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The Burial of Moses.

"And he buried him in a vault, in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day."—Deut. xxxiv 6

By Nebo's lonely mountain,
On this side of Jordan's wave,
In a vale in the land of Moab,
There lies a lonely grave.
And no man dug the sepulchre,
And no man saw it e'er,
For the angels of God upturned the sod,
And laid the dead man there.

That was the grandest funeral
That ever passed on earth;
But no man heard the trampling
Or saw the train go forth.
Noiselessly as the daylight
Comes when the night is done,
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Burt was silent for several moments. At length he said, "Come, Nellie, and dry your tears, and come in to dinner. You shall not marry that horrid man, for I will carry you away and hide you first." And the devoted boy assisted Nellie to her feet and led her to the brook which flowed along a short distance from where they had been sitting. After bathing her flushed face, they walked slowly toward the house.

A long July day was drawing to a close. The sun had just gone out of sight behind the western hills, the terrible heat of the day had subsided, and a cool, gentle breeze had sprung up. Nellie sat by the sitting-room window, with her head leaning on her hand. In less than a fortnight, if nothing happened to prevent, she should be the wife of a man she despised. A shudder passed over her frame, and the tears rolled slowly down her cheeks. Suddenly, a loud, coarse voice broke on her ear, and the words, "All right, farmer Wilkes, I'll find her," and in a moment more John Fairbanks stood in sight. He was very tall and slim, and his shoulders were much inclined to stooping. [illegible]

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they had been sitting, and walked arm in arm toward the village. They walked in silence for some time; but at length Theodore said, "Nellie, you will not hesitate to elope with me now, will you?"

The girl blushingly laid her head on his shoulder, and murmured, "No, dear Theodore; I have to choose between this and a life of misery."

"Then," said he, pressing a fond kiss on her brow, "meet me here to-morrow night, at nine o'clock. It will be best that Burt should accompany us as a witness, and then he can assist you to enter the house when we return."

They talked a few moments longer and then he accompanied her back as far as the [illegible] where they parted.

The next day passed as usual. Nellie told Burt the whole of the plan, and he readily promised to assist them.

Night came at last, and at nine o'clock Nellie and Burt stole quietly away to meet Theodore. They found him at the appointed place with a light buggy, in which they were soon whirling rapidly along the village [illegible]

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LOST ARTICLES IN PARIS.—The Prefect of Police of Paris publishes in the papers every fortnight a list of objects found in public vehicles or thoroughfares by drivers and policemen. As sums of money are frequently in the list, it speaks well for the honesty of the finders, and foreigners upon the recovery of their property are apt to make comparisons unfavorable to their own countrymen. But it has a very prosaic explanation. The Prefect has adopted the decoy duck system to restrain the dishonest instincts of the finders. Police agents occasionally leave articles in public vehicles, and if they are not surrendered to the Prefecture of Police within two days the drivers have their license withdrawn, and, in some cases, receive other punishment. If at the end of a year the owners make no claim, the articles are returned to the finders. The same traps are laid at the theatres and other public places, and it is said with the best results. Articles lost rarely fail to be deposited at the Prefecture of Police. This may afford a hint to Americans visiting Paris.

Correspondence.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

The Woman Suffrage [illegible]

[illegible], March 14, 1870.

Editor Free Press:

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if she has any liberty of choice in marriage, what hurt can come from giving her liberty of choice as respects law-makers? C.

Female Suffrage.

Editor of the Free Press and Times:

Will you allow me a little space to discuss this very important subject from a point of view which seems to me more essential to the true and full aspect of it—as far as I know—it has been, hitherto, reckoned by either party in the dispute. All organic species, animal and vegetable, consist of two sexes. In many of the lower species in both organic kingdoms, the two sexes are combined in one and the same individual organism. In the higher orders, however, each sex has its own separate organism. But for the purpose of Nature, each implies the other, and they are as truly one animal or plant as when they are anatomically one. The single purpose of Nature here is the continuation of the species, not otherwise possible to be accomplished. But the actual association, or living together, of sexual correlatives [illegible]

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just in proportion as Christian civilization has advanced, her station has advanced, the improvement being always in intellectual, personal and social power, and not at all in political privilege. And is it not a fair and logical inference that her condition will continue to improve just in proportion as that same Christian civilization shall continue to gain more and more power, her relative position to government remaining the same? To assume that political enlargement for woman is in itself a good, is a manifest begging the question and not fair argument.

