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TRIP BACKWARDS TO THE OLD COUNTRY. CHAPTER III.

New Orleans—Mississippi River Steamboat Travelling—Theatre and Clergy, in close contact—Memphis—the Revival. When we parted at the mouth of Red River, I promised to resume my correspondence, as I ascended the Father of Waters. To commence then with the Crescent City. What can I say of New Orleans, except that it is the place where men go to "buy and sell, and get gain." We reached there in the morning, and left on the evening of the same day.

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drowning, and suddenly awoke to reclining and gamboling, as in our boyhood days, when we spent much of our time in fishing and sporting on the streams and bluffs of our old native Kentucky. At Paducah we stopped a night and part of a day, waiting for a St. Louis and Nashville packet. This place has improved rapidly within the last few years. It now numbers about eight thousand inhabitants, and is supported by a fine truck country—a tobacco country—an immense amount of which is shipped from this point. By the way the raising of this flitely weed pays the producer as well, if not better than cotton in the South.

While wandering about the town, I accidentally fell in with the pastor of the Methodist Church, who informed me that they had a gracious revival in progress. May the good work go on. At this point I "fell in" with the delegates from St. Louis, Missouri and Kansas Conferences, which, in addition to another good boat, sober officers, and an agreeable crew generally, made traveling exceedingly pleasant.

Smithland, at the mouth of the Cumberland, is newly formed by the main channel in the Ohio running on the opposite side of the river. As we entered the mouth of the Cumberland it looked like merging from wide scenes of foam and wrath into a clear, rippling, spring brook. Certainly, the Cumberland is a lovely little creek, but its abrupt cliffs are awfully magnificent. I reckon it was such scenes that made so many orators in Tennessee.

For ten days the weather has been cool, with some frost; wheat slightly injured in West Kentucky and Middle Tennessee. Corn just coming up slightly injured, garden vegetables are rather late and somewhat set back by the frost, and fruit is slightly injured, though the prospect is yet good for an abundant crop of fruit, grain, and everything else. Stock of every kind, on the blue grass and clover pastures, look fat and fine. It is astounding to a Texas stock raiser to hear these Tennessee and Kentucky stock-raisers talk about the price of stock. A friend of mine has just shown me a mare that he paid \$1200 for, and would not take four times that amount for her. I told him it would take a whole Texas cavalry to pay for one coat. So you see I am compelled to travel backwards.

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securities, can be had at four to four and a half per cent. Times are comparatively dull and I cannot imagine any commercial movement that can for months absorb any very large portion of the immense capital now idle at the financial centers of our country. New York, April 26, 1858.

SUNDAY LAW IN HOUSTON TRIUMPHANT!

Mr. Editor:—Yesterday was the day in which we, of the Bayou City, had a test of the amount of Sunday moral principle amongst the Council members of the various churches in the city, shutting all drinking houses and gambling houses on the Sabbath. The constitutionality of the law was questioned, and carried up to the Supreme Court. The constitutionality of the law was affirmed by the Supreme Court, some time in March past. As soon as this was known, the City Council was besieged with petitions to repeal the law, and the vote passed in favor of the law was cast by the Mayor. A great hue and cry was raised by the lovers of *lager beer*; and the City Council, to satisfy them, submitted the question to a vote of the people, and the vote stood 133 for repeal, and 224 for the law as it is. We felicitate ourselves not a little, on this triumph of high public virtue and good order, over the rascals and office-seeking demagogues, and a few apostate sons of the worthy sires, who gained our liberty by their blood and toil, with Sunday laws on their statute books, where they have remained intact in eight-tenths of the States of this Union. And the absence of well devised Sabbath laws in any State, is to be traced to supple-necked truckling politicians, to foreign infidelity, and Roman Catholicism. And they are firm in the faith that the various Sunday laws that have been proposed in our Legislature, have been defeated by the same influence. The public will has long demanded a Sunday law in Texas, but the public voice has been evaded but too successfully to date. But if the right-minded people would speak out at the ballot box as they should, they would be heard, but as long as the people are so easily led and so easily misled, the American people will declare that the outrage was not continued by our national sentiment.

