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## HELVELLYN.

To heaven uplifted, throne on throne be-  
hold  
A sea of surging mountains far and near;  
Wave upon wave, the circling heights ap-  
pear  
For ever fixed, forever onward rolled!  
See in the tranquil valleys as of old  
Shimmer the sylvan lakes to Wadsworth  
dear,  
Ulleswater, Coniston, and Windermere—  
With many an upland turn the hills unfold.  
Helvellyn, round thy cruel crest the swal-  
lows wheel  
And shriek for glee. Today we too would  
feel  
The joy of living. Soon life's path once  
more  
Shall lead us downward to the vale below—  
O waves that onward roll, ere yet we go,  
Your mystic influence on our souls out-  
pour.

SAMUEL WADDINGTON.

## OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

Friday evening, March 7, Chicago was thrown into a terrible excitement by the doings of one humble citizen from the wild west. It appears that one Joseph Kane, alias Patrick Crowe, wanted to see a little Chicago life. He was tired of Denver and Omaha, one-horse towns. His first night in town he spent in one of the large bagnios. Towards morning he robbed his female companion of some jewelry worth \$1500. In Chicago vice and wealth are synonymous. Working girls, or tradesmen's wives, don't have jewelry. Next day Mr. Kane pawned the jewels, but the police were already notified, and when a police officer attempted to arrest Kane, or Crowe, the latter shot the policeman and then ran away. He was pursued, but before being captured he shot another policeman, and also a printer, and wounded himself by an accidental shot. When in the police station he thought he was on the point of death, and sent for a priest so that he might die a Christian. What a sad commentary on Christianity as it is!

There was another exciting episode of a different character yesterday morning in this city also. We have had one good snow-fall this season in Chicago, and that was during the last week. A party of

five young ladies and three gentlemen, employes of one the large dry goods houses, went out for a sleigh ride. They remained out all night, but in the morning took a street car to ride down town. They were so gleeful that they aroused the ire of other passengers, and a detective was called in. The detective turned out to be James Bonfield, brother of the famous Captain. He watched the antics of the party for a while, and then stopping the car in front of a police station, "run in" the whole party. The ladies turned out to be daughters of some of the most prominent churchmen in Chicago, and some were Sunday school teachers. In consideration of their families the captain in charge at the station let them go home, though the girls were proficient can-can dancers and veteran revelers. If they were unfortunates who had neither families nor friends, they would be trundled off to a police court and sent to the bridewell for a hundred days, and newspapers and policemen would boast of keeping society pure. Preachers pour out their hearts for the African savage, but close their eyes and padlock their tongues to the savage doings in their own flocks.

We have had here lately several church scandals. A Lutheran preacher named Rosebeck got drunk in a wine room the other day, and then went on the street catching and hugging and kissing women who happened to be passing. Of course he was arrested, but we have not heard of any punishment being meted out to him. Probably he told the magistrate that quinine caused it. When a scoundrel who uses the title Rev. commits an offense, there are a hundred excuses for him, but when Paddy Lannigan or Barney Bache commits an offense it is charged to total depravity, and they are bagged off to prison.

But the most deplorable occurrence of any in a long time happened here a short time ago. It appears a man named Henderson left a wife and five children in New York State and came to Chicago about one year ago. He joined a prominent church here, and was soon known as a leader in religious work. He sang in the choir. Here he made the acquaintance of a lady, single, though

not over young. Both were associated in religious work, and both being religious, no notice was taken of their intimacy. It was reported that Henderson was seen drunk several times. Finally he went on what is called "a big spree." His lady friend went to his room to nurse him. In his drunken rage he shot and wounded her badly. It then transpired that both were living in unlawful sexuality for some time, and that the fact was known to the other members. It also transpired that the organ loft and church corridors were often used as trysting places by these sinners for their illicit intercourse. And yet in Chicago this is not unlawful cohabitation, but Christian purity.

A religious sect known as the Evangelical Association is advertising itself by church trials among its members in Illinois. This sect was started in Ohio some forty years ago. In its organization it recognizes the order of bishop. It is one of this order, a Bishop Bowman, who is now on trial for slander, falsehood and intemperate language. It appears that the bishop, in his hilarious moments, amused himself by calling his co-religionists sons of sea cooks and grandsons of guns and revolvers. His language on these occasions, though belonging to a dialect of the Anglo-Saxon, will not bear reproduction in print. The bishop has been suspended or deposed until September, 1891, when his case will be considered in general conference. But it is thought the conference will fire him totally from the church as unfit for any religion.

The Dakotas are coming prominently to the front in Chicago at the present time. In South Dakota prostitution and misery prevail. Both cattle and human beings are hungry. What a strange thing, and farmers in Nebraska burning coal for fuel. In the coal mining regions miners are idle and also hungry, because the mild winter has left on hand immense quantities of coal. Yet, in Dakota, cattle and men are hungry and cold. We are told our country is the home of railroads and steamboats, and so on. Our transportation, too, is supervised by a Federal Commission; but when disasters set in we are no better off than the Chinese, who use human motive