

The Sunday School.

BIBLE LESSONS, 1881.

THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS.

Golden Text.—And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40.

INTRODUCTORY.

The infant Jesus is hidden from the gaze of Israel by a timely flight into Egypt, and thence after the tyrant's death to the holy land of his mother in Galilee. There, at Nazareth, he passes the years of quiet, uneventful growth; as a child, playing in the marketplace; as a boy, of Joseph, or returning to the Old Testament tale from the lips of his mother; as a boy, wandering in the among the Galilean hills and woodlands in the village of Nazareth. All of twelve he comprehends the meaning of pilgrimage to the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem, and the privilege to dwell daily upon his work; and when the week of the feast is ended, and the Jews are gathered to the temple, he is held by a strange fascination, and tarries within his father's house. A day of the boy's journey is spent in the temple, and he is amazed, and then with anxious heart his mother and Joseph return to the city. For two days they seek among the rabbis; and when they find him, they are amazed at his wisdom, and when they hear him, they are amazed at his wisdom, and when they hear him, they are amazed at his wisdom.

SCRIPTURE LESSON—LUKE 2:40-52.

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41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover.
42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.
43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind his parents, and Joseph and Mary sought him for three days.
44 And when they found him, they were amazed; and he said unto them, How came ye here, seeing that I have been in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions?
45 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.
46 And when they saw him, they were amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus done unto us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.
47 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?
48 And when they were gone, he came to Nazareth, and was with them, and his mother bore him as usual in her heart.
49 And Joseph and Mary loved him, and grew in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man.

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

1. J. Jesus was a human child. While the central thought of this lesson; as a child, he was also human. As a child, he grew stronger and stronger in body, and grew more and more in mind. God's grace rested on him. He was a healthy, strong, active, healthy, growing, religious human child; and as such God was pleased with him. This verse refers to the period between his infancy and his twelfth year; and it shows the human development of Jesus in all his powers, bodily, mentally and spiritually. While a child he was a real child, and a real human child. There was no incongruity about him. When a child he did not act and speak like a man, but just as a child should; still he was attending to his duty; and the lesson says he was filled with wisdom.

ILLUSTRATIONS.

The Old Custom in Modern Times.—A few days ago I attended a very interesting service in a village near the city of Nazareth. A few days ago I attended a very interesting service in a village near the city of Nazareth. A few days ago I attended a very interesting service in a village near the city of Nazareth.

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Correspondence.

Our Alabama Letter.

What a long, cold, rainy, disagreeable Christmas this has been. (The longer because we have had no fire-wood.) Yes, cold here in this semi-tropical climate, latitude 32, down to 10, above zero one day (23rd December). The cold is what I call the Indian's winter heat of any such thing before. Instead of 1881 being the "end," it seems to be the beginning of a new order of things. Think of Philadelphia, being 10 degrees warmer than latitude 32!

LETTER FROM CHINA.

In a late copy of the Record there is an exceedingly interesting letter from Rev. J. H. Eager, our recent missionary to Italy, in which he says: "I shall constantly bear in mind the fact that many of your readers are my personal and very dear friends. I think the letters we enjoy most are those that come to us written in a free, easy, conversational style, and about persons and things, rather than doctrines and theories. And he then proceeds to give quite an interesting account of his voyage and arrival at the Eternal City. We have a recent letter from one of our missionary ladies in China written in this "free and easy style" from which we take the liberty of making a few extracts. It is dated "Tung Chow, Nov. 8th, 1880." She says: "Here everything is bristling for war with Russia, but hostilities may not begin until spring. We are near the strategic points, just at the northeast of the entrance to the gulf of Pechelo which leads to Pekin. Proclamations have informed the people that we belong to a different nation from their enemies, the Russians, and must not be molested. Though our city swarms with soldiers we have as yet had no trouble. "Yesterday our autumn communion season four men were received for baptism. As they (except one) live some distance away, they are to be baptized this afternoon. One member was excluded and others brought up for discipline. Thus we grow slowly. It is now too cold to continue farther work among the villages. It snowed yesterday. In the following parenthesis: "(have two brethren and an inquirer came in to say 'good bye' as they are starting out home after the communion of Sunday and the baptisms of Monday. I had a long talk with them on the prospects of the gospel out in this region, then gave one of them medicine for his wife—I still give medicine to church-members. Before they left a class came in to visit. As they finished an old woman came in to beg me for a warm garment as she is a poor invalid widow and the weather cold. By the time she was off Minnie came in to re-visit. When she was about half done a Presbyterian brother from two hundred miles west came in to form my acquaintance—here come Minnie with another lesson—I had a pleasant talk with him about the work in his region and as he left I turned to my writing. Now I must stop for Minnie's lesson and by that time another class of boys will be in. Do you wonder that I write such scathing letters?"

