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## THE VISION AND THE KNOCK

The trance of golden afternoon  
Lay on the Judean skies:  
The trance of vision, like a swoon,  
Sealed the Apostle's eyes.  
Upon the roof he sat and saw  
Angelic hands let down and draw  
Again the mighty vessel full  
Of beasts and birds innumerable.

Three times the heavenly vision fell,  
Three times the Lord's voice spoke.  
When Peter, loth to break the spell,  
Roused from his trance, and woke.  
To hear a common sound and rude,  
Which jarred and shook his solitude—  
The knocking at the doorway near,  
Where stood the two from Caesarea.

And should he heed, or should he stay?  
Scarce had the vision fled—  
Perchance it might return that day.  
Perchance more words he said  
By the Lord's voice,—he rises slow:  
Again the knocking; he must go;  
Nor guessed, while going down the stair,  
That 'twas the Lord who called him there.

Had he sat still upon the roof,  
Wooing the vision long,  
The Gentile world had missed the truth,  
And heaven one "sweet new song."  
Souls might have perished in blind pain,  
And the Lord Christ have died in vain  
For them,—he knew not what it meant,  
But Peter rose, and Peter went.

Oh, souls which sit in upper air,  
Longing for heavenly sight,  
Glimpses of truth all fleeting fair,  
Set in unearthly light,—  
Is there no knocking heard below,  
For which you should arise and go,  
Leaving the vision, and again  
Bearing its message unto men?

Sordid the world were vision not;  
But fruitless were your stay:  
So, having seen the sight, and got  
The message, haste away.  
Though pure and bright thy higher air,  
And hot the street and dull the stair,  
Still, get thee down, for who shall know  
'Tis not the Lord who knocks below?  
—SUSAN COOLIDGE, in *Christian Union*.

## Francis Asbury in His English Home.—A. D., 1745—1771.

BY REV. T. SNOWDEN THOMAS.

Rev. Dr. Abel Stevens, in his history of the Methodist Episcopal church, says, "The history of Christianity, since the apostolic age, affords not a more perfect example of ministerial and Episcopal devotion than was presented in this great man's life." Rev. Dr. Nathan Bangs, another historian of our church, who enjoyed the privilege of personal acquaintance with Bishop Asbury says, "he stood up before the community as a giant in intellect, and as a saint of the first magnitude, having professed and exemplified the heights and depths of 'perfect love,' and displayed the zeal and diligence of an apostle in the work of the Christian ministry."

Rev. Dr. Dixon, the eminent Wesleyan Divine, says, "I reckon him," (Asbury) "the second man in Methodist history; and, in the extent of his labors, and the variety of incidents connected with them, he is not the second but the first man in our community."

Rev. Luke Tyerman, in his *Life and Times of Rev. John Wesley*, says, "A grander specimen of a Christian apostle than Francis Asbury, the world has never had. Much as we revere the memory of Wesley we regard Asbury with an almost equal veneration. Among the self-denying, laborious Christian ministers of the past eighteen hundred years, we believe, that Francis Asbury has no superior, and but few that can be considered equals. \* \* \* If the reader wishes to see his monument, we

invite him to step within the living walls of the present Methodist Episcopal Church of America, and there, while surveying the grand edifice of spiritual order and beauty, we ask him, as the inquirer in St. Paul's Cathedral is asked, to 'Look around!'"

In his recent appreciative biography of the Bishop, Rev. F. W. Briggs, of London, declares him to be "one of the noblest characters that the Church of Christ, the most polite nursery of noble characters, has ever produced."

Such are some of the tributes to the rare excellencies of life and character developed in the career of an humble, faithful Methodist preacher,—tributes paid by men every way qualified to form a correct judgment. Who would not shrink from the task of adequately portraying such a life? Our purpose is simply to gather some of the facts of his remarkable career and in their recital, indicate the steps by which Francis Asbury reached his lofty attitude of imperishable renown.

In the southern part of the county of Stafford in Old England, through the broad and beautiful valley of Hamstead, winds the river Tame, an affluent of the Trent. This tributary stream was spanned more than one hundred and fifty years ago, by Hamstead Bridge—a substantial stone structure, over which passed the old road dividing from Walsal in a south easterly direction through Manesbury, West Bromwich, and Handsworth, to Birmingham, a city celebrated for centuries for its iron and steel manufactures. Near the northern end of this bridge, fronting the highway and four miles from Birmingham, was a neat and attractive cottage, the humble home of Joseph and Elizabeth Asbury—forever memorable as the birth-place of their only son, Francis. "Some of the aspects of this locality" says Mr. Briggs, "have been changed, but the spot may be easily identified." The old bridge still remains to mark the spot where the great evangelist first saw the light, August twentieth, seventeen hundred and forty-five. His parents were intelligent peasants, "remarkable for honesty and industry, having all things needful to enjoy and who might have been wealthy had the father been as saving as he was laborious." He was farmer and gardner to the two richest families of Handsworth parish. The death of an only daughter, "a darling child," so impressed the mother's heart as to lead her to a religious life, and to a passionate love for religious reading,—solace in the great grief which clung to her through a long life. She sought religious society, and spent many days chiefly in reading and prayer. This arrested her boy's attention; he was filled with surprise to see his mother, standing by a large window poring over a book for hours together. She soon found justifying grace and pardoning mercy," and at once became concerned for the conversion of her husband, strongly urging him to family reading and prayer. She also became more earnestly watchful over her son—her only surviving child, guarding

him especially against forms of insincerity, and impressing him with the solemn obligation to be always simply truthful. Her prayerful labors were not in vain; her husband became a devout Christian, and her early acquired the habit of telling the truth. He abhorred mischief and wickedness, such as boys of his age were addicted to, often returning home from their company uneasy and melancholy.

Soon after Mrs. Asbury's conversion, the family removed a few miles to a house on Newton Road, to Great Barr. Here for forty years they devoted their best room to religious meetings; here the son was carefully trained by his devout and ever watchful mother. Having learned to read the Bible when but six years old, he greatly delighted in its historical parts. His churlish schoolmaster was so severe and beat him so cruelly as to fill him with dread and to make him feel that anything was preferable to going to school. His father regretfully relinquished his ardent desire to have his son prosecute his studies consented that he should leave school and go to work.

