THE WESTERN DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND.

THE WORLD asks your subscription to the Western Democratic Campaign Fund. Its purpose is to make sure the election of Cleveland and Stevenson by waging a vigorous educational campaign in those Western States which have gone Republican in national elections hitherto, but now give the strongest indications of a tendency towards Democracy and tariff reform. Chief among these States are Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. Each gave an overwhelming majority against the Republican policy of excessive protection in 1890.

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CHAIRMAN HARRITY APPROVES.

He says All Who Can Should Contribute to the "World's" Fund.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
No. 136 Fifth avenue, New York.

To the Editor of The World:

The movement for an energetic and aggressive campaign of education and organization in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and other Western States is excellent. It deserves encouragement from the Democrats of the East, in fact, substantial support should be given to it by the Democrats of the entire country.

I believe there are tens of thousands of Democrats who have not been in the habit of contributing to the National Campaign Fund for want of opportunity. The Democratic National Committee has been and is likely to be unable to reach them, and they will doubtless be glad to avail themselves of this means of giving to the fund which it is proposed to raise for the expenses of the campaign in the West.

The contributions to the campaign fund of the Democratic National Committee for the expenses of the general campaign throughout the country will doubtless be made in the usual way, and will not, of course, interfere with those to be made to the Western Democratic Campaign Fund, to which latter all who can should contribute.

I am sure that your effort, supplemented as you expect it to be by that of very many other Democratic newspapers, will be productive of good results. I look for the movement to be one of the most effective aids the Democratic party will have in the present campaign. It will still further emphasize the declaration made by THE WORLD that "the next President must be a Democrat." Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM F. HARRITY.

Aug. 15.

HOW THE PEOPLE RESPONDED.

Quick Action Taken by Democrats Who Want to See the West Won Over.

Yesterday was the first day in which the people had an opportunity to subscribe to the Western Democratic Campaign Fund announced by THE WORLD the day before. A large mail was received. It began coming in small lots. That was early in the day. Later the mail was much heavier. It grew as the day went on. At 5 P. M. the work of opening letters was stopped for the day and the task of transcribing names of contributors and entering the amounts subscribed was begun.

The total number of contributors up to 5 P. M. yesterday was 264. The total amount contained in their letters was $422.50. That, with the subscriptions of $10,000 from Joseph Pulitzer, $1,000 from William M. Singerly and $1,000 from Geo. C. H. Taylor, made the day before, brings the Western Democratic Campaign Fund up to $12,422.50.

This is a gratifying beginning. It is especially gratifying when you take into consideration the fact that the people who contributed yesterday learned only yesterday morning the precise nature of the plan and the precise method by which to forward their contribution to THE WORLD office.

WHY THE WORK IS BEING DONE.

The reasons why THE WORLD and other stanch Democratic newspapers are engaged in this popular subscription work must be plain to every Democrat. This money which you and your fellow-Democrats give is to be used in doubtful Western States. It is to be used in educating citizens in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan, and perhaps other Western commonwealths, those men who need only a little more argument in order that they may become firm and faithful Democrats. These states have recently given strong indications that they are becoming Democratic. The business of the day is not to let them alone and merely trust that they will become Democratic by 1896, but rather to work with them now so that they may become Democratic in November this year.

A dollar from you may be the means of converting some doubtful voter in one of these States. Ten dollars from you will do more than ten times as much. If you can give more, give it.

CHAIRMAN HARRITY IS WITH US.

The object which THE WORLD has in view and the plan upon which THE WORLD is working have been approved by Chairman Harrity, of the National Democratic Committee. Mr. Harrity says that all the money which the people can raise can be used with good results and he hopes that every one who can will contribute to the fund.

Senator Carlisle has also expressed himself in favor of the Western Democratic campaign Fund. He believes that it is the right way to get money from the people, and is confident that the dimes and the dollars of the Democratic hosts, as gathered in this way, will do much towards electing Cleveland and Stevenson and substituting tariff reform for protection theft.

In the upper part of the last column on the first page of to-day's WORLD you will find a condensed statement of the scope of the Western Democratic Campaign Fund and suggestions as to the manner of sending contributions to THE WORLD. Every dollar received by us up to 5 o'clock in the afternoon will be acknowledged in THE WORLD the next morning. Even if it is not a dollar subscription it will be just as gladly welcomed and as fully acknowledged.

