

Papa's Letter.

I was sitting in my study
Writing letters when I heard,
"Please, dear mamma, Mary told me
Mamma mustn't be disturbed;
But I've tired of the kitty,
Want some oyster thing to do;
Writing letters is on mamma,
Tant I write a letter two?"

"Not now, darling, mamma's busy;
Run and play with kitty, now."
No, no, mamma, me write letters,
And you will show me how."

I would paint my darling's portrait
As his sweet eyes searched my face
Hair of gold and eyes of azure,
Form of childhood's winking grace.

But the eager face was clouded
As I slowly shook my head,
Till I said, "I'll make a letter
Of you, darling boy, instead."

So I parted back the tresses
From his forehead high and white,
And a stamp in apron's pocket
Mid its waves of golden light.

Then I said, "Now, little letter,
Go away and be good now."
And I smiled as down the staircase
Clattered loud the little shoes.

Leaving me, the darling hurried
Down to Mary in his glee,
"Mamma's writing me letters,
I so a letter, Mary, see!"

No one heard the little prattler
As once more he climbed the stair,
Reached his room, he fastened
Standing on the table there.

No one heard the front door open,
No one saw the golden hair
As it floated over his shoulders
On the crisp October air.

Down the street the baby hastened
Till he reached the open door:
"Has our room for any more?"

'Cause his letter's going to papa—
Papa lives with God, you know—
Mamma sent me for a letter,
Does our ink that I can go?"

But the clerk in wonder answered,
"Not to-day, my little boy."
"Den I'll find an answer office,
'Cause I must go, if I can."

Fain the clerk would have detained him,
But the plea, his voice was gone,
And the little form was hastening
By the busy crowd swept on.

Suddenly the crowd was parted,
People dashed to left and right,
As a pair of maddened horses
At that moment dashed in sight.

No one saw the baby figure,
No one saw the golden hair,
Till a voice of fright and sweetness
Hang out on the autumn air.

'Twas too late—a moment only
Stood the beautiful vision there,
Then the little form lay lifeless,
Covered o'er with golden hair.

Reverently they raised my darling,
Brushed away the curls of gold,
Saw the steady upon his forehead,
Growing now so icy cold.

Not a mark the face disfigured,
Showing where a foot had trod,
But the little life was ended,
Papa's letter was with God.

Essay Libel Charges.

(London Free Press.)

The Ottawa Free Press has two libel suits on hand, which appear to have been promoted more from motives of spite than for the acquisition of justice or defence of character. Referring to this the Free Press says:

If the libel law regarding newspapers be not amended, every rogue who fancies what he esteems his character has been injured will be able to get the press to write. If this thing continues newspaper proprietors will have to form a union for the preservation of their liberty and their property.

As the law stands, actions for libel can be instituted without any guarantee for costs being paid into court. Hence it is that newspaper proprietors are peculiarly open to be made the subjects of that kind of annoyance, as our contemporary points out. Some four or five years ago an action of that kind was brought against this journal by a county constable on account of a report of a conversation that took place before the Chief of Police, in which a complainant stated that the constable had wilfully neglected to serve a warrant on a man at Delaware who had committed a most uncalculated and aggravated assault. The facts were all with the paper and against the constable, the truth being that owing to his delay the assailant got away to the States, the man who had been severely injured being left without redress. In due time the charge of "libel" came before the court, and the jury at once brought in a verdict for the defendants, the justice of which the late Judge Harrison heartily concurred in. But the county constable referred to had no means of paying law costs, and the outlays necessary to the defence were thrown upon our proprietors. The law provides that in some cases security should be given for costs before an action can be brought. This necessary precaution does not apply to libel, and hence those who have to set forth the public news of the day are always at the mercy of people who fancy that a libel consists in telling unpleasant truths. It is only necessary to make the statement in order to show how useful it is that the law should be so amended as to cause security for costs to be given in cases of action for libel, or that some other course, such as the concurrence of a Judge in the validity of a suit, should be obtained before it could be progressed with.

Dr. Lyman Abbott has just got a volume on "The Life and Characteristics of Henry Ward Beecher."

It is said that President Arthur weighs exactly 250 pounds. He is indeed a stalwart of the Stalwarts.

