

Texas Christian Advocate

EDITOR'S NOTICES.

When articles are rejected, we must decline to give reasons therefor.

In preparing articles for publication write on but one side of the paper; otherwise your communications may be thrown into the waste-basket.

Articles refused publication will, in no instance, be returned to writers.

Obituaries should not be over twenty lines; eight words make a line.

Private letters to the editor should be marked "Personal."

Correspondence.

Support of the Ministry—Charity.

Having seen and heard so much upon the subject of the support of the ministry, I have taken it on myself to gather up a few facts and figures:

1. As to facts. Christianity teaches us to "walk by faith, not by sight," and "that which a man seeth why he yet hope for, but if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

As ministers of the gospel of the grace of God, we are to preach by example as well as by precept, and our faith manifests itself as clearly in regard to our support as in anything else, and we know that the trial of our faith worketh patience; but the patience that the trial of our faith worketh is not the feeling to be satisfied without whatever we may want, but an earnest expectation that we shall realize our desires.

2. As to the figures. Our printed minutes show that the weaker appointments numerically pay much more according to members than do the stronger ones. There are two reasons for this: First, in the multitude of members one loses sight of his individuality, and when that disappears the consciousness of responsibility goes with it.

3. Facts and figures. Charity; how ugly it sounds, when a steward asks a member for quarterage, to hear the member say: "Charity begins at home!" It is sorrowful to think that a member of the church should contradict the Bible by using such language.

is highly unsafe to follow majorities in the matter of religion; for the majority of the people are wrong. The assertion, "charity seeketh not her own," is the same divine truth, though all men reject it. Again: "Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Coffeerville Circuit—Protracted Meetings—Sober Reflections, etc.

Our fifth protracted meeting was held at Ebenezer's church, about six miles from Lafayette, on the extreme northern part of the circuit, embracing the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. In consequence of the vast amount of sickness then prevailing over the country, we could not have a large attendance; but, all things considered, we had a good meeting.

Then, on the bed of affliction, I spent many hours in earnest meditation, and resolved to live a better life and consecrate the remainder of my days to the service of my Master. I have prayed to God that He would be merciful to me in my sore trouble, and that He would temper the wind to the shorn lamb, and that His grace would be sufficient to enable me to bear up under the heavy burdens and sore trials through which I am called to pass.

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that of hundreds, and even thousands, of others who move from their old homes without their church certificates, remain out of the church and go back to "the weak and beggarly elements of the world." How many are lost to the church every year in this way no one can tell.

The sixth protracted meeting on the work was held at Independent Springs, embracing the 2d Sunday in September, and was begun and carried on mostly by the lay members of the church. They felt that they wanted another meeting at that place, went to work, and their labors were crowned with success.

Bro. W. W. Strange, a very efficient layman, and an earnest, devoted, true Christian, was one of the leading workers in the meeting. Oh! that we had more such workers in the church, then would Zion prosper, and sons and daughters be born to God.

Our seventh protracted meeting was held at Friendship church, on the lower part of the work, and embraced the 4th Saturday and Sunday in September. This meeting lasted five days, but there was so much sickness in the country that the congregations were small, and we had to close without having a revival.

I had another protracted meeting appointed to be held at this church, (Pleasant Grove, near Lafayette,) embracing the 1st Saturday and Sunday in this month, but did not succeed for several reasons.

They have become indifferent and careless about religion; they are borne down by the financial pressure, and the other burdens that are upon them. They are bestowing too much care and solicitude upon their temporal interests, and are exceedingly troubled about their bodies, "what they shall eat, and what they shall drink, and wherewithal shall they be clothed."

The Rev. J. B. Link, one of the magnates of the Baptist Church in Texas, preached two sermons at the Baptist church in this place yesterday, and last night. They were very grave, plain, practical sermons. More anon.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the Georgetown and Round Rock quarterly conference, Northwest Texas, annual conference, Sept. 30th, 1878.

WHEREAS, The "Southwestern University," the central educational enterprise of Texas Methodism is located within our bounds, it seems to us appropriate for those who are familiar with its past history and present status, to bear testimony respecting its condition and prospects; and

WHEREAS, The importance of the enterprise and the ability and devotion of the Regent and Faculty appeal strongly to the church and to all persons friendly to Christian education for liberal support; and

WHEREAS, The proper measure of success in an enterprise can be attained only by the united and hearty co-operation of the entire ministry and membership of the church and its friends; therefore,

Resolved, That in view of its central location, its healthfulness, its accessibility by railroad and the acknowledged ability of the Regent and Faculty, the University presents claims and offers facilities not surpassed by any institution of learning in the land.

Resolved, That we will most cordially co-operate in the efforts made to place the grounds in more attractive condition by the erection of a fence around the campus, and to improve and adorn the buildings, and also to secure the endowments essential to its success.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified to see our editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Dr. John, with us, and we desire to express our endorsement of the manly course he has pursued in the editorial management of the paper.

THOS. STANFORD, P. E. P. C. BRUCE, Sec'y.

Divine Providence.

BY THEOPHILUS LUKE, M. D.

When the storm was blowing over the sea of Galilee with terrific violence, a word from the Son of God produced "a great calm." It was one of the many "infallible proofs" of His divinity. Well may our Christ be said to "ride upon the stormy skies, and to calm the roaring seas."

Who can tell where this great ocean river originated? Who can tell whither it flows? Who can tell how or why its waters flow along banks of ocean water, yet they mingle not and the one is still while the other is moving?

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS.—I see that your correspondents from Sulphur Springs are few and far between. There have been in some localities a few revivals of religion, but not as general as last year. The preachers have not been able to protract their meetings on account of so much sickness, though not much fatality, only with small children. Corn crops good, and also cotton in some places. The Hopkins County Fair is now in progress at this place (Sulphur Springs), and many are in attendance of all grades of people—men, women and children.

BELTON, Oct. 15, 1878.—The fare to all members of the Northwest Texas Conference on the two stage lines from Waco and Round Rock to Belton is five dollars for round trip. This is quite cheap, and the coaches are comfortable and the stock good. I think it cheaper than any other mode of conveyance.

lakes Pyramid and Tahoe in Nevada, 4,000 feet above the sea, and of enormous depth? On the principle that water seeks its level what saves the valley of the Jordan from being drowned under 1,300 feet of water? Upon the principle of adjacent reservoirs to produce springs why are there eight different waters issuing from the earth within a circle of eight feet, near the Calcasieu river, Louisiana? Who can explain the waters of the Dead Sea and the no less wonderful Sour Lake of Texas? Can the Geologist? Nay, he is as blind as the fish in the Mammoth Cave. The 36th to the 39th chapter of Job, inclusive, are the grandest productions on physical providence, ever written.

