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of experience and precedent. ers, and impressive to the spirit function of the church itself. conscious of its immortality, in en- Lest this plain charge be esteemed | preacher, glorified by the plaudits | accuracy and thoroughness, and so deavoring to master the simple ambiguous, we will endeavor to of thousands. But that is the amply illustrated by authentic first-

ever-fleeting now.

How trite, how strange, how true! in influence, and in importance. ment of man! known only to the ferior to those of a pastor. mystery ticked off by the pulses of chooses the last to be first, and the its revolutionary will. consciousness! And so, in this first to be last. This, we who have This issue is before all branches the publishing house during the wonderful fashion, have each one of been nurtured at the divine bosom of the church as well as our own. present month. The balance from us who live come to see the latest of the Church of Christ, well know We are at a loss to determine why Texas is \$294.35; North Texas, year of the world, 1878! We and appreciate. But there comes in, the church is so quiescent under \$420; East Texas, 183.90; West would fain ask our readers to necessarily, "a distinction with a the menace; but we imagine that \$608.90. A. H. Redford, Agent. pause, and sincerely attempt just difference." St. Paul long ago, in the ties that bind the pastorate and for once to realize the dread fact of his inspired letter to raw converts the auxiliary members of the

P. H. HENNESSY & CO little orbit; and I am one; and, read- Christian minister is a thing apart. men expect, if not know, that to- therefore who disputes this we say account of its origin and developmorrow the sun will rise, the light is heterodoxem, that is, is opposed distinctive features in theory and serve their status, and all the cos- tian Church. mical arrangements will remain as Now, in the later development moral position, and its special relathey were from the beginning. This of the evangelistic and Sabbath liberties. A large and elegant ocis the conclusion we drew from the school movement per se, there is tavo volume, illustrated with one While yet I gazed, the scene was changed. I saw term the general law of nature. But dispute this fact, which we esteem gravings. This book is eminently

among the Baconian ancients, we teachers to the authority and refully supported by credible testisufficient induction of facts can be We esteem the question a plain attainable; and its arguments are Andsoared with swift-winged rapture upthrough of a much longer existence. In fact, the tables of mortality would indicate that many of us have already affirm that such assertions of co-the tables of mortality would indicate that many of us have already affirm that such assertions of co-the tables of mortality would indicate that many of us have already affirm that such assertions of co-the tables of mortality would indicate that many of us have already affirm that such assertions of co-the tables of mortality would indicate the tables of mortality would indicate th outlived our expectation; and that by the divinely appointed preachers Catholic Church, and is entirely an averaging science we are already of the gospel, to be founded on new to the American public. It and Pegasus had taken wings and sought the Bacon; and the truth of the saying is so plain, encased as it is in its counted as dead? Is this so? And error and tending to trouble and from its origin to the present time; popular modern affectation, that yet do we play with this last passing evil. God forbid that we should exposes its baseless pretenses, it sounds like a bon mot of Mon- new, fondly trusting that it must lay one straw in the way of those frauds, and gross immoralities; taigne. As the deepest well re- link on with another now, yet to devoted brethren and sisters proves its never-ceasing hostility

God lives an eternal now;
Man is the guest of Time;
Come quickly, pay thy vow,
Or else deplore the crime.

#### SABBATH - SCHOOL AUTHORITY AND FUNCTION ... HOW FAR?

of the now; for even while he down to a local point, the teacher subordinate offices to the ministry try under full popish tyranny. By sire. We live then a constant now. which he teaches, in responsibility, evenly carried out.

Except the ponderings on one's But lately we heard it declared strange demand which is making manageable shape, and puts them all at the reader's immediate comown identity, we know of nothing before a congregation of one of our its subtle calls upon every com- mand. which puts the naked intellect most orthodox churches that the munity in our broad land would This work is printed on fine, more on its mettle than the effort Sabbath-school teacher was called be tantamount to the acknowledg- white paper, and from new electroto grasp the true significance of the to his work, with a special empha-ment of a radical imperfection in type plates; is bound in the most present and its uncertain, but sis on the word CALLED, in as full the foundation of the church, and pages, and is furnished to subnecessary, sequence—the future. I a Christian meaning as the minis- of the necessity of the formation, scribers at the following prices: am here, now; I am thinking thus ter is called to his work. The su- by way of reformation, of an im- Extra English cloth, sprinkled and so; I am circumstanced in this perintendent of a Sabbath-school, perium in imperio! Order is edge, per copy, \$3.50; fine leather, beg the patronage of the world. or that manner; before me is, the same speaker declared, was in- heaven's first law, and should we sprinkled edge (library edition) or that manner; before me is, the same speaker declared, was in-what?—a blank abyss, unfath- vested with responsibilities, privil-allow such a sad mixing up of ers only. Those ordering will not picking up the crumbs that fall revealed in us.—Selected. omable by the profoundest judg- eges and influences in no way in- office, responsibility and churchly be obliged to take the work unless

Texas Christian Advocate half-nightmare and find our senses take place and prevail between the than expressed, a great reluctance benumbed, we pinch ourselves and orders and functions of Chris- to speak out on the subject, or to JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION. move impatiently to obtain the tian workers. Pastors, evangelists, throw an ounce of cold water on The ADVOCATE having been returned to the direct control of the Five Annual Conferences, is now published under the direction of the following Joint Board of Publication:

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To acquiesce in this new and the stores of information into a ideas as are embraced in this new it corresponds with the description Eternal one! And yet I survive, I Now, there is a general sense in continue. I remain the same, from which these allegations are true. Instead of being a Divine institucontinue, I remain the same, from which these allegations are true, instead of being a Divine instituminute to minute, from hour to The Christian church is surely a tion, regular and beautiful in its hour, from day to day, from year great democracy. The Spirit of just proportions, would become an hour, from day to day, from year great democracy. The Spirit of just proportions, would become an Texas, East Texas, West Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences. to year! A miracle of human God is supreme, and often He arena for the zealous mob to work

Sometimes as we wake from a the distinction which must ever that there has been felt, rather amounts to \$45,000 per annum. The is away from home.

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This is an age of liberalism in all should, after such explanation, things; but we cannot afford to be found no utterance for the song that through gregate the same, and we, who are able call. To doubt this would be Head, or the indorsement of His I thought of old Prometheus, in chains upon the

> it will do so until the crack of doom; Christian Church as an organism In forms we may change with but in that great world are millions and to throw discredit upon the benefit; in spirit, in doctrine, And wished that I could scale the height of of little worlds—immortal souls—pronunciations of Christ's Apostles, never. Let all things be done de-

ROMANISM AS IT Is,-This book tions to American institutions and great induction forming what we evidently an animus apparent to hundred and eleven elegant en-As good reasoners who stand to advance the claim of other highest authority. Its facts are are forced to acknowledge that no sponsibility of the ministry proper. mony; its statistics are the best made for us to draw the conclusion one, in this single respect, and we such as are actually used by those cate that many of us have already superintendents and teachers, with ited Latin standard of the Roman ceives the drift of the waters lapsing be born of the unknown future! who, at great self-sacrifice, have to civil and religious liberty; its opposition to public schools; its It might go forth to face the world and live undertaken the important and enslavement of the consciences of pious office of teaching the rudi- its subjects sits appropriation of ments of the gospel and the cat- their property and their powers of and breathe its vows of tenderness in life's echism of the church in our Sab- body and mind to its own aggran- poetic fashion; bath-schools. The perfume of their dizement. It describes faithfully must fit its pathos to the tone that through the sperred work ascends like sweet in ment of all times deceased, and im- It has become fashionable and, sacred work ascends like sweet in- and exterminate, wherever it has part from our last reservoir of truth therefore, popular of late to expaticense to heaven; by their symbol had the power, all who refused to the Sabbath-school in such a de- toiling minister is upheld; and it struction of the lives of millions There is something both provoking to the mind, limited in its powors, and increase and other modes of fine and the obscure teacher of babes shall is persecution. All the topics of the church itself.

The sweetes, saddest part of life is what is left unspoken:

No thought entrancing as the thought beyond our grasp that fluttered. be called to precede the great this work are treated with so much The managers of the Sabbath- to have His house ordered well; people now need on this great sub- But on dim Sinai's cloudy heights our hearts I am thinking now, this moment; school, to a great extent, having while the ministers appointed ac- ject. It comes home with its prinand lo, 'tis past! The future mo- experienced the fact that a new cording to His word break the ciples and facts to every man's ment I may speculate about, but I and irrepressible power for Chris- bread of life authoritatively from door; it not only tells him what the Roman Catholics are doing cannot know it until it is ex- tian good has been evoked by their the pulpit, as the ambassadors of and aiming to do in this great perienced by my consciousness as endeavors, have gradually advanc- God; discharge their sworn duties country, but it shows their operapresent with me, and it is gone; ed their claims and privileges un- in that binding and loosing power, tions and influence in every State. how strangely does it appear-a til, at the present time, they are so much ridiculed by the ignorant, and city, and district, and clearly part of my experience and yet a challenging a co-equal right with thing apart from me! indicates the strong tendencies of their manifold and insidious influences to subvert our free institu-The man lives but in the sense function. To bring this assertion entire church to see that all the tions, and ere long place this coundreams of to-morrow, or sighs in of the period is taught by the be executed lawfully and to edi- means of the clear general arrange- on Danalds beside the well, with pitchers never will instantly begin to act for himretrospection of yesterday, he does evangelists of the "Sabbath-school fication; our plain duty it is to see ment, the comprehensive table of so in virtue of his present thought movement" to assert his equality that the will of Christ for the ben- explanatory index, and the freand by impulse of his present de- with the pastor of a church in efit of His heirs-at-law be fully and quent references from one part of Oh Life, thy poem incomplete, with thyme and

substantial manner; contains 848

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POETA LOQUITUR. BY JULIA PHIFER TRUITT.

