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The East Defeated.

In the election of a moderator for the Presbyterian General Assembly, which convened in Philadelphia on Thursday, the West was triumphant. The candidate of the East was the Rev. Dr. Geo. T. Purves, of this city, but the Rev. Henry C. Minton, D. D., of California, was elected, his vote being 337, against but 276 for Dr. Purves. The West is asking no favors these days. In friendly rivalry it often wins out on genuine merit. The good people west of the Mississippi are able to take care of their own.

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All the World Loves a Lover.

During the past week the wife of our President was for some days on the threshold of the valley of the shadow of death; and the President, abandoning all things else, would not leave her bedside. No public act of his, in his long and successful career, ever laid hold of all hearts as did this manifestation of his tender solicitude for his wife. Senator Depew is quoted as saying, that their twenty odd years of wedded life has been a continuous honeymoon.

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London City.

A very few days in London are sufficient to impress one with its bigness. A New Yorker is quickly made to realize that his home is, comparatively, not so much of a city for size after all. According to the new census "Greater London" has a population of 6,578,784, whereas "Greater New York" has not many more than half that number of people. To be sure, our population is increasing more rapidly than that of London—37 against 17 per cent. during the past decade; but even at that rate the twentieth century will be out of its teens before we catch up.

Progress in Telegraphy.

A Washington dispatch of May 14 says: "The board of Naval Officers appointed some time ago to investigate wireless telegraphy to-day reported to the Secretary of the Navy, recommending that the system be adopted and that the use of homing pigeons be discontinued." Thus before we are well recovered from the first announcements of the practical nature of wireless telegraphy, its use has become a commonplace fact, with a choice of several systems, for the report continues: "The selection of any special system of wireless telegraphy is, in the opinion of the board, very largely a matter of business detail. If for any reason any competitive test of different systems is thought desirable, the board recommends, in view of the fact that the improved Marconi apparatus will not be available for several months, and that improvement in other systems may occur in the interval, that it be made only after due notice and preparation therefor, and by a special board of experts appointed for the purpose."

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Restricting Marriage of the Unfit.

In other days marriage was almost wholly a question of love, and sometimes of ability on the man's part to support a wife. But cold-blooded reformers would change this, and so far as we can see, for the better, not eliminating love, but giving it eyes and wisdom. At the Conference on Charities and Corrections in Washington, May 14, Dr. Arthur C. Rodgers, Superintendent of the Minnesota School for Feeble-Minded, read a paper on "Legal Restrictions on the Marriage of the Unfit."

This subject, Dr. Rodgers said, had been considered by the Legislatures of Colorado, Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin the past winter, and was growing to be more and more seriously considered. The Lindley bill, in Indiana, provided for the appointment of a commission to consider the questions of eligibility to legal marriage and report to the Legislature, with suggested legislation to carry the recommendations into effect. The bill failed of passage.

In Minnesota the Chilton bill was made to apply only to insane, feeble-minded and epileptic, when under 45 years of age, a physician's certificate that none of these impediments existed being necessary to the issuance of a license.

When the bill passed the requirement of a physician's certificate was stricken out.

The Colorado and Wisconsin bills each provided for the appointment by the Judge of Probate or county judge of a medical commission in each county to pass upon applicants for marriage license.

Dr. Rodgers thought a law preventing marriages in case of serious mental or physical defects would result in greatly improving the race.

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Actual War on Our City Streets.

A heathen coming into one of our cities during the progress of a street car strike would not be able to reconcile our professions as to being Christians, followers of the Prince of Peace, with the sight of actual war between troops and citizens on our public streets. There is scarcely a city of the first, second, or third class, in our country, where such scenes have not been witnessed. Exactly a year after the St. Louis street car strike, bloody and full of outrage perhaps beyond precedent, the street car men of Albany and Troy have entered upon the same path of lawlessness. At Albany, where the state troops and the strikers have had frequent collisions, two innocent on-lookers, merchants, are dead, and scores of men are more or less seriously injured. A prominent writer says: "There will be the usual arguments as to the merits of the strike in Albany. We shall be told that the company is right and that the men are right, and why. But whatever we may think about these points, one thing is certain—there are no such strikes in the postal service. It is never necessary to call out the troops to suppress riotous letter carriers and mail clerks. We never hear of mobs of White Wings fighting for the privilege of cleaning the streets. And if the street car lines belonged to the public there would be no riots there."

These inhuman, barbarous, bloody conflicts, in the streets of our cities, between fellow-citizens, caused for the most part by the greed of capital, will recur and recur so long as present conditions continue.

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A Sin Unto Death.

Miss Jessie Ackerman has written from Hawaii to the Ram's Horn, Chicago, of America's sin unto death in Hawaii. She compares the conditions with twelve years ago, and says they are indescribably worse. In direct violation of the laws a company of business men

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Syracuse, N. Y.

