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HACKBERRY, LIVING CO., April 26.—I think my circuit is improving some. Preached twice yesterday to very attentive congregations; baptized four little children; took up a missionary collection—got \$2 in money and subscriptions, which is all good. We are getting dry again; farmers wishing for rain. Crops are fine, and the prospects for rain is good. Had a light shower yesterday, though not enough, as we think.—J. F. DENTON.

FRED'S MILL, Kaufman Co., April 28.—Have just returned from a short visit to Henderson and Anderson counties. Found Bro. T. P. Smith at his post on the Athens circuit. Also, Bro. L. M. Fowler on the Kickapoo circuit. Heard the latter preach last Sabbath. It is a real treat to hear him preach. He is a real preacher. We were blessed with a glorious rain last night, which was much needed. Crop prospects are good. As a church, are not doing as well as we might—am hoping and praying for a revival.—J. T. STANLEY.

BELLE PLAIN MISSION, Callahan Co., April 27.—Our second quarterly conference was held on the 24th and 25th; official attendance good. Our presiding elder preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we were all revived in spirit. God was with us. Our finances are very low only \$27.75 collected this year for the church in charge and presiding elder—preacher filling thirteen appointments monthly and working for his living during the week. Crop prospects are rather gloomy; wheat in places is dying. May God bless us according to His own wisdom, and bring us safely through these trying times.—Geo. W. BILEY.

THOUPE, Smith Co., May 1.—Have had fine rains. Crop prospects good. Peach trees were thought to be dead, in bloom. This seems to be general here, from the Brazos to the Red. The people are as usual, and cold as the morning is, there will be but little fun. The Advocate comes dressed up this morning. If the people grumble now, just let them grumble. All reasonable people will be satisfied. Overton and Troupe circuit is not "fat on its back," but looking up. Give us more news, Car Trow.—R. M. BAKER.

PILOT GROVE, Grayson Co., April 28.—The prospects are encouraging on this circuit. At one place we had an old-fashioned class meeting. Prayer-meetings at nearly every place on the circuit; very interesting times; some conversions. We are glad to see the people doing well. The revival last year took a conservative tendency—some Presbyterians, Baptists and Campbellites having joined our church at two or three places. Second quarterly conference will convene Saturday week; anxious to see the elder and brethren in conference more.—B. T. HAYES.

LANCASTER, Dallas County, April 27.—Colonel Daniel Daily died to-day of heart disease. He fell from his chair dead. Col. D. was one of Lancaster's best citizens. His loss will be felt by Lancaster. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 10th, 1811. He came to Texas when but fifteen years of age, where he resided till the day of his death. He was one of the largest land-owners in Northern Texas.—S. ARBY.

GOOSE, Fannin County, May 1st.—Good and reasonable. A good rain. Crops looking well. People in good spirits for a good time this fall. Candidates about, shaking hands. May our people be very careful just at this crisis and put the right man in the right place. Sunday-school interest reviving since spring opened. The school will close on the 15th. The mill—uncommon for this season. There is an out in the desert of our labor.—J. A. ALLISON.

RAYMOND, Hinds County, Miss., April 27.—This county is suffering for a little dry weather; too much rain for anything. Laborers could do well here now on account of the negro epidemic—"Wisdom" way. Three young men were boistering in the back-woods of the Pearl. They were under the influence of whisky. The carman saw that he would land at a certain place or land in jail. Alas! he was drowned. The body was found ten days afterwards. The others made a narrow escape. Whisky did it. A general revival of religion is needed all over this county. God bless the Advocate.—S. A. STRICKLAND.

BOSTON, Bowie County, April 28.—Recently a fine gold watch was awarded to Rev. George Pratt in the Yended Theological Seminary of New York, for extempore preaching. This preaching for earthly prizes, we think, is becoming too common. It lowers the standard of true preaching. It is not Pauline preaching. Paul says: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This should be the lofty aim of every true preacher. The grand object and aim of the gospel ministry is to labor for the salvation of souls, and not to win fine gold watches. May the Master help us to preach "Christ and the resurrection."—W. W. HORNOR.

BETHESDA, Ellis County, April 20.—I closed my school at Garden Valley last Friday, preached to an overflowing house on Sunday morning, after which the majority present covenanted to try to meet each other in heaven. We also held an experimental prayer meeting in the evening, in which we felt the spirit of God was with us. We organized a Sunday-school there four weeks ago last Sunday, with fifty-four members, which now numbers about eighty. We bless the Union people of Garden Valley in their onward and upward march. We are very sorry that circumstances would not admit of our remaining longer with them, though we hope to see them again. The prospects for good crops are as fine as ever seen. Some are working their cotton; others are ploughing. The heads of wheat are waving in encouragement over the verdant fields, and sending joy and gladness to the hearts of the people. Had a glorious rain last night, which came in due season for the farmers. We had the pleasure of enjoying a celebration of the anniversary of the Old Fellows of Waxahatchie on Monday, where we heard several fine speeches, one of which was delivered by ex-governor Hubbard. We anticipate having a day-day celebration at Bethel, by the Sunday school literary school and council, where we expect several speeches to be in the morning, and crown the queen in the evening.—J. D. CROCKETT.

## CORPUS CHRISTI MEXICAN MISSION.

Letter from one of our Mexican Missionaries, Spanish Christian Advocate, Laredo Three Years Since and Laredo Now.

CORPUS CHRISTI, April 28, 1880. A communication from this mission may be of interest to our friends who have an eye on our Mexican work, and of course yourself there. I have of course, encountered many difficulties every year, but on this circuit I have met with the strongest opposition from the Romanists. They are now doing all in their power to arrest the progress of the mission. They are trying to prevent me from preaching. They have published libels against me in the Spanish newspapers published at this place. They have said many things against me that are not true. But I thank God, all they can do will not prevent the gospel from spreading among our Mexican people. We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth us not. He hath given us the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The last round on my circuit I received by baptism Antonio Perez, a man who lives in a neighborhood where I have had the strongest opposition. All of his relatives were very much opposed to his becoming a Protestant. The night he was baptized all of his relatives came to see, and all they could say or do did not prevent him. He declared for Jesus, and said he would have his two children baptized the next time I came. Hence "the ice is broken" at that place, and no matter what the world and Rome will say or do against us, I can still go on and on. I am with you as always, even unto the end of the world.