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Okolona church has recently enjoyed a revival season. Rev. D. I. Parser, who has just conducted meetings at Aberdeen and Columbus, labored very earnestly at this place for three months. Although in the very heart of the busy season and in the midst of exceedingly unpropitious weather, the meeting resulted in much good. Bro. Purser is a minister possessing great earnestness andunction, and is an indefatigable worker. During the meeting the church, at his suggestion, provided their house of worship with a baptismal font, and prepared for administering the ordinance with convenience to the candidates, and Bro. J. in the absence of the pastor, baptized several converts, others being prebaptized from baptism by sickness.

WEATHER AND ROAD.

The weather during this fall and winter, up to this time, has been the most inclement that we have experienced in several winters. The rainfall has been almost unparalleled and during the brief cessations of the rain, the weather has been intensely cold. In consequence of the continued rains the roads have become almost impassable for a number of any kind. All traveling must be by horseback and is even then exceedingly difficult. As one rides along the road he sees many wagons broken, upset and abandoned by reason of the mud. Creaks have been so often swollen to overflowing, that all swamps have become indescribably muddy. A CASE OF DEAFNESS. Near Houston there lives an aged Baptist, who is so deaf that one can scarcely make him hear at all. Conversation with him is exceedingly difficult. He states that for years he has heard an continual singing in his ears, and that this singing keeps time with his thoughts and speech. When it first began, he says, that in thought, he could keep ahead of this strange music, but now it is always more or less a little faster than he can think or speak. He is a very devout man and says that the singing which he constantly hears is "Hallelu! Hallelu!" and is absolutely beyond his control. It seems to be quite a remarkable case.

THE SEVENTH OF THE FIRST DAY.

Reading in the Recorder, an article headed "The Seventh or the First Day," by A. Henrich, and another by "Benjamin," in reference to the case of Mr. Moore, of Covington, my mind was turned more than ever before to this subject. I do not wish to enter into a prolonged discussion, but I wish to make a few comments, and ask a few questions, with reference to the seventh and the first day. Bro. H. says, the Sabbath was the seventh day of creation, on which God rested, and which he sanctified. But for man this day was not the seventh day, but the first one. Were not Adam and Eve created the sixth day? How could the seventh day be the first one to him, when he was created the sixth day? Bro. H. says, "if sin had not entered into the world, which changed man's position toward his God as well as to the Sabbath, then Adam and all his descendants would always have kept the seventh, but always the first day, as a specially holy and sacred one." "If sin!" If Adam had not sinned, he would not have fallen? If he had not fallen, Christ would not have come to this world and died to save him. How does Bro. H. know that Adam would have kept the Sabbath at all, "if he had not sinned?" "If sin" had not entered into the world, the Bible would have been quite a different book from what it is. But Adam sinned and fell. God knew he would sin; and long before Adam was created, God in wisdom found the plan for man's redemption. Bro. H. says, since man has fallen into sin, however, the rule is, first work, then rest. Why did God rest the seventh day? Is it not according to nature to "first work, then rest?" "There remaineth a rest for the people of God." Bro. H. says, by the redemption through Christ sin has been taken from us, and we are called "sanctified ones," and thereby we are restored to the condition of Adam before the fall. Therefore we keep, as Christians, as children of God, not the seventh, but the first day, as the day of a new happy life in our God. Now according to Bro. H.'s theory, Adam, without sin, would have kept the first day; under sin, the seventh day. And we as Christians, as "sanctified ones," must keep the first day. Now what day must the sinner keep? The sinner is not sanctified! God did not command his children to keep the Sabbath, and leave the sinner to do as he pleased to do. Bro. H. says, just as much as the new purely spiritual covenant differs from the old one, which embrace only outward things; as much as the gospel differs from the law, so much differs from the Christian Sunday from the Jewish Sabbath. If the Christian Sunday differs so much from the Jewish Sabbath, he calls it by the name of Sabbath. We often hear good men say, "I will keep my first or third Sunday," and "the first or third Sabbath." God never made but one Sabbath, and that Sabbath

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The Value of Christianity.

