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A GREAT MANY OF OUR subscribers will notice on the direction slip pasted on the Advocate, containing also date of expiration of subscription, that their will expire January 1st.

CHAPPELL HILL, Dec. 4, 12 M.—A SOLEMN INCIDENT.—Mrs. Moselle Atkinson, a widow lady of about 65 years of age, of most estimable character and devout Christian life, having made preparation to go to evening preaching—being in usual health—fell suddenly to the floor and immediately expired.

At a recent meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society a Welch speaker declared that there is not a single infidel book in the Welch language. The people are so well read in the Bible and so familiar with its doctrines that the arguments or cavils of infidelity have made no impression upon them.

We heard a minister remark recently that his people were strongly disinclined to contribute to the support of foreign missions. They gave promptly to the support of their pastor; they would respond to the appeal in behalf of domestic missions or the conference fund, but were reluctant to give to send the gospel to other nations.

We wish some one who has a taste for statistics would gather up the data bearing on this point. Judging from the facts at our command, we are satisfied that, with but few if any exceptions, it can be shown that where a church loses the missionary spirit, it spiritually begins to decline.

RELIGION AND SANITARY SCIENCE.

The Galveston News of the 29th ult. contained some strictures on the thanksgiving sermon preached by the pastor of St. James Church, Galveston, which were the occasion of some surprise to the pastor himself as well as the audience who listened to the discourse.

This may possibly explain how it happened that the sermon in question was so strangely misunderstood. An imperfect and fragmentary report of the sermon appeared in the local column of the News; the editor of that paper assumed that it was a faithful rendition of the preacher's sentiments.

We are informed by several intelligent hearers that there was nothing in the discourse which justified this charge. A day of thanksgiving had been set apart by the chief magistrate of the nation, and the call was renewed by the governor of the State.

We commend the above admonition to the thoughtful consideration of a certain class of scientists, who, with cool complacency, set meets and bounds to God Almighty's Empire, and intimate that He is invading their special domain when He presumes to exercise control over the natural laws which rule the universe.

After all, the wisest student of the laws of nature can only boast of very limited knowledge, which leads him but a little way into the profound mysteries of being. With other men, he is but a learner in the school of knowledge.

wisest doctors disagree. They find some remedial agencies with which they endeavor to arrest its spread, and yet death smites down men by thousands, and the survivors turn pale as they look on their desolated homes, and grow faint with fear as they think that they, and the physicians who bravely battle with the plague, may be the next who will sink beneath its stroke.

"With all deference, we submit that it is assuming an awful office for the minister of any religious faith to step in between man and his Maker. We say it is an awful thing for any human being to presume to penetrate the counsels of God and proclaim, out of hand, and in tones of authoritative emphasis, His special judgments of affliction or of benefaction."

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THE city authorities of Boston are discontented because a wealthy lady of that town persists in keeping as pets two lions, who have reached the age of two and a half years. She insists that they are her pets; that there is no harm in them, and that they shall have the freedom of her house.

We learn from authentic sources that during the late yellow fever epidemic in the South, about forty Protestant ministers have fallen at their posts. In this connection we can not but remark the fact that, while the names of the Catholic priests who fell while ministering to the relief of the sick and dying were sent out to the world by telegraph, only a few of the Protestant ministers who died were reported.

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IN 1869 the Ameer of Cabul, while visiting Peshawar, was shown through a fine English church. He was informed that the officials who worshiped there were seated according to their rank. His astonishment was profound, and turning to his guide, he said: "I am the chief ruler of my country, but when I worship in the mosque I take my seat beside the poorest subjects; for in the house of God all men are equal."

A New York journal furnishes a table of the contributions for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers, making the aggregate in the United States, \$1,320,000; from abroad, \$39,000; total, \$1,359,000. This does not embrace all, as no credit is given to the different towns and cities of Texas.

A FRIEND informs us that the Austin Statesman recently stated that "Bro. John, of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, said that he would not give a chew of tobacco respecting the Governor's opinion about quarantine affairs."

MISS RANKIN, the first female missionary sent out by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, of the M. E. Church, South, has sailed from San Francisco to Hong Kong. She was fortunate in having the company of a missionary family, Dr. Hartwell, of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

AN exchange states that recently a party of sixty-five Bostonians, all Protestants, paid their respects to the Pope, complying with the prescribed etiquette of kneeling in his presence. They paid but little respect to their Protestantism and less to their manhood in this act of adoration to a mortal.