Last night I sat with pen in hand. The firelight, emed flitting as the fleet-winged thought my eager grasp evading ;

my life was ringing. Though all the weary, mournful earth wa brighter for its singing.

mountain. For bringing down celestial fire from its mater nal fountain,

heavenly hills hereafter. E'en though the same presumptuous theft might I seemed to see grim Tantalus, his lips with fever

While just beyond his outstretched hand the sparkling streams were flowing : Around him close on every side the fairest fruits

were thronging. lies in this, General experience bids preach the gospel. Every man W. Barnum. It embraces a full The while his hungry eyes were filled with human want and longing

The Danaids and Sisyphus still plied their old

cies and aims; its statistical and They held their empty pitchers up beside the flowing fountain,

His ponderous stone, slipped from his grasp, rolled down the trembling mountain. through all my dreaming An earthly Hades, with the world Plutonian

how as to the little world, you or I? founded on a divine rescript, and a book for the times. It is an ex- Full many a soul, like Tantalus, had clasped the alluring pleasure,

To find it fly beyond his reach, and lose the sought-for treasure; Full many a soul, Prometheus-like, had grasped the lightning's pinions,

thought's sublime dominio

And sees that dream grow tangible in marble

I saw the beauty of my thought. Clad in the

But it must walk with measured steps, and sing its song of passion.

and knowledge the excellent flavor ate upon the known benefits of pathetic work the hands of the submit to Popish dictation; its de- Oh song unsung! Oh words unsaid! Oh laugh

No song so sweet as that which dies, its melody unuttered. Amid life's smaller joys and griefs we laugh or ,

weep at pleasure. consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours. Ours is the consciousness of the ever-present, make our postulate more explicit. Lord's business, not ours.

lit benignly.

ae echo of it, faint and sweet, ran through my heart divinely : stealing,

contents, the full alphabetical and Oh Tantalus, unsatisfied, your sighs my heart appear like a new faculty.

are thrilling! measure wanting!

the work to another, it brings all with but the soul, the wondrous thought, our doubts and murmurs daunting!

its music sweeter: od touches it with His great love and makes the song completer.

# Are They?

Sunderland, England:

from the world's table.

3d. A church egg hatched by the

thick with worldliness. plums of vanity. 6th. A "Vanity Fair" got up in

the name of God. chants often attract more than the York is the German Church of the merchandise.

ters and office-bearers are the shop- and free from debt. walkers.

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198,014. Apparatus for applying poison to plants. Jas. L. Goodin, Montgomery. Filed Oct. 6, 1877.

197,792. Combination Hoes. David A. Nelson, Tyler, assignor to himself and Sarah Ann Cain, same place. Filed Sept. 14, 1877.

197,778. Wagon-Brakes. Alfred Hart, San Marcos, assignor to himself and Horace C. Story, same place. Filed Aug. 3, 1877. 198,002. Plows. William W. Daw.

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William A. Sitton, Cleburne. Filed Nov. 6, 1877.

198,076. Cotton-Planters. David The sweetest, saddest part of life is what is left Bronaugh, Kentucky Town. Filed

198,113. Heater and Feeder for Steam-Boilers. James B. Hyde, Whitesborough, Filed Oct. 6, 1877. 197,892. Breech-Loading Fire-Arms. Joseph C. Petmecky, Aus-

ENERGY OF CHARACTER.-I lately We find no words to sing to earth the message of happened to notice, with some surprise, an ivy which, being prevent-As dies the day when in the west the sun is beyond a certain point, had shot ed from attaching itself to the rock I saw my poem fade away with anxious vain off into a bold elastic stem, with an air of as much independence as Yet still, as when the sun is set, the clouds are any branch of oak in the vicinity. So a human being, thrownwhether by cruelty, justice, or ac-I felt its music, as we feel the pathos o'er us cident-from all social support and kindness, if he has any vigor or When olden memories, sweet and sad, stir all the spirit, and is not in the bodily debility of either chilahood or age, self with a resolution which will

THE GROWTH OF GRACE.-The growth of grace in the heart may be compared to the process of polmanageable shape, and puts them | Man writes the poem out of tune; Death makes | ishing metals. First you have the dark substance, neither possessing nor reflecting light. Presently, as the polisher plies his work, you see here and there a spark darting out. Bazanes, or Fairs, for Religion-What then a strong light, till by and by it sends back the perfect image of Answered by Rev. A. A. Rees, of the sun which shines upon it. So the work of grace, if begun within 1st. A scheme for making God our hearts, must be gradually and continually going on, but will 2d. The children taking the never be completed until the place of the dogs, or the church image of God can be seen perfectly

> Rev. Silas M'Keen, D.D., of Bradford, Vt., died December 10, 4th. Religious bread buttered at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Dr. M'Keen was forty-three 5th. Religious cake made palata- years pastor of the Congregational ble to the world by the spice and Church in Bradford, resigning in

The Freeman's Journal (Roman Catholic) says the only consecrated 7th. A shop in which the mer- Roman Catholic Church in New Redcemer. No Catholic churches Sth. A shop in which the minis- are consecrated until completed

Several of the Old Catholic priests of Germany have married The sauciest man I ever met recently. This will probably comfrom heathendom, plainly set forth church are so tender and so strong has 2,545 members. The pew rents was a henpecked husband when pel the synod next year to decide the celibacy question.

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(Communicated.) The Book of Esther and the Merchant

BY R. M. MOORE.

would follow; and each transferred his authority, in the causes in question, to another—a woman in each case. Secondly, came Esther, "fair of form," wife of King Ahasuerus; and "fair" Portia, wife of Lord Bassanio. Each was without father or mother; and neither could choose or refuse in matrimony. Each was incomparable in beauty; but Esther was unknown in even her ownicity, while the fame of Portia's beauty was widely blown in Europe, Asia and Africa. Esther and her even the total rivals went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia, went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king; but the rivals for Portia went to the king the rivals for Rival and thea rivals for Portia went to her. The one saved the lives of her people; the other the life of her friend; and both made pleas for mercy, that, for beauty and tender pathos, stand unrivalled to-day. Esther concealed from the king her race and kindred; and Portia, as a judge, was in disguise. Esther, as our property of the clutches of an inveterate foe, while doomed to a cruel death by the concealed to describe the clutches of an inveterate foe, while doomed to a cruel death by the clutches of name of the king; and Portia, as judge, rendered her decision in the name of the learned doctor. The one saw liberty and life in the law of self-defense; and the other, with woman's keen perception, saw that the law gave no law the letter of the law, and each in the end was saved by the letter of the same law. Each in the end was successful. Antonio's argosies all "richly came to harbor," and Mordecai, at the fall of Haman, received his house and estate his his "jot of blood in the pound of flesh." Each marriage is peculiar and occurred early in each plot, was glad. It was Mordecai's loyalien Jew and enemy of the Christian Portia. let the royal apparel be brought, honor, where thou we arest in beauty which the king useth to wear, and thy diadem of purest jewels of the horse that the king rideth virtue. Yes, sad are we that we upon, and the crown royal that is see thee no more, though it be a upon his head; and let the apparel peerless Esther that reigns in thy and the horse be delivered to one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man most admire? Her who begged withal whom the king delighteth her own life as her petition, and

to Zerish, his wife, to bewail his that he had. fallen state. "And while they are

Hear the relentless Shylock, with In January, 1864, the writer was his scales and knife, as he exclaims: one of several officers trying to "O, noble judge!" "Most rightful kill time in camp, after an arduous judge!" "A sentence; come, precampaign. We had a copy of pare!" How delightful he listens, Shakespeare; and had been reading in turn some of his masterpieces. Everything was relished, from the the law allows it; the court awards it." gan. He was soon surprised at tian blood, thy lands and goods are, the analogy of the two stories; and, by the laws of Venice, confiscate." after a careful comparison, noted the following parallels and contrasts: First, we have King Ahasureus and the Duke of Venice—