The spirit of the present age is intensely practical. The people of this Western world, having risen above the superstitions of the medieval times, having escaped the galling chains of civil despotism and ecclesiastical tyranny, with their proscriptive power, are now, in the larger field of intellectual and religious freedom that they enjoy, inquiring into the advantages of the Christian faith. And, although infidelity may already have revealed the full measure of its strength, and may be nearing the era of its decline, yet the spirit of speculative inquiry is abroad, and will continue for ages to continue. Nor would we represent this spirit as entirely new. As the storm that causes the waves of the forest to sway and to fro, prompts the roots and rootlets to lay a firmer hold upon and to entwine more closely the rock beneath, so these shakings and upheavings in the theological world lead Christian thinkers to examine more closely into just principles, and to lay hold with firmer grasp upon the granite pillars of truth. We suppose that there is no fairer way of dealing with a question of this kind than to contrast it, as to its results, with other forms of faith. We suppose that it must be universally admitted that a God of infinite wisdom and goodness, in giving a system of religion to the race, would give the best possible to give—that which, under the circumstances, would be best adapted to the work of promoting man's welfare, individually, and the welfare of the nations of earth. And here history must be our guide. Whatever form of faith, independent of the question of its divine ordination and origin, has done most to promote the social happiness of the race and to advance the best and highest interest of nations, that form of faith is the best. Here the doctrine of "the survival of the fittest" finds its highest and most perfect illustration. If Christianity here, in fact, represents the best, and must in the end yield to that form which is better and worthier of immortality. Where, then, does the purest civilization prevail? Where are the better forms of government and the better conditions of society to be found? In countries where Christianity prevails, or in those where Pagan and Anti-Christian faiths dominate the religious thoughts of the people? Pagan faiths are not only repulsive with weird superstitions, but they cast a murky shadow all round about. Edwin Arnold, in his brilliant poem, "The Light of Asia," has done much to clothe a heathen religion with entrancing beauty and attractive comeliness. Under the strokes of his polished and rhetorical pen, it shines with the brightest luster of which it is capable. Yet the spirit of sadness that betimes it breathes, the uncertainty just where the soul cries for assurance that gathers about its utterances, renders it forbidding to an inquiring, immortal mind. Through it, even as modified by Christian philosophy, falls the dark shadow of doubt and uncertainty upon the mind. In India and China, in Africa and the islands of the sea, wherever pagan faiths prevail, there we find intellectual darkness and social disorders, while a general spirit of lawlessness, almost universal, reigns. Women are treated as slaves, all the baser passions reign; ignorance abounds and the arts and sciences are in their infancy. And when we come to nations that are anti-Christian, though intellectual light may shine more resplendently

you the social conditions and the morals of the people are but little improved. Complacency in the line of example is France in the history of the past. She cast off the yoke of the fathers and she engaged madly in the days of political anarchy. Churches were closed; lectures on morality took the place of sermons; research was denied; the name of Jesus was torn from the banner, borne at the head of their triumphal processions, and the names of Rousseau and Washington emblazoned thereon in its stead! And all that was the result? It is written in characters of blood—blood drawn from the veins of her prodigious sons and daughters. A convulsion followed that shook the pillars of empire to their very foundations, the vibrations of which were felt the globe around.

Of the result in part, Gergonne has drawn the following graphic picture: "Multiplied cases of suicide; prisons crowded with innocent persons; permanent guillotine; prejudices of all classes; parental authority set at naught; debauchery encouraged by an allowance to those called unmarried mothers; nearly six thousand divorces within the single city of Paris, within a little more than two years after the law authorized them;—in a word, whatever is most obscene in vice, and most dreadful in ferocity."

Nor are we to suppose, as is well said by another writer, that the mass of the French people became atheists during this period. By no means. The great majority looked upon the proceedings with feelings of disgust and detestation. It was the atheist philosopher, holding the balance of power in their ungodly hands, brooked this terrible and desolating storm. And from this we can form some distant conception of what the result must be, if a whole nation were to turn away from God and the Bible, thus freeing themselves—in so far as it is possible to be freed—from the authority of conscience and the restraints of religion. And there is sound philosophy in all this. When once a man denies God, the Bible and Christianity, all his moral moorings are severed. There is nothing to bind him to right doing. His oath is no better than his word. He is an outlaw. His self-respect may restrain him from overt acts as the atheist, but whenever appetite or any unhalloved passion gains the ascendancy over the best, as just as necessarily goes down as a body thrown in mid air falls to the ground, drawn by the law of gravitation, without counter resistance. An atheist may be an honorable man, pure and chaste in life, honest and upright in business transactions; but he is this not by virtue of, but despite, his faith. He is not the man that we would choose to trust. There is no power higher than himself that can exert a controlling influence over him; and as he is a man of like passions with others, as he is his ambitions, appetites and desires, there is no great danger that he will do more than he wishes—will fulfill all the demands, and for the gratification of these, law, right and virtue are trampled under foot. Why not? Thus it was with the old Epicurean philosophers—"Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die; and as that is the end of all things to us, let us enjoy ourselves, fulfill the desires of the flesh to-day, before the morrow of death shall come." We have no evidence that human nature is any different to-day. Thus when pagan forms of faith and atheism are put into the historic balance, they are found wanting. The other side we must take up at another time.