A SURPRISE.—While the pastor was preparing his sermon for thanksgiving day, without any special preparation for such an event in the larder of the parsonage, a rap was heard at the window. Having just read of men being called out and shot, the preacher with some trepidation, took a light and cautiously opened the door.

A THANKFUL PASTOR. MISSIONS.

The Bishop of Gibraltar has been offered 1000 Greek Testaments for circulation in Cyprus.

The United Presbyterians of Scotland during the past thirty-four years have raised for church purposes, \$39,133,200.

The missionary establishment at Wushih-shan was destroyed by a mob of native Chinamen about September 1st.

A society is being formed in London to carry out the reprinting of the old works of early Presbyterianism.

Rev. C. A. Stanley, a Chinese missionary, narrates, as one of the results of the efforts of our missionaries to alleviate the sufferings of the famine-stricken people, that in the temple near him the people have set apart a large room, and written over the entrance, "Jesus' Chapel."

Sunday, Nov. 30, will be observed in England as a day of intercession in foreign missions.

Mr. Coillard, of the French Basuto Mission, South Africa, with a party of native evangelists, intends to establish a new mission near the Zambesi river, in Central Africa.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church in Ningpo, China, is a native, who has promised to provide for his salary without aid from the missionaries.

The Free Church of Scotland has received a bequest of \$135,000 for missionary purposes. The general opinion of the church is that the money ought to be used in reinforcing the missions in India.

The German Synod of the Lutheran church has called upon the women to aid in the work of missions, and urges that they, as members, be organized into local and general missionary societies.

In a missionary school at Makawao, Sandwich Islands, there is a native girl named Broadway Tabernacle, who is supported by the New York church of that name.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society has sent ten new missionaries to its new missions in the Duke of York Island, several of them being natives of the Tonga and Fiji Islands.

The man who has charge of the beautiful Taj at Agra, India, (Marvin's travels, page 259), has been licensed to preach by the M. E. Church.

The foundation has been laid at Seven Oaks, England, for a building for the education of missionaries' daughters to accommodate 100 children. It will cost \$50,000, half of which is secured.

Nine Protestant denominations have now missions in Mexico. These employ 98 missionaries. There are 137 congregations, 12,000 members and adherents, and 45 Sunday and 36 day schools, with 1137 scholars.

The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian says, that the highest collection yet made for the Pueblo and Navajo mission was taken up by a party of tourists, who, when stopping to rest above the timber line on Pike's Peak, raised \$5 as the hat was passed round for a donation to the mission fund.

A Calcutta telegram to the London Times says: "Juggernaut is said to be in a bad way since the imprisonment of the hereditary protector of sacred affairs. The late Car Festival was a complete failure. It is in contemplation to hand over the great god to the tender mercies of a most useful institution—the Court of Wards, though Juggernaut can hardly be said to be still in his minority."

Rev. Dr. Maclay, of Japan, forwards his annual report, remarking by the way that he prefers to give it in the language of the several missionaries. "We are well and hard at work. Our work was never more prosperous; please send us help without delay." He will be pleased to learn that we propose sending four men during the year.

The history of Christianity in the Island of Samoa is no less wonderful than in the Sandwich Islands. Thirty-six years ago the Samoans were 34,000 barbarians. Now the group contains 80,000 people, nearly all professing Christianity. The theological seminary has sixty students and twenty missionaries sent out by the natives, preaching the gospel in the neighboring islands.

The great revival in India among the Telogooos still continues. Thus far over 10,000 have been baptized by the Baptist missionaries since the middle of June, and it is believed that the number of converts will reach 20,000 by Christmas. In view of the unprecedented increase, the Baptist Missionary Union asks \$25,000 to reinforce the mission.

As an indication of the rapidity with which Christianity is making its way in Japan, it is stated that one of the leading printing offices in Tokio has begun the publication of a paper in the interests of the Christian religion as a matter of enterprise. It is solely a native undertaking, none of the missionaries having anything to do with it.

