Manchester Enterprise
BY MAY D. BROOKS.

Traveler's Guide.

LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.
TIME TABLE.
Trains leave Manchester as follows:
Going West.
Night Express, 1:15 a. m.
Mail, 9:40 a. m.
Accommodation, 4:45 p. m.
Going East.
Night Express, 1:15 a. m.
Mail, 3:55 p. m.
Accommodation, 9:15 a. m.
Night Express runs daily. Other trains daily except Sundays.
Trains on Saturday leave Manchester for Toledo at 7:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.
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DEATH OF WATER.

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Text of the Lesson, Revelation 22:1-5.
Common Version.

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Charles T. Dunn.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1889.

The capital city during much of Lansing, were burned last night. The loss was $50,000.

John McVicker, late of the Detroit Evening News, will take the management of the state printing office at Lansing.

A fire started in a poultry house in Coldwater on Monday night and before it could be extinguished several water houses, a livery barn and a span of horses were consumed.

At the meeting of metric sheep breeders, at Lansing, yesterday, the following were among the officers elected: J. Everett Smith, of Ypsilanti, treasurer; J. A. Word, of Saline, and S. C. Lombard, of Addison, directors.

Of the many good papers now published throughout the country, the Detroit Free Press has earned the reputation of being a prominent leader and copies can be found for sale on nearly every newsstand in the united states. Its advertising patronage is immense but the publishers do not allow the advertisements to crowd out valuable news and selected matter. For their large edition last Sunday there was set 1,175,000 ems of type, which made 470,000 words or 196 columns, and would fill a book of about 490 solid octavo pages.

Lenawee County Items.

The Adrian school boys were wrestling a few days ago when one had his leg broken.

Adrian commandery, K. T. will attend the triennial conclave at Washington next October.

A party of Tecumseh young men will give a Christmas party at the opera house on Tuesday evening, the 26th.

The masonic lodge at Tecumseh has conferred 13 degrees during the past year, and is called one of the most prosperous lodges in the state.

A. H. Briggs, a well-known resident of Adrian, died at his residence on Friday last, aged 56 years. He was past commander of Woodbridge post, a member of the workingmen's society, and an organizer of the state grange.

Jackson County Items.

The estate of Jerry Van Gieson late of Brooklyn, is valued at $16,637.

The congregational church at Napoleon has been refitted and newly painted.

John W. Sharp, of Brooklyn, suffered a slight shock of paralysis on Monday.

A Jackson lower wants the earth, but only one-third of it will do. If the city donates that he will start a big brewery there.

In the matter of the estate of William Sweezy, deceased, late of Norvell, Stephen Holmes, executor, filed his account, showing receipts to be $17,511.95; disbursements, $17,225.69; balance on hand, $219.17.

The case of the people vs. Homer Cogen, of Columbia, which has been hanging fire in the Lenawee circuit court for a long time past, was dismissed Saturday night, at Adrian. No cause to support the complaint.

A committee of the board of supervisors and superintendents of the poor are endeavoring to arrange and settle with the city officials the difficulty arising concerning disbursements for the care of the city poor. It is claimed there is a large amount due the county which has been running some time.

P. M. Shearer and family have moved into their new home in Clare village, Clare county, where they will invest extensively. Mr. Shearer has been a resident of this locality since 1841, and his departure is very much regretted by his many friends here, who have known him for years and hold him in the highest esteem. Mr. Shearer traded his fine farm just south of town to Mr. Henry Trevelick, of Clare, receiving two dwellings and two business buildings in Clare village, an 80 acre farm in Isabella county, three and one-half miles from Clare, and $6,250 in money. It was a $12,000 trade. The farm is well situated with 45 acres under cultivation.—Grass Lake News.

PRIZE STORY.

The following story was written by Miss Etta Kimble, of Manchester, aged 15 years, and earned the prize of a set of Dickens' Christmas Stories, offered by the Publisher of the Enterprise.

Howard Miller's Christmas Present.

HOWARD MILLER had been hinting for days past that he was expecting money for a Christmas present, in fact, ever since the Fourth of July, when he had his last money. Howard kept good Fourth counting his money, found that he had $1.75 in cash now. I can't tell anything I want, but I will anticipate a little.