Jew." "The law hath yet another the laws of both "irrevocable." Each hold on thee. It is enacted in the was urged to wrest the law to the laws of Venice, if it be proved ends of mercy; but it could not against an alien that, by direct or be in either case. The decree of indirect attempt, he seek the life of the king placed the lives of Esther's people in the hands of the wicked Haman; and the laws of the Duke half his goods, and the other half never saw such a sore cured. I gave Shylock a pound of Antonio's comes to the privy coffers of the never saw such a sore cured. I flesh, nearest his heart. Both, con-fronted with the dire results of exe-cuting their own laws, were appall-the iron goes through his soul, as

her rivals went to the king; but the The one enraged an ambitious rivals for Portia went to her. The prince by sitting like a beggar at saw that the law gave no his house and estate, his honors and and both are only incidents in their alty to God that caused his peril, respective stories. Esther was poor; and his loyalty to the King that Portia rich. Esther's husband was rich; Portia's poor. The third char-Antonio's loyalty to his friend that acters are Haman, a citizen and enemy imperiled him, and his loyalty to of the alien Jew; and Shylock, the the Duke that rescued him through

citizen. Haman was to pay for The above are the main characthe lives of the Jews, his enemies, ters. We further notice that the fifteen million dollars; and Shy- stories were not written for the lock paid sixty thousand ducats sake of the marriages, though each for one pound of Antonio's flesh, has genuine heroines enough for Neither was successful in his two such plots. We have given scheme of blood; yet each was two, fair Portia and the beautiful prospered in his murderous plans Esther, both royal in graces until he had almost succeeded, queens among women. Then, Haman's gallows stood hard by, in the one, we have pretty little and Shylock's whetted knife was Jessica, a wild, wilful heiress, fleeready. The fall of each was as un-expected as the lightning from a with a Christian husband. In the clear sky, and as awfully crushing. other we have Zerish, the polished, Haman gets his decree for the ambitious woman, quick to counsel slaughter of the Jews; is promoted the gallows for Mordecai, the first over all the princes; banquets with to foresee the downfall of her husthe queen, and is invited again on band. And, lastly, we have Vashti, the morrow; but early in the morn | the royal Persian Queen, who would of that morrow, as he walks in the lose a crown rather than parade hall of the royal palace, he is der womanly charms to the drunken greeted with: "What shall be done wine party of her despotic husband. unto the man whom the king de- Rare queen, royal woman; wear lighteth to honor?" and, thinking thy crown of glory and honor forhe was the man to be honored, ever! How our sad hearts follow promptly answered: "For the man thee from the gilded halls of mock whom the king delighteth to honor royalty to an humble temple of

gar who sat at the king's gate and he had never read of Ahasuerus, robbed him of all his joy by re- Haman, Esther and Mordecai; but

Texas Christian Advocate fusing him obeisance! This me- the above analogies and contrasts nial service done, he hastens home create the suspicion in our mind

fallen state.

yet talking," the chamberlain brings him to Esther's banquet, and ere that banquet is ended he is hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. All his honors, his riches, his glory, with life itself, gone in one brief day. His house and his castle, his honors and office, all gone to him he hated. No all gone to "dramatis personæ" to the "execunt" But see him, as that same judge of the last scene of the last act. As one finished "The Merchant of something else; the bond doth of the standard remedy in VENICE," another said: "Now, let give thee here no jot of blood; the us have a story from the Bible." words expressly are A POUND OF Wherever the curing the most obstinate diseases of the liver and blood, having al-Whereupon the writer turned to "The Book of Esther," and be-thou dost shed one drop of Christime sarsaparillas by reason of its

ced their discoveries, they were held in contempt and ridicule by an incredulous and ignorant public, yet to-day they are received and honored by all as benefactors. When Dr. Pierce announced his Discovery, many seemed to doubt, and were skeptical concerning all medicines and doctors, but proof ofmerit has dispelled all doubt, and to-day the Golden Medical Discovery is the standard remedy in covery is the standard remedy in covery is the standard remedy in the most obstinate diseases of the liver and blood, having almost entirely superseded the olditime sarsaparillas by reason of its superior merits.

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#### Obituaries.

Myers.—Our beloved brother, Samuel Myers, departed this life December 13, 1877, at his residence in Barn's Station, De Witt county, Texas, aged 59 years and three months. Deceased was a native of Lawrence county, Mississippi; lived many years in Rankin county, Miss.; moved thence to Texas. He was a faithful, zealous Methodist for more than twenty years; also, a faithful sunday-school worker. The church has lost much by his death; but we feel sure that our loss is his gain. He suffered long, and a nortion of the time severely, with consumption; but patiently waited the Master's call. The day before his death, he called his family around him and gave them his dying charge. His Christian life has left its mark on the family. May the good Lord help them to walk in His footsteps. His faithful partner in life is lonely and heart-stricken; but she does not mourn as those without hope.—M. B. RANKIN.

BLACK.—William Black, son-in-law of the Rev. Thomas E. Johnson, died at his residence in Burleson county, Texas, July last. Brother Black was a class-leader at Mount Pleasant, and a Methodist in truth. Brother Black was siek a long time; but bore his affliction with Christian fortifude. A few days before he died I administered to him the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, together with his wife and children. Oh, shall I ever forget the time when I presented the bread and the wine to this dying Christian? May the family so live that they may take the sacrament together in the church above where "the sun shall no more go down, neither the moon withdraw itself—and where the days of mourning be no more." Farewell, Brother Black, until we meet again in heaven.—T. A. Garrison.

ROGERS,—Mrs. Sallie A. Rogers, wife of Wm. T. Rogers, was born May 15, 1857; professed faith in Christ and joined the M. E. Church. South, September, 1857; was married August 3, 1856; departed this life at her home, near Waxahachie, Texas, Nov. 23, 1877. She was, in every sense of the word, a consistent Christian, an affectionate wife, a devoted mother. She was known only to be loved. Her last illness was severe but brief. Before her departure she exhorted husband and children and all friends (who visited her) to holy life, and after extorting the promise that they would meet her in heaven, she quietly fell asleep in Jesus. A friend (not a member of the church), said to me: "I never witnessed such resignation and triumph; I shall never forget it." She leaves a beloved husband, a large family of children, together with a large circle of relations and friends, to mourn their loss, which is her eternal gain. Life's trials are over; its conflicts past. She is at rest, and now sings with the redeemed. Unto Him that hath loved us and washed us in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God, unto him he clory and rower for ever and over. God and made us kings and priests unto God, unto him be glory and power, for ever and ever. God bless the bereaved ones, and save them in heav-en.—W. G. Veala

WORTHAM.—Eddy S. Wortham was born Nov. 19, 1874; died October 6, 1877. Little Eddy was a precious boy. He is in heaven now. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away." May God help his grief streken parcuts to meet him in heaven.—W. L. HARRIS.

withal whom the king delighteth to honor, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him: Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor."

Then said the king to Haman: "Make haste and take the apparel and do even so to Mordeal The Jew." What a fall! Hear him proclaiming, through the streets of that great city, honor to him for whom he has a gallows ready in the king's garden; honor for the beggar who sat at the king's gate and robbed him of all his joy by re
most admire? Her who begged her own begged her own life as her petition, and the lives of her own people at her own honored her own honored her streets of that sanother singular fact that Vashti lost her crown by not going to the king at his command? White Esther risked her life and crown by going to that same king against his command.

The central ideas in each seem to be implacable hate and cruelty of race against race. Possibly shakspeare did not model his story on that of the Bible; and possibly he had never read of Ahasuerus, robbed him of all his joy by re-

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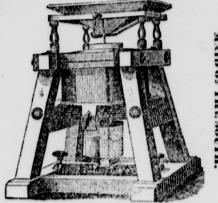
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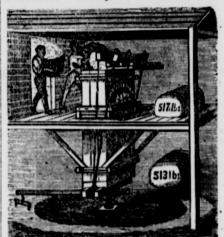


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folks to go to Sunday-school, and there will be no difficulty—other things being as they ought to be—in getting the little folks to go to church. If old and young are brought together at one service, they can be at another.

On December 4th, 5th and 6th the first Sunday-school Congress of the Chicago German Conference met in Chicago, with sixty delegates. The burden of a valuable mother of safety.—Edmund Burke. address by Dr. H. Liebhart, editor We may despise the world, but of the German Sunday-school pubwe cannot do without it.—Baron lications of the Methodists, was Wessenburg. that, while it is not an easy matter The touchstone by which men to evangelize adults from the Fathtry us is most often their vanity.— erland, the youth can be reached and readily molded through the We ought as much to pray for a agency of the Sunday-school. The blessing upon our daily rod, as upon our daily bread.—Dr. Owen.

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They that do nothing are more readiest way to do that which is worse than nothing.—Zimmerman.

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The file of God in our souls, than if we were able to repeat every word of every sermon we have heard.—De Sales.

None shall be saved by Christ but those only who work out their own salvation; we cannot do without God, and He will not do without us.—M. Henry.

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STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT—First Round.

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Meridian circuit, at Spring Creek, Jan 12, 13

Clifton circuit, at Wortham Bend, Jan 19, 29

Granbury circuit, at Granbury circuit, at Stephensville circuit, at Stephensville circuit, at Stephensville circuit, at Stephensville circuit, at Felton, Feb 2, 3

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WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Weatherford station, 4th Sabbath in January
Weatherford et, at Wade's Chapel, 1st Sab in Feb
Cartersville, at Goshen, 2d Sabbath in February
Bethesda, at Bethesda, 3d Sabbath in February
Acton, at Acton, 4th Sabbath in February
Jacksboro, at Jacksboro, 1st Sabbath in March
Springtown, at Walnut Creek, 2d Sab in March
Eldorado, at Garrett's Creek, 3d Sab in March
Graham, at Graham, 4th Sabbath in March
The district stewards will please meet me in
the Methodist Church, in the city of Weatherford, at 1 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, after the
fourth Sabbath in January, 1878. They are as
follows: W. W. Davis, J. W. Dubose, C. Lemmons,
Ira Slover, B. F. Williams, Jas, Dean, Wm. Patterson and Bro, Vardy. My postoffice is Weatherford.

