

Poem by Charles Dickens. A correspondent of the Daily News of London has recited the following verses, by Charles Dickens, from the obscurity of an old Annual edited by Lady Blessington in 1844. They are entitled "A Word in Season," and perhaps they are as timely now when ministers are asking whether Dickens was a Christian as they were twenty-six years ago:

They have a superstition in the East, That Allah, written on a piece of paper, In better mention than can come of priest, Of red-inked income, and of light and paper, Holding that any scrap which bears that name In any characters, its front impressed on, Shall keep the reader through the purging flame, And to his toasted feet a place to rest on.

Accordingly they make a mighty fuss, And read the Book in raptures and in awe, And hear their leaves - for they are not, like us, A highly civilized and thinking nation: And when they sleep in the night, they pray, To look for matter of this earthly heaven, Their sedition, in their dust-expiring days, Have any leisure to look up to Heaven.

So have I known a country on the earth, Where darkness sat upon the living waters, And of red-inked income, and of light and paper, Were the hard portion of its sons and daughters; And yet, when they who should have opened the Of charity and light for all men's finding, Squabbled for the book upon the altar-floor, And read the Book in struggles for the binding.

The gentlest man among these people, Turks, God's living image ruthlessly defaced; To be a high-churchman, with no faith in words, Bows to the Virtues in the market-places: The Christian Parish, whom both sects curse (They curse all other men and curse each other), Walks through the world, nor very much the worse, Does all the good he can, and loves his brother.

COMMERCIAL NEWS. EXPORTS. BALTIMORE - Per schr J C Miles - 65 phosphate rock. The Charleston Cotton, Rice and Naval Stores Market. OFFICE CHARLESTON NEWS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 29, 1870.

COTTON - There was a steady and well sustained inquiry during most of the day, prices being rather softer, but without important change. Sales about 400 bales, say 6 at 16; 10 at 16 1/2; 10 at 16 3/4; 10 at 17; 10 at 17 1/4; 14 at 17 1/2; 10 at 18; 10 at 18 1/4; 10 at 18 1/2; 10 at 18 3/4. We quote: 10 at 18 1/2; 10 at 18 3/4; 10 at 19.

NAVY STORES - There were no sales of importances. EXPORTS - To Liverpool, by steam, direct nominal, via New York, 1-16d on uplands; 11-16d on sea islands; by sail we quote 7-16d on upland cotton, and 4d 3/4 on sea islands; by steam, nominal; by sail, nominal; by sea, nominal; by steam, nominal; by sail, nominal; by sea, nominal.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH. LONDON, June 29 - Noon - Consols 92 1/2. Bonds 90 1/2. Yellow dull at 64. LIVERPOOL, June 29 - Noon - Cotton opened quiet; uplands 10d; Orleans 10 1/2d; sales 10,000 bags. Red winter wheat 5s 4d.

NEW YORK, June 29 - Noon - Governments dull. Bonds 11 1/4. Southern State securities dull. Very little doing in stocks owing to the intense heat of the weather. Money easy at 6 1/2 per cent.

Wilmington Market. WILMINGTON, June 28 - SPIRITS TURPENTINE - Sales of 40 cases New York packages at 54 and 615 Southern packages at 53 1/2 per gallon.

Interior Cotton Markets. MAON, June 27 - Receipts to-day 8 bales; sales 7; shipped 50. The market is wholly unchanged; operations are so light that quotations are merely nominal.

Receipts by Railroad, June 29. SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD. 278 bales cotton, 52 bales domestics, 100 bbls flour, 58 bbls naval stores, 3 cars lumber, 3 cars iron, 2 Railroad Agents, L D DeSausure, Reedwood, T Y Foster and W C, J Marshall, J Kinsman & Howell, Frost & Adger, Claghorn, Herring & Co, Campen & Co, G W Williams & Co, A B Mulligan, Goldsmith & Son, J O Malone.

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