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From the Christian Observer. The Holy Spirit—'Now, I beseech you, brethren—for the love of the Spirit'—Rom. xv: 30.

As it is by the aid of the Holy Spirit that we approach a mercy-seat acceptably; and as he is the great agent, whose office it is to make a saving application of the gospel...

The work of the Spirit is manifestly co-extensive with the love of the Father, and the death of the Son.

It is the revelation of the Spirit—'Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost'.

The Spirit is not only a divine person; but his heart is infinitely kind.

The Holy Spirit not only restrains, but re-proves every sinner. It is true, that the re-proofs of the Spirit are painful—but they are useful; nay, indispensable.

The Scriptures reveal to us but one way that leads to heaven, and notwithstanding that it is so distinctly announced, and so clearly defined...

Our Saviour exhorted his hearers, 'Enter ye in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat.'

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essence, the other leads down to darkness and woe. The reasons, however, are obvious, why the sinner 'climbeth up some other way.'

He chooses to retain the pride of his heart. The way to heaven is an humble, self-abasing way. The heart is yielded up to God, and the individual sits at the Saviour's feet, and there learns lessons of heavenly wisdom.

He cherishes the spirit of selfishness. The way to heaven is one of faith—trust and confidence in Christ. The soul is united to Christ by faith, and by faith lives upon him and grows up into him who 'fillth all in all.'

He looks with complacency upon his own righteousness. He who is in the way to heaven, renounces all personal merit. He has nothing which he can call his own but his own sins, and those will ruin him forever unless 'covered' by the righteous of another.

He loves sin. The way to heaven is against all sin, the flesh and the devil. It is against all sin. It called, by way of eminence, 'The way of holiness; and the unclean shall not pass over it.'

He does not deny all freedom of will to man. He that denies all freedom of will to man, deserves to be argued to death by a lawyer, and to be hanged by a hangman.

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high commendation. If the casual expression relating to this subject, which is uttered every day, should be scanned, it would not be difficult to discover that with the mass an almost religious importance is attached to making a fortune.

This seeking after wealth, in contradistinction to a comfortable support, is explicitly condemned by the Word of God. We violate the trust of time and talents, and bodily powers which he has given us, when they are chiefly employed in accumulating property.

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Providence. If it had not been raised I should not be living now, and I am thankful that it raised.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 27, 1851.

There will be preaching at the Methodist Church to-morrow.

Errata. The article headed "Doings of the Legislature," in our last issue, contained two errors which were not discovered until a portion of the edition had been worked off.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement in another column of the Breunhan Male and Female Academy.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

Rutersville, Dec. 15th, 1851. On Thursday last, several preachers arrived in town on their way to Conference, most of whom remained with us over the Sabbath.

The College building greatly needs repairs and improvements—which they should receive at an early day.

In company with Mrs. Richardson, I arrived in this town on Tuesday, and found a cordial welcome in the family of Mr. N. Burch, a merchant of this place.

Mr. William Halsey, President of Rutersville College, was introduced.

Three years have elapsed since my former visit to Bastrop, and during that period it has improved rapidly. It now contains many handsome buildings.

The Texas Annual Conference commenced its twelfth session on Wednesday, the 17th instant.

And are we yet alive? which being sung, Bro. John Haynie and Robert Alexander, in response to the request of the Secretary, engaged in prayer.

The conference list being read, 23 members responded to their names 9 being absent, some of whom have since arrived.

On Public Worship—Brs. J. W. Whipple and J. E. Ferguson. On Books and Periodicals—Brs. H. S. Thrall and A. B. F. Kerr.

On the T. W. Banner—Brs. J. E. Ferguson, T. F. Cook, I. G. John, J. W. Floyd and O. M. Addison.

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We ascertained, in council with the Board, that there is a debt yet due the contractors, for which the building is responsible.

Your Committee consider this a very important period in our history as a Church to look well to her interests on the subject of Education, generally, and to this Institution particularly.

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Report of Committee on Members. The Committee appointed on Members beg leave to state that it is with unfeigned feelings of sorrow chastened with deep humiliation, before God, that they are called on to record the death of one of our little band of itinerants during the past year.

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Resolved, That this Conference appoint a committee of trust to obtain rights to all lands or money donated to the Church, and that the same be appropriated to the widows and orphans of deceased traveling preachers of this Conference.

Resolved, That this Conference cordially appreciate the visit of our beloved Bro. Richardson and Cameron of the West Texas Conference, and that we desire a continuation of a spirit of mutual friendship and brotherly affection amongst the members of both Conferences.

Resolved, That Rev. C. Richardson be and he is hereby respectfully solicited to publish in the T. W. Banner, as early as practicable, the sermon preached by himself in the Methodist Church, on yesterday, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in Henderson, Dec. 1st, 1851.

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edge of what is contained in the blessed Bible. I further think they should never conclude they have sermons enough to do them their life time; they should try by reading and studying of the Holy Scriptures, to look out new subjects of thought and investigation.

The good brother did not detect the fallacy of this doctrine, and took it as good Bible theology.

I have wandered a little from my starting point, Mr. Editor, but throw your editorial chair over this, and, may be, you will hear from me on a kindred subject to the above, "Errors of the ministers."

At the commencement of the year, in the bounds of what is now Gonzales Circuit, I found the names of 55 members of our Church on record, about 1-4 of this number were probationers, and by the Great Head of the Church, we have added to this number 82.

I rejoice in being prepared to say to you, and to all the friends of Zion, that we have secured by subscription and otherwise, the very wondrous sum of \$1200, for the purpose of building a Methodist E. Church in the town of Gonzales, and that the work of building said House of Worship has been let out, and that our beloved and indefatigable brother, John Goss, is now engaged in procuring material.

It will be gratifying to all the friends of Education, to learn that a subscription of about 7000 dollars has been secured in the town and county of Gonzales for the purpose of building a College in this place, and that the work is rapidly progressing.

Thoughts for Christmas. In the absence of our editor—and consequently the absence of a suitable editorial for the occasion—we copy the following excellent article from the Southern Parlor Magazine, of the present month:

The Old Year Dieth. We linger around the place of its entombment, to say our parting farewell. Let us pause a little, to reflect upon the solemn lesson which Time teacheth.

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our present state of moral... We all have influence over others...

We all have duties to perform... most arduous toils to accom...

Every man can do some good... as lovable as to be incapable of doing much...

Our compositors are all enjoying... Christmas, and we, too, wish a lively recreation...

Life here is not all that is ordained... There are more and greater realities...

The court, in the case of the Methodist... Book Concern, have ordered the share of the...

over the fronts of houses... They are in truth perfectly powerless here...

I can't for the life of me realize that I am in the United States... It is very far from civilization...

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DEATH. In this city, on the 25th Dec. 1851, Ann, the wife of James Crawford...

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