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LIFE.

[To our gifted friend, the author of the following poem, whom we have mentioned before as being on the editorial staff of the Phenological Journal, we are indebted for advance sheets of the Journal for September containing it. We have taken the liberty of dividing the stanzas according to the sense, an obvious improvement on the poem as printed in the Journal.—Ed. FREE PRESS.]

With leafage robed and rich in twigs Of this year's eager growth The tingling trees hom in the slope That trends toward the South; Where all alone, with long, bare arms And leafless, songless head, And nestless crotchets, stands a form Like those except—"The dead."

Up from the earth there springs a vine A near the dead tree's foot. And ere the winter comes, it hides Her quail, in covered root; Its tendrils cling along her limbs; It clothes in lavish wealth, And sings a song of praise, so sweet It lures anew to health.

And lo! when spring-time comes again "Oh mystic vine," the glad tree says, "My soul is dead," I thought, "And lo! thy coming has awakened— A miracle is wrought."

"And I"—the vine in whisper low—"Made haste to clasp thee fast And robe thee with a robe so strong— I bare the rusted blast." "How knowest thou, dear, helpful vine, That I had need of thee?" "Thy voice implored, as waned thy strength I heard thy longing plea."

"But, I had need as well as thou, And thou didst shield me from the blast I clothe with joy—thou liftest up, And so—'twain are one." "But see, within the bordering wood Are trees more fair than I; Their songs give not such plaintive tones To winds that pass them by."

"They need me not, they have their joys, But thou wert all alone; And I, by happy chance about Have made thee all mine own. So grow thou strong, lift up thine head And spread thy shapely arms, And I will shield thee from the blast That also would mar thy charms."

No more "the just of passers by," No longer "abandoned birds," "A picture" lined against the sky, "A theme" for poets' words, The "motive" of an artist's work, "A boon" to man and beast, "A note of gladness" to the ears And to the soul "a rest."

Becomes, through shelter of the vine, The tree that once was bare; The dwarfed, lone life through love has grown Symmetrical and fair.—Mrs. A. Elmore.

San Marcos Re-Union.

We only had space in our last for a reference to the above, and the speech of Col. Woods. We now give the remainder of the proceedings, as they appeared in the San Antonio Express:

This morning at the sound of the bugle, the 32d regiment of Texas cavalry for the first time in more than 21 years, formed—this time for peace, as we did not wish to learn war any more; and our dear old colonel being at the head, we were marched to the grounds that had been selected for the present re-union, it being a most beautiful grove on the banks of the loveliest of streams, the San Marcos, where stands had been erected for the speakers, and where not less than 5,000 people had assembled for the occasion.

Col. Woods was followed by our beloved general, H. P. Bee, who, feeble as he is, could not resist the temptation of once more joining one of his old regiments in their first re-union since the war.

Next came the speech of Judge Gustavo Cook, and with his accustomed eloquence, wit and humor combined, put every one in a good humor with himself and the balance of mankind. Then came dinner—and such a dinner! Well, I feel now like I never wanted any dinner as long as I live.

re-union be left to the president.

On motion of Capt. Edgar Schramm the thanks of the 32d regiment, Texas Cavalry, C. S. A., was, with great applause, tendered the ladies of San Marcos, for the manner and taste displayed by them on this occasion in the decoration of the grounds and table.

It was further resolved that the thanks of the regiment be tendered to the Chautauqua Guards for the splendid and efficient manner of preserving order on that occasion.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Thirty-second regiment be tendered to Messrs. Wm. Giesen and Geo. T. McGehee for the manner in which the laborious task of catering to the wants of this multitude was performed.

The number of men present on this occasion, of each company, were as follows: Company A, Capt. J. G. Storey present with 30 men; Company B, Capt. E. B. Miller absent, 25 men; Company C, Capt. Geo. S. Deats, present, 19 men; Company D, Capt. Wm. M. Foster, present, 20 men; Company E, Capt. B. F. Dye, absent, 5 men; Company F, Capt. Edgar Schramm, present, 31 men; Company G, Capt. Josiah Taylor, deceased, 1 man; Company H, Capt. Samuel Lytle, absent, 5 men; Company I, Capt. Ed. Stevens, deceased, 15 men; Company K, Capt. S. M. Holmes, present, 35 men.

It was then moved that the 32d regiment adjourn, to meet again at the call of the president. Col. P. C. Woods, President. CAPT. EDGAR SCHRAMM, Secretary. CAPT. GEO. S. DEATS, Corresponding Secretary.

Free Schools and Free Churches.

Galveston News. To say that the address of Judge Gustavo Cook at the San Marcos Chautauqua reunion is somewhat exuberant in character, is to accord it no ordinary credit for brilliant and vigorous expression and for honest fervor of sentiment.

