

The Messenger.

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CRITICAL HOTCH-POTCHE.

We read frequently the productions of Frederick W. Robertson, the very gifted Church of England preacher, who died at the early age of 37. What a man of radiant gifts, at once so beautiful in the structure of his mind, and so richly endowed with the gift of saying things with such diamond-brilliance and exquisite taste.

But does the author show that he himself can illuminate subjects and employ the arts for which he pleads? No one will doubt it after reading the essays on 'A Literary Politician' (Bagehot), 'The Interpreter of English Liberty' (Burke), and 'A Calendar of Great Americans.'

Parts of the volume are not above criticism. Here and there the dash and the struggle for effect becomes apparent. An affected use of 'tis'—generally at the beginning of a sentence—and a fondness for weaving strange or obsolete words into his most ambitious sentences mark the effect at times.

No small objection which young folks had to the old-time spring-medicines was their nauseousness. In our day this objection is removed and Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the most powerful and popular of blood-purifiers, is as pleasant to the palate as a cordial.

investigation and description, but we find in Professor Wilson's essays a pleasure that comes nearer to our heart than his fine portraiture of the massive Washington or his discussions of congressional government. He has always clear insight, and grasps well the subject in hand.

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REMARKS EDITORIAL FOR SUNDAY.

Although Rev. John Watson talks as if he had but little to do with any trial instituted against him for heretical teaching, the theologians are aiming directly at him.

The following reached us Friday: "In this country we think strange of customs prevailing in China, etc., and call them heathenisms. Is not the custom of throwing rice, old shoes, etc., at bridal couples in our land also in the same category?"

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duty and destiny, like Carlyle wrote so finely.

Simple but good, are these two stanzas on "Longing and Listening." They teach: To stretch my hand and touch him, Though he be far away;

One of the very best religious biographies ever written is Dean Stanley's Life of Thomas Arnold. With the exception of three biographies—the best we know of—Boswell's Johnson, Lockhart's Scott, and Trevelyan's Macaulay—we do not recall a better specimen of this kind of production than that on Dr. Arnold, of Rugby.

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The Laurinburg Exchange says: "There was considerable excitement in Wilmington last week, caused by the passing over the city of what looked like an airship."

There is error here. The person referred to neither saw the "phenomenon" nor wrote of it. He will take leave to add, that he does not believe in the "star" theory, whatever else it may have been.

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We must plead ignorance. Do not remember to have so much as heard of it until lately. Perhaps some reader knows its origin.

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SNAPS.

We notice that newspapers of the large cities are expecting Turkey to soon decide the war by giving Greece a thrashing.

It takes only some \$10,000,000 to run Pennsylvania for a year. Free governments are becoming expensive luxuries.

We regret sincerely to learn of the death of Rev. James Brookes, of St.

Shortens your food, lengthens your life. Cottolene The N. K. Fairbank Company, St. Louis, Chicago, New Orleans, Baltimore.

Louis, editor of that excellent religious monthly "Truth." He was learned, able, evangelical, a capital expounder of God's Word.

The Parnellites in Ireland have decided upon an independent programme, and to have no direct affiliation with any party.

Philadelphia has had another death from prize fighting—three in less than two months. If it keeps on it will be as dangerous as foot ball.

Weyler's blood boils as he reads of the cruelties of the Turks. So he mends his lily by devastating Cuba and gaining victories through the telephone.

Senator Morgan put a few curls on Tsar Reed's ball pate with his hot curling irons. He lashed him severely for his dictatorship.

There are so many millionaires and multi-millionaires in the great rich north now their names are not even known and men die worth their tens of millions of whom their world about them knew nothing.

The late Judge Holman was born in Indiana in 1822. His father was a Kentuckian, and a United States district judge, and a Jackson democrat.

"He was a great student of the life and writings of Thomas Jefferson, and was a close follower of the precepts of the illustrious founder of democracy in his own official acts."

To CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure you.

A Forgiving Wife. The Morganton Herald says of the eloping couple, Avera Myers and Emma Snipes, who were captured here last week: "Mrs. Myers, to the surprise of many, has treated her husband kindly during his stay and since his release."

Who could imagine that this should be the place where, in eighteen ninety-three that white world-wonder of arch and dome should shadow the nations, polychrome... Here at the Fair was the prize conferred on Ayer's Pills, by the world preferred.



Fifty Years Ago.

have, from the time of their preparation, been a continuous success with the public. And that means that Ayer's Pills accomplish what is promised for them; they cure where others fail.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills have, from the time of their preparation, been a continuous success with the public. And that means that Ayer's Pills accomplish what is promised for them; they cure where others fail.

