From Freedom.

FREEDOM, April 4.—It begins to look more like spring. The farmers are most all through sowing their small grain.

Larry Hughes, sr., will lecture next Sunday evening in the Methodist church in Triumph. All are invited to attend. Admission 15 cents.

Willie Donnar, who has been traveling for his health, has returned home.

Willie Leonard now sports a new buggy and a fine Etroy team. I think Mr. Croford will have to take another route by the looks of things.

George Beckwith has gone to Kansas to purchase a farm, and some of our Prairie Centre girls look forlorne.

Misses Maggie and Mary Leonard have been visiting friends in Aurora the past week.

Miss Julia McGraw is visiting friends and relatives in Ottawa.

Mrs. M. Cruise is on the sick list.

Andy McManus talks of taking a trip to Kansas for his health.

Freedom now boasts one of the finest glee clubs this side of Chicago. The leaders are J. Fisk and E. Sweeney. For further particulars inquire of James McManus. RILEY.

From Wallace

Wallace, April 7, 1887.

Last Monday morning at five o'clock, Miss Joanna Curtin departed this life at her home in Wallace, aged 18 years and six months. She had been ill for the past year with lung disease, contracted by a severe cold. Her condition for the past two weeks was regarded as exceedingly critical and death might result at any moment. Every care that affection and tender nursing could bestow was exercised, that life might be prolonged; but all to no avail. Her pure gentle spirit passed quietly and peacefully from a life of pain, of sickness and of death, to one of everlasting and unspeakable happiness. Miss Curtin was a young lady of more than ordinary intelligence possessed of a hopeful happy disposition and kindness of heart, which not only endeared her to her own but also to to those of her acquaintance. Her grief-stricken mother, brothers and sisters have the sincere sympathy of their numerous friends. While we unfeignedly condole with the family in this their deep affliction, there is the greatest consolation in the thought that hers was the death of the true christian, fortified by the sacred rites of the church, and the record of a pure and blameless life.

Our loss is simply her gain, and in this case it may be truthfully said, "O! death where is thy sting, O! grave where is thy victory."

At 9 o'clock the funeral cortege, which was one of the largest entering the city in many years, moved from the late home of the deceased to St. Columbia church, where a requiem high mass for the repose of her soul was offered, when the long line of friends in vehicles moved to the cemetry.

Her friends, in sorrow, will cherish
Her grave; every tear is a gem,
And their payers 'round her brow in the heavens
Will brighten her fair diadem.
We kneel at her grave, and remember
In love, we are *still* one of them.

WALLACE, April 3.—Thomas O'Donnell says Sunday was too stormy for him to travel seven miles to see his best girl.

Eddie O'Donnell was the guest of Miss Katie Cummins on last Sunday evening

Thos. Fox has a bran new horse and buggy. He says he will throw the dust in some of the boys eyes this summer.

Frank Brown and Dannie O'Connor were the guests of Miss Annie Traproux on last Sunday evening.

William Carrigan was the guest of Miss Mamie O'Donnell last week.

Edmund Burke is as happy as a clam in high water. It's a 10-pound girl. Mother and child are doing well, and undoubtedly the father will live through it, too.

Hanna Curtin, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is slowly recovering.

As stormy as Sunday was, Tim Curtain and Billy Kiley could be seen winding their way towards ———.

James O'Donnell has rented the Cullerton farm. He says he will not start to work until he gets a housekeeper if it takes him until the 4th of July to hunt up one. We hope it will not take him that long, as it would be rather late to start his spring work then.

Thomas Thompson and Frank Thorn's attractions seem to be westward. They say they are in search of William Corrigan, but we doubt it!

Edmund O'Donnell, sr., who has been sick for the past two weeks, is recovering.

Philip McGinness and Frank Fogarty were guests at the judge's last Sunday evening.

Marion McGinniss has been repairing his house the past week. He says he will not keep batch either, for it will not take him until the 4th of July to look up a housekeeper. It is time for more of our boys to be looking after the future, as the years are stealing over them slowly but surely. EXTRA.

From Ophir

OPHIR, March 31.—The old saying about March coming in like a lamb and going out like a lion holds true this year. We may expect some cold weather yet.

Martin Crawford has leased the Tom Cassidy farm.

B. J. Butler, of Ottawa, has been in our burg the past week purchasing horses for the Chicago market.

Our village had begun to think that in the distribution of measles we have been overlooked, but at last a full swarm has entered the dwelling of Mr. Pat'k. Barber, and are doing their work nicely.

