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OUR MOTTO

"MALICE TOWARD NONE.
CHARITY FOR ALL, BUT
THE BEST FOR SOLOMNS."

PHILOSOPHIE DES SOLOMNS

HOWEVER BENEVOLENCE AND MUTUAL AID BLEND IN OUR SOCIETY'S MOTIF, SELF-INTEREST LIES AT ITS FOUNDATION, IS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OF ITS WONDERFUL GROWTH, AND IS EXPRESSED IN ITS MOTTO. NUMBERS AND CO-OPERATION WORK ITS FINANCIAL MIRACLES; AND THE GREATER THE NUMBERS THE GREATER THE MIRACLES. HENCE EACH PROFITS BY INTERESTING AND PROFITING OTHERS. THUS SOLOM PHILOSOPHY SQUARES WITH THE GOLDEN RULE.

"Discretion Shall Preserve Thee."—Proverbs 2:11

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THE GREAT KING SOLOMON WAS REALLY THE FIRST SOLOM. UNDER HIS WISE CARE SILVER BECAME PLENTIFUL AS STONES. THAT WAS BEFORE THE DAYS OF TRUSTS; YET SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY WAS NOT ARRAYED LIKE SOME SOLOMNS OF EVEN MODERATE MEANS TODAY.

THE STORY OF SOLON SOCIETY IN BRIEF

The founders of our Society possessed considerable of the wisdom of the notable Athenian whose name they appropriated as being at once a synonym for wisdom and honesty. They noted the enormous rents paid by the tradesmen they patronized, the generally heavy expense at which they conducted their business, the luxury of their homes, and the princely fortunes some of them amassed. They read their advertisements and knew that these cost thousands of dollars, and were greatly perplexed to find that these advertisements told how the goods were sold at about cost, with occasional Red Letter and Mark-down sales at "¼ off," "⅓ off," etc. They commented.—How can these things be?

"THE PUBLIC LIKE TO BE HUMBUGGED."

A thorough investigation proved (salesmen let the cat out) that most of the special sales were "fakes"—that the goods were first marked up and then marked down; on the principle enunciated by "Barnum the Great" that "The Public like to be humbugged." They found that many large stores have Advertisement Writers at salaries of from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year, to make the public believe that at their store they can "get goods for half-nothing."

Feeling that they were getting at the milk of the cocoanut these "Solons" soon found means by which they ascertained the exact wholesale cost of goods in general. They were astonished to find that except on staple goods and leaders, merchants' profits over wholesale cost is from 50% to 300%. They found, for instance, that a set of Table China of 115 pieces, usually sold for \$15.00 to \$19.00, could be purchased at wholesale for \$7.50; and that a 12-piece bed-room set of Queensware usually sold at \$10.00 could be bought at the factory for \$6.00; cheaper 12-piece decorated sets for \$3.00, and ditto with gold tracings \$3.50. They found that fine pianos can be bought for \$125.00; the exact matches, except in name, of instruments sold at \$250 to \$400 retail; Family Bibles at half price, other styles at 25% to 40% off. Silverware, Parlor Lamps, fancy goods generally, and all kinds of Jewelry they found at wholesale at enormous discounts. Clothing, Furniture, Rugs, Druggets, etc., also yielded handsome discounts; in Lace Curtains, for instance, 6 pairs of \$2.00 curtains, \$12.00 at retail, they secured for \$7.50. They even extended the matter to carriages, farming implements, builders and plumbers supplies, with success all along the line. Now they understood the secret of the grand stores, tremendous rents, elegant homes and princely fortunes.

CHECKMATING THE MIDDLE-MEN

The next step of these "Solons" was to see what could be done to get better values for their money. They found others (imbued with the same spirit of self-help and self-protection) had formed an association called the "*Consumers' League*," which sold a *card* for \$1.00 entitling the holder to buy at certain stores at 10% discount—the fee for the card going to support the League's solicitor, pay for printing the cards, etc. This plan was adopted by the "Solons" and is still continued: any member can secure such a "card" for use in his home vicinity for smaller articles; and we advise that each secure and use them and save their cost many times in a year. But this discount did not *satisfy* these pioneer "Solons;" they kept on looking and thinking, and finally formulated the plan of buying at wholesale through a merchant of large and varied experience (who became one of their number) and to whom they allowed ten per cent. to cover cost of his time, postage, etc. As the "Solon" idea grew and the purchases were larger, the percentage for buyers' expenses decreased, until now five per cent covers all.

BELLAMY'S "LOOKING BACKWARD" IDEA REALIZED

At first the merchants laughed: they knew well that the public doubted their "Below Cost" advertisements. However these "Solons" had something good enough for themselves and their friends anyway, and concluded that they would make the name "Solon Society" a synonym for absolute truth, absolute honesty, and rely on the public finding it out in due time.

The appearance is that our "day of small things" is past—that the people are taking to our plan like wild fire on a prairie. The danger now is that the larger retail merchants will soon feel the pinch severely and endeavor to hinder us by boycotting manufacturers who sell goods to us;—hoping thus to "freeze us out." Soon, however, we hope to be in condition to use such large quantities that we can contract for the entire output of certain mills and factories. It is surely coming, for as "Honest Old Abe" said,—“You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time.”

The "Solon" method is not quite what Bellamy dreamed about (shooting goods from factory to consumer by pneumatic tubes); but it is his thought in its *practical form* adapted to present day conditions. "Solon" associates (including all subscribers to this journal) are all registered—subscribers being registered for the period of their subscription. We purchase only for the registered. Their orders come in by mail from everywhere, clerks open these, note the remittances and orders and dispatch the latter to our purchasing agents, who are in touch with the manufacturers and importers of every quarter,—the specialist of the department to which the order belongs receiving it. Our departments are as follows: (1) Men's Clothing. (2) Women's Clothing. (3) Carpets, Curtains, etc. (4) Furniture. (5) China and Glass. (6) Jewelry, Clocks and Bric-a-brac. (7) Musical Instruments, etc. (8) Books and Magazines. (9) Carriages, Farm Implements, etc. (10) Builders' Supplies.

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Terms: One Dollar a year, strictly in advance. This includes the membership privilege of purchasing through the Society, merchandise at wholesale rates, plus 5%. When goods are ordered which we cannot supply at a decided advantage, money for same is promptly returned.

