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Correspondence.

Dallas Notes.

June, the month of roses, has about drawn to a close; and the past few weeks have witnessed the closing exercises of the various schools of our thriving city—and I believe it has been generally decided by those who attended these various exercises that the Dallas Female College, in many particulars, bore off the palm. This school has been under the charge of Prof. W. K. Jones, as president, since last September, he having come to our State from Tennessee about that time, and being highly recommended by several officials of the latter State, and others, as a scholar and a teacher of capacity and long experience. This school, as you know, is under the fostering care of the North Texas Conference, and for a number of years enjoyed the advantages derived from having for its president Prof. W. H. Scales, now deceased. Since Prof. Scales' death, the school building on Elm street has been sold because of the encroachment of the business interests of the city upon the location, and it being thought advisable to withdraw the school to a more retired locality. Now, owing to the enterprise of the trustees and others, the Dallas Female College has one of the finest school buildings in the State, situated on Live Oak and Bryan streets. The building is quite handsome, three stories high, with Mansard roof, and having an entrance on each of the two mentioned streets; thus situated in one of the most healthful and desirable portions of the city, and possessing quiet, pleasant surroundings. The building affords ample accommodation for young ladies and girls who may wish to board within the college walls while attending school, the boarding department having been presided over by Mrs. Jones, the president's wife, in a very satisfactory manner during the term just ended. There have been one hundred and thirty-eight pupils in attendance the last term, for whose instruction six competent teachers were employed. The commencement sermon for the college was to have been preached by a Methodist brother from a distance, but he failing to meet the engagement, our pastor, Bro. Bourland, was called upon to fill the appointment. He, of course, had very little time for preparation, but he is equal to almost any emergency in which the interest of our church and school is concerned. So he quietly "accepted the situation," and his hearers on that occasion had no cause for regret that affairs had terminated thus. The examination exercises of the school were very interesting—four days being devoted to them, the evenings of each day being devoted to recitations, essays, and music, by the different classes. The last night, Thursday, witnessed the graduating exercises of the senior class, on which occasion five young ladies received their diplomas, two of them receiving, besides, a gold medal each, as a reward for proficiency in their studies, and lady-like deportment in the school-room. The graduating class was then addressed by Col. Crawford, one of the leading lawyers of our city, in a very able and interesting manner, followed by appropriate closing remarks by the president, Prof. Jones.

The week following the commencement exercises of the Female College, the examination of the Dallas College, of which Rev. A. C. Allen, D. D., of the North Texas Conference, is president, occurred. Dr. Allen has been assisted in the school by his wife, a very competent teacher, and his two sons, Rev. John Allen, of the same Conference, and Prof. Wm. Allen. This school, situated in East Dallas, has been well patronized, and I believe, general satisfaction has been given its many patrons; and the pupils at the examination evinced a degree of progress in their studies that was truly gratifying, and which reflected great credit upon their teachers. But this closed the last term of the Dallas College, and it is now arranged that the two schools become consolidated for another term. Dr. A. C. Allen and wife have been elected teachers, with Prof. Jones and his wife, for the Dallas Female College, and the

next term will open the first Monday in September—and no school in Texas can offer better facilities for the education of girls and young ladies than this school can with the present array of teachers. Rev. John Allen and his brother, Prof. Wm. Allen, have made arrangements to go to Waxahachie with the opening of another term, as the former has been elected president of Marvin College, of that town. These two noble young men and efficient teachers will carry with them to their new field of labor the kindest wishes of their hosts of friends, and every Methodist can but wish them to succeed, because of the name of the college with which they have become identified.

Before closing this communication, Bro. John, I must add a few words in reference to a little article which appeared in your ADVOCATE of last week headed, "Should Ministers Smoke?" and signed L. L. W. I heartily endorse what L. L. W. says; for the use of tobacco is certainly a habit to be shunned, and it is to be regretted that so many of our ministers are addicted to it. I do hope our brethren in the ministry will reflect upon this subject, and those who are guilty of this habit will try to bring about a reformation in themselves, so that they can, with a clear conscience and a pure breath, admonish others to reform. I can say with pleasure that I never saw my father use tobacco in any way; and I think our pastor does not use it; or if he does, I am led to believe that it is with great moderation. It does seem so unbecoming in a minister of the gospel to indulge such a habit; especially to smoke cigars; for they smack so much of the saloon and of worldly men. I have in mind now a minister who was greatly influenced by this habit. I have seen him, after delivering an able, eloquent sermon from the pulpit, and when the solemn services were closed, walk down the aisle, and before he was fairly out of the church enclosure, take a cigar out, and striking a match upon one of the posts of the gate to the enclosure—sometimes upon one of the pillars supporting the vestibule of the church—he would light his cigar and begin smoking. It would seem that he, at least, might have deferred smoking until the sheltering walls of his home should have shut him in from the observation of the people, as there are always those outside the church who notice and criticize a minister's every action; and how careful, therefore, ought he to be of his example. Bro. John, do you—no I will not ask the question—but I hope you do not use tobacco; at least that you do not smoke cigars. I have known you for several years, and it never occurred to me that you did; and if I should ask you the direct question, and you could answer in the negative, it would be so gratifying to hear this from one of your position and influence in our church; and I would, for one of your numerous friends, feel like extending to you my hand in a hearty grasp—a token of my appreciation and of a renewal of the bond of friendship between us.

FLORENCE E. HOWELL. DALLAS, June 28, 1878. (The editor is absent. To allow the above "tobacco interrogatory" to pass without answer, would imply a want of courtesy to the writer; but if we should reply that he uses the "weed," we make him lose the "appreciation" of our fair correspondent. What shall we do? Well, we guess the matter had better be kept in abeyance until the doctor shall answer for himself.—PRO TEX.)

LEXINGTON, July 5, 1878.—I received your card and terms, and at once went to work to circulate your paper—the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. (Result, seven subscribers.) I want to place the ADVOCATE in every family on the mission. There was not a single copy taken on the mission. I love the ADVOCATE. We have considerable interest at every appointment on the mission, and hope to have a gracious revival soon. Crops fine.—M. T. SEALY.

ELGIN, July 2d, 1878.—Our District Conference and protracted meeting at Elgin resulted, we think, in good. Ten children and five adults baptized. We think there were about fifteen conversions and several reclamations, and the church was blessed. Twenty additions to the M. E. Church, South. We are grateful to the brethren of the district for their help; also to visiting brethren Witworth, Jordan and Burford. May God be and ever remain with us. DANIEL MORGAN.

GONZALES, June 26.—We are having a great deal of rain. The farmers are looking for the cotton worm. If they do not destroy the cotton, I can obtain many subscribers to the ADVOCATE before conference. What a pity that our session of conference is to be held so early. We can not get up the several collections by the 16th of October. A. A. KILGOUR.

DOWN WITH WHISKY.

Local Option in Clay County—That Opening for a Store—Dr. Ditzler's Visit—Change of Quarterly Meeting—Call for Local Preachers.

Local option has again triumphed in Clay county. One year ago it was adopted, and in that time there has not been a single murder, and only one serious affray, which for a frontier county is very remarkable. The friends of free traffic in intoxicants taking advantage of the unusual crop of candidates, by getting names of citizens, minors and non-residents, secured the necessary number to a petition to authorize the County Board to order an election. The time was too short for the friends of local option to make any organized effort; but in spite of all this the people were satisfied, and reaffirmed their decision of a year ago. To Henrietta, the county seat, is due the credit of this victory, although the majority for free whisky at Cambridge lost thirty-eight per cent. against last year.

Crops are good here. Wheat fell short on account of the dry spring, but other crops are doing well. I have received several letters in answer to my note in the ADVOCATE calling for a man to start a store. I think I must have been mistaken for a land agent. Quite a number of letters have come entirely foreign to the purpose for which I wrote. I have answered every one, and will continue to do so on parties stating they are Methodists and enclosing stamps. I am simply a Methodist preacher and want to call attention of Methodists to what I consider a good opening. I modestly called for a man with \$1000 or \$1200 capital. Some say there is a good opening in mercantile business for a man of \$75,000. Heavy capitalists would do well to look at our county.

Dr. Ditzler has been with us, preaching four times at Cambridge and once at Henrietta. Henrietta had the misfortune to have the only building for public worship destroyed by a storm. The two sermons on infidelity at Cambridge were masterly and well timed utterances. We have some who think that all the learning is on the side of infidelity. This conceit was taken out by the Dr. with a masterly hand, and he showed that infidelity had never been a success in government, art, science or literature. We are not sure every one will agree with the Dr. on the reasons for existence of sin, but he did a good work for us, and we don't hear of any one boasting of their infidelity since.

Our quarterly meeting, which Rev. W. H. Moss, our presiding elder, had announced for July 27 and 28, has been changed to August 17 and 18. It will be held at Cambridge, and we would be glad to have our ministering brethren to be with us. Bro. Moss is making a good, efficient elder. We hope some of our local preachers who are looking for a home will pass this way. About three good, pious, consistent, earnest local preachers would find a good field of usefulness here as such, and can find lands at \$1.50 to \$10.00 per acre. W. W. BRIDWELL.