In the death of Rev. Dr. J. N. Norton the best of the Protestant Episcopal church and to the community. He certainly lived not for himself, but for the good of others, as his numerous and noble benefactions demonstrate. He was most faithful pastor and friend of the poor and distressed of all classes, a cultivated and agreeable conversationalist, a public speaker and one whose place it will be difficult to fill. One of the enduring monuments of his Christian beneficence is the church he built in this city, at his own expense, for the colored Episcopalian.—Courier-Journal, Jan. 19th.

Dr. Norton had been for many years a regular subscriber to the Recorder, and no man was ever more prompt in paying his subscription. His death is lamented by our entire community, for he was indeed a public benefactor.

The spring session of Bethel Female college will begin on Monday, Feb. 1st. The school is in a very fine condition and the prospects are that the already large number of boarders will be largely increased next session. There is a native school to be opened in the South-west than the institution has proved to be the best kind of paper and tonic before.—Lexington (Ky.) Gazette.

to us, or converses, quite too late in the day to announce, as a matter of course, to the reading public, the death of "George Elliot," one of the widely known writers in the field of romance. One of the "Spanish Gipsies" from her best works, we quote the following verse, as "pointing a moral."

"Nay, never fall. He great deed is done by fathers who fail for certainty. The greatest gift of the heaven is grace: it is to have been a sinner."

While we may not, without some modification, give full and hearty indorsement to the latter couplet, yet the former contains a sentiment that is worthy of being most carefully pondered by the race. It is the spirit of intelligent enterprise that conceives all the grand schemes that further and promote national and individual well-being. Men who succeed, are men who venture—not wildly, recklessly, but judiciously, with a reasonable prospect of success. Men who have risen to positions of distinguished honor among their fellow venturers to enter upon the race with their competitors, making the most of their powers and opportunities. Thus the millionaire of to-day ventured. The only point at which we need to be specially guarded is that, we, in seeking to gain wealth or position, are not to be commanding influence, maintain a strict integrity and loyalty adhere to the great law of right as God has revealed it.

Our serial story, Adventures in New Mexico, will commence with our next issue. The story will run for several months, and will be read with increasing interest. We may not be able to supply back numbers. Let all who desire to read the story, send us the money at once. If you can not send \$2.00 now, send 50 cents or \$1, and the balance in time.

TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION.—The time of many who subscribe for the Recorder for the benefit of Dr. Burrows' sermon will expire with this month, others will be out in February. We shall be pleased to have all renew at the regular rates (\$2.00 a year), but please drop all arrears, as the time expires, unless they renew. If you want the Recorder, please renew before your time is out; do not give us the trouble to write to you on the subject.

The fourth number of Dr. Graves' reply to Dr. Burrows did not reach us in time for this issue. It will appear in our next, and the articles will then run on, we trust, without any break. All that interested send 75 cents to A. C. Caperton & Co. for a copy of "Old Landmark," by Dr. Graves.

THE BAPTIST WORLD.

LOUISVILLE.—Dr. Bradus preached in the morning. "Sermon" was simple, clear and excellent. At close of sermon a collection of \$200 was taken for Foreign Missions. Pastor preached at night. Attendance on Sunday-school somewhat large.

Walden-street.—The Young Men's prayer-meeting was delightful. The ladies monthly missionary meeting was well attended. Dr. Miller, president, read the Scriptures and led in prayer. Songs led by the organ. Miss Ida Green then read an interesting paper on Africa as a mission field. Song by Miss Susan Pierce. Dr. Manly then made a very practical and interesting talk on encouragement in mission work. Song by Miss Louisa Woodbury. Collection.

Wigwag.—Good prayer-meeting. Wednesday night. The pastor baptized one. Sunday-school large. Congregation on Sunday night larger than ever before. Five asked for prayer.

Portland-meeting.—The prayer-meetings are here. Thursday night.

East.—Congregations good all day. Pastor baptized two Sunday morning. The church is managing its finances finely.—have monthly reports.

Ministers' Conference.—Met at 10 A. M. Dr. Burrows in the chair. Rev. A. C. Roberts led in prayer. After hearing reports from the churches, spent a few minutes in examining plan of a sermon by Dr. Burrows. On next Monday the Conference will consider the subject of ordination. A. C. Caperton to open.

