The Enterprise.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 1879.

J. W. HOUGHTON, M. H. HOUGHTON, EDITORS.

The following clipped from a New Orleans paper, as a straw showing what it would be to live in that Democratic country is significant:

"The public schools will continue during the months of November and December. The board of school directors are unable to guarantee the payment of teachers salaries for those months, and do not know when they will be paid, if ever. So well is this known that brokers refuse to take claims for salary for those months at any price. Many of the teachers will be compelled to borrow carfare or walk to their posts of duty, and impoverish themselves without any reasonable hope of remuneration. It is by such shameless imposition upon the weak that our officials will be able to record that the law was complied with, and that the city has a system of public schools."

The following written by one of the present editors of the ENTERPRISE and published in the Ladies Repository when Bishop Wiley was editor, seems not inappropriate also to this time and place, and chancing to come across it when pressed for copy we concluded to use it.

Whisperers.

Delightful is the service and happy the audience free from the disturbers of its peace.

Those who attend church, or lecture, or concert, not to see and be seen, but to worship and to listen, must frequently deduct a large percentage from anticipated profit and enjoyment lost to them, through the thoughtlessness of ill-bred whisperers, who find in public places a never-failing stimulant to their communicativeness, to whom people are objects so inspiring and suggestive, their comments thereon must be immediate and constant.

They seem to utter all their thoughts, reserving no opinions for private reflection or future discussion. Their business talent directed in any useful channel, and cultivated to worthy ends, would be admirable. The rapidity of their observations, and the number of their inventories during a single service is often astonishing; while their general knowledge of and profound interest in persons under discussion is mortifying to one who with all the facilities of intimacy has failed to learn half as much as these industrious observers and inquirers seem to know.

The solemnities of a funeral would seem to be sufficient to restrain the indulgence of this cheerful pastime. But one might sometimes conclude that no entertainment could more delight these spontaneous beings than the deliberate process of a burial service. If there might anything occur that would awe or charm them into silence! Alas, they are irrepressible—desecrators and unconscious robbers everywhere.

The finest passages of the concert are to them only an exhibition of musical gymnastics, and of people and good clothes. When you would give yourself wholly to the delight of the hour, nor lose a strain of that message which coming through notes and bars, and skilled interpreters is divine with an eloquence more subtle than words, your enjoyment may be ruinously interrupted by the commonplace gossip of an adjacent whisperer.

Sometimes parents are devout worshipers near pulpit and altar, while their children are provoking to wrath quite as good people who chance to have sittings further back or among the singers in the gallery. Imagining themselves free from observation they are also free from restraint, and are unconsciously and loudly contending in favor of family sittings. For the sufferers there is no remedy.

A choir must remain at its post, improve its powers of concentration and try to follow the words of the more distant but often less distinct speaker. If the offenders are children of not too large a growth, one may venture a deprecating glance, and the colloquy becomes more guarded, but ominous, and you have a growing conviction that you have only diverted their attention to yourself and have become the theme of their not always flattering comments

Members of churches, professed Christians, attending services with a denomination not their own, do sometimes so far forget the sacredness of hour and place, as well as their self-respect and the courtesy due to others as to assume no attitude of worship during prayer, and whisper right through as if prayer was not prayer except in their own form and in their own church and as if therefore they were at perfect liberty to disgrace themselves and disturb others, away from their church home.

Until there is less annoyance from the social proclivities of human nature, churches may without fear of formalism go on instituting and contending for "innovations" that ultimately tend to the promotion of decency and order.

M. H. H.

COMMUNICATIONS.

PENFIELD.

Our community was shocked on Sabbath last, by the announcement of the death of Mr. N. G. Hoyt, a former highly respected citizen of this place.

The class in vocal music, under the instruction of Samuel McConaughy, assisted by musicians from abroad, will give a vocal and instrumental concert, in the M. E. Church, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Levi Smith returned last week, from Oneida county, N. Y., where she was summoned to attend the funeral of a brother.

Lyman Webber, of Van Wert, is visiting his brother, J. W. Webber.

Wm. Langdon has two brothers from abroad visiting him.

Mr. Sylvester Barton has rented his farm, and will soon remove with his family to Wellington. So Penfield is being continually drained of her better class of citizens, by death and removal, until the maintainance of our church organizations becomes a serious question. Our observation has been, that the incoming population (with some exceptions) are neither church goers nor Sabbath observers.

