

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Arp and His Bible.—Bill Says He Likes to Read the Apocrypha.

Atlanta Constitution.

The family is the most important institution upon the earth. It is the hope of the world. Its influence is greater than that of kings, emperors or cabinets. Parents and children gathered around the hearthstones in separate families make up communities, and they make States and nations and choose their rulers. As the families are, so is the government—good or bad—men—unmarried men are merely individuals and feel no great responsibility outside of their individual comfort and welfare. But parents are concerned for their children. We live for them and would die for them, consequently we want good government that will protect them. But it is not every family who feels this deep concern. From my window I see the homes of many neighbors and can count on my fingers those whose presence is a safeguard to the community, and the rest are of but little consequence. If they were to move away it would not add to our peril. So it is in all communities. The few protect the many. So it is in church and State. Twenty members of our legislature control its legislation. Ten members of an average church membership give the church its character. Sodom was destroyed because ten good men could not be found. If all men were good we would have no need of courts or prisons. But for every church that is set on a hill there is a jail in the valley. I hear the preacher calling and the bell tolling from the one, and imagine I hear the devil calling from the other, and he cries out as the sergeants did in the old muster language, "Oh, yes! Oh, yes! All who belong to Captain Satan's company—parade here." And the people are going and coming all the time some to one call and more to the other. But as the devil can't be heard afar off, he goes about calling, and even invades the sanctuary and calls aloud while the preacher is preaching.

"Man never erects a house of prayer But what the devil builds a pulpit there, And 'twill be found upon examination The devil has the largest congregation."

His pulpit is always at the rear end where the young people love to sit, and you can tell how popular he is by the number who sit there. I was ruminating about this family institution and its great importance in the world because I have been reading about it in the Apocrypha, which is one of our family Bibles. I heard a preacher say once that a Bible with the Apocrypha in it should not stay in his house. Well, it took 1,826 years to exclude it from the Protestant Bible, and most of it is in the Roman Catholic Bible yet. What is called a sacred canon was not established until the sixteenth century, and for centuries before that almost every great theologian had his own catalogue of inspired books as he believed them. For 300 years only ten of Paul's epistles were admitted. The Book of St. James and the Revelation of St. John were excluded. So were Esther and Daniel and Jonah in the Old Testament. Luther tried to have Hebrews, and James, and Jude, and the Revelations of St. John excluded, but failed. But all differences of opinion seem to have been harmonized at the council of Trent by all Christians and the Apocrypha was left in, not as an inspired part, but to be read for religious instruction. In 1826 it was excluded from the Protestant Bible, but it remains in many of the old time family Bibles and is in one of mine. I dare to peruse it sometimes, especially "The Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach," which is called Ecclesiastical, which has fifty chapters and is as full of maxims and morals and instruction for the family as are the Proverbs of Solomon. Addison says that if this book had been left in the canon, or if it had the name of some great Greek philosopher, it would have commanded the admiration of mankind. To my mind it is the condensation of wisdom for family government. It is as pointed and pungent as anything that Solomon ever wrote. This Jesus was a better man than Solomon. He lived and wrote 300 years after Solomon, the last of the prophets. In the close of his narrative concerning Moses and the prophets, he says of Solomon: "By his body he was brought into subjection and did obtain his honor and pollute his seed and brought wrath upon his children, and his kingdom was divided." I never did have a profound admiration for a man who said, "Rejoice, oh, young man, in the wife of thy youth, and be thou always ravished with her love," and then goes off and marries 300 wives and

were good, but his example was bad, very bad. My doctrine has always been that a man has no more right to two wives than a woman has to two husbands. Let him stand by his marriage vows. This is the injunction of Jesus, the son of Sirach. As a sample of his wisdom let me quote: "A man that breaketh his wedlock, saying, 'Who seeth me; am I not compassed about with darkness,' he forgetteth that the eyes of the Lord are ten thousand times brighter than the sun."

