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FAST-DAY DISCOURSE.

Delivered in the Methodist Church, Galveston, June 13, 1861.

NOTE.—A letter signed by Hon. G. B. Burdett, Gov. of Texas, is published in this issue, in which he expresses his regret that he cannot give more than a few lines to the cause of the South. We are, however, very glad to have his name connected with the cause of the South. We are, however, very glad to have his name connected with the cause of the South.

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the extreme conditions of life, the rich or the poor, is not in accordance with the Divine order, and will be severely punished. Nor is it sufficient, for the man who is growing rich, to be systematically charitable, or for the man who is in danger of poverty to be systematically laborious; both, as we have already said, must pray to their efforts.

Let us apply those reasonings to the national cause which calls today to-day. Call to mind, for a moment, what has been suggested concerning the necessity of a third thing to regulate the expression of the sentiments by the active powers; and then listen to this brief speech from Mr. Seward, the philosopher and spokesman of the Northern invasion. It was delivered in Washington, only a few days since:

Fellow Citizens.—You have known well the statements and orders of some of the South's men. We have known their courage, and the courage, the spirit, and the resolution of the people of all the Southern States. But knowing all these, we know two things which even they do not. One is to destroy the Southern States, and the other is to destroy the Southern States.

Exactly so, that is the kind of doctrine which is very apt to be greeted by "cheering and repeated music from the band," but it is not the kind of doctrine which philosophy or religion can approve.

The fact that the North now assumes the right of coercion is a plain proof that we should have been compelled to resort to revolution if we had remained in the Union.

II. We pray and fast because we are assailed by passion. It is a part of God's method to set over against falsehood the opposite truth.

On the other hand, let us see how the action of the seceded States coincides with the duties of this day. Let us suppose that we had waited for what was called "the overt act," and then have taken up arms to fight for our rights in the Union; for I hold it to be self-evident that waiting for the overt act and fighting in the Union are the proper opposites of secession and of fighting, it need be, out of the Union.

Such is the case, and I believe that the course referred to would have been wrong, because it would have been going into the line of all forms of self-government, and to throw the responsibility of war upon the other side.

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the maxim that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Had we submitted, the sectional administration which is now standing with one foot upon Northern liberty, would already have seemed to us a time, as if the world's progress moved by its own impetus, there must come crises—and they may come in the day of the greatest prosperity—which will suggest, with ponderous emphasis, the question—"when God giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only." Let us, in this time so favorable to that great moral, learn that "except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." If we do so, all problems shall hereafter solve themselves at the foot of our prosperity, as the billows part at the base of the rock. Upon this condition we may take to ourselves two assurances which are directly pertinent to our present situation.

I. If we are determined to cherish a rational freedom, a self-government, directed in the fear of God, claiming no more than our rights and allowing all others theirs, we may take up this assurance: The freedom which is the most honest Northern ideal, and with which he is now endeavoring to overcome him, it could be realized, would be a mere extraneous, having no warrant in history, or in the spirit or letter of the Bible, and would be sure to perdition back again to the other extreme of despotism.

Seeing this truth, I say, if we are willing to conform to all that it implies—that is, the medium, self-restrained, and God-reliant course in everything—upon this foundation of intelligence and morality, God can make us invincible. If we fight our battles on this ground, the victory will be every field of conflict.

2. That other problem involved in the condition of our servants will be solved thus:—Either slavery is to be perpetual, and Christianity is to convert every master into Paul's idea of a Paganism, or every servant into Paul's idea of an Onesimus, or it is to be willingly abolished by a people who are religious and intelligent enough to subordinate their own institutions to the openings of Divine Providence.

If principles ever cease to be raised in blood, that plane of progress must be attained, it would seem, through the agency of nations who unite courage in self-defense with an utter renunciation of the right of aggression; and a high degree of intellectual culture with the obedient morality of the Christian religion. Otherwise, the end must be attained by miracle; and if the age of miracles have ceased, the hope of progress must be abandoned.

Throughout the Confederacy it is this day felt that our cause is neither inconsistent with religion nor independent of it. This is the happy medium. We feel that we can succeed only by the Divine help, and that we ought not to succeed without it.

And, my friends, when I remember how much more apt the world is to worship men and symbols in the spirit of vain glorying than they are to cast them off when their principles have changed, and their significance fled, I must say that I feel a kind of joy in the reflection that the flag against which we fight first floated from a Southern staff; that the song which marshals our enemies was inspired in a Southern heart; and that the man who leads their legions first drew breath on the soil of the State which he would now stain with the blood of his brethren. When this is the case, I want no better evidence than my heart affords that this invasive army is in the wrong. It is not without significance, too, that in the conflict which was forced upon us at Fort Sumter, we did not kill a man of their own race, but only a man of another race; and that in the general rejoicing throughout the South, on the other hand, the Northern press is anxious to believe that hundreds of our men were there slain in the most shocking manner. No; I will not say the Northern press, or the Northern people as a whole; but I will say that portion of both which has misled the honest masses there. My hope is, that the prayers of this day will be answered in the conviction at the North that we are not their enemy, and that thousands there, throwing off the spell which they have too long been held, will demand in the name of God and humanity a peaceful settlement of our difficulties. If by our prayers we are not answered in this; if there be no other arbitrator than the field of blood, then wherever the conflict comes, whether the roar of Irasz's batteries bleed with the roar of the sea, or the crack of Beauregard's rifles startle the flood of the Mississippi, or the iron mounted ripples of Lee's legions echo through the mountains which guard the grave of Washington, may it, in answer to the prayers of this day, bear tidings of victory for the right; God of peace sweep the bloody haze; but if not, the God of battles, give speedily, honorably, and justly the triumph to our arms!

