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Offensive Bathing Customs.

Bathers at Owen Grove and Asbury Park are catching hard knocks from the correspondents all around. Says a writer in the Albany Journal.

"There is a condemnation of sexes in the water at Owen Grove that is a feature of the place. The young men and the young women go down to the sea together and march into the surf hand in hand, arm in arm. It is the rule with few exceptions. They spend much time in the water holding to one another; yes, and to holding on the sands for an hour or two afterwards. I was not convinced of the decorum and strict propriety of everything Methodist, I would not hesitate to say that I think it the most lax and improper place on the American coast. Where the parents of the young people are, or what they are thinking of, is more than I can imagine! 'Pretty is as pretty does' is a homely old saying, but a good many of these girls prove that the proverb won't, and upsetting so as to read: 'Pretty does that pretty is.' I heard of a strange thing the first day I was there. A boy of raw country girls from somewhere in the pine forests came on an excursion. They wanted to bathe, but they declared they would not appear in the suits they saw all the other women wearing. They wanted to understand that they would never dare look at their faces in a glass again if they were ever seen in such immodest attire. So what in patience's name do you suppose they did? They went down to the beach to a sandy, with whose inmates one of them was acquainted, and presently reappeared clothed from head to feet in linen wrappers. They thought it unnecessary to have anything under these garments. In that garb they looked to the water. Fortunately for them there were not over twenty men and boys at that part of the beach, but the whole twenty ran after them laughing and howling at them when they emerged from the water, with these paper like wrappers sticking to their bodies like so many suits of adhesive plaster. Some of them looked very much like artists' models, and some (those that were called with a big pattern printed on) looked more like tattooed sisters of that Greek who traveled with Barnum and whose body resembles an animated section of a freemason's well."

A BOUQUET.

By Rev. Joe A. Munday.

Some days since the tender hands of a Christian lady of Stanford conveyed to me a large and beautiful bouquet, to which was attached a card on which was written: "Please accept from ladies as a small token of their appreciation of the good work you are doing for the cause of prohibition." It was made of the most beautiful and lovely flowers I ever saw, and was ever so much appreciated. For days it was kept in my room until the withering hand robbed it of its fragrance and beauty. Frequently when I would lay myself down to rest after speaking or preaching, I would gaze upon it and think, it is not only beautiful, but a teacher sent from God. Each little flower is a teacher so profound that they stand irrefutable. They tell us of God.

I they teach of His existence. The belief of the existence of God may be said to be natural to man. Hence, it may be deemed by some unnecessary to enter upon a proof of His existence; and to others it may appear irrelevant, because it seems, in the first instance, to call in question a truth of which it is simply to doubt. But the idea has been sown. The spirit of inquiry has gone forth and is laboring by arts of sophistry to persuade men to throw away their bibles and their reason. Pretensions are made to demonstrate that there is no intelligent Being who presides over nature—no Law-giver whom we are bound to obey; no Judge who will call us to account. In short, that the idea of a God, wise, righteous and holy, is a superstitious dream. Persons teaching such heresy, though professing to be learned, and perhaps even claiming to be the guardians of science, are nevertheless its greatest enemies, and are deluded by their own reasoning. But the unbelief of men can not grow from truth into falsehood, nor can the belief of men smile falsehood into truth. Hence the belief or unbelief of mortals can not in the least affect those truths that God has established inherent in nature, and with which His unbounded universe swarms. Much time and thought have been spent in trying to prove the existence of God by metaphysical arguments. But arguments of this character require such acuteness of intellect and close attention to understand them that they are therefore useless to the greater part of men. But while so many are incapacitated to comprehend metaphysical arguments, they can find in flowers irrefutable arguments adapted to common capacities and founded upon things obvious to our senses. "I long for truth founded upon reason!" Let him hear the fragrant voice

of flowers, as it is blown upon every breeze. It is the golden earnest of truth, which rolls in its majestic course in duration coeval with our globe, and which with ever increasing power, magnificence and glory, is destined to roll on in living grandeur, snatching from the pondering tomb of atheism truth, and gathering new accessions of intellectual beauty. In flowers there is more satisfactory evidence of the existence of God than all the reasoning of men. The celebrated Mr. Whiston on one occasion, while conversing with Dr. Clark about his discourse concerning the Being and attributes of God, pointed to a nettle and said: "That weed furnishes more satisfactory evidence than all your abstract reasoning." So with flowers. They furnish more satisfactory evidence than all the metaphysical, physiological and philosophical arguments that can be brought to bear by man. They stand as natural philosophers imparting unto both the learned and illiterate a knowledge of the Being and existence of God.