WACO DISTRICT—First ROUND.
Waco station, January 5
Marlin circuit, at Marlin, January 12
Calvert and Hearne, at Calvert, January 19
Bosqueville circuit, at Harris Creek, January 26
Waco circuit, at Cotton Wood, February 2
Bremond circuit, at Bremond, February 9
East Waco circuit, February 16
Kosse circuit, at Kosse, February 23
Mount Vernon ct, at Mount Vernon, March 2
Wheelock circuit, at Hickory Grove, March 9
The District Stewards will meet at Bremond on Saturday, January 9, at 12 o'clock. The following is a list of the Stewards: Davis, Gurley, Henry, Williams, T. O. Harris, Asbury-Lillard, Jesse Scrugs, Thos, Saxton, D. E. Ledbetter, W. B. Morrow, A. L. Teagarden, J. L. Dupuy.

W. G. CONNOR, P. E. WACO DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

CORSICANA DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Dresden circuit, at Crier's Creek, Jan 5, 1878
Mt Calm circuit, at White Church, Jan 12
Thornton mission, at Mamre, Jan 19
Groesbeck et, at Central Institute, Jan 26
Centreville circuit, at Centra'ille, Feb 2
North Leon circuit, at Liberty, Feb 9
Buffalo circuit, at Buffalo, Feb 16
Fairfield circuit, at Fairfield, Feb 23
Corsicana circuit, at Byrdstown, March 1
Mexia circuit, at Forest Glade, March 8
The district Stewards will please meet at
Mexia on Friday, March 7, at 1 p. m., R is very
desirable that every one be present.

JOHN S. McCARVER, P. E.

Georgetown circuit, fourth Sunday in January Liberty Hill circuit, first Sunday in February Georgetown and Round Rock station, second Sunday in February. Leon circuit, third Sunday in February West Falls circuit, fourth Sunday in February Cameron circuit, first Sunday in March Rockdale circuit, second Sunday in March Black Land circuit, third Sunday in March The preachers will please inform me of the The preachers will please inform me of the place of their quarterly meetings if any change of place should be necessary to suit the Sabbath I have appointed to each preacher as the time of his quarterly meeting. Address, South Bosque, McLennan county. Thos. STANFORD P. E.

BRECKENRIDGE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND.

February Coleman circuit, at Coleman, 3d Sabbath in February Eastland circuit, at Eastland, 4th Sabbath in February Sabana circuit, at Siep Springs, 1st Sabbath in

March Palo Pinto circuit, at Riverbend, 2a Sabbath in March Clear Fork circuit, at Ark Arbor, 3d Sabbath in March
Belknap eireuit, at Belknap, 4th Sabbath in
March
The District Stewards will please meet me at
Breckenridge, Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in January. My postoffice is Breckenridge.
J. G. WARREN, P. E.

#### EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Palestine station, January 5, 6
Athens circuit, January 12, 13
Kickapoo circuit, January 19, 20
Rusk and Jacksonville, January 26, 27
Cherokee circuit, February 2, 3
Tyler station, February 9, 10
Crockett circuit, February 16, 17
Palestine circuit, February 23, 24
Trinity circuit, March 2, 3
District stewards will please meet me at Palestine, January 5, D. P. Cullin, P. E. lestine station, January 5, 6

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Jasper circuit, at Peachtree, January 12, 13
Newton circuit at Burkville, January 19, 20
Wolf Creek mission, at Wolf Creek, Jan 26, 27
Homer circuit, at Homer, February 2, 3
Moscow circut and Smithfield mission, at Bold
Spring, February 9, 10
Woodville, circuit at Woodville, Feb 16, 17
Hardin mission, at Big Thicket, Feb 23, 24
Wallisvile circuit, at Inside Prairie, March 2, 3 3
Beaumont circuit, at Beaumont, March 9, 10
District stewards will please meet me at Woodville, without fail.

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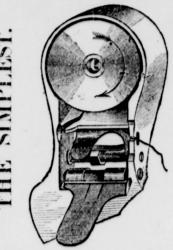
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Another round of conferences is been rendered, we believe each one By this time the preachers are save them. salvation of souls. Let us pause each preacher, this year, would a moment as we are girding our- bring up each collection complete. selves for our task, and spend a To do this, we must get the start moment in prayerful reflection. of the people's apologies by beginpreachers, as well as the young ability, we must make up in effort. recruits, may be profited by it. OUR APPOINTMENT.

names announced in connection amount—many can raise more, and the coverings are of the best been assigned. Had we made the done. to the right standard, we will want ful joy. to live and die like the apostles. won which will not wither in eter- will reap a glorious harvest. nity. We are honored that Christ has counted us worthy to labor anywhere with Him.

our vows. heart.

"study to show himself approved of the church. unto God a workman that needeth In many Christian homes the not to be ashamed, rightly divid- secular press is supplanting the

weapons for the coming fight. BEGIN EARLY.

wisest decisions in every case have good unless our heart be free to it."

It may be possible that the older ning early. What they lack in It is filled up with every elegance be numbered, we may be coffined That picture we hung in many a While we pen these hasty lines Among these calls

OUR MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS Is it a pleasant or a hard one? this year should not be less than furnished with every convenience Christ went before us to prepare? stood about and were proud to call death—to say nothing of the an-This is with the most of us our one dollar per member. There is that refined taste can demand. The first thought when we hear our not a circuit that cannot raise this bedsteads are elegant and costly, with the field to which we have Commence in time and it can be

OUR SCHOOLS.

life was the redemption of souls. prises is dependent on the faithus out to accomplish. One of these ture in our various institutions days, after we have joined the of learning. If they accomplish company which has gone before, their mission it must be with the the story of our trials will be a help of the preacher. The imporand Christ will hasten to complete talk on the subject, if they will which they may possibly awake. be buried somewhere in the neigh- held many passages of gifts bethe work. No work too hard for hunt up scholars, and commend Mortals dread the sepulcher and borhood. Christ; no field so obscure that our own institutions, the halls of grasp eagerly the faintest hope of While a clearer religious faith what a life has the old year been ! share our toil. Trophies are there be crowded with pupils, and while ments. which Christ will accept as worthy the schools prosper, the church we

The press has its mission. stated a fact with which every re-Possibly the best thing we can ligious journalist is familiar, viz.; warning note. do will be to renew our consecra- That the secular press is almost

Texas Christian Advocate tive employ, to preach as our Mas- fers the sensational story, or the if the soul does not again return ual communion. In how many white man and negro over the ter will approve. We have on hand coarser Police Gazette, to the records to its mortal habitation it will rise other ways they help us, we know stakes of a game at the alley, which a fair supply of good sermons—we of Christian truth and expression, or from its earthly environments to not; but by the sick bed, in the forms part of the tiger's lair. think so at least. Yet, with pray- the advocacy of religious life and live and act in a new and more dying hour, in the passage to Results: A young man of reerful study we may make them effort. To meet this evil we must wonderful state of being. It is not Heaven, they minister. The mod-spectable family by the name of better. Perhaps, from long use, circulate our own literature. Our strange that men guard against ern Spiritualist can't take from us E. H. Butler was stabbed by a our sword is hacked and our spear people must be impressed with the possibility of being buried the consolation which this religious negro named Dennis Johnson, and blunted. Let us sharpen our evils which a semi-infidel press is alive, but the wonder is that they tenet affords. In many an hour was dying. Three others were cut We are pastors-shepherds ap- which are designed to counteract The thought of waking up in a made perfect. The way-side lodge supposed to be fatally, and the pointed to watch the flock of them. When the religious press dark vault, and struggling in the is often converted into a Bethel, second badly, but not dangerously. ended, and the preachers have been | Christ, and lead them to the rich- receives from the members of the narrow coffin for a breath of air, and the grove of wrestling prayer | The third was a negro man, who assigned to their fields of labor. est pasturage. Many of us have church a patronage equal to that and dying in a horrible frenzy of into Peniel. John need weep no was only a spectator, by the name The sessions have been happy re- failed here. Pastoral visiting is they so cheerfully render secular despair, makes one shiver with longer in his exile nor sigh for the of Hec Smith; his throat was unions, and, we trust, seasons of our cross. Let us bear it till we journals, there will be an improve- horror. We do not know precisely saints in Jerusalem, for a brighter partially cut, but not fatally. All spiritual profit both to the preach- love it. The best preacher will fail ment in our religious journals the form and shape and surround- spirit than James or Joses will the cutting was done by the one ers and the communities by whom if the pastoral work is neglected. which will enable them to accomings of the sepulcher in which a cheer his solitude and sustain his negro (Johnson) who fled, and, in the conferences were entertained. Begin early and work systemati-plish aright their great work. Let soul morally, spiritually and eter-patience. Many important interests have cally, casting aside that "enthusi- each preacher bear this fact in nally dead shall be assigned. The Along with this lesson of the der the growing darkness. Fortubeen discussed, and whether the astic doctrine that we are not to do mind. Place your church paper Bible speaks of such a doom, not spirit world comes another sugges- nately for the ends of justice and in every family. It will help you merely as a possibility, but as a tion: Like the shadow which at- the protection of society, it so hap-Let us work and pray for early in your work. It will co-operate fact. Christ, the most pitiful of all tends us in the sunlight, so there pened that Sheriff Bain and Deputy has accorded to his brethren the revivals. People will die this win- with you in the pastoral field, will men toward human suffering, and follows us an image of our own Leverton arrived within a few minsame honest desire for the glory of ter, next spring, and during the be with you in protracted meetings so full of sympathy for our race creation, an image of what we utes after the sad affair and started God that controlled his own action. summer months. We must try and and will inspire your steward and that he died for its redemption, hoped to be. Far back in the past in pursuit of the murderer; and entering upon their work for the Many of us were behind, the people. Begin early and do not the rich man gives us a glimpse of self. The face was unmarked by are worthy of all praise they capcoming year -a work that has for past year, in collections. What rest until the ADVOCATE is in the that fearful condition. Men and the furrows of care, and the features tured the murderer and brought

