

[For the Free South.]

The "Plain Missionary."

There may be exterior plainness (Her form is not faultless, I know) But her heart looketh out from clear windows, Which picture its warmth, and its glow. Her features might scarce be termed perfect, Or molded with infinite grace, But that indescribable sweetness That charms us, is stamped on her face. She dresses with little preciseness, Is not quite a butterfly, yet, But the dignified ease of her manner No one having seen, can forget: Her port on the street is less queenly Than that of some others, no doubt, But she goes on beneficent errands, Distributing comforts about. She does not write books, for her talent Is not of the blue-stocking kind, But the circle at home, of an evening Grows gentle, like her, and refined. She will not be noticed by many Who scan with keen, critical eyes, But her home and her crown, and a welcome Are already sure, in the skies.

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Old Hundred.

In a rustic church opposite, while we write, a company of worshippers are singing the old, old hymn, "Be Thou, O God, exalted high." The air is old, also; and the immortal "Old Hundred."

If it be true that Luther composed that tune, and if the worship of immortals is carried on the wings of angels to heaven, how often has he heard the declaration:—"They are singing "Old Hundred," now."

The solemn strain carries us back, to the time of the Reformers—Luther and his devoted band. He, doubtless, was the first to strike the grand old chords in the public sanctuary of his own Germany. From his own stentorian lungs they rolled, vibrating, not through vaulted cathedral roof, but along a grander arch, the eternal heavens. He wrought into each note his own sublime faith, and stamped it with faith's immortality. Hence it cannot die! Neither men nor angels will let it pass into oblivion.

Can you find a tomb in the land where sealed lips lie that have not sung that tune? If they were gray, old men, they heard or sung "Old Hundred." If they were babes, they smiled as their mothers rocked them to sleep, singing "Old Hundred." Sinner and saint have joined with the endless congregation, where it has, with and without the pealing organ, sounded on the sacred air. The dear little children, looking with wondering eyes on this strange world, have lisped it. The sweet young girl whose tombstone told of sixteen summers, she whose pure and innocent face haunted you with its mild beauty, loved "Old Hundred," and she sang it, closed her eyes, and seemed communing with the angels, who were soon to claim her. He whose manhood was devoted to the services of God, and who with faltering steps ascended the pulpit stairs with white hands placed over his labored breast, loved "Old Hundred." And though sometimes his lips only moved, away down in his heart, so soon to cease its throbs, the holy melody was sounding. The dear white-headed father, with his tremulous voice, how he loved "Old Hundred." Do you see him now sitting in his venerable arm chair, his arm crossed over the top of his cane, his silvery locks floating off from his hollow temples, and a tear perchance stealing down his hollow cheek as the noble strains ring out? Do you hear that thin, quivering, faltering sound now bursting forth, now listened for almost in vain? If you not, we do; and from such lips, halowed by fourscore years in the Master's cause, "Old Hundred" sounds indeed a sacred melody.

You may fill your churches with choirs, with Sabbath prima donnas, whose daring notes emulate the steeple, and cost almost as much, but give us the spirit-stirring tunes of the Lutheran hymn, sang by young and old together. Martyrs have allowed it; it has gone up from the dying beds of saints. The churches where generation after generation have worshipped, and where many scores of the dear dead have been carried and laid before the altar where they gave themselves to God, seemed to breathe of "Old Hundred" from vestibule to tower top—the very air is haunted with its spirit.

Think for a moment, of that assembled company who have, at different times and in different places, joined in the familiar tune! Throng upon throng—the stern, the timid, the gentle, the brave, the beautiful, their rapt faces all beaming with the inspiration of the heavenly sounds!

"Old Hundred!" King of the sacred band of ancient airs. Never shall our ears grow weary of hearing, or our tongues of singing thee! And when we go to

heaven, who knows but that the first triumphal strain that welcomes us may be—"Be thou, O God, exalted high."

STONEWALL JACKSON'S ADMISSION INTO HEAVEN.—I was much amused at the rebel prisoners' account of Stonewall Jackson's admission into heaven. They were strong admirers of Gen. Jackson, and especially of the great success of his flank movements. "The day after his death," said they, "two angels came down from heaven to carry Gen. Jackson back with them. They searched all through the camp, but could not find him. They went to the prayer-meeting, to the hospital, and to every other place where they thought themselves likely to find him, but in vain. Finally they were forced to return without him. What was their surprise to find that he had just executed a splendid flank movement and got into heaven before them." Correspondence Boston Recorder.

Festival and Fair,

To be held on the 25th inst., by the Ladies of Beaufort, at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Proceeds to go for the benefit of the poor, and also to the minister in charge, Rev. Mr. Hall. Admission 25 cents. Doors open at 12 o'clock. M.—Fair to continue during the afternoon and evening. All persons are respectfully invited.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

- MRS. S. BRAM, Beaufort House, " R. McCURVEY, Charleston, S. C. " R. HAYNES, Beaufort, S. C. MR. WM. F. ENNORY, New York. " W. FULLER, Sntler, 1st S. C. V. SERGT. MCGILL, 1st S. C. Vols.