We have a Texas Christian Advocate of our own, published in Spanish, by Rev. Joseph Norwood, at Laredo, Texas. We may say that it is all aimed and in doubt. "Saying one to another, what meaneth this?" A little over three years ago, when I first went to Laredo, people were afraid to say they were Protestants. As I stood by Bro. Sutherland, the night he was baptized, all of his relatives came to see, and all they could say or do did not prevent him. He declared for Jesus, and said he would have his two children baptized the next time I came. Hence "the ice is broken" at that place, and no matter what the world and Rome will say or do against us, I can still go on and on. I am with you as always, even unto the end of the world.

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Our Special Premiums FOR 1880!

THE PUBLISHERS WILL GIVE A VALUABLE PREMIUM TO THE TEXAS CONFERENCE AT THE ENDING SESSION. The party to whom the premium is given may choose between:

- A NO TOP BUGGY AND A FINE GOLD WATCH. The Watch will be exhibited at each Conference under guarantee as to quality. The Buggy will be under guarantee and can be shipped to any leading railroad town. There will be FIVE of these premiums—one to the member of each Conference sending during the conference year a larger number of new subscribers than any other member. All subscribers sent subsequent to adjournment of the respective conferences of last year and prior to adjournment of the respective conferences of the present year will be counted on this premium.

SEVERAL OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS complain that so much space is taken up with advertisements. Will these friends inform us if we exclude the advertisements, who will pay the expense of getting out the paper? It costs money to procure paper, to have type set up, the paper worked off on the press, and to have it mailed. Then there is postage to pay, clerk hire and editor's salary to meet. How will these expenses be met if the revenue derived from advertisements is stopped?

Not by a great deal. Two dollars per annum will not pay the actual expenses of the paper. You certainly do not ask the publishers to send out a paper for you gratis. Can you wonder when they would be losing money every week? We would like to exclude the advertisements, we would have to cut down the reading matter of the paper more than one-half. Our readers are indebted to the advertisements for a large portion of the present style of the ADVOCATE. To us, who are familiar with the paper of a newspaper office, we demand that the paper be published without advertisements, is very much like a farmer being expected to make a crop without half a team or half the necessary amount of seed corn. The Egyptians demanded the toll of brick of the Israelites, and yet withheld the straw. The expense of a paper cannot possibly be reduced below a certain point. Unless it has an income which meets these expenses, it must go down. Do these brethren want the ADVOCATE to suspend? If not, why do they continually urge a policy which would lead to that result? They cannot make brick without straw.

Again, many of our friends want the advertisements. They can take no other paper, and the ADVOCATE, in its advertisements, furnishes them valuable information. The ADVOCATE is giving a much larger amount of reading matter than at any former period in its history. The advertisements enable us to do this. As far as possible, yet such as the pressure on our columns that at times, even with the enlarged sheet, we may have to use some small type or exclude valuable matter. Will our friends bear this in mind, and hold down as much as possible?

We have been compelled to use the small type in order to get the reading matter on hand each week into the paper. When the new type comes to hand we trust the complaints about the small print will be suspended. Many who have complained never, we presume, suspected that this same small type was costing the publishers about four times per column as much as would have been the cost of the larger print. When it is remembered that this increase in the amount of reading matter, and other additions to the paper, together with the reduction of the price of the subscription to \$2, were made at a time when paper had advanced fifty per cent. in price, we think the patrons of the paper should give its publishers credit for the careful and judicious management which all its friends will rally with increased activity to its support.

ROBERT RAIKES.

A good many Methodists contend that John Wesley held a Sunday-school in Georgia some thirty years before the one organized by Robert Rakes, whose centennial is soon to be celebrated. We think, however, that it must be conceded that Mr. Rakes deserves the credit of having originated the Sunday-school in the form in which it is now carried on. Incredible as the statement may appear to many of our modern professional school and practical printers, Rakes was a pious editor and printer, and the son of an equally pious editor and printer. He was born in Gloucester, England, in 1735, and died in his native village in 1811. Having observed that many children employed in the factories during the week spent the Holy Sabbath on the streets, acquiring bad habits, he conceived the idea of collecting them for instruction. At first he only proposed to teach them to read and give some further elementary instruction; using, however, the Bible as the only reading book. Complaint was made by some that their clothes were ragged and dirty, but he told them to come with such clothes as they had but to wash their faces and comb their hair. At first female teachers were employed, to whom he paid a small compensation. After a short school exercise, the children were marched to the parish church; and in the afternoon were collected again especially for catechetical instruction. This Gloucester Sunday-school became the model after which others were formed in all parts of England, and was, in fact, the beginning of our great system of Sunday-school instruction.

The general conference of the A. M. E. Church opened in St. Louis May 4, 200 delegates in attendance. This conference represents 34 district conferences in over twenty states. A question will be considered as to creating the office of archbishop; also the sending of missionaries to the negro victims of "exodus."

Methodist Sunday-schools in Texas.

Have been asked for the statistics of Methodist Sunday-schools in Texas. After writing many letters and posts, begging for such statistics, I am only able to give them for the M. E. Church, South, and the M. E. Church, and in our church I have failed to get a report from the German Conference. There are three Methodist bodies from which I have no report. The A. M. E. Church, the Colored M. E. Church, and the Methodist Protestant Church. It will be seen from the following table, that the five conferences of our church report 657 schools, 3908 officers, and 39,613 scholars; and that the four conferences of the M. E. Church report 272 schools, 1214 officers, and 11,605 scholars.

Table with 3 columns: Conferences, No. Schools, Teachers and Officers, No. Scholars. Rows for West Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas, East Texas, and Total.

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TEXAS GETS TWO BISHOPS.

Special Telegram to Texas Christian Advocate. NASHVILLE, TENN., May 5, 1880.

