

**If We Would.**

we would but check the speaker  
When he spoils his neighbor's  
fame;  
If we would but help the erring,  
Ere we utter words of blame;  
If we would, how many might we  
Turn from paths of sin and shame.  
Ah! the wrongs that might be righted  
If we would but see the way!  
Ah! the pains that might be light-  
ened  
Every hour and every day,  
If we would but hear the pleadings  
Of the hearts that go astray.  
Let us step outside the stronghold  
Of our selfishness and pride;  
Let us lift our fainting brothers;  
Let us strengthen ere we chide;  
Let us, ere we blame the fallen,  
Hold a light to cheer and guide.  
Ah! how blessed—ah! how blessed  
Earth would be if we'd but try  
Thus to aid and right the weaker,  
Thus to check each brother's sigh;  
Thus to talk of duty's pathway  
To our better life on high.  
In each life, however lowly,  
There are seeds of mighty good;  
Still we shrink from souls appealing  
With a timid "if we could."  
But a God who judgeth all things  
Knows the truth is, "if we would."

**TEMPERANCE NOTES.**

**Think It All Over.**

Here are some figures. The people of the United States spend each year \$900,000,000 for drink, \$505,000,000 for bread, \$600,000,000 for tobacco, \$303,000,000 for meat, \$237,000,000 for woolen goods, \$210,000,000 for cotton goods, \$195,000,000 for boots and shoes and molasses, \$85,000,000 for education and \$55,000,000 for religion.  
Yes, sir, \$1,500,000,000 for drink and tobacco and only \$948,000,000 for bread, meat, education and religion!  
In the United States we have 2,306,000,000 acres of land, and only eight individuals in each hundred of our population who are owners of the soil.  
The total wealth of the United States is \$47,475,000,000; Texas has of that amount \$530,000,000, or \$330 to each inhabitant in her limits.  
We have in the United States 54,138 men employed at carpentry and their average annual wages are only \$540, and this is about the average of the trades and artisans. The highest average wages, board furnished, by the year paid on the farm is \$23.45 in California, while South Carolina pays \$8.10, the lowest, and the average wages paid on the farm in Texas is \$13.03, and the English lord makes 14 per cent. on his investment in national banks.  
The total agricultural products of the United States amount to \$2,721,000,000, while there is no single-handed farmer whose profits (from the production of the soil after all the cost of production is deducted, can show more than 25 cents per day net earnings, if that.  
Who gets the balance?  
The United States has 104,000 square miles of coal field, or bed, which cost on top of the ground at the mine about \$2.35 per ton; yet consumers pay from \$5.50 to \$8.  
The total cost of federal States, counties and the city governments annually is about \$15.25 per capita.—Farmers' Friend.

**Ringling Noises**

In the ears, sometimes a roaring, buzzing sound, are caused by catarrh, that exceedingly disagreeable and very common disease. Loss of smell or hearing also result from catarrh. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier, is a peculiarly successful remedy for this disease, which it cures by purifying the blood. If you suffer from catarrh, try Hood's Sarsaparilla, the peculiar medicine.

**Bad Reasoning.**

"I don't believe in the reality of religion," says the skeptic, "because there is a member of the church who cheats and lies." But hold. Does one rotten apple destroy the fact that there are no sound, sweet, good apples in an orchard. Would you refuse to recognize the existence of good apples because you found a rotten one? Will a man have so little reason as to deny the existence of a million of good heads of wheat in a field because he found a few stalks of cheat growing among them? Will a man be so stultified as to refuse to recognize ninety-nine white sheep in a flock because he discovered a black one among them? An angel fell—did that prove that there was no heaven of purity? Adam fell—did that prove that there was no holy paradise? Judas fell—did that prove that the rest of the apostles were hypocrites. Benedict Arnold turned traitor—did that prove that Washington, Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, etc., were not patriotic citizens? There is an unworthy member of the church, but does that prove the whole community of saints are hypocrites? Of course not.—Raleigh Advocate.

