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NO. 1.

FORGIVING INJURIES.

It is the glory of a man to pass by a transgression...

Thus Wisdom speaks aloud; and yet Pride hardly will resign...

When injured, I can scarce tell how To pass the injury by...

But come, my proud, my selfish heart, One serious thought bestow...

Do I thus not the Christian part? Has Jesus acted so?

Just the reverse! His generous breast Did kind compassion move...

Altho' by wicked hands he died, With the last breath he drew...

Jesus, I hide my head in shame, I blush and weep to see...

O the sharp pang he underwent To clear my guilty conscience...

Why should we differ by the way? Why should discussion come?

Malice and rage be banished far, Revenge farewell to you...

I must have mercy, or I die, And sink in deep despair...

While others their penitential tears Shed, Lord, help my stubborn will...

Behold me! I imitate my Lord, And bear each cross event...

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, Descend on my low wings...

And at thy feet adore, Till I shall reach that blissful state...

FROM THE METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL.

Dear Brother—It is with the most thrilling emotions of pleasure and interest...

The proceedings of a meeting of the citizens of Cameron and its vicinity...

It is therefore the desire of the members as you will doubtless see...

After which a Visiting Committee was elected, which is composed of the following members:

- J. P. BOWLES, F. T. DUFFIN, Col. G. E. BURNETT, JAMES OVERTON, Esq., PHOENIX KENNEDY, HARVEY TROTTER, JOHN BLAIR.

On motion it was suggested that Mr Hancock present and read, for the consideration of the members of the meeting...

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COMMENCEMENT OF THE SECOND VOLUME.

Through the abundant mercy of God, we have survived the weary labors of one year's editorial toil, with sufficient health and energy to commence another year's labors.

We commence the second volume with the same views of theology and ecclesiastical polity we avowed in the commencement of the first volume.

We announced faintly and feebly in the outset the duration of the Banner to the proclamation of the Bible-Wesleyan Methodism, the great desideratum of the age.

Methodism, says a correspondent of the Herald and Journal, in its doctrines and discipline, as an experiment, has ceased to exist.

As a system of evangelical truth, Methodism is aggressive. At the period of its introduction into America, the churches were in a profound sleep, and the night of spiritual darkness enveloped them.

LIST OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

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SPRINGFIELD CONF.—B. R. Johnson, J. E. Light, J. K. Lacy, T. H. Capers. Resolves: T. T. Ashby, J. Mitchell.

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VIRGINIA CONF.—J. Early, W. A. Smith, L. M. Lee, D. S. Doyzett, T. Crowder, A. Dillard, J. H. Davis, G. W. Langhorn. Resolves: L. Rosser, J. E. Edwards.

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INDIAN MISSION CONF.—W. L. McAllister, N. W. Tallot. Resolves: T. B. Rable.

TEXAS CONF.—R. Alexander, C. Richardson. Resolves: J. W. Whipple.

east in accomplishing a moral revolution unparalleled in the history of our race.

In addition to its specific object, the Banner will furnish a brief, but faithful record, of the entire history of the Christian and political world. We hope to make it a welcome and instructive messenger to every family it shall visit.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will commence in St. Louis, Mo., on the first proximo.

We intend to furnish weekly a synopsis of its proceedings for the entertainment of our readers. We confidently anticipate that the coming will be one of thrilling interest, and that a record of its proceedings will be sought for with eagerness by all classes.

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East Texas Conf.—R. Crawford, W. C. Lewis. Resolves: S. A. Williams.

ARKANSAS CONF.—W. P. Ratcliff, J. P. Tinslow, A. Hart, W. Moore. Resolves: J. Harrell, C. P. Tarantino.

MEMPHIS CONF.—G. W. D. Harris, M. J. Black, R. T. L. Bond, W. McMillan, W. M. McFerrin, M. Brock, D. J. Allen. Resolves: S. J. Henderson, J. W. McFarland.

NORTH CAROLINA CONF.—W. Clark, C. F. Deane, R. J. Cannon, F. Dobb, H. G. Litch, D. B. Nicholson. Resolves: W. Carter, S. D. Danpays.

MISSISSIPPI CONF.—W. Wynn, B. M. Drake, L. Campbell, G. M. Rogers, J. Lane. Resolves: W. H. Watkins, D. M. Wiggins.

GEORGIA CONF.—W. J. Parks, S. Anthony, J. E. Evans, J. W. Glenn, J. Boring, G. F. Pierce, L. Pierce, W. Gilman, R. Ross. Resolves: J. Lewis, G. J. Porter.

LOUISIANA CONF.—W. E. Doby, S. W. Spoor, R. Howell, J. A. Hamill. Resolves: J. Powell, R. Dearing.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONF.—W. M. Wightman, H. A. C. Walker, A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamble, J. Stary, W. Smith, C. Bette, N. Talley, S. W. Capers. Resolves: R. J. Boyd, H. Spaul.