At the meeting of the "College," Bishop Pierce was to-day appointed to the Fourth District. He will hold the conferences in his district in Texas as follows: West Texas, October 13, 1880. Northwest Texas, Nov. 6, 1880. North Texas, Nov. 17, 1880. Bishop Kavanaugh, appointed to the Third District, will hold the Texas conferences in said district as follows: East Texas, December 1, 1880. Texas, December 15, 1880. Full text of proceedings of "College" and Mission Board forwarded by mail. I. G. JOHN.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Our issue of May 1 is, ere this, in the hands of the patrons of the paper. Its new dress, clear type, increased size and mechanical execution, must challenge the admiration of friends and patrons. We are jubilant over this specimen issue as the first fruit of a coming harvest; rich in its resources and grand in its achievements. We were advised of a purpose on the part of the enterprising publishers to purchase new type and to enlarge the paper, but we hardly expected so much as this issue promises. The publishers have been better to us than our fears. They have been stimulated from the beginning by a commendable emulating zeal to bring up the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE abreast with the very foremost of the Advocate family; and, faithful to the cherished design, this last stride of skill and liberality is an inspiring pledge to the Methodism of Texas that the desired end will be—if it is not already—achieved. Shaw & Blaylock are entitled to the admiration and gratitude of the entire Methodist family in Texas. Let this be shown in deeds rather than words. A private note from these gentlemen says: "We are ambitious to make the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE the paper of the South. We shall strain every sinew that business sense will warrant to that end."

No one will doubt the integrity, fidelity and business capacity of these publishers. There is, indeed, but one question which enters into and forms an important and essential factor in the bright future of our loved church organ, viz: the material support it may or may not receive. The list of paying subscribers is not more than one-half what it ought to be, and what a united, continuous effort on the part of its friends could make it. The increasing popularity of the ADVOCATE, its acknowledged ability, the accumulating influence which it wields in ever circle where it circulates all over the State, should inspire its agents and friends with confidence and zeal in presenting its claims and increasing its circulation. It should be placed in every Methodist family in the State if possible, and without delay. Unless the hands of the publishers are strengthened and held up by an increased patronage, they will not be able to execute the liberal designs herein indicated. The incentives to the full measure of duty on the part of agents are so potent and inspiring as scarcely to admit the possibility of a single laggard in the five conferences. First, a church organ of which we

may be justly, Methodistically and religiously proud. Secondly, the utilization of a power—the sanctified press—to enlighten and move the masses to a higher plain of thought and action; thereby promoting virtue, morality and religion. A power, the history of which is worthy to be penciled in light and sung down the ages to the end of time. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is a representative of that power in Texas.

"The seas may roar, the mountains shake," under the tread of the earthquake, and terrible may be the panic; but the power of TRUTH is more than the earthquake. The latter only shakes dead matter, while the former deals with mind and morals, shaking the foundations of error and vice, and transforming and imparting color and caste to the elements which make up and constitute the immortality of man. Are we claiming too much for the ADVOCATE when we assert that all these effects have been produced by the TRUTH of which her weekly columns have been both the herald and the exponent? The gilded haunts of vice, outlawry and crime, gambling halls and bloated recreant officials, have quaked in dread apprehensions of the loss of place and spoils, under the fearless sledge-hammer blows of truth from this engine of power—fearful of a reaction of public sentiment to the side of virtue, law and morality. The venal portion of the secular press has modified its scurrility at religion, under the lash of merited rebuke, which has, from time to time, been skillfully applied by the ADVOCATE. Its modest though authoritative voice, has been weekly heard along the lines of the embattled host, whose ensign is a cross, and whose weapons are not carnal, urging on to conquest and to certain victory.

But, hark! These publishers can't make brick without straw. They must be invested with the sinews of financial strength, ere they can fill the bill of a first-class paper. Shall they have it, and how long first? Answer ye agents and co-workers of the five Texas Conferences! Next to the preaching of the word, in point of importance, and as a guarantee of success, is the religious newspaper. Its circulation forms part and parcel of ministerial success. Agents and the people have long said that the chief obstacle in the way of an extended circulation is found in the subscription price; two dollars and a-half is more than many are willing to give for a weekly paper. If you can reduce the price to two dollars, there will be no want of subscribers. That has been done, and now follows the enlargement and other improvements of the paper. But we are sorry to say, that to date, the increase has not met expectation. Brothers of the five Texas Conferences, what have you to say to these facts? Your love for Methodism, as the embodiment of "Christianity in earnest," for which you "count all things but loss," indites the answer and inspires courage and confidence in the opening future of the ADVOCATE. A united effort—not spasmodic, but continuous, daily—will make our church organ all that its most ardent friends can reasonably desire.

Twelve years ago a law was enacted in Kansas that no license should be granted for the sale of liquor unless the petition of the applicant bore the signatures of a majority of the adult inhabitants of the city, county or township in which the proposed liquor saloon should be located. The result was the liquor interest carried the day in the leading towns, but in many communities it was excluded. One important result was the education of public sentiment in favor of the exclusion of the sale of liquor. The good results were so apparent in those communities that prohibited the sale that public opinion was turned strongly toward prohibition. It has resulted in an amendment to the State constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, including ale and beer, in the State. After a sharp struggle in both the senate and lower house, the bill passed and will be submitted to the people in November of the present year. Powerful combinations are being formed for its defeat. It is said that the liquor men of Kansas have made up a fund amounting to \$100,000 to ensure its defeat, while large sums will be sent in by the brewers and distillers and wholesale dealers of St. Louis, Chicago, and other large cities in the North. The friends of the prohibition are confident of success. The same struggle is not twelve years distant from the present day in Texas.

REV. DR. BRISTOR, of the M. E. Church, North, of New Orleans, in a letter to the New York Methodist, calls for the removal of all the editors of their church papers in the South. He says: "Let men who shall conduct our official press in the interest of Methodism and not in the interest of party or selfish ends, be, as an experiment, placed in our editorial chairs." When such a verdict is pronounced on the politico-religious press of the Northern church by one of its most prominent ministers, our friends will not think us harsh in saying the suggestion is a good one. The Northern Methodist press, both North and South, is too much given to politics—too little to religion.