A strong, able-bodies snowstorm relieved the monotony of March weather last Sunday.

There is a rumor afloat that Harry got the mitten Sunday night and feels all broken up; while James has worn a big smile all this week.

One of our young ladies thinks Ottawa just the place to buy dress goods; and so say we, especially the kind that is so often bought shortly after Lent.

Our brass band has lately been augmented by several new recruits, and at present writing they are able to render many difficult pieces in a very proficient manner; and by the time the glorious 4th arrives, we expect them to surprise the natives with new national airs.

The flock of geese that were seen flying over Buck Creek last week was the cause of bringing on the hunting fever to our sporting fraternity. Among those most severely attacked were T. Landers, of our burg, and J. Pillion, of Wallace. Consequently, they are taking in the inlet this week.

Mr. Joseph Garland and wife were visiting relatives in Wallace a portion of the past week.

Lost—a plug hat belonging to M. Hughes on the road between Mr. Gority's and home. The finder will be liberally rewarded by the aforesaid on returning the lost property to him. YOU & I.

OPHIR, April 7.—Mother Spring says she has thrown off the shackles of winter and intends settling right down for business in the future; and from this our astrologist, C. P. Hughes, predicts warmer weather and plenty of it by the 4th of July.

C. P. Hughes is adding a new addition to his house. He says democracy must come to the front next campaign. We sympathize!

M. Hughes and P. Cruise were the guests of Miss M. E. Landers last Sunday evening.

William C. Hall disposed of his fine black roadster, La Clair, for the enormous sum of $75, to the Degen Bros. last week.

Mrs. Cruise is on the sick list this week.

R. N. Wood and wife, of Mendota, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. F. F. Lawrence, the past week.

Welcome, Riley to the TRADER'S list of correspondents.

After spending the winter at his former home, John Campbell has gone to Iowa. John says Ophir is just the place for winter quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leonard are happy over the arrival of a girl baby in their household last Tuesday morning. Mother and child doing well, and father able to be out.

Jos. Campbell was at the county seat last Tuesday on legal business.

William Hughes starts a bran new top buggy, after Dexter, jr., the pony. Will says he will wear out no more coat sleeves around ——(well, we will say the whip. Look out, girls. YOU & I.

JOSEPH EXALTED.

CRITICAL AND PRACTICAL NOTES BY PROF. SAMUEL I. CURTISS.

Lesson II of the International Series, Second Quarter, for Sunday, April 10. Text of the Lesson, Genesis xli, 38-48. Golden Text, Psalms xxxvii, 5.

At first Joseph was greatly prospered after he went to Egypt. He became overseer of Potiphar's house (Gen. xxxix, 3, 4); but a new trial was needed to fit him for the place which God had ready for him, as well as to introduce him to it. The wife of his master tempted him to sin. Unlike Reuben and Judah, who fell into such disgraceful lusts, he repelled the temptation, refusing to wrong his master and to sin against God (Gen. xxxix, 9).

Through a false accusation he was thrown into prison (vs. 19, 20), and for long years suffered on account of his virtue. There he manifested the same capacity for leadership as in Potiphar's house. He was made superintendent of the prisoners (vs. 22, 23). Among them were two officers of Pharaoh, one his chief butler, the other his chief baker. Through God's help he interpreted the dreams which had occasioned each much disquietude. In accordance with his interpretation, on Pharaoh's birthday the baker was hanged, while the butler was restored to his place. The butler did not leave his prison until Joseph had made him a confidant, and assured him of his innocence, and begged him to intercede for him with Pharaoh (Gen. xl, 14, 15). But that ungrateful official forgot him for two years. God, however, did not forget him. In his plan Joseph was simply biding his time.

In the chapter from which our lesson is taken we find Pharaoh, in his dream, at the bank of the Nile (Gen. xli, 1). Nothing is more true to life in any literature than the entire history of Joseph, which betrays, as the most eminent Egyptologists have shown, a wonderful familiarity with the manners and customs of Egypt at the time indicated. Indeed, objections which were once raised to certain statements in the story of Joseph by distinguished scholars of a former generation (Von Bohlen and Tuch) have been found to be entirely without foundation.

The Pharaoh mentioned here was undoubtedly one of the Hyksos, or shepherd kings, and he is believed by leading Egyptian scholars, in accordance with ancient testimonies (Syncellus) and modern investigations, to have been Apepi (Aphophis), the last of the shepherd kings.

