

In the cross-examination of costestants' witnesses, (James McKenny,) the respondents' counsel filed as exhibit.

Without connecting in the remotest manner with the case, a card bearing the following inscription :

"GILMOR STREET M. E. CHURCH.

"Dear Friend :—Come to our meetings, corner Gilmor and Mulberry streets, each day at 7½ P. M., (except Saturday.)

"Rev. THOMAS L. POULSON, Pastor."

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

Leaving out all consideration of professional propriety, nothing could be more absurd or more unjustifiably wasteful of time.

It is with gratification that the contrast afforded by the action of respondents' counsel, in the First (1st) District, is noted. In this District the cross-examination appears to have been reasonable and proper, and to have been conducted with a due regard to right and professional courtesy. The respondents in this District are equally responsible, however, for the exclusion of the registration and election records, and for delay in commencing their rebuttal, as will be seen hereafter. It is further apparent from the record that, in all the Districts the contestants had closed their evidence on or before February 1st, and offered then to immediately examine any witnesses that the respondents might produce, waiving the ten (10) days notice of their names, the facts to be proved by the, and all the other legal formalities, which the respondents had always and everywhere most strenuously insisted upon.

Of this offer the Respondents did not see fit to avail themselves until the twenty-first (21st) of February.

It is safe, therefore, to assert that if the respondents' counsel had fairly observed the rules of evidence in their cross examination, and had proceeded with their rebuttal immediately upon the close of the contestants case, and waiver by them of all formalities the evidence on both sides could have been transmitted to the House, certainly by the first (1st) instant, and at least a month sooner than that date, if respondents had chosen to avail themselves of their legal right to proceed with their evidence before another magistrate simultaneously with the progress of the contestants cases.—Notwithstanding, however, all these delays, and obstacles to a full, fair and free investigation, it nevertheless appears that the evidence from the First District, was returned on the 9th inst., from the Second District on the 15th inst., and from the Third District on the 17th inst., so that the