#### HOTEL FOR THE DEAD.

In one of the old cities of Europe there is a hotel for the dead. new year. Ere its months shall the heart was loving and true. man form and face. and convenience that modern civ- and buried. Where will we rise? home in the country and city. It to the ADVOCATE, there lies not world again.

endeavor to guard against it.

introducing into society, and be will deliberately risk the possibility of loneliness we hold sweet com- by the same negro-two Penicks, induced to support those agencies of the eternal death of the soul. munion with the spirits of the just John and Jacob, brothers—the first stimulate the liberality of your lifted the vail, and in the doom of we made that picture of our future by a skill and perseverance which its end the glory of God and the a record we would make if house of every Methodist in Texas. women believe the Word of Christ, unblemished by the traces of vice. him in at 9 o'clock this morning. no provision for that home.

GHOSTS.

material; and all the appointments career and preparing to retire from a ghost? The real, living self, oh John Penick lies on a couch in of the rooms correspond. When active service, we sit watching the how different! appointments we might have chosen another. It is possible the bishop and cabinet might have found for us and our families a more acceptable work. Others, it may be are widows and orphans of poble in a prominent citizen dies, his body is borne to this house prepared for the dead and placed on the couch prepared for him. There is nothing the dull flame of the evening fire fast sinking into the mass of embers, save when a leaping flame glances to its worn-out preachers, and the prepared for him. There is nothing the dull flame of the evening fire fast sinking into the mass of embers, save when a leaping flame glances up and lights the picture of some wildows and orphans of poble in a vague regret." able work. Others, it may be, are widows and orphans of noble- ing in the room, should be awake departed friend. The rain comes indulging the same thought. After hearted men who have died in the from his sleep of death, to remind down in slow and solemn style. never be overtaken? Somewhere and, if possible, to protect him from all, this is but an incident in the work. There is no call to which him of his near approach to the No wind rattles it on the panes of in the pilgrimage of the future our the vengeance of an outraged peolives of men who are called to be our people more cheerfully respond dread world beyond the grave. No the window, or makes it dance over sun will be in the zenith, and soldiers of the cross. Paul did when it is faithfully presented. One coffin; no shroud; no sable draperies the roof. The mist is collecting shadow and reality will be the same. course and vindicate itself in such not always secure first-class accommodations in the cities or provinces of assessing five per cent. on the floor or wall. Bright mirrors flash mazy curtain about the house as if May be the true life, this the dream." he visited. Peter, on one occa- amount paid the preacher, and re- back the rays of lamp or sun; to hide the approach of mystic besion, had the floor of a dungeon quiring that amount from each one bright flowers speak of life and fill lings. Giant shadows, draped in may realize our life dream, or if it not time to moralize on this revol. for his pillow and two armed sol- at conference. If he has failed to the air with their fragrance; pleas- white, gather near and fill us with elude us in this, we may meet it in ing catastrophe more than to say diers for his bed-mates. John take up his collection he ought to ant food is on the table, and rich a dim and undefined awe. All the the far off future life. exchanged the hospitalities of a pay it. The plan acts admirably. wines glow in decanter and goblet. world unseen is open to our imagprosperous church for the barren If all the preachers will raise five The dead man or woman is placed ination, and the fancies of our old year to be caught up the prescriptions for whisky withrocks of Patmos. Yet, in defiance per cent. on his salary for this in a position of calm repose, with childhood and the stories of books and wrought into tangible re- out charge or conscience, are parof all these embarrassments, they claim, many a home of the worn- hands on an instrument with keys come trooping about us. The old ality. Its visions of worldly suc- ticeps criminis in the blood of these made full proof of their ministry, out itinerant will be made bright; so delicately sensitive that the mill, so often frequented in our boy- cess have faded away; its prom- slain. and finished their course with joy. and the hearts of the widows and slightest motion will send through hood, with its dark forests, its se- ises of religious life and purity When our religion is made of the orphans of many of our fallen the wires to which they are attached cluded graveyard, and numberless have been dissipated in sinful for Houston county; but the law right material, and measures up comrades will be filled with grate- an alarm sounding on a powerful stories of hobgoblins, comes promi- pleasures; its prospects of peace needs mending, by the next legislabell in an adjoining chamber. There nently before us. The old water- and plenty have been blackened ture, so as to extract the teeth and attendants watch day and night- wheel is silent and broken, the by war and famine. Many a field claws from this blind tiger. With Christ the great business of The success of important enter- ready, at the first signal that the dam is rent, the race washed out, marked out for cultivation has trance of apparent death is ended, the story-tellers sit no longer at been left to the weeds and bram-This was what brought Him into ful co-operation of the preachers. to rush to the relief of the mortal the door, but the graves and the bles. While this ghost carries its this world, and this is what He sent We have men of piety and cul- who may be struggling to lift him- ghosts are left there still. From tale of sorrow, it has its pleasing self out of the river of death and the shadows of this old mill our recollections, too. When its record return to the busy pursuits of this mind soon travels to Irving's is presented on high, many new All this outlay and precaution looking pile, shattered and time- of Life. The drop of blood from more thrilling theme than paying tance of Christian education must has been suggested by the possi- worn, dismal with clanking wheels the patriot's heart, and the sigh of circuits or days of ease. It may be impressed on the mind of our bility that even the skillful physi- and rushing streams and all kinds sadness from neglected worth may be that, under our preaching, souls people. Our children are being cian may be mistaken, and that of uncouth noises," prepares us for a be there; but the Peri's flight has may be awakened from the sleep educated into other churches, or instead of death the sick man or vision of the fiery-whiskered Kidd, been frequent and fast as it carried of sin. If so, the Spirit of the into worldliness and infidelity. woman may have sank into a deep, in slouched hat and red mantle, the tears which the penitents shed. Living God will come to our help, If the preachers will preach and pulseless, breathless trance, from guarding the treasures reported to In the mystery of the left hand is

the Spirit of the Holy One will not our colleges and universities will escape from its dreary environ- and a more reasonable philoso- We can not part with it yet. We phy have relieved us and our chil- will embalm its virtues in memory's Over forty years have passed dren from all fears of the old folds, and write on the marble the of his cross; and garlands may be are preparing for our own children since that hotel for the dead was ghostly superstition, still there is good old year of seventy-seven. built, and many guests have been left us a walk along the boundary laid on its downy beds, but in all of the supernatural, where lessons that time those keys have never of wisdom and truth may be gath-Joseph Cook, in a recent discourse, sent out their warning message, ered. The innate sense of dependand the bell has never sounded a ence upon some superior power may have given birth to the super- in this little railroad town-Grape- many portions of the State. The And yet for the next forty years stitious belief which has ruled the land, Houston county-known by tion to God. Suppose we open our universally under the dominion of that hotel for the dead will find minds of men so long. Then influ-Bible and read on our knees Paul's the skeptical philosophy of the occupants. The thought of waking ence of association and the sym- Tiger. The name is said to have charge to Timothy. If our prayers day. The most popular month- up from a deep trance amid the pathy of kindred spirits wrought originated in Crockett, and is apare not too brief and formal we lies and the most influential met- darkness of the sepulcher and of upon the imagination and made it plied to the illicit sale of intoxwill be profited wonderfully by ropolitan dailies bear out with the death struggle in the coffin is active in filling up the outlines of icating liquors where the local opsuch an act. Suppose we read over each revolution of their ponderous so full of ghastly horror that men the unseen with spirits of those tion law has prevailed. again the vows we assumed when presses assaults direct or hidden will be eager to secure for them- who once dwelt with us on earth. In this little town the tiger has ordained deacons and elders. It against Evangelical Christianity, selves and others this safeguard It is a most comforting doctrine of adjusted his lair with more than may be possible that we have not This spirit crops out of their edi- against such a terrible doom. The the Bible that the departed saints ordinary skill, under the name of remembered these solemn obligatorials, is concealed in sprightly possibility of being buried alive is "are ministering spirits sent forth drug store and ten-pin alley; and, tions as faithfully as we designed paragraphs, gives tone to their re- extremely faint. Only a few in- to minister to them that are heirs according to information received, law be enforced against them. when we took them on lip and ports of events and pours its blight- stances among the millions of the of salvation." They minister: is doing a flourishing business with ing influence on the labors of the dead have been placed on record. they give us food for thought, ex- a few drugs and plenty of whisky. Paul admonished Timothy to pulpit and the offerings and efforts But that is enough. It is within amples to follow, and attractions We arrived here on last evening, list of subscribers, and adds:

