a carriage, and were driving across the railroad track when struck by the train.

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The Simpson dry dock at Newport News, Va., the largest in the United States, was formally opened in the presence of a party of distinguished visitors.

GRIGSBY'S Prediction, W. Va., during an election on the liquor license question, a difficulty occurred between William Porter and Svin Howell. Porter was shot three times, and expired in a few minutes. While trying to quell the disturbances Joe Sargent and Martin Johnson were mortally wounded.

A TREMENDOUS storm of rain and hail broke over Atlanta, Ga. The walls of the Jackson building, which was gutted by fire last, killing two firemen and injuring several others.

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ADAMIRAL DAVID D. PORTER, Grand Marshal of the Centennial naval parade, will celebrate his seventy-sixth birthday on the 9th of June. He recently held a reception with his wife at home when, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Sultan of Morocco is an Englishman, the eldest son of Sultan Mohammed, and he wears in Morocco the title of "Chief of the Army." He enjoys immense honors in Morocco, and as he is to soon visit England, the Sultan insists that he shall be accompanied by an escort of a hundred picked men.

The Eiffel Tower, at the Paris Exposition, has enough elevators to take 2550 persons up to the first story and 750 persons to the top in an hour, and counting all the elevators, the tower can be admitted to the tower every six minutes. By means of the two elevators one can reach the apex in five minutes. As to the means required for that result it is estimated at four hundred horse-power. There is consequently installed at the foot of the tower a pump of four hundred horse-power, which will send the water to the upper reservoirs all the water required. So, you see, the going up "as high as the sky," is not to mention the coming down, is not to be neglected. It is interesting of the many industrial incidents of which the Champ de Mars will soon afford us the spectacle.—San Francisco Chronicle.

His Poem on Spring. Foot poems to the Spring. Oh, joy the vernal gladness spring is here; The genial warmth pervades the atmosphere; The birds are twittering in the budding trees, And o'er the lilac bushes hum the bees. Related at last are hoary winter's throes— Voice from the Kitchen. El, George, come here. The water-pipes is frozen.

Women in the west end of London go about armed with small squirt guns filled with dirty water, with which they slyly soil the coats or dresses of persons whom they pass. Then they meet the persons, and, with elaborate bows, beg pardon for calling attention to the fact that the dress or coat is splashed, and offer to wipe it off with a clean white apron. Nine times out of ten the trick brings a generous tip.

USUAL AND DRAMATIC.

Mrs. Mitchell has a new play.

A LAIRY RUSTON was born in Italy in 1887.

R. BERT ELMER has proven an unexpected success in Boston.

Mrs. POTTER, the society actress, has bought a farm on Long Island.

The Bijou Theatre, at Melbourne, Australia, has been destroyed by fire.

GEORGE DREW-BARRYMORE has signed with W. H. Crane for next season.

AMONG the actresses Ellen Terry draws the highest pay—\$500 a week.

THERE are thirty-four regularly appointed opera companies traveling on the road.

ADELAIDE MOORE, the English tragedienne, is preparing for next season.

The current theatrical seasons in Berlin and Vienna has been unusually successful.

A MUSICAL entertainment for the benefit of the Home for Dogs, in London, netted \$2300.

CLAY M. GREENE has written a new play of New England life called "Blackberry Farm."

N. C. GOODWIN, the comedian, will be under management of James C. Duff next season.

The leading New York society ladies propose to erect a monument to the memory of Lester Mackay.

The late Duchess of Cambridge used to pay \$1000 a year to a company of entertainers to give her an hour every day.

THERE will be six or seven comic opera companies here at the present season of New York theater-going this summer.

CATHERINE STICHLER, widow of the tragedian Edwin Forrest, is seventy-two years old and a resident of New York city.

MANAGER J. M. HILL, of New York, has discovered a new dramatic luminary in Gladys Orme, a pretty fifteen-year-old girl.

Mrs. HALSTEDS-IN-THE-STOMACH, who will be with Forepaugh's circus and ring system, is described as the Langtry of the Sioux tribe.

STONOR NOVARA, the well-known basso, has been engaged to support Ed. Gillingham's operatic tour of the United States next winter.

WACHEL, the French tenor, has been celebrating his jubilee at a brilliant season at London carrying the six-thousand-dollar Stradivarius violin recently presented to him by his British admirer.

