

Bro. Peterson's Criticism.

Bro. Campbell:

I would review your leading articles in the last two or three numbers of the MESSENGER if I had the time; but I am making a hand with the header that my neighbor Gregory and I bought together this year, and I have but little time for reading, much less for reviewing articles written by yourself.

We have headed over 500 acres of grain this year.

Allow me to say to you that your position in reference to the soul being destructible is hazardous, and is bordering on Adventism. It is one of the untaught questions which gender strife. A matter, if true, as you seem to think it is, would not benefit a human being on earth to know all about it. Therefore, try and spend your time in studying and writing on something of more utility. I wish you to use your master mind and great soul and God given spirit more profitably than I consider you were using them in the productions alluded to in the foregoing. If you will you may publish this as a reply sufficient for all that is said in those two finely-written articles of yours, and oblige your brother in hope of a blessed immortality.

MARTIN PETERSON.

Mound Ranch, Aug. 16, 1879.

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The publishers have recently issued editions of *Chambers' Cyclopaedia of English Literature*, 4 vols., \$2.00, formerly sold in 2 vols., for \$9.00, also *Rollins' Ancient History*, and *Josephus' Works*, large type editions, for \$2.25 and \$2.00, and *Smith's Bible Dictionary*, \$1.00.

They also publish in August and September, the *Aeme Library of Biography*, 12 vols., and the *Aeme Library of Modern Classics*, 9 vols., the former at 35 cents and the latter at 50 cents per vol. In these series are presented such authors as Carlyle, Macaulay, Gibbon, Goldsmith, Lamartine, Thomas Moore, Walter Scott, and Fouque, and such subjects as Caesar, Cromwell, Burns, Joan of Arc, Vicar of Wakefield, Picciola, Lalla Rookh, &c. Full catalogue of publications, terms clubs, &c., will be sent free on request by the publishers, the AMERICAN BOOK EXCHANGE, 55 Beekman St., N. Y.

He Wanted a Paper.

He came in with a very eager look on his face, and inquired whether the proprietor could furnish him a copy of just sixteen weeks ago. He wanted it especially for something there was in it. The publisher is always ready to accommodate friends, and proceeded to set the office boy at work to hunt up a copy of the desired date. After half an hour's search, during which time the publisher had dropped his work to entertain his customer, the paper was found.

"Ah, that's the very one I want," said he. "I'm so glad you found it. How much is it?"

"The usual price, five cents," was the reply.

"What! Five cents? Five cents for an old paper? I didn't suppose you charged any thing for old papers."

But the publisher insisted that the paper was worth the money, and the customer went off in a huff, leaving the publisher to reflect upon the good sense and liberality of mankind in general and newspaper patrons in particular.—*Rome Sentinel*.

Well Frightened.

Years ago, in New York state, there was an evening party, to which a fashionable young man was invited. He was dressed in a swallow tail coat, lavender pantaloons and gloves, with a white vest and buttonhole bouquet.

It was fashionable to drink wine. The young man drank to excess, became very hilarious; and left on account of it rather early in the evening. On his way home he stumbled into several saloons, and by drinking became quite intoxicated, and not finding his way home, he crawled into a barn, and slept on a threshing-floor.

About four o'clock next morning a gentleman passing that way, and hearing a terrible moan, he listened, and then distinctly heard—

"O don't kill me! for Heaven's sake, let me live! Oh,—ah! Oh,—ah!"

The gentleman listening certainly thought some one was being murdered. He proceeded cautiously into the barn, struck a match, held it over his head, and saw lying in a corner the young man with white vest and lavender gloves almost exhausted; for close to him, down on their knees, were two calves, sucking his ears.—*Youth's Companion*.

The Sand Blast.

Among the new and wonderful and useful inventions of the times is the common sand blast. Suppose you desire to letter a piece of marble for a grave stone—you cover the stone with a piece of wax no thicker than a wafer, then cut in the wax the date, etc., leaving the marble exposed. Now pass under the blast and the wax will not be injured, but the sand will cut letters deep in the stone.

Or, if you desire raised letters, a flower or other emblem, cut the letters flowers, etc., in wax and stick them upon the stone; pass the stone under the blast and the sand will cut it away. Remove the wax and you have the raised letters.

Take a piece of French plate glass, say two feet by six, and cover it with fine lace; pass it under the blast, and not a thread of the lace will be injured, but the sand will cut deep into the glass wherever it was not covered by lace. Now remove the lace and you have every delicate and beautiful figure raised upon the glass.

In this way the beautiful figures of all kinds are cut in glass, and at small expense. The workmen can hold their hands under the blast without harm, even when it is rapidly cutting away the hardest glass, iron or stone, but they must look out for finger nails, for they will be whittled off right hastily.

If they put on steel thumb-nails to protect the nails, it will do no good, for the sand will soon whittle them away; but if they wrap a piece of soft cotton around them, they are safe. You will at once see the philosophy of it. The sand whittles away and destroys any hard substance, even glass, but does not effect substances that are soft and yielding, like wax, cotton, or fine lace, or even the human hand.—*Portland Argus*.

LIVE PEACEABLY.—The more quietly and peaceably we get on the better for our neighbors. In nine cases out of ten the wisest policy is, if a man cheats, stop trading with him; if he is abusive quit his company; if he slanders you, take care to live so nobody will believe him; no matter who he is or how he misuses you, the wisest way is to let him alone; for there is nothing better than this cool, calm, quiet way of dealing with the wrong we meet with.

