

Texas Christian Advocate

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District Conferences.

Weatherford District Conference.

The Weatherford District Conference convened at Goshen, Parker county, July 17, 1878.

Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. T. W. Hines, was present, and presided with his usual ability—to the satisfaction of all.

The members of the conference were closely examined as to the interests of their respective pastoral charges.

The following resolutions were passed: Resolved, 1. That we heartily rejoice in the increased circulation of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and church literature throughout the district.

2. That we indorse the independent and earnest denunciation by the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE of vice and worldliness in high places, and believe its course has accomplished much good for public virtue and church piety.

3. That we will always welcome the editor, corresponding editors and publishers to our several charges in the interest of the paper.

4. That we deeply sympathize with our beloved presiding elder in the severe affliction of his faithful companion, and we devoutly and earnestly pray the blessing of God upon both him and his afflicted wife; and that we hope he will feel free to remain at home with his family when, in his judgment, he ought to do so.

5. That while we are in sympathy with all other institutions, the Southwestern University has superior claims upon us over all others.

6. That each preacher in charge collect, or have collected, ten dollars or more and forward to the regent during the month of August, for the purpose of enclosing the college buildings.

There was held in connection with the district conference a camp-meeting, which was largely attended, the crowd being variously estimated from 2000 to 3000.

Our stay at Goshen was, indeed, pleasant, rendered doubly so by the kindness of the good people of that vicinity.

Georgetown District Conference.

This conference convened July 26, at the camp-ground near Davilla, Rev. Thomas Stanford, presiding elder, in the chair.

The spiritual condition of the church was reported as good, and improving in nearly every part of the district.

Finances are greatly in arrears, one-half or more of the salaries due the preachers being yet unpaid.

The subject of missions and boundaries received due consideration.

There are but comparatively few Methodist Sunday-schools in the district, the principal reason of this being that we have to use union houses.

The importance of sustaining by contribution and patronage our own literary institutions was emphasized.

The following brethren were elected lay delegates to the annual conference: Frank Webb, A. M. Kellar, P. C. Bryce and J. M. Givins.

Liberty Hill was selected as the next place of meeting.

1. The cause could not be the many non-concurrences; for the good doctor must remember that I wrote against revision myself.

2. It could not have been that the laborious office of Secretary was thrust upon him; for that was by no means the first time his brethren have manifested a like indifference for his comfort.

3. It could not have been that there were no new bishops elected; for the doctor lives east of the Mississippi, and that region is always blessed with an abundance of episcopal labor, however much we poor grass and rawhide fellows of the West may sigh for the glorious appearing of our chief pastors on district conference occasions and the like.

4. It could not have been that there was so much fraternal gush; for Kavanaugh, McFerrin & Co. have been fraternizing, hand-shaking and round-taking through the columns of the Nashville Advocate so much and so long that our dreams fairly resolved themselves into visions wherein the two great bodies of Methodism were repairing from a grand union love-feast to the dinner-table, where myriads of merry barnyard birds of all ages, sizes and nationalities, were served up in every style known to modern cookery—only gizzards seemed rather scarce.

5. It could not have been that Logan D. Dameron was allowed to take his seat in the conference; for his opponents were kindly allowed to retain their seats also.

6. It could not have been that the Publishing House got an overhauling; for surely no good woman's dirty kitchen ever needed cleaning out any worse.

morning and at night—six times in three days, besides other ministerial duty. But, alas! here the ground seemed to be hard, rocky, thorny.

Thus we pause with the question so often asked by farm hands in the spring of the year: "What is the old man mad about this morning, anyhow?"

JOHN C. S. BAIRD. ROCKDALE, TEXAS, AUGUST 8, 1878.

MERRILLTOWN, TEXAS, August 7, 1878.—Sickness and want of time have prevented me from writing sooner.

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7. It could not have been that O. P. Fitzgerald was elected editor of the Christian Advocate.

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"Our Children."—A. G. Haygood, D.D.

This is one of the most popular books of the times and, in some respects, one of the best. And for these very reasons it has seemed to me unfortunate that no one has seen fit to review it and point out to the reader the faults which here and there mar the average excellence of the book.

In the first place, the old nightmare of "original sin" seems to have sat upon and weighed down the mental and spiritual powers of the author while writing.

He says of children (page 36, 1st edition): "They must be pardoned and regenerated."

I object nothing against depravity, but insist that there is nothing common to depravity and sin. It is true the one may lead to the other. But sin is no part of the depravity, and the depravity is no part of the sin; and to confound them, or to make them appear as one and the same thing, and to cause the terms by which they are expressed to appear synonymous, is to cause the worst of confusion, and to hang a thick curtain of mist over the whole subject of sin and sinning.

For what, or of what, shall the child be pardoned on arriving at the years of accountability? Up to this time he has not sinned. This is expressed in the very terms of the statement. If he must be pardoned the sin that Adam sinned, we encounter a serious difficulty at the very start.

None are pardoned a sin they do not repent of and renounce. And the child will have to be so taught as to cause him to see that he is guilty of Adam's sin in such a sense that repentance therefor is demanded of him; he will then be compelled to repent and seek by prayer, through faith, to find pardon.

How is this to be accomplished? There are many children—if all children do not—that see at a glance that this whole scheme is absurd; and this part at least can not be saved, because they can not repent of what Adam did, and really do not believe they have anything to do with Adam in the matter.

Original or birth sin, as this is defined in Article 7, of the Articles of Religion, (in that it stands not in the following of Adam's sins, but is a "corruption of the nature,") is falsely called sin, since sin is the transgression of the law. But the sound has betrayed many a writer and many a preacher.

On the same page (36) the author says: "The child is now capable of sin, and by that token we know that he is capable of religion also." This certainly is true. But, alas! it does not rise to the scope of the argument in a way indicative of the best thoughts on this subject.

"By this token we know," etc. But I am rejoiced to know that we are not compelled to wait for this "token" before we perceive in the child a capacity for religion.