ALABAMA CONF.—T. O. Summers, W. Mitchell, J. Hamilton, A. H. Mitchell, W. Deanna, E. Callaway, G. Garrett, J. T. Head. Resolves: E. Deann, G. Mitchell.

FLORIDA CONF.—P. P. Smith, E. L. T. Blake, S. P. Richardson. Resolves: W. W. Gillin.

COURSE OF STUDY.

A recent number of the "Southern Christian Advocate" contains an excellent editorial, on the course of study, required to be pursued by Preachers admitted to the annual conference, during the first four years; an extract from which we present to our readers, as an appropriate introduction to the course of study.

The following course, it will be observed, is a methodical arrangement of studies. The order in which our progress in study and reading is maintained, is of high importance. There can be no valuable mental improvement without a progressive transition from one subject to another.

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A COURSE OF STUDY.

For the Itinerant Preachers and Deacons of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be uniformly observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the late General Conference.

First Year.—The Bible as to Doctrines, with reference to Wesley's Notes, the Bible Dictionaries, Commentaries of our own publications; Concordance and Gaston's Collections of Sacred Scriptures, Wesley's Sermons; Fletcher's Appeal and Christian Perfection. English Grammar and Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible as to Ordinances or Sacraments. Reference books the same as the first year. Watson's Life of Wesley; Bishop Watson's Apology; Fletcher's Christian Perfection. Methodist Discipline. Geography. Composition.

Third Year.—The Bible as to History and Chronology. Reference books as before. The first and second parts of Watson's Institutes; Gregory's Church History. Rhetoric. Written Essay or Sermon.

Fourth Year.—The Bible generally. Reference books the same. The third and fourth parts of Watson's Institutes. Pencil on

Apostolical Succession; Old Christianity contrasted with the morality of Paganry, by Gibson Quincy. Logic. Written Essay or Sermon.

The foregoing course is considered obligatory upon the several classes of candidates. The following is for such as have ability, time and inclination to accomplish more, on which, or any part of it, such only as desire it should be examined.

Miscellaneous Department.—The Bible contains Fletcher's Church History; Dr. Episcopius; Mosheim's Church History; Dr. Elliott on Romanism; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Butler's Analogy; Natural Philosophy; Moral Philosophy; Civil History. And if any desire to proceed still farther, they can include in their course other sciences, and the dead languages, aided by the best authors, and such private instruction as may be within their reach.

METHODISM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

A writer in the "Herald and Journal" gives a glowing account of the growth of Methodism in the New Hampshire Conference; He says:

The Methodist Episcopal Church has occasion for gratitude in her growing prosperity within the limits of this conference. There has been a marked change in her standing and relative influence during the last five years. Though few "great revivals" have been reported among us in this time a progressive and encouraging work of grace more than formerly has been effected.

Among others he gives the following, as some of the manifest causes of the rapid growth of Methodism in New Hampshire: The churches, I judge, are taking higher and more honorable ground in the support of their ministers. What minister ever was or ever can be efficient, without the cheerful support of the laity.

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A MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

We have received the melancholy intelligence of the sudden death of Mr. Gerard Hayden, of Rutersville, Fayette county. He was engaged in opening a farm on the Naxivild river, to which he intended removing his family in a few months.

We learn that the general impression is, that he was murdered, and suspicion rests upon the servants.

RETURNSVILLE, April 10th, 1850. Bro. Richardson:

The mysterious and solemn tragedy of the murder of Gerard Hayden, has this day been solved, and the whole matter brought to light.—That you and your readers may have a correct idea of the whole affair, I will begin with the circumstances supposed to lead to his death.

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The negroes stated that Hayden was kind and never has whipped them. Yours truly, JAS. A. HAYNE.

REV. WILLIAM YOUNG.

At the late session of the Texas Conference, at Seguin, Rev. Young was appointed to the Seguin and San Antonio stations; but soon after entering with zeal upon his work, his health entirely failed, and his recovery was considered doubtful.

CHANGE OF CHURCH RELATIONSHIP.

Rev. James Wallis late associate Editor of the Texas Presbyterian, has withdrawn from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and attached himself to the O. S. Presbyterian Church.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS IN HOUSTON.

An interesting protracted meeting has recently been held in the Baptist Church, under the pastoral charge of Rev. R. C. Burleson, and another has just commenced in the Methodist Church, promising happy results under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. W. Phillips.

THE DESIGN OF CREATION.

Abolimus, in speaking of the nature of man, says: There can be no importance attached to the world, if there is none attached to the earth; and there is really nothing important on earth, if man ends in death.