The very year of Asbury's birth, Matthew Boulton established his iron works at Soho close by Handsworth, making the locality famous by his invention of inlaid steel buckles, buttons, watch chains and to which Dr. Johnson refers in "The World" as becoming very fashionable in England. Connected with these works, was a Smith shop, where the forge men's tools were made and repaired. At the head of this department was a Mr. Foxall, who with his wife had been converted under the preaching of Mr. Wesley. To this godly man young Asbury was apprenticed by his own choice, when but thirteen and a half years old. Here he worked at his trade for six and a half years developing his physical powers, in learning and practicing the honorable craft of a blacksmith. "During this time" he says, "I enjoyed great liberty, and in the family was treated more like a son or an equal than an apprentice."

A godly man, not a Methodist, moved into the neighborhood about this time, and occasionally visited the home of Asbury's parents. "By his conversation and prayers," says Asbury, "I was awakened before I was fourteen. It was now easy and pleasing to leave my company, and I began to pray morning and evening." The family attended the church at Great Barr, but the young inquirer found something more suitable to his spiritual wants at *All Saints*, the old parish church of West Bromwich, whose rector, Rev. Edward Stillingleet had participated in the Methodist revival, and, with his curate, Mr. Bognall, was preaching with almost Methodist plainness, fidelity and fervor. Here he heard these and other esteemed Gospel ministers whose fervid discourses remained fresh in his memory in mature life, and under these influences he became deeply serious, reading a great deal of Whitefield's and Crunick's sermons, and every good book he could meet with.

His first visit to a Methodist meet-

ing is most graphically described by his own pen. Attending a meeting at Wednesbury, a few miles from home, he says, "I soon found this was not the church—but it was better. The people were so devout—men and women kneeling down—saying *Amen*, now, behold! they were singing hymns—sweet sound! Why,—strange to tell—the preacher had no prayer-book, and yet he prayed wonderfully! What was yet more extraordinary, the man took his text, and had no sermon-book; thought I, this is wonderful indeed!" He was deeply impressed by what he saw and heard, became an earnest seeker for salvation, and frequently attended Methodist meetings. With his young friend, William Emory, he often retired for prayer to his father's barn. Here while they were praying together, he was able to realize the presence of "Jesus Christ who," he says, graciously justified my guilty soul through faith in His precious blood." At once he began to be a "worker together with" Him who came to seek and to save the lost and to take part in the conduct of social worship. "My mother," he says, used to take me with her to a female meeting, which she conducted over a fortnight, for the purpose of reading the scriptures, and giving out the hymns. After I had been thus employed as a clerk for some time, the good sisters thought Frank might venture a word of exhortation. So after reading, I would venture to expound and paraphrase a little on the portion read. Thus began my Gospel efforts when a lad." He then held meetings for prayer, Bible-reading, and exhortation in his father's barn and elsewhere, and records gratefully that "several souls professed to find peace through my labors." His "friend and spiritual father," Alexander Mather, authorized him to form and lead a Society-class in West Bromwich, before he was seventeen. He thus became the centre of a group of young men of his own age, who not only looked to him for guidance at the weekly meetings, but were his chosen and constant companions. One of these young associates was Henry Foxall, his master's son, who was subsequently converted and became a highly respected local preacher. He emigrated to this country and settled in Georgetown, D. C., where he amassed considerable wealth, a portion of which he appropriated to the erection of a Methodist church in Washington. This church, Bishop Asbury dedicated in 1815. In allusion to the Old Foundry, the cradle of Methodism, and also to the iron business by which Foxall had acquired his wealth, and at which the new hoary-headed friends had spent their youth together, they agreed to call the new church *The Foundry*. The most noteworthy of these early friends was Richard Whatcoat, who joined the Society in Wednesbury in 1758, and is spoken of with reverent affection as one of the most saintly men that ever lived. He was one of the two preachers ordained by Mr. Wesley to accompany Dr. Coke to the country and assist in the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was elected

Bishop in 1800. At eighteen Asbury was licensed as a local preacher. His trial sermon preached in *Manwoods Cottage*, at Bromwich, and is spoken of to this day by descendants of his little congregation, as impressively simple, direct, and forcible. "Behold me now," he says, "a local preacher, the humble and willing servant of any and every preacher that called on me by night or by day; being ready with hasty steps to go far and wide to do good, visiting almost every place within my reach, for the sake of precious souls; preaching generally, three, four, and five times a week, and at the same time pursuing my calling." When twenty-one, he was called to quit home and manual work and to take the place of a travelling preacher for nine months. At the ensuing Conference, 1767, he was regularly "admitted on trial," for the itinerant ministry, and received into the Conference the following year. After four year's successful ministry on large circuits, one of which he served two years,—at the Conference which began in Bristol, August 6th, 1771, the first he ever attended, he offered himself for the work in America, in response to the appeal—"Our brethren in America call aloud for help,—who are willing to go over and help them? He was accepted, the whole Conference concurring in his appointment.

To be continued.

## A True Wife.

It is not to sweep the house, make the bed, darn the socks and cook the meals, chiefly that a man wants a wife. If this is all he needs, hired help can do it cheaper than a wife. If this is all, when a young man calls to see a lady, send him into the pantry to taste the bread and cake she has made, send him to inspect the needle work and bedmaking, or put a broom in her hands and send him to witness its use. Such things are important, and the wise young men will quickly look after them. But what the true man wants with a wife is her companionship, sympathy and love. The way of life has many dreary places in it, and man needs a wife to go with him. A man is sometimes overtaken by misfortunes; he meets with failures and defeat; trials and temptations beset him, and he needs one to stand by and sympathize. He has some hard battles to fight with poverty, enemies and sin, and he needs a woman, that, when he puts his arm around her, he feels he has something to fight for; she will help him to fight; that will put her lips to his ear and whisper words of counsel, and her hand to his heart and impart inspiration. All through life, through storm and through sunshine, conflict and victory, through adverse and through favoring winds, man needs a woman's love.—*Evangelical Messenger*.

The dome of St. Peter's has been newly covered with lead at a cost of not far from \$30,000. The weight of this covering is 703,610 lbs.; and, if spread out flat, it would cover more than an acre and a half.

