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Lv. Lexington	7 20 a m	1 20 p m	.....
" Staunton	9 28 a m	4 25 p m	5 30 p m
" Harrisonburg	10 32 a m	6 45 p m	6 00 p m
" Mt. Jackson	11 30 a m	8 29 p m	.....
" Woodstock	11 58 a m	9 19 p m	.....
" Strasburg	12 20 a m	10 08 p m	.....
" Capon Road	12 38 p m	11 24 p m	.....
" Winchester	1 27 p m	11 59 a m	.....
" Stephenson	1 37 p m	1 06 a m	.....
" Charlestown	2 16 p m	1 45 a m	.....
Ar. Harper's Ferry	2 49 p m	.....	.....
" Washington	5 15 p m	.....	.....
" Baldimore	6 30 p m	.....	.....
" Wilmington	9 20 p m	.....	.....
" Philadelphia	10 00 p m	.....	.....

SOUTHWARD.	409 Pass. ex. Sun.	No. 441. Pass mixed. ex. Sun.	443 mixed ex. Sun.
Lv. Philadelphia	.....	.....	.....
" Wilmington	.....	.....	.....
" Baltimore	7 20 a m	.....	.....
" Washington	8 40 "	.....	.....
" Harper's Ferry	11 10 a m	.....	1 20 a m
" Charlestown	11 31 a m	.....	2 24 a m
" Stephenson	12 06 a m	.....	3 27 a m
" Winchester	12 20 p m	.....	3 54 a m
" Capon Road	1 08 p m	.....	5 03 a m
" Strasburg	1 18 p m	.....	5 14 a m
" Woodstock	1 48 p m	.....	6 07 a m
" Mt. Jackson	2 16 p m	.....	6 51 a m
" Harrisonburg	3 24 p m	5 00 a m	9 20 a m
" Staunton	4 30 p m	7 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar. Lexington	6 25 p m	10 40 a m	.....

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WESTWARD.	No. 3. Daily.	No. 1. Daily. Ex. Sun.
Lve Norfolk	2 35 p m	7 00 a m
Lve Old Point C'f't	3 10 p m	7 45 a m
Lve Newport News	3 40 p m	8 10 a m
Lve Richmond	6 25 p m	11 05 a m
Lve Gordonsville	9 06 p m	2 23 p m
Arr Charlottesville	9 55 p m	3 25 p m
Lve Washington	5 30 p m	11 21 a m
Lve Charlottesville	10 05 p m	3 15 p m
Lve Charlottesville	10 10 p m	3 45 p m
Lve Waynesboro Jc	11 15 p m	4 59 p m
Lve Staunton	11 50 p m	5 35 p m
Arr Clifton Forge	2 15 a m	8 10 p m
Lve Clifton Forge	2 20 a m	8 30 p m
Lve Alleghany	3 30 a m	9 45 p m
Lve White Sulphur	.....	10 00 p m
Lve Hinton	5 18 a m	11 55 p m
Lve Kanawha Falls	8 00 a m	3 00 a m
Lve Cannelton	8 18 a m	3 30 a m
Lve Charleston	9 05 a m	4 36 a m
Lve Huntington	9 45 a m	8 20 a m
Arr Ashland	10 21 a m	7 07 a m
Lve Ashland	5 35 p m	8 47 a m
Arr Columbus	11 7 p m	3 00 p m
Lve Ashland	10 21 a m	7 07 a m
Arr Mt. Sterling	1 55 p m	11 21 a m
Arr Winchester	2 30 p m	12 00 n'n
Arr Lexington	3 20 p m	1 20 p m
Arr Louisville	7 15 p m	7 15 p m
Arr Cincinnati	6 00 p m	6 00 p m