It was cold as winter in December, the snow fell in an icy night to make lake and ponds skating rinks, which Howard flew to, and in a few days he, but he had lost his money. Still, he had his skates, and was enjoying subscribing for the Enterprise when he met in the drawing room one evening before a large fire-place, he said to Father, that he spended my money for a sled and a pair of skates.

His father replied, "You can spend your money in whatever way you wish to, it belongs to you, not me. But, my son, I am going to start for Dakota to-morrow to visit your Uncle Jerry, and intended to take you with me.

Howard was very much gratified with this, but, sad to state, he's look for his mother, sister and her in his room packing their duffle and getting things ready for them to start.

Howard was up bright and early the next day, preparing to accompany his father; his mother got his overcoat, cap, mittens and a warm comforter ready for him to put on.

Soon after, the hack drove up to take them to the station; he bid his mother good bye as he stepped into the hack, with his heart full of joy, and in less than an hour they were on their way to Dakota. Howard enjoyed the scenery as the cars glided along.

After a journey of two days they reached its end, and before they returned home Howard had both sled and skates, besides many other toys.

Christmas being so near at hand he bought them to give to his mother and sister, besides Howard had his $15 yet, his father got the sled and skates and made him a present of them.

Howard was very much pleased with them, and he now had his mind set on getting his father something very nice for a Christmas present. What shall it be? he has got everything needful and I cannot think what he does need, so I will go and ask mother, she can tell me; and the first thing he thought of when he reached home was to ask mother what father needed.

She said, "Howard, father needs a dressing gown more than anything I can think of."

He was off, and of course he felt very big to think he could get it with his own money. He purchased a very nice one with velvet collar and cuffs for $14.

On Christmas day, after dinner, Howard and his father went out for a walk; they went up River street until they came to a large building, very old and worn; the windows had been broken by the boys throwing snowballs at them.

Mr. Miller knocked lightly on the southwest door of the building. A little boy with old and tattered clothes answered it and stood gazing at them as they entered; in one corner of the room there was a little pile of straw with a carpet thrown over it, upon which lay the sick father, and the weeping mother on a low bench by him. The three children were playing with a little kitten on the other side of the room.

Mr. Miller had heard they were too poor to pay a doctor's bill, so he—being a doctor himself—went to see if he could do any good; he gave him some medicine to strengthen him and told them he would call again in the evening.

As they walked along the stone pavements, Howard exclaimed, "Father, I wish I had not spent my money; I would go it all to that poor family."

"Oh," that makes me think, Howard, when you were in Dakota, your Uncle Jerry gave me $50 and told me to give it to you on Christmas eve; but I had forgotten all about it, so I will give it to you now—Christmas day."

"And may I spend it as I wish father?"

"Certainly, my son."

"Well, then I am going to get a large box and fill it up with everything needful, and hire a drayman to take it to that poor family on River street. Let me see, there were three children, two girls and a boy; I will get the boy a new overcoat, cap, mittens and shoes, and the girls each a new dress, a hood, shoes and stockings, and for mother the same. Then I will buy a lot of provisions, candles, nuts, etc.; then father you can help their father, can't you?"

"But, my son, I am afraid your money will not hold out."

"Well, it does not. I will borrow enough of you to make it hold out, and then save up my spending money again and pay you back."

So he purchased all of the things he had mentioned and packed them nicely in the large wooden box, and after two o'clock came to take it to Mr Bentley's. He and his father went too; when they reached there they found them in the same condition as when they left them early in the afternoon; but their eyes brightened as they opened the box and found what it contained. The children all jumped for joy, and the mother and father could not be thankful enough.

That night both families were happy. Mr. Bennett's family were happy because they had so much given them to make their homes happy and cheerful. Mr. Miller's family were happy because they had been given them to make their homes happy and cheerful. Mr. Miller's family were happy because they had done the poor so much good, and ever after that he would remember them and take pleasure in doing things for them if their family were sick and not able to earn his living.

Howard always remembered this Christmas and after he was grown up man he was always trying to do the poor some

A Peep at the Future.

[Written for the Enterprise by Charles I. Van Winkle.]

