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THE twentieth anniversary was regarded as a somewhat festive occasion, and the Association thought it wise to have an evening's entertainment altogether freed from shop-talk, and Mr. Hine, of the *Monitor*, was invited to tell the members about his Alaska tour, and to show them the numerous pictures which he had secured in that far-away region. With the aid of a fine stereopticon this was done, and the patriarch exhibited about one hundred and thirty views and spoke for two hours and more to an audience which listened with silent attention, except when they signified their approval of some particular picture with a round of applause. No attempt was made to secure a stenographic report of the lecture, but this was in substance and in part what Mr. Hine said:

We shipped for Alaska at Seattle on the good steamer "Geo. W. Elder," Capt. J. C. Hunter, on the 17th of July a year ago, a company of a hundred and fifteen men, women and children, bent on enjoying the trip and getting out of it all that it would yield—and we succeeded. In a gathering of that size it is not an uncommon thing to find a quota of grumblers, and kickers, and fault-finders, but we were exceptionally fortunate, for there did not seem to be a single conspirator against the public peace on board the vessel. Our captain was kindness itself,