EASTWARD.	No. 4. Daily.	No. 2. Except Sunday.
Lve Cincinnati	8 00 p m	8 30 a m
Lve Louisville	7 00 p m	6 50 a m
Lve Lexington	11 35 p m	11 50 a m
Lve Winchester	11 20 p m	1 00 p m
Lve Columbus	5 30 p m	11 25 a m
Lve Ashland	3 27 a m	6 05 p m
Lve Huntington	5 20 a m	9 00 p m
Arr Charleston	6 45 a m	10 03 p m
Arr Cannelton	7 32 a m	11 05 p m
Arr Kanawha Falls	7 50 a m	11 31 p m
Arr Hinton	10 15 a m	2 35 a m
Arr White Sulphur	.....	5 00 a m
Arr Clifton Forge	1 10 p m	6 30 a m
Arr Staunton	3 40 p m	9 23 a m
Arr Waynesboro Jc	4 10 p m	9 58 a m
Arr Charlottesville	5 10 p m	11 10 a m
Arr Washington	9 40 p m	8 23 p m
Arr Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Arr Philadelphia	3 00 a m	3 40 a m
Arr New York	6 20 a m	6 20 a m
Lve Charlottesville	5 30 p m	11 20 a m
Arr Richmond	9 00 p m	3 10 p m
Lve Richmond	8 00 a m	3 20 p m
Arr Newport News	10 35 a m	5 55 p m
Arr Old Point C'f't	11 00 a m	6 20 p m
Arr Norfolk	11 40 a m	7 00 p m

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No. 1, daily except Sunday, between Old Point, Norfolk, and Clifton Forge. The train leaving Old Point Saturday morning, runs only to Huntington.

No. 2 daily except Sunday. The train leaving Louisville and Cincinnati on Saturday runs only to Clifton Forge, where it lays over until Monday morning.

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Time Table in effect JUNE 19, 1887.

SOUTHWARD.	DAILY.	
Standard Time, 75th Meridian.	Express. No. 3.	Express. No. 1.
LEAVE.		
Hagerstown	8.00 A. M.	2.00 P. M.
Antietam	8.31 "	2.33 "
Shepherdstown	8.41 "	2.39 "
Shen. Junction	8.56 "	2.55 "
Charlestown	9.08 "	3.07 "
Riverton	10.24 "	4.16 "
Luray	11.34 "	5.49 "
Milnes	12.22 P. M.	6.25 "
Waynesboro Junc	2.05 "	7.57 "
Natural Bridge	4.17 "	10.17 "
Roanoke	6.00 "	12.00 night
ARRIVE.		
Bristol	12.15 A. M.	9.05 A. M.
Cleveland	7.40 A. M.	4.15 P. M.
Memphis	9.15 P. M.	6.10 A. M.
Atlanta	3.30 P. M.	
Montgomery	7.10 P. M.	
New Orleans	7.20 A. M.	

No. 3 has Pullman Buffet Sleeper New York to Chattanooga, without change, via Harrisburg, Hagerstown, and Roanoke; also makes connection at Hagerstown with fast mail from Baltimore.

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With the Cumberland Valley Railroad to and from Harrisburg, Carlisle, Shippensburg, Chambersburg, Mercersburg, Martinsburg, and points on the Cumberland Valley Railroad and branches.

Also to and from Pittsburg and the West and Northwest, and Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and the North and East.

At Shenandoah Junction, W. Va., with Main Line of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to and from the West.

No 3 makes close connection at Waynesboro' Junction with C. & O. Ry. East- and West-bound trains.

At Loch Laird, with Lexington Branch of Richmond & Alleghany Railroad.

At Buchanan with Main Line of Richmond & Alleghany Railroad.

At Roanoke, with Norfolk & Western Railroad.

STAGE CONNECTIONS.