## Temperance.

Wine is a mocker: strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—*Scripture.*

O thou invisible spirit of wine! had I no other name by which to call thee, I would call thee devil.—*Shakespeare.*

## Crime and Rum.

Three-quarters of all crime, the writers concur in saying, is referable to this cause. It is scarce exaggeration to say four. Reckoning all the drunks, all the unlicensed liquor-selling, all the disturbances, nine-tenths of all the assaults, eight-tenths of all the murders, two-thirds of all the larcenies one-half of all the burglaries, and fractions larger or smaller of nearly all other offences as outcomes of the traffic, and it approximates to the fact that crime as a whole is ascribable to *r-u-m*. Nor is it believed to be a stretch of truth so to reckon. There is many an offence which, though appearing at the time of the commission entirely unconnected with the use, sale, or manufacture of liquor, is yet traceable to this prolific source of wrong and woe—*r-u-m*.

So true is it that rum and riot go thus hand in hand that, if one watches the course of crime a long time, he is all but ready to protest that there is no violence to law and order, apart from intoxicating liquor. Directly not seldom, but indirectly often, larcenies and burglaries, where the parties offending were sober, are found to be the efflux of a state of things induced by liquor. If the theft was inspired by poverty, the poverty was entailed by intemperance. If the burglar was sober in his act, the act was yet the offspring of inebriety. The propensities of the thief strikingly tie, somehow, to the training begotten of ardent spirits. Professional burglars and gamblers who go about their business with clear heads, and are sometimes, indeed, teetotalers, are men whose inclinations had origin under the corrupting influence of strong drink as a beverage. Their moral sense was destroyed by the canker of all example, and their audacity suckled by the revelries and bedevilments of drunkenness. Name a gambler whose associations are not with a grog shop. Name a burglar who is not in confederacy with gamblers. How rare the murder that is not allied to the bottle! When from the trial of Webster, if then, to the trial of Guiteau, if then, has there been a capital offence whose breath did not smell of alcohol ere the evidence was closed? As for assaults and other disturbances of the misdemeanor class that do not import into the court-room rank odors of the bar the cases are rarer than swallows in winter.

What broils of women that do not have beer at the bottom? What neglects of family that are not of the cup? What processes in bastardy that do not find sin in wine? Even the trespasses and mischiefs of boys are the fruit of a paternal looseness ripened by indulgence. A truly sober crime-committing man, woman, or child is an exception on the criminal calendar. It seems to be the fatality of strong drink to betray its evil genius in some form, degree, manner, of color, in every violation of the penal code. The code, indeed, upon a view of its operations in respect or crimes *per se*, seems to be a contrivance of society purely for the purpose of protecting itself against the invasions of barbarous tribes warring under the demonic sceptre of Bacchus.

Communities that have been able, for a considerable period, to banish liquor utterly from their borders have proved that criminal laws are quite unnecessary. Every member

of the community being in his senses assumes that every other member is, and walks in the ways simply of common-sense, which are the ways of good order and neighborhood. Sobriety is the restraint as well as the liberty and pleasure of the people. Excesses are little known, because excesses are the product mainly of stimulation, and where there are no excesses there are few infringements upon personal rights. Society runs itself without the machinery and cog-wheelery of codes and constables.—*Ten Years a Police Court Judge, Funk & Wagnall's Standard Library.*

The New York *Tribune* recently stated that "one in twenty of the inhabitants of this country are rendered idle and incapacitated for work through the liquor traffic; and these, if not idle, would, at ordinary wages, earn \$200,000,000 annually.

THE Chicago and Northwestern railroad system, which embraces in all its roads 5,645 miles, makes prohibition its stern and inflexible law. Each employe is placed under a pledge to abstain from the use of malt or distilled liquors, and the violation of the rule is followed by his prompt discharge. All persons in their sober senses approve this rule. A large army of men are required to run the road, and a blunder committed by a conductor or engineer, a brakeman or fireman, a switch-tender or telegraph operator, may result in a catastrophe in which lives are lost or human bodies hopelessly maimed for life. Each one must have a clear brain and steady nerves. The head of the switch tender must not be muddled by beer when he sees the distant headlight of a crowded train and the nerves of the engineer must be as steady as steel when his hand rests on the throttle-valve of an engine. Political platform builders may cling to their plank about sumptuary laws when they are maneuvering for votes, but they want the conductor to be a sober man when they are seated in a crowded train as it thunders over its iron track. The distiller demands the largest liberty to manufacture the liquor that disorders the brain and brutalizes the heart, but he wants railroad corporations to be careful that none of it is drunk by employes who run the train or guard the roads he may have occasion to travel. The brewer foams like his own beer over any limitation the law may place on its manufacture and sale, but he would hold the railroad company responsible even if his own liquor had made the conductor drunk and caused a wreck in which his life was endangered, or the persons of his wife or children placed in peril. What the railroads are compelled to do, in order to ensure the safety of their property and the lives of their passengers against the dangers that result from the use of beer and whisky, the state must do to save society from the terrible consequences that always flow from the manufacture and sale of malt and spirituous liquors.—*Texas Christian Advocate.*

In New Zealand the advocates of popular control of the liquor traffic have reasons to be encouraged. The licensing committees are now elected by the rate-payers of the several districts; and at the last elections several committees were elected on the temperance platform, pledged to carry out reforms. In a few instances all the public houses in the districts have been closed, the committees being bound to this course by their election pledges. In several districts early closing has been insisted on, Sunday traders have been threatened with the cancellation of their licenses. In spite of an increasing population the drink bill of the colony shows a very considerable falling off for the year ending March 31, 1884, as compared with the preceding year.—*Evangelical Messenger.*

## Children's Department.

### THE MOTHER'S GOOD-BYE.

Sit down by the side of your mother, my boy; You have only a moment, I know, But you'll stay till I give you my parting advice.

'Tis all that I have to bestow. You leave us to seek for employment, my boy; By the world you have yet to be tried, But in all the temptations and struggles you meet, May your heart in the Saviour confide.

You'll find in your satchel a Bible, my boy; 'Tis the book of all others the best; It will teach you to live, it will help you to die, And lead you to the gates of the blest. I gave you to God in your cradle, my boy; I have taught you the best that I knew, And as long as his mercy permits me to live, I shall never cease praying for you.

