

# The South-Western.

## Proceedings of the Police Jury.

MONDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1855.

At a regular meeting of the police jury in and for the parish of Caddo, begun and holden at Shreveport, on Monday, June 4th, 1855, the following ordinances were passed and accounts allowed. Present: R. L. Gilmer, president pro tempore, Robert Lowe, S. D. Parker, James A. Jeter, and W. A. Peggins.

Be it ordained, That the course heretofore pursued by the police jury, in allowing claims against the parish without their having been established by proof, to be improper, and that hereafter we will require full and strict proof of the justness and reasonableness of all claims, before allowing the same.

WARD No. 1.  
Be it ordained, That Henry Moore be appointed overseer of the lake road, commencing at the lake, at Pitts' ferry, and work said road to the lake road leading from Moore's landing, with the hands of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gillis, Col. Cooper, Mr. Tete, B. F. Fly, John Moorhead, T. Christian, and J. Christian, in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained, That Joseph Thompson be appointed overseer of the lake road, commencing at Moore's landing, and work said road to the lake between R. T. Noel and J. B. Thompson, with the hands of T. Moore, sen., J. Moore, sen., Mr. Lyons, M. Christian, John Moorhead, J. Croom, J. Croom, R. D. Parker, Mr. Cree, J. Thompson, J. Rowden, M. & T. Harris, T. Philyaw, Mrs. Tombinson, E. T. Horn, Johnson, and all other hands not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That L. J. Hamlin, B. W. George and J. W. Bickham be appointed commissioners of elections at Albany precinct; and S. Dockery, John Parnell and T. Moore, sen., be appointed commissioners of elections at Cooke's Store precinct.

Be it ordained, That T. S. Adam be appointed overseer of the lake road, commencing at the line between R. T. Noel and J. B. Thompson, and to work said road to the south end of Nathan Hoss' lane, and to have the hands of the estate of S. Jones and R. T. Noel, in Ward No. 1, and all other hands not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That Mr. Johnson, near W. H. Erwin, be appointed overseer of the west end of the Bickham road, commencing ten feet west of the bayou west of the field of L. Pruetie, do, d., and to have the hands of W. Bickham, T. Miller, B. R. Bickham, F. M. Bickham, J. W. Bickham, W. H. Erwin, H. Currie, J. Goodjohn, Hawthorn, G. W. Hale, J. Fortner and all other hands that are not otherwise appointed in ward No. one, and to make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That E. Hare be appointed overseer of the east portion of the Albany road, commencing at the half past west of Mrs. Russel, and to have the hands of J. N. McClelland, L. J. Hamlin, J. Vincent, B. W. George, W. B. George, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Russel, G. W. Russel, R. M. Gage, H. Hes and all other hands that are not otherwise appointed in ward No. one, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That John Low be appointed overseer of the Union Academy road, commencing at Low's landing and work said road to the same terminus with the hands of John Low, J. M. Simmons, S. Currie, C. H. Stephens, Mrs. Chesler, H. Hood and all other hands not otherwise appointed in ward No. one.

Be it ordained, That Henry Bhorbe be appointed overseer of the Union Academy road, commencing at the State line and work said road to the lake road, with the hands of E. H. Rhodes, A. Currie, J. Berry, J. Williams, Johnson, A. Ataway, M. Whittington and all other hands not otherwise appointed in Ward No. 1.

Be it ordained, That George McCain be appointed overseer of the east portion of the Bickham road commencing at Albany, and work said road to the west bank of the bayou west of the field of L. Pruetie, do, d., and to have the hands of J. M. Cain, G. McCain, Mrs. Noel, W. J. Brown, E. Ataway, G. E. Ataway, Jr., K. W. & J. Peck, J. Ataway, M. Ataway, D. Smith, M. & R. Williams, and all other hands that are not otherwise appointed in ward No. one, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That Nathan Hoss be appointed overseer of the lake road, commencing at the south end of the lane by Nathan Hoss, and to work said road to the south bank of Pawpaw bayou, and to have the hands of W. B. Cook, Jr., Griffin, J. Evers, J. Parnell, S. S. Sojo, and the hands of J. M. Cain, J. B. McCain, G. McCain, Mrs. Noel, W. J. Brown, E. Ataway, G. E. Ataway, Jr., K. W. & J. Peck, J. Ataway, M. Ataway, D. Smith, M. & R. Williams, and all other hands that are not otherwise appointed in ward No. one, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That B. F. Logan be appointed overseer of the Cross lanes and Albany road, to have his own hands and no others, and make return according to law.

