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Plain Words Well Said.

Message of Hope. A recent issue of the Washington Post contains an account of a dinner given to Senator Thomas C. Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, by the "Brethren of the Amen Corner." How this organization got its name we do not know, but it is composed of the Albany correspondents and the principal political writers on the newspapers of New York. At this particular dinner there were about 400 guests present, many of them men of note, among them Archbishop Ireland and Mayor Seth Low, while President Roosevelt was only absent because of previous engagements.

The account of the evening's festivities states that "A roar of merriment greeted the parading through the room, at the opening of the dinner, of an enormous picture representing Senator Platt as a Sunday-school teacher, addressing a class composed of President Roosevelt, Gov. Odell, Lieut. Gov. Woodruff, Ex-Gov. Black and Senator Dewey. As the picture was borne around the room the assemblage joined in singing "The Sunday-School." The singing of the "Anthem of the Amen Corners" served as a prelude to the introduction of the guests of the evening by Chairman Riggs."

On reading these words we were so shocked and amazed that we could hardly believe our own eyes. We asked ourselves, can this be a Christian nation? Did the men who took part in this performance realize the meaning and import of their actions? The word, "Amen," is a sacred, religious term, sanctified in its use by God himself, and is not only constantly read from the pages of the Bible, but is in daily use in private and public devotions. It is a most sacred word, set apart for use in the worship of God, and to associate it with a politico-social organization is purely and simply sacrilegious.

Then, again, the Sunday school is a religious institution, designed for the raising of the young for the better life

beyond the grave, and to have it held up to ridicule, as was done on this occasion, is a sad commentary upon the religious spirit of the age. We make bold to say that for the President and other prominent representative men of our country to countenance such a performance is a disgrace to the nation, and a reflection on its Chief Magistrate.

The Evils of Debt.

Selected. Young man, keep out of debt. Avoid it, if possible, as you would a pestilence. As the Presbyterian aptly says, debt is a troublesome factor in human life. It is easier to get into it than to get out of it. Wisdom says avoid it; run not into it hastily or suddenly; or if it has been incurred pay it off as soon as possible and keep out of it. Every man thinks he is best judge of his circumstances and does not take kindly to advice from outsiders, but the wisest of us would do well to heed the voice of experience. Thousands have suffered because they thought themselves wiser than others. Ruined reputations and business follow heedlessness about going into debt. Numbers contract a habit of borrowing, and larger and larger sums are obtained until complete disaster overtakes them; or if some of them manage to keep things afloat during their life time by various expedients, they leave bankrupt estates behind them and financial ruin to their dependents. Debt is one of the trying evils of the day. Churches and homes suffer from it as well as society and business. There is need to emphasize anew Paul's practical principle "Owe no man anything but to love one another."

Before being taught how to shoot it might be well for the young idea to learn to know when it is loaded.

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To-Day.

Lowell O. Reese, in San Francisco Bulletin. You're going to start for the top of the hill. And blazon your name to the world; All obstacles passed by the strength of your will, Your banner triumphant unfurled, You'll fling to the breeze that flow from the sky, All never earth-fainted, you say; 'Tis noble and grand and delightful; but why-- But why don't you do it to-day?

The good that you think and the good that you do. Are millions of long miles apart; What good to the earth, if you're good and you're true-- But never outside of your heart? The generous deeds you intend to perform. Are all very lovely; but say: While your soul is so high and your heart is so warm, Why don't you perform them to-day?

Improved Farming.

Rich Square Times. Farming in the Roanoke and Chowan section of the State is gradually undergoing a great change, and for the better. Instead of cotton fields and corn patches of a few years ago we find a great variety of crops, and the latest improved machinery. Manure spreaders, grain drills, mowing and reaping machines and such machinery a few years ago could not be found on the farms in this section, now they are largely used and the sale for them is rapidly increasing. Sale of western meat in this section has decreased fully one hundred per cent. in ten years while the shipment of beef cattle from here has assumed large proportions, whereas a few years ago raising of cattle for market was not attempted.

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"Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from one bottle of Peruna. One week has brought wonderful changes and I am now as well as ever. Besides being one of the very best spring tonics it is an excellent catarrh remedy."--DAN A. GROSVENOR.

In a recent letter he says:

"I consider Peruna really more meritorious than I did when I wrote you last. I receive numerous letters from acquaintances all over the country asking me if my certificate is genuine. I invariably answer, yes."--Dan A. Grosvenor.

A County Commissioner's Letter. Hon. John Williams, County Commissioner, of 517 West Second street, Duluth, Minn., says the following in regard to Peruna:

"As a remedy for catarrh I can cheerfully recommend Peruna. I know what it is to suffer from that terrible disease and I feel that it is my duty to speak a

good word for the tonic that brought me immediate relief. Peruna cured me of a bad case of catarrh and I know it will cure any other sufferer from that disease."--John Williams.

Miss Mattie L. Guild, President Illinois Young People's Christian Temperance Union, in a recent letter from Chicago, Ill., says:

"I doubt if Peruna has a rival in all the remedies recommended to-day for catarrh of the system. A remedy that will cure catarrh of the stomach will cure the same condition of the mucous membrane anywhere. I have found it the best remedy I have ever tried for catarrh, and believing it worthy my endorsement I gladly accord it.--Mattie L. Guild.

A Congressman's Letter. Hon. W. P. Brownlow, Congressman from Tennessee, writes from Washington, D. C., the following:

"I have suffered from catarrh of the stomach for several years, and for the past twelve months was in an exceedingly critical condition. My attention was called to your Peruna, and I began to use it, and my improvement was noticeable after the first three days. I have taken three bottles of the medicine and I feel satisfied that I am now almost, if not permanently, cured. In connection with the Peruna, I have used your Manna for biliousness and torpid liver. I regard it as the best medicine for this purpose that I have ever used. Having been benefited so much myself, I give you this statement, that others may be likewise benefited."--W. P. Brownlow, M. C., Jonesboro, Tenn.

Mrs. Elmer Fleming, orator of Reservoir Council No. 108, Northwestern Legion of Honor, of Minneapolis, Minn., writes from 233 Polk street, N. E.:

"I have been troubled all my life with catarrh in my head. I took Peruna for about three months, and now think I am permanently cured. I believe that for catarrh in all its forms Peruna is the medicine of the age. It cures when all other remedies fail. I can heartily recommend Peruna as a catarrh remedy."--Mrs. Elmer Fleming.

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