Marked Contrast Between the Conditions in 1896 and the Present.

DEBTS PAID. IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

Inspiring Influence of Better Times in All Branches of Churches-Chats with Men Who Are Close to the People.

The most delicate barometer of a community's financial condition is its religious work. Before the banks, railroads or other business and industrial institutions feel the influence of stringency or ease in finances the contributions to church wark will indicate the trend of times toward good or bad. At the first eign of hard times met subscriptions. Doubtless this is so because salvation is regarded as free.

When times are good churches build, impreve, pay indebtedness, increase concributions to benevolent purposes, such as missions, education and orphanages, and raise churches make a good showing along these lines there can be no denial entered against the assertion that times are good.

During the years 1893-1896, inclusive, the churches felt the full weight of hard times. Almost with the inception of the Cleveland administration the contributions to general church work of the entire of all denominations the business depression left its influence. The various boards to take care of the benevolent enterprises. as missions, educational work, care of the poor and orphans, etc., were in absolute distress. Not one of them that could boast of any pretentious influence but entered beavily into debt to keep going the most necessary of its work. It was predicted in 1896 that years of the future, with the best of times, would be required to recover from the effects of the depression then experienced. Everywhere expenses were cut to the minimum, paid choir men released and pastors' salaries were cut down. Despite this economy it was a lucky church that could go through the year without a

In Nebraska the churches felt the burden of hard times most keenly. In many communities churches were closed and congregations disbanded, or they were conget it. solidated with other churches. Where once there were more churches than ministers, then there were ministers who found themselves without charges and unable to Methodist church in Wayne, said: obtain any. Debts on churches were in- are now building a \$12,000 church in Wayne. creased, and churches that were free of Only the unusually prosperous condition of debt were forced to mortgage their prop. the people of Wayne and Wayne county erty in order to raise money to meet cur- makes this financial outlay possible. The rent expenses. The burden of mortgages past year has been the best the church was increased because of the high rates of has experienced, and the people of Wayne interest charged for money borrowed. In county generally are enjoying the present many instances it was impossible to obtain prosperity to the fullest extent. I am not loans at any rate of interest. Eight per prepared to state the cause of the present cent was then regarded as a low rate, and good times. I know that four years ago the property that carried a loan at such times were depressing, debts were abunrates had to be gilt-edged.

to attend places of entertainment and his presidential duties." amusement. Churches were well filled, but what hard times were.

ncouraging prospects was a drop in the rates of interest on mortgages. Churches refunded loans, securing money at various boards of the different denominations, through increase in benevolent con-The prediction that it would require years by the remarkable showing of last year. able that churches have not only recovered, times."

but have advanced. Effect of Better Times.

in all lines of work. Dehts have been paid, people of my church. We have made some improvements made and salaries have been raised. In Nebraska the churches show the tion our debt of over \$2,000 has been wiped results of prosperity. New buildings have out. Money is easier to raise now than it been erected, old ones have been enlarged, was four years ago. Why? Because times with a view to greater convenience and com- are better. Men are at work, getting good fort, and few there are that have not been wages, good prices are paid for farm

As an instance of this prosperity in the churches of Nebraska the reports at the has happened in the history of the counrecent session of the North Nebraska con- try." ference of the Methodist church affords impressive illustration. This conference is ministers not one had a discouraging report to make. The consensus of opinion was that the conference had never enjoyed as prosperous a year as the one just closed.

In church work the delicate barometer of the financial condition of the people is the happycontribution to benevoient werk. This represents a surplus, as the current expenses are the first things to be met by the contributions. The benevolent contributions of the North Nebraska conference of the Methodist church show an increase that is astonishing. In 1896 the total benevolent contribution was \$10,715: In 1900 the total benevolent contribution was \$17.689, an increase of \$6,974, or more than half the entire sum contributed in 1896. The increase over last year is \$4,974. This is the best benevolent contribution in the history of the conference. It proves the reality of pros-

perity in Nebraska beyond peradventure. The number of churches in the conference in 1896 was 137. In 1900 the number was 159, an increase of twenty-two churches, Last year twelve new churches were built

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HOW THE CHURCHES PROSPER In 1896 the number of paraonages was county and a portion of Holt, Boyd, Knox. PICTURES IN SCHOOL ROOMS schages was ninety-one, an increase of counties, said: "In my district things have fourteen houses for pastors. In 1896 the been most prosperous. Improvements sum paid for church building and improve- churches to the amount of \$7,713 have been Copies of Best Works of the Masters in ments was \$13,609. In 1960 the sum paid made and of about \$5,000 indebtedness over for church improvements and building was \$2,000 has been paid. The people of the \$18,538, an increase of \$24,924, almost double various countles in my district have been the entire amount paid in 1896. For pastoral most encouraged by the continuance of the nercase of \$6,564.