Our charter specially stipulates that our Association is "not for profit," but for the mutual benefit of its membership in matters social, ethical and financial. Although our Association has been in existence over twenty years, the Journal has not been published all this time. It will be noticed that the year of publication is given in lieu of the volume number. This will be found a convenience, should you in the future have occasion to refer to articles or quotations in back numbers.

CHANGE OF NAME

Our Society's name has been legally changed. In our new charter it is Solon Association, not Solon Society, though we retain the word Society in the name of our Journal.

The change was made because some got the impression of a *secret* Society, whereas we have no secrets or other obligations than those appropriate to all who love the Golden Rule. Our benefits are open to all alike. Every subscriber to this journal enjoys the same privileges as are open to Solons who are not subscribers.

SOLON ACTUARIES WANTED

We expect all members to co-operate by circulating samples of our *Journal* which we will gladly furnish free on a postal card request. But we need more to serve as "Actuaries," to enroll members in every city and town. These we will remunerate liberally. Allowance is made in the price of our Journal for thus extending its circulation and influence. Anyway the price of the Journal, \$1.00, is but a trifle when compared to the saving effected thereby.

However, we must have persons of good address, able to approach the wealthy as well as the middle classes, and they must furnish good references.

The right kind of people should be able to add to their finances considerably by even a few hours work every week.

READ SOLON ITEMS.

You will save time and trouble if you read over all the Solon Association Items in the JOURNAL before ordering goods.

REMEMBER SOLON ADIEUS

Our only special greeting is as we part, "So-lon." It signifies,—Continue to be as wise as was Solon, prudent, farseeing and helpful to yourself and others.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

GERMAN FINANCES

The German empire in 1875, having collected five milliards of francs from France, had no debt. To-day, although through the state system it has small civil expenses, the empire's expenditures have outrun receipts to the amount of \$600,000,000. The other day Baron von Stengel, the finance minister, told the reichstag that it would be necessary to issue a new loan of \$73,250,000 to cover the existing deficit, and that unless new taxes were laid the debt would increase faster after 1905.

France, with a population of 10,000,000 smaller than that of Germany, has a larger regular army. Germany feels she must sacrifice everything else to remove the disparity.—*N. Y. Globe*.

In Finance Minister von Stengel's report to the reichstag, he said that beyond 1905 he saw "very gloomy prospects," and that after 1910 he did not know what would happen except that "we must increase our revenues."—*Public Opinion*.

Apròpos of the fact that German finances are in a bad way, and yet the Kaiser is determined to largely increase the naval and military expenditure, we might call attention to the fact that although Noah is not set down in history as a great financier, he was, nevertheless ahead of modern German statesmanship in that he knew enough to go in when it rained.—*Recorder*.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

The most operative causes of ill-will between Britain and France have been removed, and in removing them the governments have made it possible to take common action in favor of general peace. We do not mean that they will intervene in the Russo-Japanese quarrel, but the two countries are obviously willing to use their conjoined efforts to prevent the war from spreading.—*London Spectator*.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA

England will abide by her obligations to Japan, but when once Russia and Japan have made peace, Russia's policy toward England is likely, for obvious reasons, to be a good deal more pacific than before the war. The situation would then, perhaps, be such as to admit of a better understanding with Russia, and there would be ample scope for the friendly offices of France.—*London Times*.

JAPANESE PEACE PROPOSALS

Briefly, they include the restoration of Manchuria to China by Russia; the definite abandonment of Port Arthur and the land about it, which the Russians have held by concession; the transfer to China of the railway from Harbin to Port Arthur, but with the retention by the Russians of the railway from Harbin to Vladivostok, and the independence of Korea. Nothing whatever is said about the payment of an indemnity in money by Russia. Russia up to the present time has shown no inclination whatever to discuss the terms.—*Outlook*.

PORT ARTHUR, THE STRONGHOLD

Port Arthur, the "Gibraltar of the Far East, now in the possession of the Japanese, is the "key" of the Chinese question. It will be fortified by Japan and can never be conquered by Russia or any other power. China is now safe from Europe under the wing of Japan, and will be greatly advantaged by recent developments.—*Recorder*.

JAPANESE NEW ALPHABET

The amazing difficulty and awkwardness of the Chinese written language—in which, roughly speaking, we may say that every

idea requires a separate character, and thus imposes an almost intolerable burden on the memory—has long been distasteful to the Japanese.

There is no doubt, therefore, that the Mikado's government has chosen wisely, if it be true, as Prince Fushimi is credited with saying, that it favors the adoption of the Roman characters, in which our English tongue and so many European languages are written.—*New York Sun*.

The dealings of Japanese officials with European governments and the foreign relations of Japanese merchants will be greatly aided by the proposed change.—*Boston Transcript*.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS

PHILIPPINE RAILWAYS

The Philippine Bill recently passed by Congress authorizes the Philippine government to promote internal improvements, and to guarantee interest upon the bonds of railway enterprises approved by it. Several corporations have been willing to build roads without government aid, but they wanted to pick out the good places and let the rest go. The government desires the establishment of a system which will provide facilities for districts now inaccessible and promote the general development of the island. It therefore proposes to promote the construction of a system of railroads according to a plan recommended by a commission of engineers. This is surely better than to turn the islands over to commercial exploitation.—*Pittsburg Gazette*.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

We may have brought the Philippines good government, but no one can deny that bad luck has come along with it. Drouth and locusts are the explanation this year of a decrease of about \$5,000,000 in the islands' trade; last year it was a cattle disease that made most of the trouble. The most practical plan for the improvement of the islands' trade is Secretary Taft's recommendation of a repeal of all duties on exports to this country except

twenty-five per cent of the Dingley duties on sugar and tobacco.—*Public Opinion.*

STATUS OF U. S. ARMY.