Will the ballot help or hinder woman in her proper work? That work, hers by a natural division of labor which no amount of voting can ever change, a work which no legislating can ever enable her to shift upon man, or share equally with him,—is the early education of children, that is of the whole human race. It may be well to consider for a moment what the work of a mother is—a work growing more difficult and complicated with our advancing civilization. The care of a child's health alone is no small matter, in this age of excitement when nervous diseases are baffling the skill of the wisest physicians. In addition to this the conscientious mother must watch the gradual unfoldings of her child's mind; hold herself in readiness to meet with keen insight and wise, gentle sympathy all the strange questionings of that spirit in its first contact with the great mysteries of the world within and the world without; she must endeavor to stimulate all right affections, repress all wrong ones, and guide with patient forbearance the wayward will. She must see that all home influences are pure and good and attractive, that her home may be a true [illegible] for her children; and [illegible]

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greater than those against the proposed change, we will frankly confess ourselves in error, and "if haply we be found fighting against God," we will gladly give up the controversy, and gratefully acknowledge our obligations to Him who may guide us into the better way. But until then, we say emphatically that we do not wish to reconstruct society on any such basis as has yet been presented to us. For, whatever frivolous objections may have been urged to this reform, the real argument against it [illegible] one simple, complete, [illegible]; the Bible argument is not to us a distinct and separate thing. Regarding the Author of Nature and the Author of Revelation as one and the same God, we find in the command given by the pen of His inspired apostle that the woman shall not "usurp authority over the man," only a reaffirming of the law which was from the first indelibly written upon the very constitution of our being. [illegible]

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Now, in the hearing of some causes which have come under our own observation—libels for divorce, which were sustained by depositions, and were not for the jury—we have known a judge to stop the reading, and to say that he would privately look over the papers. But in every State other than the one in which this occurred, there would have been causes for the jury, and the depositions must necessarily have been read to the panel. It is certain that there are many things of which modest women have not heretofore been in the habit of talking, even among themselves. Yet the world is the world; its business must go on; and courts must inquire into some crimes both shameful and disgusting. If, therefore, women are to take a part in judicial proceedings of this character, the question arises whether what we have been accustomed to speak of as womanly modesty must not be discarded. Mind, we do not say that this is a good thing or a bad thing—we merely say that it must be surrendered. If the world is willing to give it up, well and good, or ill and bad, as all [illegible] which.—N. Y. Tribune.

For the Free Press & Times.

The Supreme Court.

A PLEA FOR [illegible] JUSTICE.

It is claimed and generally conceded that the constitution of the State of Vermont compares favorably with the constitutions of her sister States.

And it is, and long has been, the opinion of Vermonters that the Supreme Court of this State neither is, nor ever has been excelled by similar Courts in any of the States of the Union.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

BAPTIST.

The pulpit of the Baptist church, St. Albans, has been supplied for the last two Sundays by the Rev. Mr. Lane of Newton Centre, Mass.——Rev. D. Dunn, of North Danville, Vt., has received a call from the Freewill Baptist Church in Lowell, Mass.——The Baptist church in Webster, Mass., is experiencing a wonderful refreshing from the Lord.——The Baptists of Massachusetts during the past 10 years have lost two churches, and gained 8,091 members. There are in the State [illegible] Baptist churches and [illegible] members.——The Baptists have lately organized their 16th church in Chicago.——The London Baptist Union includes 108 churches in and around London, with over 35,000 members.——When Rev. J. E. Clough arrived at Nellore, a little more than five years since, only fifteen or twenty converts were found connected with the mission. Now the number considerably exceeds one thousand.

