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For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Letter from Germany.

Rev. L. O. Dawson tells of experiences in the "Fatherland"—An interesting letter.

Dear Baptist: On the third day after arriving in a German city the visitor must fill out a blank for the benefit of the police authorities, giving his full name, his "standing" (by which they mean his matrimonial status) his birth place and year, residence at home and at what place he stopped last.

When this bit of personal history was demanded of us we recorded the fact that we were from America with no small degree of pride, and worked up quite an amount of patriotic feeling over the fact that we were from a country where every man is a king and every woman a queen. But the next morning "our feathers fell." We were ordered to appear immediately before the police court in our district. Farmer grew somewhat nervous, a feeling which he declares was produced, not by any fear at all, but by the very novelty of the thing. Robertson reached for the passport he procured from Uncle Sam before leaving home, while I—well, I wished for the one I didn't procure, and trudged wearily along thinking of all the meanings I had done for the last six months, forgetting the fact that I needed to answer for only four days of it before this court. But nothing terrible awaited us. The authorities simply could not read the report we gave the day before, because with English letters, while Robertson had written in that hand peculiar to great men, and which only experts can decipher. We gave the desired information and departed in peace. "Who said we were sneaked?"

We ventured that day at dinner to sympathize with our excellent landlady because she lived in a country where she could not have a guest or a boarder in her house—her own home—without the meddling interference of the police. But we "wasted our sweetness on the desert air." She was quite disgusted when she learned that no such practice existed in America, and wondered how in the world all the strangers who visited a town could be found out if this plan was not adopted! It never occurred to her that in a free country where the use of dynamite is confined to the needs of industrial improvement, such a state of society could exist as to make it necessary for strangers to be shadowed by semi-detectives until they were pronounced to be harmless sojourners. And so it goes. People who have never known what real freedom is don't miss it as much as we think. Some are rather proud that they have elegant ladies and ladies to whom they can tip their hats as they cooed dash by them plodding on the street. There is a lot in the way people are trained. There are those here whose hearts are all alive with the great American idea, but so far as the majority is concerned, if you were to give them perfect freedom they wouldn't know what to do with it. Some folks are never happy unless quite miserable. Verily "you can get accustomed to anything except hanging." But after all, if the German isn't as free as the American it is because he doesn't choose to be. There are many who stoutly maintain the superiority of their system of government, and the patriotism of the whole people is really striking. They have a right to be proud of their country, for its history is brilliant and the people are strong in physique and in mind.

You never saw such people for outdoor exercise in your life. They have large and beautiful parks in every city, which are crowded with all kinds and conditions of people, especially in the afternoon, and more especially on Sunday. Beer gardens in which they eat and drink are to be seen on every side, and to them, not only one class but all classes resort—fathers with their children, and mothers too, who can drink as much as the head of the family. They chat their neighbors, listen to music that's all the sweeter because it's free, and visit all sorts of museums for amusement or profit. To us this has the appearance of being simply awful. But we must not understand that it means as much as it would in America. It is bad enough without making it worse by supposing that they live this way, and yet hold our idea of the Sabbath. They are as different as day and night, and the trouble we have with them on this point is simply the result of ideas they inherit from their old country. We who love the "Day of the Lord" and are determined to perpetuate it in America should not fail to see how deeply rooted in the hearts of our German American citizens is the notion that Sunday is only a holiday to be used for pleasure and health. The most devoted Christian in Berlin believes in churches for the morning and parks for the afternoon.

German family life is really beautiful, and the larger the family the prouder the mother. They praise their young Emperor for nothing more than that she has strengthened her country by giving it five heirs to the throne. The affection between parents and children is deep in its feeling and warm in its expression. I saw a lady and gentleman meet in the vestibule of our hotel to-night that must have been brother and sister; I hope they were at least that closely connected. Judging from their actions they had been separated for about a long, long time. They were both quite low in stature, but their combined weight is no numerous to be mentioned. Neither's embrace could completely encircle the other, but a warmer greeting you never saw. In spite of the ludicrous element in it,

it provoked tears as well as smiles.