Evangelization in Spain is now carried on by the Spanish society of that name at six central stations, viz.: Seville, Granada, Cadiz, Huelva, Cordova, and Madrid. These stations are supplied by resident missionaries, besides whom there are traveling missionaries to outlying districts. Several nuclei of churches have already been formed.

Rev. Elbert S. Clarke, a missionary in South Africa, is about establishing a new mission in a thickly populated district where he has secured a station surrounded by 20,000 Kafirs. He has visited nearly every tribe in Kaffirland, but has never before found such a mass of degraded heathenism in the interior of Africa. They are delighted at the prospect of his settling among them.

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THE SEA OF LIFE.

BY REV. J. M. PUGH.

The wide sea of life, With tumult and strife, Is rolling its surges before us; The high-crosted wave— The storm—we must brave, Or the tears of our loved ones deplore us.

and slice the apples, and stew them with just enough water to keep them from burning till properly tender. Strain through coarse lace, add the sugar and beat together until smooth.

WHITE GINGERBREAD.—Rub half a pound of butter into one pound of flour, add half a pound of loaf sugar, which should be finely powdered and sifted.

MUFFINS.—One quart of flour, one pint of warmed milk, one teaspoonful of salt, half a gill of yeast. Mix at night, and beat until light.

ALMOND CANDY.—Boil slowly one pound of white sugar and a coffee-cupful of water one-half hour; clear with the white of an egg; test by raising up a spoonful of the syrup, and if the threads snap it is done.

TO TAKE OUT MILDEW.—Get the driest chloride of lime you can buy, and, for strong fabrics, dissolve four table-spoonfuls of it in one-half pint of water.

Make the House Comfortable.

We have no patience with the man who allows the window to rattle in the casements, while with a hammer, a few nails, a lathe or two, and a little putty, he could, in an hour or two, make the house snug and comfortable.

Let the family room be well lighted, and make home attractive to the young people. Let there be no lack of good books or useful papers. Pleasant winter evenings at home constitute one of the greatest charms of country life.

Soft-shell almonds are grown in Collin county. A new Methodist church is to be built in Gainesville.

Two thousand bushels of wheat found their way into the Dallas market recently.

Obituarics.

GOINS.—Sister Martha E. Goins was born June 1, 1830, near Bellville, Austin county, Texas; was married to Mr. A. M. Goins on December 15, 1854, and died August 22, 1878.

preachers in Louisiana, her house always being open to the poor and needy, she died in the arms of her dear friends on the evening of November 13, 1878.

MONTEGOMERY.—Mr. McGrady Montgomery, son of Isaac and Patsy Montgomery, was born in Gibson county, Indiana, May 23, 1812; he joined the Texas army in 1836, and returned home in 1837.

RANKIN.—Mrs. Martha A. Rankin, consort of John K. Rankin, departed this life Nov. 1, 1878, aged eighty-seven years. She was a native of Virginia.

TURNER.—William Turner, the subject of this notice, was born in Wood county, Va. (now West Virginia), October 14, 1805, and died Nov. 2, 1878.

DARDEN.—Rev. Geo. P. Darden, the subject of this notice, was born in the state of Mississippi, June 15, 1824; was educated in the common schools of his native state.

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"One by one we're crossing o'er; One by one the crosses are given On the bright and happy shore."

It becomes my painful duty to record the death of our dear mother, Mrs. Martha L. Dennis. Our mother was born in Stokes county, North Carolina, on the 7th day of January, 1826.

From the time of her conversion, she told me, she had no thought of ever apostatizing. Her purpose was fixed; her hope strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

She had a very peculiar way of praying. She would pray for the sinners of the world, and then pray for the sinners of her own neighborhood.

She was a very kind and generous woman. She would give of her substance to the poor and needy, and she would give of her time to the service of the Lord.

She was a very devoted wife and mother. She would sacrifice her own interests for the interests of her family, and she would sacrifice her own life for the interests of the Lord.

She was a very faithful servant of the Lord. She would serve Him with all her heart, mind, and strength, and she would serve Him with all her might.

She was a very holy woman. She would keep His commandments, and she would love Him with all her heart, mind, and strength, and she would love her neighbor as herself.

She was a very meek and lowly woman. She would be gentle and kind to all men, and she would be patient and long-suffering to all men.



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