Paying Off Debts.

The indebtedness of all the churches in of \$49,003.

These figures show the remarkable ad- may thus continue vance the conference has made under the influence of prosperity during the past three years. of the people who have been supporting the various churches, and indirectly the which they are located.

The personal testimony of the ministers of the conference was all in favor of the encouraging condition of the times, and each minister had only glowing statements to make of the prospects that were the salaries of their pastors. When now in sight, if the present conditions were maintained. A few instances of the opinions expressed will suffice to show their

Rev. F. H. Sanderson, D. D., pastor of the Methodist church, Fremont, said: 'During the past year we have raised \$7,000 for improvements and \$1,350 for This would not have been country began to decrease. In all churches possible had it not been for the prospercus condition of the people of Framont and Dodge county. Crops have been good of the different denominations, established and the farmers have received in reasel prices for their products. Money is easy, interest is low, and business is flourish Ragus gave a carnival in Fremont which was a success in every particular-dem-onstrating the fact that the people have money to spend. Do I think that a change in the national administration will change this condition of prosperity? I will answer that by referring you to the condition in 1896 and prior to the incoming of the present administration. There is not a minister in this broad land who, in his heart, does not admit that the prosperity our churches have enjoyed is largely due to the able administration of our country's affairs under President McKinley. If the churches are tired of prosperity and want a change to debts, defisits and general depression, let them repudiate the present administration, and they will

Improvements in Progress Rev. Thomas Bithell, D. D., paster of the "We dant, and money hard to get. It may be Audiences in attendance upon services mere coincidence, but we began to pros- time of an injury received from a falling little folks and his "Baby Stuart" and other were large, because people had no money per at the time McKinley entered upon

Rev. H. A. Barton, D. D., paster of the treasuries were empty. Contributions were First Methodist church, Grand Island, said: all out of proportion to members, demon- "During the last year we have paid \$1,100 strating the absolute lack of money for on our church indebtedness and we are The pastors and religious ready to wipe out the remainder if the workers in Nebraska during 1893-1896 knew present prosperity continues. Our church was begun in 1896 and completed in 1895. Beginning with the fall of 1897 the The debt on the church made a heavy load financial stringency lessened. The first in- to carry, but we had the advantage of buildmaterial were down. In 1897 we secured lower rates of interest on our mortgage, 2. 3 and sometimes 4 per cent less than because money was easier and more plenthe year before. Then contributions for tiful than before that time. Now, with expenses increased. Finally, in 1898, the prosperous conditions and our people encouraged by the good times, we can easily pay the debt incurred. Had times continued tributions, were relieved of the burden of as they were four years ago our church indehtedness and last year showed new would have been swamped. I would not work taken up and all old indebtedness paid. recommend the alternation of democratic and republican administration, for the church work of the country to re- churches could be built when labor was cover from the effects of the hard times cheap and then paid for when money was four years ago was proven partially untrue plenty. I have often wondered if good prices for labor that are now being paid The presperity of the country during the would not influence laboring men to decide past eighteen months has been so remark- in favor of continuing the present good

Rev. C. N. Dawson, D. D., pastor of the Walnut Hill church, Omsha, said: "The All denominations show a great increase last year has been a splendid one for the improvements in our building and in addiproducts and everybody is presperous. The nation is prosperous and nothing more real

Never Had a Better Year.

Rev. M. W. Chase, D. D., paster of the composed of the Methodist churches lying in First Methodist church, Omaha, said: "We the territory in the east half of the state have never had a better year. We raised sitting up with Annie Curran, the cook of of subjects that are supposed to be, of more \$1,260 on a deficit in current expenses from the household. Dr. Duke showed some several years back, and have met the cur-Everywhere the people are cheerful and him to leave the premises and attempted to work in vain now are at work getting during the fracas that ensued got his skull region four years ago. The working people \$300. Dr. Duke got a warrant for Farley's ing a change.