CHARLES W. DURANT, of New York, who managed Estelle Clayton's theatrical tours and who three years ago inherited \$300,000, claimed in court the other day that his sole possession of the world was a ring given to him by Miss Clayton, and valued at \$450.

PROMINENT PEOPLE. Hon. S. S. COX is lecturing on West.

The czar is learning to play the cornet. J. D. DANA, the geologist, is seventy-five.

W. M. MOULTON, the soldier, is eighty-eight. ALFRED TENNYSON, the poet, is seventy-nine.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S favorite dish is tapoca pudding.

CHRONIC VICTIMS VICTORIA, of Sweden, has given birth to a daughter.

SENATOR INGALLS has a passion for bright colors, and is very dressy.

JOHN WADSWORTH, the new Postmaster-General, is worth \$10,000,000.

W. H. H. has doubled his fortune. Secretary Blaine has doubled his fortune.

ROBERT BANCROFT, the historian, has endeavored his literary work.

SECRETARY PROCTOR is going West to look after Government lands. Progress out there.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

Farmer's Alliance Active—Notes of Accidents, Etc., Classified.

The world's visible supply of cotton is 2,281,484 bales.

The West Tennessee Hospital at Bolivar is about completed.

Works will be built in Chattanooga, Tenn., to manufacture dynamite.

J. B. Fortune has been appointed postmaster at Shelby, N. C.

Information has reached Asheville, N. C., the death of Mrs. S. B. Steele, of Kentucky, mother of Mrs. Senator Vance.

The Westmoreland Calisaya Tonic Company has been organized at Greenville, S. C.

The winners at the Memphis races Saturday were Cassandra, Lullie B. Kee Veena, and Strideaway.

The date for the Cabarrus county (N. C.) fair has been set for October 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th.

Robert S. Houston, newly appointed postmaster at Birmingham, Ala., is a native of Iredell county, N. C.

Robert P. Willis and Samuel Halford have been sentenced to be hanged at Rutherfordton on May 27, for burglary.

The South Carolina Press Association adjourned Thursday evening, after an interesting session.

ARMOUR & Co., the great meat packers of Chicago, will build a branch packing factory at Knoxville, Tenn.

Postmaster-General Wannamaker allowed the postmasters at Savannah and Atlanta to close their offices on April 26—Confederate memorial day.

An agreement has been effected that will prevent any collision between Tennessee and Virginia officers on account of the undetermined location of the State line.

The Congaree Construction Company has contracted to build the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railroad from its present terminus near Little Mountain to Newberry, a distance of 20 miles.

Cesar R. Kizer, colored, was hanged at Charleston on Friday, for the murder of A. Oldenburg, white, on February 9.

The condemned man professed the Catholic faith before going to the scaffold.

Col. A. G. Sharp, of Tennessee, formerly Chief Postmaster Inspector, has been appointed Chief Inspector of the Atlanta, Ga. division, to succeed W. W. Simpson, resigned.

Pat Hunt, under sentence of death at Paris, Ky., for killing James Abney, put on a most brave appearance during the trial and smiled when the verdict was read. He left the court house escorted by three officers and smoking a cigar.

A Texas railroad has sent its agents to Oklahoma to induce those who cannot get land there to come to Texas. The railroad offers good land on easy terms, and has 7,000,000 acres to sell, while Oklahoma contains only 1,800,000. Texas hopes to get 20,000 emigrants from the overflow.

Carter Colquhoun, son of Wm. H. Colquhoun of Atlanta, Ga., died in Utica, N. Y., Tuesday, where he had been taken to a hospital for treatment. He graduated at Emory College last fall and was a brilliant young man. He developed brain fever which his physician in Atlanta attributed to excessive cigarette smoking.

An Entire Family Gone. A horrible crime was reported from Macon county, N. C. W. P. Wood, an industrious farmer, lived in the country at least five miles from any neighbors. His family consisted of his wife, three sons, and two daughters. The children were grown, and the other two were aged 12 and 14 years. Wood had saved some \$700, and had always kept his money in an old trunk. It was generally known among his neighbors that he had a large amount of money in his house, and at one time he had attempted to break into it and get it, but he had not done so. The trunk was broken open, and its contents were gone. Among the ashes charred bones were found, showing that the entire family had been murdered in the house which was fired. There are no clues to the murderers.