The time set for our Spring communion is June 16th. Rev. Thomas McFall, of Nova Scotia, is expected to be present and assist.

The C. E. Society recently purchased the pictures of John Brown, Donald Cargill, Archibald Johnston and James Renwick. These were placed in one frame and hung on the wall. At the C. E. meeting, April 28th, a sketch of the lives of each of these famous men was given and a very profitable and interesting meeting it proved to be.

Robert Park, the Superintendent of our Sabbath School, has introduced a pleasant feature into the work. Each week some one is appointed to prepare a Bible story for the following week and when it is given the names are omitted. The story-teller then asks questions bringing out the omitted facts. Teachers and pupils have taken their turn willingly.

Mrs. Charles Lindsay and children, Esther and Earl, are visiting relatives in and near Chicago.

Our congregation has suffered loss by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Lynn. Although with us only about a year, yet she was one of our most faithful members. Her illness was a very long one, but she seemed to be improving until a few days before her death, when other complications set in, and on April 24th she entered her Heavenly Home. The funeral was held here Friday morning, April 25th, and in Rochester the same afternoon, where burial was made. Mrs. Lynn was a prominent member of the Rochester congregation and worked faithfully to keep up the work there, but when that became impossible, she left home and friends and came here that she might worship in the church in which she had made her covenant vows. Mr. William Marvin, of Kansas City, Mo., came to attend the funeral.

A Statement by Dr. S.G. Shaw.

To the Editor of the CHRISTIAN NATION: As you have published in full Rev. J. M. Foster's complaint against the session of Cambridge, and as that publication will throw us under a cloud for a season, I hope that you will find a place in your columns for a statement of the matter as it appears to us.

Mr. James Jackson did take out his "second papers" and became a naturalized citizen of the United States; but not to take an active part in politics. He has never voted and has no intention of doing so. He became a citizen simply and solely for the comfort and security of his wife who was about to go abroad. The emigration laws are rigidly enforced in the port of Boston. One who is not a citizen or the wife of a citizen, no matter how long a resident of this country, is liable on returning to our shores to be refused a landing. We have on record the case of a member of First Boston, an alien, who, returning after a visit to the old country, in the face of all that could be done by his pastor and others, was deported back and died on the other side of the Atlantic.

For some time after Mr. Jackson did that for which Mr. Foster's session suspended him, nothing was done until he was elected to the eldership in Second Boston. Fault was found with him in view of his elevation to office.

The session of Cambridge received Mr. Jackson as a suspended member of the church, and for a time he was with us under that sentence. Thus respect was shown to the action of Second Boston session. Then our session proceeded to look into the disabilities which Mr. Jackson was under. The statement which we received simply showed that the brother had been suspended not for any particular period nor was there any declaration of conditions upon which he might be restored. We understood that Second Boston session could have removed the suspension, if Mr. Jackson had remained under its jurisdiction. After considering the case, it was the unanimous opinion of session that, taking into account the statutory law of the Church and the facts in the case, also

the fact that we were receiving Mr. Jackson not as a prospective elder but as a member, he had suffered enough under the severe sentence that had been imposed, and with one voice the suspension was removed. Let it be noted:

1. That Mr. Jackson has never voted and does not intend to vote.
 2. That deference was shown to the action of the sister session.
 3. That Mr. Jackson is a member of Cambridge congregation in precisely the same standing as he was in Second Boston between the date of his naturalization and his examination in view of ordination to the eldership.
- Yours in sincerity, S. G. SHAW.

We are convinced that it is less inconsistent to invite the minister of a less Scriptural Church to our Communion Table than to invite him to preach authoritatively in a stated Covenanter service. The latter is an even more distinctive privilege than the former. Surely in the place of public authoritative speech, where all Christ's claims are to be witnessed for, as broad and holy a creed is demanded as in the place of silent communion.—THE COVENANTER for May.

The Central Board of Missions.

This Board met May 16, 1901, and adopted the annual report to Synod, read by the Chairman, Dr. J. W. Sproull. The dividend of the invested funds had been declared, and the accounts were as follows: Domestic Mission Fund—balance \$47.10. The funds had yielded \$1055.05, and the David Gregg bequest, \$592.71. Southern Mission Fund—balance \$149.88. The funds had yielded \$227.82, and the David Gregg bequest \$197.57. Chinese Home Mission Fund—balance \$205.66. The David Gregg bequest had yielded \$197.57. The Indian Mission Fund was overdrawn \$443.36, this being the period for settlement of the year's outlay for maintenance of the mission, increased somewhat by the outbreak of small-pox. The Jewish Mission Fund has a balance of \$173.15. The Sustentation Fund was reported as having a balance of \$3125.52. The David Gregg bequest yielding \$197.57, and the text Proverbs 3:9, yielding \$1500. It seems as if we are coming to a period of active interest in this fund as the proper one for pastoral supplements, leaving the Domestic Mission Fund for the opening up of new fields for aid to mission stations and for stated supplies, with no encouragement, however, of the last relation unless for a short period of time.

