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**PROGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

The Fifth Volume of the excellent Nineteenth Century Series has been issued dealing with the progress of the United States of America during the century. The author is Prof. William P. Trent, M.A. L. L. D. of Columbia University, New York. It is uniform in binding and mechanical execution with the preceding volumes of the series which have already received extended notice in our columns and is issued simultaneously in London, Toronto and Philadelphia by the Linseott Publishing Company.

The material progress of the United States during the century has been most remarkable, as all the world knows. Within that time its territorial area has increased fourfold, the number of States over two and a half fold, the population fifteen fold and the national wealth in still larger proportion. In 1800 the Republic was shut in between the Mississippi and the Atlantic while the possessions of Spain and of Mexico shut her off from the Gulf of Mexico. Today the Republic includes a vast territory, extending from the Gulf to the Great Lakes and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with the more recently acquired possessions of Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines. It is not however to the growth in area, population and wealth of the nation that Dr. Trent has devoted his book. These are indeed dealt with concisely and informatively as are the principal historical events of the period, such as the war with Britain in 1812-14, and the gigantic struggle between the North and the South of half a century later. His volume is devoted primarily to a sketch of the political development of the United States, the great experiment of self-government by the American democracy.

With this as his primary object the work in its general scope treats of the national progress under three main divisions: The Rise of Popular Government; The Struggle with Slavery and The Era of Industrialism. The introductory chapter pictures the United States as it was at the century's beginning, in the days when life was primitive and the nation was passing through its pioneer stage of development. A chapter is devoted to the Jeffersonian regime. Subsequent chapters of this division deal with the evolution of domestic and foreign policy, the war of 1812 (which is treated with more fairness than is usual in an American writer) the effects of the war and the era of good feeling which followed. The concluding chapter of this division brings the history down to 1830 summing up the advancement made by the nation along many lines down to that date.

Part Two dealing with the struggle

with slavery, opens with the reign of Andrew Jackson. There were giants in those days, for those were the times not only of Jackson, but of Webster, Hayne, Clay, Chief Justice Marshall and others, whose force of intellect, will power and wide influence lent graphic interest to the contests on the platform and in Congress. The annexation of Texas, the Mexican War, the compromise of 1850, various filibustering expeditions in the interest of slavery and the famous Dred Scott decision are prominent way marks of the march of events down to the time of Buchanan and the eve of the War of Secession. It is quite in accord with Dr. Trent's philosophical treatment of his themes, and a method which thoughtful readers will approve, that much more space is given to the events leading up to the war than to the war itself. The War itself from Lincoln's inaugural and the first gun fired at Fort Sumpter down to the assassination of the Martyr President is disposed of in a single, clear and comprehensive chapter.

Under the general caption, The Era of Industrialism, the third division of the volume under review treats of the period since the Civil War and down to the close of the century. This period covers the reconstruction of the union, the pacification of the South, the resumption of specie payments, the war of tariffs, the silver question as a political issue, the war with Spain and the great industrial development which has been more remarkable in the United States than in any other land. The growth of population and wealth receive due consideration, the status of the great army of workers is gauged and a favorable estimate formed of the advanced position which the Republic now holds among the nations. The author concludes that while the American governmental system is not free from defects, there is little in the national outlook to justify a pessimistic view.

Some useful appendices include the full text of the United States Constitution with the amendments thereto, a list of the Presidents and Vice Presidents with their terms of office, also a list of the States and Territories with the dates of

**S. S. LESSON.**

NOVEMBER 24.  
WORLD'S TEMPERANCE LESSON.  
Isa. 5, 8-30. Memory verses, II, 12.  
GOLDEN TEXT.  
Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine.—Isa. 5, 22.

**OUTLINE.**  
1. The Drunkard's Feast, v. 11, 16.  
2. The Drunkard's Woe, 17-23.  
**LESSON HELPS.**

In this chapter the prophet puts forth a parable and makes an application. The key to the parable is found in the seventh verse. The sins of the land and of the age are exposed, and the most serious woes are pronounced against those who indulge in them. Those sins are not of that land and age only, and the woe rests on men in modern nations.

