











Texas Christian Advocate

Affirmative Objections Considered.

We see in the ADVOCATE, June 14th, a communication from Bro. J. P. Phillpot, in which he offers what he considers objections to our views as expressed in our rejoinder to Bro. E. M. Sweet's article which was published in the ADVOCATE under the title, "Problems of Church Law."

He takes up our "lastly" first and says but little about it, and in connection with this he notices several features of our reply. In doing so, as we understand his efforts, he introduces some extracts, asks questions, and lastly offers us a "premium."

He is on the affirmative side; hence the onus probandi devolves on him. It is well known to all who have read his defense—favoring Bro. Sweet's positions—that he did not introduce a particle of proof, and now, if he or any one else will introduce it (if proof can be found) we will give up the question. But thus far we have not seen anything that would call for rebutting evidence.

For his gratification, we will notice a few thoughts, and the first is as follows: "We would ask Bro. P., being called or ordained of God to preach the gospel, would he have disregarded that call and refused to preach if church ordination had not been extended to him?"

acted on Bro. Phillpot's plan? Church action should always harmonize with the Divine call to preach, and without the authority of both, no man has the right to exercise the functions of the ministry. But according to Bro. Phillpot's views, the man who is called to preach must not only do that, but without any authority from the church he must administer the sacraments in cases of emergency.

We will briefly notice his "lastly." He says: "If Bro. Price will show us a copy of the scriptures that by any sort of remote implication would condemn the administration of the Lord's Supper to a dying man, or any individual soul, by any of His called ministers, yet wanting in church ordination, we will give him a premium on that book."

Jefferson District Conference.

This conference met in its thirteenth session at Linden, Cms county, June 25th, 1879. Rev. L. B. Ellis, P. E., occupied the chair, and J. W. Hill was elected secretary. Little was done the first day outside of organization, and the appointment of a few committees—one of which was to memorialize Bishop McTyeire to change the time for holding the ensuing session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference.

mittee on missions, which reported subsequently, suggested that Texarkana be made a missionary station with an appropriation commensurate with its importance. Rev. J. Clark Smith, of Queen City circuit, reports the spiritual state of the church on his work on the advance. Great harmony prevails and peace and goodwill mark the intercourse with its brethren.

W. PRICE. This conference met in its thirteenth session at Linden, Cms county, June 25th, 1879. Rev. L. B. Ellis, P. E., occupied the chair, and J. W. Hill was elected secretary.

Tarantulas to Church. I preached at Liberty Hill church a few nights since, and observing great confusion among the ladies, I thought perhaps a bug or mouse was the cause; but I soon learned that there was cause for commotion, and I don't blame the sisters for becoming nervous over a spider of this species.

Children's Department. LIBERTY GROVE, McLennan Co., June 19.—Dear Uncle John: My mamma takes the paper. I read

the children's column. I am ten years old. We have a fine Sunday-school of about fifty scholars. We repeat a verse with some given word every Sunday.—KATIE GLASGOW.

GREENVILLE, Hunt Co.—Dear Uncle John: I will promise you to read the New Testament through this year. I have got as far as Ephesians. I love to read the Bible. One of my little cousins (Avie Faaris) promised to read the Testament through; I don't know how far she has read. Uncle John, I would like to see you and hear you talk.—JOSIE MAY.

BRENNAM, Washington Co., May 31.—Dear Uncle John: I have commenced to read the Bible through. I write that you may enroll my name on your list. I am a little girl ten years old. I attend Sunday-school and church every Sunday, and love our superintendent, teachers and pastor very much.—ELLA ROBERSON.

WISE COUNTY, June 26.—Dear Uncle John: I am a little girl nine years old. I see a heap of letters in Pa's paper from the little folks to you and the Testament class. I want to join it, and I will try to read it through. We have a good Sunday-school, and prayer-meeting every Sunday night, and singing every Sunday evening.

LXINGTON, Lee Co., June 30.—Dear Uncle John: I see that many of the little folks promise you to read the New Testament through this year, and I want to be one of the number. I think I will, for my dear mamma promises to help me pronounce the hard words.