On Thursday night last, a demonstration without a precedent, was witnessed in this city. Never before was there such an extraordinary spectacle witnessed in this land of christianity. May the like disgraceful scene never again be witnessed among Americans! Will the readers of the *Texas Christian Advocate* believe that thousands of foreigners, who rendezvous in our great metropolis, "red-men," from the faubourgs of Paris—the cellars of Berlin—and the garrets of Milan, glorified assassination publicly! For the first time in our Republic, has this crime been enquired, and received public honors. What is it that the American people declare that the outrage was not continued by our national sentiment.

Such as we are opposed to tyrants, the Americans do not believe in anarchy or violating God's holy commandments, and of destroying the oppressors, as Orsini attempted, with Napoleon. The impudence of these scoundrels is astonishing. Grant that Napoleon is respectable—that the French people are not slaves—that Louis Napoleon is what he is, by common consent, and the fiery Republicans of 1848, could not prevent his present elevation by the people and now in 1858, they would assassinate him because they cannot have a revolution! Now they glorify in murdering.

What a great country is ours! In no other land could such a demonstration be witnessed. It is the glory of the American people, that they have dispersed, by the power of the laws, or arms—transported, imprisoned, shot, hung or guillotined. It is no small comment upon our admirable free institutions, that such a set and mass of men, animated by the most wicked and revengeful feelings, could unopposed, march by thousands through our streets, assemble in our parks, and listen to inflammatory speeches, enjoining the memory of conspirators, who had been dispersed, by the power of the laws, or arms—transported, imprisoned, shot, hung or guillotined. It is no small comment upon our admirable free institutions, that such a set and mass of men, animated by the most wicked and revengeful feelings, could unopposed, march by thousands through our streets, assemble in our parks, and listen to inflammatory speeches, enjoining the memory of conspirators, who had been dispersed, by the power of the laws, or arms—transported, imprisoned, shot, hung or guillotined.

Our citizens and press, and we understand this thing, quite as well as these foreign patriots; unanimously condemn this demonstration, and the attempt to elevate a mad and murderous set to the dignity of a heroic deed. As an American I thank God for his noble and holy feeling of right, religion and morals; well may we feel this proud, and salute all such "tomfooleries" as this foreign exhibition. The torch of high procession, marched through our principal streets, under the red flag, with blazing torches, and melancholy music, which some ten thousand spectators looked in silent astonishment at the strange show.

The *Cataglyph* was a large platform sixteen feet high, craped in black, surmounted by a gilt tomb, and its sides inscribed with the names of Orsini, Pieri, etc. It was drawn by eight horses, and the procession flanked by the *Turkey*, with colored lanterns. These are the German infidels, who profess to ridicule the Bible, wish to abolish our Sunday laws—the Grand Jury, and many of them, the holy rites of matrimony. They are as thick among us as blackberries, doubtless you have them in Texas. They are revolutionists—beware of them. In the park, a stand was erected for the orators, where dangerous and demoralizing addresses were made in English, French, Italian and German to the crowd, then all quietly dispersed, multitudes resorting to the larger beer saloons, where their enthusiasm for the oppressed was still inflamed by copious potations of this universal Red Republican beverage. Many doubt that right imagined that all tyrants would be assassinated—murderer branded among the grass, and the Universal Republic soon established on the earth. The Italian orator at the park, dressed as a Carbonari, of which he and Orsini were members, shouted in a powerful voice *Viva l'Italia! Viva la Libertà! Viva la Republica Universale!* The Frenchman concluded his harangue with *Vive la Republica Universelle!* The German speaker, sang the same tune while Lewis Spangak (same a law-breaker), the Pole pitched into the same sublime sympathies. With these Jacobins—Communists and Socialists were a large attendance of pickpockets, a number of whom were arrested while revolutionizing the pockets of the uninitiated, on the auspicious occasion. We Germans are a good-natured people, but cannot stand everything, and this Red Republican demonstration, will be enough for many a day. It will be sometime before a second.

the face weekly. "O Lord revive thy work" still more abundantly. J. M. E. P. S.—The New York East Conference also sustained the editor of the *Sunday School Advocate* in learning children "to ask God to learn to hate slavery?" What next? New York, April 28.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