The scene described in the dream has a truly Egyptian color. Since Egypt was the creature of the Nile, which received divine honors, and the various changes in the river were regarded with the utmost anxiety, it was in keeping that the king should be there. In his dream he sees seven sleek kine feeding in the reed grass (Revised Version), which are presently devoured by seven poor kine, which are afterward as lean as ever. He awakes but soon dreams again. This time he sees seven plump ears growing on one stalk. These, however, are devoured by seven blasted ears. The king on awakening from his sleep summons his sacred scribes (Revised Version), but they cannot explain his dreams. It is then that God's time comes. The chief butler remembers Joseph and mentions him to Pharaoh. All the things which seemed to be against Joseph, under God's overruling providence had simply been steps preparatory to that hour. After making his toilet precisely according to the demands of Egyptian etiquette he appears before the king, and under God's guidance explains Pharaoh's two dreams as one, and that their purport is that Egypt is to be visited with plenty for seven years, and then with seven years of famine. Such an event was very rare, but it occurred as late as 1064 to 1071 A. D. And there was a long period of famine under Apepi, the Pharaoh before whom Joseph has been supposed by some at that time to have stood. Joseph not only told the king what was to come to pass, but also suggested an admirable plan for storing up a supply of food during the years of plenty (v. 33-36).

THE LESSON.

God the Source of Joseph's Wisdom (vs. 38, 39).—Neither in Joseph's interpretation of the butler's and baker's dreams nor in his interpretation of Pharaoh's does he claim to make them known through his own wisdom. He rather ascribes all his knowledge to God. Although Pharaoh doubtless did not know the true God, yet like other heathens he was familiar with the idea that God is the source of wisdom. He therefore asks his servants whether they can find such a man in whom the spirit of God is, and without waiting for an answer he says to Joseph that, since God has given him the interpretation of the dreams, and the best plan for providing against the years of famine, there is none "so discreet and wise as thou."

The same thing, however, is true of others as well as of Joseph. The man who is born again though the Spirit is not only wiser in the things of the kingdom, but also in the things of this world (Ps. cxi, 10; Prov. iii, 1-6), besides having at least an implied promise of wisdom for special needs (James i, 5). The men who can serve the nation best in the times of its sorest distress are neither atheists nor infidels, but those who reverently acknowledge their dependence on divine guidance.

The Egyptian scribes, who were learned in all their sacred books, and Joseph, are good examples of the difference between mere human learning and that wisdom which God gives his servants in times of need.

V. 40. The people of Egypt in being ruled by Joseph were thus to be under divine direction. Joseph received almost absolute power. With Oriental exaggeration Pharaoh says the people shall not even kiss (Hebrew) without him. He claims simply the throne as his special prerogative.

Joseph's Investiture (vs. 41-44).—Pharaoh then invests Joseph with his new office. These verses describe as it were the ceremony of his investiture. He first assures him that he has set him over all the land of Egypt. He then takes his signet ring from his hand and puts it on Joseph's, thus conveying to him power to secure the execution of his commands (compare I Kings xxi, 8), for no one would dare to disobey an order which bore the impress of the king's signet (Esther viii, 8). He next arrays him in robes of office made of fine linen, of the same texture doubtless as the priests wore, and put a gold chain about his neck. Afterward he causes him to ride in the second royal chariot, and commands proclamation to be made before him, "Bow the knee." Thus he makes him ruler over all Egypt, and when the ceremony is complete, again assures him of his absolute power.

Joseph's Virtue Rewarded (v. 45).—Naturally enough he gives him an Egyptian name, Zaphenath-paneah ("governor of the district of the place of life," Brugsch), and then bestows on him a lady of little less than royal rank, Asenath, the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On. Had Joseph yielded to the solicitation of Potiphar's wife, the history of which we now read and this honorable marriage would have been impossible. Thousands barter honor, success and happiness for disgrace, failure and misery, because they have not learned to say in the face of some seductive temptation, "How, then, can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"

No Short Cut to Success (v. 46).—Joseph came into Pharaoh's presence a poor Hebrew prisoner and slave. He went out the autocrat of Egypt. Pharaoh was but an instrument in God's hands, who had given him all this power. Joseph had been 13 years in God's school. A boy of 17 he left his father's home. His success came only through the severest discipline continued through long years of trial. He did not receive power and was not established in life until he had reached mature years. There is certainly in this fact an impressive lesson for those who wish to take a short and easy cut in their preparation for positions of honor and usefulness. Young men make a great mistake who do not take time to secure a thorough preparation for their life work, whether in a business, a trade or profession, and who enter upon the responsibilities of marriage without the prospect of being able to support the one whom they have sworn to love, honor and protect.