At Boyce, for Millwood and Winchester. Va.
At Troutville for Fincastle

NORTHWARD.	DAILY.	
Standard Time, 75th Meridian.	Express. No. 4.	Express. No. 2.
LEAVE.		
Roanoke	1.00 P. M.	1.50 A. M.
Natural Bridge	2.29 "	3.17 "
Loch Laird	2.58 "	3.45 "
Waynesboro Junc	4.30 "	5.16 "
Milnes	5.57 "	6.39 "
Luray	6.55 "	7.35 "
Riverton	8.02 "	8.49 "
Perryville	8.46 "	9.36 "
Charlestown	9.14 "	10.07 "
Shen. Junction	9.25 "	10.29 "
Shepherdstown	9.40 "	10.45 "
Antietam	9.41 "	10.53 "
Hagerstown	10.20 "	11.25 "
ARRIVE.		
Ar. Washington B & O R R		1.15 P. M.
Ar. Baltimore, B. & O. R. R.		2.15 P. M.
Ar. Baltimore, W. M. R. R.		2.40 P. M. 11.40 A. M
Le. Hagerstown	10.25 P. M	12.20 P. M 8.20 A. M
Ar. Harrisburg, C. V. R. R	12.50 A. M.	3.15 P. M. 11.15 "
Ar. Philadelphia P R. R.	4.25 A. M.	6.50 P. M 3.15 P. M
Ar. New York	7.30 A. M.	9.35 P. M. 5.50 "

No. 4 makes close connection at Waynesboro' Junction with C. & O. Railway East and West bound trains

No. 4 has Pullman Buffet Sleeper from Chattanooga to New York (without change) via Roanoke, Hagerstown, and Harrisburg.

No. 2 makes through connection via Shenandoah Junction and B. & O. R. R. for Washington and Baltimore, and at Hagerstown with W. M. Railroad for Baltimore, and C. V. Railroad for Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York,

No 6 has connection at Riverton for Alexandria and intermediate points; at Shenandoah Junction for Martinsburg, at Hagerstown with W. M. R. R. for Baltimore and intermediate points and C. V. R. R. for Harrisburg; Philadelphia and New York.

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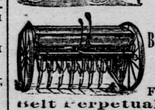

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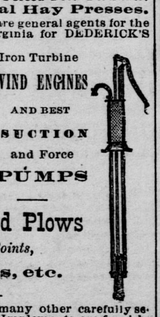

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"Buried in sorrow and in sin
At hell's dark door we lay;
But we arise by grace divine,
To see a glorious day."

The subject of the sermon was "Thirst in a Cavern;" and the text: "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!" II Samuel xxiii., 15.

War, always distressing, is especially ruinous in harvest-time. When the crops are all ready for the sickle, to have them trodden down by cavalry horses and heavy supply trains gullying the fields, is enough to make any man's heart sick. When the last great war broke out in Europe, and France and Germany were coming into horrid collision, I rode across their golden harvests, and saw the tents pitched, and the trenches dug in the very midst of the ripe fields, the long scythe of battle sharpening to mow down harvests of men in great windrows of the dead. It was at this season of harvest that the army of the Philistines came down upon Bethlehem. Hark to the clamor of their voices, the neighing of their chargers, the blare of their trumpets, and the clash of their shields!

Let David and his men fall back! The Lord's host sometimes loses the day. But David knew where to hide. He had been brought up in that country. Boys are inquisitive, and they know all about the region where they were born and brought up. If you should go back to the old homestead you could, with your eyes shut, find your way to the meadow, or the orchard, or the hill back of the house, with which you were familiar thirty or forty years ago. So David knew the cave of Adullam. Perhaps, in his boyhood days, he had played "hide-and-seek" with his comrades all about the old cave; and though others might not have known it, David did. Travellers say there is only one way of getting into that cave, and that is by a very narrow path; but David was stout, and steady-headed, and steady nerved; and so, with his three brave staff-officers, he goes along that path, finds his way into the cave, sits down, looks around at the roof and the dark passages of the mountain, feels very weary with the forced march; and water he must have, or die. I do not know but there may have been drops trickling down the side of the cavern, or that there may have been some water in the goat skin slung to his girdle; but that was not what he wanted. He wanted a deep, full-cold drink, such as a man gets only out of an old well with moss covered bucket.—David remembered that very near that cave of Adullam there was such a well as that, a well to which he used to go in boyhood—the well of Bethlehem; and he almost imagines that he can hear the liquid plash of that well, and his parched tongue moves through his hot lips as he says: "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