Let it not make any difference whether you be a man, a woman, a boy or a girl, so long as you be a Democrat, a believer in government for the best interests for the people, a believer in tariff reform.

BEWARE OF FRAUDS.

Beware of plausible men going around pretending to be canvassers and soliciting your subscription. Have no faith in such persons unless they present credentials from THE WORLD, properly signed and authenticated.

Among the many letters received yesterday were some worthy of publication. Here they are:

TO WIN WITHOUT NEW YORK.

Put my name down for $1, the best I can do at present for the Western Democratic Campaign Fund. Grover Cleveland was nominated without the vote of New York State, and while I believe he will get the electoral vote of the Empire State, it is well to offset possible defeat at home by victories abroad. Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Michigan are doubtful to-day. A vigorous campaign, well handled, is all that is needed to throw them into the Democratic column.

A. J. HARRINGTON.

HE KNOWS A GOOD THING.

I like the notion of attacking the Western States in the name of Democracy and tariff reform. If they cannot all be carried this year they can be placed in the doubtful column at least. THE WORLD'S Western Democratic campaign movement is a good thing. I send $3 to swell it.

HENRY SHIELDS.

Poughkeepsie, Aug. 15.

WAY ABOVE THE MINIMUM.

If THE WORLD had not named a minimum of ten cents I should feel ashamed of sending my mite to a fund started with $10,000. But every little helps, I know, and here is 50 cents to help the glorious movement for an unprecedented Western campaign for Cleveland and Stevenson and tariff reform.

W. H. H.

THE FIRST OF A $2 SERIES.

I believe THE WORLD'S movement is one of the best that the campaign managers have before them. A campaign of education in tariff reform and other good Democratic doctrines cannot fail to win Iowa and Nebraska for the party, it seems to me. I send $2 as my contribution to the Western Democratic Campaign Fund, and I will get my friends to do likewise.

EDWARD SHIRRELL.

NO NEGLECT IN 1892.

Herewith you will find inclosed $1, which is my contribution to THE WORLD'S Western Democratic Campaign Fund. The West has been neglected by the Democracy too long, and a stirring campaign now can capture at least one State from the Republican column. Please acknowledge receipt of same and oblige.

ALBERT MONTGOMERY.

A FIRST VOTER'S FIRST CONTRIBUTION.

I will cast my first vote this fall, and this is my first contribution to a campaign fund. It is only $1, but I guess it will do a little good in some place where the bloody shirt has been waved to rags. It will be a great triumph for Democracy to elect a President without the aid of New York. THE WORLD'S fund ought to grow.

GEORGE SPALDING.

AND WESTERN STATES TO THIS ONE.

In sending the inclosed $2.50 to THE WORLD'S Western Democratic Campaign Fund I most heartily indorse the movement to break the Republican column in the West. We will do all we can in New York state, and we will carry it, too; but with proper effort nearly all of the Western States THE WORLD has suggested can be won over in addition. All signs point to a glorious victory for Democracy in November. We should aid the West in coming over to tariff reform and the principles of Jefferson.

R. HELLMAN.

Greenport, L. I.

TO ROLES, WHY NOT CLEVELAND?

I commend THE WORLD'S effort to carry one or more of the Western Republican States for Cleveland and Stevenson. If Iowa can elect Gov. Boies I see no reason why the State should not go Democratic in a Presidential year. I voted for Boies, and I know my old Democratic friends in Iowa will keep up their good work of recent years if only the sinews of war are furnished them. For these they must look to the East. I send postal note for $2, and will send another and another before the campaign closes.

HENRY SANDMAN.

Jersey City, Aug. 15.

FORTY AND THREE COLD DOLLARS.

Three of us were talking last night about your plan as proposed in THE WORLD. We came to the conclusion that it was a sure winner. With Cleveland and tariff reform the whole Democratic party has received an infusion of new blood. It is the party of young men and of young states now, of fresh ideas and fresh issues, a party strengthened and invigorated, and with the pride of final triumph upon its brow.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Inclosed is our contribution of $3 for the Western Democratic Campaign Fund.

TRIUMVIRATE.

CARRY OUT YOUR THREAT, A. Y.