**Usefulness of Old Men.**

There is a disposition in the churches to retire old ministers merely upon the ground of old age. There is a feverish tendency abroad to set aside the aged and to demand the services of the young. Now we have no objection to this course provided it is based upon Christian wisdom. But to underrate the usefulness of a man simply because he is old, is decidedly wrong. The age of usefulness is wonderfully prolonged with many men. We find many striking illustrations of this fact in history. The late Emperor William of Germany conducted vigorously the complicated affairs of his empire until he was ninety-one years old. Leopold Von Ranke, Germany's greatest historian, was an active worker at ninety-one. Bancroft, the luminous historian of America, now about eighty eight, is still actively engaged in writing.  
At the age of seventy-five, M. Thiers accepted the presidency and shaped the destiny of the French Republic. At the age of seventy-four Bismarck has the weight of the German empire resting upon his shoulders. At seventy-six, Disraeli was the prime minister of England. Gladstone, the towering intellectual giant of the age, now seventy-nine, has still the mental freshness that labors ceaselessly for political reform in his country.  
And coming to our own church, what beautiful examples we have of such men as Dr. Lovick Pierce, Dr. McFerrin, Peter Doub, etc., who were eminently effective down to ripe old age. All honor to the venerable men who have showed us the possibility of great achievements, beyond the traditional three score years and ten. Do not cut off men from the fields of great usefulness merely because they are crowned with the glory of many well spent years.—Christian Advocate.

**Is Consumption Incurable?**

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with sickness of lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."  
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Winter is setting in and every day brings news of some disaster. The large fishing schooner Edward Norton, was stranded on Cliff Point, Mass., last Wednesday. One man out of a crew of sixteen was left to tell the story.

**Scrofula Cured.**

LEXINGTON, VA., July 14, 1888.  
The Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.  
Gentlemen—One of your representatives has just asked me about your medicine, and having used it, I am in position to say something about it. Nine years ago scrofula made its appearance in my family. Two of my children—one a boy of six and a girl of four years—were terribly afflicted with this horrible disease. My family physician treated the malady for a time, but with no success. In my county paper I saw your medicine advertised, and began using it, and in so time improvement was observed. My children to-day are free from the trouble, and I am never without a bottle of S. S. S. in my house.  
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**A Woman's Discovery.**

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Harriek & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a medicinal bottle at Royster's Drug Store.

The man "who first suggested Harrison" is becoming painfully numerous. And every one of them wants an office.

It is a crime for men to prepare and advertise a worthless, inert remedy as a cure for terrible and chronic blood poison in hope that the sufferer will use a hundred bottles before he finds out its worthlessness, and yet there are some who do. Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is not a remedy of this kind. The first bottle begins to do good, and a cure usually follows before a dozen bottles are taken.

Charles Rainspeck, a son-in-law of the late Bishop Pierce, died of drunkenness in a guard house in Atlanta, Ga., a few nights ago.

**Consumption Surely Cured.**

To the Editor: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption, if they will send me their express and post office address.  
Respectfully,  
T. A. STURM, M.D.,  
181 Pearl St., New York.

T. L. Seigle & Co., of Charlotte, have had some misunderstanding with their clerks, who went out on a strike last Thursday.