As we, therefore, cannot believe that all existence is a meaningless chance, that the whole world, our reason, and our souls are nothing but an illusion of fancy; therefore, we cannot believe that we end here. We must, therefore, find the design of our creation in another state of existence; and death cannot be the end of our personal being and individual life.

AUSTIN COLLEGE.

Rev. Samuel McKimney has been elected President of the Austin College; Rev. Mr. Scott, Principal of the Primary Department, and Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D., Agent.

ADVANCE PAYMENT.

By reference to the terms of the "Texas Wesleyan Banner," it will be seen that it is greatly to the advantage of our subscribers, to pay in advance. It is contrary on their part, and it is safer for the interests of the "Banner." With advance payment, the Banner can meet all its engagements promptly.

NOTICE.

Rev. J. W. Phillips is authorized to attend to any business connected with the T. W. Banner, in our absence at the General Conference. He will take charge of all communications addressed to the Editor.

REV. B. L. PEEL, AGENT FOR THE T. W. CHURCH, WASHINGTON, TEXAS.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees and Building Committee of the Ruter Church, held in the town of Washington, it was unanimously resolved, to engage the services of our beloved Brother B. L. Peel, as a Traveling Agent, to solicit aid in behalf of our cherished object: The building of a house of worship in the town of Washington, State of Texas.

DEATH OF WM. JONES, of Anderson County, Texas.

He died on Wednesday, 9th February, in great peace, on board the Steamer Jack Hays, at Liberty, on her late trip up the Trinity. His body was interred at Washington Mound; but his ashes were brought up, and after a funeral and procession of the order of the Sons of Temperance, he was buried at Palestine, 24th March. His disease was of pulmonary character, perhaps an aggravated form of pneumonia. Every kindness by the physician and captain of the boat as well as of his companion, (who was with him) was shown, but all was vain. The same messenger had come, and called for his victims, the summons must then be obeyed.

MRS. SARAH DIXON.

Died, near Union Chapel, Robertson county, Texas, February 12th, 1850, in the triumph of Christian faith, sister SARAH DIXON, wife of James M. Dixon, formerly of Williamson county, Tennessee, aged 33 years and 114 days. Sister Dixon experienced this renewing grace of God, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the year 1847.

We cannot but admire the energy and perseverance of Rev. A. J. Metcalf, the original proprietor of the Presbyterian, in surmounting embarrassments before which many other men would have quailed.

The commencement of the Rev. Chas. Gillett, which we publish to-day, will we are confident diffuse among us satisfaction among his Parishioners. This gentleman during the period that he has fulfilled as Rector of the Church in this city, has enjoyed in a pre-eminent degree the confidence and love of his whole congregation.

Mr. Editor: As some of my friends have heard a rumor that I am about to leave this place, having accepted a call to Shelby College, (Ky.) I take this method to allay any feeling which may arise in connection with this report. I have been solicited to accept a professorship in the above named College. This proposition I declined without any hesitation, because I deemed my present sphere of usefulness greater than it would be there.

As this matter was not known here, and I had no intention of accepting the call, I did not mention it. Nor should I deem it necessary to do so now, but from the fact that the report has reached here from abroad.—Such being the case, I thought this the easiest and quietest way to answer all enquiries, on the part of those interested in my personal movements.

By inserting the above, you will much oblige Your obedient servant, CHARLES GILLETT.

VICTORIA CIRCUIT.

Rev. T. Myers writes to us from this circuit as follows: Permit me to say to you and to the friends of Zion, that our prospects are becoming quite encouraging in numbers, and the Lord is adding to the Church at almost every appointment. This only seems to be the forerunner of a glorious revival, which we are looking forward to with expectancy for it is my brother.

EDITORS TABLE.

The North British Review, for February 1850; Leonard, Scott & Co., N. Y.

This number contains the following valuable articles: I. Lord Colclough's Letter to the Lord Provost.

II. Ruskin's Seven Lamps of Architecture.

III. Pope Joan.

IV. Southey's Life and Correspondence.

V. Muller's Treatise on Sin.

VI. Hugh Miller's Footprints of the Creator.

VII. Scottish National Education.

VIII. The Army and its officers.

IX. Mr. Stuart Wortley's Marriage Bill.

The Ladies Repository, edited by Rev. B. F. Tapp, D. D. for April.

This number is exceedingly rich in its embellishments, instructive and entertaining in its articles. The Repository is always a welcome visitor to our sanctum. We rejoice to learn that it receives, as it justly deserves, a very extensive patronage.

The Pulpit Reporter, Published every other Saturday, by Holbrook, Buckingham & Co., New York.

We have received the 8th and 9th numbers of this valuable Semi-Monthly.—We are much pleased with the character and design of the work. It will serve as a faithful mirror to reflect the intelligence and character of the living ministry.

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