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they have not yet been able to discover. The others are not here—
 "They have reached a fairer region
 Far away."
 The sorely-trying mother, never very strong, had crossed the River more than five months before this. The physicians had called her disease by some high-sounding name peculiar to their profession, but those who knew her best declared that she had died of a broken heart. She had never really recovered from Mr. Tremaine's death; her second marriage—which certainly was not an affair of the heart with her—had turned out most unhappily; and, as the crowning woe, Gypsy, her idol, had disappeared so mysteriously, and no effort could discover her whereabouts: all these had their effect on the delicate frame, and the angel of Death stepped in to put an end to her sufferings.

the most frequent of all visitations when the most distressed of all thy creatures—a good mother—is taken away from her loved ones! What can fill the void?
 "The world that fails me mortal me
 As dewdrops pass as even,
 'Tis worth the tear
 A woman, home and heaven."
 Gerlie thought her heart had reached its utmost tension when she heard the clods fall on that coffin; but she was fated soon to experience that the heart has an infinite capacity for suffering. Scarcely had the poor mother been laid away, to await "the sound of the last trumpet," when that terrible disease, diphtheria, broke out in Capitolia. Though it attacked almost every age and condition, it raged with the utmost virulence among children, and soon, alas! the poor mourners were called on to part with their four brightest jewels—Eddie, Olive, Valerian and Valeria. Was it any wonder that Gerlie looked sad as she sat there in her sable dress, her mind reverting to the scenes through which she had lately passed? Poor girl! God has seen fit to afflict thee grievously, and thou art almost ready to faint under the rod, and, alas! the end is not yet! May God sustain thee in thy dire extremity!

"Come Gerlie, come Gracie," said Dan, with his accustomed vivacity, "see how you like it! I have put on the finishing touch, and it's a regular beauty. Don't you think it worthy of a place in the Royal Academy?"
 Gracie flew to his side, but Gerlie only turned slightly in her chair. Her eyes had lost their piquancy—alas, forever!—and there was that in their depths which made every beholder say, "That girl has suffered in her life-time." Her face had lost its fullness, her form its graceful roundness, but, to some, there was an indescribable something about her which made her more attractive to a certain order of people than she was in her prime days. Perhaps it was the sympathy which her appearance always excited now in refined minds.

Dan's sketch was of a romantic spot on the opposite bank of the river on which the town was situated—and the ancient ivy-clad mansion looking venerable in its decay, the majestic oaks with their burdens of moss, and myrtle, the weeping-willows, the water dashing over the huge rocks and bounding on seaward, were depicted to the life. Genius had guided the hand that drew that, and Dan gave every promise of fulfilling the prediction made concerning him by his art teacher in Boston to Dr. Rivers, his guardian: "give that boy five years with a real artist and he will rank with the masters of the age."

sleep as a cat. Good-night my dear sister."
 Gerlie, thus left alone, sat for some time in her chair, with her head bowed on the table, her mind still engrossed in a painful reverie. Presently she arose and took her seat at what had always been her solace in distress—the organ. Her fingers ran over the keys without any special attempt at musical effect, but soon the strains rang out plaintive: Her soul seemed to be in her fingers as she improvised piece after piece, and under the influence of the melody, she grew stronger and more resigned to her Father's will. It seemed to whisper in her ear:
 "Be not dismayed
 It will give thee aid,
 Help thee, and cause thee to
 Be strong, omnipotent Right."

time, nor did she fear the rap on the door, repeated twice. It was only when she heard her name called that she turned her head, and saw Dr. DeVerne, whom she had not seen for six months, standing in the door.
 "I bring you tidings of your sister, Gerlie," he said, advancing toward her, as soon as he saw she had recognized him. "I am on her track, and will be able to put my hand on her in a few more days, thank God!"

To be Continued.

Correspondence.

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Republicanism and Protection.

To the Boston Advocate.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 4, 1886.
 I simply want to express my views upon our progress in the last ten years. I for some time have given the matter all of my attention, not only in the progress we have made, but also the conventions we have had in the United States, and I can say, gentlemen, that I have failed to see what good this work has accomplished as yet, but you have said time after time that your many meetings was and is for the benefit of our race, and you have also given some very good names of our important men, but I might as well say what I think as not to; that I have made it up in my mind that most of the men have worked more for their pockets than for the race, and my opinion is that if we don't come up like men and ask for our rights, we will always be wanting them.