Trade Districts and Trade Stores.

SUPERVISING SPECIAL AGENCY OF THE TREASURY DEPT., FOURTH SPECIAL AGENCY, BEAUFORT, S. C. Dec. 5th, 1863.

The following notice is issued to all parties concerned under the Acts of Congress of July 13th, 1861, May 26th, 1862, and March 12th, 1863, and the Regulations of the Treasury Department in pursuance thereof, particularly those bearing date September 11th, 1863.

TRADE DISTRICT.

I. The Island of Hilton Head; and the group of islands bounded southwesterly by Broad River, northerly by Whale Branch and the Coosaw River, northeasterly by St. Helena Sound, and southeasterly by the Atlantic Ocean, including among others Port Royal Island, Paris Island, Ladies Island, and St. Helena's Island;—all in the State of South Carolina—are hereby designated as a Trade District.

TRADE STORES.

II. Persons of well ascertained loyalty desiring to continue or to establish trade stores in said District may make application in writing to the Supervising Special Agent of the Treasury Department, or to such Assistant Special Agent as he shall designate for that purpose at his office at Beaufort, setting forth the locality of the proposed trade store, and transmitting with the application the affidavit prescribed by Sec. XIV. of the Treasury Regulations of Sept. 11th. The Agent will inquire into the character of the applicant, and the circumstances of the locality, and if deemed expedient will authorize such applicant to sell at said trade store an amount of goods per month specified in the Authority. If such Authority shall be granted, the Trader shall before receiving it, execute a bond to the United States as prescribed by Sec. XIV. before mentioned.

III. If the locality of such Trade Store is upon the Island of Hilton Head the Trader shall file a copy of his Authority with the Local Special Agent whose office is at the Custom House at Hilton Head, and if such locality is upon any one of the group of islands before-mentioned, the Trader shall file such copy with the Local Special Agent whose office is at Beaufort. Thereby said Local Agents will be authorized to give to the Trader certificates amounting in the aggregate to the monthly sum specified in the Authority, upon which certificates, goods, wares, and merchandise not prohibited by Regulations or Local Rules, may be permitted by the Collector of Customs at Port Royal (Hilton Head) to be transported to such Trade Store.

IV. Traders thus authorized elsewhere than at Port Royal, shall not sell goods to others to be resold by them, but shall sell only to persons for their own individual, family, or plantation use.

V. All authorized traders shall keep true accounts of their sales, with the name and residence of each purchaser of goods to the amount of more than five dollars, and the date and amount of every sale, and shall file and preserve all cancelled permits under which goods have been transported; and their books, invoices and accounts shall be open to the inspection of the Supervising Special Agent, or Assistant Special Agents under his direction.

VI. If any authorized trader shall violate any Regulation or Local Rule his Authority will be revoked and his stock in trade seized and forfeited to the United States.

VII. Certificates of Local Special Agents recommending permits for transportation, shall expire thirty days after date. Permits for transportation shall expire ten days after date; and all authorities, certificates, and permits will be liable to revocation by the Secretary of the Treasury, or the proper Supervising Special Agent, as the public interests may require.

VIII. The following fees are prescribed by the Treasury Regulations of Sept. 11th. For administering oath and certifying affidavit, ten cents; for each Authority from an agent, three dollars; for each certificate of a Local Special Agent, ten cents. Internal Revenue stamps are required by law to be attached to the affidavits, certificates, and bonds mentioned in these Local Rules.

ALBERT G. BROWNE, Supervising Special Agent, Fourth Special Agency. n411

List of Letters remaining in the Post Office at Beaufort, S. C., on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 1863.

- Brady, James A. Kain, Eugene
 - Bryant, Lavina Lowe, Rev. Charles 2
 - Bond, Rose Miller, Nelly
 - Chaplin, Jack Middleton, Caroline
 - Craugh, Sergt. Samuel Manago, Cornelia
 - Chism, Fanny Manago, Cornelia
 - Campbell, Jacqy Manago, Libbie
 - Ebanks, Robert Manago, Charlotte
 - Flegler, William R. Payne, John N
 - Frisbie, Capt. Washington Reader, James
 - Grey, Stephen Robinson, Miss
 - Go'dier, Abraham U S A Stone, James G
 - Green, Diana Shaw, M (Co. E. 3d S. C.)
 - Goodell, Harlan P Scharff, Charles W
 - Gaylord, Wm. C Trumble, Charles W
 - Holmes, James B Wright, James S
 - Harff, Johnathan Wright, Philo Miss
 - Jenkins, Margaret Welos, Mrs. Parra
- Persons inquiring for any of the above will ask for ADVERTISED LETTERS. JOHN C. ALEXANDER, P. M.

NEW BOOKS.

The following late publications have just been received and are for sale at the POST OFFICE BUILDING, Beaufort, S. C.