The annual report of the Secretary of War, after a formal enumeration of the figures showing the army's strength (3,744 officers and 56,439 men), notes the decided improvement in the condition of the men due to increased attention to sanitary matters, and boldly asserts that "the troops of the United States are the best fed, best clothed, and best sheltered troops in the world."—*Outlook.*

SETTLEMENT OF PANAMA TROUBLES

Secretary Taft quickly settled our differences with the Republic of Panama by the simple expedient of recommending the repeal of the regulations concerning the levying of customs duties and postal arrangements in the canal strip. The people and government complained that in both cases they had been unfairly treated.—*Public Opinion.*

CHOOSE SOLON FRIENDS

"The water placed in goblet, bowl or cup
Changes its form to its receptacle;
And so our plastic souls take various
shapes
And characters of good or ill, to fit
The good or evil in the friends we choose.
Therefore be ever careful in your choice of
friends,
And let your special love be given to those
Whose strength of character may prove
the whip,
That drives you ever to fair Wisdom's
goal."

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF CORPORATIONS

In his last message to Congress, the President says that "it is an absurdity to expect to eliminate the abuses in great corporations by state action," and declares that "the national Government alone can deal adequately" with them. "To try to deal with them in an intemperate, destructive, or demagogic spirit" would be futile or worse; the people must continue

to show moderation, "and yet the quiet determination to proceed, step by step, without halt and without hurry, in eliminating, or, at least, in minimizing, whatever of mischief or of evil there is to interstate commerce in the conduct of great corporations."—*Literary Digest.*

THE CAUSE OF LABOR

N. Y. EIGHT-HOUR LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The eight-hour law makes it a misdemeanor for any one contracting with a State or municipal corporation to require more than eight hours' work for a day's labor.—*The Outlook.*

In a case that came before the court, Controller Grout, of New York City, refused to pay a contractor for six scows because the contractor had worked his men more than eight hours a day on the job, contrary to the eight-hour law. The contractor sued for the money, on the claim that the law was unconstitutional, and the court sustained the claim.—*Literary Digest.*

INCREASED OUTPUT OF THE OPEN SHOP.

Frederick W. Job, secretary of the Chicago employers' association, says:

"In every instance that has come under my notice of a closed shop being opened, a marked increase in output has resulted immediately. The Chicago brass manufacturers and chandelier makers, after establishing the open shop, report an output of from 20 per cent to 50 per cent greater than before. The Kellogg switchboard company established the open shop. The work is now done by fifty men less than formerly, and with this reduction of almost 10 per cent in labor the output has increased by 25 per cent. I know another instance in Chicago where the output per day for one man in a closed shop was from thirty-five to forty mouldings. The manufacturer was unable to get more done, and in a rush of business shipped off some of his moulds to two neighboring towns. The out-of-town workmen turned out, instead of thirty-five or forty per diem, between seventy and seventy-five."

ORGANIZED LABOR

"For unionism, conducted along proper lines toward legitimate ends, the country is entirely ready and the time entirely ripe. Under the leadership of Mr. Gompers, unionism will doubtless continue to stand for union shops, the union label, and the boycott. It must stand for the union shop, or effect a radical alteration in its entire structure. The membership of the American Federation of Labor in 1882 was about 50,000; in 1892 it was about 250,000; in 1902 about 1,000,000 and in 1904 about 1,700,000."—*N. Y. Sun*.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the members of his association, at their annual meeting in San Francisco, that the labor movement is "the natural and rational crystallized effort of the masses to abolish wrong and injustice; to attain justice and right by the most peaceful, evolutionary, and humane method."—*Literary Digest*.

If the morrow could see established some 'Hague Tribunal' to which might be referred, with absolute knowledge of a just decision, all industrial disputes, we know that every true labor-union man would welcome it as a realization of all his hopes.—*The Railway Conductor*.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE"

TROUBLES OF THE CZAR.

The Czar has changed his mind about going to the front, which indicates that the baby has quieted down.—*News Press*.

AT THE COUNTRY CHRISTENING.

Pastor (to the convert): "Do you believe in the creed of the church?"

"I do."

Pastor (to the congregation): "Then let us pray for this person."—*Lampoon*.

SHE MEANT WELL.

"Now, Tommy," said Mrs. Bull, "I want you to be good while I'm out."

"I'll be good for a nickel," said Tommy.

"Tommy," said she, "I want you to remember that you can not be a son of mine unless you are good for nothing."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

KUROPATKIN'S IDEA.

Kuropatkin reports that there will be no more fighting this winter. He must be pretty sure that the way is clear behind him.—*Record-Herald*.

HER ONE REGRET.

FRESHMAN: "That's a beautiful song. It simply carries me away."

SHE: "I'm sorry I didn't sing it early in the evening."—*Wesleyan Transcript*.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

COOKING TOUGH FOWLS OR MEAT.

One tablespoonful of vinegar in the water will save nearly two hours' boiling.

SLIGHTLY IRON-SCORCHED.

Lay where the bright sunshine will fall directly upon the scorched part and the spot will be entirely removed.

FRESHENING CARPETS.

Go over them once a week with a broom dipped in hot water that has a little turpentine in it.

STALE SPONGE-CAKE DESSERT.

Cut in slices and toast delicately. Spread whipped cream on each slice and into it drop a teaspoonful of jelly.

BAKED APPLE CHARLOTTE.

Place a layer of bread-crumbs in an earthenware pudding dish. Lay sliced apples over this, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, and so on until the dish is full. Cover and bake slowly.

GOOD GINGER COOKIES.

Two cupfuls of molasses, one of lard, one of sugar, two-thirds cupful of sour milk, tablespoonful of ginger, three teaspoonfuls of soda, stirred into the flour, and one in the milk, two eggs, flour to roll.

HOME-MADE FURNITURE POLISH.

Two tablespoonfuls of olive oil and one tablespoonful of vinegar, mixed thoroughly. Apply with a soft rag and polish with a woolen cloth.

CRULLERS.

Two well-beaten eggs, one cupful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of melted but-

ter, two-thirds of a cupful of sweet milk, four level teaspoonfuls of baking powder with a dash of nutmeg and flour enough to make a soft dough. Cut and fry in deep, very hot lard. Have a kettle of boiling water on the stove and plunge each cake in it when lifted from the fat and no greasy taste will be noticed.

REMOVING SPOTS FROM SILK.

If your new silk dress spots with rain drops rub the spots with a piece of the same silk. If this does not avail, you will have to take the heroic measures and dampen the entire gown. If it is carefully done it will be none the worse for it in appearance and will have the advantage of never spotting with water again.

PREPARING DATES FOR LUNCHEONS.