When I see in the weekly papers that a colored man tells his race to forsake the republican party and vote for the democrats then I would ask, what are the people thinking about? Do they belong to that party which has always been their bitter enemy? And now I may say, that if we cannot have better men to speak for the race we had better get some one of another race to work out our cause. When this has been reviewed over it may look as if every man may get the rights that belong to him in North and South. Let us have protection and not your free trade, and let us stand by the republican party as long as they will do what is right by the colored people. Your weekly papers have said they did not do what was right by the race when they were in power; but I say, for one, should not a man help himself as well as

represent "our people" and take money to run any business, and those of our race who patronize stores kept by others of the same nationality should not forget that while some white storekeepers can afford to run a credit system, that "our people" cannot.

It is a poor policy to take our money to a white man's store and pay cash for what we get, and our "check" to a colored man's store and tell him to "just remember this; I will drop in to-morrow and settle." To-morrow never comes, and if men waited for the certainty of to-morrow to receive what belongs to them, there would not be found space enough on the surface of this mundane sphere to accommodate pauper institutions. If you have to get trusted go to a rich man, his resources are more plentiful than those of poor colored men. If you desire to, and can pay cash, always ask yourself the question: Is there any colored store that keeps what I want? and if there is, go there and get what you desire and pay cash for it.

These are plain words, but they represent volumes. Colored people in this city have fair opportunities to exemplify their race pride and loyalty by patronizing, first of all our own race journal, an enterprise at the head of which is one of our citizens, and such other business men as Mr. Virgil Richardson, furnishing store; Mr. C. J. Moore, clothes dealer; Messrs. Warren & Rodgers, provision dealers; Mr. W. H. Brown, clothes dealer, and a number of others.

THEY SAY

(Specially reported for the Advocate.)

—That Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is ill in health.

—That the wedding season has begun again.

—That the lace drapery worn by the bride on last Wednesday evening was imported direct from Munich, Germany.

—That Miss. Addie Smith, the young cantatrice, sang well at the Bergen Star Concert last week.

—That Mrs. P. A. Glover's new house is the handsomest house owned by any colored person in the city.

—That a certain young lady from Lynn invariably has a headache upon visiting Boston. Boston air undoubtedly disagrees with that lady's health.

—That there is much indignation feeling on the part of some of our colored citizens toward Mr. J. H. Lewis, our popular merchant tailor.

—That a stag party was held on last Wednesday eve for Mr. Parker N. Bailey.

—That the condition of a good many colored people at Charleston, S. C., is appalling after the severe shocks of the earthquake.

—That it will cost the Odd Fellows one thousand dollars for the use of the immense hall which they have hired at Philadelphia for the coming demonstration in the fall.

—That a great many are prying and admiring the fall goods.

—That those who were not promoted this term felt pretty badly; and that a great many others pretended to feel badly too.

—That one of the young ladies Boston bred and born has publicly declared her intention of remaining an old maid, although she is now but a very young person.

—That Jordan, Marsh & Co. have donated \$500 to the Charleston sufferers while the *Boston Globe* has donated \$100.

—That it is unfortunate to become a school teacher, as they seldom marry.

—That notwithstanding that, a well-known school teacher is wearing a ring upon the engagement finger

any more.

—That young men are converted at a look at the Rev. Miss Louise Baker, the handsome female preacher of Nantucket.

—That Wright's new orchestra is very good for small evening parties.

—That they never liked the *Advocate* as well as they do now.

—That they had rather read the *Advocate* than any other colored journal.

—That the son of Jay Gould, who has been visiting Saratoga, was not introduced to any young lady while there, and that he did not seem to pine for their society.

—That there were more ladies than gentlemen at the reception last Friday evening.

—That as a natural consequence some of the ladies did not enjoy that state of affairs, while all the gentlemen were well pleased.

—That for variety of home social gossip lead.

—That the Boston girls are twice as smart as the Boston boys.

—That the Boston boys don't seem ashamed of it either. They yield the first place to the girls without a struggle.

—That the young lady from Hampton is so fascinated with Boston and its surroundings, that she is loth to leave its attractions and attentions.

—That the season of summer widows is almost over. Already the summer widowers have begun to return to them, and once more the old regime is being established and the old happiness enjoyed.

—That one of the Boston ladies who indulged in a pleasant summer outing at New Bedford and Martha's Vineyard, left quite an agreeable impression when she came away.

—That Miss Mary Freeman, of Chelsea, is in poor health.

—That Rev. Fairfax, pastor of the 12th Baptist Church, comes very highly recommended by white and colored.

—That a great many failed to appreciate the cleverness of the art gallery week before last. They were unable to take it all in at once.