"ARE YOU GOING TO COMMENCEMENT?" We wish to give special stress to the above inquiry, which appeared over the name of Dr. Mood in our last weekly issue. Parents and guardians of the students, as well as trustees and visiting committees, should consider the question directed to them. A county fair, at which fine stock is placed on exhibition, will be the talk of the county; and will gather crowds from every neighborhood; but an exhibition of the choicest and best development of man and character often fails to command the presence of those most deeply interested in the welfare of the scholars and the prosperity of the school. The teacher needs encouragement. The voice of censure is sure to reach them. Any error in judgment, any defect in their administration, either real or fancied, calls for strictures from patrons and foes. It is but just they have, when they merit it, the moral support of those who share the benefit of their labors. No light excuse can relieve parents and guardians from this duty. They owe it to their sons and daughters. They owe it to the teachers, who amid many perplexities are striving to fulfill their trusts. Those who are due by official appointment on such occasions must have good reasons if their absence from commencement can be justified.

The self-constituted guardians of the colored race in the North have very troublesome elephant on their hands in the shape of ender Whitaker, of West Point, who was found in his bed with his hair clipped and his ears slit. The white cadets resist the presence among them of this colored youth, and hence this outrage. The authorities, in their examination, have practically put the injured on trial by requiring him to prove that he did not perpetrate the outrage himself. What a different affair this would have been had it happened in the South, and had Southern white boys been suspected as the perpetrators.

The fault of not a few preachers is expressed in the following criticism on one of their classes by a dissatisfied hearer: "My trouble with him is that he don't make any points; and when he's done and through and set down, I can't tell what in particular he's been talkin' about; only he's kept a good kind of noise ago'in' for about five and forty minutes." It is true that some preachers seem to have no definite purpose whatever in their preaching. They aim at nothing and hit it with magnificent precision. This pointless style of preaching is characteristic of those who lose sight of their mission to win souls, and seek to make a fine impression of their abilities by dealing in "glittering generalities," poetic touches, and rhetorical flourishes. Not a little modern preaching consists of mere word painting, or straining after beautiful, elegant diction and well-rounded, harmonious periods, "forgetting the doctrine for the sake of fair epithet," or burying it in a mass of glowing verbiage, and leaving only a vague impression on the hearer's mind that he has attended some sort of a semi-religious, literary, or dramatic entertainment, and heard "a good kind of a noise for about five and forty minutes." How often do we hear it said of a preacher that "he is a polished speaker; that his composition is exceedingly artistic, and his sermons literary models." And this of a minister of the cross, called (if called at all) to preach "righteousness, temperance, and a judgment to come!" This of one who has been "put in trust with the Gospel," and commanded to "watch for souls as they that must give an account," to warn men to "flee the wrath to come," and "be-seech them in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God."—Western Christian Advocate.

The Pacific Methodist favors a Western General Conference, to take in Texas, California, Missouri, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and the territories. The editor thinks this would give an impulse to Methodism unparalleled in its history, and cause it to sweep over Mexico, South America, and the islands of the sea and Asia.

Drunkenness is a fair spoken devil, a pleasant poison, a sweet sin, which he that bath in him hath not himself, and which he that runs into runs not into a single sin, but is wholly turned into sin.—Central Methodist.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATE CONVENTION.

Convened in Palestine, Texas, on the 27th instant, at 9 o'clock A. M., and adjourned on the 29th at 9 o'clock P. M., to meet in the city of Austin on the last Tuesday in April, 1881. Considering that it was a State convention, the attendance was small, but the working capacities of the delegates, and the great zeal they evinced in the Sunday-school cause, made amends for the paucity of their number.

The catholicity of the body, the subjects which were ably discussed, the stirring music which from time to time toned up the religious sentiment to prayer and praise, made it an occasion of more than ordinary interest to all who gave it their presence and their sympathies.

It did many good things, and did nothing which was liable to criticism by good people. It adopted a preamble and resolutions on the Sunday law of the Sixteenth legislature of Texas which was all that the friends of law, order and morality could desire. There was but one dissenting voice to the paper, Palestine had spoken on a former occasion, when one of the largest churches in the city was full to overflowing. It said unanimously—one only excepted, and he not voting against it—we endorse the Sunday law. Now the convention, with its representatives from various portions of the State, reiterate with emphasis the same language.

A gentleman who had been wide awake on this subject said that the action of the convention was only one of at least one hundred similar actions by deliberative bodies in the State since the opposition had shown itself. The people are for the law, excepting of course much of the foreign element, the vendors of alcoholic liquors, gamblers, and the dregs of human society, whose lives are a leprous blotch upon the body politic.

Since the people have tasted the sweets of this law—lessening crime and taxation, and removing scenes of vulgarity, profanity and vice from the streets and highways which lead to churches and friendly social intercourse, which are innocently enjoyed on Sunday—any attempt to repeal it, or in anywise to weaken its force, will raise a storm of indignation which will sweep from place and power any time-serving politician who may sell himself to the whisky, gambling, infidel ring and thereby betray the great body of the people. Let the people remember that THEY ARE THE RULERS of this great State, not the slaves of politicians. Your representatives are your servants, sent to make laws under constitutional guarantee for the protection and good of society. If they betray you, spot them, and let their days be few, and let better men take their places.

