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is not to be envied that soon forgets the lavish hospitality they enjoyed. It was painful to see a field so inviting still without a pastor.—May God direct to that promising field some devoted laborer.

I mentioned at the previous session of our Q. M. that a committee was raised to employ an itinerant missionary within our borders. It is with pleasure it can now be communicated that the committee has succeeded in securing a minister who will soon enter upon the proposed duties. Much depends upon the result of our first experiment.

I was pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Mills, the daughter of the Marquisan king of chiefs. She died on her way home from San Francisco of inflammation of the brain. The mission with which Mr. Mills is connected, has been so much favored, and public expectation of its success is so high, that its failure will be both painful and disastrous.

Yours, D. M. G.

For the Morning Star.

"THE GREAT WEST" ONCE MORE.

BRO. BURR.—I should not like to be heard again on this subject, but for a manifest demonstration on the part of some of our Western brethren to represent me guilty of *suggestio falsi*, in an article written and published on the West some four months since. And as it is contrary to my profession to tell wrong stories, I hope to be indulged once more by the editor in an attempt at self-defense.

In the Star of Sept. 19, Bro. R. Dunn appears in some flaming strictures on the article above mentioned. I regret that my brother's expression of his love for truth and right impression, did not call his attention to this matter of their "errors" while the thing was fresh before the public; and not allow the "cooler" to lay cooling for months before he ventured to touch it with his nervous hand. One would think by the reading of the articles of Messrs. Bigelow and Dunn, especially the latter, that my production both warm and wool was a tissue of "errors" and "mistakes," so palpable and so horrid as to need "correction" and "explanation" from a resident in the western State. To Bro. Dunn's article:

1. In his first paragraph he misrepresents the expressed object of my article on the West. He says that my letters "were written for the purpose of telling 'all the truth, that for once the West may be fairly exposed.' Here follows what I said at that point, and from which Bro. Dunn draws his statement: "I write because all the truth is not known of the West, and I would propose to add a little to that aggregate." Does this look like an epistolary attempt on my part to tell "all the truth" of the West? What species of reasoning does Bro. D. apply to that sentence, and get out such a conclusion? Does Bro. D. do himself, his "solitaries," or myself justice, in a charge so palpably unfounded as this? I do not intend to quarrel with him, and shall lay the charge down at brother Dunn's door. My article on that point is not equivocal—its language cannot be misinterpreted without design.

2. Bro. D. says my impression of Mich. was "inaccurate." Well, I should hope it was; and my language anticipates it. I said, "I presume I did not see a fair specimen of Michigan farming interests; if we did, there is nothing especially inviting in that State." And what less could be said? We passed through a low, marshy, wet, and miserably poor, and sparsely inhabited part of the State; and I supposed that what we saw was a specimen of the whole, the same conclusion would be that the State was not very inviting. But, alas! according to Bro. Dunn, that was a "little exaggeration."

3. Bro. Dunn again says: "There is water enough near Chicago." Well, perhaps our Bro. had better suggest that piece of information to Mr. Mitchell! My article said nothing about "water near Chicago." And I cannot perceive why the Bro. refers to it, except he would have "the work well done," and just inform our "eastern land lubbers" that they have a great Lake out West!

But to say that "Northern Illinois is as well watered as any State in the Union," is more than a little exaggerated at story telling can do! I doubt whether there is a single place in either of the New England States where a pedestrian can go ten miles, or even five, in straight line, without encountering more or less water. But it is not so in the West. It is not so in N. H. I judge more than that number of miles in N. H. without seeing a particle of water, except perhaps in now and then a bog! It is certainly contrary to all past observation that any of those prairies are as well watered as New Hampshire and Maine. No western traveler except Bro. D. has ever found it out. As far as my observation extends, the water on those prairies is principally in large streams and very scattering, from ten to twenty, and more miles apart.

What I stated about land speculation in that country, I had from the lips of residents in Cherry Valley and Rockport, and who I supposed knew whereof they affirmed; but perhaps they did not. Bro. D. says: "The probabilities are against him." This certainly was the condition of a large part of Michigan fifteen years ago. It has been more or less true of every western State since then, and is no doubt true of that State, to a considerable extent. Bro. D. does not say, however, that the probabilities are against him. If land in N. H. is so "cheap" as Bro. D. represents, and nothing to hinder its sale, why do they remain unsold, I ask? Is it not a little strange that while "there is 400 per cent. difference in the productiveness of the soil, there is no difference in the price of the land?" Is it not a little strange that "land is less than ten dollars an acre" on the great R. 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teamboat glorying in his atheism, avowed that the present life was all of a man, that he had no soul and no hereafter. "And so you say you have no soul?" said a gentleman in the group. "No," was his reply, "not a whit more than a fig." The gentleman was about to argue with him, when a Scotch lady said, "Sir, I hope you