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Haunted Hollow. The "goblin- names will be written in the Book stowed and mercies shown. Oh,

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the range of possibility and men to draw. They minister: by the and saw in and around the drug "Others will be sent soon. Everysongs well remembered, they calm store-blind tiger-a large company body wants the ADVOCATE. I will Could men take in the realities of our excitement in trouble or in of men, some of whom seemed send you many subscribers this ing the word of truth." Preaching Bible and excluding a sound and life and its issues the remote possibil- sorrow; by words of pity spoken, noisy and intoxicated. About year, I think." the Word is our chief duty. The healthful religious literature. Chris- ity of such a fate would not so pro- they lead us over the roughest dark or nearly so, we heard an inoldest as well as the youngest tian parents are undesignedly aiding foundly appall them as the fact an- part of our pilgrimage; and by crease of noise and no little conamong us need all our intellect in the cultivation of that vitiated nounced on the authority of Divine bonds of love unsevered, they lift fusion, and soon learned that a hart instead of Seguin, as heretoand all our knowledge to be in ac- taste in their children, which pre- revelation that when the body dies us to the higher element of spirit- fracas had occurred between a fore. Announced by request.

the confusion, made his escape unand the wonder is that they make The limbs were lithe and active; We have looked at the monster, and the voice was full and melodious; a worse specimen of murderous We are on the threshold of a the mind was clear and strong, and villainy we have not seen in hu-

ilization can provide for such an In the gloomy sepulchre of the received the admiration of friends far from us the lifeless form of establishment. The bed-rooms are eternally dead? or in the mansion and the respect of foes. Children poor Butler, carved and cut to it "father," and the poor said it guish of an aged, pious mother, was their friend and benefactor. whose lamentations can better be As the old year is closing its But, after all, it was only a shadow, imagined than described; while great suffering from wounds which, in all probability, will soon be fatal. There stands the murderer. with a chain on his person, and a company of men, with shot-Shall this shadow of ourself guns in hand, to guard him, ple, so as to let the law have its

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forerunner had held up both of the the next moment may land him leading parties as alike, poisoning the religious principles of the nation.
When he saw, to his amazement, the Pharisees and the Sadducees the Pharisees and the Sadducees (alike) come to his baptism, he said he shall ever attain to, and which

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22 50 40 00 tional system as to all but deprive it of the breath of life; the other not only tore off these bandages, but subjected its authoritative dietates to the criticism of their own reason, which found much in them to question, and some things positively to deny. Which, now, of these was the more inimical to the spiritual interests of the people?

One fact, now to be mentioned, will tates to the criticism of their own present themselves but seldom to spiritual interests of the people? the reader of the Gospel history, One fact, now to be mentioned, will not a trace is to be found of their best answer this question: Of all having any popular following, of their courting popular favor, or having for their object to proselytize. In fact, the free-thinking have no evidence that so much as liberty which they took to them- one came from the ranks of the selves was all they appeared to Sadducees. The high-priest Caiavalue; and, provided this were phas, and Annas, his father-in-law, allowed them, they seemed willing to let the Pharisees cast the network of their spiritual influence over the people as they pleased. And have we not seen this state of things reappearing, though in different forms, within the Christian pale? In the Church of Rome, both before the Reformation and since, the sacerdotal caste has, like allowed them, they seemed willing who took the lead in the condemsince, the sacerdotal caste has, like apostles as attesting all His claims, a cloud, covered all the territories believed by the thousands in Jeruwhere it is dominant; the net-salem itself, and attested by fresh work of a vast traditional system, miracles before their own eyes. of equal sacredness with that of Thus, contrary to what one might the written Word, they have with expect, it was the more skeptical infinite subtlety cast around the school who, when they had the great mass of the people, including power, proved the most active eneall the more devout and conserva- mies of the Lord and His Apostles. tive even of the educated classes; They could put up with Phariseeism and, as a natural consequence, and even conform to its usages spiritual bondage characterizes all in many things, provided it put up the religion thus produced. But with their latitudinarianism. The as the human mind resents such traditionalism of the Pharisees, betreatment, even in religion, there ing essentially a human thing and have ever been found, even within inherently weak, they could afford the pale of the Church of Rome, to tolerate, claiming only the lib- Report from a Practical Chemist and those who claimed, or at least took, crty of regarding it with indifferthe liberty of thinking for them- ence. But supernatural claims,

to the evil which lay at the root of did their poor best with that view. all-the mixing up of man's In entire contrast with these, all authority with that of God, and, the cases of sincere and "anxious like Luther and other heroes, inquirers" among the rulers beachieved the Reformation. But longed to the Pharisaic class. than stand alone and incur general 12); and because it is said of him

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Eternal Happiness and Misery. do we need to go to the Church of As to the eternal reward of grace. Rome for these Pharisaic and Sad- its distance is so short and uncerducean forms of religious thought, tain that if men were not infatu-What a spirit of traditionalism has ated, it is a wonder that it is not eaten into most Protestant constantly observant to their churches; a sacredness having minds, and that its glorious brightgathered around the minutest ness does not dazzle their eyes. A features of their church-govern-ment, as if it were in every par-ticular divine; around forms and from him. Then the pleasures of ticular divine; around forms and from him. Then the pleasures of usages not essentially better than sin and troubles of duty are so others, but hallowed by long usage; fleeting and shortened that they and even around particular views are scarcely felt when they presof divine truth and interpretations ently vanish. It looks like a willof Scripture and modes of expres- ful contempt of happiness for one of Scripture and modes of expression, until they have come to be identified with the truth itself: wards a life of faith and holiness, insomuch that they would hardly be recognized as truth at all if argations, has such vast encourage. be recognized as truth at all if ar- gations, has such vast encouragerayed in a different dress, and the ments, and but such insignificant attempt to do so is regarded as an hindrances; when the assistance insidious attack on all that is vital.

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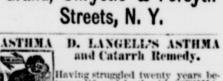
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I ascended the high hills of to anything I had ever heard; giving, as it were, a foretaste of those heavenly airs that are played to the departed souls of good men the middle arches. "These," said the middle arches. "These," said the grains "are gray avaried to the departed souls of good men the middle arches. "These," said tom prevails over there of prefacupon their first arrival in paradise, the genius "are envy, avarice, to wear out the impressions of the superstition, despair, love—with dinner. The preacher, who reports last agonies and qualify them for the like cares and passions that in-the pleasures of that happy place. fest human life." Here I sighed, My heart melted away in secret raptures. I had been often told that the rock before me was the haunt of a genius, and that several had been entertained by the music had been entertained by the music swallowed up in death! The good dinner will make liberal prowho had passed by it; but never genius, being moved with compaswho had passed by it; but never heard that the musician had before rade himself visible. When he had raised my thoughts by the transporting airs that he played to taste the pleasures of his conversation, as I looked upon him as one astonished, he beckoned to me, and astonished that the musician had before sion, being moved with compassion, being moved with compassion, being moved with compassion, being moved with compassion of his paster. The correspondent closes his letter with this burst of eloquence: "Reverend this burst of eloquence: "Reverend brother, if you have any ferocious steward of whom you are in fear, of the him well, and he will probably be as quiet and inoffensive as Sameon in the lan of Delilab. If astonished, he beckoned to me, and tide bears the several generations Samson in the lap of Delilah. If by the waving of his hand directed of mortals that fall into it." I di-me to approach the place where rected my sight as ordered, and attended if the manufactories is the place where he sat. I drew near with that saw the valley opening at the furreverence which is due to a supe- ther end, and spreading forth into rior nature, and as my heart was an immense ocean that had a huge entirely subdued by the captivating rock of adamant running through strains, I fell down at his feet and the midst of it and dividing it into wept. The genius smiled upon me two equal parts. The clouds still with a look of compassion and rested on one-half of it, insomuch affability that familiarized him to that I could discover nothing in my imagination and dispelled all it. The other appeared to me a the fears and apprehensions with vast ocean, planted with innumerled me to the highest pinnacle of with garlands upon their heads, the rock, saying: "Cast thy eyes passing among the trees, lying be-eastward, and tell me what thou side fountains, or resting on beds seest." I see, said I, a huge vallley of flowers, and could hear a conrolling through it. "The valley falling waters, human voices and thou seest," said he, "is the vale musical instruments. Gladness thou seest," said he, "is the vale of misery, and the tide of water is a part of the great tide of eternity." What is the reason, said I, that the tide I see rises out of a thick mist at one end, and again loses itself in a thick mist at the other end. "That thou seest is that portion of eternity which is the portion of eternity which is the reason of the mist at the other end. "That thou seest is that portion of eternity which is the vale of musical instruments. Gladness grew in me at the discovery of so delightful a scene. I wished for the wings of an eagle that I might fly away to those happy seats; but the genius told me there was no passage to them except through the gates of death that I saw opening every moment upon the bridge.