One eve in dreaming sitting,
As I sat in the gloaming,
In the large easy chair
By a bright clear fire blaze,
My head resting easy,
My mind wandering
Far back in the past
To our forefathers' days

I could see the grand forest
That crowned all our hill tops
Where the deer roamed in freedom,
Beneath the deep shade
Log cabins built rudely
That sprinkled the valley,
The homes of contentment
The settlers had made

Those homes were their all
And few were their pleasures,
With scarce any news
From the world all around;
No letters to write,
It would cost too much money;
And money was anything
Not easily found.

Their living was plain;
Their bread made of "hjum"
And baked on the hearth
By the red coals bright glow;
Their drink was pure water,
Their dresses of homespun;
Their teams were the oxen
Sure plodding and slow.

Time passed,
Humble homes grew in beauty;
Where once stood the forest
Now waved the bright grain;
The town grew in number,
The farmers used horses,
School houses were dotting
The hill side and plain

Oh, those were good times
When the old covered stage-coach
Once a week brought the mail
To the rich and the poor;
Newspapers and letters
Were getting more plenty,
For postage was less
And resources were more.

And then came the railroad,
It was a great wonder
When the scream of the engine
Was heard in the land;
And the telegraph too;
We'd the man in the office
By touching the wires
Could such distance command.

So the cars, and stage-coach,
Log houses, and home-spun,
Kept vanishing one by one
Day after day;
Now we ride in our carriage,
Get our mail daily,
And talk through the telephone
To friends far away.

And then our machines
To save labor are many,
It seems as if none
Can invent any more.
The past and the present
Could there be such a difference
If I could see all
In a hundred years more?

The fire-lad hurried low
While of this I was thinking,
While my feet on the fender
A rosebud place found;
Then it seemed all at once
That the room grew so musty,
I scarce could see objects
Familiar around.

Then out of the mist
Rose a strange form smiling,
I scarcely could breathe
The air seemed so dense;
"Would you glance at the future
Oh mortal: then follow,
I'll show you the future
A hundred years hence."

Then it seemed that we floated
Far in the blue heavens,
And the years passed so quickly
We knew but their birth;
Then my guide said "Look!
For the wish it is granted,
A century has passed
Since we left the fair earth."

I looked, and what was it
That greeted my vision?
I could see the whole world
Spread out to my view;
The land was the same
And so were the waters
But everything else
Seemed so strange and so new.

I viewed the old world
For a while, then turning
I looked for the states,
What a change had passed over
Stars and stripes floated free
From the Panama Isthmus
Way up to the north
And Greenland's cold shore.

"Can U. S. own it all?" I asked,
"A England over?"
"Oh, yes," said my guide,
"It was done in a flash,
She wanted too much
And Uncle Sam gave her
A taste of cold lead
And it settled her hash."

Then we walked through the land
And behold, full of wonder,
Air ships that were sailing
Swift along through the sky;
They could guide them the same
As ships of the ocean,
They flew much as birds
Through the blue ether by

There were vessels that floated
Beneath the blue waters,
They could rise and could sink
With the greatest of ease;
They were built of steel iron,
Constructed so nicely,
And could rush with great speed
Through the [illegible] seas

As we strolled through the land
I could see that the work shops
And factories huge
Had no smoke stacks on high
What power did they use?
Twas perpetual motion,
No need of the engine
Their time had gone by.

The cars were propelled
In the same easy motion,
And everything else
Where once they used steam.
The mail bags were filled
With the phonograph boxes
They had vanished
Oh how strange it did seem.

And the telegraph poles
And the wires had all vanished,
But where? I inquired,
Seen an office we found.
And in wonder
We could send any message,
Electric fire ran
Without wires under ground.

As we passed through the land
I saw the same difference,
No naughties like the old ones
Pleasures thing strange.
Oh, never was any one
Filled with such wonder
To think that a century
Could bring such a change.

"But who is the President
And what is his party?
No doubt so best people
Great wisdom have shown."
And I learned I was a lady,
Both charming and graceful,
No better president
Ever was known.

And what was the party?
That I cannot tell you
I leave it for any one
Here to find out;
But I found the saloons
And distilleries missing
And there were no drunkards
Seen reeling about.

But so far were our travels
That I had grown weary
And tired of looking
On objects so strange,
And I cried, "Let me go
To the scenes of my boyhood,
I would see the old home
For it cannot be changed."