11. The "woe" in this verse is not against those who "rise up early," for that is to be commended if it be for the purpose that Abraham rose early—to build an altar, or even to beat useful work. It is the purpose of early rising that is denounced—"that they may follow strong drink." Vineyards abounded, and the fermented juice of the grape was drunk, and often to excess. The sin of intoxication dates back to a very early age, and it is not yet at an end. In these days the evil is increased by distillation and adulteration. "That continue until night, till wine inflame them"—Such men live to drink, and that is their only work from day to day. "Inflame" is an appropriate word, for alcohol consumes like an evil flame.

12. "And the harp and the viol"—Music is not condemned, for it is in the main an innocent art, but here the art is to make drinking more attractive. Much harm is done by the modern drinking songs, and it is a mistake for Christian young men to sing them with such heartiness at college banquets. Some songs can well be forgotten. Poetry and music have been used to shed a halo of glory around a drunken man. "Regard not the work of the Lord"—How can such a man do so when his reason totters and the fire of strong drink fires his blood!

13. The results of national sins now appear. The first result is "captivity." The people lose the ability to fight their foes and even the ambition. The slaves of drink becomes the slaves of war. Home and land are lost and exile awaits them. Excess of strong drink means in the home and land decrease of food. The drunkard comes to poverty, and his home and his table and his clothing bear sad witness to the fact.

14. The third result is the grave. "Hell"—That is, hades, the abode of the departed, "hath enlarged herself." It is sad to think of so many who die in youth because of the excessive use of strong drink. Sad to reflect that many were ruined by being thoughtless, and in society of drinking comrades, led to imitate others. Many a life would have been prolonged, and very useful, if the warning of the Christian Church had been heeded.

15. "The mighty man shall be humbled"—Even senators and kings have been brought to the dust by strong drink. It attacks alike the mean man, and "the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled."

16. "But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted"—No matter how low men may fall, and what may happen to the nation through sin and failure to heed the warning, yet the Lord of hosts shall be exalted.

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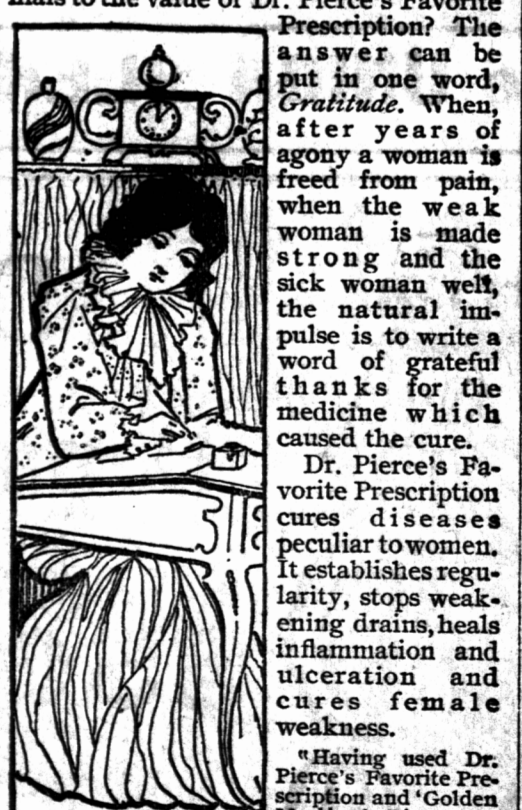
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**American Invaders.**

To combat the latest phase of the American invasion—the campaign of the American Tobacco Trust—thirteen of the largest British tobacco manufacturing firms have entered into a "combine." It appears that, by way of cutting into the British tobacco trade more effectively, the American invaders have bought one large British factory, where they propose to manufacture imported American tobacco, thus escaping payment of the high British import duties on manufactured tobaccos.

With the habitual British idea that whatever gives the consumer as good or a better article at less cost is a blessing, the London World actually welcomes the "American invasion," and intimates that if Britons can fill their pipes with a finer quality of weed at "a penny an ounce cheaper" they will be glad to do it.

**CUT TELEPHONE WIRES.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Three hundred telephone connections on the south side were severed by wire cutters last night and the long distance service of several suburbs put out of business. The service was repaired to-day. For this the telephone company said they could not place the blame, but believed that the work was due to the linemen's strike.

**AUTOMOBILE RECORD.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Henry Fournier, who on Sunday broke all automobile records by going a mile in 51.43 seconds on the Ocean parkway, is far from being satisfied that the limit of automobile speed has been reached. In fact, he says the gasoline machine has just begun to demonstrate its power and declares he will make a mile in 32 seconds.

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