

ALL OVER THE WORLD

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HAVANA, June 21.—The event of the week has been Gomez's splendid victory at Najasa, Puerto Principe. The details thus far are meagre. General Jimenez Castellanos left Puerto Principe with 2,114 men; 342 horses and five mounted pieces of artillery. They encamped at a cattle ranch called Saratoga, where the attack commenced by a charge of 1,000 rebel cavalrymen with machetes. For two days the insurgents continued harassing the troops, killing and wounding many. The actual losses on both sides have not been ascertained yet. It is only known that the Spaniards brought with them 320 wounded from the field of action, and if any were left behind it is not known. Report has it that the total Spanish loss in killed, wounded and missing was over 1,000.

HAVANA, June 24.—It is reported on good authority that Captain General Weyler is pleased with the aspect of military affairs in the island, and that the government has expressed its approval of his plan of campaign. He is confident that with the reinforcement of 40,000 men promised him by the minister of war he will be able to crush the rebellion and that he will return triumphant to Spain in June next. It is his intention to send 20,000 of the new troops, when they arrive, to the province of Pinar del Rio, where they will be employed in crushing Maceo, and the other 20,000 will be used to strengthen the Jucaro trocha. These reinforcements will enable Captain General Weyler to disperse with the "volunteers," who are at present doing garrison duty.

MADRID, June 25.—A dispatch to the Imperial from Havana says an expedition consisting of 300 Americans and having a quantity of dynamite and a number of Mauser rifles, landed a few days ago near Cardenas. They were attacked by a Spanish force and compelled to retreat. The Spaniards captured the munitions of war and are in pursuit of the filibusters.

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Two colored people were the late Joe Adams, Marysville, Ohio, 105, and Augusta Comegys, Chestertown, Md., 108. Comegys had been wedded five times.

Book agents are supposed to die an early and violent death, but Capt. G. D. Diamond is still at the bar.

Trade in San Francisco, at its good at 100.

putation as they "One Harry" The lifeless marble City, claims to be a hot race between the bug and the general financial position on the Chicago board of ken.

Wicourse New York can hold a such a world's fair in 1900. Remember that she did with the Grant monument.

Hamburger cheese must not be contided with our filled cheese. Limiter is merely filled with a harm-bodur.

Charles Harris, of Niles, Ohio, has been a gavel from a piece of wood from the house McKinley was in, and Charles doesn't want an ee, either.

Don't worry about trifles. One day week a man tried to recover his that had blown off, and in doing lost his footing, and was carried r Niagara Falls.

Three boys, readers of dime-novels, ve gone to prison, one for life and others for forty years each; but the publisher of the dime-novel has his ad doubtless much wealth.

An Omaha man who was married e other day made his bride a wedding present of eight bonds which he ad forged. That fellow seems to have ad a very unique idea of the bonds matrimony.

While a Cincinnati man was delivering a 100-pound block of ice that weighed thirty-five pounds one day last week he was struck by lightning. Evidence is making it hot for the short-weight fiend.

A Wisconsin paper's statement that e reason in Milwaukee appears to be boycotted except the boycott" is entirely too sweeping. The street car strike does not affect the use of hop-water for internal irrigation.

The Kansas City Journal says "a woman wearing a Mother Hubbard the streets the other night ole." We desire to retract old dry utterances we ever portend.

The disorder in the high school atartersville, Ga., because the band ed "Dixie" just at Edward Newell shed an oration on "The New W. C. T. U. assets Dwell got prize because the judges were influenced by the musical climax.

English newspapers which are coming on the slowness with which World's Fair medals are being distributed also contain a paragraph ich says that the royal commission on vaccination will, after seven rs' deliberation, issue its final report ere Parliament rises in August.