Capt. A. D. Lindsley's birthday was observed by a family dinner party, given by his sister, Mrs. W. L. Hayes, Friday the 14th. A company of twenty-two, including the little ones, comprised nearly all of this branch of the Lindsley relatives.

CLARKSFIELD.

November 17, 1879.

Tally one more for Clarksfield. A prominent farmer skims his milk, takes it to the factory as though it had never seen a skimmer, and fails to make it work. The factory men have been watching for the past year or more, knowing some one was skimming their milk, and I am informed they now have their man. Mr. Johnson, one of the proprietors of the factory, watched this pious man and when he took a pail of new milk into his cellar and returned with a pail of skimmed milk, they met face to face. This meeting was a very large surprise party to this pious old farmer, who (of course) did not know it was wrong to pass off skimmed milk for new milk. There is no excuse for him, as he is the owner of a large farm and money out at interest; yet this honest farmer is too conscientious to send his milk to the factory Sundays, (as it is very convenient to keep it at home to make a new start on the full skim plan Monday morning.)

There might have been a general conflagration and destroyed the large house that Mr. Kessler lives in, west of town, but for the timely arrival of John Sinclair, who saw the smoke pouring out of the windows, and on breaking into the house found an old carpet up stairs on fire, caused by spontaneous combustion or by carelessnes of Mr. Kessler in laying his pipe on the carpet.

FINIS.

LOUISIANA LETTER.

The following, though addressed to us, we give to our readers, knowing that it will be read with interest by many persons who are acquainted with the writer. —ED.

NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 6, 1879.

MRS. HOUGHTON:—Having reached the end of my journey and being quite settled, I will jot down some of the incidents by the way while they are fresh in my mind. I have never been so much impressed with the great contrast between the North and the South, as in my last trip in passing from one to the other, and in so short a time, just crossing the Ohio River. I think crossing the ocean would not make one feel more thoroughly in another country. A foreigner who did not know the history of the two sections, would be sadly puzzled for the cause of so sudden a transition.

In passing from Wellington to Cincinnati, the little villages and large towns are so closely connected that they hardly seem to need but one name, and that would be Ohio City all the way through, while the many beautiful churches, neat looking school houses, college buildings, etc., bespeak an educated Christian people. Then not only the thrifty look of the country shows culture and refinement, but the general appearance of the people. Through Ohio it seemed to me the passengers on that train were just from church conventions, associations, and temperance meetings, as the conversation was principally on those themes; (as it was after election, politics seemed taking a rest.)

Leaving Cincinnati for New Orleans, after securing my ticket, that called for a first-class car, and found it so till I got to Louisville, as I was still on the north side of the Ohio River. There had to change cars. I passed through one car and found it crowded with, I hardly know what, but no vacant seat; passed on nearly through the next, when a gentleman from the North gave me the half of his seat, for which I was very thankful. On looking about me, I said to him, "Is this a smoking car?" "Oh, no," he said, "but don't you know you have crossed the Ohio River, now you are in the land of Southern chivalry." When the conductor came round, I handed him my ticket and said, "I think that calls for first class car." "Certainly, madam." "Well," I said, "if this is first-class, what would a smoking car be?" He straightened up, looked about him and called out, "No smoking allowed in this car," at which some half dozen or more, held their cigars down by their sides till he passed out, then resumed them again with a laugh at their smartness; and yet the smoking was not the worst feature of the case, for in that same car I saw at one time six bottles being passed about in the different groups, and all partaking, men and women, and then a little was turned out in their traveling cups for the children, of what they called whisky, without a seeming thought of shame. I will not say without a blush, for some of them did blush very deeply before the end of their journey. Then as the morning light broke in upon us, what a change presented itself. No more thrifty looking towns, but as the cars draw up to the gloomy looking stations the surroundings consist of one or two groceries, where there are always wines and liquors advertised, a few straggling houses with the chimnies built up outside, from ten to fifteen mules hitched about that have brought their mulish looking riders to the station to see the cars come in. Then if there is any church in view, surmounting it is almost always the unmistakable sign of the Catholic, but very seldom any appearance of a school-house, and that I think tells the story of the great difference in the two sections of our country, the lack of common school education among all classes, both white and black. The whites are retarded in education by the priestly rule that overshadows the South like a dark pall, they are so much afraid of the people being contaminated with Protestantism and especially the Bible instruction, that their dupes are forbidden to enter any but Catholic schools. The masses of the colored people are still under the iron heel of their oppressers, and they, I think, generally maintain the same feeling as in the former phase of slavery—that education is a dangerous element for them to possess; and now as fast as possible the few public schools that were established during the short rule of the Republicans, are being closed.

