MEMPHIS APPEAL.

SATURDAY, : : DEC. 25 1886.

CHRISTMAS ONCE AGAIN.

Once more Christmas, with its many endearing associations, is with us, celebrating the birth of a person who has produced a more profound and beneficial influence upon the human kind than any other human being that ever lived. Christmas with its cheering influences is with us once again—from Cape Horn to the Arctic sea, over the extent of this vast continent that was of yore covered with savage darkness where not overwhelmed with cruel superstition, the name of the Jew who was born in Bethlehem in a stable, is now acclaimed by millions of tongues. In "merry England" something of the old mirth sparkles this Christmas morning. In all her wide colonies, in vast Australia where the midsummer sun is pouring down his fervid beams, in lately cannibal Fiji, in New Zealand, on the vast African plains, in the wide expanse of India, and on a thousand far off islands, gladness and mirth greet old Christmas. In the solemn fanes of the European continent the prayer of the white-robed priest, the inspiring voices of chanting choirs, echo this morning to the vault of heaven, because glad, merry Christmas is with us once more. Shall those only who have means to feast on this auspicious day be glad? Shall we selfishly rejoice, unmindful of those whose tables are bare, whose limbs totter in the cold, whose homes are invaded by the pitiless blasts of the winter winds? You who feast and rejoice, spread your joy. Let other faces smile because you are glad, let other pulses beat the livelier because your heart is light. You rejoice; then make the poor widow, for a brief day, forget her sorrow, and upon your good cheer earn the blessing of the fatherless. You are sharing in the riches He dispensed who was born in poverty nineteen hundred years ago, and He identified himself with these impoverished and sorrowing ones. Are you grateful? He asks you to show that gratitude to the poor, then it is done to Himself. Merry Christmas, we welcome you, and shall we not make it welcome even in abodes of woe by cheering downcast hearts with generous gifts? Christmas, Christmas once again, and once again, for almost its fiftieth Christmas, the old APPEAL bids its esteemed readers "Merry Christmas!"

LEASING CONVICT LABOR A FAILURE.

The advocates of the system of leasing out the labor of the penitentiary convicts are principally those who are concerned in leasing and making high profits out of that labor. Beside those, there are some citizens who think that the State gains money by the system, saving themselves something in the way of taxes. There is no such saving, but the exact contrary. Where it is made an object to reform convicts, each one whose term expires, when he is reformed, becomes a self supporting member of society, and thus the number of that portion of the population that supplies subjects for the penitentiary is decreased. Reformatory influences are lost sight of when the object is solely to get as much work out of the convict as possible, and to increase the profits of the capitalists who prefer as workmen cheap rogues to fairly paid honest men. That the lease system instead of bringing a revenue to the State is an addition to the cost of the prison system, is proved by statistics we find in the Chattanooga *Times*, of five States, of which the following gives the names, population and number of imprisoned convicts:

	Population.	Convicts.
Georgia	1,542,000	1,438
Tennessee	1,542,000	1,510
Illinois	5,077,000	1,847
Ohio	3,198,000	1,278
Pennsylvania	4,282,000	1,537

Georgia and Tennessee have equal populations, the Georgia prison management is even more than that of Tennessee, and accordingly Georgia has the greater number of convicts. Ohio was long ago discerning enough to discover the loss caused by the lease system and abandoned it, and now so wisely manages its penitentiary that while Ohio has one convict to every 2,502 of her population, Tennessee has one to every 1179; Tennessee has the smallest population of the two, and yet has thirty-two more convicts than Ohio. Illinois, like Tennessee, follows the lease system, yet while her population is 120,000 below that of Ohio, she has 569 more convicts. These figures tell their own story, and what they say should induce Tennessee to stop a policy which is not only a crime, as depriving the criminal of reformation influences, but a blunder, by having the worst system while incurring the greatest proportional expense. The penitentiary lessees pay the State $100,000 a year, and the State's criminal prosecutions cost $180,000 a year. There are more criminals, and consequently more crimes where the penitentiary system, instead of aiding to reform the criminal, permits the young to learn evil from the hardened in crime. Where benevolence and regard for one's fellow creatures has no influence, the lower motive of saving needless expense, and diminishing the number of those who prey upon property and take life, should induce every citizen of Tennessee to oppose strenuously the continuance of the leasing system. The leasing system must go.