"Blessed is he who hath a virtuous wife, for the number of his days shall be doubled."

"A silent and loving woman is a gift from the Lord."

"A fool will peep in at the door of the house, but he that is well warded will stand without."

"Do not banquet upon borrowed money."

"Commend not a man for his outward appearance, for many kings have sat down upon the ground, and one that was never thought of hath worn the crown."

"A friend cannot be known in prosperity, and an enemy cannot be hid in adversity."

"Use not much the company of a woman who is a singer lest thou be captured with her voice."

"Rejoice not over thine enemy when he is dead."

"Lend not to him who is higher than thyself, but if thou lendest count it lost."

"Sit not down with the wife of another man in thine arms, for it will bring thee to destruction."

"My son, help thy father in his old age and thou shalt have joy in thine own children."

"Have no fellowship with those who are mightier and richer than thyself, for how can the earthen kettle and the pot agree."

"When a rich man speaketh every man holdeth his tongue and extol it to the clouds, but if a poor man speak, they say, 'What fellow is this?'"

"Build not a house with another man's money, for it is like gathering stones for the tomb of thy burial."

"A thief is better than a common liar."

"Accustom not thy mouth to swearing nor to the naming of the Holy One."

"Against him that is niggard of his meat his neighbors shall murmur."

"Keep a sure watch over a shameless daughter lest she make thee a laughing-stock and a byword in the city and a reproach among thy people."

Whether this book be inspired or not, it is full of devotion to God and gratitude for His goodness. The Old Testament Hebrews' canon was made up and closed before this Jesus lived, or perhaps Ecclesiastical would have been embraced in it. It is certainly entitled to as much consideration as Solomon's Song, for there is not a vulgar or lascivious expression in it.

This much about the Apocrypha will answer some inquiries I have received, two of them were from preachers.

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Transporting Horses to the Philippines.

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—Ever since the United States Government ordered its first fleet of transports, the City of Peking, the Australia and the city of Sidney, with the cruiser Charleston as convoy, to the Philippines in May, 1898, there has been steady improvement in the transport service, until now it presents to the civilized world one of the finest systems in existence.

Besides the numerous commodious steamers, with light and airy quarters for troops, which have replaced the small chartered vessels into which the first section of departing army was crowded, the Government has now chartered between ten and fifteen steamers known as "animal ships," on which the horses and mules which go to make up some of the principal divisions of the army are transported.

So careful has the shipping of these animals been that with but one exception all the vessels from either San Francisco or Seattle have arrived in the tropics or in the Arctic regions with their dumb passengers in good condition.

The superiority of the American system, as indicated by this statement, is more fully shown by the fact that Great Britain, in the transportation of animals to South Africa, a shorter distance than the ships of the United States have been forced to sail, has lost on an average from 25 to 50 per cent of the number shipped.

Each of the American "animal ships" is fitted between decks 4 by 10 foot stalls, each equipped with a movable metallic manger, which stretches across the front of the stall with a bar below to keep the horses in place. The flooring is covered with stout cleats so as to give the horses a foothold whenever the vessel lurches.

For each "horse ship" that sails, the Government allows a quartermaster captain, who is a representative of the army; a veterinarian with three skilled assistants, and from twenty to thirty-five attendants, who are mostly cavalry or artillery men, besides the captain and crew of the vessel.

All horses and mules transported from San Francisco are at the Presidio with marine, a diagnostic agent for glanders. The animals are hitched in stalls and kept from excitement, and their temperature is taken every two hours for eight hours, after which they receive injections of the prepared solution, and then their temperature is again taken at the same intervals. If the temperature rise above the normal 100 degrees it is a suspicious case, and the horse isolated. In a day or two, if the germs be in evidence, the disease will take an acute form, and the animal be condemned as dangerous for both man and stock.