"An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," therefore, vote for no man who is opposed to the Sunday law. The bonafide citizens of Texas cannot afford to run any risks in this matter. It is too deeply imbedded in the convictions of their moral natures. Home and society are alike involved in the issue. Shall we maintain a decent respect for God—His law and the morals of society? or shall the State be turned over to the tender mercies of infidelity, licentiousness, and crime? The contest is between vice and virtue—between the good and the bad of Texas society. The battle waxes warmer every day and will culminate into victory or defeat at the ballot-box at the next election. Meanwhile the ranting infidel, Col. Robert Ingersoll, is invited, as we hear, into the State to the rescue of the bad cause. Let him come! It will openly identify, under the eyes of the people, the motley herd who form the organized whisky, gambling, and anti-Sunday ring—whose fell design is to run riot over the best and dearest interests of society—with open-mouthed infidelity where it belongs. They are "joined together and let no man put them asunder." Infidelity is the name of this ring—to be confirmed by a baptism of fire. Not the Pentecostal fire, but the fire of the wrath of an incensed God. Let no one be deceived. This is the true inwardness of the issue now before the good people of this State. Christians of all sects, and good citizens of all complexions, to the rescue! Vote for no man, whatever his politics, who hesitates to pledge himself to maintain the Sunday-law. r.

A ten-minute talk from every live preacher in the Southern Methodist church on the evils of a corrupt literature, and on the duty of supporting a pure literature, would work wonders. Such talks are needed from Baltimore to San Francisco.—Nashville Advocate.

ARE YOU LED TO DOUBT, and ask what is faith? Ask Him who is the life, and the truth, and the way, to remove the doubt. Follow Him more closely, though the way be never so dark; so shall thy faith be strengthened and increased. Faith is belief in the truth. We are not required to have faith in men. The Master says, "Have faith in God."—Holston Methodist.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT OF THE Country.

"Our best men do not like to attend the conventions." We have heard this assertion frequently of late, and begin to wonder if it is so. Now, we sincerely hope it will admit of some modification, and yet there is a strong suspicion in our mind of its truth, at least in some political circles.

We know some good and pure men who rarely ever attend them, and we have sought to ascertain why. The reason given by some is not very complimentary to the average politician of the day. A modest man does not like to be regaled with the vulgar wit and obscene anecdote so frequently indulged in by those who stump the conventions. A moral and religious man does not like to hear so much profane swearing as frequently crops out in political harangues. A sober man does not like to endure the scent of bad whisky that frequently burdens the political atmosphere. We do not suppose that all conventions are annoyed with these evils, and if they are, we think it is time the people—the sober element—were turning out in numbers sufficient to expel this "leaven of unrighteousness," or that the mass of patriotic voters ignore their work entirely.

Having a desire to witness the modus operandi of these conventions, we attended one some time since. We believe it was denominated a county mass convention, held by one of the great political parties of the country at the county site of one of the most populous counties in the State.

We endured the scent of the whisky, looked and listened for perhaps two hours. We heard two speeches by politicians of some notoriety, both of whom are office-holders, and we have not for two years past been forced to hear so much vulgarity and profanity as we heard in that short time. One of the speakers indulged in more hard swearing than did the other, and strange to say, he received the greatest amount of applause. We cannot describe our disgust and mortification when we observed that all that snarl and profanity drew long and continued demonstrations of applause from a large number of those in attendance.

What place can a man have for your vote that will insult you in a public place in order that he may successfully win the approval of negroes, ruffians, and dram-sellers? We are driven to one of two conclusions: either profanity, vulgarity, and drunkenness have become esteemed qualities in a successful politician, or else the politicians have resorted to that desperate course in order to drive the moral and sober element away from the conventions. If the sober, moral, and patriotic men of this State refuse to bring their influence to bear upon these conventions, the rabble will soon dictate the laws of the State.

We are not astonished that the people are growing restless under the present management of State politics. Why should it be regarded as a presumption that the good people of this country insist upon good and pure men in office? It is due this great commonwealth that the best and purest men be put into the field. The professional politician has lorded it over us long enough, and we think the time has come when it will be demanded of every aspirant that he produce a clean record—when he will be expected to apply elsewhere for his credentials than to the State Liquor Dealers' Association.

It is not enough that a man is a Democrat, a Republican, a Greenbacker; but is he competent? is he honest? is he moral? is he sober? is he chaste? Let the sturdy, sober, moral voters fling these questions in the face of every candidate, and resolutely insist that he give a satisfactory answer to each and all of them. Such men will not be found stamping the conventions and baiting the secular press; but the people know where to find them and they should be sought. Candidates have hunted the people long enough. It is time the people were hunting candidates. They should be choice about who they select and not seize upon those that cry in the market and stand upon the streets. If the liquor-selling, Sabbath-breaking, and lawless element succeed in giving laws to the people of this State the next two years, the good people will only have to blame their own carelessness and apathy. JADSH.

THE Women's Presbyterian board of missions, in session at Springfield, Illinois, has one thousand and four missionaries in the field.

The relief committee at Macon, Miss., estimates that \$20,000 will be required to provide for the people made destitute by the recent tornado at that place.

NOTICE.—The District Conference of the Austin district will be held in LaGrange, June 3-6. The opening sermon will be preached June 3, by Rev. W. Shapard, D. D., of Austin.—E. S. SMITH, P. E.

AN Atlanta, Georgia, Methodist Church, South, on a recent Sunday had a giving-service, and \$17,316 were raised to pay off an old debt and add needed improvements to the church.

SAN DIEGO, Texas, April 24, 1880.—I have just received from our fellow Mexican Missionary, Rev. W. M. Patterson, a letter dated three weeks ago to-day, in which he says: "You must pardon me if I do not write a very pretty letter in answer this evening, as my eyes are dazzling very much. I met with bad fortune last week, or rather the first of this week. In one of my trips, pretty hard on my way home, the ladrones (robbers) fell upon me and used me very roughly. I was at the time in the diligence. We were ordered out. As I reached the ground I received a stroke with a gun which brought me down. As I rallied and rose, I received a shot which took off one side of my hat. Soon after this I received another lick with the gun which brought me down again. There I lay, bleeding profusely, till I was helped back into the diligence, then rode forty miles, still bleeding. The first lick I received was on the neck, from behind, and the second on the side of the face and nose, from behind, breaking the bone of my nose. I have recovered rapidly from my injuries; but of course my face is still in a bad condition, affecting my eyes somewhat. I lost my watch and two or three dollars, which is the second time I have been robbed on this road." \* \* \*