Mr. Editor:—You asked me to drop you some "notes," and I replied I could not write a newspaper, much less an omnibus for their way there. I could easily go on a chapter as long as the 119th Psalm, of some travellers' incidents as occur every day and every hour with every person by the way. I was, for instance, in the stage, and it was dark when it was night, and the driver was a good one or a bad one; the horses were four in number; the stage was Jack; the stage rolled, and it was more dusty in dry weather than in wet; we were stopped to breakfast or to dine at such a time, and at a particular place, or somewhere else, and the party got into a quarrel, and then a good many other things happened; numerous things were said by numerous persons, besides many things that were not said.

These meetings are kept up regularly in most of the churches of the city, and are probably increasing. They are held at twelve to one o'clock, and from three to four, and at seven in the evening, exactly. They open and close to the music of the organ, without any head, control, or general direction. Denominationalism is utterly ignored, and the ministry is entirely forgotten and lost sight of. The friends of the cause, who are engaged in the movement of the sort ever known in this or any other country. Its rationale is obscure, and its philosophy difficult to unravel. The thing being purely a matter of feeling, and not of intellect, it is not a visible motive-power. It has no aim but *godliness now*, and no model but its own erratic meetings. Directed by God's Spirit, it needs no human help.

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FROM AN OCCASIONAL NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT.

A Noble Settlement—Edwin Forrest—Way of Life—Slavery Abolished by the New York East Conference—The Rev. Dudley Tyng, son of Dr. Tyng, the most popular Episcopalian minister in America, when he was in the city of Philadelphia, was caught in a machine in Philadelphia, where he had been preaching. "Stand up for Jesus, father, stand up for Jesus!" Noble sentiment! Edwin Forrest has written a letter to Dr. Magoon, an eminent Baptist minister of Albany, who has a conversion that was reported, the purport of which is that he has been sick some weeks, and having had "time for reflection," he has concluded that he can now, be honest "see his friends, and hate his enemies." A great change! A new paper has made its appearance under no less than a blasphemous name. "The Way of Life." It "the way of life" is only to be found through New York newspapers, I pity those who travel "The way of death." It is published under an array of good names, but by a man who was so "Fremontish," last year as to exclude the New York Express from a large reading room here, because it contained "a different opinion" from himself as to who should be President! Hope he will be more liberal now. The New York East Conference has just adjourned, after abolishing (by resolution) slavery, going back to 1784, as the Democrats do in all their crusades to 1788. The venerable Dr. Bangs and his brother Herman, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Cook, Rev. Mr. Roach, Rev. Mr. Perry and others took strong sides against the movement, but it was "bound to pass," as they say here in all their ultras, right or wrong, "public sentiment is against it." I suppose some of these "small potatoes," feel better now they have spoken, and I am willing they should, for no one else will, and no one will be wiser or better for their silly advice about things with which they have nothing to do. Bishop Simpson's health is improving gradually, but surely, to the great joy of his friends. Dr. Cuyler, a very eminent Presbyterian minister, of this city preached a funeral sermon on Sunday evening last in memory of Dudley A. Tyng, to a very large audience, who were deeply affected. The revival has measurably declined so far as extra means are concerned; but a few churches are open during the day through the week. Much good has been done; yet six points down still; Sunday drinking, Sunday gambling, Sunday theatres and Sunday murders, stare us in

The house was crowded, and presented a very devotional appearance. This is the only sermon I have sat and listened to since I left Mississippi. I will not presume this was a sample of New York preaching. It was read from manuscript, and was a cold, dry, and overworked, and measured scholasticism, strained to its extreme tension. There was evident devotion in the congregation, notwithstanding this unintended means of depressing it.

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From the Christian Advocate and Journal. AN INFIDEL SAVED AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR. Mr. Upton, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, read much, and with considerable discrimination; yet unfortunately, through the influence of an infidel friend, his mind was directed to that class of books which is calculated to lead the heart away from the strength of religion, the nobility of indelibly being very adroitly concealed, and satire taking the field long deserted by fair argument.