Why did you not print my letter on the tariff? Anyway I send you a subscription for the Western campaign Fund, which means my approval. Inclosed is 50 cents. I know the tariff from A to Z. Dear write you a lot about it. I have a good mind to compel you to print my views about the tariff by inclosing a more substantial subscription in a future letter. I would like to write one of the campaign documents for distribution in the West, which should form an important part of THE WORLD'S programme. If I write one and have it for printed will you distribute them for nothing in Michigan?

AD VALOREM.

THE WESTERN POLITICAL CENTRE.

The political centre of this country has moved to the West. I am glad to see that THE WORLD has awakened to this fact and I inclose $2 to carry on the great work of swinging the doubtful Western States into the Democratic column.

Ansonia, Conn. PATRICK CULLINAN

EDUCATE, EDUCATE, EDUCATE.

No dry bones of played-out political issues for those Western fellows. They want Cleveland and tariff reform. They see what they want and don't hesitate to ask for it. It is the duty of the organized Democratic party of the East to help them get it, and I am glad to see that THE WORLD has taken the matter in hand. Here is my initial contribution of $5. Let the battle cry be "Educate, educate, educate."

A MUGWUMP.

Orange, N. J.

THE WORKINGMEN ARE READY.

Inclosed please find 50 cents, my modest contribution for the fund that is to carry the West. The workingmen are ready to do their part.

FRANK FOWLER.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 15.

A DOLLAR FOR A CLUB.

Wherever you see a head hit it. That's my motto. The Republican plutocrats have got the big head. Here's $1 to help hit it with the Western club.

JOHN DELANEY.

Jersey City, Aug. 15.

MONEY HELPS THE WAVE ALONG.

The tidal wave of tariff reform is coming, I can feel it in my bones. The election of 1890 was but the preliminary swell to this tidal wave, which, like waves hot and cold, will come from the West. I put the crest of the tidal wave we are to see this year, if the campaign is properly managed, the Democrats are bound to elect Grover Cleveland. When it is over the Republican plutocratic ship will be left stranded high and dry. Organization and work are now needed to give this movement direction and effectiveness. This is especially needed in the Western States you speak of, and I inclose $2 to start the good work at once.

R. C. HOPKINS.

FLIPPANT, BUT HIS MONEY TALKS.

I wouldn't know the tariff question if I were to see it, but I am in favor of Free Trade with a due regard for protected interests. Demonetize both gold and silver and let us have $2 a day and roast beef. Out West they understand these questions, or are about ready to, and they are dead tired of Carnegie Protection and humbug. Your Western fund is the scheme for me. I send check for $1, and will watch the work. Put it where it will do the most good.

ROBERT ANDERSON.

FIFTY CENTS FOR A SHOT.

Here is 50 cents for a shot in the locker of the Western fund. Supposing we lose New York, why the Democratic party would be in the soup unless they carried some of these Western States. With New York and the West the Republican party would be wiped out of existence, and good riddance to it.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15. G. E. MORGAN.

ADVICE AND MONEY TOO.

I'll tell you how to elect Cleveland. Just drop all expectation of carrying New York and put in your fine work in the doubtful Western States. They are ready to swing into line. All they need is a little help, as you propose. New York is so doubtful it is not worth while bothering about when we can do without her. The money needed to carry this one State cannot be raised by the Democrats, who have the people and no protected millionaires to depend upon, while half that amount would bring every doubtful Western State into the Democratic column with both feet. I heartily indorse your plan and increase $5 for the work.

A LOOKER-ON IN VENICE.

THE WEST IS THE TRUMP CARD.

Why has Gladstone after preliminary defeats extending over a lifetime won out again and again in the political game? Because he has represented a principle and while waiting for the final triumph has educated the people up to it. So with Grover Cleveland. Four years ago he was defeated. He stuck to his guns and now the time is ripe for a glorious triumph for tariff reform. In 1890 we had our bye-election. It showed the way the wind was blowing when it wiped out of existence the McKinley Congress. The sole issue was tariff reform. Nothing else should be allowed to come into the present canvass. Now the West is the card to play. By carrying on the campaign there you describe, you will make assurance doubly sure. It is our anchor to windward. I send you money-order for $3 to help the work.

BENJ. PERKINS.

HE LOOKS TO THE WEST.