**Catarrh**

May affect any portion of the body where the mucous membrane is found. But catarrh of the head is by far the most common, and the most liable to be neglected. It cannot be cured by local applications. Being a constitutional disease, it requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the catarrh, and soon effects a permanent cure. At the same time Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up the whole system, and makes one feel renewed in strength and health. If you suffer from catarrh, be sure to try Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I used Hood's Sarsaparilla for catarrh, and received great relief and benefit from it. The catarrh was very disagreeable, especially in the winter, causing constant discharge from my nose, ringing noises in my ears and pains in the back of my head. The effort to clear my head in the morning by hawking and spitting was painful. Hood's Sarsaparilla gave me relief immediately, while in time I was entirely cured. I am never without the medicine in my house as I think it worth its weight in gold."  
Mrs. G. B. Green, 1029 Eighth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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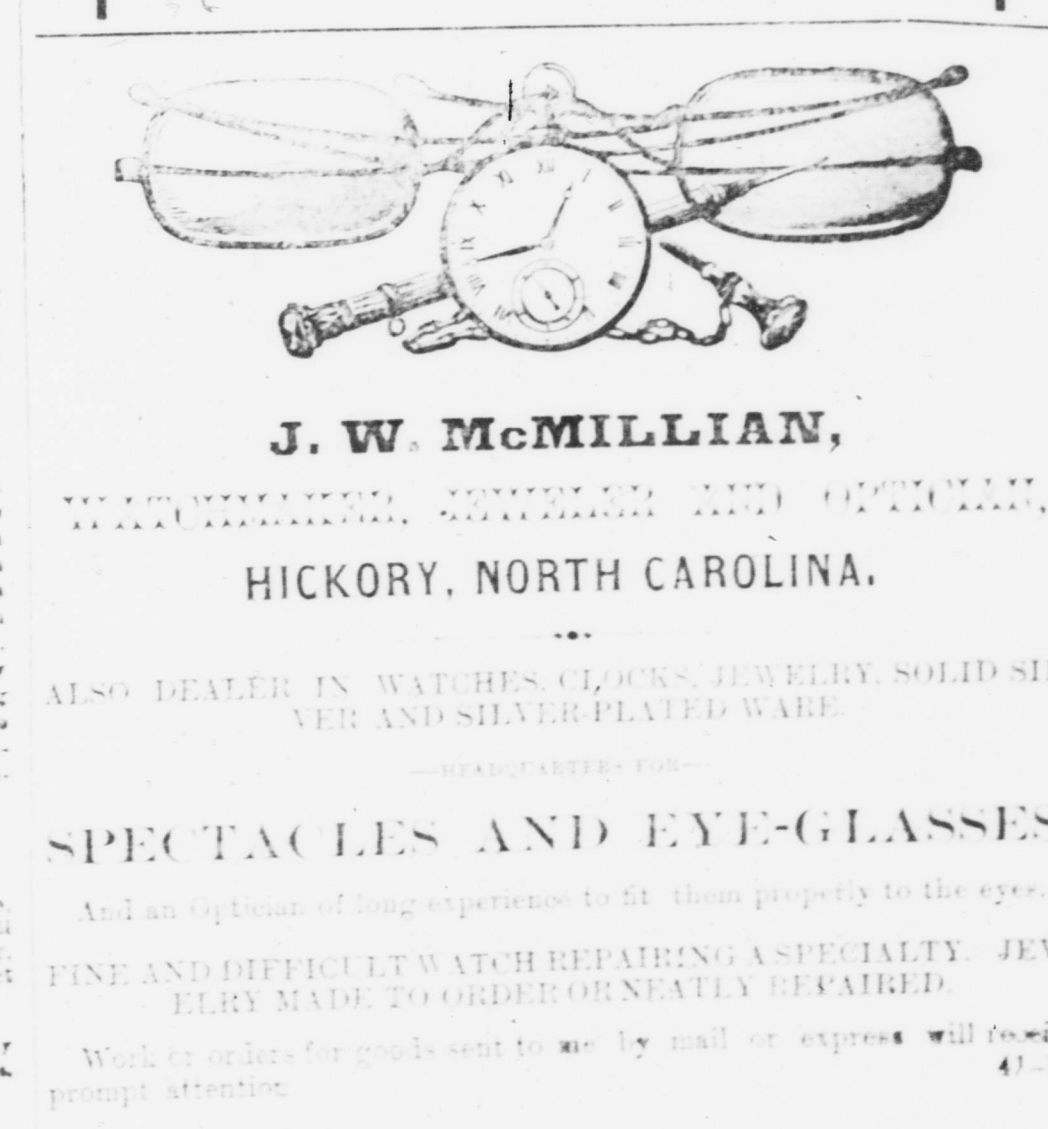
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