WARD No. 2.  
Be it ordained, That B. F. Eppes, be and is hereby appointed overseer for the ensuing twelve months of that part of the bayou west of the field of L. Pruetie, do, d., and to have the hands of J. M. Cain, G. McCain, Mrs. Noel, W. J. Brown, E. Ataway, G. E. Ataway, Jr., K. W. & J. Peck, J. Ataway, M. Ataway, D. Smith, M. & R. Williams, and all other hands that are not otherwise appointed in ward No. one, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That J. A. Flounry, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Greenwood and Shreveport road, commencing at W. A. Peggins' store in Greenwood, and to work the same to the west end of Mrs. Flounry's fence and that he have the hands of J. G. Jones, D. T. Hooks, and all of John Page's hands on the Forest, place except five and all John Page's hands on the place where the said Harris now resides except seven, and his own to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That J. A. Flounry, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Shreveport and Texas road, commencing at the east bank of Eubank's bayou and to work to the Texas line, and that he have his own hands and all others not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That Walter Cates, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the lake road, from the forks of the road near Simmons' blacksmith shop to Alfred Warrick's house, and that he have the hands of W. Y. Cates, and E. J. S. Cates, and his own and all others not

otherwise appointed, to work the said road for twelve months and make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That R. S. Wilson, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the lake road, commencing at the west bank of Cross bayou, and work the same to Alfred Warrick's house, and that he have the hands of J. A. Wildy, A. Warnock, H. Stevens' estate and seven hands on John Page's place, where J. N. Harris now resides, and his own, to work said road for twelve months and to make his return according to law.

Be it ordained, That T. J. Hearne, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Quappa to Cross bayou, and that he have the hands of Ja. Hoss' estate, Truman's his mother's hands and his own hands, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That J. H. Hoss, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Greenwood by J. Hoss' place to the lake road, and that he have the hands of Wm. Bayliss, J. Anderson's hands on the E. T. Hearne place and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That W. D. Metcalf, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the camp ground road from J. A. McCady's gate to where said road leaves the Shreveport and Buncome road, at the corner of Dockey's fence and that he have the hands of J. A. McCady, F. S. Bass, and his own and all others not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That J. C. Porter, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road, from where it crosses the Mansfield and Greenwood road to the west bank of the bayou at Jefferson Guice's, and that he have the hands of Henry Wagner, R. Smith, A. Simpson, J. R. Simpson, J. R. Harvey, E. M. Coleman, A. Green, L. B. Dockey and his own, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That Ridgeway be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Buncome road, from the Mansfield and Greenwood road to Boggy bayou bridge, and that he have the hands of W. Allford, Wm. Ashlin, Berry Hill, A. J. Fortson, James Burns, and his own, and all others not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his return according to law.

Be it ordained, That T. S. Hill, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road from the Texas line, at Bethany to Wm. Shaw's blacksmith shop, and that he have the hands of Thos. Holt, Jos. Stephen, and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That J. F. Holt, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the road leading from Lewis Corzine's to where it intersects the road to the west bank of the bayou at Jefferson Guice's, and that he have the hands of J. A. Adams, his own and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That B. Stovall, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Walling's ferry road, from where it leaves the Greenwood and Marshall road, and to the Texas line, and that he have the hands of Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. Harrison, J. J. Yealon, J. B. Hughes, his own and all others not otherwise appointed, to work the same for twelve months and make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That V. H. Jones, be and is hereby appointed overseer on the Greenwood and Mansfield road, from Greenwood to J. A. McCady's, and that he have the hands of R. S. Dickson, W. E. Doty, J. K. Booth, and his own to work the same for twelve months and to make his report according to law.

Be it ordained, That E. S. Fortson be and is hereby appointed overseer of that portion of the Shreveport and Greenwood road commencing at the corporation line, and to work to doct. Hardwick's farm; that he have the hands heretofore assigned to said road, to work the same for 12 months, make report &c.