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tide and disappeared. These hid- of adamant. The genius, making den pitfalls were set very thick at me no answer, I turned about to the entrance of the bridge, so that address myself to him a second throngs no sooner passed through time, but I found he had left me. the cloud than they fell into them. I then turned again to the vision They grew thinner toward the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together toward the ends of tide, the arched bridge, and the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together toward the ends of tide, the arched bridge, and the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together toward the ends of tide, the arched bridge, and the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together toward the ends of tide, the arched bridge, and the middle, but multiplied and lay closer together toward the ends of the rolling closer together toward the rolling closer together toward the rolling closer together the arches that were entire. There happy islands, I saw nothing but were indeed some persons, but the long, hollow valley, with oxen, their number was very small, that sheep and herds grazing upon the continued a kind of hobbling sides of it. march on the broken arches, but fell through one after another, be-

of sight. Multitudes were very of the University. It was his own of sight. Multitudes were very busy in the pursuit of bubbles that glittered in their eyes and danced before them; but often, when they thought themselves within reach, their footing failed, and down they sunk. In this confusion of objects I observed some with scimitars in their hands, who ran to and fro on the bridge, thrusting several persons on trap-doors which did not seem to lie in their way, and which they might have escaped had they not been thus forced upon them. The genius seeing me thus indulge in order to pass the day in medita- their hands, who ran to and fro on teaching, there seemed a sad fitness tion and prayer. As I was here the bridge, thrusting several per- in thus bringing back the body of airing myself on the top of the mountain, I fell into profound contemplation upon the vanity of human life. Surely, said I, man human life. Surely said is but a shadow and life a dream. The genius seeing me thus indulge fate—after so much of passionate Whilst thus musing, I cast my myself in this melancholy prospect excitement and of combat—to rest eyes towards the summit of a rock told me I had dwelt long enough here within the sound of his own not far from me, where I discovered one in the habit of a shepherd bridge, and tell me if thou seest scenes where he had lived his hapwith a little musical instrument in his hand. As I looked, he applied the instrument to his lips and began to play upon it. The sound was exceeding sweet, and wrought into a variety of tunes inexpressibly into a variety of tunes inexpressibly meladious and alterative terms of the first thou seest anything thou dost not comprehend?" Upon looking up, what mean, said I, those great flights of birds that are perpetually hovering about the bridge, and settling upon it from time to time? I see vultures have been a seenes where he had lived his happiest life, and had done, if not the most famous, at least the most useful and enduring part of his life's work.—Cor. Richmond State.

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which I approached him. He able islands that were covered with lifted me from the ground, and fruits and flowers and interwoven is only grace that writes the law in taking me by the hand, said: with a thousand little shining seas the heart. "Mirza, I have heard thee in thy that ran among them. I could see soliloquies. Follow me." He then persons dressed in glorious habits, and a prodigious tide of water fused harmony of singing birds, 608 NORTH STREET, ST. LOUIS, MO. that portion of eternity which is every moment upon the bridge. each

a more leisurely survey of it, I can extend. These are the man- INTERNATIONAL REVIEW. found it to consist of three score sions of good men after death, and ten entire arches, with several who, according to the degree and broken arches; which, added to kinds of virtues in which they exbroken arches; which, added to kinds of virtues in which they exthose that were entire, made up those that were entire, made up the number about a hundred. As several islands, which abound with I was counting, the genius told me pleasures of different kinds and I will be a supposed by the best talent of Europe and I be brings to its pages I was counting, the genius told me pleasures of different kinds and that this bridge consisted at first of degrees suitable to the relishes and Opinion of its Management thus far.

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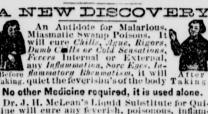
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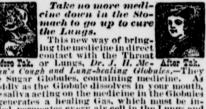
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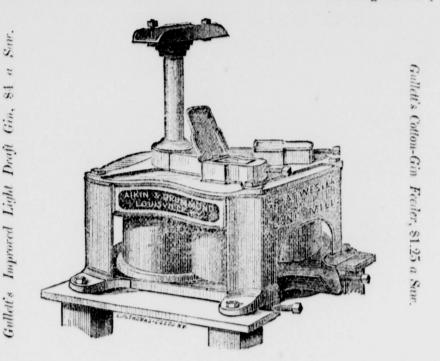
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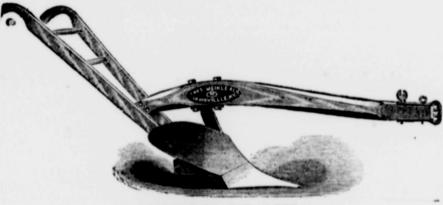
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#### Mews of the Week.

#### Border Troubles.

Governor Hubbard has ordered, by telegraph, the arrest of the Texas troops charged with killing the prisoners they were guarding.

Gen. Hatch has asked that Maj. Jones, who was in Austin, should be sent to El Paso.

At the request of R. Q. Mills, the President has ordered a commission to investigate and report the facts respecting the El Paso armed resistance which some patroubles. Gen. Ord is directed to detail two officers of the army to mon witnesses, take testimony and report facts; and whether or not Mexicans from Mexico, and what attack on the State troops at San Elizario.

Late dispatches from El Paso, regard. coming through military channels, from the south side of the Rio Grande, and that many of them were freebooters in search of plun- Spanish Government has broken der. They broke into several stores off all relations with ex-Queen on the Texas side and carried off Isabella. considerable property.

On the evening of the 29th, Govkilling of persons by Rangers. It guns. Loss of the Turks, seven.

day when entering Socorro. We were attacked by the mob, and of the mob one was killed, and one Erzeroum investment is nearly the Huron a staunch and sea- Bishop Pellicer reserved, hoping it one Ranger slightly wounded. Two massed in the northern part of the loss and consequent loss of life to city. desperate prisoners, who were unbury the remains of Howard, Mc-Bride and Atkinson, in attempting to make their escape, were chased into the brush and killed. No Paso, Ysleta, Socorro and San Eli-stantinople to recover full sway. zario. The Rangers are all stationed at Ysleta. Full report by mail.

the charge of murdering helpless prisoners in their charge.

from San Antonio, under date of against Servia extending her action, it can be used at once, giving a the 31st ult., gives the following either warlike or revolutionary, to brilliant light without smoke or El Paso, dated Dec. 19:

Tuesday, when they sent word that tilities in the direction of Bosnia. if they would surrender and Howard leave the country, they would not hurt him. Lieut. Tays went with Howard to the Mexican quarters, and while negotiating with them, thinking all was right, a dozen Mexicans picked up Tays in their arms and carried him away, leaving Howard with the Mexicans. While this was going on John Atkinson, a man who had been with Leskovalz and Kurshumlje. the Rangers, and who had also been treating with the Mexicans, dying of starvation and cold. came and told the Rangers to surrender by order of Lieut. Tays, which they did. They were then Nisch. disarmed. It turned out afterwards that the order to surrender from Lieut. Tays was a lie. At- ice. kinson, Howard and McBride were put in front of their graves, and says that Russia is sounding vari- wants of the world. The low price tramp who can travel can work. stood perfectly defiant, with his ous Mediterranean States relative hands in his pockets. Just before to the opening of the Dardanelles. Tays went to treat with the Mexicans, they sent him word that his cially, that the Sultan has solicited quarters were undermined and the British Government to approach would be blown up. As Howard the Czar with a view to bringing left the quarters to treat with the about negotiations for peace, and Mexicans, he said: "Good by, the British Government has conboys!" After the shots were fired sented to do so. Howard was not quite dead, and All operations in the Russian disaster promptly, though he heard an old Mexican ran his sword army at Rustchuk have been susthe cry of distress and saw the 520 pounds of pork. through Howard's body. How- pended by the snow, which is two vessel in a perilous position, he ard's body was literally cut to feet deep. pieces. The Mexicans threw the bodies into the holes and covered division, after a very difficult march warning in twenty minutes if he capital is building them. them with sand.

The War Department at Washington depends on the discretion kan passes between Aral Konak did not return till 7 o'clock. The of officers in Texas as to the man- and Sophia. The Turks were com- delay caused the loss of a number shipments of Waco this year will ner of dealing with outlaws on all pletely surprised.

on the frontier.

partly because of ex-Queen Isa- peace. bella's overtures to him. These overtures are supposed to express her displeasure at the marriage of Alfonso.

Gen. Bressalles has been placed on the retired list. The following is said to be the occasion of the

Gen. Bresselles called the officers of the garrison into his room and communicated to them instructions which seemed to indicate a coup d'etat. He also made a speech to them about how orders were to be executed, saying, in case of insurrection or commotion, if the insurgents resorted to the stratagem of placing women and children in their front, the soldiers must fire notwithstanding. Major Labordere hereupon protested and resigned his sword. Gen. Borril, Minister of War, on an investigation placed Gen. Bressales on the unattached list and dismissed Major Labordere for insubordina-

President MacMahon warmly repudiates having ever contemplated a coup d'état and asserts that as far ed beyond precautions against his purpose of reform. he being her nephew, for whom question. she ever entertained an affectionate

It is reported in Paris that the in like distress.

ernor Hubbard received a telegram eight hours severe fighting, capin reply to one asking about the tured Akpalanka with three Krupp

"The last fighting was on Sun- when the bombardment of Nisch Pashas, and 73,128 officers and A man, by name of Grenet, has commenced.

A Reuter's dispatch says the place and interruption of telegraph lines imminent.

The London Times' correspondent at Vienna says the rejection of hundred feet wide, and Capt. Eads rested in Dallas, Houston, and United States troops were engaged, the Turkish note by the Powers U. S. troops are now stationed at El has enabled the war party at Con-

A Russian war steamer has returned to Sebastapol, after a cruise in the Bosphorus, with a captured This exonerates the Rangers from Turkish transport with 700 prisoners.

