OBSCURE MARTYRS

They have no place in storied page, No rest in marble shrine; They are passed and gone with a perished

They died and made no sign. But work that shall find its wages yet, And deeds that their God did not forget, Done for their love divine-These were the mourners, and these shall be

The crowns of their immortality. Oh, seek them not where sleep the dead-Ye shall not find their trace; No graven stone is at their head, No green grass hides their face;

But sad and unseen is their silent grave-It may be the sand, or deep sea wave, Or lonely desert place;

For they needed no prayers and no mourning bell-They were tombed in true hearts that knew

They healed sick hearts till theirs was broken,

them well.

And dried sad eyes till theirs lost light; We shall know at last by a certain token How they fought and fell in the fight. Salt tears of sorrow unbeheld,

And silent strifes for the right-Angels shall court them, and earth shall sigh

Passionate cries unchronicled.

That she left her best children to battle and

-Edwin Arnold.

ECHOES.

PHUNNY

Johnnie, why did not the lions eatDaniel? 'Cause they didn't know he was so good.

No man can work a reform of any kind without separating himself measurably from his fellows

Teacher-What creature has the longest tail? Bright Boy-Please, sir, the snake. It is all tail.

Get out o' this, you nasty tramp, or I'll set the dog on you. Set away, ma'am. He'll never hatch nothin'. I'm a bad egg.

Ah, Mees Hobartone, you climb ze Mattehorn? Zat vas a foot to be proud off. Pardon me, count, but you mean feat. O-o-o! you climb it more zan once? Hired boy (on a farm)-Kin I go fishin'

this afternoon? Farmer-No, but be a good boy and work hard 'n' mebbe next week you kin go to a funeral. Hired Boy-Kin I go to your'n?

Howe-My wife has one virtue that makes me overlook any possible faults. Dowe-What is that? Howe-She never asks me what I want for dinner just as I am getting up from the breakfast table.

He-Can you keep a secret? She-Certainly I can. He—Then I'd like to tell you that I want to get married. She-You don't say so? He-Yes, and I don't want anybody but you to know it.

Sunday School Teacher-Miss Fanny, what are we to learn from the parable of the wise and foolish virgins? Miss Fanny (aged ten)-That we are always to be on the lookout for the coming of the bridegroom.

Distressed Young Mother (with crying babe in railway carriage)-Dear, dear! I to the English government she was captured Kind and Thoughtful Bachelor (on the opyou, madam?

name of this yer town? Mr. Jackson sentence was commuted to banishment, and Parke-This is Chicago. Bill Guthrie- she was taken to the Canadian border, whence Chicago yet? A man told me two days ago she sailed to England. She had been mar-I was in Chicago, and I've been drivin' right ried to a Confederate major a few hours before

-Whew! If you could only get yer coffee an' sugar from her, she'd be a regular walking grocery store.

Time is Precious.

Mrs. Polkadot-No, Bobby, you can't go over to Willie Gargle's to play.

Bobby-I heard him say that his mother's milliner was coming to-day.

Mrs. Polkadot-Then you can go over and see what kind of a hat she gets, but don't be Such is her story as she tells it to a reporter

Wise Words.

I think I'll ask the boss to get this aftermoon off, said the youthful clerk.

Don't said the old cashier,

Why not?

You came into this establishment to try and get on, didn't you?

Well, don't be so often trying to get off or New York. you'll never get on.

The Courtship of a Clerk. Briggs-Did you hear about Miss Gros-

they were married.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

It Recalls an Historical Event of Considerable interest.

The recent eclipse of the moon was one of unusual interest, not only because it afforded astronomers extraordinary opportunities, but because of its historical importance. Like other eclipses, its recurrence can now be calculated both for the future and the past with absolute certainty, and in the past in has often been important, the most notable case being that of which Columbus made use.

In the year 1504 he was driven upon the island of Jamaica, where he and his crew were in great distress for provisions, the natives being unfriendly. Knowing what was at hand, Columbus told the Indians that the gods were angry with them, and that in token of it the moon would on a certain night hide her face and show the color of blood. The Indians laughed at him, but on the night of March 1 the eclipse came, and thereafter all that the Indians had was his to command. It is interesting to know that this is the same moon and was a recurrence of the same eclipse. Also that it will come again in 1909.

The explanation of an eclipse is one of the simplest problems in astronomy. As the sun is much larger than the earth it follows that the shadow or the earth 'rnns out in a long point. Now, if the moon moved around the earth in an orbit on the same plane as that in which the earth moves around the sun, there would be an eclipse of the moon every time it passed through the earth's shadow, but as the two orbits form a slight angle it is only at intervals that the shadow strikes the moon. This gives astronomers their opportunity to get exact measurements and other important

A MAN-WOMAN.

Belle Boyd, the Confederate Spy Who Has Been Married Half a Dozen Times.