A TOUCHING STORY.

The Manassas *Gazette* of Saturday last has a relation by Mr. J. L. Rice of a war incident that is far out of the common way. Briefly stated, at the battle of Bull Run Col. Rice, then a private in the Second New Hampshire Regiment, was shot through the lungs. He was carried near to Sudley Church, where the surgeons were attending to the wounded. The approach of the enemy drove these away, leaving him, apparently dead, and lying under a fence. Two days after the battle he recovered consciousness. He could not move; the flies clustered about the wound, and he lay alone, suffering and hopeless. Amos Benson and his wife, returning from Sudley Church, where they had been assisting the wounded Yankee boys, caught sight of him. On discovering that he was alive, the services of a doctor was asked, but he said he had too many to attend to to give time to so hopeless a case. The good Bensons, however, stood by him, bathed, fed and attended to him until in ten days he was well enough to be taken from the fence and gain attention from the doctor, and eventually he recovered and was sent to Libby prison. For twenty-five years Mr. Rice thought of those who had saved him, but joining an excursionist party to Gettysburg a few weeks ago, he hastened on to Bull Run to ask after his deliverers. They were still living, and it is hard to tell whether their joy or his was greatest at the meeting. They told him that when they had found him they regarded him as an enemy whom they might neglect, then came the thought that the Christian must do good, even to his enemy, and they gave him their tenderest care. Before returning Col. Rice asked what he could do to testify his gratitude. They declared nothing was was due to them, but on his persisting, Mr. Benson said their church had been destroyed in the war. With much difficulty, for the neighborhood is poor, they had rebuilt it, but a debt of $200 on it hung a heavy weight on the congregation, and if he could help a little there his helpers would think themselves amply paid. On reaching his home Col. Rice gave a narrative of what the Benson's had done for him, and asked if any would join him in paying off the church debt. These Easterners, once so despised in Old Virginia, responded heartily, and in a few days $235 was sent to Sudley Church, the very creed and denomination of which Col. Rice was entirely ignorant of; but he says he knew that a church that produced such Christians was a good and true church. And the Yankees of New Hampshire that so promptly raised the money for a church in the South, is no credit due to them? Here also we have another instance of the happy fact that we are again one people, of one nation, with one government and glorying in one flag. We cannot but think of the words "the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and a little child shall lead them."

A Disastrous Fire.

LIVERPOOL, December 24.—The largest and most disastrous fire in Liverpool since the year 1847, occurred this morning, when the extensive general retail stores of John Lewis & Co., on Brunswick road, were entirely destroyed. The stores contained an enormous Christmas stock, all of which was consumed, as was also an attractive menagerie connected with the establishment. When the firemen had secured such control of the flames as to be able to confine them to the burning premises, it was noticed that the large polar bear in the menagerie was still alive and comparatively unhurt, though surrounded by flames. A determined effort was at once made to rescue the fine brute. A powerful stream of water was kept in full play on the cage, and a number of daring men made their way under the current to the cage. This they wrenched from its fastenings, and grappling it with chains and bars managed, the bear desperately flying at them all the while, to drag its occupant from the fire, just before the walls of the burning buildings fell in with a crash. The rescue of the bear was witnessed by thousands of people and greeted with great cheering. The loss is placed at $2,000,000.

The Haddock Murder.

CHICAGO, December 24.—A special to the *News* from Sioux City, Iowa, says: The *Daily News* correspondent has found another eye witness of the murder of Haddock. This man's name has never been mentioned in connection with the affair. He will be used as a witness on the trial, but at this time fears to have his name published lest he will meet with violence at the hands of the accused men. Such is the reign of terror in this city. There are undoubtedly a dozen men in Sioux City who saw the murder who have been afraid to say a word. Some of them have been driven to leave town. The new witness refuses at present to say whom he will identify as the clergyman's assassin, but the inference from his story is that it will be the wealthy brewer, Arensdorff.