Austria has protested through A special telegram to the News Prince Wrede, her diplomatic agent, the impurities of petroleum, so that planted 300 acres in rye. extract from a private letter from Bosnia or Herzegovina. Servia has given formal assurance of the "The Rangers fought nobly until strictest orders restraining hos-

> On the 26th ult. the Montenegrines defeated a body of Turks occupying intrenched positions between the river Bollado and the town of Ducigno.

> A Reuter's dispatch says the British fleet has left Biscay Bay for the Gulf of Vaila, near Smyrna. The Servians have occupied

Turkish prisoners at Plevna are

The Servians have captured

The bridge across the Danube at Nikopolis has been destroyed by discovered in California. The de- that the limbs have to be sup-

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over snow mountains and frozen desired. Instead of so doing he

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Nothing definite on the frontier. in the way of reply is announced, had \$215,000 in cash, when it had, though those in position to be in- as was proved on examination, Odd Fellows lodge. The French Government has re- formed are of the opinion that only \$900 in possession; and he quested Don Carlos to leave France. Russia will make no harsh reply to swore that the company had \$350,-He started for the frontier Dec. the steps taken with the object of 000 in real estate, when it had 7th. preparing the way for peace, but hardly \$80,000.

It is reported that Don Carlos will show herself accessible to any Prof. Riley, the entomologist, has been ordered to quit France earnest effort for the restoration of says the Northwestern plains are

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At the late session of Austin Church, in Dallas, Texas, eight ministers received appointments, one of whom has since the adjournment of the Conference united with the M. E. Church, South. The Austin Conference includes all their white American congregations in Texas. Four charges are supplied much do they need of your vigilby local preachers.

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Dean Stanley has invited the Rev. Dr. Stoughton, an eminent Congregationalist, to preach in the nave of the Westminster Abbey at the special services on St. Andrew's Day. This is the thick end of the wedge. The Dean began with Max Muller, a layman. Then came Dr. Caird, of the Scotch Kirk, one of ed to supply the call of tenants in Her Majesty's chaplains. Next Denison. old Dr. Moffat, the veteran mis-Two tan-yards and a boot and sionary, and father-in-law to Dr. shoe and harness shop are in suc- Livingstone. And now, without cessful operation in Linden, Texas. mitigation or excuse, there comes The telephone is in successful a Puritan of the Puritans, in his peration between Galveston and simple character as a minister of

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A "layman," in the Nashville Advocate, rather likes the plan of mortgaging church property to pay debts due the pastor. Other parties have to mortgage their property to pay their honest debts, and why not the church? He adds: Now, if a few churches were mortmore correct view of the sacredness of such contracts." A provision in the Discipline seems to stand slightly in the way of carrying out 'layman's " views. In speaking of the duty of the Joint Board of Finance it says: "In no case shall (white) Conference of the M. E. church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection has ceased.

In the pastoral address recently put forth by the Bishops of the M. E. Church, we find the following: "There are the public schools, how ant oversight and Christian direction? Would it not be well for the Christians of Texas to look a little into the manner in which the The congregation at San Marcos, and the management of our public public school fund is administered, schools?" If the Christians of our determined to build a parsonage. State would interest themselves in Most of our religious exchanges this great question of paramount ple to give him forty acres and a provement of the morals of the youth of the State.

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Gen. Hatch has asked that Mai. Jones, who was in Austin, should be sent to El Paso.

At the request of R. Q. Mills, the President has ordered a commission to investigate and report the facts respecting the El Paso troubles. Gen. Ord is directed to detail two officers of the army to act with such persons as Governor Hubbard may appoint. This com- to the Figure, repudiates the price. The fact that the miners mission will be directed to summon witnesses, take testimony and report facts; and whether or not Mexicans from Mexico, and what attack on the State troops at San he being her nephew, for whom question. Elizario.

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They were young deacons. In England the Congregationalists and the Free Communion Baptists are forming organizations for mutual co-operation, and in some instances organic union.

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Mr. Edward Kimble, a layman, A piece of iron weighing 130 is acquiring considerable notoriety pounds was found in a bale of cot- as an extinguisher of church debts. ton near Houston recently. People His last achievement was at Cambridge, Mass., where he succeeded A Dallas county farmer utilizes in paying off a little incumbrance of house by charging ten cents for Church. He has already relieved every wagon which dodges it by twenty-six churches from embarrassing indebtedness. He is a poor man; and operates upon the prinpurse-strings of his congregations, who plank down the needful.

At the late session of Austin (white) Conference of the M. E. ministers received appointments, ceased. one of whom has since the adjournment of the Conference united with the M. E. Church, South. The Austin Conference includes all their E. Church, we find the following: white American congregations in "There are the public schools, how Texas. Four charges are supplied much do they need of your vigil-

Of the 391 missionaries sent by the Board of Commissioners for foreign missions, 227 were women.

The congregation at San Marcos, Texas, served by J. S. Gillett, has determined to build a parsonage.

take a position adverse to the ap- importance, our school money propriation of public funds to any would not be squandered, nor get very little benefit from institu- nurseries of vice and infidelity. tions of a high grade. And it seems as unreasonable to tax the people become sectarian; but they ought A table in Austin is made up of to give a boy higher literary or sci- to become felt factors in the devel-The War Department at Wash- loot paths, has occupied the bar- went home, ate his breaklast, and interesting to become left factors in the development of the intellect and improvement of the intellec

Father Chiniquy announces a Col. W. A. Fort, of Waco, hav- verts from Romanism to the num-

The German Lutheran Synod of Maryland has been refused admission to the Union of the West, a body composed of Lutherans and Reformed Germans.

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island has decided that a hospital which is a charitable institution, is not liable for negligence or unskillfulness on the part of the surgeons in attendance.

The will of the late Gardner Chilson, of Mansfield, Mass., bequeathes \$25,000 each to the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American Baptist Publication Society; \$5,000 to the Society for the Relief of Indigent Baptist Ministers; \$5,000 to Dallas county claims the biggest the Mansfield Baptist Church.

The Rev. James H. Eccleston, hog two years and five months old D.D., of Newark, New Jersey, has been elected bishop of the newly formed diocese of West Virginia. has been elected bishop of the new diocese of Quincy, Illinois. The Rev. Dr. Knickerbacker has declined the missionary bishopric of Arizona and New Mexico.

Dean Stanley has invited the Rev. Dr. Stoughton, an eminent Congregationalist, to preach in the nave of the Westminster Abbey at the special services on St. Andrew's The citizens of Belton are mov- Day. This is the thick end of the wedge. The Dean began with Max Muller, a layman. Then came Dr. Caird, of the Scotch Kirk, one of old Dr. Moffat, the veteran mis-Two tan-yards and a boot and sionary, and father-in-law to Dr. shoe and harness shop are in suc- Livingstone. And now, without cessful operation in Linden, Texas. mitigation or excuse, there comes a Puritan of the Puritans, in his peration between Galveston and simple character as a minister of Jesus Christ.

Speaking on the subject of supplying growing cities with new ning down Elm street yelling at churches, the Canada correspondent of the Nashville Advocate says: " Now, that such large centers of of snakes. And Bell county wants population are growing in our country, and it seems to be inevitable that cities will increase both in number and size, we should think it would be preferable to build less costly churches, but more of them. Colonizing, rather than centralizing, is the process and plan of nature, and the church would not be any the worse by copying nature in this respect. Mission There are upward of 70,000 Sun- churches and Sunday - schools day schools in the United States, among our outlying populatic must ever be the agencies to upl'it The Baptist clergymen of Phila- those who are sometimes regarded delphia have fixed the tenth day of as the outcasts and dangerous class-

prayer on account of the hard A correspondent of the Nashville Advocate discusses the question In 1873 the Catholic Total Absti- of eligibility to the church mema membership of nearly 600 socie- tration among Methodist preachers, some requiring a personal, justify-Two more Episcopal clergymen ing faith, while others receive those -Rev. H. Van Rensselaer, New who have made no profession of York, and the Rev. F. Mackall, such a change as is implied in con-Baltimore-have withdrawn, and version. The Discipline of the oined the Roman Catholic Church. | church is a very safe guide for a Methodist preacher. He will there find it written that "there is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies, 'a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and be saved from their sins.' But where this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits."

A "layman," in the Nashville Advocate, rather likes the plan of mortgaging church property to pay debts due the pastor. Other parties have to mortgage their property to pay their honest debts, and why not the church? He adds: " Now, if a few churches were mortdebts, perhaps it might lead to a more correct view of the sacredness of such contracts." A provision in the Discipline seems to stand ciples, and succeeds in opening the slightly in the way of carrying out "layman's" views. In speaking of the duty of the Joint Board of Finance it says: "In no case shall any preacher have a claim on the church he has served, as of debt, Church, in Dallas, Texas, eight after his pastoral connection has

In the pastoral address recently put forth by the Bishops of the M. ant oversight and Christian direction? Would it not be well for the Christians of Texas to look a little into the manner in which the public school fund is administered, and the management of our public schools?" If the Christians of our State would interest themselves in Most of our religious exchanges this great question of paramount except primary schools. The poor would our public schools become ple to give him forty acres and a provement of the morals of the youth of the State.