COMANCHE CIRCUIT.—Our second quarterly conference embraced the second Sabbath in June. It was a very pleasant and profitable one. Our worthy presiding elder, Bro. Gravis, was with us and fully equipped for the fight. He fought the Campbellites and Missionary Baptists by opposing their "New version Testament," or, as he called it, the "revision movement." Preachers ought all to be on the alert, and strike this enemy wherever they find him. The ministers of the Campbellite and Missionary Baptist Churches are forcing this literary abortion on the people of the frontier—more especially their own membership. But I resume my subject: The rain interfered with our meeting somewhat. Taking everything into consideration, however, we had a good time. I wish, Mr. Editor, you could have been with us on Sunday night at our communion season. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all that enjoyed it. The financial condition of Comanche circuit is not very good. Unfortunately, Comanche county was right in the wake of the frost that visited Western Texas last spring. Our preacher in charge is laboring faithfully and is greatly loved and appreciated by his people. The ADVOCATE is very much loved by our people. We heartily approve its course. The great truths with which every number of the ADVOCATE is laden are finding lodgment in the minds and hearts of the people. I think Bro. Wellborn (our P. C.) will be able to send you a long list of subscribers soon. Crops of all kinds were never better. A portion of our county was visited by a severe hail storm some few weeks ago, which destroyed everything where it went.—J. W. COKER.

Jefferson District Conference.

The above body convened in Daingerfield, Texas, on the 26th of June, and continued its session until the 29th. Rev. L. B. Ellis, the presiding elder, was present, and though sorrow-stricken by recent bereavement, presided with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. The attendance was respectable, though not full. The preaching was excellent and the effect good. The most perfect harmony prevailed. The expression being universal: "This is the most pleasant district conference I ever attended." The various intercessions referred to the district conference were canvassed. From the minutes the gleanings are forwarded for publication: On the subject of houses of worship, etc., the district is somewhat on the improve. Finances not up, but good prospect for being brought up. Spiritual condition of the church in the main good. Much irritation of feeling on one charge—Longview circuit. This irritation has been produced by ceasing said work against their wish and protest to the East Texas Conference. The conference, recognizing the Pauline injunction (see Romans, chap. xii; first clause, 1st verse), passed by unanimous vote the following:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren of the Longview circuit in their present troubles, and that we separate from them with deep regret, and can but pray that God, who can "bring order out of confusion," may lead them in this, their hour of distress; and thus recommending them to His love, we advise "submission to the powers that be." (Signed) D. F. FULLER, R. LANE.

In regard to the spiritual state of the church, it is gratifying to announce that, according to statement of pastors, worldly amusements are exerting but little influence in the district bounds. Daingerfield is happy to announce the modern dance, for near eighteen months, as obsolete.

The report of Committee on Church Literature is enclosed for publication. From it the reader may gather what we are doing. Not enough, of course; but we are resolved to do better:

CHURCH LITERATURE—JEFFERSON DISTRICT. Your Committee on Church Literature find, according to the pastors' reports, that there are about one hundred and fifty *Advocates* taken in the district, about eighty-five of which are the *TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*. The membership of the church of the district approximates 2,500. We have reason to believe that there are more than 400 secular papers taken, paid for and read by the members of our church in the district. These facts we fear are the result of a vitiated taste and perverted sentiment generally on the subject of periodical literature. The non-religious, not to say skeptical, tendency of a considerable portion of the secular press, renders the above facts matters of serious import, and admonish us of the necessity of an increased circulation of a sound, moral and religious literature. We heartily commend to our people all the periodicals published under the authority of our church; but in view of the pronounced opposition of the *TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* to the prevalent and popular views of the day, and as it is the organ of Texas Methodism, therefore:

Resolved, 1. That the *TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* is the best religious paper for our people. 2. That we will, with renewed effort, endeavor to increase largely the circulation of the *TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE* during the remainder of the present conference year. Respectfully submitted, A. C. McDONALD, Chairman, M. H. NEELY, J. H. SNIPES, DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS, June 29, 1878.

D. F. Fuller, J. H. Snipes, S. I. Pouns, W. B. Womack and Geo. M. O'Neal were appointed a committee with authority to organize a district conference high school.

The following are the delegates elect to the approaching Annual Conference: Rev. R. I. Wynne, J. H. Snipes, Geo. W. Lagrone and E. J. Glover. *Roseres*—Rev. H. R. Hughes, R. A. Morris, C. C. Dickard and J. A. Haughton. Linden, Cass county, was selected as the place for holding the next session of the district conference. D. F. FULLER, Secretary.

North Texas Female College.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE. The commencement exercises of the North Texas female College began on the 9th instant by a sermon from Rev. Dr. R. H. Read to the school and a large audience. Notwithstanding the doctor had but short notice, he fully sustained himself and the occasion. The examination proper, commenced on Monday and closed on Friday night, with great credit to both teachers and pupils. We esteem it a privilege to witness and report such a marked improvement in every department of the school during the last two sessions. The advancement as shown by the public examinations was more than satisfactory to all connected with the institution. The senior class, nine in number, who graduated deserve special notice. The impartial manner in which the examination was conducted, and the promptness with which they answered every question, and solved the most difficult problems, fully vindicated their claim to the honors that were conferred upon them in their diplomas. These young ladies are the first fruits of our college, and we are proud of them. May she yield many more such. On Thursday night the concert of the musical department, in the center of its interest, was cut short by

a dark cloud from the west. On Friday night the Opera House was filled to overflowing, to witness the closing exercises of the college. First, the audience was favored with an intellectual treat from Mr. Gathright, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. The speaker turned aside from the old beaten paths of "Woman's Mission," and "Woman's Education," and led his hearers out into the realms of the "Unseen" and the "Unknown," and truly and eloquently did he maintain that there was a hand, though invisible it may be, that shapes and guides the destiny of all things. Its publication would be a contribution to the literary effusions of the present day. Next came the reading of the essays by the young ladies, which were chaste, beautiful and appropriate. After which the President of the Board of Trustees presented the diplomas to the President of the college, Col. J. R. Cole, who handed them in turn to each of the young ladies, following the same with a touching and eloquent address upon the occasion of their final separation as teachers and pupils.

Thus ended the annual commencement exercises of the North Texas Female College. The school is prosperous, the outlook bright, and if the church and the friends of religious education will but rally to its support, and to the able and efficient efforts of Col. J. R. Cole, and his assistants, the success of the institution is secured beyond a doubt.

J. M. BINKLEY, Chairman Visiting Committee.

The Sherman *Courier* publishes an extended report of the commencement exercises, in which occurs the following editorial tribute: "North Texas Female College stands, deservedly, in the front rank of the educational institutions of our State, and indeed of the South-west, and the annual recurrence of its closing exercises, forms ever an interesting epoch in our social, moral and intellectual progress as a people."

Chartered by the State, and belonging to and under the patronage of the North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, it is at once the favorite child, and at the same time the moral and social, the scientific and intellectual Mecca of the South-west, exercising an influence so extensive, and commanding a confidence so unquestioning, that the responsibilities of those having its management are so comprehensive and far-reaching, as to be almost beyond portrayal in ordinary language. And notwithstanding the fact that the institution is yet, as it were, in its infancy, and subject to those embarrassments and hindrances which always beset the first steps of educational enterprises, our people have come to expect much of their favorite college, and look to it with no little pride as the exponent and representative of their progress in science, art and ethics.

"Penny Wise and Pound Foolish."

It is a well known fact, confirmed by official reports of this government, that the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage annually costs this government hundreds of millions of dollars. The last report I have seen sets it down at \$700,000,000. But this is not one per cent. of the real cost in the waste of individual, community and public property, directly and indirectly. Then comes the diminution of the laboring forces, loss of time, bad work done, if any at all, sickness and premature deaths, and that by many thousands annually. And this, generally, after they have reduced their families to poverty and pauperism. But besides killing themselves, men who drink freely are very apt to kill others, even their friends, wives and children. Of all these things the daily press brings in sad intelligence every day. This terrible business, which costs more than all other expenses tenfold, is allowed and licensed by the most Christian nation in the world! This is the strangest paradox in political history. All the revenue derived from the alcoholic trade is not equal to one-half of one per cent. of the damage done to the country by it in a financial sense. But how shall we balance the loss of life with money? Suppose we put down the actual loss of life at 100,000 per annum. These are from the hardiest, most able working classes, both of the common laborers and the professions. How will the government answer for the loss of these lives and the beggaring of their families? Let not our lawmakers think they can lay all the blame on the whisky drinkers! The government authorized them to do it! Like the Popes of Rome, for a few dollars they have granted to the rum-sellers license to kill all the people they can by selling them intoxicating drinks. Are they not, in the fullest sense of the word, "particeps criminis" in all this work of destruction, both of life and

property? A competent prosecuting attorney, before a common sense jury, would have no trouble in making a clear case. But we are all involved in the great guilt till we do our best to correct the evil. As a nation, State, or county, or precinct, we are guilty before God of the blood of these men! Let us look truth in the face, and at once put a stop to this wholesale slaughter of our fellow-citizens, and to a practice that the most barbarous nations have not allowed among themselves. O. FISHER. AUSTIN, June 27, 1878.