He fell into the same snare that has entangled many intellects before, yielding more readily to a system favoring our depraved nature, and so counteracting the conscience that does not feel it independent of the humiliating road to the cross of Christ. He seemed to be satisfied that he was resting on the strong basis of the truth. He said he had investigated, decided, and was unconvinced. He often avowed, during the revival of last winter, that he had no doubts of the correctness of his principles; he had settled them in view of life and death, and was ready to die for the result. He was willing to die at any moment, disbelieving the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures, the mission of our Saviour, and the atonement. I never conversed with an infidel who appeared more decided, and more sincere.

As usual in such cases, he spoke with great indignation against the advocates of an infidel view of reconciliation to God through the blood of his Son. The prayers of a devoted wife, and many friends, were daily offered for him notwithstanding the disappointments. A few months since it was evident that he was through insidious pulmonary disease, gradually approaching the "hearts disease," death. He was very reticent in appreciating any consolation, and left that the time of his departure was really at hand. Assurance, however, became overpowering, and he stood face to face with death, on the shore of eternity. His principles deserted him. The grave was cold and dark; neither warmed by the *breath*, nor cheered by the *radiance* of hope. The future was ominous, dark, the most appalling mysteries, and an awful feeling overwhelmed him. "I must die and settle the question, with no certain light to cheer me in extremity." His fortitude forsook the man, and he was reduced to a state of helplessness. He truly felt the desolation of his condition, and realized the cause of his misery.

He called for his wife, and pointing to the heavens, said: "Bury my infidel body." After she had complied, a state of satisfaction rested upon his countenance, and with deep emotion he exclaimed: "I am relieved of a great burden." He sent for the writer. As I entered the room he reached out his attenuated hand, and, as he grasped mine, exclaimed: "All that I wish to sustain is your faith. He was unconvinced they gave me false. This is a dying world, without Jesus Christ."

"Can you rely on him now for salvation?" said I. "Bury my infidel body." He was his constant theme; the burden of almost every sentence he uttered. His only desire to leave his bed was, to recommend his Saviour, and to sustain the Christian faith. He was unconvinced they gave me false. This is a dying world, without Jesus Christ."

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To copy this excellent article on backsliding in the Canada Christian Advocate...

The causes of backsliding are numerous, — one of those who fall away were probably never converted...

Another cause of backsliding may be found in the state of the Church. It may be the fault of the minister...

Backsliding often results from laxity in the administration of discipline. This is the worst of all...

One of the best means of keeping up the spiritual life of young converts is to furnish them with something to do...

Mr. Hutchins asked at the meeting, "Why do we subscribe to the dollar?" We reply that we do it for that purpose...

CIRCULAR.

To the Stockholders of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company.

We copied, last week, a circular sent us from Houston, respecting the Central Rail Road...

Then follows what we published last week, which we omit.

From the foregoing it appears that at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on the third instant...

It is as the retiring Stockholders assert, there was \$350,000 of fraudulent stock represented in that meeting...

The charge of fraud is an unqualified falsehood. Not a dollar of "illegal" or improper stock was taken or issued...

We have shown our capacity to build this road by the past; and we here express our conviction that it has progressed more rapidly than a majority of new roads in the United States...

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UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

In the United States Senate, on the 21st ult., the President pro tem. laid before the Senate...

"The objects which it is understood the Allies seek to accomplish by treaty stipulations are: 1. To procure from the Chinese Government a recognition of the rights of other powers to have accredited Ministers at the Court of Peking..."

"On this subject you will be able to ascertain the true state of the alleged grievance when you reach China, and act accordingly."

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"The gentlemen comprising the opposition ticket for Directors took originally but \$10,700 of the stock of the Company. The Board elect took originally \$34,000."

"The amount represented by us was \$533,000, on which \$185,000 has been paid. At least \$100,000 of the stock represented by the opposition had never paid a dollar, so that subscribers are not balance sheet."

"We will have with any of us, that they judged too hastily, and upon one-sided reports set on foot by our enemies, who plotted our ruin in order to elevate themselves, and carry out their own selfish ends."