There is every reason to believe that children are capable of religion without the knowledge of sin. I wonder if it is no part of religion to love God? Is it no part of religion to pray to God through our Lord and Savior and to believe, as taught by parental lips, that God hears and answers the prayer? And is it no part of religion for a little child, when it has so prayed, to fall asleep in the simplest and most beautiful trust, feeling that it is in the loving arms of its Savior?

All this may, and in many cases does, precede any distinct knowledge of right and wrong. And can a child that does not know right from wrong need a pardon? The answer to my question in this form will be, doubtless: "No, of course not; but when he comes to know good and evil, then he can sin." But the knowledge of good and evil is not sin; and must these little ones, who never transgressed after the similitude of Adam's transgression, be turned out of the kingdom of heaven, just as he was turned out of paradise, so soon as they knew right and wrong? "Oh, no," the answer comes; "but now they can sin." And I answer, they reach this point citizens of the kingdom—of such is the kingdom—and having been properly trained, they love their Savior and trust God, having faith in Him through Christ, and they can refuse to sin. And Solomon says he will not depart from the way when trained in the way. And right here I marvel that Dr. Haygood declares that Solomon's directions, followed, assures success, and that in the next breath he assumes that he will depart, and always does depart, as soon as he comes to years of accountability; that, though children be trained after the best model, they will nevertheless go astray at the very beginning of their responsible life, and that they may be early taught to sorrow for this their departure, and that now first they are capable of religion. The Savior can come now and give

them a new heart and a new nature; and now they can go back to their training. But did not Solomon say he would not depart therefrom? "No," answers the doctor; "not just in that form." Solomon never did say he would not depart just when he came to years of accountability; but "when he gets old he will not depart." I see; I see.

And again, on this (36) page, the doctor says: "He now needs Christ, and, therefore, Christ is now able and willing to save him." And this is an age of advanced thought! And in this age of advanced thought we are told that a child, being come to his moral majority, "now needs Christ." It had been understood in this quarter of the hemisphere that he not only needed Christ, but that he actually received him every day of his life in those secret influences of the Holy Spirit by which he was prepared for instruction in the Word of God, as he is taught it by parental care, to incline his will and affections to good, and to begin and maintain in him the war against inward and outward evil. And he (Christ) is "now able to save him." We are here told that up to this date Christ is unable to save him. If by the grace of his spirit and the word of his truth, accompanying the tuition of Christian parents—themselves members of Christ—the young soul has learned to love God and to have faith in Christ, how much does he lack of being saved? Will you answer, "he has not been born again?" If so, I will ask: "How do you know he has not been born again?" But then is this difficulty: up to this time Christ was not willing to save him. Then, truly, he has not been saved—is not saved. But who says that Christ is ever unwilling to save any soul of man?

This writer discourses well of the "blessedness of being saved from the commission of great sins," and I commend the grace that is able to save from all sin.

A LOVER OF THE CHILDREN.

Reminiscences of a Texas Itinerant.

NUMBER THREE.

The second year in Texas, I was sent to the Clarksville circuit. Rev. Daniel Payne was the presiding elder of the Clarksville district. He was a fair preacher, a good and true man, devoted to his one calling as a Methodist preacher, but singularly eccentric in a few particulars, among which he was a strong "anti-Mason." And as I had not then, nor have I now, the honor of membership in the institution, I suggested to him (confidentially) that if he should undertake the exposition, he would but make an expose of his own ignorance. He unfortunately made the experiment and suffered from the consequences. He finally located and started to California in 1849, and was supposed to have been murdered by the Indians on the plains.

In the vicinity of Clarksville was located the McKenzie Institute (afterwards College), then in its infancy; afterward, in maturity, matriculating from two to three hundred per session. Many now filling the various professions in law, medicine and the ministry, as well as other honorable callings in life, were educated there. And many an orphan boy, too poor to be educated elsewhere, found a home in the founder's family, and a father and mother in the persons of the president and his amiable wife. Such was McKenzie College, both before and after it became the property of the church. The writer must here be permitted to express his gratitude for personal favors bestowed; for he was a student in the institution during his spare time from pastoral duties on the circuit. Permit me to say that, without design to flatter the founder (as he is yet living), he has done more for Texas as an educator than any living man in the State. May he and his good wife enjoy a green old age, and their sun go down without a cloud. The institution was reconveyed by the East Texas Conference to the founder, and ceases now to be.

Nothing occurred during the years 1846-7, except that the summer was uncommonly wet, some sickness of a light bilious character, and during the winter following, a fatal epidemic in the shape of winter fever. Many died within twenty hours after being attacked. In town (Clarksville) it was peculiarly and fearfully fatal. During the fall (1846), I was permitted by the presiding elder and official members to travel for my health. I took a gun, living for weeks principally in the prairies, camping out at night; attended a few camp-meetings—one on the head of Bois d'Arc creek in Fannin county, and one on Honey creek in Collin county. At the latter, the presiding elder being sick, I did the preaching at the more responsible hours at his request. Bro. A. Davis was with me, also Bro. Ryan, who was in charge of

