What Shall be Done With The Surplus?

Our readers are familiar with what are called the "Alabma Claims," resulting from the depredations of a rebel war ship, built in an English port, and suffered by the British authorities to put to sea and prey on our commerce. After the war was over our government demanded reparation by Great Britain, and for some years it was feared that the matter would result in another war. But both nations were wiser than in 1812, and finally submitted it to arbitration. The arbitrators awarded to the United States the sum of $15,000,000 as damages—this amount being supposed to be necessary to cover the losses of claimants—and although there was a good deal of grumbling in England the money was paid and a commission appointed by our government to dispose of it. After satisfying all just claims this commission finds a surplus of $9,000,000, or more than half the entire award. This shows that the United States authorities made a great deal more bluster about the matter and were a great deal more exorbitant in their demands than there was any occasion for, but that Great Britain was disposed to pay these exorbitant claims rather than engage in a war, which would cost hundreds of millions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of lives.

The question now is what shall be done with this surplus of $9,000,000? Ex-President Grant once suggested that the interest of it be given as subsidies to ship builders, with the view of restoring American commerce to the position which it held previous to the war of the rebellion. President Magoun, of Iowa College, whose plan we printed in our May No. proposes that it be set apart as an arbitration fund, the interest of which shall be applied to defray the expense of future arbitrations. Mr. Lewis Appleton, of Birmingham, a part of whose communication to the *Advocate of Peace*, we print in this number, presents the English view of the subject, and in our opinion, the right one. He advises that the surplus be returned, both as a matter of justice and to encourage a resort to arbitration instead of war hereafter.

Much as we should rejoice in the establishment of an arbitration fund, we do not believe in using this money for it, without the consent of Great Britain. We have gloried in the settlement of the Alabama Claims by arbitration. Let us not now tarnish the memory of that event and disgrace ourselves by keeping money which does not rightfully belong to us, even though we propose to use it for a good purpose.—*Informer.*

Your Boys, Parents?

Where are they of evenings? In whose society do they linger? What influences are thrown around them? I write to you parents who profess to be Christians. Where are your boys spending their leisure hours? The good Book says: "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Are you living in a city, where there are many temptations and dens of iniquity? Then you should be so much more vigilant and active in your efforts to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Many boys, sons of Christians, in the towns and cities, are spending their evenings about saloons, stores, and in bad company.

It has always been a strange thought to me, how parents can remain content when they do not know where their children are, and what the influences around them are? Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, ought never to be forgotten. Many a father and mother will have a fearful account to give for the manner in which they have raised their children.

Many complain of their rude children, that they cannot govern them when they are about grown, and that they have very little respect for their parents. They commence to worry over them after they are spoiled, and are too far gone to be governed. They have allowed their children to sow the seeds of idleness and death, and now that the fruit is becoming manifest they awake to a sense of their lamentable errors. But 'tis too late!

Boys have no right to be out of evenings when their parents do not know where they are. They have no right to go out calling even, without permission. There is a solemn obligation resting over every father and mother in regard to their children—their training and support. If our young men grow up idle, vicious and ungodly, parents are in part to be blamed for such a course. They can, and ought to be brought up differently. But, that many are not is evident from what we see and hear every day almost.

Boys of twelve years old vainly imagine that they are men, and quite capable of seeing after themselves, and that they should not be under any home restraint. They flippantly talk about their parents as the old man and the old woman, and strut about often with cigars in their mouths and their hats on one side of the head.

I ask again, where are your boys, parents? Do you want them to be noble and true men, who, as dutiful sons will honor you when you are old? Look after them when they are young, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—*Christian.*

How Balaam's Children were Baptized.

A Methodist, living in the state of Gerogia, became dissatisfied on the subject of infant baptism. He frequently urged his preacher to tell where in the Bible it might be found; but the breacher, like all other preachers, could not produce the Scripture. At last the preacher hit on a happy plan. He told each member of his class at their next regular meeting to bring the best proof text on infant baptism the dissatisfied brother among the others. The time arrived, and all appeared equipped as directed. The first brother read: "Suffer little children to come unto me." "Well," said the dissatisfied brother, "what that to do with infant baptism?" "O," said the preacher, "the inference is that Christ baptized them." The next read: "And when she (Lydia) was baptized, and her household." "Well said the brother, there are no infants mentioned here." "But stop," said the preacher, "the inference is that Lydia had children in her household." So they continued until every text that Methodist skill could warp was exhausted. Then the dissatiafied brother's turn came. He arose and read: "And Balaam rose up early in the morning and saddled his ass." "My brother, what has that to do with infant baptism?" "Don't you see," said the dissatisfied brother, the inference is that Balaam saddled his ass to carry his children to church to have them baptized!" That congregation adjourned *sine die.*—*Texas Christian Messenger.*

The Bible in the Family.

The following beautiful thoughts are from *Zion's Advocate:*

The old family Bible! What memories cluster around it! What immortal and blessed fruits flow from it! Oh that every family, or household, in the land were made to feel its sanctifying influence. The daily prayerful reading of the Bible by a whole family, has a wonderful influence on shaping the social life, and giving tone to the social affections. This influence is felt all through the circle, from the gray hair to the infant lisp. It is a perpetual benediction upon the development of body, mind, and soul. In its progress and results it is often like the formation of the dew-drop. You look and listen of a night to see the process by which the dew-drop comes to its form and fullness. But you look and listen in vain.

The Princeton Freshman Class Suspended.

The entire Freshman class at Princeton College, numbering, it is stated, between 90 and 100, was suspended last week, and directed to leave Princeton before Monday noon, under pain of a more prolonged suspension. It appears that the Freshman class have been in the habit, for years, of meeting in the Campus all applicants for admission to the college, hooting at them and annoying them in a variety of ways. Several of the class were suspended for this offence, and the entire class joining in an offensive serenade of the tutors and pursuing a course of insubordination, were suspended by the Faculty.

We are glad that a new era has commenced in our colleges, one of enforcing law and order without regard to consequences. We trust that another step will soon be taken, and that college rowdies will be handed over to the police authorities to be dealt with as rioters.—*Christian Observer.*

Born.

At Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon, July 10, 1877, to the wife of Mr. P. H. Murphy, a daughter.

Obituaries.

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