There is occasionally a poor boy who ches on" without going west to up with the country. Look at illiam Irel and and to Spain to grow up with the ry. He is now Count of Morphi, e secretary to the queen regent, ain and chamberlain to Alphonse II. and a grandee of the first

ing her orations before the Fed- of Women, Belva Lockwood her hand a large umbrella with he emphasized her points, but epraved person of the tyrant stole it and it afterwards up in the Kentucky State Con- at Lexington, where it was a gavel. If there is any chiv- in Kentucky, Mrs. Lock- umbrella will be returned to whatever repairs it may need.

ing Chang, the rehabilitated diplomat, is on his way home sia, leaving a trail of gold and behind him. Emperor Will- e latest recipient of this country, and with typical econ- the obligation with an decoration that cost only a and a few odd words. Oom to pass through the United his tour of observation in study our political institu-

b paper thinks that in case ntern Spain and this coun- n states would secede e Spaniards, and as a result of the states would smash minute particles. There are t of this kind that are a rt to foreign powers that anything about it.

Spaniards have got in a of bloody work this year, that it is so near the end of so much enlightenment

at Milan of Servia will a to find an heirless to his son, King Alex- all unlikely. He needs o does the young man; other part of the world us to contribute it as money in compari- and suffering in- rate queen?

Saloon Tragedy at Cedar Rapids. CEDAR RAPIDS, June 23.—Jos. Rambousek and Anton Deverak became engaged in a drunken row at the former's saloon, which ended in the men seizing clubs and engaging in a slugging match. Rambousek sustained a fractured skull and may die, while Deverak sustained a painful scalp wound. The latter has been held in bonds of \$1,000 on the charge of assault with intent to kill.

Killed by Lightning. STORM LAKE, June 24.—A very severe thunderstorm struck Buena Vista county. Three homes in Storm Lake were struck by lightning without doing much damage. Mr. and Mrs. Richard, in Newell, however, were killed by lightning. They were sitting together on a lounge when the bolt struck.

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Japan's Appalling Calamity—Earthquake and Tidal Wave.

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The Wheat Crop.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 25.—The Journal prints reports from fifty wheat counties in Minnesota and Dakota, showing no reduction in acreage of spring wheat states of a year ago. All but three counties report the condition of wheat good. The total acreage is placed at 9,000,000, acres 900,000 more than estimated. There is a decrease in Red river valley, but it is compensated for in increases elsewhere. These reports show from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 of last year's crop is still in the farmer's hands. On this basis the crop will not exceed 190,000,000 bushels, or considerably less than the estimates.

Blames the Almighty.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 24.—The czar has ordered that the inquiry into the causes that lead to the terrible disaster on the Hodynitsky plain during the coronation fetes at Moscow, when upwards of 2,500 persons were crushed or trampled to death, be dropped for the reason that a number of exalted personages have been shown to have been implicated. The disaster will therefore be ascribed to an act of God.

Bayard Honored by England.

OXFORD, Eng., June 25.—The honorary degree of D. C. L. has been conferred on United States Ambassador Bayard.

TERSE NEWS.

The sensational duel between General Campos and General Borrero, of Spain, has been declared off.

The democrats of New York adopted resolutions declaring for the gold standard. Hill, Murphy, Flower and Coudert are the delegates at large.

The boycott which was declared against the Milwaukee street railway, as a result of the late strike, has been declared off by the union. The end of the boycott practically ends the street railway troubles.

Illinois democrats renominated Governor Altgeld and declared for free silver; Ohio and Indiana declared for free coinage of silver; Wisconsin declared for gold, and Texas held two conventions, one by gold men and one by silver advocates.

Venezuelan dispatch: A British official with 100 laborers was opening a road from the Barana to the Cuyuni river, within the Schomburgk line, when they were stopped by armed Venezuelans. Orders have been sent from Georgetown to the British officials not to offer violent resistance to the Venezuelans, but to withdraw under protest. No excitement has been caused in the country by the incident.

St. Louis dispatch: As a result of a series of conferences between committees appointed by the seceding silver men of the recent republican national convention and a committee composed of prominent populists, an address was issued from the headquarters of the people's party national committee, in St. Louis, advising populists throughout the country to make Henry M. Teller, of Colorado, their national standard bearer.

Madrid dispatch: A very bad impression has been made here by the cablegrams received from the United States announcing that the Cuban flag was displayed at the republican national convention in St. Louis. The press, in the comments upon the occurrence, are agreed that the real Cuban question is not in Cuba, but in the United States, and the government is urged by the newspapers to prepare at once for all contingencies.