Your father is coming to bid you good-bye, Oh! how lonely and sad we shall be; But when far from the scenes of your childhood and youth, You'll think of your father and me. I want you to feel every word I have said, For it came from the depths of my love; And, my boy, if we never behold you on earth, Will you promise to meet us above?

Hold fast to the right, hold fast to the right, Wherever your footsteps may roam. Oh! forsake not the way of salvation, my boy, That you learned from your mother at home.

—Selected.

### Patty's Company

Patty Ellerson had very sweet, polite manners; everybody said so.

If there was a guest staying in the house, Patty slipped out before breakfast and cut a rose to lay on her plate; if a gentleman called to see her father on a hot day, Patty went off, without being told, and brought a glass of cool water; when her little visitors came, she did everything to make them have a good time, without seeming to think about herself at all.

All this was very sweet in Patty; and, indeed, she was such an attractive little girl, that I hate to tell you any "drawbacks" about her.

Yet there was a drawback, and as Patty found it out herself, and tried to cure it, maybe she wouldn't mind my telling it

And it was this: Patty saved her best manners for company! She was not unkind to her little brothers or sisters, but I am obliged to say she did not concern herself much about their comfort and pleasure.

One summer, Mrs. Palmer, with a little daughter near Patty's age, came to board in the village, and Patty and Rose Palmer became great friends.

Mrs. Palmer wasn't very comfortable where she was staying, and one day she walked over to Mrs. Ellerson's, to see if that lady would take her to board. She left Rose in the yard to play with the children, while she and Mrs. Ellerson sat on the little vine-shaded porch, and talked it over.

When the arrangement had been made, and it was settled that Mrs. Palmer and Rose were to move over the next week, the children were called up, that the little friends might enjoy the prospect of being together. But, to everybody's surprise, impulsive little Rose cried out, "O mamma! I don't want to live here!"

Her mother was distressed that she should have made what seemed such a rude speech, but Mrs. Ellerson was very wise about little girls, and putting a gentle arm about Rose—who, at the sight of her mother's displeasure, had begun to cry—she asked her kindly what was the reason she did not want to live with them.

After a moment's hesitation, Rose said simply that Patty was always nice, and kind, and pleasant when she came over to see her, but she noticed that she was sometimes cross with Ella, her little sister. "And I am 'fraid," continued Rose, "that if I

come to live with her, she will treat me like she does Ella!"

And now it was poor Patty's turn to cry, and the little girls would have had a sad day, if mamma hadn't proposed a doll's tea party, and given them some bread and preserves. That brought back the sunshine.

Rose and her mother did come to live at the Ellerson's, but not one cross word did Patty speak to the little visitor all summer.

More than that, she tried hard not to be anything but polite to her own little home people; and I think she succeeded, for one day, when it was Ella's turn to help mother wash the breakfast things, she said joyously, "Mamma, we do have such good times now; Patty treats me just like company all the time!"—*S. S. Times.*

### What Billy Thought.

It was a red-and-gilt swallow, and though it would fly swiftly enough down hill, it would not fly up hill at all, except as Nellie's firm steps led the way, and her small, mittened hands drew it. Nellie was perfectly satisfied, however. It was her last Christmas present, and she thought it the prettiest sled ever made. From the garden gate she could ride away down the hill to the orchard fence, and it was such fun.

Through the lower fence a sober and rather soiled little face was gazing at her as Billy Grey divided his time between watching her trips and forlornly making snowballs for no particular purpose.

"Poor little Billy! I don't s'pose he ever saw such a nice sled before," mused Nellie, as she trudged up the hill again. "He hasn't any kind of a one, and ever so many poor children haven't. If I could be rich, I'd give every poor little boy and girl the handsomest kind of a sled."

Glowing with her benevolent purpose she explained it to Billy on her next flying trip down the hill.

"Billy Grey, do you know if I was rich, I'd give you the prettiest sled you ever saw."

"No, you wouldn't," said Billy, stoutly.

"Why, yes, I would, too," answered Nellie, half indignantly. "What makes you think so?"

"Cause that Sunday-school teacher said that folks that wouldn't do any good when they had a little, wouldn't do much if they had a good deal," declared Billy; and if folks won't lend a ride or two when they have one sled, I just don't believe they'd give away a sled if they had lots. So!"

Nellie looked soberly down at the snow a minute before she said: "Why you can ride some if you want to, Billy, right now."

It did not take Billy one minute to jump over the fence and accept the invitation; but Nellie trudged slowly up the hill after him with a very thoughtful face, for offering to give away sleds she did not own was only a pleasure, but lending the one she did own cost her some self-denial. Yet she thought it very strange that Billy Grey, and not she, had been first to find out the meaning of the Golden Text: "He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful also in much."—*Kate W. Hamilton, in Morning Star.*

### Talking to Heaven.

A mother living not very far from the post-office in this city, tired with watching over a sick baby, came down stairs for a few moments the other day for a little rest. She heard the voice of her little four-year old girl in the hall by herself, and curious to know to whom she was talking, stopped a moment at the half open door. She

saw the little thing had pulled a chair up in front of the telephone and stood upon it, with the earpieces pressed against the side of her head. The earnestness of the child showed that she was in no playful mood; and this was the conversation the mother heard, while the tears stood thick in her eyes, the little one carrying on both sides as if she was repeating the answer:—

"Hello!"  
"Well, who's there?"  
"Is God there?"  
"Yes."  
"Is Jesus there?"  
"Yes."  
"Tell Jesus I want to speak

him."  
"Well?"  
"Is that you, Jesus?"  
"Yes; what is it?"  
"Our baby is sick, and we want you to let it get well. Won't you now?"

No answer, and statement and question again repeated, finally answered by a "Yes."

The little one hung the ear-piece back on its hook, clambered down from the chair, and, with a radiant face, went for mother, who caught her in her arms.

The baby, whose life had been despaired of, began to mend that day, and got well.—*Elmira Free Press.*

### The Little Lambs.

During a revival the pastor announced that a meeting would be held that evening for the reception of members. On hearing this, little eleven year old Frank went home and asked the permission of his grandmother, under whose charge he was, to present himself for membership. She was astonished, and said:

"My dear child, you are too young. You must wait until you are older."