Be it ordained, That J. P. Pickens be appointed overseer of the Norris ferry road, commencing at the corporation line and to work the said road to the township line between sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) and to have the hands of John Walpole, sen., E. Walpole, Jr., Wm. Walpole, Thomas, McCall, S. Gaylin, J. Renfro, R. Logan, J. Alley, A. J. Pickens, Wm. Pickens, estate of D. Williams, P. Keller, and all other hands not otherwise appointed, work same for 12 months, make report, &c.

Be it ordained, &c. That M. C. Carley, F. M. Waldran and Wm. Sturgess, be appointed commissioners of elections for 12 months at Shreveport, in ward No. 4.

WARD No. 5.  
Be it ordained, That Franklin Johnston be and is appointed overseer on the road from Summer Grove to the foot of the hill at Mrs. Bliley's, with the hands of J. T. Gilmer, James Bliley, Rose, Titner, Wm. Blakey, Claiborne Blakey, estate of Hiram Johnston, and Wm. Johnston.

Be it ordained, That James Powell be and is appointed overseer of the Mansfield and Shreveport road, from Summer Grove to the forks of the road two miles from Shreveport, with the hands of Mrs. Quarles, Rod. Nicholson, A. Nicholson, W. Smith, R. C. Ogleby, and his own.

Be it ordained, That Thomas Stephens be and is appointed overseer of that road from Summer Grove to the Cypress bayou, with the hands of P. C. Crump, doct. Auld, B. K. Stephens, E. Grumble, Wm. Flanagan, Wm. Saunders, S. M. Call, and all other hands in the vicinity not otherwise appointed.

Be it ordained, That J. G. Bagley be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Norris ferry road, from the township line between township 16 and 17 to the Norris ferry, with all the hands heretofore appointed to said road.

Be it ordained, That E. M. Hagens, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Logansport and Shreveport road, from the north end of Cypress bayou to the Greenwood road, near Dr. Wilder's, and that he have the hands of J. C. Pollard, A. B. McMillan, Willis Pollard, Henry Pollard, John Davidson and sons, Jas. G. Cox, and his all other hands not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That David Adams, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Blossom Hill road, from the Shreveport road to its western terminus, and that he have the hands of Jas. D. Willie, Isaac Hughes, Dr. Hughes, Eli Maner, his own, and all others not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That John Ford, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Shreveport and Logansport road, from Dr. Wilder's, church to the north end of Boggy bayou bridge, and that he have the hands of John W. Reives, E. D. Williams, A. G. Scoggin, Sam'l Edmunds, J. Sullivan, Dr. Wilder's, and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That E. M. Reisor, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Shreveport and Logansport road, from Boggy bayou bridge to the Grand and Cypress roads, and that he have the hands of David Gilmore, Andrew Scott, Mr. McCutcheon and all other hands in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That Wm. C. Foster, Wm. A. Lacy, and Jas. G. Cox, be and are hereby appointed commissioners of elections in ward No. 3, to serve for the next twelve months.

Be it ordained, That the Shreveport, and Logansport road be and is hereby changed, by continuing the same down the Greenwood and Mansfield road, until it comes to the Spring Ring church, thence east until it intersects the old road.

Be it ordained, That G. H. Bozeman, be and is hereby appointed overseer, of the Greenwood, and Mansfield road, from Cypress bayou to J. A. McCady's, and that he have the hands of Dan. Bozeman, Mr. Matthews, L. S. Scoggins, Taliaferro Scoggins, and all others not otherwise appointed in the vicinity of said road, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That A. D. Battle, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Greenwood road, from John T. Fullilove's plantation, to Blackman's old saw mill, and that he have his own hands and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

Be it ordained, That John B. Johns, be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Greenwood road, from Blackman's old saw mill to V. H. Jones' lane, and that he have the hands of R. Pollard, Wm. Johns, W. Gill, A. N. Smith, Lewis Pugh, and all others in the vicinity of said road not otherwise appointed, to serve for twelve months.

WARD No. 4.  
Be it ordained, &c. That Brock Johnson be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Shreveport and Greenwood road, commencing at doct. Hardwick's place, and to work the same to the northwest corner of col. Thomas Simmons' plantation, and that he have the hands heretofore assigned on said road and all others not otherwise appointed in said district, to work the same 12 months, and make report &c. according to law.