At Taylor Cycle Park, Little Falls, N. Y., a few days ago, where the state meet of the L. A. W. was taking place, a steam yacht, Tirus Sheard, exploded her boiler. Ten were killed outright, one died on the way to the hospital and three are fatally injured and six seriously injured. Three of the bodies have not been recovered and are believed to be in Erie canal. The explosion resulted from a defective working pump connected with the boiler.

Cape Town dispatch: The secretary of state for the Transvaal has telegraphed to the British high commissioner here saying that, having in view the welfare and peace of South Africa, the Transvaal government is convinced that the proofs in its possession, and which are at the disposal of Great Britain, now completely justify and compel the bringing to trial of Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and Dr. Harris, all of the British South Africa company, and connected with the raid into the Transvaal. The secretary adds that the Transvaal republic is obliged to press this step on Great Britain and also to urge that all control of the British chartered South Africa company be transferred to Great Britain.

Late advices received from Brost state the Drummond ship Castle was making the passage from Plymouth to the east of Ushante island when the accident occurred. A slight haze hung over the water and the steamer crashed upon a rock and foundered in five minutes. The British warship Sibyll, which was near at hand, lowered her boats and did all possible to rescue those on board the steamer, but the efforts of the cruiser's men were in vain. More than 300 were drowned. Among the passengers on the Drummond Castle were some of the persons who were concerned in the recent troubles in the Transvaal.

In the suburban handicap race at New York, Henry of Navarre won in 2:07.

Washington dispatch: The removal of the headquarters of the democratic silver committee to Chicago has been contemplated for some time. The rooms of the committee in Washington will be closed at once and quarters will be opened in the Sherman house at Chicago. After the national convention the committee will longer

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FEAR OF THE UNITED STATES.

That Is What Keeps England From Making War on Venezuela.

LONDON, June 25.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain declines to forecast government action in regard to the arrest of Harrison, crown surveyor of British Guiana, by Venezuelan troops. The Globe, in commenting upon the arrest of the crown surveyor of British Guiana by the Venezuelan troops, says: "The Venezuelan government has repeated an insult to Great Britain with which even the American spread eagleism could not sympathize. It looks as though President Crespo was thinking of the approach of a presidential election in the United States, and was anxious to force a collision with Great Britain before the question has lost its electioneering value." The St. James Gazette says: "This last impudence is a repetition of the 'Urban and other affairs during the last half century, and yet Venezuela has never apologized. Are we waiting to see the opinion which the American committee will reach upon the various historic questions which it is interesting in a very languid way? If we are going to ignore the insolence of Caracas out of regard for the susceptibilities of Washington, our patience will not wait exercise."

WARNING BY WHITNEY.

Leader of Eastern Sound Money Democrats Issues a Statement.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney has given out a signed statement outlining the position of the eastern sound money democrats on the currency issue. Shorn of verbiage, these plain facts stand out in bold relief in the statement: He declares that the fight is practically sectional, with the south and west standing for independent free coinage of silver and the east for a gold standard unless bimetallicism can be effected through international agreement. He practically serves notice on the Chicago convention that if a free silver platform is adopted there, as now seems probable, the party can with certainty expect large defections in the east. He declares that he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination for president, would not accept it if tendered and would not serve if elected.

ROWING ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Venturesome Norwegian Sailors Are Sighted 300 Miles East of Boston.

NEW YORK, June 22.—The 18-foot row boat in which the two Norwegian sailors are trying the Atlantic voyage, and which left New York June 6, was spoken by the Faerøe Bismarck on the 15th, 350 miles east of Boston. At this rate it will take the rowers about 100 days to make the voyage to Havre. They carry only sixty days' provisions. The men asked to be reported well.

Bimetallism Coming.

LONDON, June 24.—A dispatch from Paris to the Daily News says that an international commission of husbandry including delegates from France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Sweden and Switzerland, met at the ministry of husbandry and adopted a bimetallic resolution. The Daily News says on this: "As M. Melen (the French premier) presided at the meeting, Great Britain is likely to hear shortly from the French government on this subject."

After Apache Kid.

TUCSON, Arizona, June 24.—Advices from the San Bernardino ranch say that two companies of cavalry and sixty scouts have been joined by Mexican troops and are now going south through Sonora. The plan is first to go to Yaqui village, where Apache Kid is supposed to be, and then deploy and move northward with the hope of forcing the renegades to this side of the line, where they will be met by troops.