—The young lady that passes you wine, would not make a good wife. Paste this in your hat, young man.—*Albany Times*.

—What makes the Dead Sea dead? Because it is all the time receiving, and never giving out anything. This is the case with too many men.

Who are the Strong Men.

We mistake strong feelings for strong character. A man who bears all before him—before whose frown domestics tremble, and whose bursts of fury make the children of the house quake—because he has his will obeyed and his way in all things, we call him the strong man. The truth is that is the weak man; it is his passions that are strong; he, mastered by them is weak. You must measure the strength of the man by the power of the feelings he subdues, not by the power of those that subdue him. And, hence, composure is often the highest result of strength. Did we never see a man receive a flagrant insult, and only grow a little pale, and then reply quietly? That was man spiritually strong. Or did we never see a man in anguish stand as if carved out of solid rock, mastering himself. Or one bearing a hopeless daily trial remain quiet, and never tell the world what it was cankering his home peace? That is strength. He who, with strong passions, remains chaste—he who, keenly sensitive, with manly power of indignation in him, can be provoked, yet restrain himself and forgive—these are strong men, spiritual heroes.—*Observer*.

Useful Recipes for the Shop, the Household and the Farm.

Frosted glass, useful for screens, etc., is made by laying the sheets horizontally and covering them with a strong solution of sulphate of zinc. The salt crystallizes on drying.

A teaspoonful of powdered borax dissolved in a quart of tepid water is good for cleansing old black dresses of silk, cashmere, or alpaca.

Butter will remove tar spots. Soap and water will afterwards take out the grease stain.

Four parts borax and three parts Epsom salts, mixed with three or four parts warm water to one part of the combined substances, is said to form an excellent fire-proof wash for clothes. It should be used immediately after preparation.

The total number of strings in a piano, when properly stretched to produce the right tones, exert a pull over ten tons; this explains why good pianos must be durably and heavily built.

To prevent moths in carpets, wash the floor, before laying them with spirits of turpentine or benzine.

A Source of Much Bodily Evil.

If the habit of body become irregular, Much evil is inflicted on the system. The stomach becomes dyspeptic, the circulation is contaminated, and the nerves share in the general disorder. It is the utmost importance that the bowels should be speedily regulated when they grow derelict. The corrective agent best adapted to this purpose is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a wholesome non-gripping vegetable worth all the rasping cathartics invented since the time of Paracelsus. People who have been in the habit of using blue pill, calomel, and other drugs and cheap nostrums for constipation, should abandon such hurtful and useless medicines, and substitute for them this pleasant and gentle aperient, which not only produces the purgative effect naturally, but it strengthens while it regulates the bowels, liver and stomach. It moreover cures and prevents intermittent and remittent fevers, gout, rheumatism, debility and urinary troubles.

"Pray on My Plate Too."

A little bright-eyed three-year-old was seated in his high chair at the dinner table. Mamma had arranged the little uneasy, while for a moment his sprightliness and fun had made him the observed of the family. She had placed him snugly up to the table, pinned on his bib, and succeeded in getting the little mischievous hands quiet and making him "hush," when father proceeded to ask the blessing. While this was in progress, our little chubby made a discovery. It was that all the plates on the table, except his own little plate, were in one pile at "papa's place," and, as it seemed to him, were put there to get the benefit of the solemn ceremony. So scarcely waiting for the "Amen," he held out his own plate in both hands, saying, "Please, papa, pray on my plate too."

All you need to get through this world successfully, is to have God's signature to your character.

Births.

Near Monmouth, Or., on the 18th inst., to the wife of J. S. McMurray, a daughter.

In Monmouth, Or., on the 20th inst., to the wife of D. T. Stanley, a daughter.

Obituary.

Died, in Lane county, Oregon, on July 14, 1879, D. H. Poindexter, aged 61.

Mr. Poindexter was born in 1818, in the State of Kentucky, and at the age of seven years, he with his parents immigrated to Illinois, remained there until nearly grown when they removed to the State of Missouri, and in 1852, he, with his family, undertook that long and perilous journey of crossing the plains to Oregon, arriving late in the Fall of that year in Lane county, where he has continuously lived, with the exception of a few years East of the Mountains. Mr. Poindexter was well and favorably known throughout the State, and to know him was but to admire and respect him. He joined the Baptist church when but 14 years of age, but on moving to Oregon he united with the Christian church, where he remained until his death. His funeral took place from his late residence and was followed to his last resting place by one of the largest processions ever known in Lane county, composed of relatives and his many friends. He leaves his aged companion and several children to mourn his untimely death. He never spoke to tell how the sad and fatal accident happened that caused his death. In the death of Mr. Poindexter the community has lost a valuable and respected member, his family a kind, loving husband and father.

Missouri and State papers please copy.

Died, near his home in Pleasant valley, Calaveras county, Cal., Bro. Jesse Pruitt, aged about 75 years.

He was a native of Arkansas, where he united with the Church of Christ, being a faithful member about 35 years, and fell asleep in Christ, August 6, 1879. Being acquainted with deceased I can truly say he was a good Christian brother. He leaves one son and a daughter besides many friends to mourn his departure.

Mrs. A. SWINFORD.

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