This was more than little Frank could endure. He instantly burst into tears, and hid his head in her lap. It was some time before he regained composure. He then said:

"Grandma, if you had a flock of sheep and lambs, and it was winter time, would you put all the sheep in stables, and leave the little lambs outside to perish in the snow and cold?"

The little boy's faith and earnestness triumphed. His grandmother consented. He was examined as to his faith in Christ, and received into the Church.

He became a physician, and the head of a public institution of the State of Kentucky, and is still an earnest and devoted follower of Christ.—*Crown and Glory.*

"THERE are," says the Christian Evangelist, "100,000 prisoners within the jails and penitentiaries of the United States. The statistics present some interesting and suggestive facts with regard to this vast army of outlaws. Ninety per cent are under the age of thirty, and many are mere boys of fifteen to twenty years of age. Sixty-seven per cent are not married, and probably nearly as many have no place they can call home. In 1864, statistics were carefully collected in all the prisons of New York state, with the result that fifty-five per cent of the prisoners admitted that they had never attended Sunday-school, and eighty-four per cent were accustomed not to attend church. It is probable these figures represent fairly the condition of the whole 100,000. Further, seventy-three per cent of these men are accustomed to use intoxicating drinks, and nearly ninety per cent have been frequenters of saloons."—*Christian.*

Twenty-five years ago in New York City there were but two Unitarian Churches, and there are but two to-day.

The Sunday School.

Proverbs of Solomon.

LESSON FOR NOV. 23, 1884 — Proverbs 1: 1-16.

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[Adapted from Zion's Herald.]

GOLDEN TEXT: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Prov. 1: 7).

I. THE PURPOSE OF PROVERBS (1-6).

1. Proverbs—pithy, condensed sayings, easy to remember, sometimes expressed in metaphorical or obscure terms. Lord Brougham defined a proverb as the "wit of one, the wisdom of many." Solomon.—And is this king, who lived for pleasure, and reveled in lust, and lapsed into idolatry, to be received as a teacher? Yes, for none of his writings commend the evils into which he fell, and his own sad experience sharpens the warnings which he utters. Son of David—and yet quite unlike his father. Solomon's individuality is as distinct as David's; and they moved in wholly different spheres of life. David reached the throne through a discipline of trial; his life was largely spent in warfare, and his disposition was to be "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Solomon was born to luxury and peace; he was gifted with the highest mental and bodily endowments and his disposition was to taste every cup of pleasure, that he might "see what was that good for the sons of men which they should do under the heaven."

"Like those concentrated essences of food which explorers carry in their knapsacks, the proverb may not present to the eye the appearance of the wisdom that it was originally made of; but a great quantity of the raw material has been used up in making one, and that one, when skillfully dissolved, will spread out to its original dimensions. Much matter is pressed into little room, that it may keep and carry"(Arnot).

2. To know—to cause to know; to reveal or teach. Wisdom.—Even though Solomon personifies wisdom, he had not learned of that personification which the New Testament gives us—"Christ, the Wisdom of God." "Wisdom," according to Solomon, is simply piety, the fear and knowledge of God and obedience to His will. Instruction—more exactly, "discipline;" a training in the precepts of wisdom. Perceive—understanding—to tell truth from sophistry, to know right from wrong.

Wisdom usually means here, not sagacity, but a considerate and discriminating state of mind in regard to the whole circle of duty, moral, religious, and prudential"(Stuart).

3. Wisdom—in this sense, "thoughtfulness"(Plumptre). Justice—not restricted, as in our English conception, to merely human relations; "righteousness" would be a better equivalent. Judgement, equity.—Commentators do not attempt to define nicely these words of cognate meaning. Says Pool: "These three words are heaped together to note either the necessity of the precept, or the exactness and diligence which is required in the practice of it."

"The whole may be paraphrased thus: The design of my instructions is to enable you to acquire an intelligent discipline, or habit of prudence in your personal conduct, of morality in your social and civil relations, and of rectitude in all things"(Hunter).

4. Those for whom these proverbs are designed are now specified. Give subtilty to the simple—a gracious craftiness to the inexperienced, or susceptible; the wisdom of the serpent to those who are harmless as doves, so that they can recognize the tempter's wiles. To the young man knowledge, etc.—No class need it more—that restraining knowledge, that wise caution, which preserve one from rash impulses.

"Doubtless, Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was in his mind when he wrote the Book of Proverbs, and it was designed primarily for his benefit. There are many passages in it which specially refer to him. Rehoboam was in infant when Solomon came to the throne; and he was rather more than forty years of age when he succeeded Solomon his father." (Wordsworth).

5, 6. A wise man will hear.—Not merely the young and simple are to be helped by these proverbs, but that rarer, more select class, the "wise," the "men of understanding." For these strong meat is provided. Will increase learning—will not be satisfied with that they have; will not be conceited, but will humbly seek to add daily to the stock in hand. Attain unto wise counsels—strictly, "attain unto steersmanship," become expert in steering one's course in life. To understand a proverb—to pierce the husk and get the kernel of meaning. And the interpretation—the end of the wise man's study. Plumptre prefers to translate "riddle," or "enigma," instead of "interpretation," both because it would be more correct, and better preserve the parallelism. Dark sayings.—The "words of the wise" are often enigmatical. Even our Lord used parables, and St. Paul's epistles contain some things "hard to be understood."

"Solomon was himself famous for expounding riddles and resolving hard questions; which was of old the celebrated entertainment of the Eastern princess. Now here he undertakes to furnish his readers with that talent, as far as would be serviceable to the best purposes"(Henry).

2 THE WAY TO WISDOM (7-9).

7. The fear of the Lord—that reverence which restrains from sin and prompts to worship and obedience.

Beginning of knowledge—in the margin, "the principal part of knowledge." Those know nothing who do not know this "fear of the Lord." "Knowledge" is here used, apparently, as a synonym of "wisdom." Fools—not the intellectually stupid, but the morally indifferent—the brutish, who will not understand; the atheist who says in his heart, "There is no God." Fools are variously defined in the Scriptures, but the idea in all is that of willful, stubborn wickedness. Despise wisdom—not merely ignore, but condemn and hate it. They neither dread God's wrath, nor desire His favor. They say to the Almighty, "Depart from us."