Dallas circuit. The Indians having made a recent raid in that section, the people were a little fearful about going out; but a few came to hear the Word, and we did the best we could. On Sabbath, at 11 o'clock, we had thirty all told. This we considered a grand success under the circumstances. What a change hath God wrought in that country since then! Seven years ago I attended a camp-meeting a few miles below the old campground, on same sweet (Honey) creek, and it was thought on the Sabbath there were some 1500 to 2000 present. Perhaps Bro Gatewood counted, I did not; but had the privilege of preaching to them the same gospel that I offered to the thirty twenty-five years before. I found a few of the "old ones" yet among the living and, of course, was glad to see them and talk over old frontier life, and better still, of a final home in a better land. From here I went, by request of the presiding elder, to Dallas county, and would have gone to a camp and quarterly meeting, in Kaufman county, but unfortunately the brethren had fed my horse too bountifully on corn while at Honey creek, consequently, with a foundered horse, I had to remain on White Rock creek, in Dallas county, for several days; but they were days pleasantly spent with the family of Judge Thomas, whose kindness I can never forget. During the time, I attended a meeting at Webb's chapel, on Farmer's branch. Here a few Methodist families had settled, principally from Tennessee. They formed a nucleus, around which many others afterward gathered, and I believe that they now have a strong Methodist society. Besides, from the original colony, has sprung Cochrane's chapel, with a flourishing membership. While tarrying here, for reasons aforementioned, I concluded to send, through Judge Thomas, an appointment to preach at Dallas; and as it was "the seat of justice," I expected to see a "sure enough" town. When I rode in and looked around and found some half a dozen dwelling-houses scattered among the forest trees, two stores and two groceries—the latter of which must have been liberally patronized, as the whole town was *drunk*, with one honorable exception—a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher—with whom I lodged for the night, and who told me that if God would forgive him for having come to that Sodom, he would leave as soon as he could get away with his family. I suppose he kept his word. Of course I did not attempt to preach. Indeed, I was glad to get away without being mobbed. Now, if any of the good people of that "Hub city" should chance to read this, I hope they will take no offense, as certainly none is intended. Remember, reader, that I am simply on incidents, and if they should ripen into history, you are not hurt. I must admit, in all candor, that there has been quite an improvement. Well, there was room for it, and it ought to have been so.

J. W. F.
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Invention of the Phonograph.

Coming, lastly, to the phonograph: while experimenting on an automatic transmitter in the early part of last winter, Mr. Edison tried tinfoil, instead of paper, to receive the indentations of the Morse recorder, and was surprised to see how readily it received them. These indentations, passing under another needle, were to repeat the message automatically to another wire. A few days after, while handling a telephone, the fancy seized him to fix a needle-point to a diaphragm, and see whether the vibration of the diaphragm when spoken against would cause the needle to prick his finger. It did. Then he wondered what sort of an indentation this would make in a slip of paper. He tried it, and, sure enough, there was the semblance of an indented track! What would be the effect of drawing this slip under the point again, following the working of the automatic transmitter? He tried that, and the result was one which almost made him wild. A sound like the stifled cry of words seeking birth came from the diaphragm. No sleep or food until he had made a grooved cylinder, put a piece of tinfoil instead of paper on it, attached the diaphragm, and shouted into it, when, upon turning the crank, the words came back with a marvelous elocution, and the phonograph was a success.—From "Sketch of T. A. Edison," in Popular Science Monthly for August.

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YELLOW FEVER REPORTS.

Advices from the editor inform us that he has been met in the interior with reports that the yellow fever has actually appeared in Galveston, Houston, Austin and other points. We speak advisedly when we state that there has been no case of yellow fever in Galveston this year, and we are confident that there has not been a case at the other points named. The precautions taken by the Board of Health will ensure a rigid quarantine in Galveston. The municipal authorities and the people are determined to enforce it. No measures which will ensure its enforcement will be overlooked. No places in Texas dread the yellow fever more than Galveston and other places which have suffered from its ravages. It is impossible that the fever should appear without the knowledge of the Board of Health, and it will be promptly reported. The ADVOCATE will give the warning without delay if the fever should appear among us.

It is cheering to the Galvestonian interested in the welfare of his city to see the improvements going on—the new buildings being erected in the business portion and the general cleaning that has been given to the place. The cotton men are satisfied that nothing now will interfere with the gathering of a magnificent crop; the merchants are confident that there will be an excellent trade; the health of the city was never better, and the quarantine is so rigidly enforced that, with every hope of keeping out the yellow fever, grows that buoyant, cheerful feeling that tends to elevate Galveston from the depression of the past year.

"EDIGRAPHS," from the editor, reached us too late for admission in this week's issue. "Time and types" can wait for no man. They will appear in due time.

The SEWING MACHINE premium for July has been awarded to Rev. R. V. Galloway, of Middle Gabriel, Burnet county, he having sent the greatest number of subscribers to the ADVOCATE during that month.

PERSONAL.—A note from Rev. D. F. Fuller, Daingerfield, Texas, states that he has been quite sick recently. We are glad to announce, however, that he is again up and "alive"—sending with his letter more subscribers.

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We have received invitation from Dr. H. F. Johnson, president Whitworth Female College, Brookhaven, Mississippi, to attend ceremonies of laying corner stone for new college building, on the 21st of August.

From the reports brought to us by exchanges there seems to be a general cleaning going on throughout the State, fear of yellow fever accomplishing a result that nothing less than as potent a motive could ever effect.

THE CHURCH AND THE COLLEGE.

Some weeks ago, in an address to the Alumni Association of Madison University, Hamilton, New York, ex-Gov. Seymour made the following remarks on denominational colleges: "It is charged that our colleges are sectarian. It is better they should be so, rather than partisan. Sectarianism is now talked about as if it were an offense to the spirit of our laws, and I fear our colleges sometimes shrink from the charge as if it were not well to have it known that they had the special support of different sects."

These are timely words, and the reproof they suggest is as much needed as it is deserved. The intolerance that makes war upon denominational schools is hardly more reprehensible than the cowardice that sometimes seeks to disavow their true character and mission. The church has received scant justice from the so-called liberals for her work in the cause of education. Perhaps some of them do not know what is plain matter of history, that the church has been the teacher, not only of this country, but of Europe, so far as the higher forms of education are concerned. The foremost institutions of learning in the world to-day were projected by the church, or have been fostered and guided by the church. The church has been the nursing mother of the college and the university. But for the church, time and again the light of true learning had gone out in the world. Satan never concocted a more arrant lie than that the church fosters bigotry and wars upon intellectual advancement. This much, at least, is beyond dispute: few of the higher institutions of learning have prospered when disconnected from the church. For the most part, they fall into a decline and die of inanition. In the Southern States of our Republic the work of higher education is, at this time, almost entirely surrendered to the church. Few State colleges or universities in the South are prosperous. It may be reasonably doubted whether they ever will be again. As we apprehend current tendencies, the church must do more and more of real collegiate and university training.