Thus you see our banner of freedom comes far short yet of sustaining what it proclaims to in freedom of opinion with education and its attendant blessings for all; and who but the Christian women of our land is ever to carry on this work of lifting up and alleviating the woes of the down-trodden of our own country? Ought the mothers and sisters to neglect to give their interest and sympathy, to forward the work for which the brothers and sons have fought, suffered and died? But I feel that I shall intrude upon you in writing so much. I am very well, but quite hurried; the work looms up like a giant before me. My fellow-worker from Delaware, is to be here the third week in November.

Respectfully yours,
MRS. A. M. RYDER,
188 Race St., N. O., La.

Facts for Politicians.

It is high time the politicians who are looking to the South as a reservoir of party strength, give their attention to the rapidly developing States of the West and Northwest. A study of Kansas, for example, will prove instructive, for Kansas is but a typical State, her progress being but the measure of kindred development in Nebraska, Colorado and others of the Western group.

The figures which Governor St. John gave in his brief address of welcome to President Hayes at the opening of the Kansas State Fair, while without reference to current politics, have, nevertheless, a significant bearing upon the political future of the country. Kansas, since the war, has made no special effort to attract immigration; yet her population has increased from 135,807 in 1865, to 930,000 in 1879, and the valuation of her property has risen during that period from thirty six to one hundred and forty-five millions of dollars, in round numbers. With but 130 miles of railroad then, she boasts of 2,600 miles now. With no permanent school fund then, she has $1,820,656 now, and sufficient school lands yet unsold to swell the amount to $13,000,000.

Since 1865 the State has built a penitentiary, asylums for the deaf and dumb and the blind, a State University, normal school, and agricultural college, increased the number of school-houses from 600 to 5,000, and is now completing a Capitol building that would adorn any of the older states. She has appropriated money for a reform school, and will soon have all the educational and reform institutions to be found in the most advanced communities. All this has been done without the creation of a large public debt; it is but a trifle over a million of dollars, and all but $343,970 of that is controlled by the State.

The energy of the people has kept pace with the progress of the State. In 1865 there were but thirty-five organized counties: now there are seventy-five. Then there were but 273,903 acres of land under cultivation; now 769,936. Kansas, in 1865, produced but 291,519 bushels of wheat. This year it is estimated the yield will reach 125,000,000 bushels, with 44,000,000 acres of land yet untouched by the plow. These are but a few of the more striking figures illustrating the rapid advance of Kansas to a front rank among the states.

Imagine what it would have been had the schemes of the border ruffians of Western Missouri, sustained by the last Democratic Administration that disgraced the country, succeeded, and Kansas have been made a slave state.

The secret of this rapid growth and general prosperity is to be found in the fact, well put by Governor St. John, that Kansas has put no sentinels at her doors to make politics, birth-place, religion, race or color a condition precedent to the right to enter the State. "Kansas," said he, "was planted in freedom, and freedom's soil produces churches, Sabbath-schools, railroads, school houses, colleges, thriving towns and cities, long lanes skirted with beautiful farms, newspapers, books and periodicals, and moral men and women, who consider it no disgrace to work for a living."

That tells the whole story. The men who rescued Kansas from the clutch of the slaveholder, and defended it as the homestead of freemen; at great peril, for more than ten years, took with them into the territory the school-house, the church and the newspaper, and having made firm the foundations of the new State, threw the doors wide open to all who would come and settle on the broad, fat acres, making no inquisition into their past history, and requiring only that they conform to the laws of the State, as becomes good citizens.

