WHISTLES.

—They had a tough subject in the inquiry room last week. Moody wrestled with him, and Sankey sang with him, but the man seemed to despair of forgiveness. Finally, Moody asked him what heavy sin burdened his mind, and he confessed to having lost a newspaper publisher out of three years' subscription. The evangelists informed him that they did not pretend to perform miracles, but if he would settle up his dues, with compound interest, and pay for three years more in advance, although they could not open the doors of the church to him, perhaps he might be shaded in under the canvas.

—To keep moths out of old clothing it is recommended to give the clothing to the poor.

—What is the difference between Newport and Saratoga?—In one, you go into the water; in the other the water goes into you.

—When does love become a pitched battle?—When it comes to an engagement.

—When is beef tea like a locomotive on a long journey?—It is not much account without a tender.

—What does a captain do a sea when he gets out of fresh eggs? He lays to.

—What is it which the more it is cut the longer it grows?—A ditch.

—What is that which, though always invisible, is never out of sight?—The letter I.

—When Apollo dipped the god Pan into the sea, what did he come out?—A drippingpan.

—You had better ask for manners than money, said a gentleman to a beggar who asked for alms. I asked for what I thought you had most of—was the reply.

—There's something in this cigar that makes me sick, said a pale little boy to his sister. I know what it is, responded the little girl, it's tobacker.

—Disappointed republican to his sister—Sister what is the wild Hayes saying? He says he can't discharge old and competent office-holders to make room for such as you, brother dear.

—A negro witness in a trial the other day was asked what he was doing in a certain saloon at a certain time. He explained that he had gone there to change his breff. The explanation was accepted.

—A Louisville debating society has been discussing the question: Which is the bottom of a buckwheat cake?

—Blue glass mashed fine, and given to a dog, will cure him of worrying sheep, and save two dollars for his license.

—It was at a party, and another fellow had marched off triumphantly with his girl—That's the way, said he, sadly, it isn't merit that wins in this world it's brass watch-chains and paste diamonds and dyed moustaches. And he swallowed down his Adam's apple fully three times before it would stay, such was his grief.

—There is something refreshing in the absolute astonishment that visitors to a printing office sometimes display at the commonest thing. What is that black looking thing in that corner? is sometimes asked by an unsophisticated observer, and the nearest typo answers, That is the printing office towel. We always stand it up in that corner.

—Lavender was aroused in the middle of the night by his wife, who complained that she heard a noise. What does it sound like? asked he. It sounds like something ticking, said she. It is probably the bed-ticking he murmured, and went off to sleep again.

—An old maid was heard to exclaim while sitting at her toilet table one day,—I can bear adversity, I can encounter hardships, and withstand the changes of fickle fortune; but oh, to live, and droop and die like a single pink—I can't endure it; and, what's more, I won't.

—Ike, said Mrs. Partington, who's this Electoral Bill that they are making such a locomotion about in the House of Reprehensibles? I don't wonder they doubt his veracity and have a tribulation of commissionaries set on him. Ike replied that he run for Congress against Buffalo Bill, whom he defeated. Then the old lady went to bed, and Ike gave the cat a sitz bath and a good spoonful of boneset.

—From an exchange we take the following bit of door-step comedy, enacted recently before one of our brownstone fronts up-town, which shows that our sharp faced street urchins are in no danger of losing their reputation for repartee: (Servant answering door bell rung by little boy)—Come, go right away; we have got nothing for you. Boy—Hain't asked you for nothing yet, have I? Servant (tauntingly)—Well, what would you have asked for? Boy—Didn't know but this house was for sale, and if it was I wanted to buy it.

—Treading on the President's corns. When Congress passed over his Veto.

—Why they call a sensational report a canard is because one can easily believe it.

The Sunday School.

THE OIL INCREASED.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1.—2 Kings iv: 1-7.