Our Seminary.—The professors and students labor as follows: Dr. Bradus, presiding pastor, church morning; Dr. Manly, president, church morning; G. F. McManis, M. D. Jeffrey, Walden-street mission; E. B. Miller, Portland; W. S. Walker, Oregon Home; J. L. Galt, Sedalia; J. P. Mueck, Robinson Hill; L. J. Huff, Fourth-street mission; R. B. Garrett, Quinn's Chapel, Methodist; F. P. Robertson, spoke at W. M. C. A. W. Manly, Forks of Elk-horn, Woodford county; F. C. McConnell, Pleasant Grove, Bullitt county; F. W. Houshens, morning and night, Salton, Ind.; J. J. Burnett, morning and night, New Albany, Ind.; J. J. Taylor, morning and night, Lexington, Ky.; J. A. Clark, Thursday night, Home of the Friends.

At Grand Portico church of the city, notwithstanding the severity of the winter, is much larger than last year, and more general interest is taken in church work by the members. The Sabbath-school are full, and generally are well provided with the best kind of papers and tonic before.—Lexington (Ky.) Gazette.

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A Wisconsin correspondent of the Evangelical Chronicle says: "It is fast developing that to help sustain a church is not always by money; rather help it to help itself, and its ordinary case unless a church is able to take care of its own expenses after twenty years of its existence, they will soon be abandoned."—Evangelical Chronicle.

Rev. Benjamin M. Hill, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society from 1840 to 1862, died at New Haven, Conn., very recently in his 68th year.

Our churches in Baltimore are all supplied with pastors and the pastors are all at their posts.

Rev. J. T. Craig, of the High-street church, will preach his pulpit next April. This will make an important vacancy.

From the last number of the Baptist Record we gather the following items about our case in Mississippi:

The Mississippi Episcopal Inquiry of Mississippi College has elected Prof. J. L. Johnson, of the University of Mississippi, to preach before the Society the 30th inst. It has collected his matriculation about 200, and the yield still they come. Rev. H. Booth has settled his family there. The church in that place, a small town, made a contribution the other day of \$388.30 to the State Mission. The pastor thinks it will be increased \$400. The church has been baptizing since the 1st of additional 300 and employing the pastor for three-fourths of his time. The Oxford Baptists are to commence the building of a \$6,000 meeting-house soon.

Rev. Green Clay Smith has resigned the pastoral care of Gleason's Creek church, Franklin county. He divides his time between churches in the State and in Missouri. His new house in the latter place will probably be ready for occupation in the spring.

Rev. Granville Coblin, of the Port Royal church, Henry county, called in the other day to renew his subscription to the Recorder. He was asked if he would send us still May next, he replied that he did not intend that it should ever run out.

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An collection of about \$1,000 for the American Baptist Missionary Union was taken last Lord's day by the Madison-avenue church (Rev. Dr. Bridgman's). This will be increased by other subscriptions from several churches in the city.

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The Connecticut Baptist Missionary Society has received a carefully prepared map, showing dioceses made up by the Congregationalists.

A questionnaire from Connecticut asks: "What is the best book procurable to use in the study of the Bible for the general and for the special (or better church) usage?" We have no hesitation in referring our correspondent to "The Church Manual," by J. M. Fendall, D. D.; price fifty cents. It is the best book of the kind, and is used by a large number of our churches.—National Baptist.

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Wheat is very prevalent in Lexington.

A lot of the new lamp crop, list very high.

The extensive cold weather is working damage to the winter wheat.

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Domestic Advantages.

Providence for cattle is reported to be getting scarce in Boyle.

Fine yearling cattle are selling in Lexington at 4 cents.

The Bardonia Record notes that E. W. Cropper & Bro., of Nelson, have shipped South about 100 head of mules this fall, and have received good prices.

The wheat harvest this year in Warren county is less than half a crop.

In Jessamine county, corn is worth \$2.90 per barrel at the mill.

The Commissioner of Agriculture reports a decrease of four per cent in the buckwheat crop.

W. W. Howerton, of Shelby county, raised the best corn, mostly heavy ears of corn on four acres of ground.

Jacob Hardesty, of Henry county, realized \$20.50 for his best quality of white Burley tobacco, and \$17.75 for his second grade. He harvested 2485 for the crop raised on two acres of land.

The price of land in Fayette county has shown in the past year an average increase of \$15 per acre.

Supremacy Court Day: Three hundred cattle on the market. Demand for feeders good, selling from \$45 to \$4.21 per hundred; one lot sold at \$45 per head. No demand for yearlings, one lot of long yearlings sold at \$22.50 per head.

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G. W. Barnes, of Owsingville, sold his 300 sheep in Cincinnati at 41c.

The market was good for sheep, hogs and shipping cattle.

Christian is the banner tobacco county, having produced 3,000,000 pounds the past season. Every county in the State produces the good ware right.

