

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

The banks that get through these days of storm and stress are, in effect, putting money in their vaults. The sick men will perish, while the sound constitution has an opportunity to prove its assertions and appearance to be fact. There are banks in the city whose roots spread so much wider than their branches that the shocks of the last few days are not felt below the surface. When these evil days are over, when the clouds of prosperity break over our heads, when that brassy sun loses countenance, when, above all the matured corn rustles in the wide fields we will open up our little stocking hoard and put it back in the bank that our timidity would have ruined had it not had a source of supply practically inexhaustible. Then, to return to figures, we will look up into the green tree and say "what a fine old tree, there is nothing else like it in all the country round, it is a land mark. Its roots are so deep that many seasons of drought have had no effect upon it. Besides, they do say, at bottom there is a subterranean stream, the same one that feeds the mighty river that passes through Nebraska and Iowa that will keep this oak a resting place for our children's children."

The Presbyterian church is still without a pastor. Perhaps it is just as well that the Minneapolis minister, who was called, did not come, though talented he is and good. Church congregations are exacting and their requirements are not limited by the salary paid the minister. He must be learned, elegant, eloquent, visit the sick and the stranger, always be able to say the right thing in the right place, at the right time and he must be magnetic enough to influence all, members of the congregation as well as members of the church to put their shoulders against the inevitable church debt and roll it away. That was the work of an angel once. The shining being described in the foregoing only exists in supernature. A minister is a man, not a miracle. He is usually much better and less selfish than the ordinary man. Various congregations have tried him till his chastened spirit occupies a less beefy body, still the earth odor will cling to it until released, and clamor for pastoral perfection will only hasten the day of his flight. Probably the Minneapolis minister has not yet reached the stage of miraculous development demanded by a church looking about for a light to guide it and which it also expects to trim. If he had come here and his delivery was poor it would have reflected on Mr. MacLean's judgment; if his wife were "airy," the chancellor should have known better, etc., etc. Churches have a good effect on a community and we could not get along without them, but sometimes it is just as cool and bracing on the outside as it is inside. Ministers have dedicated themselves to humanity and the discipline is as severe as monkish flagellations ever were. They will get their reward in another and a better place. It is just as well that they know in the beginning that they will never get it here. It is a coincidence that Chancellor Canfield was instrumental in securing a parish for Mr. Hewitt in Columbus and that Chancellor MacLean's good opinion influenced the Presbyterian church of this city to extend a call to the Minneapolis man.

The Journal advocates clubbing the newspaper enterprises in the city who discourse on local matters. This reminds me of the Irishman who announce-

ed that peace reigned in his family. If the old woman disagreed with him he took a club and broke her head. There was a time in Lincoln when not the feeblest sound broke through the harmony. The old woman's head was "broke" all the time. It was Indian summer throughout the year and everything was lovely. Now the old woman has a club of her own and several times she has landed a good one on the old man's skull, so now he pipes for peace.

Men will do everything for a woman, but nothing for women. Between the sexes, not between individuals of each sex, there is a river that few have crossed. The stream is muddied with suspicion, jealousy, misunderstanding. When absolute equality between the sexes as far as law and custom can affect it, is secured, there will, perhaps, be more Leanders.

The Hahnemannian monthly for January contains an article on appendicitis by a distinguished Philadelphia surgeon, William B. VanLennep, A. M., M. D. Of course it is written for the profession. It is not too technical for a layman to read and understand, however. The title of the article is "Appendicitis, with especial reference to its Diagnosis and the indications for Operation." Dr. VanLennep states that he has operated for appendicitis 91 times, and that 34 of these operations occurred in ten months of 1894. Of these operations 66 were performed during attacks and 25 between attacks. No deaths in the latter case. Eighteen out of the 91 died because they were not operated upon in time and the peritoneal cavity was poisoned by pus. They did not die from the results of the operation.

For the cause of the disease "the old and popular seed" theory is, of course, abandoned, for bodies forming such a very small proportion of the bodies found in the appendix." The disease is most apt to be caused by a circulatory disturbance. "The blood supply of the appendix is of the terminal or end artery variety. "To add to the danger of circulatory disturbances we have the fact that the appendix is a function less remnant of evolution, and as such its tissues have a low power of resistance to morbid processes."

The result of Dr. Van Lennep's investigations is that appendicitis will discover itself in 24 hours or less, and that as soon as possible after the disease announces itself the appendix should be removed. That the operation between attacks is a safe one, and that after the intestinal walls are perforated and free pus is found in the peritoneum, recovery is almost impossible.

It will be comforting hereafter to be able to eat grapes and fruit containing small seeds without the image of a surgeon's knife suspended over your head. Fruit seeds have nothing to do with it and the man that has refused to swallow anything hard and small all his life is just as liable to appendicitis as his thoughtless brother who swallows everything.

The Haydon Art club have an exhibit of pictures gathered from resident collectors with four of Ochtman's at the art gallery of the new library building. It was decided to have it at this time because of the teachers' convention here during the holidays. The exhibit is a very good one. There is much that is interesting in the way of pictures here, but until we see them together we do not respect the collection at least numerically.

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