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WORDS TO OUR FRIENDS.

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It is our aim to make the *Weekly Messenger* more bright and breezy than ever this year.

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THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

A large quantity of war material being stored in the Soudan, it is found cheaper to destroy it to keep it out of the enemy's hands than to remove it. All the civil inhabitants of Khartoum have had notice from the new Government of Egypt to leave the town. Merchants in Soudan districts are getting up petitions against the withdrawal of Egypt. Activity at Woolwich Arsenal, England, is interpreted to indicate decisive action in Egypt. The False Prophet and his hosts are having their sweet way in the meantime, and will continue to have until they come to the bond at which John Bull says, "Thus far and no farther." Abyssinia, which threatened to make common cause with the marauders against their old-time enemies, is now reported tranquil. She was notified by the British Government that assistance to El Mahdi amounted to war against Great Britain and the terror experience has given her of the English proved sufficient to keep her quiet.

BE PATIENT.

Patience is eminently a virtue to be coveted by temperance workers. In very few countries is there a probability of their living to see the end of their labors, and they are therefore in like unselfish position with the old man planting orchards to yield fruit to his posterity. There is ample ground of hope, however, in the most backward portions of the temperance field, for vast improvement within the lifetimes of even grown men of to-day. The patience herein recommended is that which will not be destroyed by the numerous array of difficulties and discouragements which will inevitably be met in forming and bringing into effect of public opinion in favor of the cause. Every man saved from the bondage of drink, every reduction made in the traffic by the use of existing laws, every youth brought

up as an enemy to the evil, is so much accomplished in the grand triumph at last, come it a score or a hundred years hence. Yet in every one of these lines of effort the worker will often experience disappointment—frequently have to view in bitterness the results of much anxious and prayerful toil apparently dissolve into thin air. Yet let him not faint or fail in his endeavors, nor heed any of the noxious insects buzzing "no use" in his ear. "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not" is a promise that should afford perennial stimulus to the diligent doer of the word endeavoring to perform his or her part in dispensing good-will toward men. We hope all the readers of the *Weekly Messenger* will become powers for good in their respective spheres, proving by work accomplished the value of patience and perseverance joined to good purpose and active endeavor.

NEW ORLEANS is described as being in a most filthy condition—an inviting field for the propagation of yellow fever whenever its season comes round.

FIFTEEN POST OFFICIALS have been arrested in Berlin, Germany, for robbing the mails.

PRINCE FREDERICK CHARLES of Germany, a nephew of the Emperor, is in disgrace. His wife has left him and insists upon a divorce on account of his rakish and drunken habits and brutal treatment of her.

QUEEN VICTORIA is going to Bordighera Italy, for two months.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN, President of the British Board of Trade, is bound to effect a radical reform in marine insurance, although ship-owners have shown themselves, in response to a circular from him, to be satisfied with the present system, complex though it is. The evils that Mr. Chamberlain aims at removing are the intervention of middlemen between insured and the insurers, and the chances for dishonest speculation, at present existing.

BRIDGET CHONIN, of Brooklyn, sued the Rev. Florence McCarthy for \$30,000 for alleged assault, and the jury gave her a verdict for six cents.

THE VATICAN DEMANDING and the Prussian Government refusing the abolition of the ecclesiastical court in Prussia, a hitch has occurred in the negotiations for reconciliation between that country and the Roman Church.

OWING TO THREATS of American Fenians, Judge Denman, of England, against his will is guarded by police.

IN A DUEL IN PARIS between an editor and one he had offended in his paper, the editor wounded his antagonist in the side, leaving a portion of the sword blade broken off in his body.

LIBERAL STUDENTS of St. Andrew's University, Scotland, have expressed much regret at the retirement of Mr. Lowell, the American Minister, from the Lord Rectorship of that institution.

AT A BANQUET in Winnipeg the Hon. John Norquay, Provincial Premier, strongly voiced the claim of Manitoba to be placed upon an equality with other Provinces in respect to land and other matters that the Manitobans are dissatisfied about.

A YOUNG MAN named Gatez went to a junk store in Toronto with a revolver that he 'didn't know was loaded,' and while Harris, the dealer, was examining the weapon it went off, sending a bullet through his hand and close by Gatez's head.