It was no sooner said than done. The three brave staff-officers bound to their feet and start. Brave soldiers will take even a hint from their commander. But between them and the well lay the host of the Philistines; and what could three men do with a great army? Yet where there is a will there is a way, and, with their swords slashing this way and that, they make their path to the well. While the Philistines are amazed at the seeming fool-hardiness of these three men, and cannot make up their minds exactly what it means, the three men have come to the well. They drop the bucket. They bring up water. They pour it in the pail, and then start for the cave. "Stop them!" cry the Philistines. "Clip them with you swords! Stab them with your spears! Stop those three men!" Too late! They have got around the hill. The hot rocks are splashed with the overflowing water from the vessel as it is carried up the cliffs. The three men go along the dangerous path, and with cheeks flushed with the excitement, and all out of breath in their haste, they fling their swords, red with the skirmish, to the side of the cave, and cry out to David. "There, captain of the host, is what you wanted, a drink of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate."

A text is of no use to me unless I can find Christ in it; and unless I can bring a gospel out of these words that will arouse and comfort and bless, I shall wish I had never seen them; for your time would be wasted, and against my soul the dark record would be made that this day I stood before a great audience of sinning, suffering and dying men and told them of no rescue. By the cross of the Son of God, by the throne of the eternal judgment, that shall not be!—May the Lord Jesus help me to tell you the truth to day.

You know that carrier pigeons have sometimes letters tied under the wing, and they fly hundreds of miles—one hundred miles in an hour—carrying a message. So I have thought I would like to have it now. Oh, heavenly dove! bring under thy wing today, to my soul and to the souls of this people, some message of light and love and peace!

It is not an unusual thing to see people gather around a well in summer time. The husbandman puts down his cradle at the well curb. The builder puts down his trowel. The traveller puts down his pack. Then one draws the water for all the rest, himself taking the very last. The cup is passed around, and the fires of thirst are put out; the traveller starts on his journey, and the workman takes up his burden.

My friends, we come to-day around the Gospel well. We put down our pack of burdens and our implements of toil. One man must draw the water for those who have gathered around the well. I will try and draw the water to-day; and if, after I have poured out from this living fountain for your soul, I just taste of it myself, you will not begrudge me a "drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate."

This Gospel well, like the well spoken of in the text, is a well of Bethlehem. David had known hundreds of wells of water, but he wanted to drink from that particular one, and he thought nothing could slake his thirst like that. And unless your soul and mine can get access to the Fountain open for sin and uncleanness, we must die. That fountain is the well of Bethlehem. It was dug in the night. It was dug by the light of a lantern—the star that hung down over the manger. It was dug not at the gate of Cæsar's palaces, not in the park of a Jerusalem bargainmaker. It was dug in a barn. The camels lifted their weary heads to listen as the work went on. The shepherds, unat le to sleep, because the heavens were filled with bands of music, came down to see the opening of the well. The angels of God, at the first gush of the living water, dipped their chalices of joy into it, and drank to the health of earth and heaven, as they cried, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace." Sometimes in our modern barns the water is brought through the pipes of the city to the very nostrils of the horses or cattle, but this well in the Bethlehem barn was not so much for the beasts that perish as for our race thirst-smitten, desert-travelled and simoon-struck. Oh, my soul, weary with sin, stoop down and drink to-day out of that Bethlehem well!