CONNECTION. The great prophet Elijah had been caught up to heaven, without the experience of death. Elisha had been divinely designated as his successor in what may be termed the presidency of the prophetic order in Israel, and the superintendency of the "schools of the prophets." He had been Elijah's constant attendant, and had now received, according to his prayer, double portion of Elijah's spirit. Yet with many points of likeness to his predecessor, he was very unlike him. Elijah was a man of simply prodigious personal force. By nature one of the kingliest of men; born to rule, to hate sham, to smite down error in high places, to sound the reveille of reform through a nation; and in general be the "voice of one crying in the wilderness," "Repent, that the kingdom of Jehovah may come and once more bless the land." Just after the storm, and the earthquake, and the fire came the "still small voice"; not so startling it is true yet not less persuasive. And this was the evangelic prophet Elisha.

Elisha appears to have made his home or head quarters at this time in Samaria. Mesha, King of Moab, had lately rebelled against the rule of Jehoram, king of Israel. But Jehoram, aided by Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and directed by the advice of Elisha, had succeeded in putting an end to the revolt. (2 Kings iii.) This was probably the same Mesha as the one mentioned in the famous Moabite stone discovered nine years ago, and supposed to be the oldest specimen of alphabetic writing preserved to the present time.

Elisha's prophetic ministry, so far as appears in the Scripture record, was wholly confined to the kingdom of Israel. His name is not once mentioned in the books of Chronicles.

Elisha may be termed the miracle working prophet. But his miracles were quite different from those which were given to Moses to perform; more like those performed by Christ himself. They were mainly such as show the infinite kindliness of God's care for the needy, the troubled, the afflicted. They were a most beautiful kind of object teaching, illustrative of the various ways in which the Gospel of Christ is fitted and competent to meet the spiritual necessities of us all.

The pious Widow's cry Distress: [1] her husband had lost all his property; had incurred a heavy debt; had, according to the laws and usages of the time been obliged to mortgage his own sons. Yet he had been a Godfearing man; and had not come to poverty through his vice or sinful extravagances. There was a tradition that he had become bankrupt through the expenses incurred while generously spending all to aid in supporting other prophets, or "sons of the prophets," in times of persecution. And now his death had left his wife poor.

The Law of Creditor and Debtor: (See Levit. xxv: 39-41.) The law of Moses, like the Athenian and the Roman law, recognized servitude for debt allowing that pledging of the debtor's person, which, in a rude state of society, is regarded as the safest and most natural security. It did not establish the custom, but finding it established, allowed it; and, allowing it, set limits to it. Where as elswhere the debtor sold himself, his children, and his grandchildren into hopeless slavery, the Jewish law confined the debtor's power of pledging within the bounds of the period of jubilee. In the present case it would seem that, so long as the debtor lived, the creditor had not enforced his right over his sons, but now on his death he claimed their service to which he was by law entitled.

The Woman making her request known: she came with strong crying tears. She cried with a loud voice. (Gen. xli; 1 Kings xx: 38, 39.) Her manner was thoroughly respectful. She does not appear to have attributed fault or wrong to any one—only presents the exceeding bitterness of her case, fitted to touch with sympathy a heart of stone. But she does not seem to have asked directly, for anything. It was as when John the Baptist having been beheaded, his disciples went and told Jesus. Elisha evidently interrupts her sad story with his own question, "What shall I do for thee?"

The Woman answered: But first she was answered by a question. It was a question which brought out her own well-nigh utter destitution. Had a thing left in the house save a little anointing oil. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst; blessed are the poor in spirit; and those seeming afflictions are real blessings which show to us the extent of our poverty before God, and make us willing, frankly to acknowledge it.

All miracles of this kind are meant to teach God's pity for the poor; his readiness to help those who call unto him; especially the fullness of the blessing which he offers. God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work, being enriched in everything to all bountifulness. Compare other similar miracles. (Ex. xvi: 14, 15, 35; 1 Kings xvii: 13, 14

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