Thomas L. Davis, of Bourbon, has sold his wool clip of next year, about 250 pieces, at \$2.50 per pound.

A lot of dogs got into the flock of sheep of Mr. S. E. Collins near Keene last week and killed five before they were discovered.

Mr. Collins went to the rescue and killed three of the dogs in the act.

Mr. J. B. Owen, of Shelby county, Ky., has sold his crop of tobacco raised on one acre, which netted him \$239.38.

The Bourbon News thinks tobacco raising in the Bluegrass region will be overdone.

The man is station, who is a man who can't run his own business and make money by selling tobacco, he can run one hundred acres and make ten times as much.

Small crops, well raised, make more money than large crops half raised.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Eggs are five cents a piece in New York.

Mule and horse market South is still dull.

A rise is expected when the weather opens.

G. O. Dun & Co. report 4,765 failures, with liabilities of \$65,722,000 in the United States during 1890.

All the Pennsylvania coal companies, with one exception, have agreed to resume work on the same full time.

There is talk of an opposition stock-py in Cincinnati. People who profess to know say competition would increase the business largely.

Articles from the Channel Islands state that the principal purchasers of the Jersey cattle are Americans.

The interest in orange culture is increasing every year, and many persons in Kentucky are contemplating purchasing land in Florida and putting out orange groves.

During the week ending the 16th inst., the Treasury Department put in circulation \$101,984 in standard silver. During the corresponding week of last year \$71,000 went into circulation.

The number of hogs slaughtered and sold by Chicago packers since November 1st to date, is 2,084,000, against 1,647,000 for the corresponding period a year ago.

The South Carolina river has been owing mainly to the rainy weather, is one of the most unfortunate on record.

The sea island cotton crop is also rutting in the fields from the same cause.

The Boston wool outlook for the opening week of the year showed a somewhat reduced volume of business, the sale of a million and a quarter pounds of domestic wool being about half a million less than for the previous week.

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Reports from Nebraska say that the prairie are covered across inches deep with snow at Fort Robinson and other points, and hundreds of cattle are dying of starvation and the cold. This is one of the risks to run in raising cattle there.

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M. Loullman, a French savant, has discovered a way to all can be classified from American grape vines which when exposed to a temperature above eight degrees Fahrenheit while other die is said to twenty-seven degrees. He recommends the oil as especially valuable for making and other similar purposes.

We may reasonably look for high values in the early spring. The heavy snowfall has been the cause of the high prices, and are filled with young plants. When the melting time comes it is certain that they will be high by a big tide.

The winter of 1890 was a very severe one. The cold, running on the ground for weeks, and the plains was covered with ice. The succeeding fall was exceedingly dry, and many farmers drove cattle miles to water.

Edward Richardson, of New Orleans, is called the "cotton king" by the American. He is said to be worth \$15,000,000. He owns ten or twelve cotton plantations, on which from fifteen to twenty thousand bales of cotton are grown each year.

T. G. Williams, secretary of the Cotton Stock Yards, Chicago, reports results at that place during 1890, as follows: Cattle, 1,882,477; hogs, 7,050,856; sheep, 856,810; horses, 10,998. The estimate value of the whole was \$148,067,826.

Prof. T. Perry Hunt, estimating the production of hogs in this country during the past year at 4,000,000 tons, expresses the belief that the full realization of the country's possibilities in raising hogs is not yet attained until from 10 to 15 bushels per acre with the coal and limestone needed for its manufacture.

The Farmers Union says that in handling sheep they should never be caught by the wool as they will get the wool in their eyes between the skin and the body, and in some cases, where the sheep is a heavy one, the former is entirely separated from the latter.

It has been demonstrated by the American Science Association that the discovery made during science—that land oil, when subjected to a heat of 280 degrees Fahrenheit, is superior to sperm oil, in fluidity and illuminating power.

The United States over 410,000 a year. The largest yield of corn we have yet heard of this year, comes from Ohio county, where a ten acre field averaged 150 bushels and 26 pounds to the bush. A number of farmers are now competing for a prize, which is \$75,000, awarded to the person who raised the greater number of bushels to the acre, from a field of ten acres.

Several completed for the present—the lowest average yield of corn in the world is above that.

A rich mine of antimony has been discovered in Kern county, Cal. Some thirty-five miles south of Bakerfield.

The discovery of workable ore of antimony available in the United States, the chief source of the metal having heretofore been the Sarawak Mine, in the island of Borneo.

The antimony found in the new discovery, which there are but three other instances in the world, those found in Freiberg, Chile, and Mexico. The property is owned by Mr. S. Bouwary and his two sons, and is thought to be of incalculable value.