An American Girl Marries a Chinaman. Charley June, a twenty-two-year-old Chinaman, and a good-looking American girl, 26 years old, were married at Boston, Mass. When the clergyman asked the groom, "Will you take this woman to be your wedded wife?" Charley seemed confused.

The answer is, "I will," prompted the clergyman.

Still the Chinaman opened his mouth. The bride, who was evidently beginning to fear that he had changed his mind, broke in:

"Say yes or no, one or the other."

Then Charley replied in very good English, "I will."

After the ceremony was concluded the clergyman advanced toward the bride, saying, "Mrs. June, I congratulate you," and the bride dropped into a chair exclaiming, as she drew a long breath, "Mrs. June."

Selling a Hair of Gladstone. A Naples correspondent gives an anecdote which, he says, deserves to become historical. "Sitting exactly behind Mr. Gladstone in church I saw a gray hair tumble on to the collar of his overcoat. Hearing one of his lemons squeezed by the Prince of Wales instantly became of immortal value, it occurred to me that a hundred years hence this short iron-gray hair might likewise attain distinction, so I carefully picked it off and held it between my thumb and finger. The next thing was to bring it home and preserve it, but on the way I—lost it—but I did not mind. Meeting an Italian deputy of high position I showed him my trophy; he got tremendously excited, seized my hair (the gray one), threw me a 5-franc piece and bolted."

Farmers' Alliances in Foreign Lands. What a commotion it would occasion in some of the United States if the Grange or Farmers' Alliance should call a general convention shortly before a National or State election, to arrange for a farmer's ticket! Yet that is what the Victorian Australia, Farmer's Protective Association did in February.—Agriculturist.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

The Marvellous Story as Told by Bankers in the Various States.

The Manufacturers' Record published special reports from leading bankers all over the South as to the condition of business in their vicinity, stating that the views of bankers were secured because they are the best possible authority on the financial position of their section.

The Record says: In the North there is complaint of dullness. In the South an activity never before equaled is seen in every line of industry; people are not only hopeful and enthusiastic. The steady progress of late years has brought about a season of prosperity which has infused new life into everybody, and the whole South is alive and at work.

Drones are at a discount, energy and enterprise are ceaseless, tireless vim and push are now the controlling factors in the South. The reports of bankers scattered from Virginia to Texas, without exception, tell of the great improvement in business, and the enthusiasm which pervades all classes of citizens, farmers and business men alike.

This is probably the most uniformly favorable summary of the condition of business in an area as great as the South could ever have been made. In giving some of the reasons for this prosperity the Record says that during the last two years it has reported the organization in the South of upwards of 10,000 new industrial establishments, and a new line of manufacturing and mining, from making pins to building locomotives, and the building of nearly 6,000 miles of railroad and the production of the largest crops ever raised in this section, which yielded fairly good profits to the farmer.

During these two years the South has raised fourteen million bushels of cotton, over one billion bushels of corn, nearly one hundred million bushels of wheat and one hundred and sixty million bushels of oats. The total value of an aggregate of upwards of \$1,600,000,000 or an average of \$800,000,000 a year.

The character of the reports from bankers is shown in the following from a few of them.

The First National Bank, of Florence, Ala., reports: "Business is on a sound and solid basis and activity unprecedented in this section, with money easy."

Thirty or forty new factories have been located here in the last few months."

The First National Bank, of Athens, Tenn., says that section was never before half so prosperous nor the outlook half so flattering.

The Farmers' Bank, of Danville, Va., reports: "The prospects are more promising than ever before."

The First National Bank, of Fort Worth, Texas, reports: "An era of unprecedented prosperity," and adds "that the farmers are jubilant over the crop prospects."

The First National Bank, of Salisbury, N. C., speaking for all that section, says: "A better outlook than for twenty years and the people are united and enthusiastic."

The First National Bank, of Rome, Ga., reports: "Business very active and increasing and people full of hope and enthusiasm."

Lehman, Durr & Co., bankers, Montgomery, Ala., says: "Not a single mercantile failure for a year and everything bright and promising."

Warren Deposit Bank, Glasgow, Ky., reports: "New era of prosperity."

The First National Bank, of Rock Hill, S. C., reports: "Brighter than for ten years."