* GLENROSE CIRCUIT, Oct. 5, 1878. Some time has elapsed since you have heard from this portion of God's heritage, and as many of my co-laborers in the cause of Christ would, perhaps, be glad to know with what success I have met, I have, therefore, concluded to give a synopsis of my labors. In the first place, allow me to say that my circuit composes a part of Somerville, Bosque, Hamilton and Erath counties, extending over some very beautiful lands, and some as rough as ever the foot of a mountain.

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The New Preacher.

I wonder who he will be? Do you reckon our present minister will be returned? I hope they will send us an educated man. I hope they will send us a talented man. I hope they will send us an attractive man. I hope they will send us an eloquent man. I hope they will send us a man who can advocate and defend the doctrines of "our church."

Now, dear reader, I have found a subject at last upon which I believe you will talk. The preacher ought to take right hold of his work without anxious care for his support. "We walk by faith, not by sight."

Of these plain, blunt facts let us all (preachers and laymen) take due notice, and govern ourselves accordingly.

Eastland City, Oct. 12th, 1878. —As it is near time for the Northwest Texas Conference to convene at Delton, I wish to give through your columns a synopsis of my labors on the Eastland circuit this year and the results thereof.

I moved my family on the circuit about the middle of February. The stewards rented a house for my family in the suburbs of Eastland City. I have had considerable sickness in my family which has retarded my work.

We have been in a hurry lately—or, at least, we succeeded in making others think so. That far we felt it a complete success. It was a shower of words—new words—and as we ran to get under a tree, several said: "Doctor Tanner is in a hurry one time."

Now, as I think it doubtful whether I can attend our conference session, I wish to give my opinion in regard to this circuit. The people are generally poor, struggling hard for a living, therefore they have but little to pay the preacher for his services.

the work who either has no family or else has the means, and is willing to support his family and give his time to the church.

I close, praying the good Lord to prosper Zion in all her departments and burdens, and give our leaders grace and wisdom to guide "the old ship" aright.

P. S.—I should have solicited the Conference Missionary Board to make an appropriation.

BENTON CITY, Oct. 11th, 1878.—My fourth quarterly meeting has just closed. It was a glorious meeting. We held, in conjunction with it a camp-meeting. It was held on the Tehuacana creek. There were a great many people there, and we had a glorious time.

Extremes obtain in the mind of the writer and ask expression in this article. I am saddened by the death of Rev. B. Y. Patterson, M. D., a local preacher of the M. E. Church, South, and member of Daingerfield quarterly conference.

I am gladdened by the gracious outpouring of God's spirit within my charge recently. Quite a number have professed regeneration and united with the church.

Hurry-On-My-Sorry-Preachergraphs. BY SIMON, THE TANNER. Doctor of Danassens, Mule Driver on the Beef Trail, and sometime a feller in the Back Woods Institute.

The liberty of coining new words is based upon a violent presumption, and has been violently indulged in. Violence begets violence. That accounts for our violence and the violent conclusion that future English lexicographers will shed tears of gratitude over the success of us "graphists."

We are worried—only because we did not start the thing. But we derive our consolation from the fact that we will close it. The editor and myself have sacrificed all the brother "graphists" in order to gain an imperishable glory for ourselves.

The following statistics of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake are given: There are 7 Holy Apostles, 7 Patriarchs, 164 Seventies, 492 High Priests, 171 teachers, 654 deacons; a total lay membership of 10,122, 5582 children, and a total membership of officers and laity of 14,364, consisting of 4154 families, counting harems as families.

We are sorry—sorry, but we can't cry. We don't want to. We went. We are sorry the church didn't see the point, and the world the fun, there was in the "graphs."

more that common folks were not expected to see. It does not matter much if they did not so we had all the enjoyment we needed. We are sorry, too, that we have to leave the "graphs" and go back to "seedlings" for fruit.

"LAST OF THE GRAPHISTS." SEA SIDE TAN YARD, OCT. 12, 1878. P. S.—Graphists now unborn will be glad to know that we live at Joppy, and that an embargo is laid upon further "graphs."

Othergraphs. Being as it has been so long since I have written to "our darlin' old ADVOCATE," perhaps your readers are getting anxious to hear from me; and as I cannot bear the thought of their remaining ungratified, I reluctantly take up my pen.

At the close of the twelfth session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Bishop read, publicly, my name in immediate succession to the words—circuit.

Was on that circuit as soon as I could take up my all and go there. The "all" was not very numerous. Found on the circuit seven regular appointments and the same number of preaching places, but no Methodist houses of worship.

Several Sunday-schools; but nobody runs them. They run themselves. There have been several gracious revivals on the circuit. Over one hundred and fifty conversions; about eighty-six accessions.

People generally very religious; attend prayer and class-meeting—that is, when there are any. Mr. Editor, can people be religious when they are not pious?

In conclusion, the Methodists of this circuit are the "liberalist" people in the conference. But, Mr. Editor, times are awful hard in this part of the vineyard.

The grain crop of France will, it is estimated, be below the average this year.

LESSONS FOR YOUTH.

IV.—HER SEED (GEN. III: 15).

I propose as a basis for this lesson an expression in Gen. iii: 15: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and (s) her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Of the expression "(s) her seed," there are several references given under this letter "s," to which I ask you to turn and read for your satisfaction and instruction.

The lesson presented here I regard as of the greatest importance, and I hope you will strive to make yourself thoroughly acquainted with what the scriptures do teach upon this, I might say, the very foundation of the Christian religion.

DEVIL'S PROVERBS.—One of the most persistent and dangerous incentives to evil-doing is a proverb which tells an untruth, or but half the truth. A prominent Massachusetts clergyman has recognized this fact in preaching a recent series of sermons on "Devil's Saws," under which head he includes such sayings as "Business is business," and the like.

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PENCILINGS.

The cars left Galveston at 4.30 A. M. Though so early in the morning we found four men occupying eight seats and all four sound asleep. With bodies on one seat, and legs and satchels and carpet-bags on another, they had subsided within the few minutes into slumber which no modest hint could disturb. Ladies might pass in search of a seat, but they slept on. We picked our man—a small one—and quietly placed his carpet-bags on the floor and took a seat. Their owner was wide awake in a moment. From his looks he expected an apology. He did not get it. We have met among the commercial travelers who frequent our thoroughfares many gentlemen. Others, by their selfish disregard of the courtesies of life, are doing their best to make their class offensive.

Railroad travel is tiresome. The incessant jar and racket wears on the nerves. It was night when we reached Seguin, but a cordial welcome from Judge Ireland and family and a good night's rest made us forget our fatigue. We are indebted to these kind friends for a conveyance to San Marcos, the seat of the West Texas Conference. Our first act after being assigned our home, was to visit the beautiful San Marcos spring. Often as we have seen it, we never weary looking into its clear waters.