"The first rail was laid on this road in 1856. There are now nearly fifty miles completed, and more graded, on the exact line we pledged you to build in 1852 and ever since, and if Stockholders will aid the workers, instead of the schemers and pipelayers, the road will advance still more rapidly..."

BURNING OF THE GRAPE SHOT.

We omitted in our last issue to notice the burning of the Grape Shot. On Sunday, the 8th of May, she left Galveston, at nine o'clock, with a barge in tow.

When the head of Pelican Island, she was struck by a sudden squall. The violence of the wind and sea, and the barge alongside, partially loaded, deprived the officers of a complete control of the boat.

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"2. Warn every man, and exhort every man against all such use as tends to ruin. In whatever company or condition you are, meekly, but boldly and unflinchingly, give battle to those drinking usages which have dragged thousands and tens of thousands to the pit."

"3. Uphold the victims and not the criminal. Be faithful to the end. This terrific scourge of earth shall be driven out. Help or no help from civil government, from politicians, from those who are at ease in Zion; it will be driven out. Do you ask for an assurance? You have it here, THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S."

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To copy this excellent article on backsliding in the Canada Christian Advocate...

The causes of backsliding are numerous—some of those who fall away were probably never converted.

But there are many others who give evidence of real conversion, and run well for a season, who afterwards backslide.

Another cause of backsliding may be found in the state of the Church. It may be the fault of the minister.

But another, and perhaps, a principal cause of backsliding may be found in the general state of spirituality in the church.

When this great enterprise was an experiment those who were its promoters...

CIRCULAR.

To the Stockholders of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company.

We copied, last week, a circular sent us from Houston, respecting the Central Rail Road...

Then follows what we published last week, which we omit.

From the foregoing it appears that at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on the third instant...

If, as the retiring Stockholders assert, there was \$350,000 of fraudulent stock represented at that meeting...

The charge of fraud is an unqualified falsehood. Not a dollar of "illegal" or improper stock was taken or issued.

We have shown our capacity to build this road by the past; and we here express our conviction, that it has progressed more rapidly than a majority of new roads in the United States.

Mr. Hutchins asked at the meeting, "Why we subscribe stock at a discount?"

UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

In the United States Senate, on the 21st ult., the President pro tem. laid before the Senate...

"The objects which it is understood the Allies seek to accomplish by treaty stipulations are: 1. To procure from the Chinese Government a recognition of the rights of other powers to have accredited Ministers at the Court of Peking...

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When the head of Pelican Island, she was struck by a sudden squall. The violence of the wind and sea, and the large alongside, partially dived, deprived the officers of a complete control of the boat.

"On the first island, yawl and small sail boats, and the steamer Island City hastened to the scene of disaster. The Island City brought off all saved on the barge. The ship was wrecked.

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"He then went on to explain, in simple language, the spiritual meaning of all this. Again, ministers, said he, were sowers, and referred to the parable. He explained the operation of sowing in a way interesting to town children, describing particularly, the seed called "the sowing sheet."

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"The venerable Bishop Soale opened the session by reading the first chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians, and giving the Hymn on page 197— "And are we yet alive, And see each other's face?"

"This was followed by a fervent address to the Throne of Grace, by the Bishop. Thomas O. Summers, the Secretary of the last General Conference, was requested to call in the names of the delegates elect, which was done, whereupon certificates of election were presented and read, when it appeared that nearly all the members were present—a few only had not arrived.

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PRAYER MEETINGS IN NEW ORLEANS.

It is cheering to thousands to hear of daily prayer-meetings, and indications of revival in New Orleans. The Piousness states that places of worship are opened daily in all parts of the city, with an unusual attendance on religious services.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

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THE TEXAS FREEMASON.

This is the title of a literary paper just appeared in Rusk, devoted principally to the interest of the Masonic Fraternity, published by Yeoman & Jackson.

OUR POWER PRESS HAS BEEN SHIPPED AND IS LOOKED FOR DAILY.

Our friends in New York, advanced the money for us, expecting us immediately to remit him the amount. Will our friends immediately remit to us, and put it in our power to save our credit.

CHURCHES HELD—

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