

Editorials By Commoner Readers

W. H. Fugate, Doniphan, Mo.—Enclosed find money order of \$12.00 to pay subscription to The Commoner one year, to be mailed to addresses as shown on inclosed list. Obedient to the call of The Commoner some days ago, I offer my "say" with the other brethren. Space forbids anything at length regarding the moral reform which we desire and which is an imperative demand to be met by the general citizenship. On this line The Commoner is, and has been, of inestimable value to the country at large. We all understand that by moral reform is meant a change in the course being pursued in hope that such change may better the condition of all. This may apply to an individual, to a family, a state, a nation and to an international congress of the civilized powers of the earth. But one may say, "what is it we can do to better our condition?" In reply to this, allow me to call attention to the words of Buckle on "Liberty," page 23 of Commoner Condensed, Vol. 1: "Liberty is one thing most essential to the right development of individuals, and to the real grandeur of nations. It is a product of knowledge when knowledge advances in a healthy and regular manner. Liberty is not a means to an end, it is an end itself. To secure it, to enlarge it, and to diffuse it, should be the main object of all social arrangements and of all political contrivances. None but a pedant or a tyrant can put science or literature in competition with it. Within certain limits, and very small limits, too, (it is the inalienable prerogative of man, of which no force of circumstances and no lapse of time can deprive him. He has no right to barter it away even from himself, still less from his children. It is the foundation of all respect and without it, the great doctrine of moral responsibility would degenerate into a lie and a juggle. It is a sacred deposit, and the love of it is a holy instinct engraven on our hearts." The above is found in the "World's Best Essays." From the above it would seem that we need not hope for needed reform morally, outside of liberty. Even our children should enjoy it if it be "the one thing most essential to the right development of individuals," as declared—the God-given inheritance. In the first place, right training of our children is an imperative demand upon us all. Secondly, can we do this? No; not unless we have been trained aright ourselves. Thirdly, can we resolve to try to do better? Yes. Fourth, can we put forth an effort to do? Yes. Fifth, can we try to train our children better? Yes. Sixth, this is all possible now, except the first—wanting in ability to train children. Seven. Is it possible to train children to willing obedience and self government? Yes. Eighth. If moral development is kept equal to the physical and mental,

would the result be a moral man? Yes. I beg to state one case that occurred with one of my intimate friends who had offered to sell his horse, say for sixty dollars, but found no buyer. A stranger from another state, on his way west, had lost a horse and wishing to purchase one inquired as to where he might do so. He was directed to the gentleman who wished to sell. On looking at the horse, he offered \$75. The gentleman refused that amount, stating as his reason, "The horse may command seventy-five dollars in your state, but sixty is a fair value here and I don't wish to take advantage of your ignorance as to the value of the horse here. I am willing to take sixty, what the horse is worth here." Now, brethren, one and all, how many of us act that way with our neighbors and strangers? Do we not all feel and know that this is the proper way to act? If anyone knows of a neighbor who would not do so, he has not been properly trained. That's all there is of it. That "World's Best Essay" will improve us all. Let's all try it. Can't we do as the man that sold his horse?

James Conzant, Deadwood, S. D.—Enclosed find bill recently introduced in congress (H. R. 13095, by Mr. Martin), purporting to regulate corporations. If you will carefully examine this you will readily see that if enacted into a law, it would soon drive out all small or individual companies in Nebraska and all other states and throw all this vast interstate commerce trade into the lap of the big corporations, creating a more gigantic monopoly than any we have yet had.

SUBTLE REASONING

A well-known Virginia Congressman, leaving his house one morning forgot a letter that he had meant to mail. That afternoon something called it to his mind and, as it was of considerable importance, he immediately hurried home. The letter was nowhere to be found. He summoned his faithful old darky servant.

"Zeke," he asked, "did you see anything of a letter of mine around the house?"

"Yessuh. Yo' lef' it on yo' table."

"Then where is it now?"

"Ah mailed it, suh."

"Mailed it! Why, Zeke, there wasn't any name and address on the envelope!"

"Jes' so, suh. Jes' so. Ah thought it mus' be in answer to one of dem anonymous letters yo've been gettin' lately.—Everybody's Magazine.

READY RESPONSES

A postmaster general or some one in his office in Washington once wrote to the postmaster of some little station on the Tombigbee river: "You

will please inform this department how far the Tombigbee river runs up," to which the postmaster answered: "I have the honor to inform the department that the Tombigbee river don't run up at all; it runs down." In due course of mail came another communication: "On receipt of this letter your appointment as postmaster will

cease. Mr. — has been appointed your successor." To which went the following reply: "The receipts of this office during the last year have been \$4.37, and the office rent more than double that sum; please to kindly instruct my successor to pay me the balance, and oblige."—New York Tribune.

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