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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Prof. Lyons' meteorological summary of the month is unusually interesting. The school children should be made familiar with it each month as it is one of those matters which touch their daily lives.

There has been little rain for seven months, and there is some apprehension that the artesian wells are failing. The facts do not warrant any serious fear of that kind, provided the facts furnished by Prof. Lyons give sufficient data. As to their accuracy, Prof. Lyons' name is an absolute guarantee of that.

The normal amount of rainfall for the month is 2.04 feet. There has fallen since January 1st, 17.57 feet.

During the month of September the rainfall was 0.80. The waterworks were pumping about 3,000,000 gallons of artesian water per day. A number, perhaps 20, other artesian wells were discharging many millions gallons more of water night and day in and near the city.

But according to Prof. Lyons' statements, the fall of water in the artesian well which he constantly measures, was, during this dry month of September, from 34.4 feet above sea level to 34.2 feet above the same level. The fall therefore of water in that well was only two-tenths of a foot during the month. If the water in the artesian well measured by Prof. Lyons is connected at a greater or less depth with the entire subterranean water storage, it seems to be evident that there is not much danger of any failure of the water supply for the city even if the demand should increase indefinitely. The waste of artesian water from flowing wells is prodigal. If conserved, it would supply double the present population of the city. With a deficiency of 7.50 feet of rainfall up to date, and a decrease in this representative well of only two-tenths of a foot during the last month, which was a dry one, the decrease is small. Prof. Lyons states, however, that since the artesian wells were made in 1881, there has been a general fall of nine feet. This would make an average fall of about six inches every year. Whether the data justify the conclusion that it will continue, remains an open question.

A RADICAL VIEW.

The Advertiser in discussing the aspects of the missionary work done here and elsewhere, has suggested that the younger generation of Christian men and women, were taking new and somewhat radical views of the nature of the work, and the means for making it effective.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, one of the leading Christian thinkers of America, expressed some new and noticeable views on the subject, in his remarks made recently, in the International Congregational council. The Springfield Republican sums up his remarks in the following words:

"The practical repudiation of Christian missions as a pioneer force in civilization is formally and flatly made a part of Dr. Abbott's creed. He said that missions 'may save some individual lives, and will emancipate some fragments of some tribes, but as far as the illumination of Africa is concerned the mission stations are like glow-worms in the midnight darkness of a great meadow. If Africa is to be redeemed, first must go the law and after that the gospel.' A little further on he said, in so many words, that he put law before the gospel as the means of the world's redemption, and said that the authority of the law must be established before an effort is made to give the gospel. His argument was supported by the illustration of England's course, and he favored military conquest of inferior nations as a preliminary to giving them the gospel. Dr. Abbott has, in public and with emphatic formality, declared that the present missionary policy is a failure, and he holds up to ridicule what has been done by the American board and other missionary bodies in Africa for over half a century. By the same standard the missions in China and all other parts of the world are a failure. Yet the American board has heard, year after year, for 75 years, reports from the front which have encouraged them to labor on, struggling for larger rewards. First of all should come the military conquest of Africa, China and the other heathen parts of the world. Force should be used, and after that has prevailed, then the gospel of love should be preached to the people whom the armies were killing just before. He justified war in his apotheosis of law. 'The army is a necessary means of enforcing obedience to law,' he said, and his whole argument was in defense of the predominance of force until force shall have conquered the world, and

then it will be ample time to preach about divine love."

The Republican does not furnish the exact words spoken by Dr. Abbott, but summarizes his speech.

Dr. Abbott's views do not concern the mission work now done in these Islands, because we have, at least outwardly, law and order. But they do present the case, in such a manner, that if they had been accepted one hundred years ago, foreign missions would not have been undertaken.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

An item in the Advertiser of yesterday called attention to the need of drinking fountains for man and beast in this place.

For animals there is now only one, if the evidence of several hack-drivers is correct. For man there is substantially none. The need of them in the case of animals is so obvious that it requires no argument. Those who take a kindly interest in them declare that the absence of convenient watering places, causes a large amount of suffering to the many animals used in town, especially among those owned by the poorer classes of people, who drive them from some remote places in the rural parts. A community which is, on the whole, rather indifferent to the cause of preventing cruelty to animals, will not take much interest in such a trivial affair as providing drinking fountains for creatures that can't take care of themselves. One would expect in a generous community, that these horse drinking fountains would be found in many places, as the gifts of humane people, but benevolence does not seem to run in that direction.

As to man, the case is still more serious.

An officer in one of the regiments in transitu, says that at a railway station in Indiana, at which the trains conveying troops stopped for five minutes, a plain farmer, handicapped with benevolence, placed five barrels of ice water on the platform, and whenever a train pulled up, every thirsty soldier had a drink of cool water. Whenever the coming of a train with troops was wired, the farmer bought the ice and carted it to the station, and his barrels were full of cool water when the train stopped.

The effervescing character of our kindness is seen in the extravagant entertainment of the advanced forces, stopping here in transitu to Manila. The community generously gave \$30,000 for their entertainment. But we have lately had, as many as three thousand soldiers on shore at one time, and have not even tendered them a glass of cold water. The saloons, of course do, for every saloon gives ice water freely, because it pays. The fixing of several hogheads on the docks, near the transports, in which ice water was placed, would have been gratefully acknowledged by many thousands of enlisted men who had shore leave for a few hours or days. This cheap charity of furnishing cool water for the men who are carrying the flag into Asia, has been entirely neglected. Its cost would have been insignificant. The earnest "Flag wavers" are so absorbed in their arduous and patriotic duties, it cannot

be expected that they should stoop down to do such an insignificant service as that of providing cool water for thirsty soldiers. For, what has that to do with "waving?"

Still it is a pity that the plain farmer of Indiana had not settled here, and made the enlisted men grateful.

ADMIRAL BARKER.

Capt. A. S. Barker has been assigned to the command of the navy yard at Portsmouth, Virginia. The Advertiser, speaking on behalf of his many and warm friends residing here, congratulates him in advance on his reception of the rank of Rear-Admiral which will take place within a few days. One of the charming features of our insular life has been the pleasant social intercourse of our people with many of the officers of the navy.

But we have a special interest and perhaps an investment, in Capt. Barker, because here he struck the matrimonial flag, and unconditionally surrendered to a charming woman.

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TIMELY TOPICS
August 11th, 1899.

The Burglar

Is enjoying a regular picnic here just now, and no matter how much he may be hated and despised, he cannot be blamed for "taking things as they come." It is nature—his own peculiar one, no doubt. The nature of the policeman is shown in the speedy manner in which the burglar is sought after—we were almost saying, caught. However, "Safe bind is safe find," and the—

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