The twentieth session of the West Texas Conference was held in San Marcos, beginning at 9 A. M., October 16, 1878, Bishop Keener in the chair. Much apprehension had been felt lest the Bishop would be unable to reach the State while the quarantine cordon was so tightly drawn along the line facing the epidemic region. He had taken the precaution to leave Louisiana one month in advance of his expected arrival in Texas. Going round by New York and avoiding all points included in the infected district, he came direct by rail to Austin. Here he placed himself in charge of Bro. Whipple, and on Tuesday evening crossed the waters of the San Marcos, and on Wednesday morning, prompt to the minute, opened the session of the conference.

T. G. Wools was elected Secretary and T. S. Garrett, assistant. Among the committees appointed was one on memoirs. An efficient workman had fallen at his post. Rev. J. S. Wools, while in the midst of his labors in the San Antonio city mission, had been called to his reward. His name is now on the roll-call of heaven.

The past year has been a prosperous one in the West Texas Conference. Nearly every department of church enterprise gave evidence of the zeal and activity of this noble band of men. They have a noble heritage. It is now being penetrated by railroads, and its rich black lands and mesquite range will attract a crowded population. In looking over the reports of one frontier mission, we noted, among other figures, the following: Members, 101; received by letter, 70; by ritual, 4. Another reported forty-two members, twenty-nine of whom had been received by letter the past year. These items suggest the character of the work in this Western field. Preachers are needed, but pastors who will hunt

up the members of the church from other States, who are flowing in by the thousand on the annual tide of immigration, are equally demanded by the wants of the church.

In addition to the traveling preachers, who number 57, this conference has 71 local preachers within its bounds, making a ministerial force of 128. The membership is reported at 6359. The statistics show—additions by baptism, 451; by profession, 339; by letter, 371. The number of accessions by letter again points to the important work of the faithful pastor in this field. Seventy-one Sunday-schools were reported, showing an increase of fourteen during the year. These schools report 329 officers and teachers, 2348 scholars, and 2274 volumes in libraries. If the last named item is an accurate report, we fear the parents of the Sunday-school children of West Texas do not fully appreciate the importance of the work. Sunday-schools, if they are carried on successfully, will cost money. Books, magazines, lesson-papers, catechisms, maps, and other Sunday-school appliances, will be needed. That economy which restricts the religious culture of our children is an expensive folly. It may save a few dollars, but at the cost of the best interests of our children.

The principal impediment encountered by the preacher in carrying on the Sunday-school work is the want of church buildings under our own control. A union church must, of necessity, have a union Sunday-school, or none. As we do not report union schools, a large credit due our church for Sunday-school effort passes to the account of other people. Another more serious consequence is the fact that the children of Methodist parents are educated out of our theology and communion. At no point is our church in Texas losing more than from the apathy of our preachers and people respecting the erection of churches. Land is cheap, and can be secured on favorable terms. Each preacher in Texas, the coming year, might secure a lot or a few acres of ground, which in a few years would be of immense value to the church. The Catholics are wide awake. In Galveston, for instance, their property is equal in value to that held by all the Protestant churches. We will be wise to imitate their example. Secure a lot and build a church, and your life will not be an entire failure.

The church buildings in the conference were estimated at \$55,300. Eighteen parsonages, valued at \$8,400, were not among the least important items found in the statistical report. Some of our conferences nearer the rising sun are not so well supplied in this direction. Not much comfort, however, in this reflection.

The collection for Foreign Missions furnished a text for the Bishop at the Missionary Anniversary, which he used with great force. It was \$557.05, or less than 10 cents per member. Add to this, \$590.40 and the entire collection is not precisely the thing the West Texas Conference should be proud of, yet they have the melancholy satisfaction of knowing other conferences will do no better.

The conference collection amounted to \$545.60, being less by \$267.90 than the assessment. Bishop Keener made some remarks respecting this deficiency which might profit other conferences and preachers in our connection. Some of his sentences were

"Sabre-cuts of Anglo-Saxon
Such as these."

"The widows' and orphans' claim is the ground-rent of every circuit and station."

"A preacher has no right to come up to conference without having taken up his collection for the widows and orphans."

"When people repair a church or build a parsonage, a large portion is taken from the widows' and orphans' fund, and another portion from the heathen."

The last quotation is preserved for the special benefit of our laity.

"A preacher's Aid Society," designed to supplement the annual collections for the benefit of worn-out preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers, was organized several years ago by this conference. It has accumulated a fund of over \$1300. When it reaches \$2500, a portion of the interest will be appropriated to the aid of those for whose benefit the society was formed. The anniversary of the society was held on Thursday night. Dr. Shapard, of Austin, and the editor addressed the audience, and \$260 was added to the fund.

"The blessed old man does not complain." The presiding elder was representing the case of a superannuated preacher. All he has in this world is his little cottage, a few cows and pigs, the pittance the conference sends him each year, and what his aged wife can earn by her needle. A letter was read from this veteran to the Preachers' Aid Society, in which he requested that one-tenth of the amount appropriated to him might be paid to the society to help take care of the widows and orphans of preachers who have died "in the work." How such an act rebukes the apathy of many preachers respecting this collection. One of these days our own wives and children may be dependent on this fund for the clothes they will wear and the bread they will eat.

The Mexican Border Mission work is a marvel. It finds but few parallels in the history of missions. In 1874, the work was organized with Alex. H. Sutherland as superintendent, and three Mexican assistants. Now it reports twelve in the regular work, three local preachers, and a membership of about 600. During the past year, 210 adult and 82 infant baptisms were reported. The local preachers are active and effective, and all the preachers are full of faith and zeal. The work also reports 29 Sunday-schools and 408 scholars. In addition to the Sunday-school work it is their custom to meet every Sabbath morning and study the Bible. Many of the Sunday-school scholars are adults. The class-meeting is an established institution among them. It seems specially adapted to this mission work. It is held every Tuesday. There the inquirer finds the instruction he needs, and conversions in these meetings may be considered not the exception, but the rule. A prayer-meeting is held every Thursday in each congregation. A family altar is found in nearly every household. The usual form for morning worship in many families is to sing a hymn on rising from the bed and then kneel in prayer. Often the children follow the example of the parents and a song from their young voices as they leave their beds in the morning, followed by a prayer, is a familiar sound and sight in many Mexican homes. The work is not only deep and thorough, but its vitality is manifest by the manner and rapidity of its spread. Each man when converted tells the story and spreads the fire among his relatives and friends. He usually goes armed with his Testament, and in the family circle, on the road, in the range or the rancho, he endeavors to win the hearts of his people for the Savior. Some of the preachers are men of culture and ability and several are said to be men of commanding eloquence in their own language.