> Hanscom Park Methodist church, said: his intentions were peaceable. We have had the best year of our his-The times have been so prosperous Money is plentiful and church expenses are not hard to raise. I find my people all greatly encouraged, and only hope that here may be no change to affect the resent degree of prosperity."

Rev. John F. Poucher, D. D., pastor of he Methodist church in Tekamah, said: In Tekamah and Burt county the merbants and farmers are prosperous. Where want was once regnant plenty now bounds. Men who were cast down and endy to grasp at anything for relief have recovered their courage and hope. They know that our prosperity is real and promsing of great things. I doubt that there s a decided opinion in favor of a chance. The memory of the hard times four years ago is too fresh in the minds of the people to have them persuaded that a change

could be other than detrimental." Rev. Edward T. Geerge, D. D., paster f the Methodist church, Neligh, said: "In Antelope county the farmers are prosperous and the people of Neligh are enjoying a large share of presperity. I have never known times to be better or the people to be more prosperous. I hear no opinion expressed that a change would be beneficial."

Conditions in North Nebraska. Rev. E. G. Hutchinson, D. D., paster of he Methodist church in O'Neill, said: "Up Holt county things are prosperous. Our church had a splendid year. I find the people greatly encouraged. Times have never says: easier to get, whether loaned at low of Helmer, Ind., says: of the Neligh district, comprising Antelope Omaha.

salaries the amount paid in 1896 was \$66,-91. good times, showing that there is nothing UNSIGHTLY CHROMOS in 190s the amount paid was \$73,155, an imaginative about our presperity. Because of the good times the churches under my jurisdiction have been enabled to go ahead. new churches and parsonages have been the conference in 1895 was \$121,098. In built and widespread improvements have 1900 the indebtedness is \$72,595, a decrease been made. We are greatly encouraged over the conditions present and hope that they

No man in the religious circles of America is better known or more numbered and country I am amazed at the bountifulness and variety of unharmonious colors. of the prosperity that we are now enjoying. capitalist slike was the most discouraging been long, I have witnessed many trying ter. I hope that the present prosperity may continue. Due credit must be given to the able management of the affairs of the nation by the present administration and let us hope that nothing will interfere to change the trend of the good times now at hand. Who can tell what strides the nation and people may make along the highways of progress if we continue as prosperous during the next four years as we have in the Recoutly the Knights of St. Eab past four. I fear nothing but a change to reckless mismanagement—the imperialism of devastating incapacity, and I hope only that the people of the country may profoundly realize how well off they are."

> The wolf in the fable put on sheep's clothing because if he traveled on his own reputation he couldn't accomplish his purpose. Counterfeiters of DeWitt's Witch liazel Saive couldn't sell their .. orthless saives on their merits, so they put them in boxes and wrappers like DeWitt's. Look Take only DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cures piles and all skip

QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

Mrs. S. R. Hieson of Muncle, Ind., seized her 3-year-old child, supposed to be dend. and rushed about the room in a frenzy, insisting the child must live and refusing to are not the work of artists of internahave it prepared for burial. In a few minutes she exclaimed that it was alive. which was found to be true. A physician the higher grades. St. Mark's cathedral. says the child was probably resuscitated from a comatose state by the mother's Colliseum and other famous buildings are

cured in a case in San Francisco by a suring the skull and relieving brain pressure caused by a blow on the head. The patient showing acts of crueity, destructiveness many schools. and theft. The doctors look for a complete At the Lothrop school an effort has been moral change in the boy.

quantity of rough on rate into the meat. which he placed on the porch. Late that allotted to other rooms. night he saw a man running out of the back yard. The meat had been stolen, and to prevent the death of the thirf the alarmed citizen broke for the fire bell and turned in an alarm. When the neighbors assembled he explained the trouble. was successful apparently, as no deaths

Daniel Steinman of Paterson, N. J., died from the sting of a bee. Blood poisoning act in and his physicians declared the fit to continue this expenditure. sting had affected the nerves of the heart. Steinman went fishing with friends. The intense. A lump formed behind the right the sting had affected the nerves of the

One of the police courts in New York has temper because Mr. Farley had prolonged cently returned from a trip through the torted in words which Dr. Duke considered Men who four years ago sough, assist him out. Mr. Farley resisted, and good wages. Mills and factories that four cracked by contact with a water pitcher. years ago were idle are new going full Mr. Farley got a warrant for Dr. Duke's blast. I came to Omaha from New York arrest for assault and the police judge sent state, and I know how things were in that | the latter to the grand jury under ball of of the east are satisfied and are not seek- arrest upon a charge of trespass, but the court dismissed it. The court held that Rev. C. C. Cissell, D. D., paster of the Farley was asked to call by the cook and