Now, we feel that it is due the cause of Christ that such sacrifice and suffering should be known by the church at large, and in particular that branch that sends out Bro. Patterson. May God bless our dear brother, and sustain him in the midst of such numerous and severe trials, and may the church sustain him and his work by fervent prayer and large appropriations. He is doing a great work, and with marvelous success. How mortifying and trying it is to be set down, as Bro. P. is, in the center of so much opportunity and yet be so limited in possibilities! Perhaps no other in our church is more capable of speaking, under the circumstances, than the writer. Oh, when will our people awake and roll away the stone of reproach from their church? It is not only a denominational reproach, but a sectional one also. Duly appointed commissions may declare us one and equal with the other branches of Methodism, and yet that does not make it so. The scriptures teach us to "judge trees by their fruits." We may laud our section as possessing an equal or superior civilization, and resent a contrary intimation as an insult and calumny; but with all this, the rest of the world looks at "the figures" and smiles pity or contempt. Nothing but facts will ever do us any good, or prove anything in our favor. Let our "ADVOCATES" become less sectional, and more catholic; less boastful, and more humble; less secular, and more "Christian;" have less money in view, and more salvation. "An honest confession is good for the soul." Let's humbly confess our faults, and go to work. From the highest to the lowest, let each seek his place and fearlessly and faithfully do his own work. Let the bishops set the example. Let them STAY in their several fields of labor and do the work assigned them. They are under appointment and authority, as much so as the humble "circuit rider." They are old and venerable men, and nothing disrespectful must be said of them. But the church of the living God is older still and more venerable, and no harm must be done its interests. "Woe unto the world because of offenses—woe unto the man by whom the offense cometh." "Giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed." Texas is an Episcopal district in itself. Who can calculate the good to all our interests by the successive annual labors of these able "overscers of the flock, which God hath purchased with His own blood!" In the older States their labors are surely not so much needed, for there everywhere is found great talent among the ministry, and their preaching must be mediocre, while out in Texas it would be superb—just the thing we need.

Now, Mr. Editor, I expect some one to administer a reproof for this expression of my mind, and to be advised to "remain at Jericho," etc. So, I will answer all such beforehand by saying, that I would rather live in Jericho forever, in the conscious discharge of duty, than in any of the "cities of the South," without that consciousness. A. H. SUTHERLAND.

Most of the political dark horses turn out to be night horses.—Gleaner Quill.

A good many black horses are trotted into office. Too often their friends have to whitewash them before they trot out.

Rev. J. S. ISSIP and wife; Rev. Wm. McDonald and wife; Rev. J. A. Wood and wife—together with several other persons (ministers and laymen) of the M. E. Church, will start on an "evangelical tour around the world," June 20.

The fact is becoming as common as it is reprehensible that ministers and churches are in these days subjected to the misrepresentations, and published to the world in one or more of our secular journals on the responsibility of some unscrupulous reporter who knows but little or nothing of the facts about which he writes.—New York Advocate.



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At Elkhart, Indiana, is a colt which at five days old was 15 1/2 hands high. Five Chinamen are applicants for naturalization papers in New York city.

MANY of the expelled French Jesuits propose to establish themselves in Egypt and Spain. The United States postoffice appropriation bill recommends \$28,000,000.

A TORNAJO passed over Columbus, S. C. April 29, destroying a number of small buildings, but killing nobody.

RUSSIAN provincial newspapers report deaths from starvation among the peasantry in various parts of the empire.

At the opening of the English parliament, April 29, Rt. Hon. H. B. W. Brand was re-elected speaker of the House of Commons.

During April, 47,000 European emigrants arrived at New York—the largest number on record.

Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson sees but few people nowadays, and is engaged in revising his papers for publication after death.

The Democrats in congress will support the joint resolution that requires the concurrent action of both houses to reject or receive the electoral vote of any State.

Six thousand persons were released from imprisonment or delivered from police supervision in Russia, April 29th, it being the sixty-second anniversary of the czar's birth.

The home rulers of the British parliament have decided to introduce as soon as possible a bill for the suspension of objections for the non-payment of rent.

LONDON, May 1.—The Daily Telegraph's Berlin dispatches: A well-informed St. Petersburg correspondent writes that war between Russia and China is nearly certain.

A DEMAND on the part of the Italian ministry for a vote of confidence, April 29th, resulted in the defeat of the government. The premier asked the chamber to suspend its sittings until the cabinet had taken orders of the King.

THE St. Louis merchants' exchange relief committee issues an appeal to the charitable disposed people of the United States for contributions for the relief of sufferers by the recent cyclones in Missouri.

TELEGRAMS from Colorado show that prospectors are moving on the Gunnison country, in the vicinity of the White river Cies, in large numbers, and that trouble may occur at any moment.

Rev. Wm. Arthur, A. M., and Rev. F. W. Macdonald, fraternal delegates to the M. E. General Conference, arrived in New York last week from Europe.

Rev. THOMAS WALLACE died of pneumonia at Park Hill, Mo., April 29. Rev. H. W. Webster died near Nesho, Mo., April 29. Both were members of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

Rev. Wm. Codville is the author, and Phillips H. Hunt, publishers of a concordance to the Methodist hymnal. It is the first work of the kind published, and is meeting with universal approval.

The best candidate, in our opinion, is the man of cultured mind and Christian integrity, and who, when people realize the importance of getting such men in authority we will have a plentiful and permanent property, and not until then.—Baldwin Christian Advocate.

THE Rev. J. H. Adams contains the engraving of his new office—"The Advocate Publishing House." The new building is at 913 Pine street. This grand paper will no longer inhabit a "bird house." We congratulate our friends on their prosperity—because the more of the article they have the more of good can they accomplish.

Rev. E. E. Conroy, pastor of Northern Methodist Church at Marshallfield, Mo., was among those killed by the tornado reported two weeks since. His wife and two of his children were seriously hurt. Rev. W. McVutchen, pastor of the colored M. E. Church, was also seriously injured.

In some portions of Texas our people are plagued with the Seventh-day Adventists. Any who have doubts on this subject should send twenty-five cents to Hitchcock & Walden, Cincinnati, for a tract entitled "The Lord's Day, the Christian Sabbath, the first day of the week—not the seventh."