The value of dates for children's school luncheons is not fully appreciated. They are rather sticky, bothersome things as they are originally purchased, and children rarely care for them. They should be separated and washed, the stone removed and a peanut or almond, salted preferably, substituted. The date is then rolled in cornstarch or powdered sugar, and straightway becomes one of the appetizing trifles dear to youth, and at the same time is healthful and nourishing.

MENDING BROKEN DISHES.

If you boil cracked or broken dishes for an hour in skim milk they will be found to be cemented firmly enough to bear washing in hot water, and barring other accidents, to last for years with constant usage. The dishes must be tied firmly together with strips of cotton cloth before placing them in the milk. The theory is that the porous quality of the ware absorbs the "stick-to-itiveness" of the milk and thus a natural cement is formed. The dish mended in this way is more likely to break anywhere else than in the place repaired.

EARTH'S BOUNTIES AND WONDERS

THE WORLD'S GOLD SUPPLY

The Director of the Mint in his annual report estimates the gold stock of the world in use as money at \$5,600,000,000. The estimate for the United States is \$1,300,-

000,000. During the year the mints and Assay Office sold \$22,924,719 of gold bars for use in the arts and manufactures.—*N. Y. World.*

THE WORLD'S BANKING POWER

The world's banking power in 1890, as estimated by Mulhall, was \$15,985,000,000, the United States being credited by him with something less than one-third of that amount. The present estimate, compared with Mulhall's, shows that the banking power of the United States has increased since that date by \$8,676,000,000, or 168.47 per cent, and that of foreign countries by \$8,946,000,000, or 82.57 per cent, the combined banking power of the world having increased since 1890 from \$15,985,000,000 to \$33,608,000,000.—*N. Y. Herald.*

COMPARISON OF GOLD SUPPLY AND BANKING POWER

A comparison between the report of the total gold currency of the world and the banking capital of the world shows the former to be about one sixth of the latter. The other five-sixths must therefore represent "securities," so called, leaving none of the gold coin of the world for business, manufactures, etc. Evidently much of the world's business is done on a credit basis, and since gold is the only legal tender, we can readily see how a comparatively small number of men can control it and how easy a matter it would be for a sudden demand on this limited amount of legal tender to bring about a panic involving the entire financial structure of the world.—*Recorder.*

AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY

In Secretary Wilson's annual report the total value of farm products (less some crops fed to stock) is placed for 1904 at \$4,900,000,000. This is nearly ten per cent. above that of the year before and over thirty-one per cent. above that for 1899. Mr. Wilson points out that the farmers of this country have in two years produced wealth exceeding the output of all the gold mines of the entire world since Columbus discovered America. He adds that this year's product is more than six times the amount of the capital stock of

all National banks. Farm land values have increased in the last four years about two billion dollars.—*The Outlook*.

Government cotton-crop estimates are seldom too high. There is, for this reason, a general belief that the agricultural department's estimate of 12,162,000 bales for 1904-5, is not at all excessive.—*Public Opinion*.

THE PHYSICAL MAN

ARTIFICIAL GROWTH OF STATURE

An inspector of the Denver postoffice is reported to have discovered a method of physical culture by which "the bones are loosened in their sockets, and the space where they are pulled apart at the joints allowed to fill up with cartilage. By this method the body is lengthened without overdevelopment of the muscles."

By this simple means the Denver inspector reduced his weight from 190 to 150 pounds, and increased his height two inches.—*N. Y. Globe*.

MODERN SURGERY

The latest achievements in surgery show that a man nowadays may have metal bones, rubber throat, stomach and intestines, rabbit skin, wire nose, glass eyes, false ears, a wig and a made-up complexion, and still not only live but go about and attend to business.—*Wilkesbarre Leader*

WALKING AN AID TO THINKING

"Walking has the best value as gymnastics for the mind. 'You should never break down in a speech,' said Sydney Smith, 'on the day on which you have walked twelve miles.' In the English universities the leading men are daily performing their punctual training in the boat-clubs, or a long gallop of many miles in the saddle, or taking their famed 'constitutional,' walks of eight and ten miles. 'Walking,' said Rousseau, 'has something which animates and vivifies my ideas.' And Plato said of exercise, that 'it would almost cure a guilty conscience.'"—*Atlantic Monthly*.

INFLUENCE OF IMMIGRATION

If there is one thing that we have enough of in America it is reading, writing and arithmetic, and average intelligence.

We need no great improvement in this direction, and we are amply capable of teaching those who come. Where we do fall short too often is in physique. More of us are hollow-chested, sloping-shouldered, and nervous than is the case with the ordinary European, and especially with the peasant. From the purely scientific standpoint of breeding we have every interest to admit the sturdy farm hand, just as we import the Percheron horse or the Southdown sheep.—*The Arena*.

ETHICAL NOTES

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE UNSELFISH

"Here is your chicken wing, auntie! It's queer, but auntie always likes the wing," remarks the head of the family, as he cheerfully bestows that portion of the chicken upon the lady at his right.

Now, auntie really doesn't like the wing, you know. She has given that impression all the time, and accepts the inevitable that is the result of her self-abnegation, without the suspicion of a sigh. She is one of the sort who has always had the chicken wing and always will have it to the end of the chapter—and not because she considers it especially delectable. That is the worst about eating chicken wings—after a while you can never make anybody believe that you don't consider them the most delicious part of the fowl, and you'll never get a bit of the more desirable meat on your plate during the remainder of your life, for even your latest little nephew will assure the carver that "Auntie prefers the wing."

There are, nevertheless, compensations. A few only carry this matter of self-abnegation too far, to their own disadvantage and to the spoiling of those with whom they have to do. Taken as a whole, even they have more happiness in life than the inordinately selfish. The latter are never satisfied, never contented, never happy—what would it advantage them if they should gain the whole world? The truly happy are those who are seeking to make others happy and better, yet, as suggested, moderation and wisdom should control even in this proper course.—*The Recorder*.

"PAYING DUMB TAX,"

In Eastern Pennsylvania it is an often heard expression that a person pays "dumb tax" for being so "dumb" or stupid as to permit others to take advantage of him. In our judgment there are several million people in the United States who have been paying "dumb tax" all



their lives, and the above illustration shows how the tax is collected. If all were wise all would be Solons; but all are not wise and the great majority will continue as of yore to pay the tax and keep the army of middle men prospering. And meantime they will continue to wonder that articles which cost so little to make should be sold at such high prices.