Among the number presented to the Bishop for examination preparatory to ordination as deacons were four of the Mexican missionaries. They had served the same probation and passed the same examination required of their American brethren. It was an impressive scene when the Bishop, with Bro. Sutherland as interpreter, asked them the usual questions and addressed to them words of counsel and encouragement. Side by side the two races were standing in these representative men, and in different tongues answered ques-

tions so full of import to men who have consecrated their lives to the great work of spreading the gospel among the nations. In the afternoon, the Bishop preached to them through an interpreter. The house was crowded with Americans, and though the sermon was addressed specially to the Mexicans, who were grouped before the pulpit, the scene will long be remembered by all who heard it. On Sunday, the deacons elect were ordained. The Bishop read the impressive ordination service in English, and Bro. Sutherland again interpreted the questions; the Mexicans, with their Spanish discipline in hand, following closely every sentence. As we briefly pencil an account of these scenes, we feel that we are recording some of the most important events in the history of our church. Moving but recently, as it were, into the line of the great missionary army, God has strangely honored our church in this work. Amid perils and embarrassments, and in a field which, to many, was destitute of promise, we have moved on without let or hindrance; and to-day, looking on that missionary band as we saw them in the West Texas Conference, and with the echo of that impressive ordination service still in our ears, and with the report of six hundred Mexicans converted in four years on the records of the conference, we can only say in grateful wonder, "Behold what God hath wrought!"

On Saturday evening we were honored with an invitation to a missionary supper, given by the ladies of San Marcos to the Mexican missionaries, including, of course, the Bishop and Bros. Sutherland and Norwood and their wives, together with several of the preachers who were specially identified with this work. This was, we believe, the first missionary supper ever given in our church in which two races, united in one great work, joined together in sacred social and religious intercourse. After partaking the rich supply with which the ladies of San Marcos had loaded the table, addresses were called for from the editor, Bros. Sutherland, Tucker, DeVilbiss, Potter, Rodriguez, the Bishop, and others. As mention was made of this wonderful work, opened so provisionally and bearing in its history such marks of Divine approbation, every heart was melted with gratitude, and with enlarged views respecting the grandeur and importance of the missionary work, we were prepared to renew our vows of consecration to God.

The missionary anniversary, with the Bishop's address, was an appropriate sequel to the interesting occasion.

This conference is awake regarding the educational interests of the church. It passed strong resolutions respecting the Southwestern University and also the Coronal Institute, which is one of the most prosperous of the district schools which are growing up under the auspices of our church. The conference agreed to raise \$500, to be divided between these two institutions.

We had only time to make a brief visit to Coronal Institute. Many improvements have been added to the building, which ranks among the best under the charge of our church in Texas. Some 180 have matriculated in both departments. Bro. Smith has reason to be hopeful with the bright prospects before him.

Just before the conference closed the Committee on Memoirs made their report and suitable and impressive remarks were made by those who were associated with Rev. J. S. Wools, in the last hours of his work on earth. The memorial will appear in the published minutes. The good may die but their works do follow them.

The appointments were read out about noon on Tuesday and before dark many of the preachers were many miles on the way leading them to their new fields of labor.

The life of Bishop Marsh should be in every family library. In matter how small, send to Shaw & Blaylock for terms.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Conference Collections.

BRETHREN—We have a resolution in our conference about this important collection. There is also a *proviso* to this resolution—for extreme cases, I reckon. Now, last conference there was a deficiency of over five hundred dollars, and this amount makes quite a difference in the distribution of the funds. But let us see how much one dollar from each member of the church would increase the fund. In the place of a deficit, there would be over the amount assessed \$6010.50. But let us try only fifty cents per member, and we have \$3760. Now, let us see how much twenty-five cents per member will bring us. We have in the church in our conference 7520 members, and twenty-five cents a member will bring us \$1880—\$800 more than was paid last conference year. Who was to blame, brethren? Can we not do better than to have some brother ready when our name is called to ask the conference to excuse Bro. Tom Johnson because—well—a great many reasons why he could not get the money. One was that he did not ask diligently for it. Is there in Texas a member of the church, when called upon for this fund, that is not able or willing to give fifty cents to this cause? I don't believe there is. Now, ought a conference, seeing the great need of this work being done efficiently, to excuse any preacher from paying the amount behind by his charge? It is not too late now to call your attention to these facts. Work, brethren, in earnest will bring the money. And every cent will be very much needed at Chappell Hill.

A PASTOR.

ON MY GREAT, OCT. 25, 1878.

The publishers inform us that the collections at the West Texas Conference were very encouraging. Though times are hard and money scarce, each preacher without exception (save two or three who were unavoidably absent) met every dollar of his account. We have often heard that Methodist preachers were poor financiers, but this tells a different story. We have no doubt a like report will appear from every other patronizing conference.

The steamship City of Houston, of the New York and Texas Malloy Line, founded at 9 A. M., on the 23d instant, off Fernandina, Northern Florida. An official dispatch received in Galveston by Captain Sawyer, agent of the line, says all on board were saved by the steamer Margaret.

Rev. D. M. Proctor, formerly of the North Texas Conference, has transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference.

A NOTE from Rev. M. H. Porter, dated Giddings, October 15th, informs us that an interesting meeting at that place is now in progress.

TO THE PREACHERS.—Statistical blanks have been prepared by us and can be obtained from our representative at the different conferences. SHAW & BLAYLOCK.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley is about to give in various parts of Great Britain, a series of 100 lectures on his recent discoveries.

For the first time in the history of Westminster Abbey a colored divine has preached there—the native bishop of Hayti.

The *Southwestern Christian Advocate* has been reduced to a half-sheet by the prevalence of yellow fever in New Orleans.

The widow of the late Bloomfield H. Moore, of Philadelphia, has given to the Franklin Institute the sum of \$10,000. It is to be placed in a trust, to be called the "Bloomfield H. Moore Memorial Fund," and the annual income will be applied to the library of the institution.

The Methodist Conferences in Sweden and Norway have just been held by Bishop Bowman. In the latter there has been an increase of 127 members during the year, and in the former an addition of 751. There is a noticeable increase of local preachers and ministerial probationers in both conferences.

Thus far, 41 ministers have died of yellow fever. Of these, 18 were catholic priests, and the others ministers of the various Protestant denominations. Perhaps a dozen Protestant pastors have been stricken with the disease and have recovered or are recovering, and many have lost some member or members of their families.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Thus far 48 ministers have died of yellow fever, of whom 29 were protestants.

There are thirteen Methodist Sunday-schools in Utah, with a membership of nine hundred and seventy-seven.

The corner-stone of an institution for the education of missionaries' daughters has been laid in London.

It is stated that the Methodist churches in Philadelphia and its vicinity have given over \$5,000 in aid of the sufferers by yellow fever.

Two colored missionaries named Richardson and Johnson, who were formerly slaves in the United States, have just left London for work in Africa.

The missionary Union (Baptist) is sending out a number of new missionaries to the Telugu Missions, Assam, Bahmoo, Tounjoo, and Bassein.