Belle Boyd, the Confederate spy, is still going about the country delivering lectures under the auspices of the G. A. R. She confesses to only 47 years, which would make her but 17 when she was scurrying about West Virginia collecting information for the Confederates. She is a niece of Alexander Stephenson, once Speaker of the National House of pepresentatives and was brought up at Martinsburg, W. Va., where in 1861 she shot a Federal soldier who was attacking her mother, She accompanied the rebels who were following Gen. Banks across the Potomac, returned with them, and was taken prisoner at Fort Royal by a Delaware regiment. She was confined in the old Capitol building until September, 1863, and then exchanged for Col. Corcoran. Having received a commission as captain, she served in several campaigns, carrying dispatches between Hagerstown and Gettysburg during the greatest battle of the War. After Lee's retreat she returned to her home and was there taken prisoner. Having been conveyed to Washington, and was sentenced to be shot as a spy, but was finally released through Masonic influence, she says, and exchanged, one of the officers for whom she was exchanged being Gen. Nathan Goff later for a time Secretary of War. While conveying dispatches don't know whatever to do with this child. at sea, but Lieut. Harding, U. S. N., offered to marry her and leave the service and proved posite seat)-Shall I open the window for his sincerity by giving her his signal books, which she managed to send to Richmond. Bill Guthrie-Say, mister, what's the She was again sentenced to be shot, but the alon g. Mr. Jackson Parke—That's right. he went with his brigade to Antietum, where City Boy (his first sight of a cow)-An' he was killed. In England she married, in that thing with horns is what you get your the presence of the Prince of Wales, Lieut. milk out of? Country Boy-O' course, stu- | Harding, who died there. After the War was pid; an' butter, an' cheese, too. City Boy over she returned to America, entered the dramatic profession, and married Col. Hammond of the 17th Massachusetts Volunteers. Upon his death she married Nathaniel R. High. the son of a Toledo clergyman. She is a member of Washington Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Orleans, and of the Uniformed Rank of the same Order, having been inducted in the disguise of a man. At one time she was an aide on the staff of Stonewall Jackson. of the Providence Journal, but perhaps she has strained it a point or two to add to its picturesqueness.

Emigration and Poverty.

The Duke of Sutherland owns 1,176,454 acres of land; this is almost the entire county of Sutherland, its total area being 1,297,846 acres, or about twice the size of Erie county,

Did you ever ask yourself why it was that hundreds of thousands of emigrants leave their native lands and flock to our shores? grain? She has married a dry goods clerk. What do you suppose would happen if Erie They met, he woo'd and won her, and so county were to pass into the ownership of one man? Would not all the improvements, Griggs-Why, when did this all happen? all the products of your labor soon become and consequently employers of union work-Briggs-While she was waiting for the the property of this man also? If not, why

The lands of "his grace," the Duke of Sutherland, are not in the market. You may live in Sutherland on the terms "his grace" dictates. And what are these terms? That you pay him, for living on his earthall that your labor will produce, over and above that pittance called "wages;" or just enough on which to subsist and reproduce your kind. Do you wonder that these peo-ple, after years of hopeless toil, seek relief by coming to America where, they are told, there is still hope for them to become posessed of a little land of their own?

Are you aware that the lands of this country are rapidly being concentrated in the hands of a few? Do you know there are aliens and natives who own whole counties and more in the United States? Knowing this, is it still a mystery to you that our jails and almshouses are filled? Our streets overrun with unemployed and women sell ing their souls? The country full of tramps, misery and crime on the increase; men grown frantic, seeking what they believe to be redress through anarchism?

Now, don't find fault with "his grace" or any other land monopolist. The remedy is in your own hands. You have created laws which permit the individual to monopolize. Abolish such laws and require the individual to pay to the community in full, the exact value of the land he monopolizes, in annual rent or tax. Remove the burden from your own shoulders by exempting the products of labor, all improvements from taxation. Do this and monopoly will die a natural death, emigration will cease, no man will hold more land than he can profitably make use of, and poverty with her children, crime and misery, will leave us. The "labor problem" will be solved.

Labor Organizations. The scope of labor organizations is wide,

and for the benefit of our readers who are not members we will mention a few: 1. They make labor respected by making

men respect themselves. 2. They educate and stimulate men and

women in the exercise of existence they shall lead. 3. They protect the home by protecting

the mother and child from the demand of the manufacturer for the cheapest possible 4. They prepare the way for further ad-

vance of social evolution, in whatever direction the wishes of men may desire and di-5. They increase the markes for manufac-

tured products by increasing the wages, and thus indirectly benefit all engaged in pro-6. They protect the widow and orphan from want, bury the dead and teach

the graces and fraternities of mutual belief and assistance to the living. 7. They offer the manufacturer the medium for the orderly settlement of all disputes as to wages and conditions of labor,

and make arbitration and conciliation possible by substituting discipline for mob. 8. They confer a benefit by the mere fact of bringing workingmen together, softening their prejudices, getting them better acquainted with one anothor, teaching thom to sacrifice, if need be, immediate individual

interest for the good of the majority.

9. They place in the hands of the workingmen a greater power, a power generally for good, rarely for ill, which may be used in the legitimate effort to obtain for the laborer the full market price for his labor and greater leisure in which to enjoy the fruits of his toil.

The Necessity of Organization.

That it has become an actual necessity for labor to organize is shown by the fact that capital is in many instances thoroughly organized, and organizations of both are being perfected every day. It is a source of satisfaction to know that labor is being organized more thoroughly now than ever before, and it is indeed very pleasant to learn that wherever labor has been organized it has resulted beneficially alike to employer and employee. Take the trade union for instance. It requires a man to serve a certain time and be a journeyman at his trade before he is admitted to membership. It also investigates his character when he wishes to join it. None are admitted who are not journeymen and of good character. This is sufficient proof, then, and it is conceded to be a fact by the large majority of employers, that the best workmen are to be found in the union. Employers of union men know that "the best is the cheapest;" that it is economy in running any kind of business to have the best workmen and get the best work done. It gives the employer or firm a better reputation for turning out good work instead of cheap, shoddy work. and the success of any work lies in the workmanship. Although the union workman may get better pay for his work than the non union workman, his work will bring a better price when placed on the market, men are fully repaid by having their work done by the best men-union men.

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