BERT ISELY.

Pittsfield.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Sept. 6, 1886.

The little daughter of Jas. Porter, who was very ill at last writing, was buried Thursday 26th ult. The funeral services were held at the residence of the parents.

Monday evening, 30th ult., a discrimination meeting was held in the rooms of the 2nd Congregational Church. Owing to some remarks made there, I have taken the liberty to have an interview with Mr. G. B. Harrison, the colored barber, on the question of discrimination on account of color, in which he says it is very well to hold meetings to protest against it, but thinks it would be better to endeavor to reach an intelligence where discrimination will not be necessary. As long as our people by their ignorance and destructive tendency invite discrimination they will be discriminated against. He cited instances where colored men through ignorance entered places of business for the purpose of looking and engaging in talk that to say the least is not edifying. He also said he had heard a story of a colored family in Pittsfield, who had rented a house and completely gutted it for fire-wood. He thought such proceedings would cause discrimination and most justly. He says he has continued his business for two years without discrimination in regard to color, and considering that a fair trial, has concluded that he has lost more in value than he or his place of business has gained in reputation.

Further details in regard to the discrimination meeting will appear later, as the meeting was adjourned until Friday evening.

LOTTA.

There cannot be any questioning of the assertion when I say that the journals published by men of color are doing more for the elevation of the race than any of the various instrumentalities, the school-house not excepted; still with all the efforts put forth for the race's uplift, look at the meagre support received. I know of no class of men who are making greater sacrifices than those who are publishers of our secular newspapers. Why are they not better supported? Why are they not more appreciated? Simply because we lack that essential element which is so requisite—RACE PRIDE. How many men are spending their brain, time and energies simply to publish newspapers for the purpose of defaming the race from the unjust attacks which are published in newspapers published by white men. It is a sad truth that the masses of our people seem to take delight in defaming the success of those who are trying to do in

the same way. This kind of conduct has and will continue to cripple us until we are taught better lessons. This lack of pride is to be seen in all our efforts. Look at the vast amount of money that are paid out annually by the numerous benevolent societies, for hall rent to landholders, why could not this vast sum be converted into the purchasing of a hall, as there are to be found in all the leading cities. Enough of these associations, whose monies, which are paid out for rents, would enable them to purchase a hall with ease. But the seeming jealous spirit, "If I can't, you shan't," dwells deep in our midst. The owning of real estate in the community in which we reside will do more in removing the prejudice which now exists against us than anything we know of just at this time. This can be successfully carried out by the combining of these societies in building or purchasing associations. But the disposition to help others instead of ourselves is deeply planted in our nature. This must be removed before we can successfully inaugurate this new movement. The colored man is the most friendly creature to the other races that can be found anywhere, and is to be considered the worst foe to his own. His hands are always open to help others up the hill. Look at the man Bergen, is who counted among his own people as second class, yet this man is received by the colored preachers far and near. He is allowed the privilege of addressing the congregation, saying just what he pleases, encouraged by the preachers. Our men, women and children are bossed around by him. Anually he reaps his thousands; our first families are at his mercies, to a certain extent; he enters their houses for the purpose of putting them to work, as if they were his slaves, until he has come to believe that the negro is only a thing. If this man had a colored face, regardless of his superior talents, he would be refused any such opportunity; he would not be tolerated in the least, although he would be of the first class in the strictest sense. So long as we are willing to take these second and third-class white men and women and treat them as the equals, and at times the superiors, of our first-class colored ladies and gentlemen, just so long will we be classed unfit and unworthy in the eyes of the men and women of worth. Let us learn to encourage our own where the right ones are found among us. Our sons and daughters must be provided for, and this must be done by us, the parents, creating business for them—yes, business. We must embark and create something and let that something live of some worth.

Your editorial in relation to the coming conference of the N. E. English States was logical, able and timely. Should the conference be governed by such common sense as laid down in your last issue, I am of the opinion that it will accomplish some good. The time has come when the spending of money in holding conferences and conventions simply for the purpose of endorsing some office-holder should be stopped.

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E. FOURJURE, Dir., Boston, Mass.

The man that hath no sense in himself, Nor is not moved with counsel of sweet souls, Is fit for treason, strategies, and spoils. The madness of his spirit are dull as night, and his affections dark as Erebus. Let no such man be trusted. —Shakespeare.

Music.

Every one is, perhaps without knowing it, a musical critic and why? For his mental faculties were left latent in him and are still wanting development. There do exist in us faculties which, had we want of proper development, lay hidden and ignored by us.

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