

A CURIOUS LIBEL SUIT.

The War Which the Rev. Frederick Howard is Waging in Tennessee.

The defendants to the libel suit brought by Rev. Frederick Howard, of Jackson, Tenn., include several of the most eminent Baptists in the state and one, Dr. J. R. Graves, whose reputation is world-wide.

Early in 1882 Rev. Frederick Howard, a young Baptist in Georgia, attracted much attention by his ability, and was invited to Jackson, Tenn., and made pastor of the First Baptist church. His advance in popularity was phenomenal, and he married a most estimable lady of Jackson. He was a fine speaker and a man of more than ordinary cultivation; and was quite communicative as to his past life. He stated that his father was an eminent London lawyer and a queen's counsel, and that in the interval between his leaving England and settling in Georgia he had been in an Arctic expedition.

At length painful rumors reached Jackson regarding the preacher; a division arose in his church and five of the deacons requested him to resign. He appealed to the church and a division took place. Dr. Howard (for he had become a D. D.) and his friends seceded and organized the Central Baptist church, and he soon established a paper called The True Baptist.

He kept up such a galling fire on his critics in its columns that they organized in self defense and expended considerable labor and some money in hunting up his record. They kept quiet about it, however, till Dr. Howard attacked the South-western Baptist university, an institution with which several of his opponents are connected. Then they prepared and published their story in The Tennessee Baptist of Memphis, The Baptist Reflector of Chattanooga and the Forked Deer Blade, a secular paper of Jackson.

It would be manifestly improper to here specify the charges made against Dr. Howard—it is enough that they created a great sensation. Dr. Howard at once brought suit for \$50,000 against the three papers and sixteen signers of the statement. He also published a pamphlet in his own vindication, containing the affidavits of leading citizens of Georgia and South Carolina, where he had lived and where his alleged misdoings were committed, supporting his claims to respectability, but he admitted that parts of his life before he came a Christian were not spent in good works.

The defendants then employed extraordinary means to trace his life, and have on file voluminous mass of papers, which would be a literary bonanza to a Charles Reade or a Julius Verne, and a Willie Collins.

Rev. J. R. Graves, LL. D., the principal defendant, is known to almost every Baptist in the English speaking world; and the mention of his works, especially The Great Iron Wheel, will recall his name to millions in other denominations. He is a born polemic, talented, sincere and terribly in earnest. He has all the dry, acute sarcasm of his native Vermont, and the torrid fervor of his adopted Tennessee.

BASEBALL MEN.

Portraits of Some of Those Who Were Present at the New York Meeting.

There was a concentration of strength about the Fifth Avenue hotel, in New York, the other day, when the League baseball men met to arrange the schedule for the games of the summer. Guests looked sideways at the figures, festooned

with muscles, passed, and the porters, who are used to shouldering trunks, seemed inclined to get behind a breastwork of baggage. There were presidents enough and strong enough to storm the White House and make one of their members a real president.

THE CONCORD PHILOSOPHER.

Recently Announced.

Amos Bronson Alcott, whose death was recently announced at Boston, succeeded in presenting a very powerful personal argument in favor of his system of living, for though, by no means a stalwart man, and leading an extremely active, intellectual life, he maintained his faculties unimpaired until the age of 80.



ALCOTT AND HIS HOME.

The younger generation of readers is better acquainted with the family name through the writings of his talented daughter, Miss Louisa M. Alcott; but to the active thinkers of the day the announcement of the old philosopher's death will bring recollections and sighs, not unminged with smiles.

The smiles will be in tender memory of the days of "Brook Farm" and other semi-socialistic experiments, when Bronson Alcott was a noted and very radical reformer in almost every line of living, and equally of the methods of teaching.

Very few men have been the subject of so much good humored laughter and gentle criticism; every one liked him, many devotedly loved him, a very few believed in him, and the mass of mankind called him a "crank." And no wonder, for he founded his system of teaching on two axioms—that the soul came into the world from a realm of pure spirit, and that the body was degraded by "strong meats"; hence, he maintained, children in whom the pure spirits had lately been incarnated were to be dealt with as naturally pure, and corruption of infantile purity was to be avoided by proper diet, which should consist almost entirely of milk, fruit and unspiced vegetables. It is scarcely necessary to say that the average American parent, knowing the real nature of children by painful experience, laughed the philosopher to scorn. Nevertheless he taught school in Boston for six years on his theory, and afterward established this "infantile quest" at Concord, where some of that school system still remain.

He governed his school on the orthodox theory that man is by nature prone to do right, and that the opinions of children, before their perversion, are valuable; so he kept a record of the childish replies to his most puzzling questions, and a very extraordinary record it was.