A letter from Rev. W. C. Paden, at

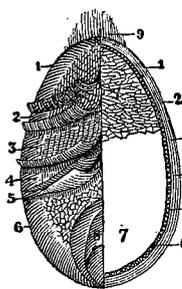
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Mrs. R. R. Johnston, of the Oakland Mission, reports twenty-two pupils, with an average attendance for April of twelve and one-half, of May thus far of fifteen.

The work in the Cincinnati Jewish Mission has been suspended. Miss Patterson has been called home.

The annual report will show the encouraging state of the work in the Southern Mission. The exhibit of the state of the funds makes plain the view of greater liberality. The general prosperity of the country should lead to diminished calls upon the funds on the one hand, and to increased contributions on the other, so that new work may be undertaken.

Letter from Mrs. Ella Carithers.

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friends to rest for a year, but as the year was one of special importance to the Indian Mission he was anxious to be on the ground. Those who selected the location for the mission were careful not only that the mission farm should be good land but that it should be in the midst of fertile valleys, hoping that the land which then lay untilled would some day be dotted with Christian homes, and that the mission might be the center of where the community would gather on the Sabbath, and to which they would turn at all times for sympathy and counsel. The allotting of the land would settle the location of the Indians and in order to help forward his cherished plans Mr. Carithers felt that he should be on the field.

The allotting agent was due in October, but instead the small-pox came. The white people did not take the small pox, but it was not a good time for any one to think of going away to rest while the children were sick, for all the workers were needed at home. The la grippe followed the small pox. In March the allotting agent came and with few exceptions the Indians were located just as we desired. Not only the Christian Indians but many others desired land in the vicinity of the mission. The allotting agent said he could not grant the request of all who desired land there, for there was not land enough. The way the Christian Indians yielded to each other so that all might have a share of the well-watered land made us feel they were worthy of the name Christians. The communion was a joyful occasion but of it you have already heard.

As soon as possible after the communion Mr. Carithers and I filled a camping wagon with provisions and went into the wilderness to rest, not because there was no work at home. The small pox was still among the camp Indians and there were many calls for help, but the winter's work had been a heavy tax on Mr. Carithers' strength and all the workers said he should have rest at once. Every

one was willing to carry a little heavier burden that he might be relieved. He felt that he would gain strength for work if he was away from care and company for awhile. The second night we were out he was prostrated and part of the time lay unconscious. I felt that I was quite too far from company and by no means free from care. The next morning Mr. Carithers was better, but very weak. We felt helpless and uncertain what to do. We entreated the Lord to direct our path and surely he did. While we were driving across a tract of country where there were no homes he was preparing a resting place for us in the shadow of Robert Burton's orchard. We shall never cease to remember with gratitude the welcome they gave us and the help and sympathy that Mr. and Mrs. Burton extended to us during the week that we imposed upon them. It would take a book to tell of the things they did that showed their eagerness to make us more comfortable. The whole community seemed to be infected with the same spirit for there were offers of help from every side. "Freely we have received, freely give," seemed to be the rule of their lives, for it was almost impossible to pay for any service, no difference how great. When sickness and pain would make it necessary for us to have a light at night, in a few moments a light would appear in the house and in a little while Mr. and Mrs. Burton would come to the wagon with a hot poultice or some medicine they had prepared. It was not because there were no houses open to us that we remained in our camping wagon, but it was comfortable and convenient and the air in the orchard fresh and good. As we drove away from the shadow of the orchard trees and from the friends whom we had met a week previous as strangers, but whom we had learned to trust and to love, we thanked God for guiding us to this place of help and comfort. Mr. Carithers is regaining his strength and is now able to make a short drive each day.

ELLA CARITHERS.

May 4, 1901.

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The Rev. Mr. T. M. Slater and his people surprised us with a voluntary contribution of \$85 50. May the Lord abundantly bless Mr. and Mrs. Slater and their people for their generous donation and interest they manifested toward Israel's cause. Contributions of this nature are especially appreciated by us. They saved us from appealing in person. They are truly a free will offering. Mr. Slater's letter too, brought much cheer to our hearts. We would be very thankful to other pastors and congregations to come to our help at this occasion, as did the Bovina people and their pastor.

The new address of the Mission is 800 South 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer's Report.

William G. Carson, Treasurer, 744 South 22d St., Philadelphia, Pa., acknowledges receipts for the General Expense Account of the Jewish Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., of the Reformed Presbyterian Church from April 25 1900, to May 9, 1901:

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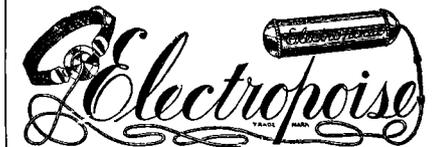
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