I see THE WORLD is in the lead as usual in starting a Western campaign fund. I am a Democrat and have thought all along that we ought to establish a branch headquarters in Chicago and make a determined effort to capture at least Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska and Montana, while with proper care and attention we can throw Kansas and Minnesota from the Republican to the Peoples' party column. I am getter rich not poor, but will give all I can spare, and if only 100,000 Democrats will give as much we will have a campaign fund that will flood the West with the speakers and arguments of the Democracy, enough to sweep ten electoral votes into the Democratic column next November. Thereby subscribe $5, for which please find check inclosed.

E. W. THOMPSON.

Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 15.

A TAMMANY MAN SENDS $2.

I am a Democrat and a Tammany man. It's a mighty good scheme to get up a Western campaign fund, and I hope it will succeed. It ought to, with the $10,000 nest egg with which it has started off. These subscriptions were all three in big chunks. That's the kind we want. Still you say you want anything over 10 cents. A small subscription shows that the heart is with you in spirit, even if he hasn't got much cash. Now I am a very poor man, and I can't afford to give $10,000 like Mr. Pulitzer, or $1,000 like the others, or even one-tenth of that. But to show my interest I send you what means more to me than either of the above sums do to their subscribers. It is not much, but every little helps. You will find $2 in this letter.

MICHAEL FITZGERALD.

WE'LL KEEP THEM RUNNING.

I send you herewith $1. It is for the Western campaign fund which you have started. That's a grand, good idea of yours, and Mr. Harrity's committee ought not to have left it to a newspaper to begin a fight in the West for the newly doubtful States. We have already got them on the run out there, and when the campaign literature and speakers which your fund will provide reach Wisconsin, Kansas and other wavering States, the victory of Cleveland and Stevenson will be insured.

AUGUST BENJAMIN.

THE FIRST SYSTEMATIC EFFORT.

In starting a fund to supply the legitimate expenses for pushing a vigorous campaign in the West THE WORLD has done the Democratic party a signal service. I am heartily in sympathy with your idea. The co-operation of other leading newspapers gives to the undertaking a national significance. This year the Democratic party in the West will make its first concerted effort in the West. Please find inclosed a $1 bill as my contribution to THE WORLD fund.

THOMAS L. NELSON.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15.

GOOD EFFECTS EVERYWHERE.

I send you herewith $1 to help along the great Democratic cause, so ably supported by your paper. Although my interests are entirely in the East, I am sure the beneficial effects of the fund will extend throughout the land.

R. F. KANEY.

KNOWS A CAMPAIGN'S COST.

I inclose 50 cents as my subscription to THE WORLD'S new Western campaign fund. I am a New Yorker as well as a Democrat. Of course I don't believe in neglecting New York, for I appreciate its importance as here before the pivotal as well as the Empire State. Still, the political conditions of the present year are entirely different from any that have ever existed in this country before. The People's party is a new factor in our national politics. I think it is quite probable that with sufficient help the Democracy can add several of the Western States to its already long column in the South and East. We can surely help Kansas and several other States of the West to cast their electoral votes for the People's party's candidates. But the Democracy must have money to win with. I once conducted a campaign in my native town, so I know the multitudinous expenses that unexpectedly arise in every political battle, be it large or small. Appreciating the need of money to run the campaign as it should be run in justice to the national candidates of the party, permit me to offer my small subscription. It would be in time as large if I could afford it.

Sing Sing, Aug. 15. FRANK R. WINSLOW.

A NATURALIZED CITIZEN TALKS.

I am a naturalized citizen of this great land. I don't believe in the Republican system of protection, for I know it costs me far more to live here than it used to in Germany and I don't get enough bigger wages to offset my greater expenses. I know there are lots of my fellow countrymen in Wisconsin, Minnesota and other States out there, who are in the same condition as I am. They feel the same way, and would vote for Cleveland and a lower tariff if they were not misled by the Republican orators out there, who tell them that the Democrats want Free Trade, and if they get in power will reduce the price of grain so that they won't be able to make any money out of raising it. Now, if we Easterners who know this argument is false send some orators like Coroner Levy to speak to them in their own language and prove to them that they are being cheated the Democrats will carry many of these States. Here is $2 to help convert my fellow-countrymen in the West.