A Quarrel Ends in Murder.

LOUISVILLE, KY., December 24.—A special from Marysville reports the killing of Frank Jefferson, aged 40 years, by Alfred and Sam Jefferson, both under 20 years of age. The parties were not related. There was a general quarrel and a shooting scrape, with the above result.

Poisoned by Eating Canned Fruit.

CINCINNATI, O., December 24.—The whole family of Joseph Seidelot, a car painter, consisting of himself, wife and a 6 year old son, were poisoned today by eating canned green peas. Seidelot died tonight, but his wife and child may recover.

Mulford's, 294 Main.

He With Disturbing the Tally Sheet.

COLUMBUS, O., December 24.—Judge Wylie, of the Common Pleas Court, today ordered a special grand jury to be impaneled on Monday to hear the charges against the five men who were bound over by a justice charged with committing the Thirteenth Ward tally sheet forgery in this city one year ago last fall.

Mulford, Jeweler, 294 Main street, solicits orders from the country.

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There is one thing nobody ever regrets—that is, the day they first adopted Parker's Tonic as their regular family medicine. Its range is so wide and its good effects so sure, that nothing else, except good nursing, are needed in a great majority of cases. Buy it, try it, and afterward it will not require any praise from us.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

STREETS AND STORES THRONGED WITH PEOPLE

Busy Buying Presents for Friends and Loved Ones—Services at the Churches.

Judged by the throngs of people that made Main and Beale streets almost impassable during the past week Memphis must have celebrated Christmas last evening on a scale of liberality unprecedented in her history. The retailers all did a rushing business, and were, without exception, compelled to employ extra help in order to enable them to attend to the wants of the ever changing stream of purchasers that swept through their stores. Even up to a late hour last night the shops were crowded with purchasers and the streets a living mass of people, jostling each other good humoredly and pushing their way in opposite directions, with pockets and arms and hands loaded with parcels. At many of the churches Christmas trees had been prepared, loaded with gifts for the poor, and at the

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

on East Court street, a delightful entertainment was provided by the children of the Sunday school. It was in the nature of a play in which between fifty and sixty children of both sexes and ranging in age from three years to thirteen, took part. The plot is thus described in the programme.

Scene 1.—A number of school children are giving their school mate, Gracie Wells, a surprise party. Before leaving Gracie's home, they resolve to write a letter to Santa Claus, requesting him to remember a poor little girl and her mother. Santa Claus gets the letters and visits the poor little girl's house, leaving many gifts.

Scene 2.—(After an interval of twelve hours.) On Christmas morning the children meet again, and the story of Santa Claus's kindness is told, which causes much rejoicing.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Winnie Worrell	Miss Minnie Falls
Gracie Wells	Miss Sallie Forrest
Susie Gray	Miss Mildred McIntyre
Alice Reeves	Miss Georgie Lee
Harry Warren	Master Dwight Wheeler
Willie Brown	Master Thomas Stewart
Georgie Lee	Master Wm. Walden
Santa Claus	H. J. Forsdick

The scenes were interspersed with dialogues, recitations and songs by the children above named, conspicuous among whom for general excellence were Miss Minnie Falls and Miss Sallie Forrest, both of whom recited with grace and skill. They also sang very sweetly, and are possessed of voices that promise well for the future. A little chip of a girl, barely two feet high, also distinguished herself by an admirably spoken piece in verse which had been assigned to her. The little miss, though not over 8 years of age, surprised the audience by her clear, bell like voice, her easy gestures, and the art and winsome grace that characterized her delivery of the lines she was charged with. She was rewarded with a genuine and spontaneous round of applause. Her name is Emma Wheeler, and she is the owner of one brightest and cutest little faces that ever peeped out of a miniature poke bonnet.

