

THE MOUNTAIN WHITES OF AMERICA.

OUTLINE OF AN ADDRESS BY MISS A. M. DAVIS, REPORTED BY A. F. PIERCE.

Prof. Austin Phelps remarks that "the hundred years in the salvation of the world may depend upon the next twenty-five years of United States history."

In the South there are 5,000,000 whites who can read or write. They are in three classes—"backwoods," "country," and "city."

The visitor among them seems transported backward to the Elizabethan era. The quiet and curious in the language of the mountaineers is the survival of a more degraded life.

They are as thus stunted in the mountains had a feudal and a life. With no adequate means of support at command they were embarrassed by extreme poverty.

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Is that you are in the blackness of midnight, and here you find from six to twenty human beings huddled promiscuously together.

Such women have no "brother." The vitality is all gone out of the blood; and what most hurts the heart of a true woman—after all this life of burden-bearing there is no hope beyond—no knowledge of a Saviour.

Dr. W. J. Edman tells a story from personal knowledge. He has been evangelizing in the mountains and an old woman if there were any "Presbyterians" around there.

The hopeful sign in these people is a longing for betterment. In their very souls is a pathos as if pleading for help. In their degradation, which defies description, they yearn for schools for some uplifting influence.

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These people have customs quaint and curious, and somewhat obsolete. Their moral looseness is doubtful, but what can be expected where sometimes three generations live, eat, and sleep in one small, windowless cabin.

As a text preached his sermon. Is it strange a young fellow—Tom Eber—speaking out in meeting, said to one of these preachers: "See here, the Bible says you are to feed my sheep, and you ain't doing it."

LIMITED, YES UNLIMITED. Notes of a Sermon by the late Rev. S. B. Howe at Liverpool, N. Y., a Constant Hearer.

In the application of this passage of Holy Scripture, special attention should be paid to its limitation. It is only in fact and in limitation that we have a right to make use of it.

Yes! I should be far from utterly discouraged at that, for entertaining the hope that such affliction may work for his good.

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Then you will notice that it is not perfect obedience that is given in the text before us. Not that that is what we make an apology for, for we may be certain that no one loves God less than he who thinks that he perfectly obeys Him.

Things work together for good to them that love God. But does this broad designation include everything with which we have to do?

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August 28 Sabbath BIBLE LESSONS

Adapted from Peloubert's BIBLE LESSONS. THIRD QUARTER. CALLED BY THE NAME OF GOLDEN

"He wholly followed of Israel"—Josh. 14:14. THE SECTION INCLUDES EXPLANATIONS

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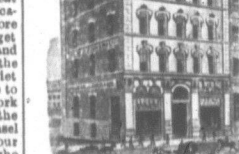
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