"The beginning of wisdom is not found in keen insight, nor wide experience, nor the learning of the schools, but in the temper of reverence and awe. The fear of the finite in the presence of the Infinite, of the sinful in the presence of the Holy, self-abhorring, adoring, as in Job's confession (42: 5, 6), this for the Israelite was the starting-point of all true wisdom. What the precept "Know thyself" was to the sage of Greece, that this law was for him. This fear is not the slave's dread of punishment. It has no "torment," and is compatible with childlike love. But this and not love is the "beginning of wisdom." Through successive stages and by the discipline of life, love blends with it and makes it perfect"(Plumptre).

8. My son—a paternal, or rabbinic, style of address, quite frequently used in the first nine chapters. Hear the instruction... father.—Paternal instruction is the second means of wisdom specified. In the Jewish economy parents were especially charged with this duty of teaching the precepts of the law. Forsake not the law

... mother.—Retain it; don't abandon it; don't disobey it.

"Some observe that, where as the Gentiles' ethics, and the laws of the Persians and the Romans, provided only that children should pay respect to their father, the Divine law secures the honor of the mother also"(Henry).

9. Ornament... head, chains... neck.—Obedience to parental teachings is the highest honor in a child—a graceful crown, a necklace of pearls (Prov. 3: 3; 6: 21); making him conspicuous and admired.

By the "neck" is shown stiffness and stubbornness (Exod. 32: 9), and pride and modesty (Isa. 3: 16); and by the "neck" also is shown subjection and obedience; and to "bind" God's law as a "chain about the neck," and to wear it as an ornament, is to show ready compliance with it and joyful cheerfulness in doing it, "to make the hardest task the best delight"(Wordsworth).

3. WORDS OF WISDOM (10-16).

10. If sinners entice thee.—To keep in wisdom's ways we must not "stand in the way of sinners." The snares by which "sinners entice," or seduce, into evil ways, are manifold. Their chief danger is their insidiousness. Consent thou not—a sharp, prompt repulse to evil solicitation. Safety depends upon the pre-emptoriness with which a man resists.

"To those who have had the fear of God early implanted in their hearts, who have reverently obeyed their parents during childhood, who are passing out of youth into the responsibilities of manhood, and from a father's house to the wide theatre of the world, he addresses this plain and pungent exhortation, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not"(Arnot).

11. The inducements which sinners offer. Come with us.—He supposes the case of a band of highwaymen trying to allure a young man to join them. Gangs of robbers infested many of the roads of Palestine. Our Lord tells about a Samaritan who "fell among thieves." Lay wait for blood—an appeal to that delight in cruelty, that thirst for blood, which is happily not so common now where society is well-organized as in earlier and more lawless days. Lark privily for the innocent without cause—lay in ambush for those who are honest and industrious, and who travel without suspicion of danger; their honesty being in vain, their innocence being powerless to save them.

"At no period in its history has Palestine ever risen to the security of a well-ordered police system; and the wild license of the marauder's life attracted, we may well believe, many who were brought up in towns. The "vain men" who gathered around Jephthah, the lawless or discontented who came to David in Adullam, the bands of robbers who infested every part of the country in the period of the New Testament, and against whom every Roman governor had to wage incessant war, show how deeply rooted the evil was"(Plumptre).

12-14. Swallow them up alive as the grave.—In their sanguinary cruelty they would be as merciless and voracious as Hades itself. Dr. Hunter finds in the words "as the grave" a profane expression equivalent to "like hell." Whole... go down into the pit—blot out every trace of them on earth. Find all precious substance—a large booty, and but little or no danger—such is the inducement. One purse—in which all share, novices as well as veterans.

"The main attraction of the robber life is its wild communism, the sense of equal hazards and equal hopes"(Plumptre).

15, 16. Walk not thou... refrain thy

foot.—Avoid that kind of association; don't set foot in that path. Resist the beginnings. Feet run to evil.—The descent is swift. Once started in that course, the "feet run."

"See how constantly the moral element of life is presented as a motive in God's Word. We are to avoid sin, not merely because it is unwise or unprofitable, but mainly because it is evil"(Vincent).

—The new Methodist Protestant Church at Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md. J. M. Sheridan, Pastor, was dedicated, Sunday, Nov. 9. This is one of the handsomest churches in Dorchester. Dr. L. W. Bates will preach the opening sermon, Revs. D. L. Greenfield, W. S. Hammond, J. S. Bowers, D. F. Ewell are expected to assist in the services. The people of Barren Creek, Sharptown and community are invited to be present.

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A German settler in Kansas thus writes of his experience of prohibition in that State: "Like most Germans I was very much opposed to prohibition before it was adopted in our State. Indeed, my aversion was so great that I earnestly contemplated selling my farm and turning my back on Kansas. Fortunately for me I could not sell. I say fortunately, because I have since found that I was greatly mistaken. The State, instead of going down, as was prophesied by the liquor party, has experienced the height of prosperity. It was said that immigration would cease if Prohibition was adopted, but the reverse took place. Immigration increases every day, and the price of land has raised in value. Farmers are in better circumstances than ever before.—Christian Herald.

Dr Atticus G. Haygood has accepted the task—to him a labor of love—of writing the lives of Dr. Lovick Pierce and his son, Bishop George F. Pierce. He will be specially grateful to any friends who have letters from these ministers or who have pleasant reminiscences of them, if they will forward them to his address, Emory College, Oxford, Ga.

—Bishop Hurst is on his way to India. His address will be Bombay, care of Rev. James S. Stone, until Feb. 1. After that it will be Georgestrass 59, Bremen, Germany.

Our Book Table.

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## Annual Meeting of the General Committee, for 1884.