The Chicago Tribune has figured out from that we could not fail to profit by them. the police records that in a total of 771 cases where women in Chicago have acted on the offensive or defensive during the last year the feminine weapon has been broom handles 186 cases, table knives in 102, stove lid lifters in seventy-nine, rolling pine in two, hatpins in fifty-five and the rest scattering, umbrellas and parasols having and a lamp and a nursing bottle once each. This large preponderance of purely domestic utensils will doubtless afford some surprise that comes handy it may be inferred from not yet found her way west in large numbers, or else that she is not a fighter.

> Detroit Journal: Having posted his handful of men among the rocks of Thermopylae, Leonidas addressed them

"What! not an inch?" said the soldiers.

nghast "Well, don't budge more than a couple of it well not to be too strict.

"Do not budge an inch!" he said

"Huzza!" said the soldiers, much pleased with their leader's kindliness.

Allen Halverson of West Prairie, Wis. cen better. It has been years since money Foley's Kidney Cure," while J. A. Spero rates of interest or earned by honest labor." wonder of the age." Myers-Dillon Drug Rev. William Gorst, D. D., presiding elder Co., Omaha; Dillon's Drug Store, South

Many Buildings.

DRIVEN OUT

Superintendent Pearse Recommends That Efforts Be Now Made to Acquire Library for Each School.

About ten years ago the art lovers of America began a general crusade agains The chief advance has been be oved than Bishop Merrid of the Methodiat the barren and uninviting appearance of made during the past year. They are church. Among the great ecclesiastics of the the rooms in most public school buildings. facts that can not be disputed. They country he holds first rank. As a scholar he Previous to that time but little attention indicate, directly, the improved cond. ii n has no peer, and as a preacher he has few had been paid to the decoration of school equals. Of the prosperous condition of the rooms. Any sort of a chromo was considcountry generally and of Nebraska partic- ered preferable to the soiled wall space is to cut off, or at least reduce, church improved condition of the communities in ularly, he said: "In my travel over the which it would cover and the result was a

To the Omaha Woman's club is due th How different it all is from what it was credit of having started the local movefour years ago! Then money was scarce, ment which has forced unsightly picture work was most difficult to secure and the from the public school buildings and regloom that settled over farmer, artisan and placed them with creditable copies of the best works of the great masters. Today I ever beheld-and my active life having there is not one of the buildings which does not contain a number of fine pictures. times. Our church is just recovering from The children have studied these and the those years of panic, depression and disas- artists who produced them, and have such an appreciation of them that they readily distinguish between chromos and real works of art.

Art entertainments have been given by many schools for the purpose of raising picture funds. The Woman's club has loaned a stereopticon for use in illustrat ing lectures. Mrs. W. W. Keysor, Mrs. J. Dickey and several other prominent Omaha women have assisted the teachers by giving readings and lectures. The teachers of the Webster and several other schools donated half a day's salary to their picture fund.

Club Institutes Exhibitions.

To encourage' children to observe art work the Woman's club gave competitive exhibitions several years ago and awarded handsome pictures to the schools whose pupils exhibited the finest collections of ertain kinds of illustrations clipped from agazines and periodicals. By degrees the little felks and their families and friends were interested in decorating the buildings and joined in a movement which was of inestimable benefit to its promot . and has left a lasting impression upon the community.

With the exception of a few portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and other representative Americans, there are no pic tures in the Omaha school buildings which ticnal reputation. Architectural studies have proven very popular with children of the arches of Titus and Constantine, the studies which meet with much favor, particularly since the exposition offered, so It is hoped that kleptomania has been many specimens of classic architecture Rosa Bonheur is more admired by the chilgical operation, which consisted in trephic- dren than any other artist and copies of her famous animal pictures have a place in nearly every school room in the city is Harry Knox, 10 years old, who, from the VanDyke's portraits are favorites with the ax some years ago, has been a degenerate, well known works have been selected by

made to have different schools of artists represented in different rooms. The Dutch Prowling dogs have of late been stealing painters have a place in one room; another provisions from the back perches of is given over to Murillo and his Spanish houses in Seneca, Kan. One victim bought | brethren; Millet and other well known three pounds of beefsteak and rubbed a Frenchmen hold sway in a third room, and the Germans, Italians and Englishmen are

But Little Statuary Shown.