FRITZ OPPENHEIMER.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 15.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

It is a pleasure to cast one's bread upon the waters when it will only take it until Nov. 4 to return. Please find $1 inclosed.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

TO CONVERT ONE MAN.

Please accept my check for $2. If it serves to teach but one Western man the true principles of Democracy both man, party and the country will be the gainers. Yours truly,

ALFRED BIRD.

EACH ONE'S MITE MEANS VICTORY.

Please accept my contribution of $1 for the Western Democratic Campaign Fund. It is only a poor man's mite, but if every good Democrat would give as much victory would be ours, and we would receive several hundred per cent. on our investment during the next five years.

A DEMOCRAT.

Besides the preceding indorsements taken from the mail received yesterday some reporters saw some representative Democrats about town who spoke in commendation of the Western Democratic Campaign Fund. They will probably speak with their checkbooks pretty soon.

INDORSED BY SENATOR CARLISLE.

"I think that THE WORLD'S Western campaign is an excellent idea," said Senator John G. Carlisle at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday, and I am glad to know that it will be pushed. A great work can be done in the Northwestern States. Four years ago I was in favor of establishing a branch of the National Committee at Chicago for special Western service. Those states out there are fruitful ground, and the Democratic sentiment, already very strong, is growing. A few years ago all of them were safely Republican; now they are on the doubtful list. The Northwestern farmer is beginning to see where his interests lie, and sooner or later he will be the supporter of tariff reform and the Democratic party."

EX-MAYOR GRACE FAVORS IT.

Ex-Mayor William R. Grace said that he was incompetent to speak knowingly of the situation in the West, because he never pretended to know anything about it.

"Therefore," he said, "nothing that I could say would be thought worthy of consideration. I can say, however, that the more money available for proper campaigning work the more chance there is that the work will be crowned with success. Organization cannot be too thorough, and to make it as nearly perfect as possible a great deal of money will be needed. It costs a lot to furnish the necessary amount of literature and build up organizations in the different localities."

Speaking of this State, Mr. Grace said:

"Cleveland and Stevenson will carry this State if the indications at present amount to anything. The Democracy is in excellent fighting trim, and every Democrat has reason to be hopeful of success. Will this State decide the contest? As I know of Western politics I cannot say."

FROM COMMISSIONER MARTIN.

"I read THE WORLD'S plan," said Police Commissioner James J. Martin, "and it struck me as a good idea, always supposing, of course, that it has the approval of the Democratic National Committee. Of course THE WORLD would not undertake such a thing without first consulting with the committee. There are several of those Western States that are at least doubtful and should be looked after. For the legitimate purposes of campaign in such a State a fund would be very useful and as for the plan of THE WORLD, well, that paper doesn't make a failure of anything it undertakes."

WHAT CHAS. W. RIDGWAY SAYS.

"I am not well informed as to the real condition of affairs in the West, but of course if we have a fighting chance anywhere we should make the most of it," said Charles W. Ridgway, of the Democratic Club. "Still I believe that the fight will be the same as in 1884 and 1888, that is in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana. We must carry those States to succeed. Still if this scheme for a campaign fund by popular subscription among the West has the approval of the National Committee it is doubtless a good thing, and though the energy and push of THE WORLD can be made a great success."

E. H. CHAPIN'S OPINION.

"It's a good idea," said E. H. Chapin, also of the Democratic Club, "and THE WORLD is just the paper to undertake a thing of that kind. Of course it has the approval of the National Committee, and we all know what THE WORLD can do when it tries. I shouldn't be surprised to see several of those Western states go Democratic."

COMPTROLLER MYERS VOTES YES.

"The idea is a splendid one," said Comptroller Theodore W. Myers, "and I have no doubt that THE WORLD and the other Democratic papers interested with it will make a great success of the undertaking. But isn't that just like Mr. Pulitzer and THE WORLD? He is certainly a very liberal, enterprising, public-spirited man, and in his present undertaking I have no doubt that he will receive the hearty encouragement and support of Democrats generally. Such a fund can be made very useful in meeting the legitimate expenses of the campaign, and the moral effect of such a movement cannot fail to be very beneficial. It will encourage those Western Democrats to get out and work and bring out a full vote. The more I think of it the better I like the idea, and I am sure it will be a great success."

"GOOD," SAYS REGISTER FITZGERALD.