His own education was an extraordinary patchwork. Born at Woburn, Conna., Nov. 29, 1790, he commenced protesting against the existing condition of things as soon as he was able to write, and kept it up for sixty-five years, till a paralytic stroke in 1855 deprived him of power to continue further. As early as he made a long tour of the south, a pedlar, reading every book he could get hold of, and debating all disputed themes with his customers and entertainers. After his experience as a teacher in Boston, he settled in Concord in 1834, and labored six years to found a school of vegetarians. In 1842 he went to England, and returning thence with two friends established a place near Haverly called "Fruit Land," which was to be a sort of Eden of fruit diet and primal simplicity. Of course the "old serpent" got in and "Eden" was abandoned. He next worked in connection with Emerson as a transcendentalist, and published the "Orphic Sayings." In 1868 he published "Tablets," in 1872, "Concord Days," and in 1873, "Table Talk"—all full of the same mystical notions about pure souls and possible perfection. In 1880 he married Miss May, of Boston, by whom he had one daughter, the famous author of "Little Women" and other stories for children. It is one of the pleasing contrasts we find in domestic life that the wife was a plain, common sense Yankee girl, and the daughter's writings are intensely practical, while the old gentleman remained an intuitionist or transcendentalist dreamer to the last.

SULLIVAN AND MITCHELL.

The American and English Pugilists Who Have Been Talking of Fighting.

John L. Sullivan, Boston's joy and pride, has been in England for several months now, looking for some one to fight. But so far no one has seemed anxious to be used to wipe up the ground with ever Charley Mitchell, and few have ever believed that Mitchell's debut was at all sincere, and their doubt of the noisy little Englishman's honesty was greatly increased the other day, when he allowed himself to be arrested and placed under bonds to keep the peace. His declaration that this could make no difference, as it was pro-



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posed to fight outside of England anyway, has been taken with many grains of salt, and Sullivan's friends are waiting with great delight to the fact that the American champion betook himself to France in time to avoid any arrest.

We give a cut showing the comparative size of the two men. Comment is unnecessary.

The export of African diamonds for 1887 was 3,500,088 carats, of the value of £4,251,837.

The silver wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales was quietly celebrated on Saturday.

Provincial Treasurer Jones was elected on Saturday in Shoal Lake, Man., by a majority of 198.

Goderich Markets.

Goderich, March 15, 1888.	
Wheat, (Fall old) 3 bush	\$0.00 @ \$0.00
Wheat, (Fall new) 3 bush	0.75 @ 0.80
Wheat, (Spring) 3 bush	0.75 @ 0.80
Wheat, (Gosport) 3 bush	0.65 @ 0.68
Flour, (Fall) 3 cwt.	1.25 @ 1.30
Flour, (mixed) 3 cwt.	1.20 @ 1.25
Flour, (patent) per cwt.	2.10 @ 2.15
Flour, (strong) 3 cwt.	2.00 @ 2.05
Barley, 3 bush	0.70 @ 0.75
Hay, 3 ton	1.00 @ 1.05
Potatoes, 3 bush	0.50 @ 0.55
Butter, 3 lb.	0.15 @ 0.20
Eggs, fresh unspiced 3 doz.	1.00 @ 1.05
Cheese, 3 lb.	0.11 @ 0.12
Brass 3 ton	15.00 @ 16.00
Chopped stuff, 3 cwt.	0.90 @ 1.00
Wood, 3 cord	3.00 @ 3.50
Shedding 3 cord	0.50 @ 0.75
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Members of the Institute who have arranged to read papers on the occasion will please notify the secretary at once, so that their names can be placed upon the program.

On Friday evening a general meeting will be held, at which, in addition to a choice musical entertainment by local talent, addresses are expected from Hon. M. Ross, Mr. John Dryden, M.P.P., Mr. D. McGillicuddy, and others.

All are invited. C. J. S. WATFEL, J. KERNIGHAN, Secretary, President.

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Mrs. J. Lanning and son, Kingston, catarrh and catarrh of the throat. Mrs. Ralph Chamber, Aylmer, Ont., catarrh of the throat.

Mrs. Jas. Emberson, Napanee, Ont., bronchitis. John A. Little, Dundalk, Ont., catarrh of the throat. John E. Kersey, Baginboro P.O., Ont., catarrh of the throat.

A. D. Crin's son, Wallaceburg, Ont., catarrh of the throat. Robt. Menzies, Wingham, Ont., catarrh of the throat.

Mrs. F. Scott, Stirling, Ont., catarrh of the throat. Edith Pierce, Stratford, Ont., catarrh of the throat.

W. Lindsey, Petrolia, Ont., catarrh of the throat. Mrs. John Tait, Verner, Ont., catarrh of the throat.

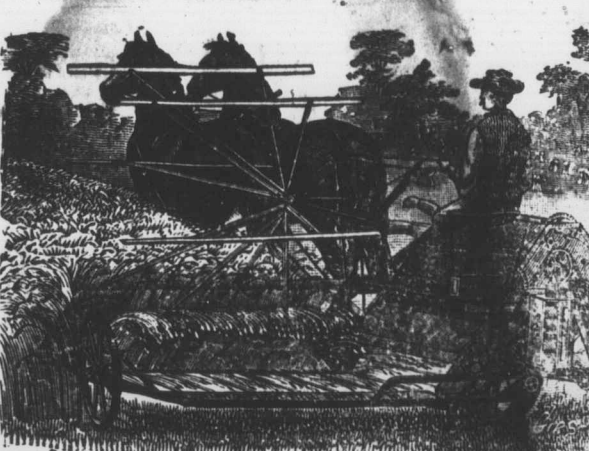
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