Mahometanism has one hundred and fifty million followers. In Syrian universities there are ten thousand boys who study nothing but the Koran.

Rev. Wm. M. Prottzman, one of the leading ministers of the M. E. Church, South, in Missouri, has been transferred to the Pacific Conference.

The *New York Tribune* says more than four hundred thousand dollars of obligations have been discharged by the Presbyterian churches of New York city in the last year.

Missionary work in New Zealand is dangerous work. Five Wesleyan missionaries have been murdered and eaten by the natives of that island, and eighty of the natives have been killed in retaliation by traders and natives living on the coast.

A missionary in Foochow, China, writing to the *Herold and Presbyter*, says: "As a whole, I believe the native Christians of China will compare very favorably, in both as regards their general Christian character and their zeal for the propagation of the truth, with the members of our churches at home."

The 26th session of the California Conference was held in Napa, commencing Sept. 25. Bishop Andrews presided, and H. B. Heacock was re-elected secretary. A resolution was passed inviting Bishop Andrews to take up his residence on the Pacific Coast, and to make suitable effort to procure funds for the purchase of an Episcopal residence.

A missionary of the American Board in an account of the liberal donations to the famine-stricken millions of China, says: "A good feeling is stirred up among the Chinese toward the missionaries, and we expect large additions to the Church. Government has prohibited opium-raising, which will be an unspeakable blessing to these people."

The aggregate amount raised in the St. Louis Conference was: For foreign missions, \$900.40, and for domestic missions, \$1,276.17. Last year, the amount for domestic missions was \$1,563.32, and foreign missions \$1,102. So both amounts fall below that of last year. The average per member paid for missions was about 21 cents a member!

A circular has been issued signed by sixty-five eminent clergymen and laymen, from all parts of the country, and of various denominations, announcing that a conference of those who "hold to the personal pre-millennial advent of Jesus Christ and are looking for that blessed hope," is to be held in New York, beginning October 30, and continuing three days. The conference will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, and will be presided over by the venerable Stephen Tyng, Sr.

The income of the Wesleyan Mission Society last year was £146,022. The extent of the Society's operations will be seen from the following statistical statement:

Central or principal stations.....	630
Chapel and other preaching places.....	6,486
Ministers and assistant missionaries.....	806
Full and accredited church members.....	117,103
On trial for membership.....	20,040
Scholars in the mission schools.....	185,857
Printing establishments.....	5

It having been stated that some five hundred converts of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the vicinity of Bombay had gone over to the church of Rome, in consequence of the ritualistic training they had received, Secretary Bullock has written a letter denouncing the report as a falsehood. He says that a missionary who was sent to investigate the matter found that only sixteen members had become Catholics.

The Church Missionary Society, the largest in Christendom, reports 123,724 native Christians connected with its missions, found on every continent. It employs 205 Europeans and 179 native clergy, and 56 European and 2,705 native lay agents.

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The members of the North Texas Conference who intend bringing their wives to Terrell to attend conference will please inform me at once.

R. M. POWERS.

Notice.

Candidates for admission on trial in the Northwest Texas Conference will meet the committee at the Methodist church in the town of Belton, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, the 29th day of October, 1878.

JAMES HUNTER, Ch. Com.

NOTICE.

Applicants for admission on trial in the North Texas Annual Conference will meet the committee at the Methodist church in Terrell, Nov. 9th, at 9 A. M.

W. H. MOSS, Chairman Com.

Notice.

The Board of Missions for Northwest Texas Annual Conference, are requested to meet at Belton on Tuesday night, October 29.

W. G. VEAL, Pres.

Notice.

To the brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference: I ask of you who intend bringing your wives with you to conference, to inform me of your intention, so that I may make the necessary arrangements for their interment.

H. S. P. ASHBY.

Notice.

The Committee of the Third Year desires to meet the class at the Methodist church in Belton, on the 29th of October, 1878, at eight o'clock P. M., preceding the session of the Northwest Texas Conference.

W. T. METZGER, Chairman.

To the Members of the Texas Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren—It is respectfully requested of each of you who will be accompanied by your wife to the session of the conference, to inform me at the earliest date practicable.

T. W. ROGERS.

Notice.

The undergraduates of the Third Years' Class will meet the committee for the same at the Methodist church, in Tyler, on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, December 10th, to be examined, previous to the opening of the session of the East Texas Conference.

DANIEL MOSE, Chairman of Committee.

To the Members of Northwest Texas Conference.

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The next session of the Conference will be held in Gonzales.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

October 18.—W. W. Henderson—renewal; each subscriber has the date of expiration of his subscription printed on the address, and can renew without further notification from us in time to prevent discontinuance.

October 19.—F. W. Rogers, D. F. Fuller, W. L. Rainey, E. T. Hill, G. F. Fair—marriage notices.

October 22.—B. A. Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Preston—will send.

October 23.—R. P. Harrison—will correct initials.

October 24.—M. H. Wells—will send.

October 25.—Eugene Everett—communication.

October 26.—D. Morgan—marriage notice.

October 27.—J. D. Shaw—subscriber.

October 28.—J. C. Copping—will send.

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WHETHER the living germs of yellow fever are communicated from the bodies of patients or are nourished wholly in foul conditions of soil and atmosphere, is the problem yet to be solved. The Cincinnati savans recommend that a tithe of the money now devoted to relieving the actual needs of the plague-stricken districts be given to paying scientific men for making microscopic researches, in order to discover the cause of the disease, its means of propagation and its cures. No more admirable plan could be adopted, provided there was any hope that they would ever agree. Dr. Van Zant has already examined these bacteria found in the black vomit of disorganized blood ejected by a dying patient. They stubbornly refused to die, even when dosed with corrosive sublimate and acetate of zinc. Indeed, we know nothing in the world just now so potent or terrible as these minute assassins, who, according to this theory, are killing off half of the human race, and upon whom skeptics ground their attacks upon religion and upon the existence of God himself. Our doctors bring forward plenty of ways to rid the world of them, as far as yellow fever is concerned. One recommends that everybody in the South should rub mercurial ointment on the hands once a day. Another, a skilled physician in New Orleans, insists that in the present case among the thousands of dead children, at least, there were no bacteria and no yellow fever. The illness may be attributed, he declares, to simple bilious remittent fever, and the deaths were caused by the too strong remedies exhibited, and the fumes of carbolic acid in the streets. A physician in Washington, far from objecting to the fumes of carbolic acid, proposes to erect huge furnaces with high chimneys, and to kill off all the bacteria in the South by filling the air for two or three weeks with these fumes. Still another, in Baltimore, suggests that all that is necessary is that the ubiquitous germs be kept out of the skin, the lungs and the stomach. For this purpose he advises all persons in infected districts to smear their bodies with lard or other fat, to wrap themselves from head to foot in cotton batting, to cover their mouths with a thin layer of cotton, and to take liquid food alone, prepared in a pot wholly covered with cotton, and sucked through a tube or straw. A less troublesome preventive is that of a physician in Chicago who vehemently urges the use of a drop of spirits of camphor on the tongue at the beginning of any disease, from common cold to the plague. The camphor he alleges kills the poison germs in the stomach.—N. Y. Tribune.

