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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

THE COMMONWEALTH believes that the South will yet become the most prosperous and most delightful part of this great country. All we need is to develop our resources and be economical and stick to business. These three things adhered to strictly and the South will one day blossom as the rose and our people shall practically want for nothing.

To one who will give a day of serious thought to the world-wide commotion which now obtains, there comes a reflection that almost startles. Wars, commotion, distrust, unrest, strikes, murders, malfeasance in office and a thousand other fearful things, are startling indeed. To be sure, these things have been common, more or less, all down the ages; but it does seem that conditions are worse now than usual.

Just now one of the questions uppermost in the minds of the farmers is whether they shall sell cotton or hold for higher prices.

As is always the case there are differences of opinion about what is best. One man says the prospects are so fine for better prices he believes it will be wise in farmers to hold. Another says prices are too good to take chances and he thinks it wise to sell.

We heard a man say to Judge Eure of Norfolk on the train a few days ago that he has always made it a rule to sell cotton as soon as he can get it baled. Judge Eure replied that taking ten years together the man who always sells as soon ready, will come out ahead of the man who sometimes sells early and sometimes holds. This year, it would seem to be a question for each man to settle according to his necessities or conveniences. It does really look like there is a chance for still better prices.

While there is no small-pox of any consequence in Halifax county, or in North Carolina anywhere, still THE COMMONWEALTH prints the following item from the Bulletin of Virginia State Board of Health, to show the soundness of our position on the subject of vaccination, which we advocated last winter. The item says:

"We regret to record the death of Dr. Lynch Kersey, of Floyd county, from small-pox of a malignant type, at his home near Mac's Mountain, about twenty miles from the county seat. Small-pox had been prevailing in this section of the country for some weeks, Dr. Kersey having some of these patients in charge, and it was while attending them that he was stricken down with this loathsome disease.

"In a letter to us announcing Dr. Kersey's death it is said that he had no faith in vaccination, was opposed to it, and had never allowed himself or any member of his family to be given this protection. In the same letter, describing the condition of affairs in Floyd county and Dr. Kersey's case particularly, the writer says that just a short time prior to his death, and before his reason was clouded, he turned to the physicians standing at his bedside and left as a dying request that his family be vaccinated. It is sad to relate that his opinion on this vital subject changed too late, and had he taken the protection offered by vaccination, he might be living to-day and filling a useful and honorable position in the circle in which he moved. Alas! he changed his mind too late; procrastination cost him his life. This should be a warning to the opponents of vaccination, and the profession should picture Dr. Kersey and his untimely death from small-pox as an object lesson to the ignorant and misguided public."

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AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF SUFFERING.

"I suffered for thirty years with diarrhoea and thought I was past being cured," says John S. Halloway, of French Camp, Miss. "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could do no kind of labor, could not even travel, but by accident I was permitted to find a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble. I am so pleased with the result that I am anxious that it be in reach of all who suffer as I have." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

The Story of the South.

Atlanta Journal.

No revelation of the census recently taken will be so remarkable as that which tells of the wonderful growth of the south since 1890.

The south has grown and advanced in every way; in population, wealth and productive capacity.

It has been only a few years since the south was almost entirely dependent upon New England and old England for the manufactured forms of her own staple crop. In the last ten years there has been such progress in southern cotton manufactures as was never known before in any established industry anywhere during the same length of time. The south now operates in the manufacture of cotton 5,815,000 spindles, in round numbers, as against 1,282,000 in 1890. Here is an increase in a decade of over 200 per cent. The balance of the country operates at present 15,242,000 spindles, while in 1890 the total outside the south was 12,721,000. During the past ten years the increase in all the country outside the south has only been about 25 per cent. or less. The progress in this industry has been, therefore, about twelve times as great in the south since 1890 as in all the other states.

Georgia is moving rapidly forward in cotton manufacturing, no less than twenty new mills being actually in course of construction or contracted for in this state.

In many other lines the increased production of the south has been phenomenal. This increase extends to manufactures of various kinds, to universal production to every department of agriculture. The value of the total output of the southern states for the past year is placed at $1,500,000,000. In addition to the cotton industry's figures there are corn and lumber to the value of about $250,000,000; pig iron $45,000,000 and coal $45,000,000; tobacco $25,000,000 and fisheries $25,000,000; hog products $80,000,000, $55,000,000 and sugar $40,000,000.