We have been blessed with a revival at Brooks' Chapel. About twenty converted, and twenty-three joined the church, and left several penitents at the altar. And we are now at work in a good meeting in town of Lampasas. There seems to be a general interest, good attendance, several ask the prayers of the church, some come to the altar and some have joined the church. Not many converts yet. We need converting power, and are praying for soul converting power upon those anxious ones. O Lord, revive thy work.—J. W. B. ALLEN.

MINEOLA CIRCUIT, July 1.—As the third quarterly conference is past, I will let you hear from this work. The Lord has truly been with us; eight souls happily converted to God; six joined the church. Last night we had a Pentecostal shower from the presence of the Lord. We have received thirty-five into the church; twenty converted. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The local preachers are wide awake. D. C. Marshall has been with me, and has preached with power. We think we will be able to do something for the ADVOCATE soon.—S. H. KENFRO.

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EDIGRAPHS.

"Wherever the ADVOCATE goes I have no trouble in selling religious books." This remark was made at the Waco District Conference by Bro. Buckingham, who is actively engaged in the sale of good books. The newspaper is one of the educators of the public mind.

At Bremond a boy on the platform offered for sale some of the most beautiful and delicious Delaware grapes we ever tasted. Dr. Womack, of the same town, handed us a large Chinese cling peach, which was almost too beautiful to eat.

As the cars passed out of Mexia, our attention was called to the temple alley, located outside the corporate limits of the city. Public sentiment pronounced it a nuisance, and the city fathers took steps for its removal.

"Never swim a creek nor climb a mountain till you get to it." This was Bishop McKendree's comment on the text: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." We have often lost the pleasure of a day's travel through a beautiful region over the question, "where will I find a resting place at night?"

Near the depot at Palestine is a large building bearing upon it the sign of the "Immigrants' Home." We called in to see what it meant. We found a well arranged house where immigrants can stop for days free of charge, while settling the important question, what part of the great State of Texas shall be their future home.

ventilated dining room adjoined the kitchen, next was a room with chairs and a broad table on which they could spread their maps as they compared the claims of different sections of this State. On the upper floor were rooms where the families could lodge while the husband and father was prospecting through distant counties.

In one of the rooms we found a large and well assorted collection of the productions of the State, with specimens of its soil, minerals and timber. Specimens of the peaches, plums, apples and berries, are preserved in alcohol, with labels on the jars, showing the date when they were plucked from the tree or vine.

The Marshall District Conference was in session on the 4th, when we reached Henderson. The attendance was very large and the interest in the business was sustained till its close on Saturday evening. In the opening address, R. W. Thompson, the P. E., presented as the leading design of the Conference a faithful report of the condition of each charge and an interchange of views respecting the best method for the advance of vital religion among our people.

Some points were developed in the Marshall Conference worthy of special note. The church in this region has felt but slightly, in comparison with others, the influence of the popular amusements of the day.

A decline in family religion was revealed in many places, though in many homes the family altar has not been abandoned. One fact, however, was to us a startling one. A pastor stated that some of the local preachers in his charge were living in neglect of family prayer. But few presiding elders, we presume, have deemed inquiries in this direction of importance.

expected delinquencies, and tone up the entire church to a more healthful standard of piety.

We were specially interested in the report from Marshall station on missions. Two missionary societies are organized. The Foreign missions are assigned to the male members, and the Domestic missions to the female members. All are expected to pay something. Ten cents per month will be \$1.20 per member. The pastor, Brother Phillips, expects to raise that amount. If one charge can raise \$1.20 per member, why may not all raise a like sum.

"Truckandturnover." Well, that's another new word. We heard it used in connection with one of the financial reports. It seemed to have some relation to the currency in which preachers are sometimes paid. When money is scarce, we presume the preacher is glad to get it, whatever it is.

There were several parsonages reported in the District. A very neat one has been recently completed in Henderson. Even where they have to resort to "truckandturnover," the parsonage aids largely in the preacher's support.

No dram drinking nor liquor selling Methodists were reported.

BISHOP WIGHTMAN.—Owing to the fact that Bishop Wightman has been assigned to the Western District, he informed us that he feared he would be compelled to abandon his contemplated visit to Texas. This will be a great disappointment, as many of our preachers and people had hoped to have shared the benefit of his councils and ministrations this year in different portions of the State.

Bishop Paine, though in feeble health, is doing full work. The Western Methodist appeals to the brethren to let the bishop rest during the summer; basing the appeal upon the advice of physicians.

Rev. T. A. Garrison, cries "Huzza for the ADVOCATE," and practically illustrates as follows: "I received the card from your office, authorizing me as one of your agents to receive subscribers, on condition that the money is paid at our ensuing annual conference; also permitting me to concede my commission to the subscribers, if I so desired. I herewith send you subscribers." (We won't give the number, because that sewing machine premium is involved.)

Dr. McAnally, in the St. Louis Advocate of July 6, says: The hand of affliction has been upon my family during four months past, and for the greater part of that time it has been heavy indeed; it is still heavy, but with better prospects for the future. To the parties who have rendered gratuitous services in conducting the paper in my necessary absence, I am profoundly grateful, and most of all, grateful to a merciful Father in heaven, by whose good providence myself and family have been thus far so wondrously preserved and blessed.

Dr. Jett Pincaird sends us a communication denying expressly the charges brought against him by Rev. J. F. Denton and the Victoria Advocate. As the doctor leaves us in the dark as to his place of residence, we do not publish his article—but give him the benefit of a denial. The envelope was postmarked, Livingston, Polk Co., Texas.

Rev. G. W. Owens, Ferris, July 8: "Have just closed a meeting in Prairie Valley; had a good time; the church was greatly revived. There is a grand outlook on my entire work for good."

Religious Personal.

Rev. J. K. Tuttle, of the St. Louis Conference, sailed for Europe June 29th.

Ex-Senator Revels, (colored) now serving an African Methodist Church in Indiana, has had a paralytic stroke.

The Rev. C. K. True, pastor of a Methodist Church in Brooklyn, New York, died suddenly, June 19. He was a man of mark.

The death is announced of the Rev. Dr. Stirling, Galston, Ayrshire, the father of the Church of Scotland, in the 88th year of his age and the 63d of his ministry.

Mongiardino, an agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Buenos Ayres, has been stoned to death for the crime of being a Bible seller.

Rev. Joseph Cook lectured in St. Louis the past week. The Central Christian Advocate does not speak in flattering terms of his efforts—attributing to his lectures want of success in every feature; adding the worry of extensive length to want of spirit on the part of both lecturer and audience.

The Rev. Victor Smith, a young clergyman who has recently been acting as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Shakerford, at the Redeemer Protestant Church, New York, has been suddenly bereft of reason, and is now an inmate of Bloomingdale Insane Asylum.

Rev. R. S. Stubbs, formerly of the New Hampshire Conference, but late of the Oregon Conference, has withdrawn from the M. E. Church, and with his wife, who has been a life-long member, has united with the Congregationalists.

The Rev. A. W. Wilson, the Missionary Secretary, is in his office hard at work; but will soon "take the field" in the interest of missions. He is to move his family from Baltimore at an early day.

The last number of the Pacific Methodist contains a touching farewell from the Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald to his brethren of the Pacific Conference. Bro. F. will soon assume editorial duties on the Nashville Advocate.

Rev. S. B. Smithee died June 23 at Laurel Glen, Va. He was transferred in 1876 from Holston to Florida Conference to improve his health. He returned to Virginia only nine days prior to his death.

Governor Colquitt, of Georgia, lately said at a Sunday-school convention in Carroll county, in that State: "Some think that Sunday-school work is an insignificant work—too small a work for the great and busy men of earth. Some men are too great to stoop to little things."

Rev. Chas. H. Corey, President of the Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va., is to spend a part of his vacation in Europe. He goes as the delegate of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Virginia to the Conference of the Young Men's Christian Associations of all lands, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, August 14-20.

The Western Methodist "ventilates" that "commentary" of Dr. Summers on the late General Conference. Bro. Johnson, taking a serious view of the subject, enters an able defense. We have regarded the article of the good doctor in the light of a joke. "See our Commentary" of a previous date.

The Central Christian Advocate says a Mr. Sanborn is to write a new life of John Brown. We trust, for the sake of the "dear departed," it may be new. The old one of "J. B.," with which we are all familiar, is that of the greatest fanatic that ever cursed a country.

Dr. McAnally, in the St. Louis Advocate of July 6, says: The hand of affliction has been upon my family during four months past, and for the greater part of that time it has been heavy indeed; it is still heavy, but with better prospects for the future. To the parties who have rendered gratuitous services in conducting the paper in my necessary absence, I am profoundly grateful, and most of all, grateful to a merciful Father in heaven, by whose good providence myself and family have been thus far so wondrously preserved and blessed.