Be it ordained, &c. That F. T. Taber be and is hereby appointed overseer of that portion of the Shreveport and Greenwood road commencing at the corporation line, and to work to doct. Hardwick's farm; that he have the hands heretofore assigned to said road, to work the same for 12 months, make report &c.

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Be it ordained, That Thomas Stephens be and is appointed overseer of that road from Summer Grove to the Cypress bayou, with the hands of P. C. Crump, doct. Auld, B. K. Stephens, E. Grumble, Wm. Flanagan, Wm. Saunders, S. M. Call, and all other hands in the vicinity not otherwise appointed.

Be it ordained, That J. G. Bagley be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Norris ferry road, from the township line between township 16 and 17 to the Norris ferry, with all the hands heretofore appointed to said road.

Be it ordained, That M. B. Willis be and is hereby appointed overseer of the road, from the Cypress bayou to the forks of the road near Buchanan bayou, with the hands of doct. Willis, M. B. Elder, Ruffin King, W. Underwood and his sons, and W. Wyché.

Be it ordained, That Josiah Gill be and is hereby appointed overseer of the Keach road, from the foot of the hill at Mrs. Blakey's to the Cypress bayou, with the hands of Jacob Smith, Andrew Auld, Josiah Gill, and all other hands in the vicinity not otherwise appointed.

Be it ordained, That William Johnston, Wm. J. Beaulieu and Bayly Peace, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to hold elections in ward No. 5 for twelve months.

WARD No. 7.  
Be it ordained, That John R. Harrison be appointed overseer of the Pitts ferry road, commencing at Pitts', and work to the creek near Mr. Hitchcock's gin-house, and have the hands of James C. Harro, Thomas Barlow, Peter B. Johnston, William Mays, John and Robert Payne, John Herrenton, S. Pitts, A. Wilson, Merret S. Barlow, James Mays, &c. Casels, and his own and all others, and all other hands not otherwise appointed, for twelve months, and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That Wm. Browning be appointed overseer of the Pitts ferry road, commencing at the creek near Hitchcock's old gin house, and work to the Texas line, and have the hands of J. Hale, Calvert, Posey, R. Lowe, J. Read, S. D. Caldwell, J. Conley, E. Crutcher, Bell, J. Shenack, Jones, Barton, McDonough, and all other hands not otherwise appointed, and work the same for twelve months and make return according to law.

Be it ordained, That S. D. Caldwell, Peter B. Johnston and E. Peters, be appointed commissioners of elections for precinct No. 7, for the next twelve months.

Be it ordained, That D. Barr be appointed overseer of the Grooms' ferry road, where it intersects the Pitts' ferry road, and work the same for twelve months, and have the hands of doct. Stuart, — Stuart, and make return according to law.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1855.  
On motion, be it ordained by the police jury of Caddo parish, That Dillard & Co., of the South-Western, be and are hereby appointed printers of the proceedings of the police jury for the ensuing twelve months, at a salary of two hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

Be it ordained, &c. That Washington Jenkins be allowed three hundred dollars for rent of the court-house for the ensuing 12 months, to be paid quarterly.

Be it ordained, &c. That Lewis K. Grigsby be allowed an extension of time for 12 months of the ferry across bayou Pierre at Jenkins' ferry, at the same rate of charges heretofore allowed.

Be it ordained, &c. That R. S. Poole be and is hereby appointed physician to the jail of Caddo parish, for the ensuing 12 months, and that he be allowed ninety dollars, payable quarterly.

On motion, be it ordained, &c. That the bond of Thomas McCall, as parish constable for the last year, be and the same is hereby cancelled.

Be it ordained, &c. That Thomas McCall be and is hereby appointed parish constable for the ensuing twelve months, and that he be allowed one hundred and twenty-five dollars, payable quarterly.

Whereas the police jury of the parish of Caddo is convinced that the judgment heretofore rendered by a former president of this body, and a resolution thereof, in favor of the Vicksburg, Shreveport, and Texas railroad company for one hundred thousand dollars, is illegal, and therefore a nullity, and further that a large majority of the landholders of the parish are opposed to the payment of the so called railroad tax:

Therefore, be it resolved by the police jury of the parish of Caddo, That we do not recognize the legality or binding force of said judgment, and declare the same to be a nullity and void in law, and that we will resist the collection of said tax in every legal manner, and to the last.