This most important official body to which is committed the supervision of our entire missionary work at home and abroad, is composed of the Bishops, thirteen representatives from the thirteen Districts into which the entire number of Annual Conferences is divided, twelve representatives, six lay and six ministerial from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and the Secretaries and Treasurers,—making in all a committee of forty-one men; without doubt as wise, devoted and faithful men as can be found in the world. The *Christian Advocate* says, "The discussions were animated, thorough, and in good temper. It gives a marvelous view of Methodism and of the world to listen to these proceedings." The committee met at 805 Broadway, N. Y., Thursday, Nov. 6th. Bishop Bowman, as Senior Bishop, presiding. On motion of Dr. Reid, the Managers were authorized to approve at their discretion the appropriation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The treasurer reported receipts from Conferences, \$652,188.99, from other sources \$78,936.87, total \$731,125.86, being \$20,344.04 less than the receipts of the preceding year, but this decrease is entirely in the outside resources,—the Conference Collections showing a slight advance.

Of this sum, more than one half was expended on Foreign Missions, and of the balance, all but \$58,824.89, was expended on Domestic Missions. \$12,289.49 were paid for in-

terest, \$17,864.94, for office expenses, \$8,293.93, for Publication Fund, and \$20,376.53 for Incidentals. The Board of Managers, consisting of thirty-two ministers and thirty-two laymen, make the estimates for the several missions, and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the General Committee. By this august body the condition of every mission is carefully considered and appropriations made according to their best judgment.

The most interesting debate was on the question of an appropriation for missions in Africa. Bishop Taylor was present and took part in the discussion, by invitation of the committee. His plans were criticised by some as visionary and impracticable. Bishop Merrill averred, "This is an entirely new experiment. There is not now—there never has been, a self-supporting church, established among a heathen people. There is no shadow of prospect of success on this principle in Africa." Bishop Taylor explained, that by 'self-supporting' missions, he meant such as support their ministers from indigenous resources, leaving the contributions of others as a fund for transit and building purposes. For the missions which God enabled him to plant in Africa, he did not want one penny of appropriation. Those who were going with him were volunteers. None had been asked to go. So many had offered themselves, that he had been puzzled how many to take. They meant to make a conquest. "Though I die on the way, the thing will be done." Bishop Fowler said, "The only way to justify the committee's methods, is to let Bishop Taylor have the right of way. Give him a fair field. If God calls him, let us give him God-speed. Bishop Foss, recalling a remark of the late Bishop James that one great need of our mission work was more missionary graves, said there seems to be a little decay among us of true missionary heroism. It may be that the great God has raised up Bishop Taylor to arouse the heroism of the church. He wished that just what Bishop Taylor desired should be done. Dr. Buckley believed in Bishop Taylor, though he was not sanguine of the means of his plan. Dr. Hatfield said, "If he has faith and others follow him, we should give him every possible chance." We shall finish our report next week.

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE.—A delegated conference, representing the various branches of Methodism in this country will convene in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 10-17, to commemorate the organization of the Parent body—the Methodist Episcopal church, at the Christmas Conference held in that city one hundred years ago, Bishops Coke and Asbury presiding. It is estimated that this Conference will represent a church membership of nearly four millions. The delegates from the Wilmington Conference are Revs. T. E. Martindale, and J. B. Quigg, and Hon. Eli Salisbury. As many as six hundred delegates are expected to attend, and most able and interesting essays and addresses and discussions are provided for by the committee. A welcome and communion service will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 9th.

A BIG BLUNDER.—The *Baltimore Methodist* announced a few weeks ago that the Metropolitan M. E. Church gave Bishop Taylor \$2500 for his Transit Fund; but alas! the printer had placed the little dot in the wrong place; it should have been between the 5 and the 0; the true amount being \$25.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE M. E. CHURCH.—The nineteenth anniversary of this society was celebrated in Philadelphia, Friday evening of last week, by two monster meetings, at which addresses were made by Bishops Fowler, Walden, and Mallalieu, Chaplain McCabe, Dr. Hatfield and Rev. G. W. Gue. The annual report showed that 483 churches had been aided during the year by the expenditure of \$327,519.73, leaving a balance of only \$64.98 in the treasury. Bishops Bowman, Harris and Merrill were present, as also the venerable, Rev. Drs. J. M. Trimble, and J. H. Wilbur. The Loan Fund, which is used to help needy churches by loaning them money, now amounts to \$515,850. The Society has \$277,389.30, on which it pays annuities to the donors, which will of course cease, at their death.

THE WAY OUR ROMANIST BROTHERS DO IT.—In laying the corner-stone of their new monastery in Baltimore, Md., last Sunday, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, officiated, and all the Roman Catholic societies in the city, marched in procession, accompanied by the prelates attending their Plenary Council, and all the clergy of the city, in full vestments, making a most imposing spectacle. This is the aim every time, to impress the people by spectacular display.

THE SEABURY CENTENNIAL.—There have been interesting and appropriate celebrations in this country, and in Great Britain of the consecration, one hundred years ago, of Rev. Samuel Seabury, D. D., by the non-juring Bishops, in Aberdeen, Scotland. He was consecrated Bishop, Nov. 14th, 1784, at the request of a few Episcopalians in Connecticut; but was not a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church until five years later; when, upon its organization, Bishops William White of Pennsylvania and Samuel Provost of New York, his Episcopal authority was formally recognized. The truth of history requires the statement that the Protestant Episcopal Church did not complete its organization until the year 1789.

CENTENARY GIFTS.—St. John's and Hanson Place churches, Brooklyn, N. Y., have made liberal contributions to their Conference Endowment Fund for worn-out preachers,—the former \$3000, the latter \$1700.

CENTENNIAL GIFTS.—In Baltimore, Md., Trinity M. E. Church South, contributes \$6,000; Beckville circuit, \$1,700; Huntington circuit, Baltimore Conference, \$1200 in part.

The W. F. M. S. held an exceedingly interesting anniversary in Baltimore, last week. We shall give in our next issue most of the salient points in the report and addresses.

REV. DR. McCULLOUGH, of the *Philadelphia Methodist*, makes an earnest appeal to his patrons, clerical and lay, to make personal effort for a large increase of subscribers. What he says is so appropriate to our own case, we adopt a part as a plea for our own paper:

"Brethren of the ministry, will you not help us at this time? Will you give us the benefit of a half day's effort? The paper is yours—yours to keep you posted as to what is going on in the Conference; yours to report from time to time your own work; yours to aid in your benevolent operations, your pastoral work, your Sunday-school interests, and everything else needed to make your mission a

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WE give reports this week of the important annual meetings held in New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, in the interest of our grand Church benevolences—Missions and Church Extension. While there is cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing in view of the generous contributions of the people, and the progress of our work, the importunate cries for help that come to us from every quarter, show what great need there is that every disciple of the Lord Jesus bestir himself or herself to do what they can to "preach the gospel to every creature." Shall not the inspirations of this Centennial year evidence a liberal advance in all our collections? Can't we average one dollar per member for Missions, and half as much for Church Extension?