The First National Bank, of Vicksburg, Miss., reports: "Going ahead with marked rapidity."

The First National Bank, of South Pittsburg, Tenn., reports: "Satisfactory to the most sanguine."

His Beloved Charlotte Gone. Mr. G. W. Cramer, of Abbeville county, S. C., publishes the following unique advertisement in the Asheville Medium:

On Feb. 5 my beloved wife Charlotte, after an absence of eight months, returned to her home and conjugal duties. She was welcomed with joy, for I fondly thought that my troubles were over and the fear of a domestic war had been averted after her homecoming she went to town on a shopping excursion, and made such purchases as she desired, for my purse was open to her. But no one knows the trouble I see. About the 1st of March she said I had made, in which she was not provided for, and I reasoned with her that everything had been arranged by law for her comfort and security after my death; but all I said fell upon unwilling ears, and my sentiments were rejected by a perverse temper. On March 3, she was off again, taking her departure as suddenly as she made her appearance nearly a month before. Why she left I do not know. She had a good home, my purse was open to her, and I treated her kindly. To know, however, that she went off in the buggy of a young married man, who has as much as I can do to take care of his own family, is a strange attachment for she is many years his senior. My object in publishing this is to say that if there is any law to punish one for "alienating a wife's affections," this young man shall feel its weight. Also to let the public know that she has a good home when she returns to her wifely duties, that I will be responsible for any of her contracts when away from home, and that I have always treated her as an honorable man and law-abiding citizen should treat his wife.

GEO. W. CRAMER. The beloved Charlotte and the young married man have not yet returned.

Congressman Oates' Plan. Congressman Oates, of Alabama, who is one of the leading democrats in public life, proposes an original method of dealing with contested election cases in the next Congress. His plan is to appoint a committee to consider the various points in case to come up. In his opinion that committee should examine the facts in the case, and whenever they find that the democrat has no right to the certificate, he should be so informed and his case abandoned.

Advance in Cotton Cloth in Canada. At a meeting of the Gray cotton manufacturers at Montreal, Canada, it was decided, in view of the great advance in price of raw cotton, to advance the price of cotton cloth from one to two cents per yard. Shipments to China are still going on. Nearly \$50,000 worth was shipped thither during the past twelve months.

Alfalfa cultivation is on the increase in Western Kansas.

FARMS AND FARMERS. RELIGIOUS READING.

A TALK WITH NATURE'S NOBLEMEN.

Dr. W. I. Jones, of Georgia, Advises Farmers to Raise Their Own Pork.

Now that the spirit of a genuine economy is abroad in the land, let us not forget that it is as important to raise "hog" as it is to raise "honey." Possibly every farmer has not made provision for this, may not have the animals necessary to do it. In that event let him buy a few shoats. An animal six weeks or two months old, will if properly pushed, make 200 pounds of pork by clover haying. Bermuda is good. In the absence of these, native grasses and weeds will help. In close a little place for the pigs, let it have a shade and, if possible, running water; but this is not essential. In its absence, they must be supplied daily with fresh clean water, which should be allowed to run through troughs as desirable in its nature. Keep salt and charcoal always within reach under some shelter; occasionally give a little sulphur and kerosene in food. This will ward off cholera.

But crops should be planted at once for clover haying. In a pasture, we discuss the matter in the light of one starting right now, and who had made no previous preparation. If preparation had been made, a patch of burr clover (where red clover does not grow well) would have been ready, and a patch of winter oats soon would be. It is impossible to see how much more crops that will come in as quickly as possible. At first, reliance must be had on garden vegetables. Six weeks beans, squashes, garden peas, cabbage, etc. A special planting of these might be made for the hogs. A crop of whippoorwill peas may be started the last of April. One of the early amber canes, if planted at once (get Northern grown seed for this, that it may mature early.) A patch of early corn (Adam's extra early) will furnish roasting ears in June. It is almost too late to plant Irish potatoes, but these when cooked make excellent hog feed. Most of the vegetables named above should be cooked for pigs. Winch garden peas and sweet potatoes should be planted for latter part of summer and autumn, and successive plantings of corn made, to furnish roasting ears through the summer. One who has not tried it, will be surprised to see how much hog food can be obtained at small cost, by the use of these things. Winch and foresight. We have not been in the habit of doing these things, but it is time we were getting into such habits. Let us get out of the old ruts a little.