Astonishing as these figures are they represent but the beginning of the development of the south. The next ten years in this section will tell a story which will make the record at which the world now wonders seem tame indeed.

The True Gentleman.

Farm Journal.

Would you be a true gentleman? Would you care to know some of the things which go to make one?

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He profanes no privacy of another, however the sentry sleeps. Bolts and bars, locks and keys, bonds and securities, notices to tresspassers, are not for him. He may be trusted out of sight—near the thinnest partition—anywhere. He buys no office, he sells none, he intrigues for none. He would rather fail of his rights than win them through dishonor. He will eat honest bread. He tramples on no sensitive feeling.

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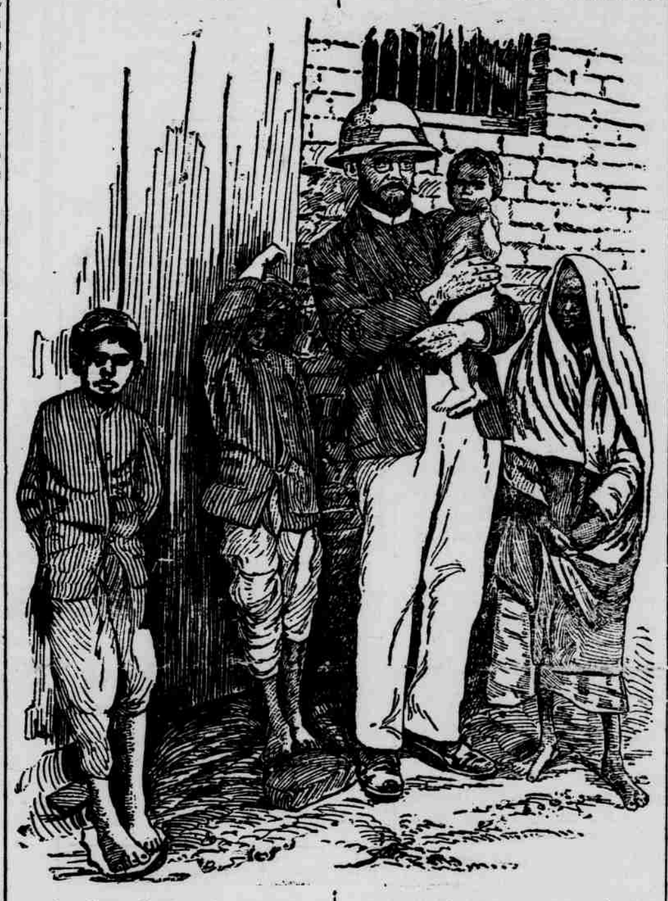
ORPHANS IN INDIA.

More Than One Hundred Thousand of Them—How Are They to be Saved?

Lord Curzon is happy. Rains are falling and now the famine district heretofore the abomination of desolation will again bloom like a garden. Still five and a half millions remain at the Government Relief Works earning three cents a day for nine hours hard work breaking stone, building tanks or making roads. When at last relief does come and these poor beggars are permitted to return home, many a vacant place in the family circle will bear witness to the terrible ravages of starvation, cholera, plague and smallpox. The crop is still two months off—and that it will prove totally inadequate is a foregone conclusion.



Only yesterday Dr. Klopsch in behalf of The Christian Herald cabled another hundred thousand dollars, which means life to just that many people—for another month. Think of it, a hundred thousand men, women and children in India saved from starvation for a whole month, through a single remittance from the country of the Stars and Stripes! Was there ever so unselfish a charity as this for people we shall never see and whose very thanks in a language strange to us shall never reach our ears? Truly this is a Christlike charity and unless every word of the Bible be untrue the good people of our own country will not go without the blessings promised those who consider the poor.