Without the slightest desire to excuse the habit of beer drinking I want to do them the justice to say that it means quite a different thing here from what it does at home. In the first place, I am told that the beer itself is not the same article to which we apply that name. Besides this forms their chief drink, and consequently in a land where it almost takes the place of water, I have seen less drunkenness than in England or America where strong liquors are preferred by the great mass of foolish and unfortunate drinkers. It was bad enough for Martin Luther to be a valuable customer of the beer handlers, but when we remember the fashion of the country it was not so completely devilish as his enemies would have us believe.

The young Kaiser's family is a topic of unfailing interest here. His wife, who was selected for him more on account of her perfect health, than of the graces of either mind or heart, is still a woman of great amiability and intelligence. The five little boys are regarded with real affection, the third one being the favorite. The oldest, although not yet ten years of age, still knows that he is to be emperor some time sooner or later. He was walking one day down one of the palace halls one day greatly to the annoyance of the half dozen soldiers on guard there who had to salute the little rascal every time he passed them. His father happened to notice it and remarking that kings were made for soldiers and not soldiers for kings, proceeded to enforce the thought in the most effective manner. He joined his son's promenade, and as they walked in the hall gave him a first-class "dusting" in the presence of the guards.

The Kaiser himself is not as weak as our papers represent him. He is very rash, to be sure, and his rashness is the great unknown quantity in European politics at present, for which nobody can account, but a gentleman who is well posted in German affairs informs me that he has surrounded himself with the very wisest and most cautious counselors from Capri down. He dispensed with the services of Bismarck simply because the "Iron Chancellor" would entertain nobody's opinion but his own. There are many here who praise him for showing the courage in this respect which both his grandfather and father lacked, and the retirement of Bismarck, and the release from an overbearing tyranny. The Kaiser's frequent visits to other courts do not arise from the desire of a giddy youth to be fettered by the great rulers, as we have been led to believe. The deepest significance is attached to his recent trip to the north and to Russia, being regarded as having direct bearing not only on the peace of Germany, but of all Europe. So far, say those with whom I have conversed, he has shown himself wise and competent. But his record is yet to be made, and his every movement is anxiously watched by friend and foe.

Our American papers are full of prophecies about a great European war. There is not so much said about it over here, but the people seem to feel that it may come at any moment. Whenever it comes Germany's enemies will find her ready for the conflict. She not only has the largest and best trained army in the world, but the law that enforces every young man to enlist for a certain number of years in the regular service has made the whole country a nation of soldiers. The military spirit has permeated German life, and can be seen on every side from the mastery control of armies down to the arrangement of the merchant's shop. It even affects the architecture of the country, while artists breathe into their pictures many canvases glowing with battle fields in which German heroism has challenged the admiration of the world. Their national song is a warlike form set to martial music, and the children are never so happy as when with caps and buttons and mimic swords, they imitate the stately military step of their fathers.

But money, or rather the lack of it, is the trouble with Germany's strength. The enormous sums consumed by the army is rapidly driving her to bankruptcy. She can't stand it very much longer, and the only consolation she has is that the nations which are her natural enemies find themselves threatened with the same disaster. Besides, various other taxes for raising public funds, and the fact that the citizen must pay one tax on the gross amount of his property, another on his income, while the tenant who rents from him must pay a third on the amount he gives the landlord for the temporary use of his property! This fosters discontent, and it is only submitted to because the great armies of other nations would threaten the very existence of the German empire if she did not keep hers as strong as the strongest. The other powers are in the same peril. They would all like to disarm, but no one dares to be the first to do it. This cannot last much longer. In a short time there must be a general disarmament, or a war which will be brief but bloody. When the people can endure the taxes no longer the crisis will have arrived. It all depends on the financial condition of the great powers which is about as bad as can well be without ruin. This of course doesn't apply to England, which holds a neutral position, and has all the cash she wants.