But ere we could start
I felt I was sinking,
Midst knocking and noise
Like a cannon's loud roar.
It was only a dream;
For there I lay sprawling
With my feet on a chair
And my head on the floor.

Now all you good people
That to me are listening
Would you look in the future
Of a hundred years more,
Don't sleep in your chair
Or you may do as I did,
And measure your length
On a hard oaken floor.

A Business Like Young Woman.

There is a young girl down in Mistletoe who is destined to make her mark. Some one gave her 5 cents one day. She went at once to a dry goodsstore, bought a yard of calico, made it into a sun bonnet, and sold the bonnet for 40 cents. She invested the 40 cents in more calico, made more bonnets, sold them, reinvested, made other garments, and pretty soon had $10. With this $10 she bought a lot of potatoes, planted them, paid for their cultivation, harvesting and marketing, and came out with a clear profit of $40. Let the young men of the south look out for this girl. She is rapidly growing rich. It may run into the millions some of these days.—Columbus Dispatch.

Bombastic Style of Royalty.

The terms in which these ancient rulers addressed each other resemble in their bombastic style those employed in royal households in our own days to a striking degree. One begins: "To Nimmuria (a surname of Amenophis III), the great king, the king of Egypt, my brother, my son-in-law, whom I love and who loves me," speaks of Kalleas: "Dadratti, king of Mitanni, thy brother, thy son-in-law, whom thou lovest and who loves thee. Peace to me, peace to my brother and son-in-law, peace to thy house, to thy collaeta, thy nobles, thy people, to thy chariots, thy horses, thy land."—Harper's Weekly.

Peculiar Form of Hysteria.

Dr. Richardson mentions a case of a young woman attending a consumptive patient and was so impressed with the paroxysms of coughing that she became imitate them. The imitation was perfect and continued two years, her friends believing she had consumption, though not a sign of it existed in her lungs. At last she suddenly recovered. It was only hysteria of a peculiar form. Now many similar cases are cured, and from this the doctor thinks he has found the secret of arresting this malady.—M. I. Holbrook, M. D., in Herald of Health.

There is a "Goodeo."

There is a mine near Leadville into which women are never admitted. If a woman were permitted to enter this mine I believe every last man on the premises would quit work. The mine has had an accident for every woman who has visited it. Every time a woman has been admitted immediately after her departure some mishap with damage to property or life has followed. Hence the superstition of the miners.—Globe-Democrat.

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THURSDAY, DEC 20, 1888

The two poultry dealers close their establishments this week.

The boys have had fine sport skating on the pond, the past few days.

The attempt made to get our merchants to agree to close their stores on Christmas failed.

The churches were slimly attended last Sunday owing to the unfavorable condition of the weather.

Traveling people will please take notice of the change in the time card on the Jackson branch of the Lake Shore.

The M. E. society have put new stoves in the church and otherwise improved the appearance of the interior of the building.

The weather cut a great caper Monday. It had been quite warm and it had rained nearly all day Sunday, and was at it on Monday forenoon, when all at once it changed about, grew suddenly cold and it began to snow slightly.

Lawyers have found out a new way to beat the mortgage tax law. They don't give any mortgage at all, but the borrower gives a deed to the property and the lender signs a contract to reconvey the property when the money is paid.

Comstock Post, G. A. R. will have a public installation of officers at Goodyear hall, the first week in January. Department Commander Gardner will give an address and there will be music etc. Full particulars will be given next week.

One of the cosiest rooms we have visited lately is the bachelor quarters of Fred Martty and Arthur Clark, over Herrmier's drug store. They have it furnished nearly and, if Fred would stay at home more nights Arthur might enjoy himself better.

The German workingmen's aid society of this village, have concluded to give their 17th annual ball at Goodyear Hall on Monday evening, Dec. 31st. They will do what they can to make it pleasant for all those who attend. The posters are out inviting all to be present.

There was a small crowd out to hear the lecture by Rev. Perrin, of Milford, last Friday evening, at the M. E. church, but those who stayed away do not know what a treat they missed. Mr. Perrin was suffering with a severe cold, yet he spoke plainly and his rendition of Sheridan's ride was excellent.