"The idea is a good one," said Register Frank T. Fitzgerald, "and shows a generous and proper spirit on the part of the Democratic press which deserves and will receive the hearty thanks of Democrats everywhere. I have no doubt that it will be a great success and do much good. These doubtful Western States certainly should be looked after."

COMMISSIONER HOLOHAN ASSENTS.

"THE WORLD'S propositions should, and I think will, meet with a hearty support," said Deputy Commissioner Maurice F. Holohan, of the Department of Public Works, "and its greatest success will not be in the large amounts like Mr. Pulitzer's $10,000, but in the small sums that will flow in from Democrats generally like a tide. THE WORLD has a knack of hitting the popular idea. People say 'why, that's a good scheme, that's just the thing,' and I think it will prove so in this case. If the Democratic national candidates are elected, as I certainly think they will be, they will have much to be thankful for to THE WORLD and to the other Democratic newspapers that are doing such great work for the cause."

MR. SUTHERLAND IS HIGHLY HOPEFUL.

Charles W. Sutherland, who was nominated for Assembly in the Ninth District of Kings in 1890 and carried it for the Democracy for the first time in its history, is in hearty sympathy with THE WORLD'S scheme of collecting money for campaign expenses in the West.

"I know what can be done," he said, "in a locality where the odds are all in favor of the other side. Constant defeats are likely to give one an impression that calling a spade a spade or time spent to change the political complexion of the State is an idle waste. The conditions in Illinois are ripe for a Democratic victory provided the fight is waged with proper spirit.

"The Democrats of the Western States have always fought valiantly, but we all know that men are capable of doing more work and better work when there is a fair chance of success. With more money than the leaders have had before, will one more and greater organization and a more thorough system of campaign work. In Wisconsin the outlook for a Democratic victory is also bright. The Republican measure known as the Bennett law, which provides for the compulsory system of education within certain lines is very unpopular, and has created a great deal of resentment against the Republicans. The foreign population in that State is very large, and they look upon the Bennett measure as an attempt to restrict their rights and to deny them proper recognition. In nearly all of the Western States the populations are to vote, for land bounties and similar things frequently draw large hundreds of men from one State to another. In looking over all the Western States that have been referred to I can see no reason why Republican conditions need be found that make it likely that they will change their political complexion this fall. These conditions are the natural growth of a party that has long been in control of the Government. THE WORLD will obtain money from Democrats who have not heretofore been accustomed to contribute to a campaign fund. This will result in placing at the disposal of the leaders a large amount that will be a welcome addition to the money obtained through the usual channels. The mere fact that Democrats here are taking a lively interest in their struggle will add strength to the efforts of the Western Democrats and enable them to wage the fight with renewed vigor."

FORTUNATE CHINESE.

Celestials Have a Club-House Provided for Their Conversion.

Young Lady Teachers Take Lunch with Them There.

People in the Neighborhood Complain of the Noise.

The Chinese Sunday-school, Y. M. C. A. and Methodist Mission at 295 West Fourteenth street is looked upon by Mongolian missionary specialists as the greatest achievement of Chinese Christianization.

The Mission has a membership of 31, of whom 23 assert that they are Christians, as good as the best and better than the average.

These twenty-three Christians and eight who will become Christians at the most convenient time have had placed at their disposal a three-story brown-stone front house that is run on the club plan, with the exception that everything stronger than ginger ale is ruled out.

As a club this Chinese Mission is what some clubable fellows would call the ideal. In addition to having all expenses paid by the good people who founded it the members once a week, and sometimes more frequently, are called on by a bevy of young girls who act as teachers while Chinamen dream of love, and after that ceremony is over very often remain to lunch in the club dining-room.

As a method of Christianizing Chinese this plan has been found successful. Very few of the Celestials who are so fortunate as to get an invitation refuse to be Christianized by this method. All are not invited, however, for the Club is the most exclusive among the New York Chinese, and those who are admitted, it is said, must have a pull with some one whose name will not be made known.

But while the Club is very effective in its work of Christianization on the inside, it has an altogether opposite effect on the people who live in the neighborhood just outside, and if a balance-sheet was made of Chinamen saved on one side and white people driven to profanity on the other it is believed by most of the neighbors that Satan's side of the sheet would have at least one more figure than the other.