The Rev. L. H. Gulick writes to The Observer an account of a conference of delegates from Protestant missions in Japan. It was held in Tokio, and its purpose was to provide for the translation of the Bible into the Japanese language. Forty-two missionaries were present, of whom twenty-five represented in the conference six American and four British missionary societies and the British, Scotch, and American Bible societies. Dr. Maclay, of the American Methodist Mission, presided. The conference provided for the translation of the Old Testament. The work on the New Testament, which was begun in 1872, will be completed in 1879. The two companies of revisers will work together harmoniously.

Religious News.

The State Sunday-school Convention of South Carolina will meet in Greenville, S. C., August 21-22.

The Christian Neighbor, now published at Columbia, S. C., will be removed at the close of the year to Atlanta, Georgia.

The Alabama State Sunday-school Convention will meet in Selma on July 16 and 17, and not on July 9-10.

The Sunday-school Association of the Indian Territory will hold its second annual convention at A-to-ka, on the M., K. and T. Railway, on August 2.

The total receipts of the English religious societies is \$8,436,260, an increase of upward of \$250,000. Of the whole amount \$3,592,895 was contributed to foreign missions.

The American Bible Society is now publishing books at Constantinople, Beirut, Bremen, Berlin, Paris, Stockholm, Foochow, Shanghai, Lucknow, Lodiana, Yokohama.

The Bishop of London, in a public letter, has desired that the Christians of England should unite on an appointed day with the Diocese of Madras in a thanksgiving service for the recently reported conversion of 18,000 natives in Tinnevalley, India.

It is proposed to celebrate, in the year 1881, the centenary of the founding of Sunday-schools. Mr. Franklin Allen, Secretary of the International Sunday-school Committee, will this summer confer with the London Sunday-school Union in relation to arrangements for this event.

The Methodist Protestant, of Baltimore, is out in a "bran new" dress. It is sometimes the case that when we begin to get old we lose all desire to don elegant attire. This is not so with the Protestant—as it is now in the forty-ninth year of its publication. It is well edited—and deserves patronage. Bro. Drinkhouse will please accept our wishes for the continued prosperity of the Protestant.

MISSIONS.—We have received the annual report of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under date of June 1, 1878. Perhaps a recapitulation of some items will be of advantage for reference. The total assessment for foreign missions for 1877, was \$100,000—the apportionments to the Texas Conferences being, \$1800 to Texas; \$1870 to North Texas; \$1460 to East Texas; \$1730 to Northwest Texas; \$1040 to West Texas. The total amount collected in the church, South, for foreign missions is set down as \$62,157 02. The Texas Conferences are credited with collections as follows: Texas, \$844 80; North Texas, \$1077 40; East Texas, \$530 35; Northwest Texas, \$754 84; West Texas, \$563 37. The total collected for domestic missions is \$49,185 42. Texas Conferences are credited as follows: Texas Conference, \$877 15; North Texas, \$1200; East Texas, \$—; Northwest Texas, \$2319 57; West Texas, \$667 01. Total collections for domestic and foreign missions \$111,342 44. The total receipts for four years preceding report are as follows: From June, 1874, to June, 1875—foreign and domestic collections being taken together—total, \$107,570. From June, 1875, to June, 1876—foreign, \$61,674 12; domestic, \$79,501 92; total, \$141,176 04. From June, 1876, to June, 1877—foreign, \$70,658 44; domestic, \$55,052 86; total, \$125,711 30. From June, 1877, to June, 1878—foreign, \$62,157 01; domestic, \$49,185 42; total, \$111,342 44. Total receipts for the four years—foreign, \$194,489 58; domestic, \$183,740 21; grand total, \$378,229 79. In China there are thirty Christian churches at work, and the number of Christians increasing six-fold every ten years. Japan welcomes Christian teachers, and proclaims the Christian Sabbath as a weekly festival. There are now 350 churches in Burmah, and nine-tenths of the work is done by native missionaries. There are 2500 missionary stations in India, and near 2000 of them manned by native laborers, while the Christians are increasing by more than a hundred thousand in ten years. There are self-supporting Christian congregations in Persia and on the Black sea. There are 5000 communicants in Syria, Gambia, Sierra, Leon and Liberia have powerful Christian communities. There are 40,000 communicants in the churches of South Africa, and 45,000 children in the schools. There are 70,000 Christians in the churches of Madagascar. Polynesia, is almost entirely Christian. As the result of fifty years labor among the heathen we sum up about 500,000 church members; and probably not less than 2,000,000 connected by ties more or less binding with Christian churches where 2300 missionaries labor. The mission work in Mexico and among the Germans and Indians is too extensive not to be known.

There are in Germany 1961 Sunday-schools, with 8149 teachers and 158,615 scholars.

Women's Mission Boards and their auxiliaries in this country alone are said to number 9000.

The Congregationalists of Massachusetts held their annual association meeting last week at Fall River.

The Board of Publication of the Southern Presbyterian church reduced its debt last year from \$20,000 to \$7000.

The thirteenth annual Convention of the Kentucky Sunday-school Union will be held in Marysville on July 9-11.

The first colored Baptist church in Nashville is said to be the finest church edifice ever erected by colored people in the South.

The English revisers of the New Testament are engaged in revising for the second time the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions closed its year with a decrease in receipts of \$60,288, as compared with last year.

The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska, has admitted to deacon's orders, a Sioux Indian with the Christian name of Amos Ross.

The new hymn book of the M. E. Church is on sale. It contains one thousand one hundred and seventeen hymns, nineteen doxologies, and the ritual. The 16mo. edition is bound in cloth, and will be sold at one dollar.

In the last year, one mission in China of the Presbyterian Board, reported 112 accessions to the church by conversion, and another mentioned the baptism of 48 converts. Another missionary in Mexico reported 194 converts during the year.

The copy of the Bible which Martin Luther used daily, and the leaves of which are covered with annotations made with his own hands, is now in the Brandenburg Museum, which gave for it about \$450. The Bible was printed in Basle in 1509, is bound in leather, and is in good preservation.

The popular hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," was written by a Scotch lady, Elizabeth C. Clephane, for a friend of hers who edited The Children's Hour. Mr. Sankey first noticed it while riding on the train between Glasgow and Edinburgh, and it is now the most widely known song which he sings.

A conference of pastors of the Reformed Church of France, held at Paris recently, protested against the attempt of the government to reorganize the Lutheran Church, as an invasion of the rights of the church and as a menace of the liberty of the Reformed Church.

The New England Baptist Missionary Convention (colored) has appointed two special committees—the one to consider the relations of the colored and white Baptists of the North, and the other to consider the relations of the colored Baptists of the United States among themselves.

The new Hymnal of the M. E. Church meets, generally, the approval of the different journals of that organization—and, we therefore presume, of its membership. The committee that compiled the work had fifteen members. An exchange says: The conservative power of a large committee has been fully justified. The book is not new enough to produce any shock upon the tender sensibilities of devout hearts. It has a very natural appearance as you open it.

The beneficial results of the Atlanta Sunday-school convention are plainly seen in several Southern States. A missionary of the American Sunday-school Union in Tennessee writes: The good done at Atlanta will be felt for generations, especially in the South, where its influences are already manifest in a new impulse and activity, better methods of teaching and conducting schools and a larger adoption of the International lessons. Since my return from Atlanta I have attended five county conventions.

A Sunday-school convention for Middle Tennessee was held in Nashville, June 26-7. Twenty counties and all Protestant denominations represented. The convention developed into a permanent organization called the "Middle Tennessee Sunday-school Association," the first meeting of which will be in Murfreesboro, October 24-25. The officers elect of this permanent body are: Hon. John E. Garner, President; Z. W. Ewing, M. L. Blanton, H. H. Norman and Hon. H. Y. Riddle, Vice-Presidents; Ernest Caldwell, Secretary; W. M. McCarty, Corresponding Secretary; C. J. Moody, Treasurer; W. M. Leftwich, M. B. DeWitt and J. E. Scooby, Executive Committee. It is said the Nashville Convention wound up with something like an old-fashioned love-feast.

Custom may lead a man to many errors, but it justifies none.—Fielding.

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History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida, This book will be read with interest by the thousands of Georgians in Texas.

Texas Military Institute, Austin, Tex., will open its eleventh session Sept. 4, 1878.

Augusta Female College, Staunton, Va., claims to be the largest first-class institution for young ladies in Virginia.

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, opens its fourth session September 1, 1878, and closes June 1, 1879.

Wesleyan Female Institute, Staunton, Va.—We direct attention to the advertisement of this popular Seminary.

Waco Female College, Has closed its Third Year under present management.

The Centaur Liniments are of two kinds. The White is for the human family the Yellow is for horses, sheep and other animals.

News of the Week.

Eastern Question.

The Berlin Congress has nearly completed the negotiations whereby the settlement of the difficulties, which at one time threatened the peace of Europe, will be secured.

Beaconsfield has proved himself an accomplished diplomat in securing for England that place among the powers which of late years has been gradually slipping away from her.

To the Athenians the solution of the Cretan matter by the Congress is not satisfactory, and a manifestation of disapprobation by 15,000 people took place in front of the King's palace.

The wool market in New York is irregular; 14,000 pounds spring Texas wool sold at 22¢ per lb.