Can't Buy Guns.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Word is received here that Sir Augustus Fleming, now governor general of British Guiana, is meeting with the same reverses experienced by his predecessor in executing the policy of Foreign Secretary Chamberlain to buy Maxim guns to fortify the Venezuelan frontier. The high court opposed his resolution to that end and he was obliged to withdraw it to prevent defeat.

Russell Declines Lake Whitney.

BOSTON, June 23.—Ex-Governor William E. Russell has issued a statement on his position relative to the democratic presidential nomination. In it he positively says that his name will not be presented to the Chicago convention.

Fourteen Fatally Hurt.

CHATHAM, Ont., June 24.—During a political rally a balcony of the Royal Exchange Hotel collapsed, while a crowd stood underneath. Fourteen persons were severely and probably fatally injured.

Transvaal Raiders Indicted.

LONDON, June 23.—The grand jury indicted Dr. Jameson and his fellow raiders into the Transvaal for violation of the neutrality laws.

London has forty restaurants in which only vegetable foods are served. Milk stations are found at various places in the cities of Chili. A cow is tethered on a platform, and when a person wants a drink of milk, the cow is milked to order. The cost is a trifling brandy is at hand if he prefers a milk punch.

A Brooklyn boy was absent from school and his mother, who accounted for his absence, in a note she sent to the teacher: "Miss B.—Frank could not come these three weeks because he had amonia and information of the vowels."

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ANNUAL OUTING. Of the letter B, social club Sunday, June 28th. Special train to St. Joseph, via Chicago Great Western railway. Fare, \$2 for the round trip. Great time. Don't miss it. W. H. Long, City Ticket Agent, Youngerman block.

Following is an interesting letter received by Jacob Howard from his half-sister, Nannie J. Flanders.

UTICA, Miss., May 26.—MR. HOWARD: As I understand your object in having me write to you was to know of the educational progress of the colored people of the state of Mississippi. I will say the colored people are making rapid progress along the line of education. The number of colored pupils enrolled in the public schools is about 2,900, besides there are no less than 150 high.

The Alcorn Mechanical college at Rodney, the Toulon university at Toulon, and the Rush university, and a state normal school at Holly Springs are partly supported and governed by the state and furnish free education to the pupils as mechanics and teachers. There are numerous academies and colleges under private management.

The Toulon university, of which I am a student, is the leading school in the state. It is carrying on a complete college course, turning out sixty-five graduates within ten years. We had seven graduates from the preparatory classical course this year. Miss Anna L. Harris of Green's Crossing received the valedictory and will take up her work as a missionary in Turkey for the American Missionary association in September.

Our senior class of '96 and '97 has thirty-two members. The people as a whole are trying to climb the ladder, and we have many persevering young men and women that are progressing rapidly.

NANNIE J. FLANDERS.

DON'T MISS THE GAME. Between Des Moines and St. Joseph league clubs at St. Joseph, Sunday, June 28th. Special train on the Chicago Great Western (Maple Leaf route) leaves Des Moines at 7:30 a. m. Fare \$2 for the round trip. W. H. Long, City Passenger Agent, Youngerman block, Des Moines.

MT. PLEASANT NOTES. Mrs. Henry Clay and family of Kentucky have arrived in the city to make this city their future home.

Miss Grace Smith has returned to her home in Missouri.

Mr. Alfred Beatty's house was burned down on the first of the week, most of the contents being consumed.

Charles Brooks of Keokuk is in this city.

A lawn social was given at the home of Mrs. Tally's on Thursday evening.

Avery Pierson was a Sunday visitor.

Mr. Cell, who has been attending college here will leave soon for his home in Mexico, Mo.

Mrs. LaCour and baby will soon leave to visit parents in Des Moines.

Mrs. Watts has returned from her visit to Galesburg.

CH. NOTES. Special Correspondent to the Bystander.

Everybody is well pleased with the Bystander.

The party given by Mrs. R. Richmond was well attended. Your scribe was not able to attend on account of sickness.

We had quite a rain Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Elford Omsley of Lucas was in the city Sunday.

The meeting of the citizens of the city to prepare for the Fourth was a flat failure.