My next letter will contain something about the religious life of Germany, and the effect of the universities upon it. I don't know when I can find time to write it, but it's coming. You may as well count on it.

L. O. DAWSON.
Berlin, Germany, August 1st.

From the N. Y. Evangelist.

A Great Peril and a Great Emergency.

BY PROF. D. S. MARTIN.

To Christians and Patriots: Never before has so serious and public a danger menaced the American Sabbath, as the proposal now announced and urged, that the Columbian Exhibition shall remain open continuously seven days in the week. An issue is raised at this point which demands the most earnest and immediate action of all Christians, and the whole moral force of the country. Nothing less will avail to prevent this most painful and ominous departure from all American precedents in the interest of a godless materialism. There is danger that the emergency may be overlooked by many, in consequence of its arising at the present season, when pastors and congregations are largely scattered, and the usual religious organizations and activities are more or less reduced or suspended. But let the religious press of the whole country sound the note of alarm, and let meetings be held and resolutions adopted in every town and city, and some resort, to voice the sentiment of the Christian public in tones that the authorities of the exhibition "cannot choose but hear."

It has been a matter of great interest, and a cause for great thankfulness, that heretofore, both at our own Centennial Exhibition and in the American Department of Expositions abroad, God's day has been respected and God's command obeyed. The silence and suspension on the Sabbath have been a priceless testimony and a most important object-lesson to the representatives of other nations. Shall this great and noble precedent be now reversed, and our beloved country abandon her position as a "nation that respects the Lord?" Better, ten thousand times better, that the exhibition never be held, than that it should mark and establish a change from the American Sabbath to the European Sunday.

The word of God is exceeding clear and pointed as to the national blessings or curses that attend respectability upon the general and public regard or disregard of God's law and God's day. We cannot but think of Bismarck's feast in connection with this proposal, and fear lest, if it should be carried out, the occasion of our pride and boast should become the signal for a divine sentence of condemnation and calamity. "The nation and kingdom that will not serve me shall perish." "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."

The protest of the Sabbath Observance League, issued some days ago, and the resolutions adopted at the Farwell Hall meeting in Chicago last week, should be taken up and followed out by similar expressions in every part of the country, and this should be done at once, as there is no time to lose. Immense efforts will be made, backed by much political and moneyed interest, to accomplish this painful innovation, and nothing but a determined and strenuous effort will avail to prevent it. From such a disgrace and sin, may our God and our fathers' God deliver us! And let every Christian who loves his country, or the kingdom of Christ, see that he does all that in him lies—by prayer, by speech, by pen—to avert this peril to our priceless American Sabbath.

Coosa River Baptist Association will convene with Oxford Baptist church, Wednesday, Sept. 17th, at 11 a. m. The following chairmen of standing committees will be expected to have reports ready when called for:

On State Missions, Rev. Thos. Henderson; Home Missions, Rev. Leals Law; Foreign Missions, Rev. J. C. Wright; Ministerial Education, Rev. M. H. Lane; General Education, male and female, Prof. J. B. Graham; Colportage and Bible Work, Rev. J. B. Kilpatrick; Sabbath schools, Sam'l W. Welch; Temperance, Rev. E. T. Smyth; Evangelization of Colored People, Rev. W. Wilkes; Periodicals and Literature, Rev. J. R. Lloyd; Woman's Work, Rev. C. A. Smith.

Messengers and visitors who expect to attend the meeting, will please notify James E. Kelly, chairman committee on hospitality. The E. T. Va. & Co. railroad will sell tickets on Sept. 16th and 17th, at Jacksonville and Winstonsville and all intermediate stations to messengers and visitors at full fare going to and one cent per mile returning from the association.

The Talladega and Coosa Valley railroad will sell round trip tickets at rate of one fare at all stations on that road.

Will be pleased to see representatives at the association from our schools, mission boards and the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and any others who may wish to visit us.

ANNIE WILLIAMS, Mod.
Coosa River Bapt. Ass'n.

A Worthy Cause.

