

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

GOSSIP RESPONSIBLE FOR CHURCH SCANDALS.

It is doubtful if much harm is done by a church scandal. Those on the inside know that the men and women responsible for it are not of much account, anyhow.

There need not be much scandal in any church, however, if it will do the one thing it ought to do to be worthy of the respect and support of the people.

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Whether it should be a time for general rejoicing depends. Rejoicing is not a compliment to the outgoing President. The incoming President is to be tried. He faces sobering responsibilities, and the people with him face perplexing uncertainties. All this would seem to mark the day as a day for fasting and prayer rather than for dancing and jubilation."

These may be old-fashioned notions, but are they so far astray? For the heavy duties that lie before the new President it would seem that a solemn scene in the Senate chamber, before the high dignitaries of the nation, and then quiet for introspection, would be a better preparation than a ball and the fanfare of the mob. There will be plenty of time during the four years for the people who are exclusively inclined to visit Washington and engage in the social whirl. Instead of going to all the trouble to alter the date, in the hope of thereby propitiating the weather, why not make the inauguration a quiet and befitting ceremony, and arrange a grand "blow-out," if such needs be, for a later date.

DOWNS GROVE.

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