## Another Hero Exchanges the Sword for the Palm.

Near Sunset, Tuesday, Nov. 4th, 1884, our beloved friend and brother, Michael D. Kurtz, for nearly fifty years a preacher of the Gospel, exchanged mortality for life, on the sixty-ninth anniversary of his birth. Born of Lutheran parents in Lancaster, Pa., and early left an orphan, he was converted under Methodist preaching in Old Union, Philadelphia. His rare gifts of exhortation and song were not allowed to remain idle; he was soon licensed to preach, and in 1837 was called out into the itinerant field. The next year he was received on trial into the Philadelphia Conference, and continued in the effective ranks without intermission for more than forty-six years. Thirteen of these years, he labored on the Peninsula, from the southern border of Pennsylvania to Dorchester in southern Maryland. His appointments were as follows: 1839, Nottingham, Pa., 1840, Church Hill, Md., 1841, Dover, Del., 1842, Talbot, Md., 1843, Easton, Md., 1844-45, Church Creek, Md., 1846, Centreville, Md., 1847 and 1848, Dorchester, Md. After successful terms in four of the more prominent charges in the city of Philadelphia, as well as in four important charges outside the city, he was appointed 1867, to Elkton, Md., where he served a full term of three years. We are confident many of our readers will recall with tender and affectionate memories the earnest and faithful preaching, the melodious and impressive singing, and the ever welcome and helpful pastoral ministrations of this devoted and exemplary man of God. He preached his last sermon Sunday evening, Oct. 19th, with unusual liberty and interest, from the words—"Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope; even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee." His last illness, almost the only severe illness of his life, was attended with extreme bodily suffering,—but throughout he was kept in perfect peace; to a brother minister he said, "I have been thinking of a line in Oliver's hymn, 'The God of Abraham Praise'—the line, He calls a worm His friend'—With deep humility of spirit he felt his own littleness, and found great comfort in thinking of the condescending love of the Infinite Jehovah, so strikingly set forth in this line of that grand old hymn. To an inquiry as to the outlook, as he

was nearing the end of life, he replied, with emphasis, "All is well." Thus, in holy triumph, passed from the conflicts of earth to the peaceful joys of heaven, the oldest effective member of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

"O may we triumph so,  
When all our warfare's past,  
And dying, find our latest foe  
Under our feet at last."

## PERSONAL.

William Taylor impresses those who see him and hear or read the record of his life-work, as one called and equipped for a noble and very important Gospel service.—*Friends Review* (Phila.).

Bishop Wiley writes from Tientsin, China, Sept. 22, in good health intending to leave for Peking the following day.

Mr Frank Hatton is said to be the youngest man who ever held a cabinet position in this country.

Dr. Henry Gibbons, who died at Wilmington, Del., on 6th inst., has been a resident of California since 1850, where he was one of the founders of the Medical College of the Pacific, and also conducted with marked ability the *Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal*. Dr. Gibbons some time ago was awarded the prize offered by the Methodist Book Agents for the best essay on the evil effects of tobacco.

SIMEON IDE, of Claremont, N. H., is 90 years old. When a boy, living in New Ipswich, he conceived the idea of printing the New Testament.

The work so vast at that time on account of so little type, he accomplished with the aid of his sister, only about twelve years of age, and Rev. Dr. Payson, of Rindge, who corrected the proofs with him. To advertise the edition, he inserted on the title page: "Revised and corrected by Rev. S. Payson, D. D." This eventually was a source of annoyance to Dr. Payson, on account of his being credited with making a new translation. Mr. Ide printed a strip: "First New Ipswich Edition," and pasted it over the line. Copies to the number of 5000 were printed. Mr. Ide has been able of late to find but a few copies in existence. *Phila. Ledger*.

A CLEAN AND PERFECT COPY of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," 1678, has just been added to the British Museum library. Only three other copies are known, and but two of these are perfect.

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Of the New Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Maryland, the *Baltimore Methodist* says:—"Dr. Paret is a New Yorker by birth. He came to Epiphany parish in Washington eight years ago. He is very popular among his people, some of whom are men in prominent positions in the government, and is unquestionably a man of no mean ability. Bishop Andrews will feel less lonely now in Washington, with this new Bishop near him



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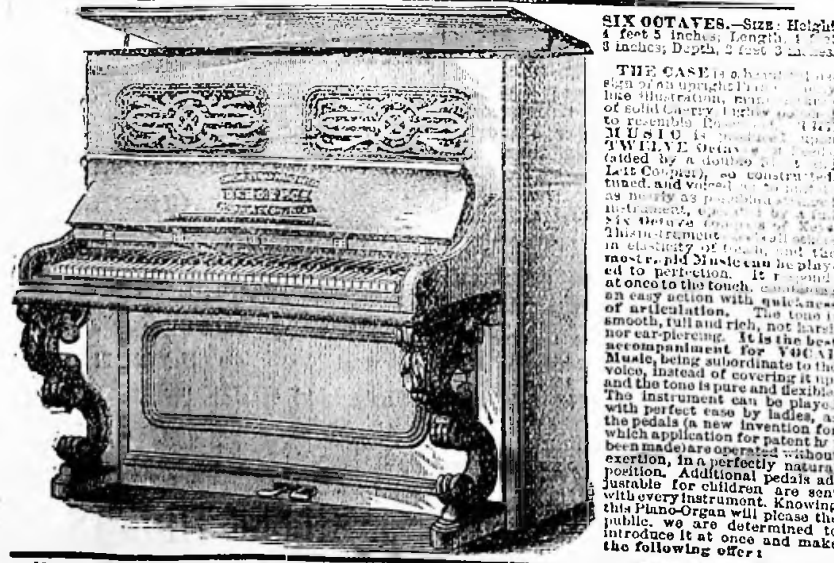
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