A new device is sprung on the sociables held this winter. Each gentleman is given a card on which is written a certain number of names present, and he is required to talk five minutes with every lady whose name is on his card. Object, to make you sociable, eliminate wall flowers, break up cliques and prevent you "choosing the one you love best" and being spoony all the evening. It will be quite an ordeal for young ladies to pass through, but they will, no doubt.

At a regular communication of Manchester lodge, No. 179, F. & A. M., held at Masonic hall, on Monday evening last, Dec. 17th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—J. F. Noble.
S. W.—M. D. Brosseau.
J. W.—Jacob Spafard.
S. D.—A. F. Freeman.
J. D.—A. G. Gates.
Treas.—G. J. H. Lange.
Sec'y—H. L. Lee.
Stewards—[illegible]
Tyler—S. H. [illegible]
Organist—J. W. Case.

At a regular meeting of Manchester Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, on Friday evening Dec. 14th, the following officers were elected:

Sir Kt. Commander—[illegible]
" " Lieutenant—[illegible]
" " Record—[illegible]
" " Finance—[illegible]
" " Chaplain—[illegible]
" " Master at Arms—[illegible]
" " Sentinel—[illegible]
" " Picket—Fred Spafard.
" " 1st Master of Ceremonies—[illegible]
" " 2d " " " —H. R. Berger.
" " Sentinel—L. Hoffman.
" " Picket—Fred Spafard.

Michigan Crop Report, Dec. 1, 1888.

For this report returns have been received from 678 correspondents representing 932 townships. 1171 these reports are from 16 townships in the southern four tiers of counties, and 1 [illegible] reports are from 142 township in the central counties.

Wheat in Michigan goes into the winter in about the same condition as one year ago. Expressed in per cent of condition in average years, the figures for the southern counties are 87, central, 89, northern, 95, and for the state, 87. Dec. 1, 1887, the figures were 86 in the southern counties, 89 in the central, 90 in the northern, and 87 for the state. During November there was some improvement in the southern and extreme counties, and slight loss in the northern counties. In the southern and central counties the ramfall during November was less than a tenth of an inch below, while the temperature was nearly two degrees above the normal.

Reports have been received of the quantity of wheat marketed by farmers during the month of November at 278 elevators and mills. Of these 225 are in the southern four tiers of counties, which is 80 per cent, and 38 are in the fifth and sixth tiers of counties, which is 82 per cent of the whole number in these sections respectively. The total number of bushels reported marketed is 629,616, of which 150,464 bushels were marketed in the first or southern tier of counties; 175,357 bushels in the second tier; 92,952 bushels in the third tier; 129,175 bushels in the fourth tier; 68,997 bushels in the fifth and sixth tiers; and 11,761 bushels in the northern counties. At 31 elevators and mills, or 11 per cent of the whole number from which reports have been received, there was no wheat marketed during the month.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in August, September, October and November is 7,154,960.

At 217 elevators and mills that have reported the quantity of wheat purchased in October and November the bushels purchased in October were 1,321,221, and in November, 550,403, or a decrease of 58 per cent.

The average yield of clover seed in the southern counties is one and 43-100ths bushels per acre, in the central one and 53-100ths bushels, and in the state one and 45-100ths bushels. These are averages as indicated by threshings to Dec. 1, and are nearly one fifth of a bushel above the average yield in this state for a series of nine years. The total product in the state will be light, even though later threshings show that the averages given are not too high, because the acreage harvested is only five-eights of an average acreage.

In condition horses are 96, cattle 92, sheep 95 and swine 98; comparison being with stock in good healthy and thrifty condition.

Real Estate Transfers.

JACKSON COUNTY.

Peter M. Shearer to Henry Trowbridge, land in Grass Lake, $12,000.

LENAWEE COUNTY.

Charles V. Skinner to Mary P. Skinner, land in Macon, $900.

David B. Talbot to Walter D. Scully, land in Woodstock, $1,000.

Frank A. Wiggins to Daniel Wiggins, land in Macon, $[illegible].

WASHTENAW COUNTY.

Samuel Rowe to A. K. Clark, land in Saline, $750.

J. H. Lesche to C. G. Lesche, land in Manchester, $1,000.

Philander Hathaway to Agatha Feist, land in Salem, $800.

Jeremiah Leach to J. H. Leach, land in Manchester, $2,000.