"As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so my soul panteth after thee, O God." You would get a better understanding of this amidst the Adirondacks in summer time. Here comes a swift-footed deer. The hounds are close on the track; it has leaped chasms and scaled cliffs; it is fagged out; its eyes are rolling in death; its tongue is lolling from its foaming mouth. Faster the deer, faster the dogs, until plunges into Schroon Lake, and the hounds can follow it no further, and it puts down its head and mouth until the nostril is clean submerged in the cool wave, and I understand it: "As the hart panteth for the water-brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Oh, bring me water from that well! Little child, who has learned of Jesus in the Sabbath school, bring me some of that living water. Old man, who fifty years ago didst find the well, bring me some of that water. Stranger in a strange land, who used to hear sung amidst the Highlands of Scotland, to the tune of "Bonnie Doon," "The Star, the Star of Bethlehem," bring me some of that water. Whosoever drinketh of that water shall never thirst. "Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate."

Again, this Gospel well, like the one spoken of in the text, is a captured well.—David remembered the time when that good water of Bethlehem was in the possession of his ancestors. His father drank there, his mother drank there. He remembered how the water tasted when he was a boy, and came up there from play. We never forget the old well we used to drink out of when we were boys or girls. There was something in it that blessed the lips and refreshed the brow better than anything we have found since. As we think of that dear old well, the memories of the past flow into each other like crystalline drops, sun-glinted, and all the more as we remember that the hands that used to lay hold the rope, and the hearts that beat against the well curb are still now. We never get over these reminiscences. George P. Morris, the great song-writer of this country, once said to me that his song, "Woodman, Spare that Tree," was sung in a great concert hall, and the memories of early life were so wrought upon the audience by that song that, after the singing was done, an aged man arose in the audience, overwhelmed with emotion, and said, "Sir, will you please to tell me whether the woodman really spared the tree?" We never forget the tree under which we played. We never forget the fountain at which we drank. Alas for the man who has no early memories.

David thought of that well, that boyhood well, and he wanted a drink of it, but he remembered that the Philistines had captured it. When those three men tried to come up to the well in behalf of David, they saw swords gleaming around about it. And this is true of this Gospel well. The Philistines have at times captured it.—When we come to take a full, old-fashioned drink of pardon and comfort, do not their swords of indignation and sarcasm flash? Why, the skeptics tell us that we cannot come to that fountain! They say the water is not fit to drink any how. "If you are really thirsty now, there is the well of philosophy, there in the well of art, there is the well of science." They try to substitute, instead of our boyhood faith, a modern mixture. They say a great many beautiful things about the soul, and they try to feed our immortal hunger on rose-leaves, and mix a mint-julep of worldly stimulants, when nothing will satisfy us but "a drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is at the gate." They try to starve us on husk, when the Father's banquet is ready, and the best ring is taken from the casket, and the sweetest harp is struck for the music, and the swiftest foot is already lifted for the dance. They patronize heaven and abolish hell, and try to measure eternity with their hour-glass, and the throne of the great God with their yard-stick! I abhor it. I tell you the old gospel well is a captured well. I pray God that there may be somewhere in the elect host three anointed men, with courage enough to go forth in the strength of the omnipotent God, with glittering swords of truth, to hew the way back again to that old well. I think the tide is turning, and that the old gospel is to take its place again in the family and in the university, and in the legislative hall. Men have tried worldly philosophies, and have found out that they do not give any comfort, and that they drop an arctic midnight upon the death-pillow. They fail when there is a dead chill in the house; and when the soul comes to leap into the fathomless ocean of eternity they give to the man not so much as a broken spar to cling to. Depend upon it, that well will come into our possession again, though it has been captured. If there be not three anointed men in the Lord's host with enough consecration to do the work, then the swords will leap from Jehovah's buckler, and the eternal three will descend—God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost—conquering for our dying race the way back again to "the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate." "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "If God spared not His own Son, but freely gave Him up for us all, how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things?" "For I am persuaded that neither height, nor depth, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come," shall take from us, into final captivity, the Gospel of my blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, the Gospel well, like the one spoken of in my text, is a well at the gate. The traveller stops the camel to-day and gets down and dips out of the valley of the East some very beautiful, clear, bright water, and that is out of the very well that David longed for. Do you know that well was at the gate, so that nobody could go into Bethlehem without going right past it? And so it is with this Gospel