A New Acoustic Wonder.

Israel D. Jewett, a druggist at St. Omer, Ind., has perfected an instrument, which he calls the "Agaphone," which, it is claimed, will, without the aid of electricity, carbons, or any complex machinery, collect distant sounds and carry them to a great distance without loss of volume. A number of experiments were made with the instrument last week, a wire being strung nearly half a mile. Speaking into the instrument, three or four feet away, the words were heard clearly and distinctly at the furthest end of the wire. Playing upon a violin eight feet from the instrument, the music was heard at the other terminal end in the street. The closing of doors, walking upon the floor, ordinary conversation, the ticking of a watch, could be heard distinctly without applying the instrument to the ear. Mr. Jewett will not explain his invention at present, not having as yet renewed letters patent.

FOLLOWING.—Young Francis I. of France, being advised by his timid Generals not to open the battle of Marignan, cut short their entreaties by crying out, as he went forward: "Let those that love me follow me!" Now issuing orders as a general, now fighting on foot as a common soldier, he led his army to victory through the two days' struggle. The lessons of this quarter show us Jesus "teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem." Against Satan, for souls, he marched steadily, toward the cross, the grave. Still kind and mighty to save, He taught. "Let him that loves me follow me," He cries. Oh, teacher, do you come to your work wearily, do your work half-heartedly, look back upon your work with a sigh of relief that another Sunday has passed? Will you not look at Jesus as you see Him in the lessons week by week, rouse up your soul, and really follow Him? Can not His love and His example put more earnestness into your soul? He never leads His followers save to victory.—Christian Union.

AN INCIDENT.—In 1857, when teaching a village school in Ohio, I called one morning before school at "the store."

A doctor, who professed to be a great traveler and a wise man, was present, and with others was discussing a protracted meeting then in progress a mile away. The doctor remarked—"that talk about the love of God being shed abroad in the heart is all nonsense; no such thing exists."

Of course I did not believe him, yet as I had but lately been converted, his remark had a discouraging effect. I did not know just what to say in reply, as I could say nothing which, in his state of mind, he could appreciate. Now such remarks have not the least influence with me, because I know better. I know that God's love is a reality, and that the human heart, believing and opening to it, may be made partaker of it. The love of God had no existence to him; he knew nothing about it, because he had shut his heart against it; he had disregarded the conditions of knowledge in that direction; he had closed his ears, that he might not hear—his eyes, that he might not see, and his heart, that he might not receive; and his unbelief was but a natural result of his conduct. He was spiritually dead—he was like the plant in the cellar, or the man in the dungeon. The sun shines for them, but they see not its light nor feel its warmth.

The Rev. H. H. Lowry, of the American Methodist Mission in Tientsin, China, gives a pleasing illustration of how Christian benevolence in aiding the sufferers by the famine is drawing the Chinese toward the Christian religion. A Taoist priest some time ago became very much interested in the Christian doctrine. He was warned by the people that if he continued this leaning toward the foreigners and their religion that they must dispense with any further service from him in the temple. When the famine came, this village, among others, was aided by the funds placed at Mr. Stanley's disposal for the purpose, and a few months ago the villagers, of their own accord, placed a tablet over the door of one of the main rooms of the temple, with the characters "Jesus' Chapel" upon it, and Christian services have been held there every Sabbath since. The idols are arranged upon one side of the room and the audience is seated upon forms along the other side. At the last service in the room which Mr. Stanley attended about forty persons were present. The people now talk of transforming the entire temple into a Christian chapel. Mr. Lowry says that insulting names are seldom heard now from the natives, and there is evidence on every hand of a change in feeling of the people toward foreigners.

THE POVERTY OF UNBELIEF.—This is entirely consistent with what we know of the influences of unbelief in the natural. He that does not believe in virtue, is not virtuous. He that does not believe in purity, is not pure. He that does not believe in truth, is not truthful. So that unbelief is incapacity, faith is capacity. Unbelief in any direction shuts the soul from the conditions of growth in that direction. It makes the soul unresponsive—but believing is receiving—believing is taking. So the love of God knocks at the door of man's heart and seeks for admittance; unbelief shuts it out, and prevents its saving influence upon the character. Belief takes it in, and is fashioned unto its image and spirit. Faith in Christ and in God, then, takes in the character and spirit of Christ. It becomes like Him. Faith makes the soul a temple for God, and what the Scriptures teach on the subject is seen to be not arbitrary, but natural, necessary and true.

It is claimed for Mr. Edison, the scientist, that he has perfected a dynamo-electric machine for transmitting power by electricity, and the power applied to the machine can be changed to light. He has produced a light in this way equal to 4000 candles, by a process unknown to previous experimenters. He says he can produce 10,000 lights from one machine, at a cost forty-six times cheaper than any present known method, if steam be used, and ninety-five per cent cheaper where water-power is used.

Bible Distribution in Texas by Collectors and County Agents for the Month of September. Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Families visited, Destitute families supplied, etc.

If a failure like that of the City of Glasgow Bank had occurred in the United States there would have been numerous articles in the London newspapers upon the delusive nature of American credit and the doubtful character of American securities. It would have been intimated, if not asserted, that as a nation we were thoroughly dishonest, and the world would have been warned against buying of us or selling to us, against taking our promissory notes or purchasing our bonds. No bankruptcy, however, of a single financial corporation has ever occurred in the United States of such gigantic and desperate proportions as those of the Glasgow stoppage. An institution with one hundred and thirty-three branches cannot go to wreck without widespread calamity to all who put their trust in it. All accounts concur in the statement that the Bank of the City of Glasgow was managed in a way which our foreign censors have professed to regard as peculiarly American. It has, while rapidly marching to ruin, been in the habit of paying annual dividends of 12 per cent. It actually advanced nearly \$15,000,000 to three firms on Indian produce and Australian wool. Advances to firms in the iron trade were made in the same reckless way. The note circulation was forced from £72,000, which was all the bank could legally issue, to between £600,000 and £700,000. The bank had been losing credit for years. Yet up to the very day of the failure the stock sold at a great premium. Now the shareholders not only lose their stock, but each of them is personally liable for the debts of the bank. The depositors may be paid their forty millions of dollars in this way, but this does not lessen the distress of the stockholders. Nor could the event have occurred at a moment more inopportune, or when trade was so little able to withstand the shock. The failure has created apprehension in commercial circles of no ordinary character, and men are standing still and waiting for what may happen next.—N. Y. Tribune.