GLENOIR, Caldwell Co., July 3.—Dear Uncle John: We wish to join your Bible class. We live in the same neighborhood, go to the same Sabbath-school and belong to the same class. We like our lesson papers, and are trying to live as they direct us.

WISE COUNTY, June 26.—Dear Uncle John: I am twelve years old. I want to join your Testament class. I will read it through as soon as I can, and I will read the old Testament through, too. We have never lived close to any school for a long time; but the Methodists built a new church close to us last fall, and we have schools now, and preaching or meeting of some kind every Sunday.

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Calendar—July, 1879.

FOUR SUNDAYS—31 DAYS.

Table with columns: Day of Month, Day of Week, Sun Rises, Moon Sets, H. M., H. M., H. M.

MOON'S PHASES. Full moon, Last quarter, New moon, First quarter.

HISTORICAL EVENTS—JULY. July 4, 1808—Founding of Pittsburg...

Town Nomenclature.

The names of the cities, towns, and villages of the United States reveal a certain poverty of invention...

A termination in too common use is the French "ville." Nothing more poor and mean in American nomenclature can be found...

Southern exposure and prefix. In North Carolina, where the word South is very dear, one community, as if in despair of finding a title not already in use, have called their town South Toe.

Before our people took to the points of the compass, however, they had exhausted the word "New." There are 635 towns and cities in the Union bearing that prefix.

Of course the names of all our great men are immortalized in the cities, towns, and villages of this broad land. Indeed, there seems to have been a rivalry among the names of settlements as to the priority of the selection and appropriation of such names.

Of all the natural objects which have been pressed into the service of town-naming, none have been so hard worked as the mountains.

ment, in our solar system, the law of gravitation should be suspended, and all the planets and satellites were flung upon the measureless inane, orderless, confused, colliding, in mad promiscuousness of falling, or fixed, stagnant, helpless, on the bosom of space.

The slavery of sin is a fascination. Fascination is a witchcraft accomplished by the eye or by the tongue, by which the will of the victim is opiated so that it cannot govern his actions, and he is surrendered to the power of another.

A liberal christian in Louisville, offers to be one of ten to give one thousand dollars to the woman's missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

BUTLER—Lydia M. A. Butler, daughter of F. and Elizabeth J. Neel, and wife of Joseph K. Butler, departed this life, May 2, 1879, near Seguin, Texas.

OLIVE—Sister Evaline Olive, daughter of "Doc" Galloway, was born in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 15th of February, 1818.

NONES—Mrs. Millock Nones was born in Columbus, Georgia, Dec. 25, 1818. Married in Montgomery, Texas, Nov. 23, 1870, to Mr. Warren T. Nones.

MERIWETHER—Martha Marshall Meriwether, was born in Clark county, Georgia, July 27, 1808, and departed this life in Seguin, July 8, 1879.

How happy is the child of grace, Who knows his sins forgiven.

And then faintly murmured the precious sentiments of the hymn after she could sing no longer.

TAYLOR—It becomes my sad and painful duty to announce the intelligence of the death of my dear mother, Mrs. C. Taylor, wife of Rev. R. F. Taylor.

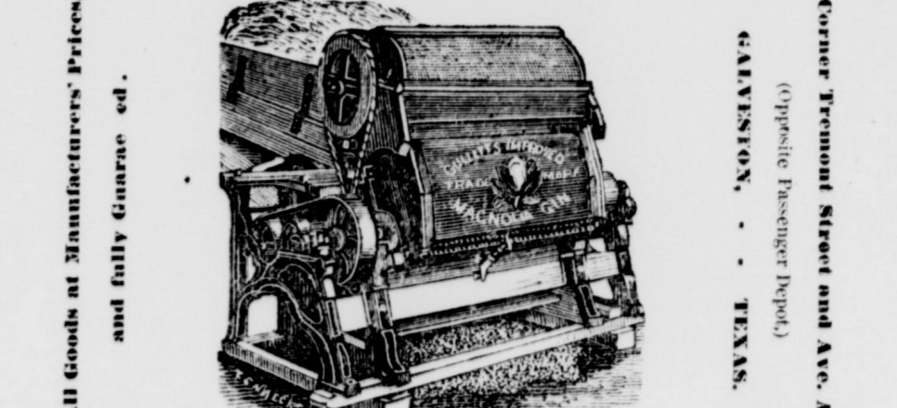
REDELL—Jennie Bettie, daughter of E. T. and S. M. Redell, was born Feb. 11, 1873; died Oct. 27, 1878.