Be it ordained, &c. That a committee of three members of this body be appointed by the president hereof, to employ counsel, and upon such terms as they may deem proper, for the purpose of resisting the enforcement of said judgment, as well as of testing the constitutionality of said railroad tax should it become necessary.

The yeas and nays being called for by W. A. Peggins, upon the adoption of the foregoing resolution and ordinance, were as follows, viz: Yeas—Robert Lowe, S. D. Parker and James A. Jeter. Nays—W. A. Peggins.

The vote being in the affirmative, the president appointed as said committee: S. D. Parker, Robert Lowe and James A. Jeter.

On motion of W. A. Peggins the following ordinance was adopted, viz: Be it ordained, &c. by the police jury of Caddo parish, That we hereby petition the next legislature of Louisiana to pass a law to enable the people of the parish of Caddo, to vote upon the location of a new court-house for the said parish.

At that time, when the crescent overthrown the walls of Vienna, began to grow pale in Hungary, the chief of the Eury guerillas was Leikem, a young and fiery patriot. He constantly harassed the garrison of Erlau, Hatvan, Szolnok, and other places, by capturing their convoys and defeating their troops. On one occasion he accomplished a very successful expedition by unexpectedly falling upon a treasure convoy in Gyogyons, on its way from Erlau to Buda, and cutting down the whole escort.

While his men were engaged in a combat with the Turks in the streets of the town, Leikem heard a cry for help from the neighboring houses. He leaped off his horse, rushed in, and found a Turkish soldier ill treating an Hungarian girl. With a stroke of his flashing sword he split the infidel's head, and liberated her from his grasp. Exhausted and subdued by terror, the girl lay senseless on the ground. Leikem, with the aid of some women, soon restored her to consciousness. The girl was the very type of Hungarian beauty, with black eyes and hair, the charming expression of her face heightened by a gleam of gratitude towards her deliverer. To the young man she seemed the fairest of all the maidens he ever beheld.

The girl, who, on recovering, thought the chief of the guerillas her lover, had imagined a true Magyar hero to be—tall, stately, with sparkling eyes, the terror of the enemy and the friend and willing protector of the helpless and unhappy.

In our country love soon takes root, and increases with a rapid and marvellous growth. The young man remained but a short time with the maiden, still it sufficed to fill their hearts with a sentiment not easily to be effaced. Leikem left the girl, whose name was Irma, with a promise of soon returning to her betrothed.

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As a punishment for the loss of the money, a contribution was levied on the town of Gyogyons, and, at the same time, to insult the inhabitants in their most sacred feelings, the pasha commanded the delivery of twelve of their most beautiful daughters to be consigned to the hands of the unfortunate town. The mother of the poor town's people at this two-fold outrage knew no bounds, but, conscious of their weakness, they submitted to the sentence, and as neither entreaties nor promises could soften the inflexible Turkish commander, presented their girls for selection to the officer sent for that purpose from Erlau. Among the number chosen was the unhappy Irma.

Leikem speedily received this dreadful intelligence. His instant determination was to prevent the maidens from being carried off, but for the moment, he was unable to do so, and he was obliged to go to the aid of the numerous garrison of Gyogyons. In the midst of this dilemma he was interrupted by the arrival of a messenger from his uncle, the prior of a monastery of Carmelites in his neighborhood summoning the chief to an immediate conference, which Leikem did not delay attending to, knowing his uncle who had already often assisted him with good advice during his expeditions, to be a wise, good and patriotic man.

He found the prior in great excitement as to the fate of the unfortunate town. The monk conjured Leikem, by his christian faith and his love for his country, now to show what enthusiasm the Hungarian was capable of in the defence of his rights and his countrywomen. He then proposed to him to go to the town dressed as a monk, and there to agree upon a scheme with the inhabitants. The first part of this proposal was easily effected, as few hours previously, Dulo, the father of Irma had sent to the monastery for a priest to pray for his daughter, and was then dead.