Let in flowers we have vitality. As a little child lives, grows and develops into a beautiful woman, so does the little bud live, grow and expand, until it becomes a beautiful flower. Floral and human life is sap and blood. As by air blood is driven thro' the body, giving activity to the vitalizing machinery, so is sap mysteriously forced through the little pipes of plants and shrubbery and gives life to the flower. As I write I can look from my window and see a full-blown geranium. It is a living beauty. By whom is this vitality given? By whom was the complicated machinery by which it is carried on made? God, is the answer that comes up from every flower. By electric forces their living testimony of God is borne upon every passing breeze with the rapidity of the lightning's blaze, as it writes its forked gambols on the bosom of the dark cloud. Is the flower the reality? No; but the result of an invisible cause and that unseen cause is God, the reality and life of the flower. It is impossible in the very nature and constitution of things that an absolute perfection of substance can be philosophically maintained without this admission. That God is the reality and life of flowers, is still further proved by comparison. By the hand of man a piece of wax may be so shaped and colored that it will imitate one of nature's flowers that we can not, from an external appearance, distinguish the slightest difference. But compare it with the natural flower. It is the same size, shape and color. What is there lacking? It has no life. Neither can man form within it the vital power. Man may with wax and other materials make a perfect bud in appearance. But a bud it must remain. He can not give it living power to increase in size hour by hour, until it unfolds a perfect flower. Not so with nature's buds. To day we see them small. A week hence we see them larger and ready to open a lovely flower. From whence comes this life? It is produced by the voluntary power of God. In the order of nature there never was a flower seed but what grew from the flower; and there never was a flower but what came from the seed. Geology proves that there was a period when there were no flowers on this globe. Which was first, the seed or the flower? If the seed was first then there was a flower which did not come from the seed. Where then is the starting point of floral life, if there is no God? Nature can not start itself. There must be a first cause, or nature acted before it existed.

21. Flowers possess the power of action. As the evening shades creep over the hills with the mantle of darkness, some flowers shut themselves up until the rays of the morning sun appears, kissing away the dew of night, when, with the same active power, they unfold their leaves. Through what medium do they derive this power? The only answer that can be given is God. To artificial flowers man can give no such power.

22. Flowers teach the Love of God. Let by their beauty. So great was God's love for man when he created the world that he adapted it to our natural faculties. Instead of making it a dreary, barren and waste desert, wrapped in solitude and midnight blackness, he decorated it with beautiful flowers. The same invisible hand that touched the springs of action and bade them come forth with so much beauty and grandeur could have formed them with less beauty than the thistle or some other obnoxious plant.

23. The love of God is strikingly manifested in the value of flowers. They not only, by their beauty, aid the decorative mind and hand, but furnish physical aid. When the Creator raised the sword of justice to drive man from his once blissful home in which he was surrounded by Eden's flowers, He did not blight the flowers. Had He desired He could have made them a curse. But instead of a curse they are a blessing. From them is extracted medicines by which the various organs of the body are aided to perform their natural functions. Concealed in their little stems and leaves, they carry human life. From them is distilled the delightful perfume so acceptable to the human senses. O, what amazing love. God so loved the world that in flowers He furnished delight, comfort and relief to suffering humanity.

Many thanks to the good ladies who sent the bouquet. To me it has been a subject of thought, furnished material for a sermon on the ministry of flowers.

Hardin county has for a long time been the boast of prohibitionists, who have referred to the successful operation of the prohibitory law there on all occasions. But the following from the last issue of the News which advocated the passage of the law and is still its strong supporter, is not very encouraging and we hope the same can never be said of the law in Lincoln:

For nearly a year after the last election was closed our expectations were fully realized; a drunken man was seldom seen at any of the little towns in the county or at the county seat, and the good effects of the law were prevalent throughout the length and breadth of the county. But later this state of affairs has materially changed and whisky has been and is being sold to an alarming extent, as the number of drunken men seen upon the streets daily give evidence. The opinion of the non-prohibitionists that the law would not be enforced is being verified. This state of affairs can not exist long; either the men who voted for prohibition must rise up and put a stop to the violation of the law, or the act will be repealed and intoxicants allowed to be sold under the restrictions of the State law. Which shall it be, citizens of Hardin county? It is for you to decide. Do you propose to have the act that you fought so hard to secure nullified by a few men who seem determined to override its provisions, or will you show these law breakers that you are not to be trifled with in this matter?

A year's experience has shown that the fire insurance companies undertook too much when they boycotted New Hampshire. They withdrew because of the passage of a law that when an insurance company should accept premiums for a total loss of \$5,000 it should pay for a total loss of \$5,000 instead of halving the victim into an acceptance of a lesser sum. Dark law was just. It was needed. It is needed everywhere. All honor to the people of New Hampshire for passing it! If a company wishes to pay only a \$1,000 for a total loss, let that company accept premiums for only \$1,000. The companies have often relied on the "scaling" of losses to recoup for the follies of rate wars. As a result of the boycott, there are now in New Hampshire 15 mutual and 18 town mutual corporations. It will keep a great deal of money at home—something like \$400,000 a year.—[Current]

