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Dear Editor of the CRESSET Brushyknob Mo

Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines to my friends in old Douglas Co. that may like to hear from me.

I and my son Willie left Norwood the morning of Nov. 27th. Arrived at K. C. the morning of the 28 taken the Burlington and St. Joseph train at 9.55. Arriving at Stillings Mo. at 10:30 the same morning where my son H. O Baker was in waiting our arrival to drive us to my brother W. H. H. Bakers where they had prepared Thanksgiving dinner such as was hard to beat with goose and all of the luxuries of Platte Co. products which the writer you know enjoyed.

After dinner my brother and I taken a drive over the country looking at the great fields of corn and fall wheat, such a corn crop was never known as they have in Platte Co. this year; the corn is going from 70 to 80 bu. per. acre.

We expect to visit here until Thursday and then my brother W. H. H. Baker will j[illegible] us and we will go direct to Florence Arizona where my daughter Minnie lives where we expect to spend the winter.

Very Truly Yours,
J. A. Baker.

Home Circle Column.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TEACHER

A teacher can never expect to be a real success unless he brings the right spirit to his work. If he undertakes it from merely sordid considerations, with no appreciations of the fact that his progression offers him not only the means of obtaining a good livelihood, but also a channel through which he may greatly benefit mankind, and win the lasting respect of his generation in memories upon his work with no thought of this ennobling fact, the chances that he will worthily fulfill his duties are small. The teacher should bring to his work an earnest, faithful enthusiastic, appreciative spirit, a spirit that yearns above all things to be useful to its race, that places self-seeking and gain far beneath the upright consistent adherence to duty; that can see the stamp of honor and promise upon the most unlovely child, and is able to labor early and late, not to amass wealth, but to be able to say when the end of all things on earth come to him that the "world is better for the living"

Of this spirit are teachers that the world delights to honor as true ornaments to their profession.

When hearts are broken and friends fail, this active stirring world of ours makes room for us all to go to work and forget our troubles: If it were not for something to do and the chance to do it, what would become of the mother when her baby dies? Do you think she would ever recover from such an anguish if she found nothing to do but clasp the empty cradle and fondle the unused garments? Be up and doing then. Oh, broken hearted children of our common parent sorrow. So shall the heart bleed and the balm be yielded. Work will keep off pity's pension list and maintain in your bosom the soul of a steadfast soldier rather than that of a whimper and a craven Thank the destiny that sends you many for tasks prompt fulfillment and many perplexing things for wise adjustment, otherwise you would that throbs with fresh pain whenever night comes and the duties of the day are hushed to rest. It is then that the old sword thrust rankles and the old wound revives: it is then that the throws off its disguise and "sorrow's crown sorrow" crushes its thorn into our brow: it is then that the heavens melt and nothing is left but the intense hopeless despair.

Seek work, then, as panacea of pain, and in a busy life forget the [illegible] of sorrow that never can be cured.

HOW TO BE MISERABLE.

In the first place, if you want to be mis-rable, be [illegible] think all the time of yourself; and of your own things. Don't care for anybody else. Have no feeling for anybody out yours of. Never think of enjoying the satisfaction of seeing others happy, but rather, if you see a smiling face, be jealous lest another should enjoy what you have not. Envy every one who is better off in any respect than yourself, think unkindly toward them and speak lightly of them. Be constantly afraid lest some one should encroach upon your rights; be watchful of it and if one comes near your things, snap him like a dog. Cherish carness for everything that is your own in right, may not be worth a pin, for your "rights" are in it as much concerned as though it were a pound of gold. Never yield a point. Be very sensitive, and take everything that is said to you in playfulness in the most serious manner. Be jealous of your friends lest they should not think enough of you: and if at any time they should seem to neglect you, put the worst construction upon their conduct you can. Then you will keep yourself unhappy.

THE PROFESSION OF MOTHERHOOD.

It is a difficult profession—this profession of motherhood. In the animal kingdom, as the offspring grow older the parents withdraw their ministrations, but in the human family the older children grow the more diplomacy and enthusiasm is needed by the ruling spirit. When the boys begin to get unruly and the girls begin to get silly—the husband gets less willing to make an effort and more ready to sit quietly by the fire in the evening—then it is that many a family drifts apart. But the mother can have no holiday. She must always be on tip. The only difference is that as the children grow older she must pretend that it is they and not she who are managing affairs.