Leikem was then dressed as a monk, and for a moment unmoved by the sad information, but by a violent effort he choked his feelings, and declared his readiness to comply with the wish of his uncle. He hastily put on a cowl and left the monastery mounted upon a mule. He had the good fortune to pass the Turkish outposts unremarked, and arrived at the dusk of the evening, accompanied by Dulo's messenger, in Gyogyons.

With the espadin drawn over his head Leikem entered Irma's room. She was much changed during the few weeks that had elapsed since her capture, and was so exhausted that she pretended monk had to bend over her to catch her whispered words. He could not long carry on his disguise, and was forced to exclaim with all the fervor of his noble heart: "I am not monk, Irma, but thy warrior, and am come to cure and to save thee, for as I live thou shalt not fall into the hands of the infidels."

At the sound of that voice, the tone of which she had never forgotten, the girl thought she dreamt, but again looking into his truthful, manly face, she felt as if she had a happy reality, and she seemed to live anew.

The guerilla chief likewise disclosed his secret and his intention to her father, who cheered by his presence, instantly stole away to others of his tried and brave neighbors, inviting them to meet at his house. The men came. As it was supposed that the escort, with the tribute for the town, on proceeding to Buda, would halt for the night at the fortress of Hatvan, half way between Gyogyons and Buda, at the proposal of Leikem a daring plan was projected and resolved upon.

Two days after an order came to give up the tribute of money and women. The mayor by presents obtained the permission of the commander that the maidens should be allowed to remain veiled during their journey, until they were introduced into the presence of the pasha of Buda. All happened as they wished. At the moment of their departure they were taken in closed litters from their dwellings, and left the town under a strong escort, accompanied by the fervent prayers of the inhabitants for their safety. As they proceeded very slowly, they did not reach Hatvan till late in the evening, whereupon the agas resolved not to go any further that night. While preparations were making for an accommodation of the unusual guests, the commander of the fortress attempted once or twice to pay a visit of ceremony to the maidens, but the matron under whose care they were, an energetic Hungarian woman, remained inflexible, and after a short contest rescued them from the presence of a very unwelcome visitor.

At midnight, when all was hushed around the sentinel at the door of the house where the maidens rested, had been more vigilant, must have heard the opening of a window above his head, and seen a human form cautiously descending. The sentinel, however, remarked nothing of the sort, and the next morning the chief was easily recognized, which degrees glided down the high wall, till it stood like a menacing shadow behind him. Here a heavy fall was heard, followed by a dull groan, then all became quiet as before. The sentinel being no longer in the way, eleven other forms let themselves down from the window, one and all bearing greater resemblance to stalwart warriors than to gentle maidens. Leikem hastily gave his commands in a suppressed voice, and after leaving two men at the door of the dwelling, they vanished into the

dark and deserted street which led to the east gate. There they surprised the small guard with equal felicity, and cut men down before they could even think of resistance. But in spite of their quick and cautious proceedings, they were detected by a Turkish sentinel who fired his gun, which aroused the others at their posts on the walls, and the alarm drum soon reached from every quarter of the place.

No time was now to be lost. The gate was forced open with all speed, and the drawbridge let down. Leikem gave a shrill whistle, and on its being repeated at a distance from the fortress, in a short time a band of 150 brave men rushed through the open gate. Leikem attacking himself at their head, led to a decisive attack on the barracks, where the Turks already began to rally in overwhelming numbers. The battle ensued in the market square, where the dwelling of the commander and the barracks stood, and where the mass of the garrison was arrayed. Leikem's irresistible charge, and the death of the pasha, who fell at the beginning of the engagement, discouraged the Turks, darkness and confusion did the rest, and after a short and sanguinary massacre they surrendered to the mercy of the victorious Hungarians. The garrison still numbered six hundred men, who were greatly surprised to find that they were conquered by so small a band. You will have already guessed that the fate of the supposed fugitive, Leikem and eleven of his men, disguised in female attire, formed the party so carefully escorted to the fortress, which enabled them so successfully to accomplish their hazardous undertaking.

At the news of the fall of Hatvan the greater part of the inhabitants of Gyogyons fled to that stronghold, to seek shelter against the vengeance of the Turks, and they were determined in case of a serious attack, to die under the ruins of its walls.