The North Has a Race Problem. Bishop Newman says it is Between American Born and Foreign Born.

Bishop John P. Newman of Omaha, Neb., has written the following on the Southern question, which is attracting widespread attention. Referring to his speech at the Virginia Conference he says:

"You have the race question to settle as to the whites and blacks; we have the question as to the American born and the foreign born and the question as to the South would have to be met forth in the defence of our dearest institutions. I have been saying this in the North for the past twenty years on many public occasions."

"I will my tour in the South I spoke of words of peace and unity, and since my return North I have spoken like words to President Harrison and to our statesmen. It was a joy to me that I found the young men in Florida, in the Carolinas, in Georgia, in Virginia, loyal to the Administration. I suggested to the Administration that I put men in office in the South of high character who would promote Southern prosperity, intelligence, and religion."

Domestication of the Buffalo. Regarding, then, the buffalo as an animal well worthy conserving, what are his good and bad points? First of all, he is hardy, not liable to disease, and on the plains of the American and Canadian Northwest he can forage in deep snow and live in the open air all winter long. His meat brings nearly as good a price as beef. His robe is worth \$25 to \$40; and his head taxidermized, thanks to the decorative tastes of sportsmen, fetches as much as the robe, or even more. So much for the credit side of the account; now for the debit. The buffalo is a fierce brute, and of a temper at times so fierce that he does not take to a yoke nor seldom accompanied by domestic animals. Ordinary fences are as gossamer to a buffalo bull, especially during the irritable years when he is past his prime and finds himself less attractive than of yore. Still, the example of well-behaved domestic cattle, with which buffaloes readily amalgamate, is very effective. It is not, however, in mere domestication, but in consistency, that the buffalo's value consists. In pairing a buffalo bull and a domestic cow the young are brought forth without any unusual percentage of loss being sustained. The offspring combines good points of sire and dam. It has nearly all its sire's hardiness and strength, and so much of its dam's tractability as to be well suited for draught purposes. When killed, the net weight of its carcass exceeds that of a buffalo's, while the meat to weight is as much as 1100 pounds of the buffalo's; for its fur, instead of being chiefly bunched at the mane, is evenly distributed over the hide, and is much finer in quality—its present value being from \$50 to \$75. A buffalo paired with a half-breed cow produces an animal quite as hardy as its sire, but not quite so large. Experiments of much interest are in progress with various strains of domestic cattle, the outcome promising to be perhaps only less important than the original domestication, and subsequent molding, of wild forms.—Popular Science Monthly.

GOOD FOR EVIL. When on a fragrant sandal tree The woodman's axe descends And she who bloomed so beautifully Beneath its wrap-up branches, and call Ene on the edge that wrought her death, Dying she breathes her sweetest breath, As if tooken in her fall, As if to seek for love and bliss to all.

How hardly can this lesson learn To smile and bless the hand that strikes! To see the blow, to feel the pain, And render only love again! Reviled, rejected and betrayed from Heaven, No curse He breathed, no plaint he made, But when in death's dark pang He sighed, Prayed for His murderers, and died.

It is said that Mr. Spurgeon is in the habit of testing the abilities of the more prominent students of his college by obliging them to go up into the pulpit with a small envelope in their hands containing the text of their address. On one of these occasions, on opening the paper found this subject set: "Apply the story of Zacharias to your personal condition, and call to mind And he delivered himself in the following way: "My brethren, the subject of this text is a comparison between my own qualifications. Well, the first thing that we read about Zacharias was that he was a just man, and that he never felt so small as I do now. In the second place we read that he climbed up into a tree, which is a very singular thing to do. Thirdly, we read that Zacharias made haste to descend, in which I joyfully follow his example."

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOST? What must I do to be lost? "Neglect to do great as you can." It is not necessary to do anything. Jesus says, "Whoever will remain as we were. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? It is impossible that we should be saved. If a deadly serpent has bitten you, and you refuse the only remedy, you are lost. If you are a sinner, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a hypocrite, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a Pharisee, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a Jew, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a Gentile, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a woman, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a child, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a slave, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a free man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a rich man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a poor man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a healthy man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a sick man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a young man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are an old man, and you do not turn to God, you are lost. If you are a man of letters, and you