WE HAVE NOW ON EXHIBITION And for sale the Latest Styles of the FAMOUS "SOHNER PIANOS."

WILMINGTON, N. C., MARCH 6, 1897. MR. WALKER TAYLOR, AGENT, CITY.

DEAR SIR: I TAKE PLEASURE IN TESTIFYING BY MY OWN EXPERIENCE TO THE PROMPTNESS OF YOUR COMPANIES IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS.

WILMINGTON, NEWBERN & NORFOLK RAILWAY CO. IN EFFECT SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1896. Daily Except Sunday.

Table with columns for NORTH BOUND, STATION, and SOUTH BOUND. Lists train times for Wilmington, Newbern, and Norfolk.

CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY RAILWAY CO. JOHN GILL, Receiver.

Table with columns for South Bound, MAIN LINE, and North Bound. Lists train times for various stations.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

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The Clyde Steamship Co. NEW YORK, WILMINGTON, N. C., AND GEORGETOWN, S. C. LINES.



PAWNEE.....Saturday, April 24th CROATAN.....Saturday, May 1st From Wilmington for New York. CROATAN.....Saturday, April 24th PAWNEE.....Saturday, May 1st

The Lester Pianos come in for their share of public favor for their sterling qualities. The Ludwig Piano must be seen and heard to appreciate its value.

E. VanLaer.

422 and 404 N. Fourth Street. ATLANTIC COAST LINE. Schedule in Effect April 15th, 1897.

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Dues Magnolia 9:00 a. m. 10:40 a. m. Warsaw 10:55 a. m. Florence 1:55 p. m. Wilmington 3:20 p. m. Rocky Mount 1:20 p. m. Tarboro 2:50 p. m. Weldon 3:25 p. m. Petersburg 5:54 p. m. Philadelphia 8:45 a. m. New York 8:58 a. m.

DAILY No. 49—Passenger—Dues Magnolia 7:15 p. m. Philadelphia 8:55 p. m. New York 8:58 p. m. Wilmington 3:20 p. m. Rocky Mount 1:20 p. m. Tarboro 2:50 p. m. Weldon 3:25 p. m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH. DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Leave Boston 11:05 p. m. New York 9:00 p. m. Philadelphia 12:05 a. m. Baltimore 3:45 a. m. Washington 4:30 a. m. Richmond 9:05 a. m. Petersburg 10:00 a. m. Norfolk 8:15 a. m. Weldon 11:50 a. m. Tarboro 12:15 p. m. Rocky Mount 12:45 p. m. Wilson 2:12 p. m. Goldsboro 3:10 p. m. Warsaw 4:02 p. m. Magnolia 4:13 p. m.

DAILY No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 12:30 a. m. New York 9:30 a. m. Philadelphia 12:05 a. m. Baltimore 3:45 a. m. Washington 4:30 a. m. Richmond 9:05 a. m. Petersburg 10:00 a. m. Norfolk 8:15 a. m. Weldon 11:50 a. m. Tarboro 12:15 p. m. Rocky Mount 12:45 p. m. Wilson 2:12 p. m. Goldsboro 3:10 p. m. Warsaw 4:02 p. m. Magnolia 4:13 p. m.

DAILY No. 54—Passenger—Leave Baltimore 12:15 p. m. Sanford 2:19 p. m. Raleigh 4:15 p. m. Durham 5:00 p. m. Charlotte 6:00 a. m. Columbia 6:50 a. m. Atlanta 8:00 a. m. Macon 8:20 a. m. Augusta 9:05 p. m. Denmark 4:55 p. m. Sumter 6:45 a. m. Florence 8:35 a. m. Marlton 9:30 a. m. Chadbourn 10:35 a. m. Lake Waccamaw 11:06 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4:10 p. m. Halifax 4:28 p. m. arrive Scotland Neck at 5:20 p. m. Returning leaves Kinross 7:50 a. m. Greenville 8:52 a. m. arriving Halifax at 11:20 a. m. Weldon 11:40 a. m. daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:20 a. m. and 2:00 p. m., arrive Fayetteville 9:30 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Returning leave Fayetteville 8:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. arrive Washington 11:40 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub 5:30 a. m. Chadbourn 9:40 a. m. arrive Darlington 1:30 p. m. Leave Conway 7:25 p. m. Chadbourn 5:30 p. m. arrive Hub 6:00 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:00 a. m. Manning 7:10 a. m. arrive Lanes 8:28 a. m. Manning 9:05 a. m. arrive Sumter 9:30 a. m. Hartselle 9:30 a. m. Rowland 10:00 a. m. returning leave Rowland 6:38 p. m. arrive Dillon 5:56 p. m. Latta 6:00 p. m. Fee Dee 6:30 p. m. daily.

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