Thus Kansas is towering up among the great States of the Union, with others close beside her rapidly following in her steps. The census of 1880 will make no revelations more interesting than those that statistically illustrate the growth of these Western giants. When they take the representation to which they will be entitled on the floor of Congress, it will be discovered that the political game of a country ruled by the Solid South and one or two Democratic Northern States, will be up. These young and enterprising states, full of energetic and intelligent men and women are Republican, and have no sympathy with a party that is nosing about among the ruins of the Lost Cause for material out of which it may construct a platform and a policy.

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There are two fine portraits of Bayard Taylor—one engaged by Cole, from the best photograph, and the other a reproduction by Juengling, of O'Donovan's bronze bass-relief. These portraits accompany a discriminating critique of Taylor, by Stedman. Clarence Cook has a paper on "Morris Moore's Old Masters," with a reproduction by Cole, of Raphael's "Apollo and Marsyas." There are poems, stories and sketches; "The French Quarter of New York"; "Extracts from the Journal of Henry J. Raymond," with interesting reminiscences of Daniel Webster; a beautiful story by Boyesen; an ingenious story, "A Sigh"; the fourth part of "Confidence," by Henry James, Jr., begun in August; and the first part of a new American novel of Creole life, "The Grandissimes," by George W Cable of New Orleans, the author of "Old Creole Days," which has created such an excellent impression in the literary world. "The reign of Peter the Great," by Eugene Schuyler, is noted editorially. This splendid series of Illustrated Historical Papers, the greatest work of the sort yet undertaken by any popular magazine, will begin in the January issue, and will continue for two years.

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Among the dress goods is a large stock of prints of the best brands which are selling at 6¼ cts., and choice cambrics from 8 to 12½ cts.; ginghams in color and quality, suitable for aprons and children's wear are 8 cts., and the dark fancy Amoskeags, 1 shilling. In cheap dress goods they have brocades, bourettes, etc., at 9 cts., poplin alpaccas at 1 shilling, which formerly sold at 15 and 18 cts. Arabian suitings, all-wool, in good grey and dark neutral tints, are 25 cts. a yard; Tycoon reps, the figured goods sold for wrappers and dressing gowns, is now reduced to 20 cts. They show a good stock of Jamestown alpaccas, and a few pieces are yet left of the imitation crape-morette in very desirable mode colors, which though sold at 25 cts., looks well enough to cost twice that. Cashmeres in fashionable dark tints range from 45 cts. to the very best black grades at $1.00 and $1.25. Handsome brocades and other popular dress goods, also Scotch plaids are shown at 20 cts. and upward. Pongees—plain, brocade and striped; and at 45 cts. can be bought a new striped dress goods cotton and silk warp, and all-wool filling, that is very handsome, and the more expensive Momie cloths may be found in their stock.
Black silks, brocades in colors, and fancy dress silks are shown in good variety; and for trimmings and combination suits are silks, velvets and French brocades; while among the fancy goods and notions may be found fringes, passementeries, gimps, buttons, ornaments and a full case of spool silk and twist at greatly reduced prices. A
JOB LOT
of ladies and childrens gloves which formerly sold at from two to three shillings a pair, will be closed out at ten cents a pair, and in the line of hosiery for misses, the dark fancy styles at one shilling a pair, were a marvel of cheapness for the quality. Hand-made knit garments, as jackets, hoods, scarfs, leggins and mittens are attractively displayed, and a good variety of materials for knitting is also in the stock. The silk and linen handkerchiefs are pretty and cheap, the lowest priced being a linen at 5 cts.
A full case of ribbons in all the new styles; fancy back combs from one shilling to half a dollar, ruchings, collars and cuffs, laces and embroidery, silk bows and ties are among their fancy goods. The attention of the ladies is called to the different makes of corsets, ranging in price from 60 cents to $1.50. In boots and shoes we will mention a good looking article of ladies side-laced shoes at $1.25, infants shoes as low as 25 cents, a child's shoe at 50 cents, a ladies' serge gaiter at 85 cents, Congress at $1.00, and French kid from $1.75 to $3.00. Rubber overshoes in all sizes, boys leather boots from $2.00 upward, and men's wear from $2.50 to $3.00
We have said nothing of the grocery, crockery and hardware departments, but our readers will see that to attempt to enumerate the extent of goods carried in stock by this old firm would take more space than we can give to one subject, and we can only advise the public to go and see for themselves.

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