THE DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY.—Miss Winnie Davis, the youngest daughter of Jefferson Davis, is in the city visiting the family of Rev. Dr. J. William Jones, the secretary of the Southern Historical Society. Miss Davis was born in the Confederate Executive Mansion here not long before the close of the war, and for that reason her father calls her the "Daughter of the Confederacy." This is Miss Davis' first visit here since she left as a babe with her parents on the eventful night of April 3d, when the capital of the Confederacy was evacuated by the Southern army. She is pretty and accomplished and during the several weeks of her stay will be warmly welcomed by the Richmond people.—[Richmond (Va.) Dispatch]

A PROSE POEM.—No clamor meets the statesman grand, he passes through a voiceless land; the lofty poet garlanded is passed by through without a sound; the iron captain, battle-scarred, unregretted walks without regard; the orator of silver tongue, unwept, unhonored and unused with scholars versed in hidden lore excite no notice or respect; the kings of fame and lords of thought, whose brains have delved, whose hands have wrought, pass by the crowd in all its pride unnoted on the other side—but hear the untried trump of fame, the concord of the land's acclaim, burst forth from every shouting rank to cheer the Bridge and barrel crank.—[Lynn Union]

Judge Brewer, of the United States Circuit Court in Kansas, has rendered a decision that the attempted enforcement of prohibition laws to the utter destruction of property which has been in good faith invested in a perfectly legitimate and necessary branch of business is to be checked. He says, "beyond any doubt the State can prohibit the defendant from continuing the business of brewing, but before it can do so it must pay the value of the property destroyed."

Gen. E. M. Hobson, of Greensburg, recently drew \$6,000 as arrears of pension, and he at once set about to have a reunion of the brigade he commanded during the war. The event will be celebrated at Greensburg soon and everybody is invited. The general contributed 1,000 sheep and 100 hogs to the barbecue, at which all visitors will be feasted.

Prohibition is a prominent topic in many States this year, but this must not be mistaken for temperance. There is a wide difference. The temperance man is one who does not drink himself, and is better for it. The prohibitionist concerns himself about whether his neighbors drink, until he becomes a nuisance.—[Louisville Commercial]

Let the American people remember that such an infernal nuisance as the young man with the chestnut belt never came into existence under a republican administration.—[Chicago Tribune. Rep.]

For the last three years the Toledo Blade has had an editorial in each issue concluding with the words: "Pulverize the run power."

GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

—As executor of Joe Baker, dec'd., H. C. Kaufman sold on Wednesday the Joe Baker farm, on the Copper Creek pike, containing 210 acres, to Robert Conn, at \$28 28 per acre.

—Mr. D. M. Lacey has purchased of T. Currier his store of groceries, &c., and will continue the business at the old stand. Continued ill health is Mr. Currier's reason for retiring from business.

—Circus day brought the usual crowd to town, despite the slippery condition of the streets and the sloppy condition of the weather. Everything passed off quietly and no arrests were made. The love that is said of the performance of the better.

—Rev. S. W. Peoples was selected by the Winchester Conference to fill the pulpit of the Lancaster Methodist church for the ensuing year, beginning with next Sunday. Rev. Peoples will also preach at Kirksville. He is a brother of Rev. John R. Peoples, who as pastor of the same church several years ago, made many friends in this community.

—We are handed the following with a request to publish: On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 22, 23 and 24, will be held the grandest convention ever held in the State. Delegates from each union are expected. Mr. and Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Chapin, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Buel, of Chicago, will be present. The fame of these speakers has extended far and no one should let the opportunity pass.

—Dr. Nelson Mays, of Paint Lick, was in town Wednesday. The doctor has purchased property near Lowell. Misses Myrta Dunn, Sue Cecil and Jane Leavell, three handsome and popular young ladies of Harrodsburg, were guests of Miss Emma Leavell last week. Rev. Charles Reid, who has been evangelizing in the mountain counties all summer, is at home on a visit. Capt. and Mrs. E. W. Lillard have returned from Louisville. Misses Annie Holmes and Jennie Kennedy, of Crab Orchard, and Cleo Williams, of Mt. Vernon, were guests of Mrs. J. T. Higgins, Tuesday. Mr. Mike Elkin, of Missouri, is visiting relatives at this place. Col. Tom Newman and Major Theo. King, of Crab Orchard Springs, took to the circus Tuesday.

—Only "gents" say "thanks." Gentlemen say "thank you." If a courtesy is worth an acknowledgement, the acknowledgement should not be chopped down into a vulgar monosyllable. It should be fully and pleasantly expressed. A person who habitually says "thanks" always sets with his knife and talks in a parlor in a ten acre voice.—[Washington Hatchet]

A citizen at Oneysville, R. I., bragged that he could get a drink on Sunday, and to prove it, confidentially asked a doctor for something to brace him up. The doctor knew the man and wrote a prescription calling for aqua pura; the druggist saw the joke and put up the water in a flat bottle and charged a round price for it. The buyers remarks when he tested the dose are not reportable.

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