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There is no happier nor more cozy picture of home life than the little family group gathered about the evening lamp while some member of it reads aloud. These evening readings can be made educational and develop in many ways: which the eager feminine mind eager for improvement will easily devise.

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The glad joyful festal time draws near and unnumbered hearts are beating in delightful anticipation. Store windows are decked in holiday attire. The holly and evergreen hang in festoons and the wonderful Christmas tree is gradually putting in appearance. Voices ring out in [illegible] of songs and choruses for exhibition night. Merry Christmas will soon be here.

OUR FIELD OF LABOR,

Twenty three years ago, we entered into this field. But during this time, we took but little interest in political parties—Just a few times during this period, we mentioned politics thru our paper.

And that was generally done on the fly and thought of Prohibitionism. And several times we said thru the columns of the Cresset, that we were a Bible Scriptural people, an Anti-slavery Lincoln Republican. For he was a Bible Christian. He worked and moreover fought for a universal brotherhood of mankind, which was and is the avowed principle of the Word of God.

These principals from Lincoln's inauguration up to this present campaign had been by degrees set aside with the two old parties. And a profit system set up instead. Which gave to the political class in power—(possessed by Catholicism) the Farmer, and the slave. And the great bosses, was saw or felt the Rev. in this two fold manner.

"The merchandise of gold and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood and all manner vessels of ivory and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass and iron and marble.

And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour, and wheat and beasts and sheep and horses, and chariots and slaves and souls of men."! Rev. 18—12—13.

Here is the dark doings of a Catholic, ridden party. Herein is the slaves, and souls of men.

A profit system run under the head of political parties with no Christ in them—controled by poperyism. We must say! That once Grand Old Republican party, under the administration of Abraham Lincoln, has faded into a boss ridden party—Selfishness its girdle. And there was apparantly no check to it—The Democratic party with all its hammering and knocking could do no good, being tarred with the same pitch—We notice next the Socialist party with a fine platform, but lacking the noble plank of righteousness.

This was and is the great cause of the parties weakness in coming to the front, they claiming that religion and politics do not go together, or should not be mixed up with religion.

And right here we must say, that a government that cannot be controlled by righteousness, should not exist over any people, much less the American people.

And when we saw a great mass of people stepping out on the platform of righteousness, with the Motto, "Thou shalt not steal," and the ten commands as a lamp to them, pressing the battle of Armagiddon to the gate. We could not help but say "Amen," For we now saw something that we had for 23 years longed to see. And what we had labored long and hard for, namely equal rights to all, and special privileges to none.

Those Holy principals are all imbodied in the Preamble and resolutions. And especially in the two great Commandments which are, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself, on these two commandments hang all the prophets." All political parties have claimed that religion and politics should not be mixed together. [illegible] a Bible man Garfield was assassinated. But in opposition to this we have claimed that religion should govern in every instance.

And the password in the mouth of every citizen, should be Bible doctrine and righteousness should be the watchword of the people. Then there would be nothing but a square deal in Friendship, Love and Truth. In Friendship and Fellowship in Love and Truth. And as the Progressive party has come to stay, and as its motto has been made to [illegible] that there shall be no stealing. And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, are the leading thoughts to be with us this Party, we say Amen.

The E[illegible] the [illegible] Principle [illegible] just for [illegible] principal [illegible] as ever [illegible] hearts and [illegible] of their advocates. They [illegible] must be victory over the head of all opposition and for this reason we say, that all Progressive men and women should not rest, but as the battle hard for the next four years. And organize permanently. [illegible] Roosevelt. And to [illegible] Bull Moose Party. Which makes a greater stride in three years than any other organization ever did in a same length of time, worth of to behold.

[illegible] could not help but [illegible] of the success of the Progressive Party, they had with [illegible] leader, and he [illegible] to the Rev Johnson.

There is no one who took part but [illegible] should be proud of the Noble cause [illegible] paused; one man never could do done the great work in such a short period of time. So may the people continue with their leader to [illegible] back in organizing work.

We have [illegible] on this line for the number of years, named above. And we intend to fight on until we see every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree where no man does molest or make afraid. With the word of God [illegible] lead and a light to our path. We shall press on to the mark for the [illegible] prize.

[illegible] more [illegible] sternness. We [illegible] Governor Wilson [illegible] Progressive for be[illegible] And if [illegible] as his [illegible] will move in [illegible] securing [illegible] golden rule.

[illegible] of progression which belongs in "Home industry."

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Very truly [illegible]
J. H. M[illegible]

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