





Texas Christian Advocate

BURNET, Dec. 16.—On Friday, the 15th inst., the cars commenced to run in earnest, carrying freight to Georgetown.

BLANCO CITY, Dec. 16.—Another horse-thief was lodged in jail in this place last night.

MERIDIAN, Dec. 16.—At 8 o'clock last night, our town was besieged by a large force of men, armed and determined, who over-powered the jailer and guards, forced their way into the prisoners, shooting and killing Tom and Mart Horrell, who were charged with Vaughn's murder.

SAN MARCOS, Dec. 16.—About a week ago a boy about seventeen years of age called at Mr. Callison's, on Onion creek, and borrowed a rope to stake his horse.

Correspondence.

Is It Right.

We love our church polity and have boldly defended it for many years. Our itinerant system of gospel preaching is unparalleled in ecclesiastical history.

reads out B.'s appointment, he is taken off of the district and appointed to the — circuit. All are astonished, and one of B.'s particular friends appeals to the bishop privately and asks: Why did you take Bro. B. off the district and put him on a circuit?

and sympathy in the future—with respect to our appointments.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, Dec. 18, 1878. WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, Dec. 25.—The weather to-day is the coldest we have been blessed with this season.

complaints against the Bishop and his cabinet and threaten to locate. Now, what sort of evidence do such ministers give to the church and the world of the genuineness of their faith and deep piety?

if some young man lost his soul by it. Youth naturally chafes under restraint and abounds in false notions of independence.

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INCONSISTENCIES. The frailties of human nature are such that many and great allowances should be made for the seeming inconsistencies of our race.

A Roving Infidel. We had this week at our Opera House, the rarity of an infidel lecture, by J. R. Kendall, of San Francisco.

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THE CASE OF W. G. VEAL.

We are in receipt of several communications respecting the case of W. G. Veal, of the Northwest Texas Conference, who is charged with attempt against the virtue of a married lady and a member of the church.

The church has taken prompt action by the appointment of a committee, who we believe will do their duty faithfully. We have not learned whether the time for the investigation has been fixed or not.

A WARNING.

The deplorable affair last week, which startled the good citizens of our city, in which young The C. Ayers was dangerously wounded with a knife and an excellent family filled with grief, is another warning respecting the evil which whisky entails on society.

The number of those who are "under vows" in Catholic countries is simply immense. In France there are 200,000, not including the 45,000 regular pastors who are in receipt of pay from the State.

For Home and Foreign Missions the Methodist Church in the United States received last year, \$551,365 05. For the same objects the Presbyterians raised last year, \$712-161 15.

CLUBROOMS AND PRIVATE QUARTERS.

There was one portion of the indictment of the gamblers' vocation made by the News of the 8th ult. which awakened a feeling of disappointment. Here it is:

Especially on behalf of the poorer classes, whom the permission of public gambling most seriously affects, should the great ax of justice and reform fall upon this loud and growing shame. If the rich and well-to-do must find vent for pent-up passions in the excitements of the card-table, let them seek their club-rooms and private quarters for such indulgences; but let the young and unwary, the hard-working mechanic and needy artisan be protected against the temptations which, in their unguarded moments, so handily and invitingly meet them.

We would not weaken in the slightest degree this appeal in behalf of the laboring classes. The evils which gambling entails on the poor man's family are terrible. The hardly won earnings of the laborer, which so often pass on Saturday night into the clutches of the gambler, represent the bread and meat, the fuel and clothing, sorely needed by that poor man's wife and children.

We rejoice that the News has found a voice in behalf of homes and hearts made desolate by this vice. We regret that it silenced its artillery instead of turning it on another form of this evil not less damaging to human happiness than that which it assailed.

Club-rooms and private quarters, where the rich and well-to-do find vent for their pent-up passion in the excitements of the card-table, are doing as much to foster this vice as the gambling saloons which boldly spread their snares under the gaslight. The one stalks boldly through the thoroughfares of life, and men and boys who are lured within reach of their bewildering influence may possibly be seen and warned by their friends.

to which their sons are plunging. There is many a father whose heart would grow cold with dread could he stand under the gas-light of these rooms and note the part his boy is playing in its scenes. Possibly he is already alarmed. He has had a father's faith in his son. The whisper of suspicion has at last reached his ear, and he has recoiled as though he had suddenly discovered his child blindly stumbling on the brink of a precipice.