We were favored with a band concert Friday night.

The fishing party last Thursday caught so many fish that they would hardly carry them. Go again.

Mrs. G. D. Newman has a few good points after all—poisoned shoes.

Rumor says there will be another picnic soon.

Rev. Romulus Richmond preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Ed Walker was killed Saturday night by the railroad cars, while on his way home. Particulars unknown.

Children's day was well attended Sunday at the A. M. E. church, both morning and evening.

Mrs. Georgia and Miss Mary Carpat arrived in the city Monday morning en route to bloomfield. Miss Mary attended the Baptist Sunday school convention at Ft. Madison, she being state secretary.

The I. B. R. C. will meet with Mrs. Henderson Friday afternoon.

The fair was quite well attended, and a goodly sum of money was raised.

Miss Olive Smith, after several days pain from stepping on a tack is much improved.

Two ladies and a little boy arrived in city recently from the capital city, and went to a colored barber shop on south Market street to get the boy's hair cut. He evaded the question. Thereupon they remarked, maybe he does not cut colored people's hair. He said, "You know how that is," and wanted to take them somewhere else. They thanked him and told him they could find it. And still our people wonder why we are refused by white people. It is no wonder when our race turns against us.

One Fare for the Round Trip to Washington, D. C.

Tickets on sale July 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th via Wash. Line. For information apply to the Wash. Line, Des Moines.

ALBIA NOTES. Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Star Tabernacle, No. 28, gave an ice cream social at Perry Hall Friday evening. All present enjoyed themselves.

A number of Albion are preparing to give a concert at Forster, Iowa.

Albion republicans gave their first rally Saturday evening.

Messrs. Shephard, J. L. Thompson and Hardy passed through the city en route to Des Moines Saturday morning.

Mr. Randolph and son, of Hite-man, were in town on business one day this week.

There will be an excursion from Albion to Oskaloosa next Sunday. Many Albion people contemplate paying that city a visit.

Master Warn Miner, one of our bright colored lads, is employed by the Albion Cornet Band as their drum major. He will accompany them to Fairfield July 4.

Rev. Rhinehart left here on Wednesday for Charitan.

Mrs. Susie Snoddy has returned from her visit at Oskaloosa.

A number of people were in from the country on Tuesday.

U. S. Jones and wife, accompanied by little Garnet Smith arrived in the city Saturday.

NEWTON NOTES. Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Mrs. G. A. Brown, of Murphy, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Hudson's family are re-joining over the arrival of a little daughter.

Miss Helen Blackwell, who is attending college in Grinnell is home on a vacation.

Miss Maude Walker and the Misses Green spent a delightful day at the beautiful country home of Mrs. G. Brown.

Rev. Waldon was in Colfax last week.

An attempt is being made to organize a Sunday school normal class in this city.

Miss Phoebe Lucas of Aurora, Ill., will visit the Green home in their near future.

Rumor has it that the mysterious Five will give a very swell entertainment next week.

The band boys will give an ice cream social Saturday evening.

OSKALOOSA NOTES. Special Correspondence of the Bystander.

Messrs. George Douglass and Mr. Jamison have opened up a store and ice cream parlor on First avenue. Patronize them and read their advertisement in this paper.

Elder Smooters of Indiana is with us, assisting in the camp meeting. His sermons are logical and interesting.

Mrs. Mary Murry and Mrs. Bell Canady will start tomorrow for Philadelphia, where they will spend several months with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Laura Hawkins entertained a few friends this week in honor of Mesdames Murry and Canady.

Mesdames Frankie Marshall and Enna Jones are on the sick list.

Uncle Peter Higgins, a well known and highly respected citizen of this place died Saturday, and was buried Monday. Sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Richardson and Miss Ida Palmer have returned home after visiting Mrs. Cora Jones a few days.

BEE LINE

Serves meals at all hours. Hot and cold lunch. Dining room for ladies, with electric fan, ten furnished rooms. Ice cream every day and evening, special parlor on second floor. Everything in groceries, fruit, candies, cakes, pies, tobacco, and everything to make you happy. New, nice, and neat. JOSEPH JAMISON, GEORGE W. DOUGLAS, Proprietors.

