

defense of their country, which represents the jurisdiction of all their earthly possessions; but when they are assailed in their religion, which embraces their hopes of the hereafter as well, that same spirit of patriotism has a still higher claim upon them. If the only alternative be offered to Catholics, as the A. P. A. persists in doing, to either abandon their religion or the full privileges of citizenship, then there will be a battle-royal before the choice is made. Neither the Catholics, nor any other body of religionists, will surrender their rights of citizenship or their church membership without a struggle which would, when strength of members permits, reach much farther than the ballot box.

There has been a great hue and cry over the church dominating the state, and the A. P. A. has carried it to the full extent in its crusade against the Catholics. The indications now are very strong that the shoe will be on the other foot soon, and that the Catholic church will insist with potent action that politicians and secret societies cease using the state as a means to assail it or its members, or take the consequences. The rule invoked is of general application—churches ought to be left to conduct their own internal affairs, and meddlers should keep out.

One healthy sign in this business is the A. P. A. attitude on Major McKinley. If the doughty Ohioan is a nominee for the Presidency—and there seems to be little doubt that such will be the case—it is perhaps quite as well that this secret society is getting into the field right now, so the issues it raises can be settled. If it makes the fight promised by its delegates at Washington yesterday, it may as well be upon such a nominee and under such circumstances, that the business may be effectually ended by the American people before it can reach the more portentous situation indicated by Archbishop Gibbons, when the Catholic church as a body will take up the fight on its own account. The way to close the business with best results to the country probably is for the people generally to stop the contest before it goes any farther as a political fight against a church. If so, let us have it and be done.

### MISS CLARA BARTON.

The natural inclination in men and women destined to take a leading part in the affairs of the world is nearly always seen in some form or another very early in the life of the child. Those whose duty it is to watch over the little ones need not feel undue anxiety if they discover peculiarities in the character. These if only correctly guided will often prove the beginning of a life of usefulness in a particular direction.

The life-story of Miss Clara Barton who at present is in Constantinople directing the distribution of aid among Armenians is an illustration of that truth. It is said that she, as a little girl, never cared to have a doll like her play-sisters. But from her earliest years, if she heard of a sick cat, a lame dog or a chicken with a broken leg or wing, she sought to get the suffering animals under her care and protection.

She petted them and administered to them as she thought best. Stories of war and adventure had great attraction for her, and she was never happier than when she could roam over the country on horseback. She had, it will be seen, all the inclinations that after their development made her most useful in the great hour of need of the nation—a dispenser of blessings amid the unspeakable curses of war.

A biographical sketch of Miss Barton, written by one of her sisters, is interesting reading. It shows that much of her life was spent by the sick. It naturally became her duty to take care of suffering humanity, and when the war in the United States broke out, she was among the first to volunteer to go to the battle-fields and offer help to the wounded and dying. The poor sufferers blessed her as an angel of mercy wherever she appeared.

When the war was over she was broken down in health. During a visit to Switzerland later she met some officers of the Red Cross society on their road to the scene of the French-German war. They asked her to go with them, and although she was physically weak, she went, and in Straesburg and Paris at the hospitals, as well as on the fields of battle, she again labored as she had done in her own country. After this she bent her energy towards the establishment of a Red Cross society in the United States, owing to which association war has been deprived of some of its heart-rending barbarities.

When the question arose of finding a suitable person to direct the distribution of aid among the starving Armenians, Miss Barton was appealed to and at once responded. According to her own statements the Turkish government has received her with marked favor and given her assistants every facility asked for to reach the sufferers in Asia Minor. At the close of her career, Miss Barton, who as a child gave the sympathy of her tender heart to the dumb animals that were sick, will be able to look back upon a life spent in the service of suffering humanity in three different continents of the globe. She has acquired fame simply by studying the question how best to serve her fellow beings. She is honored and beloved wherever she goes.

Miss Barton's advice to a young sister who expressed a desire to do something great, is characteristic of the woman. She said: "Only do every day the small duties before you as well as you know how, in order that, when the call comes for the larger ones, you may be prepared." The principle is correct, for those who neglect their "small" duties are never likely to be called upon to perform any of greater importance, where reliability is one indispensable quality required.

### THE ESTRAY LAW.

In this issue of the News we publish the new estray law, which goes into effect on the first of next month. It is a rather long document, but the law makes many changes from the former rule, hence we give it in full, as the interest in the subject is general. In some respects the law may not be

as good as the former statute, especially in the poor way it provides for advertising estrays or trespassing animals. The limited posting system therein is very meager notice in a large or thickly populated precinct; but lovers of animals have some recourse in making application to county clerks to ascertain whether such animals have been advertised. The chief hardship this provision will then work is where animals may wander across county lines. Otherwise the law probably comes about as near being satisfactory as anything on that system can be. There is one important provision in it regarding county commissioners, and that is the requirement that, immediately after the first of June, when the law goes into effect, those commissioners must declare by ordinance what constitutes a lawful fence in the county over which they have jurisdiction.

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

(Millennial Star, May 7.)

**Arrivals.**—The following named Elders arrived in Liverpool per American Line Steamer Rhyndland, on May 6, 1896: For the British mission—Alexander G. Adamson, John Hirst, Daniel Whipple, and Hadyn L. Smith of Pleasant Green; Hyrum A. Reeve and Jesse T. Badger of Salt Lake City; John Amor of Basalt, Idaho. For the Swiss and German mission—Charles C. Crismon and Alonzo E. Hyde Jr. of Salt Lake City; Ulrich Auer of Pleasant Grove; Lorenzo Jensen of Brigham City. For the Scandinavian mission—Isaac Carlson of Pleasant Grove; John E. Halverson, and John D. Hagman of Salt Lake City; Hyrum C. Christensen of Manassa, Colorado. With the company was Elder Julius Billeter Jr. of Salt Lake City, who goes to Switzerland and Germany on genealogical business.

**Releases and Appointments.**—The following named Elders have been honorably released to return home May 9, 1896:

Wheatley Gibson, traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference;  
Frederick Scholes, traveling Elder in the Leeds conference;  
Joseph Powers, travelling Elder in the Nottingham conference;  
Charles W. Robins, travelling Elder in the Cheltenham conference; and  
E. B. Nelson, travelling Elder in the Scottish conference.

Elder Joseph R. Meservy has been released from laboring in the Swiss and German mission, and has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference.

Elders John A. Hirst and Daniel Whipple have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Irish conference.

Elder Alexander Adamson has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

Elder Jesse T. Badger has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the London conference.

Elder John Amor has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference.

Elder Hadyn L. Smith has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Leeds conference.

Elder Hyrum A. Reeve has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Norwich conference.