While John B. Gough lay sick in bed at Worcester, the other night, a large audience gathered at Tremont Temple, in Boston, to hear him lecture.

It is said of Frank James that he never killed a man unless he felt that it was positively necessary. This relieves him of much suspicion.

M. Rameau, of Lille, an enthusiastic horticulturist, left that town \$200,000 on condition of its building a horticultural hall for flower shows, with rooms for a horticultural society, and last month the International Flower Show was held there, which was a great success, containing some very noteworthy exhibits.

All of George III.'s sons and daughters, and their wives and husbands, are now dead, save the venerable Duchess of Cambridge, who has survived her father-in-law sixty-two years. She lives in St. James' Palace, the charge of her daughter, the Princess Mary of Teck.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

There are 101 Sunday Schools, with 3,764 scholars, in Japan.

The Presbyterian Board has opened a mission in Guatemala.

"What Kentucky lacks in churches," says the *Christian at Work*, "she makes up in race courses."

Rev. George Batchelor, of Salem, Mass., has accepted a call to Dr. Collyer's Church, at Chicago, at a salary of \$5,000.

The *Guardian* finds that the tide of Church feeling is setting stronger and stronger every year against Church debts.

The membership of the Moravian Church throughout the world is 300,000. There are only 14,000 members in the States.

The very lowest caste in India is the cobbler caste, and Wm. Carey, an English cobbler, carried to them the first tidings of the gospel.

In Madagascar, out of a population of 2,500,000, there are 70,000 Christians. The first missionary visited the island less than sixty years ago.

A Norwegian missionary in Zululand reports that he has baptized twenty Zulus since the war and many others are in a hopeful condition.

Of the 120,000,000 women and girls in India, not more than one in every twelve hundred has yet been placed under any kind of Christian influence.

When Mr. Spurgeon was asked how he succeeded so wonderfully in keeping his church full, he replied: "I fill the pulpit and let the people fill the pews."

The old slave-market of Zanzibar, where 30,000 slaves were formerly sold annually, has been transformed into mission premises, with a church and school.

A church in a country village recently circulated a paper among the congregation asking for contributions "for the purpose of paying the organist and a boy to blow the same."

Young Men's Christian Associations are now established in Cairo, Beyrout, Smyrna, Damascus, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Yokohama, and many other foreign cities.

The *Pioneer* suggests that the Mahometan soldiers of the Indian army now serving in Egypt should be afforded every opportunity of making a pilgrimage to Mecca when the war is over.

Many half-crazy beings, men and women budding for madness arising out of inherited or physical causes, plunge zealously into the stirring services of the Salvation Army in England and evolve into full-blown lunatics.

The third General Council of the Presbyterian Churches of the world will meet in Belfast, Ireland, on the 24th of June, 1894, and probably in the Assembly Hall. Great are the expectations and great will be the preparations for such a gathering. As to the hospitality to the delegates there will be no difficulty on that score.

An appeal to Christendom has been published to subscribe for the complete restoration of the Castle Church, Wittenberg. This is the church where Martin Luther placarded his ninety-five theses on the door. The Prussian Parliament would not even vote a few pounds for the desired object, and therefore the £30,000 required is to be raised by public subscription.

Anxious to explain the meaning of hyperbole, a Presbyterian minister said: "Perhaps you do not understand the meaning of the word hyperbole. This word, my friends, increases or diminishes a thing beyond the exact truth. Suppose I should say the whole of this congregation is fast asleep. That would be a hyperbole, for there is not above one-half of you sleeping."

The Presbyterians of the States have eleven churches with over a thousand communicants each; Dr. Talmage's with 2,747 communicants; Chicago (Dr. A. E. Kittridge), 1,894; Dr. John Hall's, 1,807; Brooklyn (Dr. T. L. Cuyler's), 1,792; Dr. Crosby's, 1,396; Rochester (Dr. J. B. Shaw), 1,321; University Place, N. Y. (Dr. Booth), 1,208; Bethany, Philadelphia, 1,180; New York, Dr. J. R. Paxton's, 1,032; San Francisco (Rev. John Hemphill), 1,024; Brick, N. Y., 1,001.

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"Got long to wait?" he asked in a friendly tone.