BURNHAM—Another flower bloomed to fade, Miss Lucia Burnham, daughter of Jesse B. Burnham and Sarah J. Burnham.

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News and Secular.

LONDON LETTER.

English Agricultural Exhibition—Preparations for an Immense Display of Live Stock.

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Two miles from the marble arch, and on a plain, open road, well served at all times by omnibuses, the site of the exhibition is now so largely occupied with the structures necessary for the large and comprehensive display...

ST. LOUIS LETTER. The Busy, Smoky City Photographs—Texas and St. Louis Business Interests—The Importance of Correct Information Regarding Texas—The Texas Press Should Give It.

Your correspondent has been in the busy, smoky city of St. Louis for one week "taking in the situation," and a good deal of real dust, and now he is comfortably quartered at 1316 Pine street. To one recently from a modest little Texas town, St. Louis presents a pleasing business activity...

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which took place two weeks ago, "means business," and that in another year, if not sooner, the time between Galveston, Austin and all railroad Texas towns, and this city, will be shortened several hours.

and his workmen have made more than necessary advance towards completing the remainder. If the canvas which covers long rows of sheds was laid down as a carpet, it would cover more than twenty-four acres of land.

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NEW IRON BRIDGES, and the road-bed along the entire route from here to Austin and Houston is to be improved. There is really something in the wind in railroad circles that will greatly redound to the interest of Texas.

THE total treasury receipts for the fiscal year under review were \$274,034,916 against \$257,763,878 for the preceding year, an increase of \$16,271,038. This increase was made up as follows:

Table showing treasury receipts: Total increase \$16,271,038. Internal revenue \$1,684,292,301. Miscellaneous receipts \$700,000.

The receipts exceed the aggregate estimates presented to congress in December last by the secretary of the treasury by \$9,500,000. Compared with the secretary's estimate the customs receipts show an increase of \$4,500,000 and the miscellaneous receipts \$700,000.

THE French Chamber of Deputies have passed M. Jules Ferry's educational bill by a vote of 352 to 159. The feature of exciting controversy in the bill is its prohibiting from teaching all members of religious bodies not recognized by the State.

THERE is apparently great dissatisfaction in some portions of the country north of Mason and Dixon's line over the preference given ex-Confederate soldiers and officers when Southern people deposit their ballots, as compared with political preferment in said localities.

LONDON, England, is having trouble with hawkers of obscene literature. It has been brought to the knowledge of the authorities and investigation with a view to measures for suppression of the evil develops the fact that no law exists under which the offenders can be punished.

THE publication of the various military orders issued by Confederate generals has been determined upon by the national government. These records are found very valuable in determining the merits of claims against the government for losses in the South during the war.

THE prince of Bulgaria has been sworn in at Tirnova, the ancient capital of the country. His first act was to dissolve the constitutional assembly, the place of which will be taken in due time by a regular legislative body.

Table showing estimated value of mackerel and other fish: Mackerel, pickled \$3,337,241.38. Herring, pickled \$2,256,836.00. Salmon, pickled \$207,717.00.

The estimated value of the mackerel taken in the American waters during the same period is \$10,566,790. The total value of the marine fisheries of Canada for the year 1876 is estimated to be \$11,093,650.

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Penetration and Speculation. The "suppressed report" of Hon. J. M. Glover, chairman of the congressional committee which investigated the affairs of the treasury department, is published.

The report, which is very long, opens with a statement of the many ramifications of the treasury department, and says that since 1861 over \$13,000,000,000 have passed through the treasury's hands. We compile from the report a few items that tend to show how patriotic officials execute the sacred trusts confided them by the dear people.

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were published, differing by millions, and none of the three was true. The first man who was intrusted with the destruction of withdrawn notes, Charles H. Cornwell, chief of the redemption division of the treasurer's office, was caught stealing the notes and reissuing them. The amount thus reissued is not known, but it is estimated by good judges at over \$100,000.

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