Matilda Stanley, who was recognized as queen of the Gypsies by all the tribes throughout the United States, was buried at Dayton, Ohio, a few Sundays ago. She was a woman of great influence with her race. She died at Vicksburg last winter, at which time her body was embalmed and preserved for final burial. The funeral attracted many visitors from the surrounding country, and it is estimated that over 25,000 persons were present in the cemetery. The funeral procession was a mile in length. The ceremony was conducted by a minister of the Church of the United Brethren, and did not differ from that of a Christian funeral. At its close an affecting scene was presented by the children of the queen, who threw themselves on her grave and filled the air with lamentations.

The Christian Weekly relates an incident so out of the usual order of things, that we refer to it for the benefit of our readers, as it conveys a truth that our Discipline emphasizes. A gentleman having given a large sum towards the building of a church he was consulted in regard to the choice of a pastor. But he refused to name a pastor, lest his opinion should carry too much weight and might cause the remark that his liberality had given him undue influence in church affairs. His answer was worthy of being printed in letters of gold for church officers: "I am but one member of the church. Get the man that will be best suited to build up the church and to advance the cause of Christ."—Central Advocate.

A vast mass meeting was recently held in Glasgow, Scotland, to protest against the custom of allowing sisters of charity and the nuns of the Romish Church to beg from house to house and from store to store. It was held that these practices are in direct violation of the law against begging, and that the law ought to be enforced impartially. A petition to the Lord Provost and magistrates was drawn up, asserting that "it is a public scandal and outrage upon the very idea of fair play that poor, naked, hungry, shivering women should be driven away from the door and taken to the police office, while well-fed, well-clothed women, attended by a servant, should be permitted to beg."

The four missionaries recently sent to Africa from Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., arrived at their destination in good health, and write that they look hopefully upon their field of labor.

A Chinese Tract Society, on the plan of the American Tract Society, has been formed at Shanghai. Its Board of Managers is to be half of foreign missionaries and half of native Christians.

SUNDRIES.

A great missionary conference is to be held in England this Fall, beginning October 21st and continuing six days.

At a great shoe manufactory in Lynn, Mass., recently, a pair of kid side-laced woman's boots was made from the stock in just eleven minutes, in sight of visitors.

The Viceroy of India reports the military force under his command to consist of 63,000 European and 190,000 native troops. The various Indian princes maintain forces that aggregate 315,000.

Lamar Griffin, said to be the oldest man in the United States, died at his residence, in Lodi, Ohio, on the 15th ult., aged 106 years.

A railroad is now promised to reach Yellowstone National Park, in Montana, next year. The apprehensions of Indian disturbances in that quarter have proved to be without foundation.

It is announced that Russia, which has long been the only country in which time is reckoned after what is known as the "old style," is about to adopt the Gregorian calendar.

A leading business man and an upright citizen of Kansas City is named Swindler. One of the most estimable gentlemen of Somerville, N. J., is named Schamp, while the prudent, cautious, modest ex-State Senator of Monmouth county, N. J., is named Reckless.

Despite the immense yield of gold in California, it is now shown that her tillable soil produces more actual wealth than her richest mines. Her grain and fruits exceed in value the best of her placers. Her grape crop this season will be so very large that preparations are making to convert 1000 tons of grapes into raisins.

Three men were arrested in Dallas one day last week for robbing a stranger at the Clarke House. The stranger was standing at the door with a valise in his hand. Two of the thieves caught and held him while the third wrenched it from his hand. The valise was found in their possession. The men were all committed to answer.

Myron Phelps, of Lewistown, Ill., who died Aug. 15, made the following bequests to national societies. To the American Sunday-school Union, \$5,000; the American Tract Society, \$5,000; the American Bible Society, \$5,000; the American Missionary Association, \$1,000; the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, \$2,000.

Farm and Herd.

TAR ON FRUIT TREES.—according to the experience of Mr. Henry Reynolds, of Montgomery county, N. C., tar is a perfect remedy for scathed and sun-cracked apple-trees. He says: By coating with new tar the trunk of a favorite fruit-bearing, that was cracked and so decayed that the bark was dead and would peel off, he has restored it fully. He applies it to all branches that show signs of decay. Since practicing this cheap remedy he has not been troubled with insects. By applying tar to the trunk and clearing away the surface at the roots so as to let it run down on them, peach-trees badly damaged by borers are fully restored. Replace the dirt and you will have no more trouble with the trees for two years or more. If the tar is applied to young trees, the borers will not trouble them at all. He states that the coating should be applied in the winter or early in the spring with new tar.

BLACKSMITHS and horsemen, attention! A British farmer has discovered that horse-shoes are needless. He has tried unshod horses in swamps, on dry ground, and in thick damp clay and on stony soil, and avers that unshod horses do better than those that are shod every time. Even so conservative a journal as the Lancet thinks the problem well worth investigation; so does the London Spectator. Folly and fashion have put useless blinders on the horse, and tortured him with check reins; so it is not incredible that shoes are also to be charged to those two f's—folly and fashion.

CABBAGE WORMS.—Judge J. T. Sample, of Muncie, Ind., writes us that he has found Paris green to be a sovereign remedy. He puts a tablespoonful of the poison into two gallons of water, and applies it, when well dissolved, to the heads through a very fine rose. A tablespoonful of the poisoned water, he says, is sufficient for each head. If applied with care he thinks this remedy is harmless. On a plot of ground twenty feet square he says he has now ninety as fine cabbages as ever grew. But we cannot recommend using Paris Green on cabbages. We should rather go without cabbages entirely.

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William S. Vandike committed suicide on Wednesday evening, at a hotel in this city. He did it in a very deliberate way. He purchased fifty cents worth of morphine, went to the hotel, wrote a perfect lucid and deliberate letter, took the poison, and was found dead on the bed by the chambermaid the next morning.

Obituaries.

BRISON.—Wayne, youngest son of T. N. and Annie F. Bryson, was born July 11, 1874, and died near Liberty Hill, Williamson county, Tex., July 29, 1878.

MARRS.—Elinda, daughter of W. M. and Rachel Marrs, was born near the Wichita river, in the Chickasaw Indian Nation, July 9, 1875, and died near Liberty Hill, Williamson county, Tex., Oct. 12, 1878.

GIBSON.—Sister Margaret Gibson died of consumption near Meridian, Bossier county, La., Oct. 12, 1878. Her health declining for months past, her physicians advised her to leave her home being in Grayson county.

SPINKS.—Martha Isora Spinks, daughter of William and Elizabeth Spinks, was born June 2, 1850, and died July 15, 1878. She had been sick with fever for several days, and was thought by her anxious parents and friends to be better, when suddenly the messenger came with the death summons.