The cause of all this is noise. From noon until midnight and sometimes later, every Sunday, the neighbors claim that from out of 295 comes a war of Chinese guttural, murdered music and stamping feet that it run as a rival performance to the Persian dervishes would result in victory for the Mongolians.

The Chinese Club members, a piano and an organ, it is claimed, have formed a conspiracy to drive ordinary people from the neighborhood, which only the hand of justice can prevent from being successful.

One of the victims explained the cause of complaint to an EVENING WORLD reporter yesterday, and wanted to know if there could be any redress.

"We can stand the racket during the time of services," he said, "for then the voices of the teachers, mingled with the Chinese howls, give the racket a semblance of music, but when the Celestials are turned loose by themselves the air seems to be filled with flying spikes that are fired into a man's ears in such quick succession that nothing else can be heard.

"The pianist has ten fingers on each hand, and with every one of them he presses a key on the instrument and pounds at the same place from sunset to midnight. He is bad enough by himself, but when added to that is the same performance on an organ, on a different key, of course, the effect must be heard to be realized. The piano and organ are always accompanied by vocalists, as much out of tune as the instruments, and even worse on the nerves of a peaceable citizen.

"Some of us have seriously considered making a complaint to the authorities, but have not done so because we would probably be accused of acting out of spite for the Chinese."

"How often do the teachers visit the Chinese at their club-house?"

"Every Sunday afternoon and frequently in the evening during the week. They usually remain a couple of hours. Some of them are young girls, but I think the majority are old enough to be experienced in the ways of the world."

The dining-room of the Mission can be seen from the kitchen of a house adjoining. The housekeeper of this house is authority for the statement that the lady teachers occasionally take lunch with their pupils and seem to enjoy the entertainment.

"On one occasion a short time ago," she said, "the teachers and Chinamen all met together at a big banquet. The Chinamen seemed to be entertaining their teachers as guests, and at the table they were coupled off in pairs of one Chinaman and one white girl. When they saw that I could see them one of the Chinamen pulled down the blind. They kept up a fearful racket until late in the evening, and when they started home most of the girls had a Chinaman for a beau."

The Fourteenth Street Mission is supported by the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is open all the time and is arranged so that those who want to can live in the building. The President is C. S. Box and Secretary N. G. Pook. The Mission was established three years ago. It occupied a house on Twenty-third street until a year ago.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Among the letters on this subject are the following:

To the Editor:

I must say you have done a splendid work in showing up this Chinese Sunday-school system. It should have been abolished long ago. I think that was a good idea of Supt. Krug, in the Church of the Strangers, to make pupil and teacher sit one at each side of the table. But just wait and see how the Mongolians will kick. The Celestial wants nothing between him and the young woman, and sits as close as he can to her.

Another very important matter you spoke about in your paper the other day, that is the spread of leprosy, because you see many Chinamen attending Sunday-school are diseased and strive and hide it from view, and the young women who sit so close to the Mongolians cannot escape catching this terrible disease. In fact, it we go to the root of this evil, that is the Chinese Sunday-school system, we must blame several clergymen who in fact praise it, up, such men as Dr. MacArthur, pastor of the Fifty-seventh street Baptist Church.

I have heard him say in a public lecture that Chinamen make as good citizens as many Europeans, better than some Irishmen, and that the poor Chinaman never drank half as much whiskey as the man from the green isle, with the brogue on his tongue, he never gets drunk or kills our priests like our European friends.

You see such remarks as these make the young ladies in Dr. MacArthur's church and others put the dear boys on the shoulder and say how nice and good the Chinese are. An able doctor once said that many people were touched with some kind of insanity, and I believe that these young women who teach the Celestials are afflicted with religious insanity over the Mongolians, and sometimes you will see the teacher go partly out of her right mind and marry the dear heathen. As I have already said, you are doing a great and noble work. Keep right at it until the system is changed.

JOHN HENRY,
208 West Twenty-second street.

To the Editor:

Your praiseworthy crusade against that blot to American womanhood is certainly entitled to many new recruits. The argument given by some of THE EVENING WORLD'S readers is sufficient proof that missionary work as done by our Christian Sunday-schools in bringing the Chinese into our belief is not praised by the majority. Just for instance show me one place in Christian New York where a decent, honest but perhaps poor Christian or heathen American or foreigner can associate with ladies of such type as teach our Chinese Sunday-schools.