By the fact that we tried to avoid bloodshed by claiming the right of peaceable secession—sending commissioners to sue for peace, and subjecting them to the insults of sneering officialism; by the fact that the noblest memories and the true spirit of the old Republic are ours; by the fact that we ask nothing but our own; and by the fact that we appeal to God, we must, when the need comes, fight as our fathers fought; every man must be here, the preacher must forsake his pulpit, the business man his ledger; the young man must grow instantly older and the old man instantly younger for the fray; the wife must give up her husband, and the mother her son; and the valor of those puny battles which were fought for a strip of territory, or on a puntellio of diplomatic honor, or to determine the claims of royalty—must turn pale before the bravery of men who, in this enlightened age, are stung to the quick of every sense of duty, and of propriety by the tidings that a people whom they have enriched by concessions which nothing but the memory of Washington and the battlefields of the revolution could have induced, are plowing the Potomac with hostile keel, southward, past the shades of Mt. Vernon, and murdering Virginians where the name of York town must be associated with the assassination, clad in the stolen and desecrated liver of war: From such invasion may God give the South a present deliverance; or, if we must, despite our efforts to avoid it, leave to our children the necessity of revolution. God grant that it may come while yet the unskilled masses of those who may fall in defending the secession shall remain to furnish altars for its fires! Amen.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.
FOREIGN.
ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP AFRICA.
NEW YORK, June 20.—The Commodore mail steamer Africa, which left Liverpool on the 9th, and Queenstown the 9th, has arrived here.

GALESTON.—The bridge over New Creek has been burned.
The Southern who now hold Piedmont number 4,000. A number of Federalists are reported to have been killed at the bridge.
WASHINGTON.—The fugitive convention has nominated Frank Pierpont for Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
We are authorized to announce Mr. F. L. LUBBOCK as a candidate for Governor, at the coming Annual Election.
We are authorized to announce Mr. CHARLES L. CLEVELAND, of Liberty, as a candidate for Judge of the 10th Judicial District, at the next election.

Galveston Price Current.
List of Books.
Now on Hand and For Sale at the Texas Book Depository, Strand, Galveston.
17 Terms, Cash or Negotiable Paper.
Remittances may be made by mail at the risk of the Agent, provided, the remittance be addressed to a competent writer, a description of the remittance retained.

Quarterly Meetings, &c.
SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.
THIRD BOARD.
Pleasanton Circuit, at Holland's, on Friday, July 13, 1861.
Houston Circuit, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Gilman, on Saturday, July 14, 1861.

Business Cards.
HOFFMAN, IRELAND & REEVY, TEXAS WOOL FACTORS, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
36 Front Street, New York.
W. H. L. FLASH, WHOLESALE DEALER IN WESTERN PRODUCE, Strand, Galveston.
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INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS IN SHOOTING WITH THE ROUND AND MINNIE BALL.

The Committee appointed by the Military Board of Tennessee to make the tests, furnish the report below. To use their own language, in communicating to the Board, "These recorded experiments upon the comparative accuracy, range, and force of the round and Minnie ball shot out of the common Tennessee rifle, furnish the most convincing proofs that we have in our midst, by the use of the Minnie ball, the most deadly weapon ever used in a military campaign."

EXPENSES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COMPARED.

The course of the Government of the Confederate States in stopping every avenue of corruption and extravagance in their new Government cannot fail to challenge the admiration of the Government at Washington, with that of the people of the United States. The reports of their Government down to the purity of days of Washington by acts, not by words. The Montgomery papers have just published an interesting and important article, which made each department of the Government of the Confederate States for the current year. That our readers may contrast the expenses of the Government at Washington with that of the Government at Montgomery, we have arranged the following table. The last table represents the actual expenses of the Federal Government for the current year. The first column is the appropriation of the Montgomery Government.

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Rows include Legislative, Executive, War, Navy, Post Office, Treasury, and various other departments.

Special Facts.—Through no one was killed during the bombardment of Fort Sumter, when Major Anderson, after his surrender, was killed to salute the "Stars and Stripes" four of his men were killed. When Col. Ellsworth took the flag from the Confederate States which was waving over the Marshall House in Alexandria, the proprietor, a heroic Capt. J. M. Jackson, killed him before he reached the fort.

The Rebels Passion.—The N. Y. Tribune tells how the Yankees are turning a penny. It has been reported that several of the regiments of the Union Army are being disbanded in this city, and which, under the auspices of the Union Defense Committee, have been drawing rations, are really not full, but have been made to appear so by the use of rations made up of sawdust and other refuse.

The Corpus Christi Ranchero mentions the finding of a sealed bottle, on the 5th of May on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico, on Isla del Padre in northern latitude 26 deg. 50 minutes, and longitude 97 deg. 4 min., containing three letters. The bottle appeared to have been thrown overboard from the ship Pizarro, on the 6th of Dec. 1861.

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Galveston Advertisements.

A. G. WEDGERS, Lone Star Gallery of Art, CORNER OF TRINITY AND MARKET STREETS. (Entrance on Market Street) Galveston, Texas. MENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTOGRAPHY, etc.

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