But famine's deplorable work still continues. Only last month a man at Thana, a relief station 25 miles from Bombay, was arrested for having buried alive his two children. His story was pitifully sad. He and his wife and two children went to the Relief works. There his wife died. He himself caught the fever. He could not shake it off. At last driven to despair he took his two children one night and left the station. His sufferings were fearfully intensified by those of his little ones. They finally reached a point where they could walk no longer. Death was staring him in the face. If he did not get where help could be found, they must all perish. His children helpless, unable to continue the journey, blocked his progress. He dug a grave, threw them in and filled it up. The fever had made him irresponsible and the Government will probably act leniently in his case, but the incident demonstrates the fearful depths which the helpless famine victims have reached during this terrible dispensation of Providence.

In a recent interview Dr. Klopsch said that he was under an everlasting obligation to the press of this country for their hearty co-operation in this great work; and that India could never repay the debt she owes to American journalists. During his stay in India he never missed an opportunity of expressing himself freely on this subject and many of the leading papers of India directed the attention of the people to the extent of their indebtedness to American newspapers for the tremendous assistance they had rendered in awaking public interest in the sufferings of India's starving millions. Indeed, nine-tenths of all the contributions were the result of newspaper work and never was the beneficent influence of the press more manifest than in this particular instance.

The great problem—indeed the greatest—that now confronts Christendom in connection with this most appalling tragedy of the century—is that of the orphans who must either be promptly cared for or perish. Statistics carefully gathered by missionaries fix the number now hopelessly destitute at 600,000. What to do with these boys and girls is the paramount question of the day in India. Throughout the famine stricken area little children are wandering about asking of any who will listen to their small, plaintive voices: "Ma bab hu none Khayanu Kahan muise," which, translated, means; "Where can we get something to eat." The traveller in India sees this spectacle daily—little children reduced to skeletons by starvation asking their way to the nearest poorhouse. Orphan asylums are almost unknown among the Hindus. A few have been organized this year but their facilities are so limited that not half of one per cent. can be accommodated. The missionaries on the other hand have exercised intelligent forethought and have dotted the famine district with large commodious buildings for their accommodation.

But where are the means for their entertainment to come from? It costs $15 a year to shelter, feed, clothe and educate a child. Were they to take 100,000 it would mean $1,500,000 a year and who will give this vast sum? The Christian Herald has cabled its guaranty to support 5,000, with the prospect of taking another 5,000 before the end of the year. That leaves 90,000 still to be cared for.

Now it is proposed to afford Christian people the world over the opportunity to adopt these orphans, to name them, to designate in what denominational orphanage they are to be cared for, to select either boys or girls and to receive quarterly reports concerning their progress. The plan is beginning to work and at the present time about 100 a day are being thus provided for.

But more must be taken and taken quickly or they will perish. The boys and girls will be the means of civilizing India and they must be looked after. Twenty thousand ought to be adopted after this plan immediately, and any reader who may feel inclined to save a boy or girl and will undertake the support for a single year, will do a work entitling him to recognition at the hands of Him who said "Inasmuch as ye do it to one of these little ones ye did it unto me," and will be included in the Divine Roll of Honor. If interested, address The Christian Herald, New York, for full particulars.

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	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 50	8 58			
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1 00	9 52			
Leave Tarboro	12 21		6 00		
Lv. Rocky Mt.	...1 05	9 52	6 37	5 15	12 55
Leave Wilson	1 59	10 25	7 10	5 57	2 40
Leave Selma	2 55	11 10			
Lv. Fayetteville	4 30	12 22			
Ar. Florence	7 25	2 24			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar. Goldsboro			7 35		
Lv. Goldsboro				6 45	3 20
Lv. Magnolia				7 51	4 25
Ar. Wilmington				9 20	6 00
			P. M.	A. M.	P. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 78, Daily.	No. 102, daily ex Sunday	No. 32, Daily.	No. 40, Daily	No. 46, Daily.
	A. M.		P. M.		
Lv. Florence	9 50		7 35		
Lv. Fayetteville	12 20		9 41		
Leave Selma	1 50		10 54		
Arrive Wilson	2 35		11 33		
		A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Lv. Wilmington				7 00	9 35
Lv. Magnolia				8 30	11 10
Lv. Goldsboro		4 50		9 37	12 26
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Wilson	2 35	5 33	11 23	10 45	1 18
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3 30	6 10	12 07	11 28	1 53
Arrive Tarboro		6 46			
Leave Tarboro	12 21				
Lv. Rocky Mt.	3 30		12 07		
Ar. Weldon	4 32		1 00		
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