MORE SCARED THAN HURT

After all, Solons, the storekeepers of the present generation have little to fear from us, for two reasons: (1) Not one-tenth the people are wise enough to be "Solons,"—to avail themselves of such privileges, as the above, even when they are pointed out to them. (2) There are many articles sold at moderate profit that Solons can best buy at home, and other articles which are bulky or of small cost or of which only small quantities are required. Solons buy their canned goods, dried fruits, teas, chocolates, hams, etc., in quantities at wholesale through the Society; but sugar, spices, potatoes, etc., they buy better at home. Similarly, articles of personal adornment, such as ties, etc., can best be selected at home, and clothing, furniture and other expensive articles bought through the Society. However, we endeavor to fill any order received, but never at retail price except by permission. If unable to fill the order the money is returned. But no cut goods by the yard are obtainable thus.

SOLON ASSOCIATION ITEMS.

NO PIECE GOODS

We do not undertake to furnish piece goods. Most cloth manufacturers carry but few lines in stock and operate their factories only as they have wholesale orders for particular weaves. The wholesale clothing manufacturers, from whom we purchase, buy direct from the mills at as low prices as the dry goods jobbers can buy, and are satisfied with one reasonable profit, whereas piece goods pass through so many hands that by the time they reach the consumer they are often more than doubled in price. Except for the wealthy, the day of the individual tailor and dressmaker has well-nigh passed, as all the articles they make can now be obtained ready-made in styles and qualities to suit the most fastidious, and (by Solons) at prices below those for which the average consumer can purchase the bare materials.

NO BROKEN LOTS

We cannot undertake to secure wholesale rates on hosiery, except in package lots of one-half dozen of a size; on underwear except in regular packages—usually two garments each, in better grades of goods. Sheets are put up in dozen packages; so are pillow slips. Blankets come by the pair; towels by the dozen; handkerchiefs by the dozen; shirts one-third of a dozen; collars by

the dozen; cuffs by the dozen. Table cloths are sold by the pair; napkins by the dozen.

NO FREE SAMPLES

Manufacturers are not willing to supply free samples. For those Solons unwilling to trust to the Association's buyers, we have arranged for sample cards (of 12 styles each) at 10c apiece. We have one or more sets of samples for men's suits, another set for men's overcoats, and others for women's skirts, waists, suits and coats. When ordering samples, enclose the stamps and give us as close an approximate idea as possible as to the quality, price, color, etc.

NO RETURNED MERCHANDISE

The Solon Association charges only 5% advance on the wholesale price, carries no stock, and has no means of disposing of any article bought, except to the person for whom purchased. Hence, Solons who do not know what they want sufficiently to describe it properly, or who are not willing to trust to the trained judgment of the Association buyers, are recommended to buy through other channels and pay the heavy taxes and profits which our Association is designed to save. In a business where customers are permitted to exchange goods, somebody must pay the cost of handling and disposition, as

well as the furnishing of substitutes, and we do not think it just that the careful should pay for the mistakes of others, made through lack of care in description or measurement.

NO QUOTATIONS

In any ordinary mercantile business a large part of the expense comes from the support of many employes, whose time is consumed in showing goods, quoting prices, explaining qualities, etc., to persons who do not purchase. The Solon Association eliminates this expense by confining its entire attention to buying.

Qualities are so various, as well as making, finish, trimming, etc., that the same description often fits articles widely different in values. Besides, a quotation secured consumes as much time as the buying of the article. Moreover, by the time the order should be received perhaps the stock of the particular article quoted would be gone. Additionally, if the article desired is somewhat different from our usual lines we can frequently get a lower price on it with cash in hand than we can obtain as a quotation. We do not furnish quotations other than those given in the various issues of this journal. Wherever a manufacturer provides a special catalogue that is of use to Solons in any line of goods, the same is mentioned in our merchandise notes.

ALL SHIPMENTS GO DIRECT

Experience has taught that much delay and expense is saved, and the best results every way are obtained by shipping direct from the factory or the wholesaler's warehouse. Occasionally, several articles go together from the one factory or shop, but to make a rule of collecting all articles together in one shipment would necessitate large expenses and an increase in the percentage charged for doing business. We make this explanation because we are continually enrolling new members and we wish all to know just what to expect.

CARRYING CHARGES ARE "COLLECT" WHEREVER POSSIBLE

For the sake of simplicity and uniformity, our rule is to have all goods shipped by freight or express only, with carrying charges "collect." Heavy and bulky articles go by freight, and all other articles by express, unless otherwise specified in the order. The only exception to this rule is for freight stations where there is no regular agent—points where railroads require freight to be prepaid—and in the case of goods sent by mail. Only light articles will justify sending by mail, until the Government establishes a parcel post, such as is common in Europe, and is now recommended on a limited scale by the present administration.

HOW TO ORDER

Keep an exact copy of every order you send us. It will save much trouble and annoyance. Use a separate sheet for each article you desire to purchase. Give your name and address in full on each sheet. Each buyer has his own special kinds of merchandise to purchase and has no time to make purchases in other departments or to copy orders for another buyer. Describe fully what you want, stating all that is *important to you* regarding kind of materials, quantity, quality, color, pattern, finish, linings, shape, style, weight, length, width, height, trimmings, pockets and fastenings. It is also helpful to the buyer to know the use for which the article is intended.

Furthermore, a buyer is often able to secure a better value or superior style if granted some liberty, and we will assume that you wish the buyer to use such discretion unless you particularly state to the contrary and mention the limitations.

State on each sheet the amount of money sent for the article ordered thereon, making sure that it is the full retail price—enough to more than meet the requirements. This gives the buyer a clear idea of the quality of goods you desire, for many inferior goods may be described in the same language as the better grades. The article will not cost you one cent more on this account, but it will the better insure your satisfaction.

HOW TO REMIT

Always send money to pay for the goods in the same envelope with the orders. The money for all orders enclosed in the same envelope may be all sent in one sum, but you must state on each sheet the amount sent for that particular article, and the additional amount enclosed to pay carrying charges in case it is absolutely necessary for the article to go by mail or prepaid freight. Send money only by Post Office Order, Express Order, Bank Draft, Registered Letter or *Certified* Check, payable to Solon Association, Pittsburg, Pa. When your orders have been completely filled you will be sent a statement of the cost of each, accompanied by a return of the amount saved.