I ask for a careful reading of the following from the Sheffield *Enterprise*. The brother who is doing this noble work is a volunteer missionary, serving without a salary or appointment from any board. He deserves to be encouraged. Send on your names and money at once to aid this self-sacrificing brother in his noble work.

W. B. CRUMPTON.
DALLAS, TEX., AUG. 28th.

and arouses its best emotions, it is a sight of genuine Christianity; a manly effort to lift humanity to a higher plane; an heroic endeavor to do the duty of a life as pointed by Him who preached "without money and without price." How grand must feel the heart that can throb with emotion, pulsate with humanity, bound with Christianity, and respond to the command of Christ! How full must be the soul that can do the work of man and earn the plaudits of a satisfied conscience. How serene must be the life that wends its way in the happy knowledge that duty is being done.

Rev. O. R. Comstock is pastor. When he came here Furnace Hill was a terror. The first notice called to his work was the decrease in the number of arrests among the whites of that locality. This is official. They had no church, no Sunday school, no organized Sunday school in a cast-off cottage and on Sunday could see the wife of a laborer with a child on one arm and a chair on the other, walking through the broiling sun to hear a talk of God and his cause from the lips of a fellow workman. From nothing but ignorant heads and stubborn hearts, Mr. Comstock has succeeded in organizing a church of thirty members, equal in devotion and attendance to any congregation in the city. He is constantly adding new members. He does not draw a salary, nor does he expect one. He knows that his people barely earn enough to supply the necessities of life. He knows that they could not pay, be they ever so willing, and they are willing. His work does not stop there. Out of his own purse he pays for literature, medicine, and in some instances food for his people. He now has much more to encourage him than he had at the start. Good people, people of morals, are rallying around him and connecting themselves with his move. This is the man that is preaching the word of God in the old way, "without money and without price."

He is getting ready to build a church. Plain, humble, cheap and unpretentious it must be of necessity, but a structure grand in conception, great in good, for in it souls will be saved. A lot will be given him by the Sheffield Land, Iron and Coal Company and his building is estimated to cost \$500. He will build it from his own work. He is that kind of a man. Can the people of Sheffield stand by and not help in such a work? Will they do so? Is there one in town who will not give something? The *Enterprise* proposes to aid in building that church.

From Texas. We have regretted much the non-appearance of the ALABAMA BAPTIST since our sojourn in the Empire State. We are hoping to welcome its visits from this time on. Texas has suffered a good deal from drought this summer. It has rained, however, enough to insure a good half grain crop and very nearly a full cotton crop, without some other disaster. An old Texan so said this week. The hay crop has been splendid and much of it has been saved. The health of the country seems to have been excellent. Dallas' health, it is said, surpasses any record. They should be furnished from the statistical record some day, when there will be more time to write.

One of the greatest advantages of this state is its public school system, and not less, its denominational schools. Baylor University, at Waco, had six hundred and eighty-five students last session, and Baylor Female College, at Belton, one hundred and eighty, and other schools in proportion. None of them can surpass Alabama for management and thoroughness. There are many old Judson girls and Howard boys here.

Bro. C. Fountain, from Alabama, has been recently elected professor of English in the Baylor Female College, in the place of Prof. Eager, who has been called back to Mississippi to fill some chair in the State University. He preached a most excellent sermon in the Washington Avenue Baptist church last Sabbath, which will tell for a time to come.

Many revivals are reported from many directions, and there seems to be a steady growth of the churches in this city. The beautiful new First church building is nearing completion. Bro. Summs is the loved pastor of that church, and is a very amiable man. The Second Baptist church, from the pastorate of which Bro. Holland (Bro. Duke's son-in-law, from Alabama), recently retired for evangelism, has this week, called a Bro. Ingram, who is said to be an excellent man. He enters upon his work next Sabbath. There are two mission stations in the city.

The *True Baptist* and *Herald*, under Dr. S. A. Hayden, is assuming vast proportions. It is certainly a fine paper, and it has a larger circulation than ever before. It pains us much to see that Bro. J. S. M. Smith, of Greenville, remains in bad health. There are prayers ascending from Dallas, Texas, for his recovery. There are few men on earth who are his equal.