Ten songs were sung by the children during the course of the evening, and the precision and fine harmony with which it was done speaks volumes for the skillful training of Prof. Downs, who drilled them for the occasion. At the conclusion of the exercises, Mr. Waddell advanced and in behalf of the Young Ladies' Society of the Cumberland Church

PRESENTED MRS. M C GALLAWAY

with a handsome silk quilt, the work of its fair donors. Mrs. Gallaway rose and with much feeling accepted the gift, declaring that words were inadequate to express her profound appreciation of the gift. The quilt is a magnificent piece of handwork, and is the joint production of upwards of fifty young ladies, each of whom contributed a square, without reference and without being permitted to see what her coiaborers were doing. The result is a surprisingly happy combination of every color of the rainbow, forming a mosaic of silk with a crimson plush and velvet border, that is a constant delight to the eye. It is lined with crimson satin, and each young lady has embroidered the initials of her name upon her own contribution. Altogether, it is a gorgeous present, fully worthy of its estimable donee and its lovely donors.

Mr. Waddell also, on behalf of the young ladies,

PRESENTED THE REV. H. A. JONES

with a beautiful clock, which he accepted in a neat and graceful little address, in which he took occasion to refer to the continuous career of benevolence and charity that has marked Mrs. Gallaway's connection with the Cumberland Church through a period of nearly fifty years. The reverend gentleman expressed himself as more profoundly grateful for the gift presented to her than for anything that could have been presented to him. In this complimentary strain he continued for several minutes, and it was very evident that he was deeply touched as he recalled incident upon incident illustrative of Mrs. Gallaway's devotion to the cause of charity and truth and godliness.

After the reverend gentleman had concluded, Miss Sadie Forrest approached him and presented him with $10 on behalf of Mr. Lemaster's Sunday school.

After he had expressed his thanks the children marched down stairs, where an abundance of Christmas presents awaited them. A pleasant feature of the affair was a row of parcels, something like 100 in number, containing presents for the poor deposited there by kind hands and tender hearts.

PREPARATIONS FOR TODAY

have been extensively made, and at all the Catholic and Episcopal churches special services will be held. At

CAVALRY CHURCH

there will be early communion at 7:15 o'clock a.m. and services at 11 o'clock a.m., the Rev. Davis Sessums officiating. The following musical programme has been arranged:

Introit—Anthem, Christians Awake, Warren
Venite ..... By Dudley Buck
Gloria Patri ..... Three Glorias, by Siebotn
Te Deum ..... Lloyd, in B flat
Benedictus ..... By Alb. W. Platte
Anthem—Angels from the Realms ..... Warren
Responses ..... By Berthold Tours
Hymn ..... No. 23, from Hymnal
Ascription ..... No. 277, from Hymnal
Offertory—Anthem, by Johnson, and Gloria in Excelsis, by Marno.
Holy, Holy, Holy ..... By Berthold Tours
Agnus Dei ..... By Berthold Tours
Gloria in Excelsis ..... By Berthold Tours
Hymn ..... No. 17, from Hymnal

The regular choir, under the leadership of Prof. Emile Levy, consists of the following voices: Sopranos, Misses Florence Gage and Lulu Goodman and Mrs. W. A. Gage; contralto, Miss Emma Peake; tenors, Messrs. W. A. Gage and George L. Castner; bass, Mr. A. Reis. For the offertory the following additions will be made to the choir: Altos, Misses Marie Hitzfeld and Emily Ebeler; tenor, Mr. G. D. Hutton.

AT GRACE CHURCH

the following programme will be observed:

MORNING.

Processional—Christmas Anthem, Christians Awake ..... Warren
Te Deum ..... Mora
Jubilate ..... From Stabat Mater
Church Hymnal 17
Church Hymnal 18
Offertory ..... Millard
Gloria in Excelsis ..... Mozart
Recessional—Christmas Anthem, Good Tidings ..... Danks

EVENING.

Processional—Christmas Anthem, Angels from the Realms of Glory
Cantate Domino ..... Danks
Deus Miseratur ..... Elliot
Offertory ..... Millard
Recessional—Christmas Anthem.