ORDER FROM ANY CATALOGUE

Do not forget that specialties called to your attention in these columns do not mark our limitations. Order *anything* you want, and from any newspaper advertisement or catalogue. We can save you money on almost anything manufactured—(unless the advertisement misrepresents the facts) for all advertising costs money. Clip the advertisement and send it with your order. Send the amount mentioned in the advertisement. We will return you the amount saved as a dividend on your one dollar invested

in membership subscription. Members thus earn sometimes many thousand per cent per annum. Nothing else pays so liberally, nor on so small an investment.

OUR 20,000 MEMBERSHIP

Although ours is probably the largest co-operative association in the United States, it should be ten times as large. It will increase rapidly if every member lives up to the Golden Rule and tells his neighbors of its advantages, as he would that his neighbors should do to him. Let us double or treble the membership this year.

CLUBBING RATES

Under our clubbing arrangements we can save 50c on the published price of *any* journal whose price is above \$1.00 per year. For instance, a two dollar journal, and this journal ordered together through us, would cost you \$2.50.

QUITE A COMPLIMENT

The managers of our Purchasing Department have reason to be gratified at the compliment paid them by the Editor of ZION'S WATCH TOWER in giving our Society a voluntary commendation. As a member and beneficiary for years he is a competent witness. He said:—

"What the WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY does for its patrons in the matter of securing them wholesale rates on Bibles, etc., the SOLON ASSOCIATION does for its members in all lines of goods; and on many lines there is a still greater discrepancy between the wholesale and the retail prices than on Bibles. The managers of the Solon are well-known to us as in every way honorable and reliable, and we give this announcement without solicitation for the benefit of WATCH TOWER readers,—that they all (as well as the Bible House force) may benefit by the wholesale purchasing arrangement, effecting large savings in their purchases yearly."

NOT SOLON WISDOM

It is not Solon wisdom to seek simply for "the cheapest" goods. The cheapest wear poorly and always look cheap. Solon wisdom seeks desirable goods at the price of cheaper ones.

Besides, it is on the better grade of goods that the *greatest savings* can be effected. The cheapest goods cost nearly as much to produce as do the medium grades, which sell for twice the price; but profits are wanted from those who appreciate better grades, and the cheap goods are often made even worse than they need be in order to supply the poorer classes and yet not lose the *big profits* on the better grades.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Show your bargains to your friends. Why should you not do them a neighborly act?

Besides, increase of numbers and of purchases means still more favorable prices on some lines of goods.

REMEMBER THIS, SOLONS

Any catalogue may have a catch ad. for a "bait." If you ordered the article you would probably find that the supply was exhausted just before your order arrived:—or else a circular letter would tell you that the firm really could not recommend it, having had some complaints, and recommending other goods at higher prices.

FRAUDULENT ADVERTISEMENTS

Unscrupulous men, and frequently merchants of good repute, make statements in their advertisements which they know convey wrong impressions of the facts. An instance is told of one advertiser who offered for 25 cents to tell how to prevent bad dreams. Inquirers were told not to go to sleep. Another charged 15 cents for "A sure means of exterminating bed bugs" consisting of two wooden paddles and instructions to "First catch the bug, place him on one of the paddles and hit him hard with the other." Another advertiser collected 10 cents, from those who desired to know how to get rich quickly, for a card reading. "Catch suckers, as we do." 25 cents brought from another advertiser an ordinary two cent postage stamp, advertised as "A steel engraving of George Washington, the original plate having cost over \$2,000." \$1.00 for information "How to save gas bills" brought the reply, "Get an ordinary letter file and put them into it for safe keeping." In this connection, the following news item from the daily papers is of interest:—

SHARON, Nov. 30.—Augustus Harriman, of Latimer, sent \$15 to a firm which advertised pianos for sale at that price. When he received word from the station agent at Latimer that there was a package for him, he hitched up the heaviest team he had and drove to the station to bring home the piano. He found a small toy piano, such as might be purchased in any store for \$1. Mr. Harriman was so disgusted that he put his foot through the piano, leaving the wrecked instrument on the floor of the station. He cannot bring suit, for the piano was just as described in the advertisement.

A gentleman of our acquaintance travelled twelve miles to attend a sale of men's clothing advertised as "\$15, \$18 and \$20 suits reduced to \$8 and \$10." The clothing was barely worth at retail even the \$8 or \$10 charged for it and the merchant, when confronted, admitted that the advertisement was misleading.

Solons avoid all danger of being defrauded by dishonest advertisers and save the profits of the honest ones, and, besides, save many dollars' worth of time, street car fare, etc.

MEN'S SHOES

The "Price to Solon subscribers" below is the wholesale price plus 5%.



500

No. 500, Men's Corona, Lace, mat calf top, welt, B to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$3.50, price to Solons, \$2.54

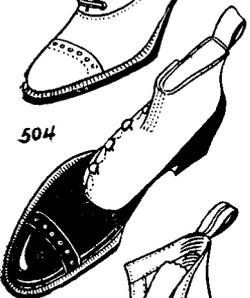


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No. 501, Men's Satin Calf, Lace, Dongola top, backstay, E, 6 to 12, retails at \$1.50, price to Solons, \$1.08

No. 501M, same as 501, Blucher, \$1.08

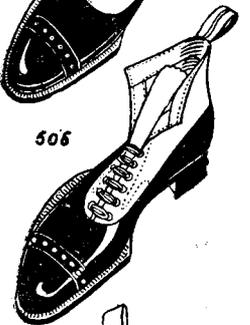
No. 502, Men's Velour Calf Lace, mat calf top, welt, military heel, extension sole, B to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$4.00, price to Solons, \$2.83



504

No. 503, Men's Pat. Colt, Button mat calf top, military heel, welt, C to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$3.00, price to Solons, \$2.16

No. 504, Men's Pat. Colt, Button, dull top, dull buttons, military heel, extension sole, welt, A to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$5.00, price to Solons \$3.11



506

No. 505, Men's Pat. Colt, Lace, dull mat calf top, heavy single sole, military heel, welt, C to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$3.00, price to Solons \$2.16