In the city of Dublin there are 24,000 families, averaging 4.5 members who are each living in a single room. The death rate of the city is 4.00 per 1,000, which is equivalent to 60 per 1,000 in the tenement.

A number of families live in a single room, and the high death-rate, prove that the horrors and dangers of Irish distress have not been exaggerated. These families of five, six and seven, are crowded together, and their support upon wages of from 10 to 15 English shillings a week.

SHEEP.—That sheep should be more generally kept throughout the country, especially at the South, we firmly believe. Kept in small numbers, in connection with grain-raising and other lines of farm business, they can be made to yield very large returns. The labor of caring for them is much less than that required where cows are kept. This is an item for the farmer to consider, not only on his own account, but also for the sake of his wife and children.

The work of the woman where cows and sheep are kept is very great. We do not assert, as an old English writer once did, that "sheep is the most profitable cattle that a man can have," but we believe that sheep, if properly managed, will make larger returns for the amount of capital and labor than almost any other department of farm business.

How to keep a room purified it is only necessary to keep a pitcher or some other vessel full of water. The water will absorb all the impurities. The older the water the greater is its capacity to hold the water. As ordinary temperature a pail of water will absorb a pint of ammonia, acid gas and several pints of ammonia. The capacity is nearly doubled by raising the water to the temperature of 100. Water kept awhile in a room is unfit for use. The pump should always be emptied before catching water for use. If the impure water is more injurious than impure air.

How to MANAGE HORSES.—If horses paw in the stable, take a light chain and fasten it above the knee. Let it hang loose, just as it will not touch the floor. If horses kick in the stable, fasten the chain on the hind leg, pass the horse's head through the ring of the chain, and they will keep quiet while the chain is fastened. There is no danger of hurting them. To care a halter-breaker, take a halter rope a little over twice the length of the horse, make a loop in the middle of the rope (to let it not slip), pass the horse's head through the ring of the rope, and pull the rope through the ring of the halter, and kick the end. When he tries to pull, the rope will slip through the ring, and all the strain comes on his head. He will have seen several horses broken in this way.

THE COTTON AND SUGAR CROPS.—The New Orleans Democrat of January 15th contains special reports of cotton receipts of interior towns throughout the States of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and California. These re-

ports show that there has been a general falling off of receipts, except in Georgia, Florida, Southern Louisiana and Texas, as compared with 1879. The lowest in the Mississippi bottom all report a considerable decrease. In this section much cotton, probably estimated at from two to three crops, is now being shipped to the Gulf, but there is no hope of saving more than half of it; much of it is reported as rotting in the fields.

The Democrat also contains reports of the Louisiana sugar crop, which is estimated at former estimate of 520,000 bopounds. The small planters are making sugar making, and only a few of the larger plantations are still grinding. A very small percentage remains in the fields, and all of it will be gathered into the sugar in a few weeks.

The December freeze did little damage. The yield everywhere has been fine, and in some sections, notably in the larger sugar parishes, it has been enormous. The reports indicate an average increase of 50 per cent over the crop of last year, when the yield for the State was 172,424 bopounds.

Wrecked old people have been tried to learn, in recent years, that the art of converting what lost into four was in 1870, in an almost barbarous condition, and that since then an amazing progress has been going on in the very simple art of milling wheat. A writer in the Standard Kentucky shows them still more by contending that 20 bushels per acre is not the invariable limit of a wheat crop (he is writing of English farms). We believe that in this country the average is now 10 bushels per acre. The writer to whom we refer goes back to a man who was when 10 or 17 bushels was regarded as the English limit.

This dreaded disease among cattle known as "black leg" has made its appearance in Jessamine county. Mr. Harvey Higgins had five fine steers to die of it on Monday night on his farm at Providence Station, Ky. He is now 75, but he has had other steers in other places. Dr. H. G. H. of Lexington, recommends Glycerin Sulfate, as a specific remedy. The disease afflicts the animal in the limbs, the blood thickens and all the use of the limbs is lost.

A HORSE POET.—Those who will take pains to examine a horse's foot will find a series of elliptical rings separated from each other by narrow substance, and forming a cushion to rest the foot upon, the whole being admirably constructed for a heavy body to rest upon, and from which the natural impulse may be drawn that cutting and paring the hoof and frog if not only useless but injurious.

RECIPE.—NEURALGIA.—For neuralgia in the face, or other acute suffering cases, the following remedy has been tried with good effect: Cut a thick slice of bread all across the loaf—break it open; soak one side for a minute in boiling water, and rapidly apply cayenne pepper over the hot side, apply while still smoking hot to the painful surface. The bread retains the heat long enough for the cayenne pepper to begin to act, and cayenne does not affect the delicate skin. After they are cooled, mix with pepper, salt, and butter, and a squeeze of lemon.