CONGREGATIONAL.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational society of Lyndon, a committee was appointed to secure the services of a clergyman to preach both in that place and Lyndonville. About $1300 have been raised for that purpose.——Rev. Jas. Gibson Johnson of New York, has accepted the call extended by the Congregational church in Rutland. He will enter upon his labors the first Sabbath in April.——The Congregational Society of Manchester is preparing to build a new church.——The churches of the Franklin and Grand Isle Conference are to meet, by their pastors and delegates, at St. Albans, Tuesday, March 22d, to nominate lay and clerical delegates, to represent them at the Convention of Congregational churches at Chicago, April 27th.——The Congregationalists of New Hampshire have 1?? churches and [illegible] ministers.——Twenty-two persons recently united with the church in Malone.——A German Presbyterian Theological school has been started in Newark, N. J.——The *Evangelist* computes that of the missionaries of the American Board [illegible] are Presbyterians and [illegible] Congregationalists.

EPISCOPAL.

Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr.'s church lately took up a contribution of about $5,000 in aid of the House of the Evangelist, a new theological school to educate young men to preach the gospel to the neglected in New York city.

LIBERAL CHRISTIAN.

Rev. M. H. Harris is to become pastor of the Universalist Society at Brattleboro.——Rev. Q. H. Shinn has accepted a call to the Universalist parish in Geysville, Vt.——Rev. Wm. [illegible], formerly pastor of a Universalist church in Brattleboro, is [illegible] at New Orleans.——The American Unitarian Conference has made arrangements with John Kriza, bishop of the Unitarian Consistory of Hungary, to have parts of Channing's works translated into Hungarian.

METHODIST.

The Methodist Sabbath School in Brattleboro has just received a library of about 200 volumes.——At a recent quarterly meeting in Northfield, conducted by Rev. I. Luce, ten persons were baptized, six joined the church in full, and eight on probation.——An extensive revival is in progress in Westfield, Mass. Seventy-eight were recently baptized in the Methodist church.——Five years ago there was not a Southern Methodist Sabbath School in Baltimore. Now there are 18 or 19, with over 2,000 scholars and teachers.——The publishers of *Zion's Herald* have been engaged in erecting a building in Boston, for Methodist headquarters, at an expense of [illegible].——There are 29,502 German Methodists in this country.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev. N. Cyr, who has of late resided in Rutland, has received an appointment from the Home Mission Society, to labor among the French population in New England.——There is not a Young Men's Christian Association in Texas.——The Bishop of London proposed some time ago to raise a million pounds for fifty new parishes. There have been received £425,000.——Recent explorations show one-fifth of the families in Kentucky destitute of the Bible.——The Woman's Union Missionary Society received last year about $20,000.

A VIEW OF APOSTOLICAL SUCCESSION AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BY ONE WHO IS NOT A CHURCHMAN.—What I say is this. The apostolic succession in the Episcopal church can be traced back so many hundred years into the dim past, that it is a shame to any man to say I believe it is traced back to Peter, Paul, and John; and he who truly believes that the ordaining or consecrating hand of the bishop of this diocese, is connected with the spiritual life that proceeds from Jesus of Galilee, will find it a hand of virtue and worth. He who doubts it will find it a hand of form and ceremony.

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I say then that the Episcopal church is such an ark of God.—Sermon by Rev. T. K. Beecher of Elmira, N. Y.

Mrs. Lucy Stone in her speech on Friday afternoon, in making the strongest point, she seemed to be able of making upon the bearing of the law in some places upon woman, and her property, told a story an old lady related to her. She and her husband worked hard, obtained a good property, when the husband died, and left a will giving her the income of [illegible] only [illegible] [illegible] and she lived with a daughter and had all the comforts of life and the income of the $500 for pin money. She did not feel right not to have the control of more herself. Quite likely she did feel rare, but if she had only saw fit to waive the will she would have had one-third, at least, of her husband's property. This story illustrates the fact that men had made good laws and thereby given this woman an advantage, but she having the right to vote and thereby waive the will, declined to do it, and defeated the good intentions the makers of the law purposed in her behalf. [illegible] —St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

A Hard Shell Sermon.