I am not adverse to the Chinese, no more hostile than I am to any other foreigner, but I am up in arms when Christian parents degrade their Christian children as has been done in our system of Chinese Sunday-schools. Yours truly,

T. H.

Will Fred D. Winthrop kindly send his address to the editor of THE EVENING WORLD?

POLITICS AND PLEASURE.

To Be Combined at the Kennedy Association Festival.

The event of the season in the First Assembly District will be the picnic and summer-night's festival of the Michael Kennedy Association at Lion Park next Friday. The Association is named after Mr. Kennedy, foreman of the Street-Cleaning Department stable and one of the Tammany leaders in the district.

The Tammany organization of the District, headed by Leader Fitzgerald, will attend in a body, and politicians from other parts of the city will be there. The affair will combine politics and pleasure.

FAKIRS OF INDIA.

They Roll Themselves in Filth and Then Ride in Railroad Cars.

The Indian newspapers are complaining of fakirs, who, they say, are getting to be particularly objectionable as railroad passengers, says the Boston *Journal*. These holy men are usually very dirty, as they cannot spare time from their religious devotions and incessant begging to attend to their toilet. The fakir is addicted to the practice of rolling himself in filth and smearing himself with disgusting substances in order to propitiate the deity he serves.

It is hard to decide what to do with these objectionable persons when they apply for tickets on the cars. The ticket agents fear that if they refuse to let fakirs ride it might raise a religious disturbance.

It is estimated that 3,000,000 of these mendicant priests are in the Indian peninsula. Most of them are regarded by the European population as mere humbugs, who are too lazy to work for a living. It is believed, however, that many fakirs become what they are out of sheer religious devotion, for it is hard to suppose that any human being through mere love of imposture, would consent to keep his fists closed until his nails grew through the back of his hand, or would hold both arms above his head until the limbs became withered.

The general feeling, however, seems to be that most of the present generation of fakirs in India are rogues of the worst description, who use their supposed sanctity to make money out of their dupes.

A fakir who applied at a railroad ticket office two weeks ago illustrates the peculiar problems with which Indian railway officials have to deal. He had contracted the erroneous idea that in order to show his sanctity it was necessary for him to wear on his person a greater burden of chains than a prison convict ever staggered under. Chains and iron bands were loaded on his person until he could hardly walk.

When asked for a railroad ticket the agent did not feel disposed to allow all that weight of hardware to be carried on the price of the passenger fare. He thought it a dangerous precedent to establish. He therefore informed the iron-bound theologian that if he wished to travel by that line he must put his iron chains in a box or other receptacle and forward them at the ordinary freight rates.

The fakir is usually a most voluble person, and that particular specimen was nothing loath to argue the matter. He talked for more than an hour, but could not change or soften the heart of the agent, and at last he betook himself away in sadness and with all his iron drapery wrapped about him.

IN THE ROLLING BREAKERS.

Catastrophe That Overtook the Head of a New Family.

They had been wedded a week and this sweet day they were down by the sea, where the billows beat musically upon the silver sands and fell in rhythmic cadence upon the sentient shore, changing ever as if it were a living thing, says the Detroit *Free Press*. They had wandered away from the crowd in the earlier morning, but as the hour approached when Neptune holds his reception to the bathers they mingled again with the throng and shyly tried the wetness of the waters.

She was so blushing, so timid, and he was so brave, so daring. He met the waves face to face and breasted them, and when she screamed as a breaker dashed upon him he said to her:

"Tut, tut, Mamie! It is nothing."

She leaned upon his strong right arm, and clung to him fondly as he took her out into the briny and boisterous surf, and she was so proud of him. Strong-limbed and lithe and lissome, he was a picture even in his bathing suit, and well might Mamie feel that George was a prize package.

Once more they had essayed the billowy depths and George had made a mighty effort against a wave to prevent himself and his fair bride from standing on their heads before a thousand eyes upon the beach. She screamed in merry glee, but when George came up clutching at himself and growing deadly pale she screamed in wild affright.

"Oh, George! George!" she cried.

"Sh! Sh!" he hissed through the seething salt water. She would have screamed for help, but he caught her.

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