FINCHER.—Hilliard J. Fincher, died in Henderson county, Texas, Sept. 16, 1878. He had just entered his fifty-seventh year. He was the son of Rev. William Fincher, late of Alabama; was trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and as the fruit of his early training, he gave himself to God and His service.

MIMS.—Died near Houston, Texas, on Sept. 21, 1878. Rev. John H. Mims, in the fifty-third year of his age. Bro. Mims was a native of South Carolina, who in his youth, with his parents moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where, at the age of fourteen, he was left an orphan.

preacher's home; as a neighbor, she was obliging, and had a high place in the affections of all who knew her. She had a very strong hold on the affections of her children, and around her they all clustered for advice.

On the evening of the 5th, she told her husband that her eyesight had failed, and that she could not see the Lord. Her children gathered around her bed, she told them not to be afraid, she was calm and happy.

At table and hearth there's a vacant place. Was an accustomed form and face. Goner there is an empty chair— We mourn the absence everywhere.

Church Notices.

PARIS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Dodd City circuit, Nov. 2, 3. Robbinsville circuit, Nov. 6, 7. Rayland circuit, Nov. 12, 14. Roxton circuit, Nov. 13, 14. Starr station, Nov. 16, 17.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Austin and Swede mission, Nov. 9, 10. Latravage, at Latravage, Nov. 16, 17. Jasper circuit, at Pleasant Hill, Nov. 16, Dec 1.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Crockett and Augusta station, November 2, 3. Rock and Jacksonville station, Nov. 9, 10. Cherokee circuit, November 16, 17. Pennington circuit, November 23, 24.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Grand Bluff mission, Union Springs, Nov. 2, 3. Bellevue circuit, Bellevue, Nov. 9, 10. Service circuit, at Pleasant Hill, Nov. 16, 17. Starrville circuit, Nov. 23, 24.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Beaumont circuit, at Beaumont, Nov. 2, 3. Jasper circuit, at Pleasant Hill, Nov. 9, 10. Smithfield mission, at Morris' school-house, Nov. 16, 17.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Columbus, November 2, 3. Weimar, November 16, 17. Platonia, November 9, 10. Richmond, November 23, 24. San Felipe, Nov. 29, Dec 1.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Jefferson station, 1st Sunday in November. Kelleyville circuit, 2d Sunday in Nov. Lovingsville circuit, 3d Sunday in Nov.

SHILBURN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Sherburne circuit, 1st Sunday in November. Whitesboro circuit, at Whitesboro, 2d Sunday in November.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Bethel, Nov. 2, 3. W. H. HUGHES, P. E. SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FOURTH ROUND. Sulphur Mission, November 2, 3. White Rock circuit, November 9, 10. Greenville station, November 16, 17.

Episcopal Appointments for 1878. VIRGINIA—BISHOP PIERCE. Petersburg—Nov. 13. Charlotte—Nov. 20. Newberry—Nov. 27.

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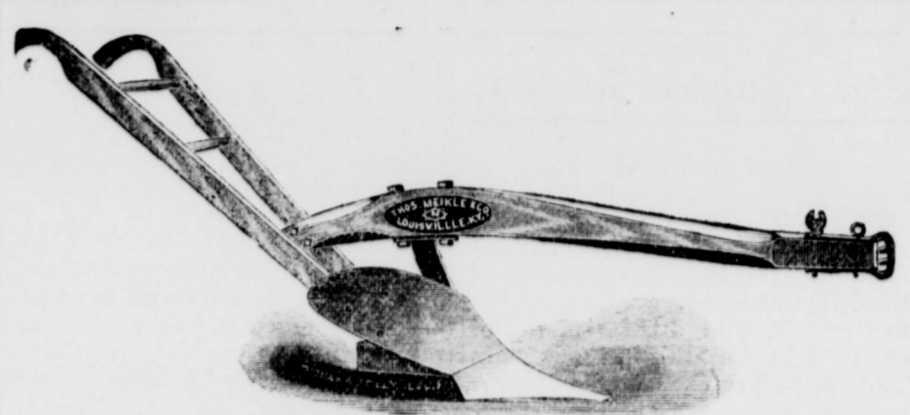
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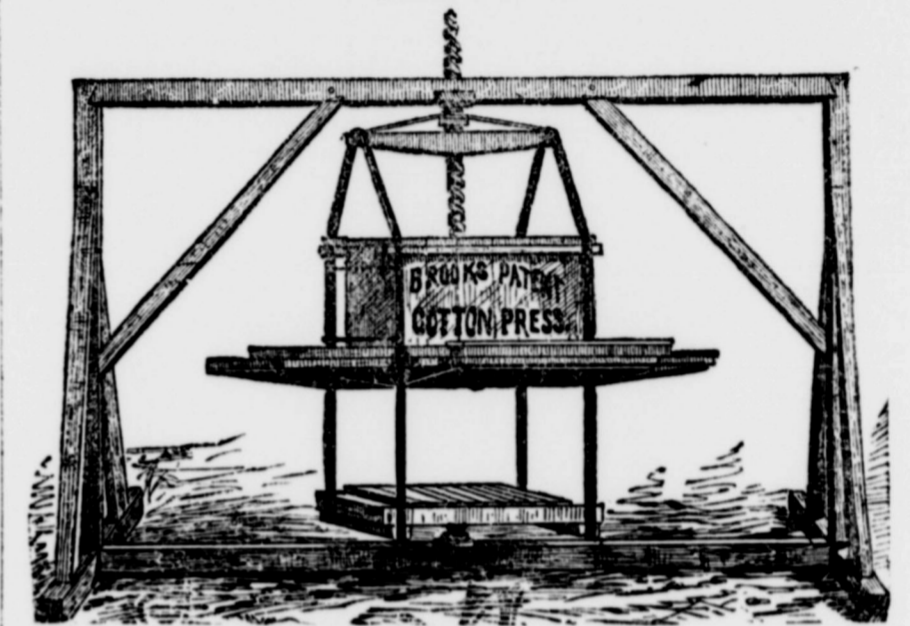
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THE PRINCIPLES OF PAINTING.—Mr. Ruskin, in the "Laws of Fesole," says: "You will continually hear artists disputing about grounds, glazings, vehicles, varnishes, transparencies, opacities, oleaginousnesses. All that talk is as idle as the east wind. Get a flat surface that won't crack—some colored substance that will stick upon it, and remain always of the color it was when you put it on—and a pig's bristle or two wedged in a stick; and if you can't paint, you are no painter, and had better not talk about the art. The one thing you have to learn—the one power truly called that of 'painting'—is to lay on and colored substance, whatever its consistence may be (from mortar to ether), at once, of the exact tint you want, in the exact quantity you want. That is painting."—Christian Union.

Did you ever look for a dog and find the dog-gone dog gone? The receipts of the American Bible Society for September were \$20,798 23; copies of Scriptures issued, 45,238.