Vs. 47, 48. Joseph's interpretation of Pharaoh's dream was carried out to the letter. The seven years of plenty followed. During these years he laid up the food of the fields surrounding each city in the cities. These cities, as in Palestine, were places occupied by the people at night for the sake of security, who during the day cultivated the fields round about them.

JOSEPH A TYPE OF CHRIST.

Joseph has been a favorite type of Christ among some of the church fathers and the other interpreters. We have in the Bible two representations of Christ as suffering and as reigning. The life of Joseph affords the same contrast. Like Christ, Joseph was betrayed and sold, and suffered humiliation before his exaltation. There are undoubtedly in the Old Testament not only ritual types of Christ, which are brought out so clearly in the book of Hebrews, but also historic types, such as Isaac on Mount Moriah, David and Solomon; but Joseph unites the sufferings and the triumphs of the Messiah, foreshadowed by the two Israelitish kings, in one person.

POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

1. The story of Joseph has been found to be true to life in every particular.
2. "Before honor is humility." (Prov. xv, 33.)
3. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Ps. cxi, 10.)
4. "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not." (Prov. i, 10.)
5. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Heb. xii, 6.)—Sunday School World.

Industrial education is the foundation, and until it has, in its broadest and deepest sense, become the portion of every child born on American soil, that child has missed its birthright. With the many who accept it, it stands merely as an added capacity to make money, and if taken in its narrowest application this is all that it can do. Were this all, it would simply be an added impulse toward the degeneration that money making for the mere sake of money inevitably brings. But at its best, perfected as it has been by patient effort on the part of a few believers, it is far more than this. Added power to earn comes with it, but there comes also a love of the work itself, such as has had no place since the days when the great guilds gave joyfully their few hours daily to the cathedrals whose stones were laid and cemented in love and hope and a knowledge of the beauty to come, that long ago died out of any work the present knows.

The builders had small book knowledge. They could be talked down by any public school child in the second or third year. But they knew the meaning of beauty and order and law, and this trinity stands to-day and will stand for many a generation to come as an ideal to which we must return, till like causes work again to like ends. The child who could barely read saw beauty on every side, and took in the store of ballad and tradition that gave life to labor. We have parted with all this willfully. To the Puritan all beauty that hand of man could create was of the devil, and thus we represent a consecrated ugliness, any departure from which is even now by some conscientious souls regarded with suspicion.—Helen Campbell.

Why is it that death scenes are so artificially managed on the stage nowadays, particularly when is taken into consideration the realism that actors and scene painters endeavor to throw into their performances? A noted actress is playing Meg Merrilies at the opera house. In the last act the witch is shot and dies to slow music. A group of personages stand near her in a picturesque tableau; but no one offers to staunch the wound, no one tenders a stimulant; they simply stand in striking poses and watch her die. In real life some one would have sent for a doctor, a comfortable resting place would have been made for the sufferer, and an effort would have been made to ease the last moments of the dying one.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The joint committee on drainage held a meeting at Springfield on Thursday evening, which was attended by a large delegation of Chicago men, including Mr. Cooley, the facetious engineer, who so captivated the Ottawa meeting with the claims of his ship canal. He read a paper before the committee, in which he is reported to have given his opinion, backed by figures, to show that the plan of Chicago (the only one "within the financial reach of Chicago") could be carried out without injury to public health in the Illinois valley. The committee adjourned without action on the bills. If the committee is as susceptible to the charms of Cooley's fish yarns as Mayo or Ed. Nattinger, they will bear watching so long as the fate of these bills remains undecided.

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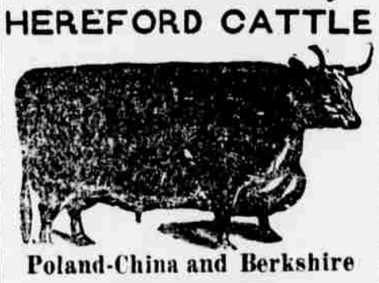

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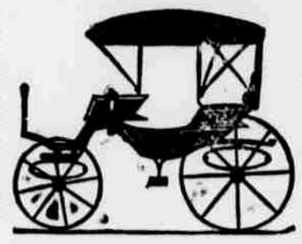

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