The State schools—very many of them at least—are being transformed into schools of technology, where various trades and professions may be learned. We have not a word to say against this change in many of our State institutions. For we think the State is beginning to understand its true relation to education. Trade teaching is exactly in the States' line of things. But this technological teaching—well enough in its place, and indeed indispensable—whatever it may be, is not education.

The fatal hinderance to the State in the way of real education, especially in its higher forms, grows out of the religious question, and not, as many superficial persons suppose, out of the denominational question. For mental training, disassociated from religious influences, is not education in any true philosophical or Christian sense.

And the State can not, at least in this country, teach any sort of religion; or, what is practically the same thing, provide for its being taught. No man who truly comprehends the powers of the human mind, the results of school training, and the ethical relations of human life and destiny, can for one moment imagine that true education can be accomplished independently of religious principle and influence.

We do not believe that proselytism is a legitimate function of the college; we do not think that the faculties should bend their energies to the work of teaching catechisms or other formularies of religious opinion. But we do say, and with absolute conviction of its truth, if education is to be what it ought to be, the school, the college, the university, must be instinct with the spirit of the gospel. Christian sentiments should pervade its atmosphere; Christian principles should underlie all its plans; Christian truth should sanctify its instruc-

tion, and Christian character, at last, be the outcome of all its labors. No Christian man, who understands the question, can take a lower position than this.

We have, heretofore, expressed the opinion, in these columns, that Southern Methodism has not yet realized its educational responsibility. We struggled long against a conclusion so mortifying to our pride; but pride must go down in the presence of facts. The utterly inadequate furnishing of our colleges for their work is all the proof that the statement needs. Among all our Southern Methodist colleges, from Randolph-Macon to Corvallis, there is not one that has been fully equipped by the church for the highest educational work. Vanderbilt University is not an exception, for the church did not endow this promising institution. Its very name is a reminder of our want of comprehensive views and enterprising liberality.

We do not wish to offend the generation of our brethren, but we must speak our convictions. Further silence would be disloyalty to conscience. For ourselves and the rest, then, we affirm that as a church we have, on the subject of the higher education, a strange lack of apprehension. Even now, hundreds and thousands of us have but the faintest conception of the absolute necessity of the higher education under the sanction and influence of the church. Moreover, we have evinced small capacity to do what we have timidly attempted. Want of clear conceptions to begin with explains the failure of many a Southern educational scheme. We have often begun on an impulse—the impulse sometimes originating in a shrewd effort of our friends to "bull" the real-estate market in certain localities—without knowing exactly what we wanted, or what we could do. How many houses have been spoiled by being planned while in course of erection! So of many an enterprise of the church. Not unfrequently our forces have been hopelessly divided by want of harmony, while want of business sagacity has occasionally brought our projected enterprises into unexpected embarrassments. Want of broad views has left us satisfied with meagre plans and small results. Sometimes we have allowed unexpected discouragements to baffle us in the very first years of an educational experiment. We have lacked courage to plan boldly, and patience to labor persistently. Notably we have lacked liberality. We have resolved that the church must have a college; we have resolved that a church college must do large eleemosynary work, (and in this we resolved wisely), and then we have asked some self-denying brethren to do it for us.

This sort of thing must have an end. There is no escape for us. If we intend to be a church, we must educate our children; not simply teach them to read, write and cypher, but provide for those of them who can "take it"—as we have heard it expressed—the facilities and opportunities of collegiate and university education. The church that ignores the college, or allows the college to die, makes a fatal mistake. The difference between the missionary and the Hard-Shell Baptists, in culture, enterprise, influence and usefulness is chiefly explained by their different attitudes in relation to the college. Why can not men learn the plainest lessons of history? The church needs the college, and if the church is to do her largest and best work, she can not get on without the college. And this need will be more and more manifest as the country grows older, denser in population, and more cultured. We have lost all patience with that canting fanaticism that seeks to muffle every voice that cries aloud for progress by the stale sarcasm: "God is not dependent on men of learning!" as if the converse were even rational or thinkable—that God does depend on men of ignorance!

We know well that our views on this subject are not agreeable to some of our readers; they have an

altogether different conception of the church. But it is not our duty to please, but, if possible, to instruct and profit them. And we say to our readers—and with fair knowledge of the facts—that the whole M. E. Church, South, is, to-day, considering the territory it covers and the multitudes it embraces in its communion, sadly lacking in a sufficient number of capable, cultivated, trained men for its higher and more difficult work: in the pulpit, the lecture, in journalism, and in authorship. Doubtless there are a sufficient number of persons who think themselves fitted for any position in the gift of the church. So Phaton thought he could drive the chariot of the sun. There is no use in mincing words any further. There is no possible good, to come of self-deception; our beloved church lacks capable men for her higher work. Many thoughtful and observant men felt this, and felt it keenly, in Atlanta. We are talking not of fancies, but of facts; naked facts. Our bishops know the truth of what we say; our presiding elders know in part; our people are beginning to "see as through a glass darkly." This lack of trained talent among us is to be explained chiefly by our failure to provide adequately for the education of our sons in the past; our present failure will continue for a time; the scarcity of which we make confession and lamentation.