The terrible drought which has for some time afflicted almost the whole of Australia, is at last breaking up.

The excitement in regard to the new gold mines continues. The Black Hills are being deserted for the new field.

The enormous number of 514 failures were reported in New York city during the six months ending June 30, in which the aggregate liabilities amounted to \$39,030,795.

So great appears the danger of serious conflict in Montreal on the occasion of the celebration of the Orangemen, which is to take place on the 12th inst.

PARIS, July 10.—Intelligence has been received from Constantinople stating that the withdrawal of Russian troops from San Stefano is being negotiated.

Miscellaneous.

The Bahama Islands.

The Bahama islands have been made a port of entry from July 1.

The Missouri river is higher than it has been for twelve years and is doing much damage along its banks.

A factory has been built at Osaka, Japan, for the manufacture of oil from camphor, which is said to be cheaper and to have a greater illuminating power than kerosene.

The young Prince Louis Napoleon was one of the speakers at the recent anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Fund in London.

This year's meeting of the American Association for the advancement of Science will be held at St. Louis, August 21st.

The class of 15 Indians at Hampton, Va., who have been there but a short time, already show a ready capacity to learn.

The famine in China is pressing upon 15,000,000 people—while 60,000,000 are suffering more or less.

An experimental farm has been established in Orange County, New York, by a gentleman having the cause of good husbandry at heart.

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News Personal.

Dr. J. C. Ayer.

Dr. J. C. Ayer, the great patent medicine man, died July 3d.

Bloomfield H. Moore, of the well known firm of Jessup & Moore, paper dealers, is dead; aged 60 yrs.

Major Woodson, agent of the Associated Press at Memphis, was thrown accidentally, on the 5th, on the street-car track and run over. His injuries resulted in death.

The Paris Exposition is now quite on its legs, and is doing a good business. One day recently it had 198,700 visitors, which is 26,000 more than the best day of the Exposition of 1867.

The brothers and heirs of the late Lewis Brooks will present the University of Virginia \$4000 to complete the botanical department of the Museum of Natural Sciences according to the plan of Mr. Brooks.

The authorities have concluded to formally ask the Mexican government to assist in suppressing the disorders along the border.

The Spanish Minister of Public Worship tells the Cortes that the government view of the clause in the constitution on religious liberty permits liberty within the walls of churches and cemeteries only.

It is reported that it costs the United States seventeen hundred dollars a year to support a soldier in fighting the Indians; while a missionary among the same people costs only eight hundred dollars per annum.

The old Established and Reliable Photographers of Texas.

Unanswered Letters.

CRIME.—James E. Jones, colored, was hung near LaGrange, Texas, July 6th.

MISSISSIPPI.—About same as in Louisiana.

ARKANSAS.—Fair, with somewhat less acreage than last year.

FLORIDA.—Crop generally fine. ALABAMA.—Portion of the State had too much rain—the blackland sections have suffered therefrom.

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Smith's History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida.

Waco Female College.

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Sunday-School Address.

BY FANNIE EVANS.

backward through the past century we see what influence upon the nations of the earth the Sabbath-school is exerting. There are hundreds and thousands of children, of almost every clime and nationality, that are found Sabbath after Sabbath eagerly wending their way to the class room; and, think, that little more than a hundred years ago Sabbath-schools were almost unknown. Verily "the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands is indeed filling the earth."

Think you that humble instrument in God's hands that first projected the plan of forming Sabbath-schools, away back in the middle of the last century, in Gloucester, England, Robert Raikes, ever dreamed that the few seeds he was scattering would one day fill the earth? I expect not. But God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, and it may be that He has chosen some one among our number to bear precious seeds that will one day yield an hundredfold. See to it, then, that each one does the duty that lies next to him with all his might, trusting in God for the results. With His blessing upon natural means, we may meet successfully the ordinary trials and dangers of life, and should extraordinary dangers threaten, we may expect extraordinary assistance, for God has promised, and His word never fails. The salvation of souls should be the grand object to be attained, and for that we should labor, not that our schools should be largest or most fashionable, but do the most good, to win the most from the paths of error and vice to the highway of truth and rectitude. The gardener's labor would be in vain were he to cherish into bloom merely the brilliant, tinted, odorless flower. The wise cultivator of the human plant will do well to bear in mind the analogy of nature, and will not think to produce beauty by merely painting the outside. If art can add a tint to a flower, it must be by laying no pigment upon the petal; but by infusing a new chemical element into the soil, which by ascending the stem will be elaborated into its secret glands, and thus add beauty and fragrance to the flower. And so, to be really beneficial to those for whom we labor, we must work from the heart and soul outward, by infusing new life and vigor and aiding the growth and development of those virtues which tend so much to ornament and beautify life. Generally the most useful Christians are those who are taught the great truths of salvation in the days of their youth, "when the evil days come not," and the blessed cause of the Sabbath-school has been the highest hope and the best comfort to the souls of many. May the upright of the whole earth be its supporters, and heartily wish God speed to these nurseries of good. The blessed Savior when on this earth said, "feed my lambs," and we should let no opportunity pass to obey that command. And when rolling years shall cease to move, and time with us shall be no more, may we meet in that innumerable happy throng that have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and that shall walk the streets of the celestial city—officers, teachers, parents, friends and pupils—where we can join in praises to that Savior that has redeemed us with His own precious blood, and forever dwell in that beautiful home He has gone to prepare for those that love Him.

"This hid from view, we can not guess How beautiful that realm must be: Though gleamings of its loveliness In visions granted, oft we see. The very clouds that over it throw Their veil unraised for mortal sight. With gold and purple tinting glow. Reflected from the glorious light. Beyond the river."

To be successful in this grand enterprise we should take a bold stand before the world, with "an earnest purpose for a generous end," and consecrate time, talent and influence to the cause of right, and we will find our own hearts unfolding to the first pattering of the shower of God's blessing. And in the higher and more weighty responsibility of our position, possessing as we will, the power to shed a beam of refulgent light upon the pathway of mankind, will in our own life, be "like a star glittering in its own mild lustre, undimmed by the radiance of another, and unobscured by the deep shades of the midnight heavens." God's blessing will follow our labors, and although sometimes we may feel faint and weak-hearted, although seemingly our labor will be in vain, and those with and for whom we feel such deep interest persist in their willfulness, and in presumptuous arrogance seem determined to pluck the fruit that grows on folly's topmost twig, at such times the promise of God comes with calming force: "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt find it after many days."

In casting a retrospective glance

securly on this continent. Its sagacious policy leads it to withhold those leading doctrines and characteristics which are specially repulsive to American thought and to adjust itself to the tastes and opinions of the people. It is important that the doctrinal errors and worldly and grasping spirit of Romanism should be brought clearly before the people. The publication of this work is timely, and we hope it will have a large circulation. It ought to be in every preacher's library and upon every freeman's table. Specimen copies, in cloth, \$2.00; leather, \$2.50. Full information, terms to agents, etc., sent on application to Shaw & Blaylock, Galveston.

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Church Notices.

TEXAS CONFERENCE. AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Austin circuit, July 29 and 30. Live Oak circuit, July 27 and 28. Bastrop circuit, Hill Prairie, Aug 3 and 4. Cedar Creek circuit, Aug 10 and 11. Logansport, Aug 17 and 18.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. San Bernard, at Snake Creek, July 29, 21. Columbus, at Columbus, August 3, 4. Weimer, at Oakland, August 17, 18. Flatonia, at Flatonia, August 21, 25. Blossom Prairie circuit, August 31, Sept 1. San Felipe, at San Felipe, Sept 7, 8.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Madisonville station, 3th Sabbath in June. Madisonville circuit, 1st Sabbath in July. Anderson circuit, 2d Sabbath in July. Narrows and Milam, 3d Sabbath in July. Zion circuit, 1st Sabbath in August. Lodge mission, 2d Sabbath in August. Cold Springs, 3d Sabbath in August. Huntsville station, 4th Sabbath in August. Huntsville circuit, 1st Sabbath in August.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Cooper circuit, July 29, 30. Louisiana circuit, July 27, 28. Dodd City circuit, August 3, 4. Boxton circuit, August 10, 11. Blossom Prairie circuit, August 17, 18. Paris station, August 24, 25. Clarksville, August 31, September 1. Robinsonville, September 7, 8. Wayland, September 14, 15.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Montague circuit, July 29, 30. Cambridge and Henrietta missions, July 27, 28. West Fork mission, August 3, 4. Victoria Peak mission, August 10, 11.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Bonham station, 4th Sunday in July. Pilot Point circuit, at Via Point, 1st Sunday in August. Pilot Grove circuit, 2d Sunday in August.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Sulphur mission, July 29, 30. White Rock circuit, July 27, 28. Greenville station, August 3, 4.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Clifton circuit, at Clifton, 4th Sabbath in July. Stephensville circuit, at Stephensville, August 10, 11. Jonesboro circuit, at Live Oak Chap, 2d, 3d, 4th, Aug. Paluxy and Stephenville circuit, at Morton's Chapel, 3d Sabbath in August. Grandbury circuit, 4th Sabbath in August.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Cleburne station, July 29, 30. Alvarado circuit, Price's Chapel, July 27, 28. Fort Graham circuit, Fort Graham, August 3, 4. Newington circuit, Fort Worth, August 10, 11. District Conference will convene at 10 o'clock A. M., July 3d, at Marysville.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Grapevine mission, July 29, 30. Grapevine circuit, camp-meeting, July 27, 28. Honey Creek circuit, camp-meeting, August 4, 5. Van Dyke and McKinney, camp-meeting, August 10, 11. Bethel circuit, camp-meeting, August 17, 18.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Mt. Pleasant circuit, fourth Sunday in July. Colwellville circuit, First Sunday in August. Collier circuit, second Sunday in August. Longview circuit, third Sunday in August.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. COMANCHE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Lampasas circuit, Hunt's school-house, July 29, 30. Burnett circuit, Backbone Valley, July 27, 28. Rockvale circuit, Rockvale, Aug. 3, 4. Fort Mason circuit, Aug. 10, 11. Brownwood circuit, Jim Ned, Aug. 17, 18.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Wesley station, July 29, 30. Hillsboro circuit, at Hillsboro, July 27, 28. Waxahatche circuit, at Waxahatche, Aug. 3, 4. The District Conference will convene at Hillsboro, on Wednesday, July 25, at 10 o'clock A. M. The Conference will convene on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 9 A. M. The quarterly Conference will be held on Monday, the 29th. Preachers and delegates are requested to be present at roll call. The accommodations will be ample for all who come. Ministers and people everywhere are invited to attend. We can feel every body if they come.

COERCAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. North Leon circuit, at Ringold, July 29. Centreville circuit, at Pleasant Grove, July 27. Fairfield circuit, at Hick's springs, August 3. Mexia circuit, August 17. Thornton mission, August 24.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Brazos mission, July 12. Bethesda circuit, at Springdale, July 13, 14. Weatherford circuit, July 27, 28. Graham and Menk's Chapel station, August 1. Jackshoro, at Salt Hill, August 10, 11. Eldorado mission, at Eldorado, August 16. Weatherford circuit, August 17, 18. Weatherford circuit, August 24, 25.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. West Falls circuit, 4th Sunday in July. Liberty Hill circuit, 1st Sunday in August. Grand Bluff mission, at Post, Aug. 31, Sept 1. District Conference at Davilla, commencing Friday, 11 o'clock A. M., July 26, Sermon by Rev. G. W. Graves. Conference will be organized at 2 o'clock P. M. P. M.—My address is Waco instead of South Bosque.

WACO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Waco station, Waco, July 29. Waco circuit, Cow bayou, camp-meeting, July 27. Bremont circuit, White Rock, August 3. Mount Vernon circuit, camp-ground, August 10. Bessey circuit, August 17. Wheelock circuit, August 31.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. MARSHALL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Elystan Fields circuit, at Bethel, July 29, 30. Henderson and Overton sta., at Overton, July 27 and 28. Hallville circuit, at Millwood, August 3, 4. Bellview circuit, August 10, 11. Harrison circuit, at Concord, August 17, 18. Grand Bluff mission, at Post, Aug. 31, Sept 1. Larissa circuit, at Pleasant Retreat, Sept 7, 8. Starrville circuit, at Ethel, Sept 14, 15. Marshall station, Sept 21, 22.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Newton circuit, at Onsey, July 22, 23. Smithfield mission, July 27, 28. Wallisville circuit, August 10, 11. Beaumont circuit, August 17, 18.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Athens circuit, July 29, 30. Palestine circuit, July 27, 28. Crockett circuit, August 3, 4. Kikapoo circuit, August 10, 11. Rock and Jacksonville station, August 17, 18. Tyndal station, August 24, 25. Cherokee circuit, August 31 and September 1. Crockett and Augusta station, September 7, 8.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Milan, at Milan, July 29, 30. San Augustine circuit, July 27, 28. Melrose, at Nacogoches, August 4, 5. Shelby, at Sand Hill, August 10, 11. Lynn Flat and Douglas, August 17, 18. Mt Enterprise, at Calcedonia, August 24, 25.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. VICTORIA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Sandies circuit, July 29, 30. Halsettville circuit, July 27, 28. Moulton circuit, August 3, 4. Clinton circuit, August 10, 11. Victoria circuit, August 17, 18. Concrete circuit, August 24, 25.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Leaville, at Leaville, fourth Sunday in July. Elm, at Sandy Elm, first Sunday in August. San Antonio city mission, second Sunday in August.

UVALDE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Bandera mission, at Mano Valle, camp-meeting, July 29, 30. Kerrville circuit, camp-meeting, July 27, 28. Upper Hondo, camp-meeting, August 3, 4. Sabinal circuit, Sabinal, District Conference and camp-meeting on the 24th of August. Mendard mission, at Johnson Creek, camp-meeting, August 10, 11. South Concho, at Tom Green, camp-meeting, August 17, 18. Branda City mission, at Pettes Prairies, camp-meeting, August 24, 25.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Helena circuit, at Riddleville, July 29, 30. Oakville circuit, at Tilden, July 27, 28. Rockport station, at St. Mary's, August 3, 4. Rockport station, August 10, 11. Corpus Christi station, August 17, 18. Legarto circuit, at Meansville, August 24, 25.

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Texas Christian Advocate The Children's Corner.

A LITTLE newsboy, to sell his paper, told a lie. The matter came up in Sabbath-school. "Would you tell a lie for a penny?" asked a teacher of one of her boys. "No, ma'am," answered Dick very decidedly. "For a sixpence?" "No, ma'am." "For a shilling?" "No, ma'am." "For a thousand shillings?" Dick was staggered. A thousand shillings looked big. O would it not buy lots of things!

A SINGULAR EXPERIMENT.—Our sight is not always to be depended upon, and a very odd experiment, illustrative of the fact, may be performed by any one in possession of two hands and a sheet of paper. Take the paper—stiff writing-paper will answer best—and roll it so as to form a tube about an inch in diameter. Apply the tube to the right eye, and look steadily through it at any convenient object; at the same time keep the left eye open. Now, place the left hand, with the palm toward you and the fingers pointing upward, by the side of the paper tube and near its lower end. The strange sight will be seen of a hole—a clearly defined hole—through the palm of the left hand. The illusion is a strange one, and a good example of the occasional deceptiveness of our two-eyed vision.—Our Little People.

CHILDREN, when any little boy or girl is always talking to you about the faults of others, you may be sure that they are in the habit of talking to others of your faults. Reprove such, and if you cannot reform them, shun them.—Our Little People.

A DEAR little four-years-old girl, in her deep reverence for the Almighty, could never be persuaded to say God—it was always "Mr. Dod." "Why, mamma it isn't 'spectful to say Dod; it's Mr. Dod, of course."—Our Little People.

THERE is a God! The herds of the valley, the cedars of the mountain, bless Him; the insect sports in His beam; the bird sings Him in the foliage; the thunder proclaims Him in the heavens; the ocean declares His immensity. Man alone has said: There is no God!

TASSO, being urged to avenge himself upon a man who had done him many injuries, said: "I wish to take from him neither his property, nor his life, nor his honors; but only his ill-will towards me."

In Memory of a Deceased Wife.

There is no event in the providence of God to man so deeply afflictive and heart piercing as that of the removal by death of a kind, loving and devoted wife and mother. This I know from painful experience. As has been announced in the columns of the ADVOCATE, my dear wife was removed from the family circle on the 22d of May last to join the happy circle that had preceded her, and united with the blessed through whose voice in sweetest melodies ever sing "unto Him who washed us in His own blood and has made us kings and priests unto God and His father; unto Him be glory forever." While I view with pleasing delight the happy condition of the deceased loved one, I desire to adopt the language of the Psalms: She "can not come to me; I will say, blessed be God, 'I can go to her; and, by the grace of God, her heaven shall be my heaven, and her God—who sustained her amid all the busy scenes of life and bore her patiently through bodily sufferings of the severest character—shall be my God. In Him alone is my trust, and I feel "he will be my deliverer and my exceeding great reward." If it was not for the consolation of the gospel of Christ, I feel my loss would be insupportable; for home was made dear and delightful by her presence. But now what a change—the cheerful voice of a wife is hushed in the silence of death. Go where I will, such has been the close association between us for near twenty-seven years, there is something that calls up vivid recollections of the past. And while on the one hand they suggest thoughts pleasant and delightful, on the other what pain to know that this association can never exist again in this life. The toils and labors incident to man's living is such that he needs all the

aid that God in His goodness has provided for him, to enable him to meet the full measure of his responsibility. Who, then, can estimate the true value of a faithful Christian wife? One who was blessed with the sweetest spirit, and had a mind capable of grasping the wants and necessities of a family, the church and society; and was ready to impart wholesome advice, and by kind words and acts cheer the desponding husband and win the child to loving obedience; and on the Sabbath ready at the moment to accompany her husband to the house of God, and by her devout mien and the melody of song encourage him in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ and win souls to God. Who, I repeat, can estimate the value of such a wife? And such was my dear deceased Sarah. When I married her, she became the step-mother of eight children. (She never had any of her own.) She filled her station as few ever did, and as none ever surpassed, to the delight and gratification of husband and all the children. Two of the children she waited on with a mother's care, and in the last hours of their earthly existence, had the satisfaction of knowing that they appreciated and loved her as a mother in deed and in truth. The others are still living and, with the husband, mourn her departure; and I fondly hope they will follow her pious example and meet her in heaven.

