

PASSING OF A QUIANT KENTUCKY COMMUNITY

United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearance, Commonly Known as the "Shakers," is Waning—It Was Founded Nearly a Century Ago, and for Years Was Wonderfully Prosperous—Its Great Houses Are Now Deserted—Who Will Get the Property of 8,000 Acres?

In the northern part of Kentucky there is today an estate that, founded by Shakers in the beginning of the last century, enlarged and made more beautiful as years went by, is soon to be without owner or tenant.

Thousands of acres of land and immense houses that could easily accommodate 1,000 souls, now remain in the possession of but forty individuals, the entire membership. Many of these are past the three-score and ten mark, others approaching it, and as no recruits are being added another decade will doubtless see the present enrollment blotted out. As the property was built up by the industry of succeeding generations working under the law of common property and, furthermore, under the law of celibacy, there are no heirs.

The interesting question presents itself, What is to become of this estate? It is thought by some that the order at large, as it exercises a sort of jurisdiction, might lay claim to the property. This, however, in no wise simplifies matters, for as the Society of Shakers is everywhere moribund, it would be but a short time until the same question would again be presented.

South Union Chapter, Logan county, Kentucky, known throughout the state as "Shakerstown," was established in 1801 by three missionaries from Mount Lebanon, New York, where a colony

had flourished some years. The first convert was John Rankin, a land owner and head of a large family. The first house was built in 1800; others were soon erected to shelter the constantly growing membership. With their own hands the Shakers hewed the timber, quarried and dressed the stone, and forged the hardware, even to the nails used in construction. With the exception of several that were destroyed by fire the buildings still remain, all in a state of preservation that bears witness to the quality of the work. As the years went by there sprang up machine shops, a grist mill, silk and woolen mills, everything, in fact, to make the community complete in itself. Silk worm culture was the first industry attempted in the Shaker estate and one of the first in this country. The products of the mills were sold throughout the states and even in Europe, handsome profits being realized on the undertaking.

The settlement became a magnificent estate of 8,000 acres; immense barns for storing crops, herds of fine stock—indeed, everything attested prosperity. Scores of children were adopted and brought up in the Shaker belief, twenty-five being taken from an orphan asylum in New Orleans after the great yellow fever plague and as many more from a similar institution at Clarksville, Tenn., after the war.

Despite their strict seclusion the

Shakers were enterprising in business dealings with the outside world. Canvas covered wagons, under charge of quaint looking "sisters," went daily through the neighborhood peddling fruits, preserves, butter and eggs and garden seed—the raising and preparing of which was an industry they were the first to institute. The "brothers" went on more protracted trips, vending their wares through Kentucky, Tennessee and as far south as Mississippi. The majority of the population, however, remained secluded, never venturing off their own territory; some passed a whole lifetime without once leaving the community. An illustration of this is Silas Blakey, who, born on the place seventy-six years ago, has never stepped outside the confines of Shakerdom.

There came a rude awakening to this dream of fortune. A series of misfortunes following in rapid succession brought to a close the day of prosperity. In 1868 the several mills, with a large quantity of manufactured goods, were burned by unknown persons, possibly envious neighbors, entailing a heavy loss. The grist mill was rebuilt, only to be destroyed a few years later. Several other buildings suffered the same fate at various times, sadly increasing the losses. A heavier blow was inflicted by a defalcation of a large amount of money by a "brother" and a "sister." The example of this elder, who was at the head of the West family, and a man of influence in the community, proved extremely demoralizing. Many of the younger members left, singly and in pairs. Some few—the defaulting brothers for one—after being buffeted by the world, returned to the quiet seclusion, always finding a welcome.

Few recruits were added and the membership decreased at an alarming rate. In 1883, under the impression that a large number of new converts were about to be enrolled, the new "West house" was erected and furnished throughout. Unfortunately the house members failed to arrive and the house has stood to the present day unoccupied. A few years later a bank where were deposited their savings failed, causing another loss of many thousands of dollars.

Shakerstown, now fallen into a state of picturesque decay, is but the shadow of the community that was.

The natives, regarding this somewhat in the light of a circus, came from every direction to look on, but finally became so boisterous that the outdoor ceremonies were discontinued. One brother was asked if he did not become weary of the seclusion and wish to go away. "Yes," he replied, in a soft drawl, "I can't say that I haven't. See that big hill over yonder three or four miles? Well, I always wanted to go up there and see what the world looked like on the other side, so one day when I was out with the wagon I drove over and looked."

"Were you disappointed at what you saw?" "Nay; for it was very beautiful. There were fine farms and several houses."

"Shakers," so called, are, properly speaking, "The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearance," whose origin is found in the revolutionists of Dauphine and Vivarais, about the year 1689. Some of these went to England in 1706; offshoots from them formed a society there in 1747. Out of this society Anne Lee arose in 1773, being received as the bride of the "blessed groom." Four years later she, with seven converts, landed in America, where, as in England, they suffered great persecution. At length, however, they established a church in Nislayuta, now Watervliet, N. Y.

The name "Shakers" was given in derision, because, as they express it, "in their religious meetings in the wrestling of soul against the powers of sin they are led of the spirit to shake." The institution is not a democracy, but a theocracy, in which both sexes have equal rights.—Kansas City Star.



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WINE OF CARDUI

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W. M. JOHNSON.

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- Ladies' black cashmere hose. Value 25c, for..... 29 cts
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In Navy Blue only.
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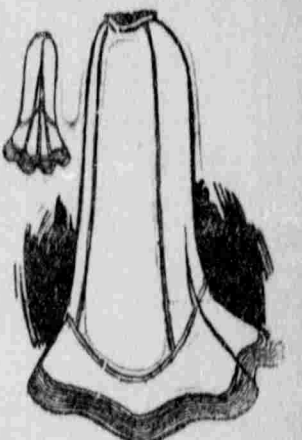
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- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES in red, blue, pink, value 90c, for... 59c
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUE in red, blue, pink, value \$1.25, for... 89c
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, extra fine grade, assorted colors, value \$1.50, for... 98c
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, extra fine, heavy, assorted colors, value \$1.75, for... \$1.23
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES in assorted colors, braid trimmed collar, for... \$1.39
- EIDERDOWN DRESSING SACQUES, satin and narrow velvet braid trimmed, value \$2.50, for... \$1.73