Choir.—Mrs. S. T. Carnes and Susie Greenwood, sopranos; Mrs. Mansford, alto; H. H. Hunter and Mr. Adams, tenors; J. F. Ryan, basso; Mrs. W. E. Hughes, organist.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

there was high mass at 5:30 o'clock this morning, Father Valentine celebrant and orator. Last mass at 10 o'clock a.m., vespers at 3:30 p.m. On Sunday solemn high mass of exposition at 10:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, high mass at 10 a.m. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock throughout the week.

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

the musical programme will be particularly attractive, as preparations have been made for weeks under the direction of Prof. C. H. Winker, who, in addition to his usual choir has enlisted a strong volunteer force.

At St. Mary's Church, St. Brigid's and St. Patrick's there will also be high mass at 5 a.m., and at each of them grand and solemn music will enchant the listener.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will

PRESENT EVERY CAR DRIVER

with a basket lunch today, commencing at 10 o'clock, at the following places: The Main street line drivers will be served from the corner of Fifth and Greenlaw streets, Chelsea; the Second street line from No. 153 Second street; the Elmwood line from No. 9 Walker avenue; the Shelby street line from No. 638 Shelby street; the Poplar and Vance street line from turntable on Poplar street.

At the City Hospital an excellent Christmas dinner will be set for the patients, a feast for which they are indebted to the kindness of Mrs. J. S. Andrews and Mrs. J. S. Menken, who have prepared the turkeys and other dainties with their own hands, and who will preside at its distribution.

THE HEAVY FAILURE

Of One of Boston's Richest Men.

BOSTON, MASS., December 24.—The *Advertiser* tomorrow will say that Perny Nickerson made an assignment this afternoon to Thomas H. Russell, of the firm of C. H. & T. H. Russell, No. 27 State street. His liabilities are about $200,000, with nominal assets of $150,000. C. Nickerson is an extensive ship owner, and has been doing business nearly half a century, and was noted among Boston's firmest merchants, consequently his assignment was a surprise to his friends generally. Some of them, however, have known for some time that he was somewhat embarrassed, and urged him to make a statement of his needs and allow them to help him through. This one has refused to do, preferring to bear his own losses and involve none of his friends. His manager states that the failure has resulted from the gradual depreciation of property in which he is interested. Expressions of sympathy for Mr. Nickerson are heard on all sides.

CABLEGRAMS.

DUBLIN, December 24.—Over a dozen League meetings were held in Ireland today.

ANTWERP, December 24.—The Court of Appeals has confirmed the sentence of the Anarchist Fortwin to six months' imprisonment.

LONDON, December 24.—The steamer Sasla, which sailed from Southampton this morning for New York, has on board £320,000 in gold.

LONDON, December 24.—Richard Henry's burlesque *Monte Cristo, Junior*, was produced at the Gaiety Theater last night and was received with rapturous applause.

DUBLIN, December 24.—Wm. O'Brien has begun an action for £5000 against the Dublin *Express* for libel in having accused him of being a swindler and an "Invincible."

LONDON, December 24.—Mr. Herbert Spencer, who has been restored to good health, will publish in January "Factors of Organic Evolution," enlarged from articles already printed.

LONDON, December 24.—Mr. Bright has written a letter in which he refuses to give an opinion on the Welsh Church question. He says he expects that that question will not be settled for a long time yet.

BERLIN, December 24.—The German newspapers publish a list of the German merchants engaged in trade in Bordeaux who the *Reveille* of that city demands shall be rigidly boycotted and driven out of France.

LONDON, December 24.—The Prince of Wales Theater produced last night an adaptation by Saville Clarke of *Alice in Wonderland*, the music by Walter Slaughter. The piece is a charming Christmas extravaganza and met with great success.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 24.—Miss Lillie Hinton, the well known actress, died at the residence of her father, Dr. Hinton, this morning of typhoid pneumonia.