CLUB ROOMS

is located there, where the rich and well-to-do may find vent to their passions in the excitement of the card table. The proprietors of these club-rooms usually act as their own "cappers." That is, they make up the game and if they do not join it, they are entitled to a percentage to pay for rent and other expenses of the place. If they join the game their winnings swell their profits.

able men?"—will ever betray the secrets of that room, he joins the group, and the first step on the descending plane is taken. One of these rooms, not a thousand yards from Tremont and Postoffice streets, can be reached by three different entrances.

The lines are deepening in that father's brow, and the white hairs coming on with a swifter step than those of Time, tell of the burden that is bending his form and breaking his heart. His eyes can no longer doubt the ruin of his son; but he has never traced up the haunts where that ruin has been wrought.

"PRIVATE QUARTERS"

may be merely the elegantly appointed private apartments of some gentleman whose position in society forbids the suspicion that he is a blackleg of the sootiest complexion. A brave man will recoil when he feels on his person the cold creep of a snake. When vice glides into society with the silence of the serpent and fastens its fangs without warning on the unsuspecting victim, our dread deepens into shuddering disgust.

excitement deepens, the coil of the serpent tightens; cigars are called for, and to add interest to the play, and nothing more, it is agreed that the game shall decide the question as to who shall pay their cost. In due time, wine or something stronger appears. At last the victim feels the venomous fangs. Were it money only he had lost, the case would be a bad one; but to gain that money a wound is inflicted on that young man's moral nature that may never heal.

We have heard that such a den of serpents may be found in Galveston. We warn men, both old and young, against it. Does the Chief of Police know of its existence? Has the mayor never heard of such a place? Have the police on a certain beat never seen those lights in that upper room at midnight? If not, are they blind? Other men know of these things. They could give, if they would, both the name and the place.

The following resolution was passed at the late session of the Florida Conference. The suggestion that infirm men take a supernumerary relation in their old conferences before removing to a more genial clime is a good one. In a few instances which have come under our observation, men have been employed in Texas who were members of other conferences, though on the superannuated list.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida has acquired a reputation as a resort for invalids, and on this account the Florida Conference is looked upon as a favorable field of operations for preachers who are disqualified for work in other sections; and whereas, the list of superannuates has been increased by the repeated transfer of disabled men in the past, and the number of widows and orphans of others who have died is far beyond our ability to support; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully request the College of Bishops, when applied to by preachers of this class for a transfer to this conference, to suggest to them that they take a supernumerary or superannuated relation in their own conferences, and then seek work as supplies in this conference.

On the Pacific coast the average attendance of Chinese boys and girls upon the Protestant Sunday-schools is 1,000.

When John Wesley's first Conference met in June, 1744, there were six regular and four lay preachers present—the preaching force of Methodism in that day. Now there are over one hundred thousand Methodist preachers of all nations and colors.

The Chinese Sunday-school in Chicago, which has been in existence nearly six months, with an average attendance of fourteen scholars, can be largely increased at once if more teachers will permanently take hold of the work. It is an exceedingly hopeful enterprise, and should enlist hearty co-operation.

FALLING INTO LINE.

When the ADVOCATE opened war on gambling, the question was asked, "What do you expect to accomplish? These evils are so strongly entrenched that no effort on your part can dislodge them. If the gambling hells now in operation were suppressed, they would soon appear in new localities and in forms equally destructive to public morals." We replied, that if we could do nothing more, we would persist until we had converged public sentiment on these gigantic evils so that men of high social position would not dare give them the influence of their presence; we would arouse the public to the dereliction of its servants and place fidelity to the laws enacted in the interests of morality and virtue at such premium that unworthy officials would not dare to neglect their duty.

That a vast change has been wrought in public sentiment since this war began, no one who feels the throbbings of the public heart can doubt. Our denunciations of this vice has found a warm endorsement from the best citizens of the land, while the secular press, whose voice can be potential in this conflict, is joining in the war on this enemy of peace and order. Possibly the most significant indication of this change in public sentiment is the recent arraignment of this vice in the columns of the Galveston News. Our readers will remember the attitude that journal assumed during the conflict of the ADVOCATE with the Galveston officials in 1875 respecting their failure to meet their sworn obligation to suppress this vice.

Book Notice.