No. 506, Men's Pat. Colt, Lace, military heel, extension sole, welt, C to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$3.00, price to Solons . . . \$2.16



508

No. 507, Men's Box Calf, Blucher style, double extension sole, E, 6 to 11, retails at \$2.50, price to Solons \$1.73

No. 508, Men's Pat. Colt, Blucher style, mat calf top, military heel, welt, A to E, 6 to 11, retails at \$5, price to Solons, \$3.11

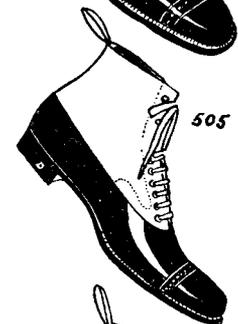
No. 509, Men's Pat. Colt, Button, mat calf top, military heel, welt, C to E, 5 1/2 to 11, retails at \$3, price to Solons, \$2.16



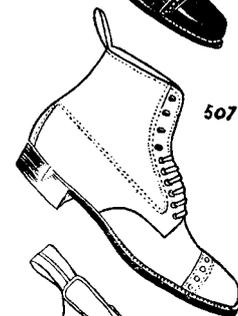
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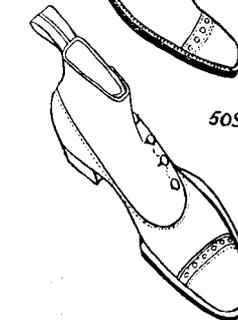
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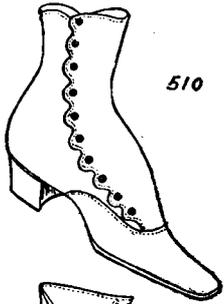
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WOMEN'S SHOES

The "*Price to Solon subscribers*" below is the wholesale price, plus 5%.



510

No. 510, Women's Vici Kid, Lace only (not buttoned as per cut), flexible turned sole, common sense heel, C to EE, 2½ to 9, retails at \$2.25, price to Solons, \$1.57



512

No. 511, Women's Pat. Colt, Lace, dull kangaroo top, Cuban heel, welt, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$3.50, price to Solons \$2.47



514

No. 511M, same as 511, Blucher, \$2.47

No. 511P, Same as 511, Button, \$2.47

No. 512, Women's Pat. Tip, Lace, heavy sole, Cuban heel, B to E, 2½ to 9, retails at \$2.25, price to Solons \$1.57



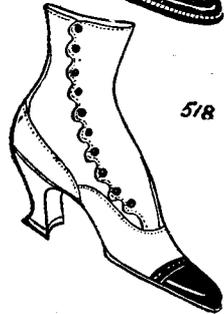
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No. 513, Women's Gun Metal Calf, Lace, mat calf top, Cuban heel, extension sole, welt, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$3.50, price to Solons, \$2.47

No. 513M, same as 513, Button 2.47

No. 513P, same as 513, Blucher, \$2.47

No. 514, Women's Dongola Lace, mat kid top, low city heel, half double sole, C to E, 2½ to 5, retails at \$1.75, price to Solons \$1.26



518

No. 515, Women's Pat. Kid Tip, Button. Cuban heel, 7 large buttons, mat kid top, extension sole, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$3.50, price to Solons, \$2.47

No. 516, Women's Pat. Colt, Blucher style, mat calf top, extension sole, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$4.00, price to Solons, \$2.74

No. 517, Women's Vici Kid, Button, Cuban heel, flexible sole, welt, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$3.25, price to Solons, \$2.36

No. 518, Women's Vici Kid, lace only, pat. tip, turned sole, AA to D, 2½ to 8, retails at \$3.50, price to Solons, \$2.47

No. 519, Women's Vici Kid, Lace, pat. tip, B to E. 2½ to 8, retails at \$2.75, price to So'ons \$1.94



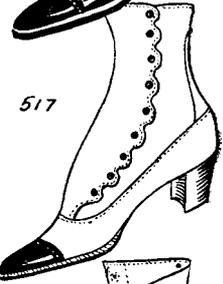
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MISCELLANEOUS SHOES

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No. 520, Women's Pat. Colt, Button, C to E, 2½ to 5, retails at \$2.25, price to Solons \$1.57

No. 521, Little Gents', Youths' and Boys' Velour Calf Lace, mat calf top, C to E, 8 to 13½, retails \$1.75, price to Solons, \$1.24
12 to 2, retails \$2.00, price to Solons, \$1.46
2½ to 5½, " 2.25, " " \$1.62

No. 522, Girls' Dongola Lace, pat. tip, E, 5 to 8, retails at \$1.25, price to Solons, 84c
8½ to 11, retails 1.50, price to Solons, \$1.05
11½ to 2, retails \$1.75, price to Solons, \$1.26

No. 522M, same as 522, Button
No. 523, Little Gents', Youths' and Boys' Pat. Colt, Lace, C to E, 8 to 13½, retails at \$1.75, price to Solons, \$1.24
12 to 2, retails at \$2, price to Solons, \$1.46
2½ to 5½, retails \$2.25, price to Solons, \$1.62

No. 524, Girls' Vici Kid, Lace, pat. tip, welt, C to E, 5 to 8, retails \$1.50, price to Solons \$1.05
8½ to 11, retails \$1.75, price to Solons, \$1.26
11½ to 2, " \$2.25, " " \$1.57

No. 524M, same as 524, Button,
No. 525, Little Gents' Velour Calf, Lace, E, 8 to 13½, retails at \$1.50, price to Solons, \$1.08

No. 526, Men's Slipper, turned sole, FF, 6 to 11, retails \$1.50, price to Solons, \$1.08

No. 527, Women's Vici Kid Lace, common sense heel and toe, D to EE, 2½ to 8, retails at \$1.75, price to Solons \$1.26

No. 528, Men's Everett Opera Slipper, F, 6 to 11, retails at \$1.25, price to Solons, 81c

No. 529, Women's Vici Kid, Lace, gypsy cut, B to EE, 2½ to 9, retails at \$2.00,

No. 530, Women's Dongola, Lace, pat. tip, heavy sole, medium heel, D to E, 2½ to 8, retails at \$1.50, price to Solons, \$1.05