Pieces of statuary have a place in some of the schools, but they are so expensive that but few buildings have been able to buy them. In the main corridor of Central school a plaster cast of the Venus di Milo. and in a few minutes people were rushing several famous busts and a handsome piece all over the town shouting: "Den't eat of has relief are to be seen. The Board of the beefsteak; it's poisoned." The alarm Education did much to encourage the principals in improving the walls of their buildings, and until a year ago provided suitable frames for all good pictures purchased by the schools. The present board is so short on funds that it has not seen

Drawing instruction in the schools has

been much more successful on account of party camped in a woods. Steinman had the increased interest in art. Famous picnot been asleep long when he awoke with tures are discussed in connection with a scream, and his companions found him drawing lessons and many of the teachers in great pain. There was a red spot back have purchased small copies of hundreds of of the right ear and he thought he had works of art, which are circulated among been stung by a bee. The pain became the pupils for examination during art talks. In some schools the teachers selected a car and grew to a large size. A physician number of desirable pictures from which was called in and it was discovered that the children were allowed to make their the men and women who have ressed all own choice. A well known picture of heart. Beath relieved him from the agony. Accop, the famous teller of fables, has appealed to the little folks who are familiar with his tales. Many surprises have been rendered a decision of vital importance to sprung by the little folks thus allowed to every householder in this glorious country. make their own selection. Raphael's "Sis-When Dr. John W. Duke, a dentist living in time Madonna," the "Madonna of the West Forty-fifth street, came home from the Chair." Millet's "The Gleaners" and other theater about midnight last week he found equally celebrated pictures have been

interest to children. rent expenses for this year. I have rethis visit to such a late hour. Mr. Farley reprovided with pictures that Superintendent All of the school buildings are so well east and find the country most prosper us. impertinent, whereupon Dr. Duke ordered their efforts this year to acquiring a li-Pearse has advised the teachers to devote brary for each school. The Public library has stations at many of the buildings and can supply nearly everything that is demanded by the children, but the superintendent believes that the little folks will take a greater interest in books which are the property of their particular school The world of art has been opened to the little folks and steps will now be taken to give them a glance at the best in the world of letters.

MAN NEVER WITHOUT BEER. Mineteen Centuries Before Christ the

Making of Beer Was Taught.

When the Romans first invaded Germany bey found that the beverage of the people was a liquor produced from barley. that was at a time comparatively modern seventy-six, plates and dishes in seventy- From the earliest times and in every clime man has had resort to some stimulating and exhilarating beverages prepared by been used eleven times, books four times formenting the juices or extracts from fruits, grain or plants. It is said that Osiris as early as 1960 B. C. taught the process of extracting the juice from barley to the close student of the tendencies of and fermenting it, while the Greeks learned modern life. Since a woman in time of how to brew and ferment from the Egypstress generally picks up the first thing tians, who, 366 B. C., had established a Khingan, finally arriving, without less of farmer living near that town, for personal number of manufactories at Pelusium on life, at a station on the Siberian railway these statistics that the new woman has the Nile. Xenophon, 400 B. C., refers to a whence they sent reports to the outside ermented drink from barley and it is al- world. This party was composed of men aded to by Aristotle, Strabo and others women and children, some sent out by the ader the name of sythes. Pliny mentions Presbyterian church of the United States kind of beer called "cerevisla" and some by a Swedish missionary society Eunemenes in A. D. 296 says that Britain They reported the loss of all of their propproduced such an abundance of corn that erty. They were refused shelter by th but a liquid comparable with wine. In the they passed, but, although they passed seventh century beer had become so gen- dangerously near several bands of Boxers. eral a beverage in England that Ing, king were never required to fight. These peoplof Wessex, levied a tax to be paid in ale, were accounted dead by their societies, and firgers, anyway!" said Leenidas, deeming and carly in the fifteenth century a brew, there may be many other cases where er's company was formed in London. Up those believed to be dead have survived to the sixteenth century English beer was the ordeal through which they have passed. orries or ivy berries, but in 1542 the at Pekin has not stayed the hands of the ultivation of the hop plant was begun in Boxers. Reports from Minister Conger in "People come ten miles to buy England and from that time a great change dicate that since the arrival of the relie: and could do nothing but strike at random, acted. In his suit he charges that he t. wa was made in the quality of the beer manu- column at the capital at least one mis-"It is the medical factured. In 1610 the first brewery was sionary has been killed at a town not far as he cried for help and stung him so permitting the been to build their next in become the national drink,

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ANXIOUS FOR MISSIONARIES

Boards Unable to Tell What Has Become of Their Workers.