LORD AND LADY LANSDOWNE have paid a visit to Niagara Falls, to see the glories of that natural wonder in winter. On their return they sojourned in Toronto a few days, during which the Governor-General won much favor by his conduct and speeches at sundry receptions.

A RESOLUTION has been unanimously passed by the New York Board of Trade in favor of immediate improvements being effected in the Erie Canal.

MR. THOMAS HOLLOWAY, who made an enormous fortune by the sale of his pills and ointment, died on December 26th, aged 84, at his residence, near Sonnydale, Berkshire, England. In his later years he was very liberal with his wealth, having devoted a million and a quarter of dollars to the erection of an insane asylum for the middle classes, and half a million to the endowment of a college for the higher education of women.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD, Premier of Canada, arrived at the age of sixty-nine years last week.

ITALIAN STUDENTS in Trieste, Austria, make so much disturbance by the expression of their irredentist sentiments that it is believed the Austrian Government will have to expel them. Irredentism, in brief, is the doctrine that Trieste and environs should be restored to Italy, where they anciently belonged.

TWO CORN DEALERS—John Herd and N. J. Mullens—in Liverpool, England, are in charge for defrauding a bank of eighty thousand dollars by hypothecating grain bills twice over.

THE SPANISH COUNCIL OF STATE has decided—14 to 13—that a treaty of commerce between England and Spain is inexpedient.

A CROWD OF RUSTLERS at Seven Rivers, New Mexico, wantonly fired into a party of nine Mexican laborers, killing four, and then escaped.

HUGO SCHENCKE is charged in Vienna with the monstrous villainy of murdering four girls after having obtained their money under promises of marriage.

NEARLY A HUNDRED PUPILS, varying in age from 17 to 46, have joined the Provincial Government's free school of art and design in Quebec city this term.

A NEW LINE of steamers, to run direct between New York and Trieste, Austria, will, it is expected, about double Austrian emigration to the United States.

THE UPPER HOUSE of the Hungarian Diet has rejected the bill legalizing marriages between Christians and Jews. As this time the bill was introduced as a Government measure with a determination to put it through, the question is what is going to be done about it.

A FRENCH COMMISSIONER is coming to the United States, to prevent, if possible, the adoption of retaliatory measures against the prohibition of American salted meats in France.

VIOLENT SPEECHES were delivered at a meeting of four thousand unemployed persons in Paris on Sunday last. An armed revolution was prescribed as the only means of ending dull times. Delegates from workmen's associations were more moderate, advocating an appeal to the Legislature to mitigate the crisis.

JOSEPH HUBBARD, aged eleven, has been sentenced at Hartford, Connecticut, to the Reform School until he is of age, for theft. He stole daily for the past year from one to five dollars, entering his father's bedroom for the purpose while his father was at breakfast. A firm of millers for which Mr. Hubbard is agent estimate their loss by the thefts at \$1,500. Several wagon loads of playthings and trashy literature were found at the child's house. The young culprit received his sentence with indifference. He is described as a bright and intelligent boy. We cannot believe that any boy whose early taste is partially moulded and supplied by the *Messenger* can ever become so silly and wicked as to sacrifice home, parents and liberty for ill-gotten pleasure of any kind.

GENERAL HALLINQUEST, a graduate of West Point and the first United States officer to enter the Confederate army in the Rebellion, committed suicide with poison at Terrell, Texas, the other day.

A BAD FIRE occurred in an orphan asylum in Toledo, Ohio, a few evenings ago. The 120 children in the institution had been put to bed, but all were saved.

TROY, NEW YORK, has a sensation in the form of a juvenile marriage. Frank Condel, of West Troy, aged 18, and Belle Furguson, of Amsterdam, aged 15, left Mechanicville school, where they were pupils, quietly one evening and were married. Their parents were summoned by telegraph.

A DEMONSTRATION OF ROYALISTS was made at the railway station in Paris on the occasion of the departure of the Count of Paris for Madrid to visit the King of Spain. He was handed an address from the Royalist League and hailed as king in party cries. Many persons were arrested by the police.

THE SAILORS' STRIKE at Marseilles, France, continued with renewed vigor at the end of last week.

AFTER A YEAR'S WORK and an outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars, a shaft was sunk through a quicksand on the banks of the Susquehanna River a few days ago—the first performance of such a feat in the history of coal mining in the Wilkesbarre district.