- SCOTT'S MILITARY DICTIONARY.
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- BERRIMAN'S SWORD PLAY.
- GARRARD'S CAVALRY HORSES.
- LEIBER'S GUERRILLA WAR.
- ROEMER'S CAVALRY.
- WAR IN THE UNITED STATES.
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- HAND BOOK OF ARTILLERY.
- MANUAL FOR ENGINEER TROOPS.
- HARDEE'S TACTICS.
- MCCLELLAN'S ARMIES OF EUROPE.
- U. S. FIELD SERVICE CAVALRY.
- EUROPEAN CAVALRY.
- COOK'S CAVALRY TACTICS.
- HANDY BOOK.
- U. S. CAVALRY TACTICS.
- COPIE EVOLUTION OF THE LINE.
- BATTALION DRILL.
- REVISED ARMY REGULATIONS 1863.
- DUFFIELD'S SCHOOL OF THE BRIGADE.
- POWERS ANATOMY OF THE ARTERIES.
- HOSPITAL STEWARD'S MANUAL.
- MCLEOD'S SURGERY.
- LONGMORE'S GUNSHOT WOUNDS.
- ARMY CHAPLAIN'S MANUAL.
- UNION FOUNDATIONS.
- JOMINIS WATERLOO.
- ALPONSE GYMNASIUS.
- BARLETT'S INDIAN REBELLION.
- ELLSWORTH ZOUAVE DRILL.
- MAPS OF THE COAST FROM BULL'S BAY TO OSSABAW SOUND.
- ORDONEAUX HINTS.
- GILLMORE'S LINES.
- SCHALK'S ART OF WAR.
- HALLECK'S MILITARY ART AND SCIENCE.
- JERVIS ATTACK AND DEFENCE.
- ORIGIN OF SPECIES—DARWIN.
- FIRST YEAR OF THE WAR SOUTHERN HISTORY—BY POLLARD OF RICHMOND.
- GALA DAYS—BY GAIL HAMILTON.
- BORDER AND BASTILLE.
- OUR OLD HOME—BY HAWTHORNE.
- LIFE IN THE OPEN AIR—BY WINTHROP.
- BROKEN COLUMNS.
- AUSTIN ELLIOTT.
- ANDERSON'S EVOLUTIONS FIELD ARTILLERY.
- HEAVY ARTILLERY TACTICS.
- GARDNER'S ARMY DICTIONARY.
- LIFE OF VICTOR HUGO.
- ARMY AND NAVY POCKET DICTIONARY.
- DE HART'S MILITARY LAW.
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SALE OF REAL ESTATE

IN THE

Town of Beaufort, S. C.

UNDER the direction and instructions of the President of the United States, issued of the date of September 16th, 1863, in pursuance of the 11th section of an act entitled "An Act for the Collection of Direct Taxes in Insurrectionary Districts within the United States and for other purposes," approved June 7th, 1862, and the act amendatory of the said act, approved February 6th, 1863, we Abraham D. Smith, William E. Wording and William Henry Brisbane, United States Direct Tax Commissioners for the District of South Carolina, do hereby declare and make known that a public sale will be held at the Office of the Commissioners aforesaid, in the town of Beaufort, State of South Carolina, on Monday, the 18th day of January, 1864, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, for the disposal of the several lots, parts of lots and blocks of land constituting the town of Beaufort aforesaid, together with the buildings thereon, to wit: Block One (1) to Block One Hundred and Thirty-Seven (37) inclusive, according to a plat or map made of said town, February, 1863, duly established and authenticated by said Commissioners and recorded in Valuation Book "A" of said Commission.

The following blocks, lots and parts of lots are excepted and reserved from said sale, to wit: Lot B in Block 8, Blocks 15 and 16, Lot A in Block 21, Blocks 24 and 32, Lot B in Block 33, Lot A in Block 34, Lot A in Block 35, Lots D and F in Block 36, Lot A in Block 44, Lot C in Block 47, Lot D in Block 48, Lot E in Block 50, Lots B and D in Block 53, Lot B in Block 57, Lots A and C in Block 59, Lot F in Block 60, Lot D in Block 63, Lots A and D in Block 67, Lots A and F in Block 69, Lots A, B, C and D in Block 70, Lot A in Block 77, Blocks 78, 79 and 89, Lot A in Block 90 and Blocks 124, 125, 131 and 132 of said Plat; and also all lots, parts of lots, blocks and buildings now occupied and continuing to be occupied to the close of said sale, as military and naval hospitals, and as offices and store houses of the Quartermaster's, Commissary and Ordnance Departments, and for revenue and police purposes.

Said sale shall not be kept open longer than thirty days from the commencement of the same.

The Commissioners reserve a single bid on each of said lots and blocks to be publicly made by them, or by their authority, of such sum as they may deem eligible, not less than one-third of the appraised value thereof. And any of the said lots, parts of lots and blocks which shall not be bid to one-third of their appraised value, will be withdrawn from sale.

Given under our hands at Beaufort, South Carolina, this second day of November, 1863.

A. D. SMITH, W. E. WORDING, WM. HENRY BRISBANE, U. S. Direct Tax Commissioners for the District of South Carolina. n014-10w

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