It is needless to discuss the abstract truths in the address of the address. The author propounds something like a specific thesis when he takes issue with the present secular system of public free schools in Texas. The thesis is, in substance, that virtue, as superior to all other qualities, is the superior influence of the intellectual faculties in the former. Take away this dominion of intellect, in some sort, according to the theological polity of feudal Europe. Emotionally, he is with a remote past, not with this closing quarter of the nineteenth century.

The emotional mood may be a good mood for exhortation, but hardly for consistent and logical argument. At least this may be inferred from his elaborate appeal to the intellect in support of his doctrine of the rigorous subordination of the intellect. Yet the cardinal difference between human and animal nature is the superior influence of the intellectual faculties in the former. Take away this dominion of intellect, in some sort, according to the theological polity of feudal Europe. Emotionally, he is with a remote past, not with this closing quarter of the nineteenth century.

But in all this wild hunt after intelligence who has uttered a single plea for virtue, which is far more essential to the maintenance of good government and free institutions? Good government might be maintained by a virtuous people without education, but never by an educated people without virtue.

It might be urged with even more plausibility that virtue, in the general sense of honest moral or religious sentiment, as the servant of intelligence, is the guardian of liberty and of the peace and welfare of society, but emancipated from the control and guidance of intelligence is the hottest and parent of endless broods of social distempers and public calamities.

It is proposed that the celebration shall take the form of a World's Fair, and the situation most favored is the flats south of the White House, covering an area of three hundred acres, and, as it were, in the midst of the city.

The shape of Washington may be roughly described as that of a crescent, with its horns resting on the Potomac—the right at Georgetown, the left at the Arsenal. Between these two horns lie the flats, bounded on the west by the river, and on the east, north and south by the Naval Observatory, the War, State and Navy department, the White House, the Treasury, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Museum.

The enterprise is one of infinite possibilities. There is a strong sentiment in favor of making the exposition permanent—an exhibition of the national capital year in and year out, of the products and resources and industries of the country.

education, whereby its mighty influences for good could have been utilized without the slightest opportunity for sectarian preference, it has been perpetually quarantined out of the public schools as though it was a leper." So apparently Judge Cook would not exclude even Mormonism from a state educational system designed to develop and consolidate "the cohesive power of a common religion."

The diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.

Foreign governments participating in the exposition would of course have their separate departments, and the necessary space allotted to them. The government at Washington, having a general supervisory direction of the whole, would add from time to time such aids and accessories as the growth of the country and the development of the enterprise might suggest.

So simple in its details, so capable of realization without any extravagant expenditure, yet of such infinite possibilities, the project assumes proportions that are fairly overpowering in its immensity.

Washington Letter. [From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, July 26, 1886. ED. FREE PRESS:—The enterprise of a great national celebration of the centennial inauguration of the first president, in 1889, is gathering weight and momentum.

Already are many governors of states, commercial exchanges and representative bodies signifying their cordial assent to its plan and purposes. The State Sundry School Convention, THURSDAY, AUGUST 5.—CLOSING SESSION.

At 8 p. m. the convention was called to order by President Hendricks, and on motion a recess of 10 minutes was taken to allow time for the delegates to assemble.

At 3:10 p. m. the convention was called to order by President Hendricks, and the report of the Committee on Enrollment was received, adopted and committee discharged. There was an attendance at the convention of 86 actual delegates, some representing the counties of the State, which have county associations organized, and others representing their individual schools.

The convention was next addressed by Rev. J. P. Lane, of Itasca, one of the missionaries of American S. S. Union, on the "Importance of the S. S. Library." The speaker spoke well and forcibly, carrying conviction with his words.

A communication from the Board of Directors of "The San Marcos S. S. Assembly and Summer Institute," was presented to the convention, looking to such co-operation with the State S. S. Association as would lead to the permanent location of its annual sessions on the grounds of the former, and after consideration it was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The report of the Finance Committee was received, concurred in, and chairman ordered to pay the balance on hand to the Treasurer. The Treasurer was ordered to remit the International S. S. Association the annual dues of \$75 for 1886.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Rev. J. H. Hendrick, D. D., of Tennessee, President. Rev. H. M. DaBose, of Houston, Vice-President. Capt. J. M. McCoy, of Dallas, General Secretary. Dr. J. C. Storey, of Dallas, Treasurer.

The Australian colonies are all lagging against the Chinese. The Voice of the People. The people, as a whole, seldom make mistakes, and the unanimous voice of praise which comes from these thousands of people, fully justifies the course of the proprietors of this great enterprise.