What can we do? Our duty, if we will. We must broaden the foundations of our colleges; we must endow them, that we may command and retain the best teachers. We must provide the entire educational apparatus. It will take money; much money. In the name of our Methodism we call on our richer members to do something; something respectable. The very gold they hide away cries out upon them for shame. The possession of wealth in itself constitutes a divine call to use it. We may have no man among us who can duplicate Commodore Vanderbilt's check for \$1,000,000, but we have hundreds who could, without the sacrifice of a single luxury, endow a chair. There are hundreds who can give \$30,000 toward the full endowment of our colleges. There are thousands who can give \$1,000 each and never feel it. And if they did feel it? The half-paid faculties of our unendowed church colleges do feel it, and for a long time have felt it. How it would startle and electrify the church if one Southern Methodist, man or woman, would lay down \$30,000 for the endowment of a chair in any one of our colleges. How it would astonish Randolph-Macon, or Emory, or Centenary, or Wofford, or the Southwestern University! If that man were named "John Smith" his gift would immortalize him in Southern song and story. What do the Virginians mean, that after fifty years, they still leave Randolph-Macon unendowed and struggling with debt? What do the Georgians mean, that from 1837 to this day, they have bragged on Emory College and waited to see how it would do before endowing it? And what do the South Carolinians mean to do with and for their Wofford? And what do Texans mean, with their imperial domain, their thousands here and their millions coming, that they do not end the agony of their university by endowing it at once? They could do it in thirty days if they only made up their minds to do it. We have waited long enough. We must take hold of this college question as we have never done before, or we shall be losers indeed in the sharper competitions of the future.

Quarantine is now enforced between Houston and Grenada, Memphis and other recently infected places. To prevent blockade running, each quarantine officer on the several roads is furnished with a book in which to register the name of each passenger coming into Houston. This record is turned over daily to the health officer for investigation.

Marshall has a new postmaster. Judge McAdoo retiring and Mr. Volney Hall assuming the duties of the office.

THEY HAVE RIGHTS.

A man recently complained before a New York city magistrate that he had lost \$430 at faro, and demanded that the keepers of the gambling establishment should be arrested. "Had you won that amount," asked the justice, "would you have made the complaint?" Of course he would not. He was no better than the men who fleeced him. They were simply sharper than their victim. It is exactly at this point that the gambler justifies his craft. He wins only from those who would gladly rake in, on the fortunate turn of a card, his last dollar. The difference is only in degree. The veteran gambler has grown hard in his vocation, while there may be a tender spot still in the heart of others who are passing through the same process of induration.

There are other parties in this business. That unhappy wretch who haunts the faro-table with trembling limbs and burning eye, and stakes and loses the greenbacks he grasps so eagerly, has, possibly, a wife, and sons and daughters. The dealer is betting his dollars against their home and all its happiness. There are human hearts as well as yellow gold staked on the game. That young man who is making his first appearance before that table has a father whose happiness is involved in his future, and a mother whose heart will be broken if he goes astray. All of these have rights.

When the proprietors of that faro-bank are arrested, they will, no doubt, show that this man who is whining over the loss of \$430, was himself a gambler, and had endeavored to win money from the bank. He would have gladly swept its last dollar into his pocket.

Suppose the wife comes in and says: "My husband has been lured into that den and fleeced of money that by a most sacred right belongs to me and my children." She certainly has a right to speak.

Suppose a father comes in and says: "My wayward son is going to ruin, and I can not check his downward course because these haunts of gilded iniquity are luring him on to his doom. I demand that they shall not be permitted deliberately to murder his soul for his money." Surely the father has rights.

Suppose a mother says: "My son is my only support, but he has fallen under the dominion of a deadly passion. It is hastening him to ruin. These men are at work each night in wrapping the chains more securely around him. With a purpose as fell as the serpent that fascinates the fluttering bird till it falls into the deadly fangs, they are luring him on, step by step, until he is almost gone. Will not some one interfere before they finish their heartless task?" It is not merely a question between two gamblers, but between the gambler and the broken hearts and ruined households of innocent ones.

TEXAS RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Rev. John S. Mathis, Henderson: "We are having some good meetings."

Rev. G. D. Wilson, San Augustine: "On last Wednesday we closed a meeting of five days' continuance. There were twelve conversions, fifteen accessions and a great revival among the members of the church. Glory to God in the highest."

Rev. J. W. B. Allen, Lampasas, August 5: "Since I wrote to you last, we have held a meeting in Lampasas, which resulted in the reception of twenty-six members at that place; also a meeting at Hunt's school-house, which resulted in the addition of twenty-two members, and a piece of land for a Methodist Episcopal church-house; \$200 subscribed toward building the house."

Rev. M. T. Sealy, Lexington, August 12: "The Lord has greatly revived His work on Lexington mission. We commenced to hold our protracted meetings—the first Sabbath in July. The result up to this time is thirty-five accessions to the church and as many conversions, several restorations and the church greatly revived. Three other meetings to be held yet on the work. All the glory to the Lord."

Rev. B. H. Scott, Scottsville, Harrison county: "Our third quarterly meeting, embracing the first Saturday and Sabbath in August, just closed. Had a profitable and interesting time; two conversions and additions to the church; membership much revived. Our much beloved elder, Rev. R. W. Thompson, did some of his very best preaching, and you may know we had spread a rich feast of fat things; and worthy of mention was an event connected with his duties: Like Paul in baptizing the household of Stephanus, he literally baptized an entire household, including the mother and seven children, and taking advantage of the occasion, made some pertinent and impressive remarks."

Rev. G. S. Sandel, Willis, Texas, August 9: "I have recently held two meetings on my circuit, which have been times of gracious visitations from on high. The first was held about five miles northwest of Willis. At this meeting we had about twenty-six converts and over twenty added to the church. I baptized fourteen children and seven adults. The blessing some of the members experienced at this meeting will do them good as long as life lasts. The second meeting was held at Montgomery. At this place we had a gracious revival last October. Our young converts needed confirming and strengthening in the faith. Our late meeting was greatly conducive to this end. We had a number of converts and five were added to the church, and expect others to join. At the first meeting, I had the ministerial aid of Bros. Johnson and McCurdy. At the latter, Bro. J. M. Pugh, of the Anderson circuit, was with me."