The Alabama Baptist, of course, has a place in our hearts that nothing else on earth can take. It is certainly rising ground, and we will be delighted out here to know when it shall, as it deserves, be in every Baptist family in the state.

God is giving us souls for our labor. We have received twenty-five into our flock, eleven of whom came in by baptism. They are earnest workers. We do not believe in having any idlers, for God never calls a sinner out of the world to sit in heavenly places among Christian people and fold his arms in idleness and indifference. Our prayer meetings are well attended and are a source of much joy.

OLD GREY.

Give us a man, young or old, high or low, on whom we know we can thoroughly depend—who will stand firm when others fail—the friend faithful and true, the adviser honest and fearless, the adversary just and chivalrous.—Arthur Penrhyn Stanley.

The Little Helpers and the Entertainments.

I will follow, which is the conclusion of a report of the secretary of the Sunday-school of one of our most enterprising churches. I wish to say further lest I should be judged criticizing in a personal way, that this church has for its pastor as good a man as we have in our ministry: "Sudie Cockrell, by making and selling trimmings, made twenty-five cents. Making a total of \$11.96. The three teachers invested a nickel each, also, and together made \$3.25. In addition to this the society has given entertainments and made \$17.55, making a grand total of \$42.76, which is no small sum for little hands to make. It is encouraging to see with what industry and zeal they enter into the work. They set an example which some of the older members would do well to follow. Our pastor and superintendent are proud of 'The Little Helpers' and pray that the habit of work and giving inculcated now may cause them to grow up to be earnest, liberal Christians.

The talented women of mine. I wish to call the attention of the Baptist membership of the state to the two different methods of raising money for church purposes put into practice by this church. The "Little Helpers" plan I think worthy of our imitation because they earned by the sweat of their brow the money and gave it to the cause without anything in return; and this labor, such as is productive and not consuming.

The entertainment plan—well, I must say it is not scriptural, and I do not see how we are going to fight the "whimsies" plan, unless we oppose suppers, bazars, and in fact any kind of entertainment for raising money for religious purposes. You who have not done so, and you who have, read again the "Cooking Stove" article on the first page of issue of ALABAMA BAPTIST of week before last. I am not one to say aught against the noble, earnest consecrated Christian women of our churches who, when such is the leanness of souls of the male membership, that the earthly temples of our Heavenly Father can not be built, and the money interest of the cause of our Savior served by them paying to their Lord that which they owe to him. I will not say giving, "what thou owest." Just think of the scripture that will sustain this position.

In concluding this little effort at writing for what I believe to be the benefit of the church, I have no more to say. I will raise this question, How can these Little Helpers have "inculcated" in them the habit of working honestly and for a purpose to make money for a religious object, when alongside of this, in the same church there are entertainments where people are fed with the loaves and fishes, in order to get some money out of them for church buildings?

I am fearful, brethren, that these Little Helpers, God bless them, will have some other ideas in their head of Christian benevolence than that of freely giving for the cause of the Savior. I have some fears that they will expect something in return as a motive for giving, when they should give in just the reverse spirit. No other motive should dwell in the bosom of a Christian in such matters than that of giving because they owe it, and all they possess to the cause of their Lord. And that of what they keep back still belongs to him, and they only keep enough to sustain life, and not to satisfy their own covetousness in getting rich in this world's goods. I believe it would be better if we would adopt the term of paying instead of giving to the Lord.

J. N. M.
Birmingham, Aug. 11th.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Showers of Blessings.

It has been so often asked, "What are you doing at the Second church?" I never see anything about your work. We have made but little attempt to publish our work, fearing that some might boast of the great success and God might withhold his blessings from us as a penalty for boasting. But we now yield to the oft-repeated request.

