

[For the Messenger.]

DOTS ON THE WAY.

[Continued from last week.]

In one of the discussions in reference to the ability of some of the churches to do more than they have done in repairing their old churches, or building new ones, so that Sunday School and other religious services might be comfortably enjoyed even during the winter months, W. S. Pickens, one of the lay delegates, Brushy Creek Circuit, took the floor, and made an excellent speech, bristling all along with common sense and practical truths, which no one acquainted with the circumstances could gainsay or deny. He rapped the ministers sharply for their beautiful theories, in their several reports from their churches, as to the financial ability of the people, but as an offset to many of these theoretic castles he made a most startling declaration that seven-tenths of the people to-day, if forced to settlement, could not meet their liability and were actually insolvent. Is this an exaggeration, or is it a sober reality? Mr. Pickens is no visionary theorist, but is a plain, practical man, and is consequently not likely to exaggerate in his statements. Besides, on this question of financial standing, there was no man on the floor of the Conference, so well qualified to speak intelligently on that point. Even since the war he has been more or less employed as assessor, sometimes for the County, and always for his own and adjoining townships, and therefore he testifies as to what he has seen and knows. We may, therefore, accept his statement as true. What a sad commentary on the boasted prosperity of the people of this State. Anderson County is said to be the banner County of the State, and in some respects, doubtless, the claim is legitimate. And yet on the testimony of this reliable witness, seven-tenths of her people are virtually insolvent. Doubtless, he meant by this statement, mainly the white people. If Anderson County is to-day in this pitiable condition, how much better off may we credit the people of the whole State. The picture is not over-drawn, and any one who is curious to know may go to the records, and find, like the Queen of Sheba, the worst has not been told. And yet, just before every election some paid interviewer waits upon the Governor, or some other high official, and such a picture of prosperity is made out as would amaze and dazzle the beholder. There is nothing like general prosperity in the country, anything else. There are many reasons that might be adduced for this depression, based upon our defective systems of farming, but as this is election year we beg leave to call attention to the still greater evils of vicious legislation, which prevail in our State and national councils. As there will be but one State ticket in the field, calmly consider the question of our State and National finances. The present banking system of the country puts it in the power of the bankers and Wall Street brokers to control the prices of the labor and products of fifty-five millions of people. Already by the stringency in the money market, produced by the contraction of the National currency, millions have been al-

ready abstracted from the earnings of labor, and transferred to the pockets of the bankers and speculators. The estimate is based on good authority, that 32,000,000 have been abstracted from the volume of the circulating medium of the country, when it was entirely too contracted before. And yet a democratic house and a republican senate, sitting in the Halls of legislation, from day to day, and making no effort to relieve the distresses of the country, by increasing the circulating medium. Coming down to State matters, the salaries of all our officials might be reduced 20 per cent., without detriment, and then the clerk hire, in most cases, ought to be dispensed with entirely, or reduced at least 50 per cent. And then the Registration officers should have their salaries reduced to a reasonable compensation for actual services rendered, or abolish the office altogether, and enjoin the duty upon our trial justices, at a far less expense to the state. The office of Auditor could be abolished altogether, and devolve the duty of assessment upon the treasurer—make it the duty of your legislators, so to change the collection of taxes that it shall be only once a year, and that in the Fall. Restore the old Usury law of seven per cent., instead of ten. This action on the part of a democratic legislature increasing the rate of interest added to the indebtedness of the people, millions of dollars, and yet they claim to be the peculiar guardians of the people's interests. Provide at once for funding the public debt, so that the interest may be reduced to 3 or 4 per cent. We have said nothing about the appropriations for the College, the Citadel Academy, and the canal, as the public sentiment, on those appropriations, is so well defined, that no one need make any mistake on those points. But it is said by some that it is useless to fight these appropriations, for the people of the lower half of the State, are determined on this policy, and we cannot alter it.

T. H. R.

NOT DAAD, BUT SLEEPETH.—A freight conductor on a certain railway recently reported that a man was lying doubled up near the track, some distance back, and he feared he had been killed. The east bound passenger train was telegraphed to stop and examine. The train stopped, and the entire crew and most of the passengers got off in great excitement to examine the prostrate form. 'See how he is doubled up,' said one. 'Poor fellow that must be just the way he fell.' Doesn't seem to be bloody,' said another. 'He moves,' said a third. 'He isn't dead, anyway; seems to be breathing all right.' 'I don't believe he is much hurt,' said the first man; 'here, what's the matter? Can't you hear?' The figure raised up, and, wiping his eyes with a pair of grimy fists, said: 'It beats hell if a man can't lay down and take a nap without having an excursion train to turn out and gaze at him.'

W. S. GREGORY, our Foreman and Publisher, is authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions, Job work and advertisements for THE MESSENGER.

A CRY FOR HELP ANSWERED.
DR. HAINES' GOLDEN SPECIFIC,
A POSITIVE AND RADICAL CURE FOR
DRUNKENNESS.

To the Wives, Mothers, and Sisters of Drinking Men:—
It lies in your own hands to save the husband, son, or brother from the awful disease of drunkenness. The Golden Specific can be administered without the knowledge of the patient. By simply placing it in coffee, tea, or in articles of food or drink, its presence will not be detected either by taste or smell, and after a few days
TAKING A DRINK OF LIQUOR IS A PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY.