Rev. W. L. Harris, Jr., China Springs, August 12: "I returned a short time since from a camp-meeting, which was held on a beautiful stream of water denominated Rocky, being in the bounds of the Clifton work, in Bosque county, which was held by Rev. W. L. Harris. I have witnessed the manifestation of God's grace in bygone days and at various places, but never have I seen the love of God kindle at as early an hour and continue to burn upon the hearts of the lovers of Jesus during the entire service as it did at that glorious meeting. It seemed as if it was no cross for the preachers to point sinners to the Lamb of God. The truth forced its way to the sinners' heart; there was a power about it they could not resist. No doubt in my mind but the effects of that meeting will be as bread cast upon the waters. I left the encampment the evening the meeting closed, being the fifth day. The last sound I heard from that consecrated spot was the shout of newly born souls. It was with reluctance that Bro. Harris closed the meeting. During the services, there were thirty-three conversions, twenty accessions and thirteen infants baptized. Pray for the downfall of Satan's kingdom in this beautiful land of Texas."

Rev. A. B. Blue, Glen Rose, August 7: "The camp-meeting at Acermon camp-ground came to a close on the 5th inst. The following preachers assisted me in the work: O. M. Addison, Willis Graves, Howard Trimble and Rush McDonald, for whose labors we feel largely indebted. There was quite a revival, though not such an outburst of spiritual manifestation as on former occasions. Sinners were converted and the church greatly revived, and at the close of the exercises such an interchange of fraternal feeling is rarely seen on any occasion. The self-supporting plan was adopted in the main, and worked as a success, taking many burdens from the tenters which encumbered them on the old plan. The weather was intensely warm, but plenty of shade and a fine, bold spring of clear running water mitigated its oppression. Oh! what a privilege to attend our annual camp-meetings; and as the weary pilgrims rejoice in the cool and refreshing shade of the oasis of the burning desert waste, so can we in our pilgrimage through life's dreary journey have the exalted privilege of encamping under the shadow of His wing, and drink deep and lasting from the great fountain of everlasting life, enabling us to push forward to that great encampment around the throne where there is an eternal rest that remaineth to the people of God."

The commissioners' court of Grayson county has closed a contract for a county poor farm. They purchased the place known as the "old Vaden farm," three miles northwest of Sherman, consisting of 220 acres, and paid \$20 per acre, one-half cash and one-half in twelve months; possession given October 15.

It is encouraging to see among our exchanges so few reports of worms. Surely we should be thankful for the fine crop with which we have been blessed.

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The Immortality of the Soul at the Biblical Epoch. BY REV. A. BLEUM, GALVESTON.

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Brama was the supreme chief of the world of spirits, and Moissaur the prince of the Dewetas. Moissaur, Rhabun and their parties rose up through jealousy against Brama and were precipitated in the Ondle-va, or abyss of darkness.

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News of the Week.

Miscellaneous.

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Over portions of the North terrible storms have followed the intensely hot weather.

New York, Washington City and other places have suffered, and the mails bring us news of a tornado that passed over a portion of Connecticut. At Wallingford no less than nineteen persons were killed outright, mostly by houses falling on them, and a large number injured, many mortally.

Impressive funeral services were held for those who lost their lives by the tornado. Fully ten thousand people attended. Altogether twenty-seven bodes have been interred. Seventeen persons, three of whom will scarcely live through the night, still remain in the hospital.

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John H. Raymond, president and professor of mental and moral philosophy, of Vassar College, died at Poughkeepsie, the 14th inst.

From New York we learn that hides have advanced on desirable parcels. Wool is steady. Texas grades are firm.

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JOSEPH CHARRETTE, of Detroit, is a young man of nineteen, who has suffered from his youth with paralysis of the lower limbs, and was unable to walk. His parents tried in vain to have him restored. At length (the at length bringing the time down to last week) friends induced them to take him to Quebec, where many wonders are said to have been performed by the remains (which must be slight) of St. Anne. On the 27th ult. the young man was carried into the church, and the "remains" of the saint, in a glass globe, were shown him. He prayed with much devotion, the dispatch said, "reciting the litany of St. Anne with great fervor. After mass, at 6 o'clock, he continued at prayer until nearly seven." After this he got up and walked and said that he was cured. The dispatch neglects to say, however, whether the prayers were addressed to the remains in the glass globe or otherwise. This is an important point.

THE prophet Zachariah, it seems, had his eye upon the Berlin congress when he wrote the last verse of the eighth chapter: "In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying: 'We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'" The men out of all languages who have taken hold of the English premier's skirt are German, English, Russian, French, Italian, Turkish, Greek, Roumanian, Serb and Magyar.

PAUL DE CASSAGNAC says that the treaty of Berlin was signed with the feathers of four vultures, one pigeon and two geese. The distribution of favors is left to the reader's imagination, except that France is distinctly set down as one of the geese.

A GRIZZLY bear in a Paris menagerie lately got out of his cage and broke into that of a panther. A terrible fight ensued, in which the panther was killed.

Waste Basket.

The sword may be less mighty than the pen; but how about the scissors?

A young lady being asked where her native place was, replied: "I have none; I am the daughter of a Methodist preacher."

A man, on marrying his fourth wife, handed the minister a very small fee, with the comforting remark: "This is all that I have been in the habit of paying."

An old lady, when she heard the minister say there would be a nave in the new church, observed that "she knew well who the party was."

Every once in a while we hear of a California woman killing a bear. This is all right. But we challenge the world to ransack the pages of history and show where a woman has ever got away with a mouse.

Something must have been the matter with that compositor who made a poetical contributor to a recent number of a religious newspaper say, "I praise the still," when the poet intended to say, "I praise thee still."

Sunday-school teacher—"Which is the best, the wheat or the tares? Master Hobbs—"The tares, teacher." Sunday-school teacher—"Why? Explain yourself, you stupid boy." Master Hobbs—"The wheat gets thrashed, but tares don't."

A granger stood at the corner of the street curiously watching the peanut-man as he methodically turned the crank of his roaster. After waiting until patience ceased to be a virtue, the unsophisticated son of the soil blurted out: "Hello, you feller! Why don't you play suthin'?"