J. G. Herning, by circuit court commissioner, to W. E. Bass, land in Freedom, $2,129.

At a meeting of the university regents, E. B. Pond, A. W. Hamilton and O. Eberbach, citizens of Ann Arbor, presented a memorial, asking the regents to petition the legislature for an appropriation of $50,000 to build a new hospital, on condition that the people of Ann Arbor shall obtain permission from the legislature to raise by taxation $25,000 towards the cost of the building. The regents decided to act on this suggestion.

On one of the streets of Hudson 11 widows reside. They should fuse. The bride said "The widow's mite."—Adrian Press. They do fuse. Manchester Enterprise. A married man has no authority. If Schermerhorn, of the Gazette, says so, we shall believe it.—Adrian Press. Enterprise is all right. They refuse if they have, and they refuse if they don't. Free Gazette.

The brilliant star visible in the southwest in the early evening is venus, commonly spoken of as the evening star. A telescope should show her crescent shape and she is visible some time before sunset if the observer knows where to look for her. The ruddy star to the east of Venus some 10 or 12 degrees is Mars.

Press.—When an Adrian young man is [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Press. Such is not the fact. [illegible] "Yes, I have taken a cigar." [illegible] Enterprise.

[illegible] strange will advocate the [illegible] constitutional [illegible] Sentinel.

The excitement over the finding of oil at Allegan still continues.

RUTH'S CHOICE.

LESSON XII. FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 23.

Text of the Lesson, Ruth II, 16-23. Commit Verses 16-18. Golden Text, Ruth II, 16. Commentary by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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The book of Ruth, with its record of her devotion to the God of Israel and the great blessing Heaved upon her, is a delightful resting place after the book of Judges with its record of the many backslidings of Israel and consequent oppressions by their enemies. The first verse tells us that it was in the days of the judges that the events of this book transpired, and some think as early as the time of Gideon. The story of the book is briefly as follows: Elimelech and Naomi of Bethlehem-Judah left their own home and country, a famine in the land, taking their two sons with them, and went to sojourn in the country of Moab. There Elimelech died, the two sons married women of Moab, and after some years each of these sons died, so that Naomi was left alone with her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, bereft of both husband and sons. After spending about ten years in the land of Moab, she starts with her daughters-in-law for her own land. Orpah is persuaded to return among her own people in Moab, but Ruth cleaves to Naomi and her God and her people, as we see in our lesson today. Her faithfulness is rewarded by God giving her as a husband a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz, and unto them is born a child who in time will be the father of Jesse, the father of David (iv, 16-17).

16. "And Ruth said, entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee." Elimelech signifies "my God is king," and Bethlehem-Judah signifies "the house of bread and praise." And it seems very strange to see these people of the true God going out to the Moabites for the Moabites were the enemies of Israel (Deut. xxiii, 3, 4), even though there was a famine in the land. The God who fed Israel forty years in the wilderness could find some way to provide for His people even in time of famine. Elimelech and Naomi did not go out of the land of Moab to glorify God, nor to seek His honor among that people or to tell His wonderful works. We do not read of anything they did to honor God among the Moabites those ten years; and now that Naomi is returning to the land and people of the only living and true God, instead of encouraging Orpah and Ruth to forsake the land of idols and go with her, we find her urging them both to remain in Moab, and in the case of Orpah she is successful. But Ruth, for some cause, is determined to forsake Moab and idolatry and cleave to the God and people of Israel. Perhaps the life of Naomi was better than her testimony, and Ruth had seen in her that which commended the God of Israel, or it may be that the prophecies of Balaam had come to her ears with power, or the tidings of the death of and mourning for Moses in the land of Moab, for whatever it was, we praise God for the whole hearted turning from idols to serve the living and true God in this Gentile woman. The charge of Eliezer the Gittite, to David the king, as he fled from Absalom, was somewhat similar, and also the words of Elisha to Elijah (II Sam. xv, 21; II Kings ii, 2-6). May such also be our words to the Lord Jesus, and may we with purpose of heart cleave unto the Lord (Acts xi, 23).

17. "The Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Taking the words of these two verses together, they certainly rich, on the part of Ruth full, steadfast, even with Naomi at any cost; and we are reminded of the testimony of Paul at Caesarea, on his last journey to Jerusalem, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts xxi, 13). "I count not my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus" (Acts xx, 24).