Among the arrivals were Irma and her father. Leikem, now commander of a fortress, the fruit of his bold enterprise, celebrated his marriage with his beloved Irma, who by the way, was accompanied to the altar by her eleven beautiful companions so gallantly rescued by the bridegroom.

THE TRAITOR LOVER.—During the siege of Damascus, Derrar was appointed to patrol round the city, with the escort of two thousand horses. As a party of these were one night going their rounds near the walls they heard the distant neighing of a horse, and looking narrowly around, descried a horseman coming stealthily from the gate of Keisaa. Holding in a shadowy place, they waited until he came close to them, when rushing forth they made him a prisoner. He was a youthful Syrian, richly and gallantly arrayed, and apparently a person of distinction. Scarcely had they seized him when they beheld another issuing from the same gate, who in a soft voice, called upon their captives, by the name of Jonas. They commanded the latter to invite his companion to advance. He seemed to reply, and called out something in Greek, upon hearing which, the other turned back and galloped back into the city. The Arabs, ignorant of Greek, and suspecting the words to be a warning, would have slain their prisoner on the spot, but on second thought, conducted him to Khaleed.

The youth avowed himself a nobleman of Damascus, and betrothed to a beautiful maiden named Endocora, but her parents for some capricious reason, had withdrawn their consent to his nuptials, whereupon the lovers had secretly agreed to fly from Damascus. A sum of gold had bribed the sentinels who kept watch that night at the gate. The damsel, disguised in male attire, and accompanied by two domestics, was following her lover at a distance, as he sallied in advance. His reply in Greek, when she called upon him, was, "that the bird is caught," a warning, at the hearing of which she fled to the city.

Khaleed was not a man to be moved by a love tale, but he gave the prisoner his alternative, "Embrace the faith of Islam," said he, "and when Damascus falls into our power you shall have your betrothed, refuse, and your head is forfeit."

The youth paused not between a scimitar and a bride. He made immediate profession of faith between the hands of Khaleed, and thereupon fought zealously for the capture of the city, since its downfall was to crown his hopes.

When Damascus yielded to its foes, he sought the dwelling of Endocora, and learnt a new proof for her affection. Supposing on his capture by the Arabs, that he had fallen a martyr to his faith, she renounced the world, and shut herself up in a convent. With a throbbing heart he hastened to the convent but when the lofty-minded maiden beheld him a regicide she turned from him with scorn, retired to her cell, and refused to see him more.

She was among the noble ladies who followed Thomas and Herbis into exile. Her lover, frantic at the thoughts of leaving her, had entreated Khaleed to give up his promise to him, to him, and entered that she might be detained, but Khaleed pleaded the consent of Aba Obediah, according to which all had free leave to depart.

When Jonas afterwards discovered that Khaleed mediated a pursuit of the exiles, but was discouraged by the lapse of time, he offered to conduct him by short and secret passages through the mountains, which would insure his overtaking them. His offer was accepted.

On the fourth day of the departure of the exiles, Khaleed set out in pursuit, with four thousand chosen horsemen, who by the advice of Jonas were disguised as christian Arabs. For some time they traced the exiles along the plains, by the numerous foot prints of mules and camels, and by the articles thrown away to enable them to travel more expeditiously. At length the foot prints turned towards the mountains of Lebanon, and were lost in their arid and rocky defiles. The moslems began to falter. "Courage!" cried Jonas, "they will be entangled among the mountains, they cannot now escape."

In the midst of the carriage and confusion, Jonas hastened in search of his betrothed. If she had treated him with disdain as a regicide, she now regarded him with horror, and the man who had brought this destruction upon his unhappy countrymen. All his entreaties were to her to forgive and be reconciled to him were of no avail. She solemnly vowed to remain to Constantinople and end her days in the convent. Finding supplications fruitless, he seized her and after a violent struggle, threw her on the ground and made her prisoner. She made no further resistance, but, submitting to captivity, seated herself quietly on the grass.

The lover flattered himself that she relented,—but, watching her opportunity, she suddenly drew forth a poniard, plunged it in her breast, and fell dead at his feet.

Irving.

A prominent minister lately remarked that the style of preaching in this country, and especially in the northern and eastern sections of it, had greatly changed within twenty years; then the criterion by