The venerable Dr. S. H. Tyng, Sr., during the week of prayer at St. Paul's M. E. Church, New York, said: "To-day I rejoice to testify that now, at the end of four years, I find myself much better than ever." A stranger, who had more than everything, never was Jesus so dear to me. Never was his salvation so precious to my soul. Never did my pilgrim way seem so smooth, so happy, and so full, as since he has stripped me of everything of self, and clothed me with the glorious garments of his salvation."

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A CARD. To all who are suffering from nervous weakness, early decay and loss of vitality, the errors and indiscretions of youth, I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. I will send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. ISMAN, Station D, New York City.

Improved Building Paper. This new improvement is coming rapidly into notice. It is a paper made of straw, used in the ceiling of common wall paper on the ceilings and walls of rooms. It is handsomely printed and makes a beautiful finish to a room. It is placed on the walls with tacks. The paste used in ordinary wall paper often soaks and becomes offensive and unhealthy. It can be placed on the walls with but little work, and is durable. Address orders, or write for information, to Edward Thompson, 112 Poydras street, New Orleans. He can also supply tarred roofing paper, roofing pitch and paint, plaster par, etc. glass for doors, and other articles, in that line. He is agent for James Rowland & Co., Iron Works, the Home Corn Shelter, the Monarch Corn Mill, has on hand Japanese paper carpeting, rugs, etc. If you would do your own painting, send for circulars respecting his Kallid colors.

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PALO PINTO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Desdemona mts. June 5, 6 Granbury cir. June 12, 13

JOHN KELLY intends to run for president in case Mr. Tilden is nominated at Cincinnati. GREENLIGHT now illuminate the New York postoffice.

REVEREND S. C. and Charlotte, N. C., 110 miles apart, are connected by telephones. MR. SEYMOUR is one of the founders and original proprietors of the New York Journal.

Two blocks of business houses in Jacksonville, Illinois, were destroyed by fire April 30. BATTLE CREEK, Michigan, suffered severely by fire April 30. The Potter House, an addition to the American House, and one of two blocks, were destroyed, causing a loss of about \$50,000.

A GERMAN newspaper sees in the presence of Austrian envoys at the czar's birthday reception, an indication that the alliance of the three emperors is to be renewed.

JOHN BART, the oldest Mason in the United States, is dead. He was in his 95th or 100th year. There was an uncertainty as to his exact age, and had been 97 or seventy-seven years a Mason.

The cabinet has decided to send Mr. McKim and his forces into the Utah reservation to prevent a collision between the Indians and the whites.

In Louisville the officials are preparing to have printers indicted for setting type after 12 o'clock Saturday night. They visited the various offices and took the names of all printers, etc., found at work after that hour.

MR. BRADY, a member of the New York legislature, is a member of the New York legislature, and is a member of the New York legislature.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The committee on commerce reported the river and harbor bill to the house today. It contains about 500 items and aggregates about \$10,000,000.

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Texas Christian Advocate

Breckenridge District.

I have completed my first and now going my second round on the district. I found all the preachers on the district at their posts, well received, and getting along harmoniously, with one exception.

Bro. L. F. Collins, in charge of Coleman mission, has more than doubled the membership since conference, and is at work, as all frontier preachers will have to do to accomplish much. Bro. L. S. Chamberlain is in charge of Pecan circuit and doing a good work, trying every day to be not only a better, but a more useful man. Bro. G. F. Fair is on Sipe Springs circuit, and notwithstanding his family, since conference, has been very much afflicted, is doing a noble work. At his second quarterly meeting, only a few days since, we baptized seven little babes. The meeting was, no doubt, a great blessing to the community where it was held. Bro. L. H. Trimble, in charge of Eastland circuit, is trying to do his whole duty as preacher and pastor. Bro. G. W. Riley, on Bell Plains mission, is moving along in that way that will secure success both to himself and the church. Phantom Hill mission is supplied by Bro. S. B. Jones, a local preacher, who went to the work immediately after conference, and is enlarging his field. Bro. W. C. Brodie, on Fort Griffin mission, seems to be doing well; had a fine report at his second quarterly conference. Bro. J. G. Warren was appointed to Buffalo Gap mission, seventy-five miles west of Breckenridge, and although he was prevented from going to his appointment immediately after conference, I found him at his post. A man that is willing, and that does meet the difficulties of the frontier this year to preach, surely loves the church. I have wept with gratitude to God while thinking of the noble band in the bounds of this district. The preachers love the church and their people, while the church is wondering how the bishop knew so well the man they wanted. It is hardly enough to say that times are hard out here, for while a few have plenty for their own use, others have but little and do not know how the next is to be obtained, while some are destitute. I learned while at Buffalo Gap, that some families in Nolan county, had neither bread nor meat and had to depend on killing wild game to live. It is said, "preachers ride fat horses," but some in this district have had to walk, and still they preach. Owing to the hard times and appropriation, I have filled a preacher for Nolan mission. Notwithstanding the hard times, the church is prospering; and if the farmers can raise one or two good crops, this district will be self-supporting. I hope the preachers all over the Northwest Texas Conference will think of our present condition while raising their domestic mission fund. If we had the means, we could extend the work by taking in, or farming, two or three new missions which are now begging for the Gospel. Will all those who read this sketch pray for us in the frontier fields of labor? A. K. MILLER.

Brockenridge, Texas, April 21, 1880.

Report No. 1 of Providence Board of Stewards.

Mr. Editor, as yourself and Dr. Mood nominated the above board, I presume, according to Methodist usage, you are jointly "preachers in charge" of this work, and Bros. Shaw & Blaylock the recording stewards.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Lists names of stewards and their respective contributions to the Providence Board of Stewards.