A Christian wife and a Christian mother has gone before us to heaven. May it bind us closer to the cross of Christ. "She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

I feel very grateful to the large circle of friends who aided in waiting on her in her hours of pain and suffering, and the deep sympathy I have received in view of my bereavement and that of my children. JOHN H. STONE. CHAPPELL HILL, July 3, 1878.

Obituaries. "IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?"

Oh, strange, sad question, fronting our soft tears With sorrowed sorrow from the vanished years The distant years, when sorrowing motherhood Above the ashes of her dearest stood. And through the bitterness of hopes that fell, How low her head and answered, "It is well."

We, too, have nourished hopes to see them fling their heads down beyond the portals of the life beyond. The childish hands have loosed their clinging hold. And o'er the pulseless breast in silence fold: The eyes are shut too close for any tears. Through all the bitter griefs of all the years, And love itself could give no trumpet-call! Wouldst stir the sleep that resteth over all.

Yet is it well with her! Lo, we who stay Have walked through thorny paths, we softly Have bent o'er graves like this, where hope lay dead, And wept, refusing to be comforted. And shall we mourn that she has slipped away Into a fairer land of endless day? While still the lily-soul unfolded grew On childhood's royal heights, where life is new? Oh, tender face, that miss the thorny road, On childish hands, unconscious of life's load, Smiling in soul on which no shadows fell. We look on thee and answer, "It is well."

Is it not well with thee? We can not know The radiance of heaven's mystic glow. We can not hear the songs and shouts of praise That thrill all heaven with song through endless days. We can not see the waving palms and throngs Of white-robed ones that chant unending songs; These eyes have seen—they soul hath winged its flight To meet the dawning of that radiant day: And God shall fill the grand, immortal years On childhood's royal heights, where life is new. Stand mid thy fallen hopes, O Faith, and tell With eyes uplifted, "Father, it is well."

ENNIS, TEXAS, July 24, 1878. BY T. A. HAYS.

[To the memory of Fleta, wife of L. P. Keen, who departed this life in the full triumph of a Christian faith, at Corsicana, Texas, May 7, 78.] Lay the gem upon my bosom, Lay me feel her sweet warm breath; For a strange chill o'er me passes, And I know that it is death. I would gaze upon the treasure, Nearly given before I go; Feel her tiny dimpled fingers, Wander o'er my cheek of snow. I am passing through the waters, But a blessed shore appears; Kneel beside me, husband dearest, Let me kiss away thy tears. Wrestle with thy grief, my husband, Strive from midnight until day; It may prove at angel's blessing, If you will but watch and pray. Lay the gem upon my bosom, 'Tis not long she can be there; See! how to my heart she nestles— 'Tis the pearl I love to wear. If in after years beside thee Sit another in my chair, Though her voice be sweeter music, And her face than mine more fair. If a cherub call thee father, Far more beautiful than this, Love my first born! Oh, my husband! Turn not from the motherless. Tell her sometimes of her mother; You can call her by my name; Shield her from the winds of sorrow: If she errs, oh, gently blame! I will be her guardian angel While on earth here she stays; I will still be a mother-spirit, Watching her in all her ways. You will not forget me, husband, When I'm sleeping 'neath the sod; Love the jewel God has given us, As I love thee—next to God. BROOKS, June 25, 1878.

Cross.—Brother Michael Cross was born in Giles county, Tennessee, November 16, 1811; was married to Sister Susan Gains, Dec. 20, 1832; professed faith in Christ between the age of twenty and twenty-five; joined the Methodist Church; was recognized with the M. E. Church, South, after the division of 1844; moved from Giles to Shelby county, Tennessee, about 1849; from Shelby county, Tennessee, to Ouchita county, Arkansas, about 1856; and was recognized by the M. E. Church, South, at Seminary, twenty-one miles from Camden; moved from there to Owensboro, Robertson county, Texas, and attached himself by letter to the M. E. Church, South, there; after two years moved to Milan county, Texas; was there also attached by letter to the M. E. Church, South, at Wayfield Academy, after three years he moved to Bell county, Texas, where he was again by letter united with our church, at Flint Creek, in Corydon county, Texas, where he lived, as before, a faithful Christian life until his blessed Father

called him to eternal joys above, on the evening of the 4th inst. Brother Cross was a falling, almost instantly, dead in his field whilst aiding and instructing some harvest men. He was loved by two loved companions and three children in heaven; leaves behind also a loved companion and eight children to follow him in life and death. Brother Cross has ever been known as a most faithful Christian; most particularly zealous for the prosperity of the church. As a citizen, he was not excelled in either honesty, industry, charity, or honor of whatever kind. He was a devoted father, and provided for his wife, as a father, ever laboring for the good and happiness of his children, temporarily and spiritually. We tender our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family, and pray God that they will remember and practice the words of the king; "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."—W. W. HERDERSON.

DENTON.—Mrs. Martha H. Denton died at San Marcos, Texas, May 10, 1878. She was the daughter of James and Anna Jackson, and was born near a most illustrious family, February 22, 1813. She was married to Rev. John B. Denton Feb. 19, 1836. In early childhood she gave her heart to God and became a member of the Methodist Church. Her conformity to the rules of the church was exact to the last degree. She lived a Christian life and enjoyed the life. When she became a wife of a minister, she entered fully into the spirit of his work. Wherever he was called to go she went cheerfully. Whatever was to be endured in the way of trial or deprivation was borne patiently and without complaint. To her God knew and did all ways for the best. Her disease was consumption, and for more than a year she suffered much, but often said to inquiring friends: "I am resigned to the will of God." She was an affectionate wife and mother, and her solicitude for her husband and child rest at times to the highest pitch; yet she was able before the final parting came to commit them into the hands of the same Savior who had so long cared for her. She passed away peacefully, and awaits in a better world the coming of the husband and four little children. May they have grace to meet her in that eternal world. A. FROST.

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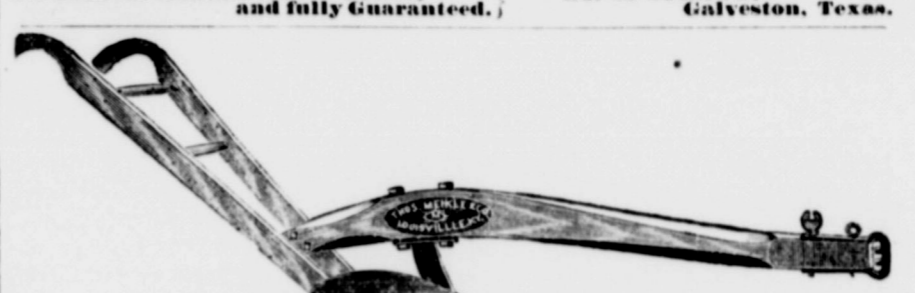
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Texas Christian Advocate

Texas Items.

A wagon load of new fodder was in Crockett last week.—Patron.

The first copy of the Honey Grove Advocate sold for \$2.

The Rockdale postoffice now issues money-orders.

We see from our Texas exchanges that Rev. W. A. Bowen is now a popular temperance lecturer.

Col. Ed. Waller (an old Texan), of Hempstead, is reported dying at Richmond.

Wheat is seventy-five cents a bushel in some parts of Fannin county.

The best quality of peaches are only forty cents a bushel at Brenham.

San Antonio is looking for the graves of the defenders of the Alamo, who were buried all together.

The cotton worm has actually made its appearance in Colorado county.

A Bastrop county man has corn growing with 1,200 grains to the cob.

Bell county wheat averages 21 to 28 bushels to the acre; rye 20 bushels; oats 70 bushels.

The Horticultural and Pomological Association has decided to have their annual exhibition at Houston on the 17-19th inst.

The reunion of the 12th and 19th Texas cavalry, at Waxahachie, on the 4th, is pronounced to have been a grand occasion.

The boll worm has made its appearance in Washington county, and is doing considerable damage on some of the farms.

On the 6th, nineteen-twentieths of Brenham tax-payers voted to tax themselves one-fourth of one per cent. to keep up public schools. Brenham gets \$1200 of the Peabody fund.

About one hundred and three thousand head of cattle have passed through this place en route for the northern markets during the present season.—Belton Journal.

DROWNED.—Kenney Krug, his wife, his two sisters and nurse were accidentally drowned in Sam Stone's tank, while enjoying a moonlight rowing last Thursday night.

A new county formed off of Milam and Lee, with Rockdale made the county seat, is the suggestion of a correspondent of the Rockdale Messenger.

The number of children in Milam county, between the ages of six and 18 years, according to the scholastic census just taken, is 3141. There are 1241 of them that cannot read, and 607 of them are colored.