The superintendent approached a youth of color, who was present for the first time in Sunday-school, and inquired his name, for the purpose of placing it on the roll. The good man tried in vain to preserve his gravity when the answer was returned: "Well, massa calls me Cap'n; but my maiden name is Moses."

"Were there any aliens and strangers among the Jews at the time of their journey to the Promised Land?" asked the superintendent last Sunday. "No sir," replied the smart bad boy on the back seat, "they were all to the manna born." School closed with singing.

One of Hartford's most celebrated physicians the other evening ordered his hired man to "harness up Bucephalus," his favorite horse. Soon after the doctor and a friend were greatly amused to hear the announcement at the office door that "Erysipelas is hitched outside."

Texas Items.

Denison is to have gas. Reports from Kaufman county state that wheat is somewhat damaged in that locality.

Rockdale is soon to have a new newspaper, the Milan Record.

In Navarro county they expect to make 28,000 bales of cotton this season.

From Sherman we learn that a paper mill, capable of giving employment to thirty hands, is to be built.

Capt. James Reed, of Tarrant county, has introduced two young buffaloes into his herd to experiment upon the value of a cross with the cattle of the country. It is claimed by a Pennsylvania breeder that the cross possesses excellent milking qualities.

J. W. Stokes, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at Philadelphia, telegraphed to Houston, August 7, stating that there seems to be some alarm at holding the I. O. O. F. Convention at Austin, so near an infected district, but that he would advise regarding the matter at an early date.

On the noon train on Sunday, Special Health Officer Robt. Alexander detected the appearance of two suspicious looking mail-bags. He has had the yellow fever, and was not afraid to make a closer inspection. He made it, and found they were from New Orleans, and so finding he had them dumped from the train before it was within twenty miles of Galveston.

A quarantine officer on the International Railroad overlooked Mr. J. D. Carpenter, who left New Orleans on Saturday for Houston, where an expected bride resides, but his arrival became known and the health officers forced him to leave before the ceremony could be performed. Thus his hopes were blasted, at least temporarily.

The water-works at Waco are completed. The reservoir is hollowed out of solid rock and holds 70,000 gallons. The pump will force 300 gallons into it per minute. At a test with an inch and a quarter nozzle, with hose attached to a hydrant on Austin avenue, a stream was thrown 100 feet. It was demonstrated that the pressure is sufficiently great to throw the water over the tallest building in town. Three miles of main service pipes are down. Thirty-two hydrants are in West Waco and the pipes are carried across the Brazos to East Waco, where there are three more. The whole cost was \$40,000.

LIFE IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

Some Popular Misapprehensions Set Aside by an Observer New Yorker.

From the Burlington Hawkeye.

"Look at Texas!" proudly shouts the Shreveport Sentinel. Ah, yes, we see, we see; he has the drop on him, hasn't he? Yes, indeed; there he goes. Now the crowd has caught him; now they are hanging him. Now the crowd returns; now they are—somebody has shut the saloon door and we cannot see what the crowd inside is doing. "Look at Texas?" Oh, certainly. Nice place for a panorama.

"How do I like Texas?" was the responsive question of a quondam New Yorker in reply to his friends, who were congratulating him upon his return from a more than two years' sojourn in the Lone Star State. "Well, I have been answering that question in a general and loose way all day, and still it embarrasses me by its vagueness. What do you mean by Texas? You'll tell me that you mean the State of that name, of course. But let me tell you that calling a State Texas is something like saying a man's name is John Smith. It carries no descriptive identity with it. There is a Northern Texas, and a Southern, a Central and a border, an Eastern and a Western, and the Pan Handle. These not very well-defined divisions are, together, greater in area than almost any seven other States in the Union that you can name. They have varied climates, soils, scenery, productions, and peculiarities which nobody, with any desire to be accurate and to be understood, can lump together and call Texan, or Texian, as the earlier settlers in the State prefer to phrase it. I like the sections of the State in which I spent the greater part of my time—the Northern and Central—very well indeed, and believe they constitute the best, most prosperous, and the most promising country in America. The climate of Central Texas suited me. Hot? Why, if the thermometers can be relied upon, you have warmer weather here in New York in summer months than is experienced in any part of Texas, with the possible exception of the piney wood belts on the Eastern boundary—that is, on the Sabine river—and

with the further possible exception of some heavily timbered bottoms on the Trinity and Brazos rivers. The uplands, and especially the magnificent and seemingly limitless prairies, always have a delightful southern breeze from the Gulf of Mexico."

"Did you find that your being from a Northern State made any difference in the treatment you received from Texans?"

"My dear sir," answered the Texan optimist, with gravity and considerable earnestness of manner, "your question implies the existence and prevalence of another popular error about Texas—an error which, I think, grows out of the classifying of Texas as a Southern State of the Union. There is in Texas no manifestation of objection to any man, wherever he may have been born or educated. Down East Yankees and Georgians mix and mingle there, socially, politically, and in business, on a basis of perfect equality as to rights and privileges. Missourians, who went there as refugees during the war, in a vain effort to save their slave property, and now constitute a large element in the population of North Texas, are neighborly and friendly with immigrants from the Western Reserve, of Ohio, once the peculiar home of abolitionism. I cannot recall a single instance of sectional proscription during my residence in Texas. Some crazy bigots down in Bell county enticed a respectable physician from his home last fall, on the plea of his professional services being needed, and in a most dastardly manner whipped him. The alleged reason for the outrage, stated in a placard left on the tree which served the assailants as a whipping post, was substantially that the Doctor was inclined to promote free thinking, or unorthodox religious opinions. This act was condemned throughout the State, and great efforts were being made to bring the perpetrators to justice. But this Doctor, thus maltreated for opinion's sake, was, I hear, a Southern man by birth.