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly for December. The following, etc.: "Mystery," by Charles F. Deems, D. D.; lessons from the Book of Job, by Dean Stanley; the unchangeableness of the love of God, by Rev. A. McFarlane; a visit to the haunts of iniquity, by Rev. DeWitt Talmage, D. D.; the angel's desire to look into salvation, by Bishop Simpson D. D.; the sin unto death, by Rev. James Laurie; a fair chance for salvation, by D. H. Wheeler, D. D.; the changes foreseen by the prophet at Patmos, by R. S. Storrs, D. D.; Sampson's riddle, by Rev. J. W. Smith; the voice of God in the soul, by Rabbi DeSola Menges, D. D.



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Children's Department.

I see in the last ADVOCATE a letter from our little friends Eva and Neva Mosher. They are sweet little friends, too.

We hope Birdie had a happy Christmas and New Year, and trust she will have many more in her lifetime.

How time moves on. We remember Birdie's mother when no bigger than Birdie is now; and are not surprised that the blessing of our Heavenly Father is descending on the children's children of that household of faith in which she was trained.

KOSSE, TEXAS, December 23.—I made a mistake last week in my statement about money collected by little girls.

Another little girl of our congregation has quite a number of pets—Miss Emma Conoley. She is ten years old, and a very lovely little girl.

How a Fly Walks on the Ceiling.

I have no doubt that when you have been at the seaside you have often noticed the limpets which stick so hard to the rocks.

With a little trouble we can make, out of simple materials, a very good imitation of one of these hairs, sufficiently large to see how they act.

in the middle of the leather, a knot at the end of the string, preventing it from coming away. This knot should be so hammered against the hole that no air can get through the opening, or our experiment will fail.

The reason why the leather "sucker," as it is called, acts in this way, is because, when we pull the string we raise up the center of the leather, and make a little tent shaped hollow space there between the sucker and the stone.

The Brave Little Flower Girl.

At the entrance of one of the large hotels in Boston, you will frequently see, at noon, and early in the evening, a little flaxen-haired girl, with button-hole bouquets to sell.

"I was nine years old, ma'am, when I began first to sell flowers, but that was four years ago. You see we were very poor. Father was dead and mother was sick in bed.

"They used to give me nice things, too, to carry home to mother—pieces of chicken, you know, and such like. Why, there's one particular place in the dining room now, where they put my brown paper bag; and I'm always sure to find it full when I go home at night!

Brave little Mary! She tells her story in the simplest, most unaffected way; but I know that for nearly four years she was the sole support and comfort of that poor sick mother and those little helpless children.

A Child's Prayer Answered.

It is related that when Warde, the actor, came to this city with his wife and three little children he waited long for an engagement.

dear grandma in England," and then, after a little stop, "O dear Lord, please help papa through *Othello*!" Mr. Warde was told of the incident, and he wrote to a friend afterward: "I have been more successful than I hoped to be, and I believe that Arthur's prayer has been answered."

To GIRLS.—Never marry a man who has only his love for you to recommend him. It is very fascinating, but it does not make the man. If he is not otherwise what he should be, you will never be happy.

MAKING PEOPLE HAPPY.—A poetical writer has said that some men move through life as a band of music moves down the street, flinging the pleasure on every side through the air to every one, far and near, that can listen.

OUR FRUITS.—The great difficulty in this country is, that we have no time for anything. The very walk of an American shows that he is in a hurry.

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staggered toward the platform on which a number of ladies and gentlemen were sitting, pushed by his wife, who sprang forward vainly seeking to intercept him in his course.

"How long, O Lord, shall intemperance reign, blighting our dearest earthly hopes, and draining our very life's blood?" Then, turning to the audience, she continued: "Can you wonder that I raise my voice against this terrible evil?"

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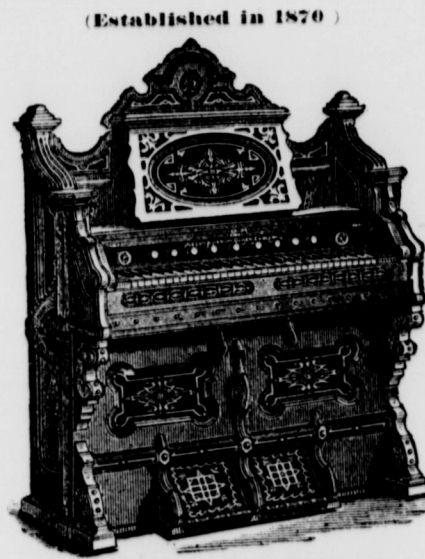
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