Somesickness in our community, and Doctor A. F. Belo having quit his practice, we have no Doctor now. Would like to have an M. D. locate with us, as he could get a fine practice.—Live Oak and Pond Creek Reporter in Martin Ball.

Dr. I. G. John, editor of the Galveston Christian Advocate, called at the Ball office. He was attending conference. We were glad to meet such an accomplished gentleman.—Martin Ball.

The second annual meeting of Fannin county Union Sunday-School convention will take place at Mount Vernon church, one mile east of Dodd City, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 1st, 2d and 3d days of August next.

We compliment the Bonham News man on the news-sheet he gets up. Nothing in Bonham, in Fannin or in surrounding counties escapes him. Just the kind of paper a county needs. It deserves patronage.

We notice that the District conference purposes the establishment of a school at Honey Grove, Fannin county, with Prof. Kendall as principal. The health of Prof. Parks, the heretofore principal, is, we learn, feeble.

The law requires all school communities to be organized before the first of September. All not re-organized or new ones formed, and reported to the County Judge before that date, will not be entitled to any public school fund.

The Belton Journal complains that very little was subscribed to G. C. & S. F. R. R. at a recent county railroad meeting, because of impressions made by publications in the Galveston News. We presume this was the "interview" the News reporter had with the Galveston apologist for a Commissioner's Court.

Any quantity of eggs can be bought in this market at five cents a dozen, and chickens from ten to fifteen cents. The Bastrop flour mills are getting in a fine lot of wheat, and soon, we judge, the mills will be kept steadily employed. The hammer of the busy workmen can be heard in every direction over our town, and the improvements going on are of a substantial character.—Bastrop Advertiser.

The San Antonio water-works, at a sixty-eight pound pressure, threw five large streams from inch and a half nozzles one hundred feet high.

Mrs. Wilcox, wife of Judge Wilcox and sister of Gov. Throckmorton, died on 9th inst., at her residence in Plano of typhoid fever. She leaves a husband and several children.

The National Anniversary was pretty generally celebrated in Texas. This is a good sign, for our people would not celebrate the fourth did they not feel independent. Fraternity—secular and religious—is becoming a recognized fact.

Rev. James Wilson had a well dug recently, and at a depth of thirty-four feet a very large tooth was discovered, supposed to be the jaw tooth of a mastodon. It had been perfectly preserved, roots and all.—Belton Journal.

We are pleased to notice in our midst Rev. Mr. Ashby, of Belton, who is here at the fountain of health for the purpose of recuperation and pleasure. He has done some good preaching while here, and he's made for himself a host of friends.—Lampasas Dispatch.

A man named Riddle had a fight, says the Austin Statesman, with an army of polecats, killing seven. Does this account for the rumor that a train of wagons loaded with asiatic flies have lately passed through Travis county on their way to the Rio Grande?

Galveston is a very healthy place; the rate of mortality is compared with other points is small. Galveston is a wicked place—the rate of morality is, comparatively, also small. If citizens would do away with officials who encourage gambling and licentiousness, and who pander to the designs of a Catholic priesthood, we might have some reasonable hope for better things in the future.

The question of school discipline formed the theme of debate during the morning hours of the third day's session of the State Teachers' Association at Dallas. Drs. Allen, Franklin, Malone and Smith, and Messrs. Tooley, Breeze and Jones giving the results of extended experience under modern methods of school government. A paper on word spelling, by Major J. M. Richardson, was read by Prof. Coulson, of Ennis.

Our highly esteemed friend, Mr. William Stanton, seven miles east of Crockett, sent us an apple which measured fifteen inches in circumference, five in diameter, and though it had, before reaching us, rotted very badly, weighed twenty ounces. It is supposed that had it been weighed in a perfectly sound state, it would have proved a full two-pound.—East Texas Patron.

Mr. John W. Brite, President of the Texas Christian Temperance Association, with headquarters at Sherman, delivered a lecture last night at the Opera Hall. He has been quite successful here, and claims to have adorned with the blue ribbon, since he set out on his mission in Texas, five thousand persons. If one-half, or even one-third of them adhere to their pledge, it will be a great work of reformation.—Marshall Herald.

Judge Watts, Mr. Milliken and other gentlemen of Weatherford have made arrangements with Vice President Bond which will extend the Texas and Pacific from Fort Worth to Weatherford. The construction company is to grade and tie the thirty-one miles, and the Texas and Pacific company will put down the iron. The cost of construction is estimated at \$140,000, for which the road is to issue its obligations, payable in three years, or first mortgage bonds to be issued next March. The construction company will at once advertise for bids. Road to be in operation for the fall trade. Business men of Dallas promise the assistance asked.

The giving way of a creek bridge on the Texas and Pacific railroad, six miles west of Clarksville, caused an accident to the west bound passenger train at 1 P. M., on Monday, 8th inst. The baggage car and two coaches were thrown from the track, one on each side of the roadway, resulting in the killing of one passenger and the wounding of several. The railway company gave all the aid possible to the injured, and sent four physicians to the scene of disaster. The bridge was replaced and trains were running fifteen hours after the accident. Continued high water in the creek from recent rains caused the bridge to give way. The casualties are, Mrs. Bagby, Clarksville, killed; Mrs. Reese, Gainesville, slight bruises; Mrs. Wilson, Paris, bruises and ankle sprained; W. J. Ross, Davisville, Alabama, slight bruises; Mrs. Baldrick, Sherman, ankle sprained; P. Crunder, St. Louis, hurt on shoulder.

THE speech of Hon. H. A. Herbert, of Alabama, in the House of Representatives, on the Texas and Pacific Railway, has been received at this office.

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THE marriage of the daughter of Babu Keshub Chunder Sen to the Prince of Cuch Behar, both being under age, has resulted as was foreseen, in the division of the Brahma Somaj.—N. Y. Independent. "Just as we expected;" but now the average reader can rest satisfied on this great question.

An article in a Georgia paper suggests the justice of paying Southern people for their slaves. The New York Independent, commenting on this, says when it comes to pass, "look out for the return of miracles." We are, so to speak, "macadamizing" all war-matters with little broken bits of fraternity. The emancipation of the negro was strictly a war-measure of expediency; may it not some day seem expedient that those who sustained the entire loss shall have a little return? We only ask, you know.

On Tuesday, August 6th, 1878, the first number of the Southern Christian Advocate will be issued by Walker, Evans & Cogswell, publishers for the M. E. Church, South. Under the editorial management of Rev. F. Milton, Kenney, D. D., editor, and Rev. S. A. Weber, associate editor. The publishers state that the paper will maintain the high standard it has held for more than forty years, and continue the leading organ of Methodism in the South. Subscription price, including postage, \$2.50 per annum, cash in advance.

Much comment is indulged and great uneasiness felt as to what will be the result of the forthcoming California Convention to frame a new constitution. It will be remembered a large element of the delegates are Kearneyites or Communists. Their leader is an Irish rough and commune-revolutionist. This man contemplates at an early day a tour through the country to advocate the principles of his organization. It is feared by many that we are really nearing an era when will be demonstrated the fact that even fools may rule if in the majority.

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At New Orleans, market firm with good demand. Quotations unchanged: Good Ordinary, 8 1/4; Middling 10 1/4; Good Middling, 11 1/4; Orleans 9 1/4.

At Liverpool, the market for spots is quiet but steady. Middling Uplands 9 1/4; Orleans 9 1/4.

The market here is nominal. No sales are quoted this day. Quotations as follows: Low Ordinary, 8 1/4; Ordinary, 9 1/4; Good Ordinary, 10 1/4; Low Middling, 11 1/4; Middling, 12 1/4; Good Middling nominal.

GALVESTON RECEIPTS.

Net Receipts: Dry, Season, Season, 215 439,025 487,212. Stock on hand: 3,416 4,405 10,266.

Exchange—Gold and Silver.

Selling: Sterling, 60 days, 48; New York sight, 1/2 prem; New Orleans sight, 1/2 par; Gold, 100%; Silver, 100%.

To-day, Yesterday: Closing gold rate in N. Y., 100%; Commercial Sterling in N. Y., 100%; Closing gold rate in N. O., 100%; 100%.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The following estimate of the condition of the Galveston Live Stock Market is furnished by Johnson Foster, Live Stock Commission Merchant.

RECEIPTS—Beaves and cows, 120; Calves and yearlings, 216; Sheep, —; Hogs, —.

SALES—Beaves and cows, 186; Calves and yearlings, 173; Sheep, 73; Hogs, 6.

REMARKS—Beaves and Cows—The market

close with only a scant supply on hand. Prices are firm at quotations. Yearlings and 2-year olds, in light supply, and selling readily. Calves, market overstocked. Prices declining. Sheep, market dull and inactive; sales very slow.

MACHINERY MARKET.

(Reported by John W. Wicks, Galveston.)

Table listing various machinery items such as SKINNER PORTABLE STEAM ENGINES, ECONOMIZER STEAM ENGINES, COLEMAN CORN AND WHEAT MILLS, and GULLETT IMPROVED LIGHT DRIFT GIN.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

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