During the latter part of last year, and the first part of this, our people became very much discouraged. Though the winter was mild, some seemed to freeze out, while others were backslidden. God sometimes keeps back his blessings until his people become very anxious and thoroughly humiliated, then he sends the refreshing showers. Last February seems to have been the beginning of a revival started and continued until now without an extra service, and we trust it will continue for many days.

Our Sabbath school, which numbered not more than forty-five, has grown until it will average one hundred and twenty. We are proud of it, and are trying to make it the best organized and equipped school in the state. It has not yet reached our ideal, but it comes the nearest of any school that has ever come under the writer's observation. Much of its success is due to the fact that God has given us a good leader.

God is giving us souls for our labor. We have received twenty-five into our flock, eleven of whom came in by baptism. They are earnest workers. We do not believe in having any idlers, for God never calls a sinner out of the world to sit in heavenly places among Christian people and fold his arms in idleness and indifference. Our prayer meetings are well attended and are a source of much joy.

Truly God never forsakes his saints, nor does he do anything half way and then leave it. He ever converts pocket books. When a professing Christian finds that he is not inclined to give to the support of the gospel, whether it be church, Sabbath-school, or religious paper, he has good reason to ask, "Have I been truly converted and regenerated?"

We have recently built on a room to our church to accommodate the school. We also built a pool, covered the pulpit with an elegant carpet, furnished it with a handsome set of furniture, painted our house inside and out, furnished it with good set of folding chairs, lighted it so that small print can be read anywhere in the room, and furnished our school with a \$40 map of Bible lands. We are daily expecting the carpet for the whole audience room. Why not rejoice? Let us exclaim, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

We have a very active seamstress society and a ladies' aid society, both of which are doing excellent work. The pastor wishes to thank Bro. A. N. Hawkins and wife for the very handsome gold watch and chain which they presented to him, and as sure them that it is fully appreciated and will be worn with kind remembrance and handled with care.

Part of our success is due to the fact, I suppose, that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is a welcome visitor to a number of our homes. Send Bro. Lindsey to get the rest of our members, and we will stir all of Birmingham. MEMBER OF SECOND CH.

For the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

A Look With Seventy-five Keys.

The reader will perhaps think that I have made choice of a singular topic on which to write. But it is not so much about the lock, as what the lock hides from the eyes of the world. The story I am going to tell you is about a young men's club room I visited some years ago, by invitation from one of its members. The membership numbered seventy-five; each had a key so that he could enter at will, and with so many keys.

On entering I was conducted first to the main hall, which was very large and handsomely painted and finished. On the walls hung many handsome pictures. This hall was mostly used for dancing, receptions, etc. The next room was also handsome, and was used as a billiard room, with three tables. Some of the young men were engaged in gambling or playing. The room adjoining, and also tastefully finished, with its furniture consisting mostly of marble top tables, was used as a reading room, card playing, etc. I noticed many pictures, weekly and daily papers, lying around where I supposed they had been read the previous evening.

A room adjoining this, called a store-room, was next entered. Here were kept various kinds of strong drink to which the members had free access, as it was owned in common by all.

No wonder when a young man becomes a member of the club, that we see so little of him at the church and Sabbath school. If he doesn't go into the deepest depths of dissipation here, then it is not for want of one of the best places that man ever had.

I see them daily, and I know from the flush on the cheek, the swollen eyes, that dissipation has already commenced its work of destruction, and soon the seed sown here will commence to ripen in ruin.

I want to see young men have a good time, but not in a place like this, where the influence of our best people can never reach them. Here Satan and some of his most active agencies are at work for the destruction of our young men. Whenever I see a young brother join a club, my first thought is that his usefulness is lost to the church, and if often times out that he is lost to society—I mean Christian society. So few men can stand the temptation, opened up and indulged in here, without restraint.

Ask yourself the question: "Can I live the life of a consistent Christian, and be a witness and take part in what is required of a member to hold a place among the leaders of the club?" No, my young brother, you cannot serve two masters. Christ will not go in here with you. He stands apart, pleading with you to come away. Your opportunities to do good is lost by such conduct, and you will naturally go into sin, little by little, until your young life is so blighted that you finally get your consent to give up all church relationships and what you had hoped to be, a man of position in life.