The animals which stand the test are branded on the necks and hoofs with numbers, and with "U. S." on the shoulder. A description relative to the age, color, height and general markings of the animal, by what officer bought, the buying price and where purchased, is handed over to the quartermaster and by these means is easily kept track of. Any horse that appears to be in the least indisposed is rejected by the veterinarian and another is put in to fill the place, so as to make up the number ordered.

The loading of the horses on the transports is done in the gentlest manner; any animal that will not go up or down the gangplank freely is led aside, and after several more attempts, at intervals, generally boards willingly. Gentleness is the best and quickest way of loading the vessel.

From the diary of Doctor W. L. Williamson, a veterinarian who has been in charge of nine of the animal ships, kept on board the sailing vessel Tacoma, the first horse transport to leave San Francisco, one may obtain an interesting account of how the animals are looked after during their transit. The care of several hundred animals is not easy, and to attend to them properly is a matter of science.

The daily record shows a constant watch for signs of sickness. To all that appear to be suffering medicine is administered, and the entries read like those of a hospital for human beings.

The horses and mules are watched like hospital patients for symptoms. Coughs, colds, attacks of fever, bruises caused by the rolling of the ship follow in rapid succession and are successfully treated, as are slight attacks of pneumonia.

Horses show their seasickness by a very high fever, ranging up to 110 degrees, and if an animal be found in a stupor it is evident that the sea has affected it.

The horses are shifted from straits to stalls each day, so that the desirable pieces on the vessel, the suffering and the pleasures, may be as uniform as possible.

Mules seem more content with their surroundings, but during the entire voyage horses never lie down. A few sit on their haunches dog fashion, and place their heads on the mangers, and by these means manage to get a little rest. To many the voyage is agreeable, and they take on flesh, while others fall away astonishingly.

The stock shipped to Manila is generally sold for a week or so at Hong

lulu, and when the animals are landed at the latter place they are so stiff that they lie and roll and stretch in the sand, and moan at every move of their limbs. The second day, however, the majority are again in good condition, and romp and play in corral as though they had had freedom for weeks.

On reaching the Philippines the animals soon become acclimated, and when the get out in the country take to the grass and native feed, whole rice, quite readily.

Doctor Williamson tells an interesting narrative of his trip on the sailing vessel Tacoma. It took twelve days for the vessel to reach Honolulu, and from there to Manila seventy-three days.

The ship passed through the same typhoon in which all the horses of the steamer Siam met their death, and anchored safely in Manila without losing a horse.

"For fifty-two hours, during the rage of the typhoon," Doctor Williamson said, "we were kept busy, without a moment's rest, keeping the horses lashed to their stalls to prevent a stampede, repairing broken beams and quieting excited animals. It was terrifying to see how the poor things tossed about, but through the gallant work of the troopers of the Fourth Cavalry, who fought more nobly than they ever did in battle, we landed our cargo safe in Manila.

General Otis had figured upon an important engagement upon the arrival of the Siam's horses, but owing to the accident of their loss the Tacoma's animals were taken instead, they being loaded on the railroad and taken to San Fernando, and in less than twenty-four hours after being landed they were in actual service and in fine condition.—Correspondence St. Louis Republic.

Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1558 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Hill-Orr Drug Co.

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Philadelphia young women are about to organize for a war on the saloons. They will not adopt the Kansas methods, for they have no desire to achieve notoriety. They are going to put the social screws on the young men to force them to be good.

Two Sundays hence, at a great meeting to be held in Industrial hall, a temperance league of young women is to be formed. The members will solemnly pledge themselves not only to abstain from strong drink themselves; but also to have no social relations with any man who uses intoxicating liquor, or even who frequents places where it is sold. They are also to oppose all other social evils. But particularly they promise not to marry saloon young men.

The movement, though it is led by Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, a Baptist clergyman, is undenominational. Its originator was long associated with Dwight L. Moody in evangelistic work and adopts his methods. The church-going young women of Philadelphia are warmly supporting his new temperance league, and it is likely to secure a large membership at the outset.

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