The old ante-bellum settlers—the pioneers who sparsely occupied the country, and in due time converted it from a Mexican province into an independent Republic, and afterwards into a State of the Union—and their descendants, form a kind of substratum to Texas society. They own the best lands in the most densely populated parts of the State, and are, as a rule, ahead of their new-comer incompetent competitors in the race for life on Texas soil. They are popularly distinguished as "Longhorns"—an allusion to their large herds of long-horned cattle being involved, possibly—and if they have any peculiarity as a class more strongly marked than any other, it is a sublime indifference to what is ordinarily meant by the word formality. What I may call the second stock of immigrants are from everywhere. I doubt whether one-third of them are from Southern States. I believe the English, French, Germans, Spaniards, Mexicans, Italians, and, in short, everybody who helps to make up the cosmopolitan population feel a kind of State pride. But I defy the sharpest observer of provincial peculiarities to pick out Texans, even of the longhorn strain, with the measure of certainty attending the selection of a Massachusetts man, a Philadelphian, or a Virginian, as soon as the to-be-selected subject opens his mouth. Texans, so called, are not, strictly speaking, a peculiar people as yet. There are good and bad among them, industrious and lazy, stingy and improvident, educated and illiterate, desperate and contented, just as there are everywhere. One thing that possibly gives Texas a fine show for coming out well in general averaging is the fact that the State does not encourage the immigration of idle, thriftless persons, and about the first fact impressed upon the mind of the newly arrived is that work of some kind is a prime necessity.

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NEW ORLEANS, August 14.—One hundred and thirty-four new cases and twenty deaths from fever for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day.

What is called here regular yellow fever weather has prevailed now for two days, but the municipal administrators do not act up to the promise of their late resolves, and they are sharply censured.

Rev. Dr. Hale and Rev. John Hannon, Methodist ministers, are down with the fever. Wm. Sanderson and wife died of the disease, and were laid out together at 201 Magazine street.

All the Texas mails and merchandise sent to Galveston from July 28 to August 1 were returned Tuesday.

A Times special says matters in Grenada are truly appalling. At least 500 white persons out of a population of 1200 have left town. The city is in a filthy condition, but disinfectants are being freely used.

The total number of cases was over 125; deaths 26. The fever has also appeared in Canton and Winona, Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS, August 14.—The extraordinary increase of new cases of fever reported by the Board of Health to-day has been the all-absorbing topic of conversation this afternoon.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Aug. 13.—Seven deaths and eight new cases in Grenada during the past twenty-four hours. The city is filthy.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 13.—A later dispatch from Dr. Stone at Port Eads, reports six new cases since yesterday and two deaths.

A dispatch from Butler P. Anderson, vice president of the Memphis Howard Association, dated Grenada, Miss., to-day, to the Howard Association of this city, says: "Send orange leaves and nurses, the situation is fearful; worse than in 1873 in Memphis."

GRENADA, Miss., Aug. 14.—Sixteen experienced nurses, in charge of Drs. Mandeville and Veasie, arrived this morning from New Orleans. The nurses were quickly assigned afflicted families.

ROBERT MULLEN, R. S. RINGOLD, M. D. Health Officer. THOS. WALKER. MEMPHIS, Aug. 14.—The board

of health report 3 deaths and 9 new cases since yesterday. LOUISVILLE, August 13.—The steamer John D. Porter landed here last night with several cases of yellow fever on board.

LOUISVILLE, August 14.—Paducah has been quarantined against all steamers from the south, and also all railroads.

Course of the Fever. Dr. Hy. Smith, U. S. marine hospital service, port of Galveston, furnishes the following official report:

SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT. [No. 5.] OFFICE SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. M. H. S., Washington, Aug. 10, 1878.

Abstract of sanitary reports received during the past week, under the national quarantine act.

PORT EADS.—Yellow Fever appeared at Port Eads, mouth of Mississippi, on the 3d inst. 13 cases, but no deaths up to yesterday noon.

NEW ALBANY, IND.—July 25; proved, on investigation by Surgeon Long, of this service, not to have been that disease.

KEY WEST.—No new cases of yellow fever past week to report to-day.

MATANZAS.—From July 26 to 29, no yellow fever cases, but on the 30th four new cases were reported in bay and other parts since occurred daily to August 2d, date of advice.

SAUTA LA GRANDE, CURA.—One fatal case of yellow fever among shipping.

ROHMAY.—26 deaths from cholera, week ending June 18.

MALTA.—Outbreak of cholera on British troops from India was brought under control by authorities, and disease did not lodge in Malta; advices to July 18.

Reports from other points indicate good health.

ROCKDALE is to have a new brick hotel.

Collin county has raised a glorious crop of wheat.

Bilious fever seems to be very prevalent in Milan county.

Sam. Bass' Winchester has been found in the bushes near Round Rock.

The Morgan line will send steamers direct to Galveston from New York on the 17th and 24th instants.

It is now an established fact that Houston is soon to have a cotton press second to none in the United States.

The Austin stone for the construction of the new jail at Galveston has commenced to arrive, and the disgraceful old building will soon be among the things that were.

A public graded free school is the subject under discussion now, and no doubt Sherman will take a long stride forward in that direction this fall and winter.

The Denton News is vigorous in its denunciations of the management of the Drivers' and Planters' Bank, of that place, which lately failed.

Morris county built a new jail about two months ago, and as yet it has never had an occupant.

Georgetown is now connected by telegraph with the rest of the world. The new courthouse is rapidly nearing completion, and will be one of the finest in the State.

The barbed wire fence is an excellent protection against cattle, but in such cases as this it is not so good: Percy Boren, a boy sixteen years of age, residing near Ennis, in Ellis county, while riding at a rapid rate, ran his horse into a barbed wire fence, throwing the horse and rider violently to the ground, and injuring both.

COTTON. At New York, the market opened quiet; closed quiet. Sales to-day 220 bales. Quotations for all grades are as follows: Ordinary 11 1/2c; Low Middling 11 3/4c; Middling 12 1/2c; Good Middling 12 1/4c.

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