18. "She was stedfastly minded to go with her." Or, as in the margin, she strengthened herself to go; it is the same word that is translated courageous, or of good courage, in Deut. xxxi, 6, 7, 23; Josh. i, 6, 7, 9, 18, etc., and in Ps. xxvii, 14, xxxi, 24, we are promised that if we wait on the Lord He will strengthen our hearts. In Luke ix, 51, we are told that when the time was come for Jesus to be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem; and if we would be steadfast and immovable, abounding in the work of the Lord, it must be by steadfastly fixing our eyes and our hearts upon Him as we see Him in His lowly life at Nazareth, His rejected, slandered and despised public life, His death in our stead on Calvary, His resurrection, ascension and continued intercession for us, and His glorious appearing for which we wait. Thus as we look unto Jesus, we yield Him will drop under a fanatical "self" purpose for us, for, as it was with Ruth, so with us, Kinsman and Redeemer, a mighty man of wealth.

19. "So they came to Bethlehem." About six miles south of Jerusalem; there Rachel died and was buried when Benjamin, younger of the twelve, was born, of whom Moses said, "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between His shoulders" (Deut. xxxiii, 12), and of the tribe of Benjamin came Saul of Tarsus, Rom. xi, 1, the great apostle to the Gentiles. At Bethlehem was born David, the beloved of God's own heart, and there also was born David's greater son, Jesus, who is yet to sit on David's throne.

20. "The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me." As the women said, "Is this Naomi? call me not Naomi (which signifies "pleasant"), but call me Mara (which signifies "bitter"), giving this as the reason for the new name. Now in her sorrow she not talk like a humble child of God, but manifests a rebellious spirit against the Lord and His dealings with her. It is recorded truly that she blames the Almighty when all He did was graciously to bring her home again, making Moab prove a Marah, lest she should die and be buried there.

21. "I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty." Now she speaks truly. Of her own accord she went out, and the Lord had to bring her home; the sorrowful wanderer, the shepherd sought and found. However full we may be, if we wander away from God He will permit the devil and the world, as that we may be led to turn to the Father's house and the abundance there; for it was with the prodigal of Luke xv, and it is ever will be with the children of God who wander from the Father's love and house. How long it took to empty the prodigal we are not told; it took ten years to empty Naomi, if any reader has wandered from the Father's love and house and is [illegible] the emptying, the sooner return at [illegible] the prodigal, the sooner that awaits you in the Lord's house. His wisdom still further [illegible] against you. He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men, [illegible] He cause grief, yet will He have [illegible] according to the multitude of His tender mercies (Lam. iii, 32, 33). When He [illegible] for our profit, that we may [illegible] His holiness, and [illegible] we [illegible] for no fault I have [illegible] Pilgrim's Progress [illegible] Ps. cxix, 71.

[illegible] Naomi [illegible] Moab and [illegible] Naomi [illegible] Israelitish woman [illegible] Moabitess [illegible] for dignity [illegible] Ps. cxix, 71.

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Dated Nov. 15, 1888.

HIRAM MARTIN,
JOHN LOGAN,
Commissioners.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, held at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, on Wednesday the 19th day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Present, William D. Harriman, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of William Rhenstrack, deceased. Margaretha Rhenstrack, executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased, comes into court and represents that she is now prepared to render her final account as such executrix. Thereupon it is ordered that Saturday, the 26th day of December instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the devisees, legatees and heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed. And it is further ordered, that said executrix give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. WILLIAM D. HARRIMAN,
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WM. G. DOTY, Probate Register.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, ss. At a session of the probate court for the county of Washtenaw, holden at the probate office in the city of Ann Arbor, on Friday, the seventh day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Present, William D. Harriman, Judge of probate.

In the matter of the estate of Lars Quick, deceased. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Lewis B. Watkins, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Seymour Brown or some other suitable person. Thereupon it is ordered, That Monday, the seventh day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the legal heirs of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing. WILLIAM D. HARRIMAN,
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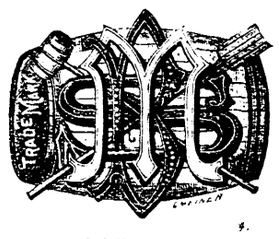

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