Drunkenness is a disease, not a weakness. Primarily the appetite for alcoholic drinks must be cultivated; but when the appetite is once formed, it is as much a disease as any other affliction for which medicine is administered. Every nerve, tissue and pore of the body is but a famished wolf with a million mouths gnawing upon the system and craving for alcohol. Pledges, temperance lectures, "dreadful examples," prayers, resolutions—all are futile. Not one man in a thousand can withstand the battle; not because he has not the desire, but because he is physically weak. He could as easily abstain from eating food after a famine with a banquet at his hand, as to deny his hungry system in its awful craving for liquor.

THE SPECIFIC AND LIQUOR CAN NOT EXIST IN THE SYSTEM TOGETHER.

It would be amusing, were it not pitiful, to watch the man to whom the Specific has been given without his knowledge. At first, out of habit, and not realizing that the good work has begun, he pours out his drink. He swallows it and shudders. The next attempt, he raises the liquor to his lips, gets its odor in his nostrils, and as he glass down, suddenly with the remark that "somehow, I am not whiskey hungry." From this moment he is saved. No physical prostration, no "jim-jams," no ill-effects will appear—the man is no more a drunkard than the child who never knew the taste of liquor. **The Cure is Permanent.**

WIVES, MOTHERS, SISTERS,

Can you afford to neglect this means of saving the husband, son, or brother? As certain as that you love and desire to save the crying one, so certain do we offer you the means to accomplish such a result. Instead of sitting hopelessly at home, praying for the help that does not come; instead of putting one iota of trust in any system of pledges or reform,

COME TO THE RESCUE YOURSELVES.

You can administer this remedy quietly, easily and without the patient's knowledge. **It never fails,** and the cure is rapid, positive and permanent.

In hundreds of cases where Dr. Haines has administered the remedy in his own practice, **there never has been a failure.** He feels that wretchedness, blighted homes, suffering wives and children, every instinct of humanity, demand that the widest publicity be given this greatest of all beneficial discoveries. It is sold at a price which will enable us to accomplish such a work, while not placing the remedy beyond the reach of any one. The Specific is prepared in powdered form and put up in packages for mailing, or shipping by express. Especial care is taken that the contents can not be damaged to any but the party addressed, as there are many who are sensitive on this point; besides, to let its nature be known might frustrate the plans for its administration. One package will cure any ordinary case. Two packages will cure the most obstinate case. **This is positively guaranteed, or money refunded.** **PRICES: One Package by Mail, post paid, \$2.00. Two Packages by One Order, \$5.00.** Send Money by Registered Letter, Express, Postal Note, or Money Order. Address such and make all payments to

GOLDEN SPECIFIC CO., 135 Race Street, Cincinnati, O.

We do not parade in public print the names of those whose experience prompts them to write us grateful letters. The following are extracts from original letters, with translations of letters, being on file in our office.
Creston, Iowa.—Our son is saved. Thanks be to God and the Golden Specific. Every word of your advertisement is true.
Cleveland, Ohio.—My husband is cured, and he does not know the cause. He thinks he has proved himself a hero. Not once did he suspect the medicine was in his coffee when he drank it. He now wonders why so many weak folk get into such a state.
Bonnet, Ind.—For fifteen years my husband had our lives a curse. He would not reform if he could. Your remedy cured him, and he could not get it. I told him yesterday what I had done, and he says he will never drink again. That he could not get it, I wanted to see.
Carthage, Mo.—I got a double dose. My wife gave it to me in my coffee without my knowledge, while I had ordered the medicine to be put in my coffee. I suffered no harm, and when we compared notes after my cure, you should have seen us. We are the happiest family in the state.

New Store! New Goods!

—CALL ON—
W. H. BRYANT & CO.,
Easley, S. C., 1st door W. of P. O.,
AND BUY YOUR
Bacon, Lard, Fish, Salt, Flour
Meal, Pearl Grits, Rice, Sugar, Coffee,
Syrup, Molasses, Starch, Candles,
Cheese, Crackers, Oranges, Candies,
Canned goods, Tobacco, Cigars,
Pepper, Spices, Ginger, Flavoring
Extracts, Indigo, Madder, Borax,
Alum, Salts, and all kinds of Staple
and Fancy Groceries. Smoke

"Carhart's Lillian" Segars.

All at "Rock Bottom" prices, for Cash or Barter.

Very respectfully,
W. H. BRYANT & CO.

Sept 12—ly.

BLACKSMITHING

In all its branches, done by

JAMES ROSEMOND.

Easley, S. C.

Give him a call and satisfaction will be given, both as to work and charges

Established 1864.
No Patent No Pay.

PATENTS

Obtained for Mechanical Devices, Com-pounds, Designs and Labels.

All preliminary examinations as to patentability of inventions, Free. Our "Guide for Obtaining Patents," is sent free everywhere. Address,

LOUIS BAGGER & CO.

Solicitors of Patents,

May 30th Washington, D. C.

DO YOU KNOW

THAT
LORILLARD'S CLIMAX
PLUG TOBACCO,

with Red Tin Tag; **Rose Leaf** Fine Cut Chewing; **Navy Clippings**, and Black, Brown and yellow **SNUFFS** are the best and cheapest, quality considered.
aug 8 1y

Easley Academy.

Second Session for 1884, will begin September 1st, and continue Four School Months.

TERMS.

Primary Dep'm't, per month, \$1.50
Intermediate " " 2.00
Academic " " 3.00
Select Course " " 2.50
Incidental Fee, per Session, 50
Music Extra.

Board in Private families, per Month, 10.00

For particulars, address
C. W. MOORE, Principal,
Easley, S. C.

Aug 29, 1884, 3m.

Lime! Lime! Lime!

CAN BE BOUGHT OF
H. J. GIGNILLIAT,
Easley, S. C.,

Either in Car Load Lots or by the single barrell at very **CHEAP RATES.**

Oct 12—tf