FORT SMITH, ARK., December 24.—A dispatch from Deputy Marshal Tyson, at Muskogee, Creek Nation, reports the assassination of Capt. Sam Sixkiller, of the Indian police, by an unknown party tonight. No particulars.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 24.—The score at 11 o'clock tonight, the close of the fifth day was, Strokel, 328 miles, 5 laps; Hegelman, 315 miles; Vint 312 miles, 3 laps; Hughes, 3 6 miles, 8 laps; Elson, 291 miles, 9 laps; Golden, 274 miles, 11 laps.

CHICAGO, December 24.—A special to the *Inter Ocean* from Galena, Ill., says: Just before daybreak this morning, in this city, burglars entered the jewelry store of Julius Krueger of Main street, and robbed the safe of $250 in money and $500 worth of gold watches, diamonds and other jewelry. Up to this evening no clew to either the thieves or property has been discovered.

ATLANTA, GA., December 24.—Henry W. Grady was met at the depot tonight by an immense concourse of citizens to welcome him back and demonstrate their satisfaction at his speech before the New England Society in New York Wednesday night. The crowd escorted Mr. Grady to the Kimball House where he spoke.

Initial Rings at Mulford's.

Powderly's Princely Salary Inconsistent.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 24.—The *Tocsin*, the organ of the working men of this city, in its issue of tomorrow will say editorially: "From the number of secret circulars published by the head of the noble Order, it is to be inferred that the distinguished gentleman is trying to make it appear at least that he is earning the princely salary of $5000 a year. Many a poor Knight of Labor, in want, on the verge of starvation, is not earning more than enough to keep body and soul together during this Christmas season, while the heads of the order are reveling in all the luxuries their princely salaries afford. The officials certainly have battered their condition. Pile on the assessments."

Gold Pens at Mulford's.

WE HAVE NOT ANY BOYS.

THEY ARE ALL YOUNG MANLETS, DUDES AND DUDELETS.

Senile Amusements for the Children of Gotham — Striplings Who "Mash," Smoke and Drink.

Jo Howard in Boston *Globe:* The girls save their money for matinee seats. They crowd every theater in which pretty women are displayed upon the stage. They visit in throngs houses of entertainment in which spectacular pieces are given, and after the performance promenads the streets, joining the great army going up town and the other great army going down town, the ceaseless beating of the human tide upon the shore of endeavor and of effort.

I look in vain for the occupation of the boys and entertainment of the young men. I don't recall a boy with a hoop, a boy with a sled, a boy with a kite, in five years at the very least. In the skating season thousands of boys and girls of the poorer classes go to Central Park, and they are met in cars and on the streets with their skates slung over their arms, but skating in New York is an exceptional occurrence. Some winters we don't have an hour of it, other winters we have a few days. Thus far this winter, not a moment.

Actually, I am staggered to tell what the boys do with themselves.

We have coteries for dancing, clubs for baseball, but boys cannot dance all the time, and baseball is a pastime for a season only. I don't think I have seen a boy with a round jacket or any sort of a coat without a tail in ten years.

We haven't any boys.

They are all young manlets, dudes and dudelets.

They begin smoking when they are 7 years of age, and they are pretty well played out by the time they are 18 and 19. If I had smoked a cigar on my way to school when I was a boy I would have been thrashed when I entered the room, and I would have been thrashed when I got home, and I would have been sick at my stomach between times. But the schoolboys now wear high hats, tails to their coats, smoke cigarettes, and are clothed well. There is nothing in the Eden Musee that is half as funny as they are. Actually it seems as though humanity was turned heels over head.

Sitting in John Stetson's box the other night during the performance of *Princess Ida*, I looked through the audience and remarked at the time that there were over 150 boys there not over 18 years of age, all dressed in the hight of fashion, and every one of them went out, as a professional writer would say, "between every act," took his drink and his smoke, and going out for those cheerful purposes they actually couldn't wait until they got outside the door, but, pulling cigarette cases from one pocket and a match from the other, passing the door struck the match, lighted the cigarette and started forth upon the process of health depletion.

After the theater I went around to George Brown's.