My hearers, I shall draw forth the horns of my argument from the following hymn:

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I agree with the [illegible] keeper, who said, when the circus company [illegible] without payin' him for grub and grog, "this world is all a fleetin' show;" [illegible]

[illegible]

The catfishes of hell, which are born in the bilin' spring of intemperance, float round your brains and the schreech owls of sorrow set "boohooin" in the hen-roost of your hearts. You're deserted and despised—you're no more use to the world than a pair of goggles are to a stone blind man, and you're no more use to yourselves than a problem of Euclid is to a nigger baby!

But let our own Vermont women do their own thinking. They are the peers of any women in the world, in intelligence, in all real worth. They are quite as capable of knowing and judging what is for their welfare, as either, or all, of these far-famed female orators. The latter can be matched by their equals, any day, in our smallest towns.

Mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, sweethearts—what say you? O. G.

Editor Free Press & Times:

Would it not be well for Josiah Simpkins to understand that the women do not wish to compel an entrance into Free Mason or Odd Fellows Lodges with the privilege of suffrage, any more than they desire to emulate the men in tobacco chewing, horse racing, wood chopping, or like occupations or amusements. Wherein is the necessity of connecting a palpable absurdity with this movement? If Simpkins has a wife who proposes to force her way into the "Secret Societies," just as soon as she has the right to vote, then let me beg leave to inform him that Mrs. Simpkins is not needed in the ranks of those who are advocating the right of the ballot for women. The act of voting is not supposed to deprive women of any refined or amiable qualities, that she possessed before that right is exercised; and it argues poorly for the family relations and experiences of Simpkins, or any other man, when they base their strongest arguments on the supposition that the whole female race will immediately commence a quarrel, in reference to things that are of no possible interest to them, or subjects of aspiration even, any more than the effort to take a manly, comprehensive view of the subject of Woman Suffrage seems to be natural, or possible, to Simpkins. X.

WHAT THE N. Y. TRIBUNE THINKS OF WOMEN SITTING ON JURIES.—In charging a Grand Jury in Albany County, Wyoming Territory, the said jury being composed in part of women, the Judge said:

It would be the most shameful scandal that in our temples of justice, and in our courts of law, anything should be permitted which the most sensitive lady might not hear with propriety and witness.

"The undersigned women, residents of the town of ——, county of ——, State of Vermont, hereby express our disapproval of the proposed amendment of the Constitution of Vermont, granting the right of suffrage to women."

Let some such paper be circulated [illegible] then sent to the Secretary of State, requesting him to publish the result, and we should have such an expression as would send the crusaders [illegible] quietly to their homes, that [illegible]

[illegible] Lockwood & Co., of this city, will sell at auction, beginning April 19th, the library of the late Henry Stevens of Barnet, Vt. The library is very rich in historical works, especially works relating to the early history of Vermont. It seems a pity that the collection should leave the State. [illegible] Notus.

OUR LADIES AND THEIR DRESS.—The very dress of old ladies is in itself a study and a revelation of character. There are the beautiful old women who make themselves like old pictures by a profusion of soft lace and tender grays; and the stately old ladies who affect rich rustling silks and sombre velvet; and there are the original and individual old ladies, who dress themselves after their own kind, like Mrs. Basil Montagu and Miss Jane Porter, and have a *cachet* of their own, with which fashion has nothing to do. And there are the old women who wear rusty black stuffs and ugly helmet-like capes, and those who affect uniformity and going with the stream, when the fashion has become national, and these have been much exercised of late with the chignons and the new bonnets.

Belle Boyd, having been discharged from the California Insane Asylum, uncured, is on her way home to Martinsburg, in a pitiable state of poverty and sickness.

A broker in Wall street, when asked the other evening the age of his venerable sire, replied, "Oh, he's quoted at eighty, but he will probably reach par, and possibly be at a premium."