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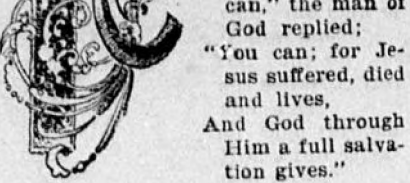
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THE CHRISTIAN WAY.

RELIGION AND REFORM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"Can I Be Saved?"—The Sign of Safety—The Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain—Little Sermons From Preachers of Many Denominations.



"May I be saved, so worthless, vile and base?" "You may, for God's salvation is of grace; None are rejected who to Him apply. He never allows a seeking soul to die.

If you are lost—to save the lost He came; If you desire salvation—seek His name; Rely upon His word, His merit trust, And you shall be by God accounted 'just.'—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

The Sign of Safety. To realize how much we owe to that which Christianity has made common, we must imagine ourselves without it. Certain things which now we pass by without thought or comment would take on new value under other circumstances. This was proved by the experience of some sailors shipwrecked near an island which some of the crew had heard of as being occupied by cannibals.

They landed, therefore, in great fear. Perceiving none of the natives, they handled their boat upon the beach, and sought the shelter of the adjacent woods, in hopes of finding fruits or berries for subsistence. But once in the woods their fears increased. They moved stealthily along, alarmed at the cracking of the dry branches beneath their feet, and at every unusual rustle in every sound, and to leap upon them through every opening glade of the forest. Cold sweats gathered on their sun-browned brows, and more than once they halted and considered on the propriety of returning to their boat. But as often they resolved to advance, especially as they found themselves ascending a wooded hill, which they hoped might furnish them a nook or cave in which to hide. Thus trembling, they proceeded.

They approached its summit, which was bold and rocky; the foremost of the party ventured from the shelter of the trees to view the island. Cautiously he stole, step by step, to the mountain's brow, until his eyes caught sight of the village below. Then he literally sprang into the air, clapped his hands and shouted: "Safe! safe! safe!"

"What is the matter?" asked his companions, who thought him crazy. "We are safe, I tell you! We are safe!" he replied, pointing to the village on the plain below.

Looking down, the now joyful seamen beheld a church lifting its modest front above the huts of the natives. Then they shared in the transport of their companion. They leaped, they wept, they embraced. They knew by that church that the missionary was there. They knew that where he lived cannibalism must be dead. They accordingly descended to the plain, and found, instead of a cruel death, a hearty, generous hospitality.

Suggested Subjects of Prayer. World's Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain Covenant—Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ and realizing the untold blessing of fervent, united prayer we, the individual links in the World's Christian Endeavor Prayer Chain Covenant, agree to make it our practice to offer a petition for one another and for the cause of Christian Endeavor every day. We also promise to endeavor to bear in mind at the usual time of our daily devotions the particular cause which is brought to the attention of the Prayer Chain each month as the object of our united petition.

July.—For World-Wide Christian Fellowship. Pray that the fellowship typified by the Christian Endeavor movement, based on fidelity to Christ and loyalty to one's own church, may prevail, and that it may be greatly promoted by the International Convention at Washington.

August.—For Young Christians Away from Home. Pray that as they are scattered by the vacation season, the knowledge of Christ may be spread abroad by them, and that their consistent lives may everywhere tell for the Master.

September.—For the Christian Sabbath. Pray that it may be preserved to those that come after us as a day of rest and worship and spiritual refreshment.

October.—For our Missionaries in the Field, Both Home and Foreign. Pray especially for those laboring in hard, discouraging and perilous fields. Pray for the "volunteers," who are making ready to go to the front.

November.—For Our Country. Pray for the nation of which you are a citizen, whichever that nation may be, that it may be a God-fearing, law-abiding, Christian land. Pray for every wise effort of the young people to advance true Christian citizenship.

December.—For More Complete Consecration. Pray that the month celebrated, the world around, as Christ's natal month, may be marked by the gift of a multitude of young hearts to Him, and by the more complete consecration of all His people to His service.

Miracles. There are many people who would have us believe that the age of miracles is past and that Christ has ceased to exercise His miraculous power in the world. We grant that the miraculous element is not so strikingly displayed in these as in the days of Christ's flesh. The blind are not receiving their sight, neither are the lame being made to walk, nor the dead being

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