George Brown, by the way, has been dead for two years, but the "property survives," and I am very fond of going there, surrounded with pictures, photographs, old time play bills, memoristic reminiscences of great men in journalism, great lights on the stage, famous people in literature and science. One can get an appetizing Welch rarebit, a good dish of terrapin, and a succulent pig's foot, but the boys—bless my heart—it would make you ill to see them. They absolutely troop in flocks after the theaters. Each dressed *a la mode*, white tie, white waistcoat, pronounced shirt front, dangling seals, lahdy-dahdy manner and stinking cigarettes loud, hilarious, impertinent, intrusive, obtrusive, disgusting suggestions of what the coming generation will be, if, indeed, they are able to secure a coming generation at all. How do our boys and young men amuse themselves? By drinking, by smoking, by sitting up late at night, by idling their time in all manner of extraordinary avenues to premature decay.

I go much to German opera. If you want to see what the young girls today are coming to, look at some of the naked creatures in prominent boxes with no more in their heads than on their stark naked shoulders, chests, bosoms, backs. In "Pauline" Mrs. Langtry wears a dress cut so low behind as to display the whole of her back, a very shapely and beautiful back, which she turns to the audience as much as possible. We tolerate, we permit, indeed we look for extravagance on the stage. A speech there, to be correct and fitting, to be effective, is that which would seem stilted in ordinary conversation, and as effects there are exaggerated so possibly are tolerated costumes and desired scenery; in other words, effective processes are demanded to produce certain results upon the stage. What can be tolerated there, however, should be hissed out of private life. I have seen women in the Metropolitan Opera House dressed beyond the verge of decency. They sit with utter ignorance of what passes upon the stage, absolutely regardless of the magnificent harmonies and wonderful achievements of that great body which Mr. Seidl, under the direction of Mr. Stanton, has gathered together. They laugh, they giggle, they talk loud, they hold up over their faces huge fans, behind which their puppy attendants snuggle, and whisper, and join their giggling, snickering laughter. They are hissed night after night by people of humbler means unable to purchase boxes, quite content with comfortable stalls. Their insolence parallels that of the nobles of France about the time the people took the reins in their own hands and taught a needed lesson.

It seems to me as if, little by little, the race, so far as cities are concerned, is losing its grip. It is refining itself to too small a point.

Do you remember the story of the lady who, floating over the sea in a boat, woke suddenly to find her magnificent pearl necklace by some accident unfastened at one end, and from the loose string hanging down into the water pearl after pearl slipped off forever into the abyss? That would seem to be a fair illustration of the losses to mankind in general by the gradual falling away of boy after boy, or girl after girl, slipping from the solid substantialities of old fashioned honor, modesty, decency, courtesy. Drink and tobacco are undermining the physique. Idleness, dissipation take hold hand in hand with these curses of the race, with the certainty that sooner or later this defrauder will be exposed, that gambler will blow his head to fragments, that scoundrel will flee the country with the wife of his friend, the cash box of his employer, and with the equal certainty that this flirt will find herself in the embrace of a selfish fortune hunter, this indiscreet will wake to the realization of a frightful publicity, that reckless dissipater will wallow in the very mud of degradation, and when he goes and when she sinks the others laugh, heedless of the warning.

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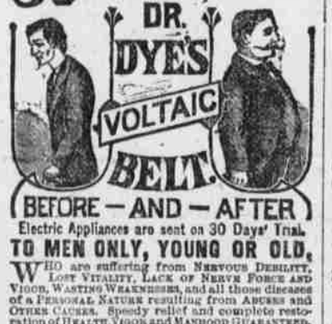

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It is therefore ordered, That they make their appearance herein, at the courthouse of Shelby county, in Memphis, Tenn., on or before the first Monday in January, 1887, and plead, answer or demur to complainant's bill, or the same will be taken for confessed as to them and set for hearing ex parte; and that a copy of this order be published once a week, for four successive weeks, in the Memphis Appeal. This 24th day of November, 1886. A copy—attest:

S. I. McDOWELL, Clerk and Master.
By T. B. Caldwell, Deputy C. and M.
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