DREAD A RISING IN SOUTHERN CHINA

Boxer Insurrection in that Territory Would Jeopardize More Inter-

ests Than Were Endangered

in Recent Outbreak.

The arrival of the allies at Pekin and the opening of negotiations with the fugitive ruler was but a rift in the clouds which have hung low and threatening over the Chinese empire, according to the views taken by the members of the foreign missionary societies of the United States. For nonths the doubt and terror which have overed Chinese affairs like a pall have perne with the weight of almost despair upon the minds of those people in this cuntry who feel themselves in a mander to carry the gospel to the lands beyond

the sea. So far as the Boxer uprising is concerned no one can at this time presume to fore tell its effect upon the missionary moveaont in China. The directors of the various foreign missionary boards are as much in the dark as the average citizen. True, they have at headquarters a record of all the missionaries in the field and a statement of the number of converts at the begluning of the year, together with a list of the character and value of the property at the several missions, but there is no means of telling how many lives have been sacrificed or how much property has

been destroyed. At the breaking out of the insurrection the managers of the mission boards took he gloomiest view of affairs. As reports of ravage by fire and sword reached the coast and refugees from missions near the open ports arrived at those towns, fleeing for safety, bringing with them upon their persons evidences of the fury of the mobs the missionary societies gave up all hope of ever seeing their workers in the interior again, but as the relief column pushed on to Pekin it was discovered that some of the interior missionaries had been more successful in withstanding the at tacks of the Boxers than those nearer the shore. The relief of Tien Tsin liberated many missionaries whose lives were despaired of, and at Pekin many were found who were supposed to have been killed in

smaller places. Missionaries' Miraculous Escape. Some of the missionaries were saved by what would appear to be almost mira ulouintervention. One party leaving the great wall of China traveled 700 miles acress th desert of Gobi and over the mountains of was sufficient to supply not only bread, officials of several towns through which

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territory is more thickly populated with missionaries and their converts than any other part of the empire. A Boxer rising in the south would jeopardize more interests than have been threatened since last June.

At present all that the board managers can do is to wait and hope. It will be months before an exact knowledge of the dects of the rising can be secured, and it may be that the fate of many of the missionaries will never be ascertained, for as the time of the uprising many of them sought refuge in the desorts and was e places of the land and have probably per ished from exposure, thirst and hunger. At the headquarters of every board per sons are busy tabulating reports, but nothng has been ascertained to show exact onditions. Persons reported dead today are found to be alive tomorrow, and many thought to be safe are reported to have been killed early in the insurrection. The outcome will be awaited with interest by all Christians in the world.

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IN A CELL WITH BUMBLE BEES.

They Didn't Build It, but They Resented Intrusion All the Same The town of La Plata, Macon c unty, Mo. bas been sued for \$5,000 by John Bunch, a njuries occasioned by a violent and coninual attack of bumble bees while the

laintiff was an inmate of the town calaocse on August 23. The fair was running at La Plata that eck, and Mr. Bunch, who is a very old nan, was locked up for some slight inraction of the rules. As soon as the door was fastened the jailer went to the races nd Mr. Bunch was left to himself, but he on found there were other tenants in the ell besides himself, and his intrusion was sharply resented. The other "jailbirds" were a large and active colony of bumble ces. Bunch picked up a stick and fourhthe fereign missionary boards, for that body, and many of his termenters got down 'tacked.



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in his clothing and roamed about at their

Bunch endured this torture for nine h urs them off the best he could, but they were and had about lost consciousness when the very moor, only flavored with broom, bay At the same time the arrival of the troops in such great numbers that his efforts were juiler got back. It took the hardest sort of onavailing. They stung him over the yes work by two physicians before flunch c uld and he was soon blinded from the swelling he brought around and the swelling a uner-Some of the insects got ipto his mouth cilicials showed criminal carel s ness in established at Burton-on-Trent and by the from the capital. The report of a rising badly he could hardly breathe. He was the cell and in not having a me one on hand end of the seventeenth century beer had in southern China is heard with dread by attacked on every exposed portion of the to respond to his call when he was at-