In thus abandoning Christian society, you will find yourself in the society of drunkards and with all those who are lost. Remember that the life you lead here will soon destroy all hope to be anything. Remorse will be your constant companion wherever you go. Your very appearance will advertise you. Money and friends will abandon you, feeling and knowing that they have no influence to bring you back to the bosom of the loved ones at home. So let me beg you in the name of all that is pure and good, to take your name off the club book, and return to the open arms of your brethren, and be saved.

OLD GREY.

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Facts on Communion.

It is a fact that Baptist churches require no more of those who come to the communion than other Evangelical churches do, the difference being that Baptists regard only such as have been immersed as scripturally baptized, while others hold that those who have been "poured" or "sprinkled" are baptized.

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She had been a homely child, and they had called her Grace—such a misnomer. Poor little thing! No one went into raptures over her beauty, and said sweet things to her as they did to her pretty sister Maud. It had been a heavy cross to the shy child, and during the years of young maidenhood, when other girls were showered with gallant attentions so flattering to their girlish pride, she was always the one who was "left out of things." But Grace had a wise mother, who tenderly and judiciously showed her young daughter how she might win love and hold it in spite of physical defects—that she must first gain a golden heart, which would ensure a bright sunny face that would win scores of friends. Grace Brown is a plain woman still, but she is also a very attractive woman, a very happy woman, with a devoted husband, three or four pretty children, and a multitude of friends.

So, don't worry, girls, if there is something awry in your features—the worry will only make it worse. It is perfectly natural for you to desire to be beautiful, but if nature has denied you that blessing, why, just make the best of what you have, and cultivate the grace of self-forgetfulness and a sunny face. This morning I happened to see the following paragraph in a paper, which is so pertinent to the subject that I quote it for your benefit:

"We all know the woman who in the eyes of the world is neither pretty nor even good looking, yet there is something in her face which exhilarates you the moment you see her. Her face is always like a cloudless June morning. You ask what it is that makes her face so beautiful. It is sunshine. It warms and permeates the farthest corner, and everybody and everything is made happy by it. It makes a woman beautiful. She whose features are regularly cut, whose skin is immaculate, whose hair is like spun gold, whose eyes are like stars, is not lovely unless her face be bright with sunshine from the soul. The woman to whom nature has denied even the most modest outward sign of beauty, is made lovely by its possession. Who can live without sunshine—mental sunshine, I mean? At home the sunny woman makes life a happiness, and living with her a blessing. The face is the outward visible sign of the inward spiritual grace, and there is no virtue so beautiful as the one that makes you a giver of good gifts in the way of brightness."

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The discovery of the principle by which the Electro-poise destroys disease and renews health and vigor is due to the sickness of the inventor—Dr. Hercules Sanchez—with ordinary malaria, which ran its natural course without medical treatment. During this time the sufferer observed facts which none of the accepted medical theories could explain, and for a period of thirty years he devoted his life to investigating the cause and cure of fevers. When by the use of Electro-poise complete success was obtained in one section or climate, he moved to another, to make sure it was really true that by the simplest means he was absolute master of this dread scourge. In this manner he traversed large portions of North and Central America and considerable portions of Europe, the same experience being everywhere repeated. The deadliest fevers and congestions of the tropics yielded as readily as the simpler agues of more northern

latitudes, while fact surmounted fact, all showing the correctness of his theories. It was not till 1888 that the Electro-poise was given to the public. Previous to its introduction it was submitted to the severest tests, and in every case did more than was promised. During this year it was taken to Jacksonville, Fla., by Dr. Sanchez and Mr. Webb, President of the Company, while the yellow fever was epidemic there. The results were most satisfactory.

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Lv. Wiley 10:40 am 6:40 pm
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Lv. Dillarda 12:05 pm 8:05 pm
Ar. Ozark 12:25 pm 8:25 pm
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