BEANS.—One of the most satisfactory ways to cook beans is to take them, when boiled, even if their jackets are left on, a great deal of the best part of the food is discarded, and so lost. It will, of course, take a little longer to jockey than to boil them; but this is no objection. Allow from fifteen to twenty minutes more for baking; slice them, and heat as you would if they were boiled. After they are cooled, mix with pepper, salt, and butter, and a squeeze of lemon.

TO MAKE REAL HOSEY SOAP.—One hundred pounds of common hot soap in this shavings and put it in a pail, with barely hot water enough to cover it. Heat the water into a kettle of boiling water, and when its contents are melted, stir them thoroughly, and add a quarter of a pound of oil, and a quarter of a pound of turpentine, and a quarter of a pound of powdered resin. Mix all together by stirring well with the spoon. Then add oil of cinnamon, a few drops, or oil of bergamot, or any scent which is preferred. If it will, and turn the soap into a deep dish, to cool, then cut into squares. It can be used at once, but improve by age. It can be made into soap balls by adding equal quantities of water and India meal until it is so stiff that you can roll it into balls. There is no soap that will retain the hands like this.

How TO TREAT FROST BITES.—If any part of the body be frozen, the very worst thing to do is to apply heat directly. Keep away from the fire. Use your hands if you can get it; if not, use the coldest possible water. Let water or little bit of fire from your feet while out coating at considerable distance from the house. He cried all the way home, and the case was so serious that I brought a big panful of snow and put his feet into it, rubbing them with the snow. But my hands could not stand the cold. I was alarmed to see him keep his feet in the snow so long, but he could not bear to get out of it. It was half an hour before he would take them out, and then the pain was all gone; and when I had wiped them dry, he rubbed them a little, and was so comfortable, but on his stockings they were all wet with his feet. He never afterwards had any trouble with his feet on account of this freezing. He said that he had been extremely cold, and put them at once to the fire. He said that he had been extremely cold, and put them at once to the fire. He said that he had been extremely cold, and put them at once to the fire.

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Marriage notice for a couple who have just been united in matrimony.

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News in General

The New Chinese Treaty—The substance of the two treaties signed at Peking, November 17, 1890, by the Commissioners of the United States and of China,...

The Permanent Exhibition in Philadelphia has not made anything by being open since last day, and it is feared...

Woman's Freedom—While Mrs. Kenney, of Athens, Ga., was standing with her back to the fire, the flames caught her dress and quickly blazed.

The United States Militia—Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Military Commission, reported adversely on the bill to reorganize the militia of the United States...

Female Suffrage—The Wisconsin Legislature will shortly deal with the subject of female suffrage...

The Young Men's Christian Association of Cleveland, in three months, has built 100,000, and have poured out 100,000...

Way Out—A young man, an all negro woman, died at Bella, Mo., on the 10th inst., as the result of a fever...

Colony of Sweden—Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of land in the eastern portion of North Carolina...

The Citizen military of Charleston celebrated the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, January 19th...

How Money is Wasted—The new Statehouse at Albany, which cost \$1,200,000...

The New Constitutional Library building will cost about \$200,000, with shelving capacity for 2,500,000 volumes...

The Tilden Tax Suit—There appears to be no foundation for the report that Tilden brought suit against Mr. Tilden in the recent tax suits...

Remarkable Temperance Movement—In Richmond, Va., in his report to the dealers in liquor was held recently for the purpose of taking action for the proper observance of the temperance laws...

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Fire at Millan, Tenn.—A fire at the above place last week destroyed seven frame buildings, Chambers & Co. being the largest. The insured, and Parson Brothers lost \$1,000,000.

A Physician Poisoned.—Dr. Nelson, a physician practicing in Granville, N. Y., was recently poisoned by drinking a wine which had been passed through a lead pipe from a distillery supplied with painted rods and condenser.

Safety of Steamboat Travel.—The steamboat inspector of the Gulf States and lower Mississippi Valley in his report for the year ending December 31, 1890, says that out of two and a quarter million passengers he had no accident in any of the States, there has not been a single life lost.

Responsibilities of Manufacturers.—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has given an important decision. An injury had been done to certain lead and crops by the fumes and vapors arising from the smelting house of the Pennsylvania Lead Company on the line of the Pennsylvania Central No. 30 Little railroad.

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BETHEL COLLEGE, RUSSELLVILLE, KY. NEXT TERM BEGINS MONDAY, JAN. 31, 1891. Advertisement for a college.

PIANOS AND ORGANS. ORGANS WITH SEVEN TO FOURTEEN STOPS, ALL STOPS HAVING A VALUE. Advertisement for musical instruments.

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