"'Bout an hour," was the short answer. "Going far?"

"Nigh unto a hundred miles back into the kentry."

"Yes, where?"

"Stranger, I'm going home. Home."

"So! Been away long?"

"'Bout ten years."

"Ten years, and now you are going home! Well, that's pleasant. I know I'm only away about a month at a time, yet when I come back I'm as happy as a goslin in a sun shower. Fact; you wouldn't think I'm sentimental, yet when I'm on my way home the cars never seem to go fast enough, and I can't think of anything but home, home, all the time I'm there. My, but I'd like to be in your shoes for a short time, just to feel how happy you must be. Folks all well, I suppose?"

"Stranger, I am going back to be at my mother's funeral. It's ten year, ten long, long year, since I saw her last, and then I went away saying I never wanted to see her again. I did that to my mother. But I was not much more than a boy then, and I didn't know what I was doing. It was my mother, but I am not to be blamed too harshly. And after I went away I never sent a letter home—not one, but I always meant to. She used to write me such heart-breaking letters that I, great rough miner as I was, couldn't keep the tears back. You see, I didn't write because I was always a-a-thinking that I would strike it rich, and then I would go home and just show the old folks what money and ease was, but—but, stranger, I put it off too long, I was going home next week. I was going to surprise 'em, and I had enough money to make their old age comfortable, but, stranger, she went home before I did."

And he wiped his horny, sun-browned hand across his eyes. There was silence for a few minutes, then he continued; "Don't think worse of me for that, stranger; I may be a grown man, but somehow I can't keep tears out of my eyes. They will come. You see I was the youngest. I was the baby, her boy she used to call me, and when I grew up, I wanted to see the world, to see life, but she wanted me to stay at home, and I was hot-headed and—and I went away. But I always dreamed of coming back, and here, when I was ready it was too late, too late. Ah, stranger, I can't help it," and the returning miner bowed his head on his hands and was silent.

But the other said nothing. There was a lump in his throat that prevented, and he looked toward the window under pretence of wiping his forehead with his handkerchief, but it was only to conceal the moisture that came unbidden in his eyes.

The Public Schools.

Teachers in the Public Schools of France are very seldom paid more than \$5 a week. The Public School work of the United States involves an expenditure of more than \$80,000,000. Nearly 1,000,000 pupils are enrolled and about 300,000 teachers employed.

More than one-half of the teachers, not only of public but of private schools, in the United States are women. This proportion holds, too, in advanced as well as in elementary grades.

The Principalship of Pickering College, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. S. P. Davis, M. A., has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Huston, M. A.

Field Marshal Von Moltke endorses the system of gymnastics in the German higher schools. The National Association embraces 2,800 schooling and gymnastic societies, with more than 300,000 members. The Principal of the Ottawa Normal School suggests that it might be well in schools to have teachers promoted, down-nearly finished.

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Over \$8,000,000 worth of cottonseed meal is imported annually into Great Britain, and English grazers claim that through its excellence as food they can compete with Americans. It appears strange that Southern farmers should allow so much of this choice feed and splendid fertilizer to go abroad.

The market is flooded with worthless and vile compounds for the rejuvenation of the hair, but Carboline, the great petroleum hair renewer and dressing, as now improved and perfected, still takes the front rank as the best preparation ever offered to the public.

A newly-formed congregation in Blackheath, London, have decided to call the Rev. D. K. Guthrie, of Liberton, Edinburgh, a son of the late Dr. Guthrie.

LATEST FROM WINNIPEG.

There is much dissatisfaction expressed at Calgary at the action of the Dominion Government in reserving four miles each way from the fort. Old settlers are told that they are trespassers, and no building or improvement of any kind is permitted. There would be quite a good-sized town there if people were allowed to go on with improvements. As it is, everything is at a standstill, and several people have left that section of the country. A petition is being forwarded to Ottawa for redress.

An interpreter at Battleford reports that he has induced three thousand Crees to return to their homes north of the Saskatchewan from the Missouri River and Canadian frontier.

The Bilious.

dyspeptic or constipated, should address, with two stamps for pamphlet, WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

Oliver Wendell Holmes contemplates giving up his professorship at Harvard, in order to have more time for literary work.

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