No. 531, Boys' Satin Calf, Blucher style, Dongola top, E, 12 to 2, retails at \$1.25, price to Solons 86c
3 to 5½, retails at 1.35, price to Solons, 97c

No. 532, Little Gents' Box Calf, Lace, E, 8 to 13½, retails at \$1.25, price to Solons, 92c



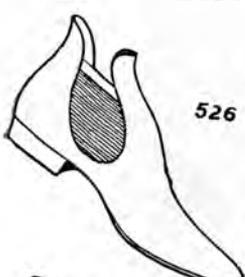
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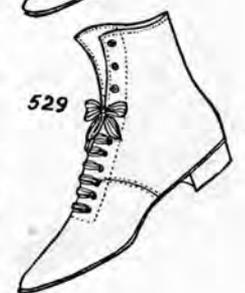
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GOOD VALUES IN SEWING MACHINES

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No. 125. SEWING MACHINE. Drop head, hand lift, flat tension, needle bar take-up, self-threading shuttle, tension release, level floor bearings, ball bearings on balance wheel, self-belting device, automatic bobbin winder,

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self-threading vibrating shuttle, adjustable working parts. Head lift mechanism consists of iron levers—no springs, chains or leather bands to get out of order. Two end drawers, long center drawer, rotary cut oak case, bright finish in two coats. Retails at \$20.00. Price to Solons **\$12.13**

No. 126. SEWING MACHINE. Same as 125, four end drawers. Retails at \$25.00. Price to Solons **\$12.71**

No. 127. Same as 126, disc tension, independent take-up. Retails at \$30.00. Price to Solons **\$13.28**

No. 128. Same as 127. Automatic lift. Retails at \$40.00. Price to Solons **\$15.02**

No. 129. Drop head, hand lift, ball bearing stand, full size high arm, self-threading cylinder shuttle, self-setting needle, automatic bobbin winder, lock stitch. ball bearing steel pitman. Complete set of steel attachments furnished with each machine. Adapt-



handsomely carved case, four end drawers with rounded fronts, long center drawer. Swell front table with tape measure inserted. Retails at \$50.00. Price to Solons . . . **\$16.17**

No. 129b. Same as 129. Extra fine finish and ornaments on head. Ball bearing nickeled castors on stand. Seven drawers. Marquetry finished woodwork as in cut. Retails at \$55.00. Price to Solons . . . **\$17.76**



No. 130. Same as 129. Full double door, drop head cabinet, with automatic lift for head (double countersunk levers). Highly polished and finished. When closed has every appearance of a ladies' fine writing desk and can be so utilized. Retails at \$60.00. Price to Solons **\$21.35**

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THIS JOURNAL AND ITS MISSION.

THIS journal is set for the defence of the only true foundation of the Christian's hope now being so generally rejected through the precious blood of "the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom [a corresponding price, a substitute] (1 Tim. 2:6.) Building up on this sure foundation the gold, silver and precious stones (1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Pet. 1:12) of God, its further mission is to—"Make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery which . . . has been hid in that now might be made known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God"—"which in other ages was not made known as it is now revealed."—Eph. 3:5-9, 10.

It stands free from all parties, sects and creeds of men, while it seeks more and more to bring its every utterance into the will of God in Christ, as expressed in the Holy Scriptures. It is thus free to declare boldly whatsoever the Lord hath the divine wisdom granted unto us, to understand. Its attitude is not dogmatical, but confident; for we know whereof we have implicit faith upon the sure promises of God. It is held as a trust, to be used only in his service; hence our decisions relative to what may not appear in its columns must be according to our judgment of his good pleasure, the teaching of his Word, for we are people in grace and knowledge. And we not only invite but urge our readers to prove all its utterances by the infallible evidence which is constantly made, to facilitate such testing.

TO US THE SCRIPTURES CLEARLY TEACH

- That the Church is "the Temple of the Living God"—peculiarly "His workmanship;" that its construction has been in progress since the Gospel age—ever since Christ became the world's Redeemer and the chief corner stone of this Temple, through which God's blessings shall come "to all people," and they find access to him.—1 Cor. 3:16, 17; Eph. 2:20-22; Gen. 28:10-17.
- That meantime the chiseling, shaping and polishing, of consecrated believers in Christ's atonement for sin, progresses; and the "living stones," "elect and precious," shall have been made ready, the great Master Workman will bring all together into one building, and the Temple shall be filled with his glory, and be the meeting place between God and men throughout the Millennium.
- That the Basis of Hope, for the Church and the World, lies in the fact that "Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for all," and will be "the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world," "in due time."—Heb. 2:9; John 1:9.
- That the Hope of the Church is that she may be like her Lord, "see him as he is," be "partaker of the divine nature," and be "joint-heir."—1 John 3:2; John 17:24; Rom. 8:17; 2 Pet. 1:4.
- That the present mission of the Church is the perfecting of the saints for the future work of service; to develop in herself every member into a witness to the world; and to prepare to be the kings and priests of the next age.—Eph. 4:12; Matt. 22:14; Rev. 1:6.
- That the hope for the World lies in the blessings of knowledge and opportunity to be brought to all by Christ's Millennial Kingdom of all that was lost in Adam, to all the willing and obedient, at the hands of their Redeemer and his glorified Church; the fully wicked will be destroyed.—Acts 3:19-23; Isa. 55:1-3.

CHARLES T. RUSSELL

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CLUBBING ARRANGEMENT FOR 1905.

As usual, all WATCH TOWER subscriptions for the United States for 1905 will include subscriptions to the Old Theology Quarterly. And this year we have effected a special arrangement by which all paid WATCH TOWER subscriptions for 1905 will include without extra charge, a subscription to the *Solon Journal* (monthly) for four months. It is a secular journal of good tone; price with privileges \$2 a year. Its claims for public recognition we heartily endorse, having profited thereby ourselves. Its advantages apply only within the United States, hence this offer is thus limited. All U. S. subscribers may look for their first number in January.

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The following journals are now publishing Brother Russell's sermons regularly, viz.,—

The Schenectady Union, - - - Schenectady, N. Y.
The State, - - - - - Columbia, S. C.
The Pittsburg Gazette, - - - - - Pittsburg, Pa.

The arrangement with the latter was for one year, and expires with the present month. Should it not be renewed all of its unexpired subscriptions sent to us for it will be placed in other journals publishing the discourses.

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