Total \$285 45

It is right and proper here to say that four or five of the first amounts named were sent to me before the public call by Drs. Johnson and Mood were made. I am under many obligations to Bro. T. W. Hines, who first learning of my situation by private letter, informed the friends at Waxahachie, hence their early response. And now, Mr. Editor, who ever had such a board of stewards? And shall I fear temporal want while all these noble, generous brethren and sisters, and many more are caring and praying for me? But

if you could just read some of the letters I get; so full of genuine Christian sympathy and love, you would be almost willing to take my place. And don't you know it is a privilege and pleasure for me to pray for them? And now, one and all, in the Great Master's name, accept my thanks. I can say no more. Truly yours, G. W. GRAVES.

DAVILLA, Milam County, April, 1880.—We had a week of special prayer preceding the quarterly meeting for this charge. It was an admirable preparatory for hearing the messages of salvation delivered by our presiding elder, Rev. J. Fred. Cox, and the visiting ministers of the gospel, Revs. Wallace and Collard, from Blackland and San Gabriel circuits. Under the presiding eldership of Bro. Cox the Georgetown district, if Salado and Davilla work be an average specimen, is becoming a volume of power in this delightful part of the conference. The sign of spiritual life is visible all over this interesting field. Congregations large and increasing in numbers, and in respect to attentiveness to the gospel preached.

We have an intelligent membership of nearly five hundred in the bounds of the work. During last year about one hundred and fifty precious souls were gathered into the church by conversion and covenant, only three of whom have returned to the path of ruin. The church reveals a solidity of piety and an earnest zeal in the prosecution of her divine commission encouraging alike to the pastor and membership. This zeal and piety is quickened by the conference, prayer, class, and experience meetings, augmented by Sunday-school work and the family altars, on which the fires of living devotion are kept burning, and as radiating points they send their life-inspiring nourishment into all the departments of Christian living and working.

At Davilla the Sunday-school has been in successful operation for the last twelve years, and the sacred influence of its work is felt in every household, and its seasons of salvation have been transplanted, living and fruitful, into the church. Its success, in a great measure, results from the attentive toil of Professor Milton Ragsdale, president of the Davilla Masonic Institute, and his estimable wife, whose united culture, elevated taste, and Christian work have done much to mould the elements of this community into forms of intelligence and christianity, to bless the human race.

We have two local preachers, three exhorters, a number of living class-leaders, and a board of thoughtful business men looking after all the financial interests of the church, and planning and working to meet them. Notwithstanding the almost failure of last year's crops, the finances are up to a living degree, and all will be met in due time, and also arrears, should a munificent Providence crown the year with an average harvest. A church unwilling to repudiate her obligations to God and man, but meet them honestly and faithfully, is indeed the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and these elements of salvation in harmonious play, places her in a posture in which she becomes as "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and as terrible as an army with banners."

Within the limits of the Salado and Davilla circuit nearly eight thousand persons live, and only 10 per cent. of whom are united with the most aggressive and effective church on the continent, and the most spiritual, and the most wisely adapted in her appliances for the spread of the gospel in the world. These figures and facts almost overwhelm us with the spaciousness and preciousness of the ripe fields ready for the sowing of salvation, to gather the priceless grain into heavenly garner. We trust the church compasses her work, and that she will wisely and timely use the appointed means to effect results satisfactory to her Savior.

We need more houses of worship; we need more of this year; also another parsonage, as the accumulating size and importance of the charge will necessitate its division next year. We need a wider circulation of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. It will instruct our children, implant correct principles in their readers, give right views of duty to the country as well as to the church.

We need a committee in every community to aid the pastor in Christian visits and induce the non-attendants at church to come to the house of God. We need the union of hands and hearts that love the Savior's cause, to plan, to sacrifice, and work for Him, and above all and upon all, we need an endowment of power from on high in the indwelling presence and fullness of the Holy Spirit, by whom all our works become acceptable to God and approved of men. H. M. GLASS.

Plutarch observed that "every kind of wickedness produces its own particular torment, just as every malefactor when he is brought forth to execution carries his own cross." Doubtless, the sense of guilt in wicked men differ in degree. He that sins most deeply while in possession of the clearest light, is lashed with the heaviest whip of justice. But the nature of the mental torment is the same in all, as the crucifixion of different malefactors was the same to each. Every sin breeds worms of remorse which gnaw away at the peace of the conscience and at the roots of the character. The number and ferocity of the hateful brood depend on the measure of the soul's iniquities. And in the dread hereafter, he who "knew his Lord's will and did it not, shall be beaten with many stripes." He that knew less shall be "beaten with few stripes." But the smiting shall not be both.

Let us not forget sacramental occasions and that every follower of Christ is expected to join in their celebration. "This do in remembrance of me," is a sentence which may be viewed from two standpoints. Viewed from our side, it is the opening of a privilege that may well stir us by its greatness; viewed from the Savior's side, it is a command which we are not at liberty to disobey. If we think only of ourselves; if we let the eye rest upon the sins and failings that mar our worthiness, of course we shall be cast down, and a great fear shall take hold upon us, lest, by our coming, we desecrate the holy place. But let not this be the question. Let us ask ourselves: "Shall I refuse to obey what Christ has given as a command?" No doubt for our sakes He wanted us to keep the memory of his broken body, but surely for His own sake also did He want His obligations to be held in tender remembrance. "Do this." He seems to say, "that I may be quite sure you keep me in mind. I shall know by your loving observance of this memorial feast that you are keeping me near your hearts, and this will comfort me in carrying on to its completion the full work of your redemption."

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Yours men, you are wanted: from the street corners, from the beer gardens and play-houses, from the idler's promenade, from every place of idleness and evil; you are wanted in the Church of Christ. There are prizes there for every successful worker; crowns there for every honorable head; happiness there for this world and the world to come.

A HINT.—If a youth is woefully disposed towards any damsel, as he values his happiness, let him call on the lady when she least expects him, and take note of the appearance of all that is under her control. Observe if the shoes fit neatly, and the hair well dressed. And we would forgive a man for breaking off an engagement if he discovered a greasy novel hid away under the cushion of a sofa, or a hole in the garniture of the prettiest foot in the world. Slovenliness in a female will ever be avoided by a well-regulated mind. A woman cannot always be what is called "dressed," but she may be always neat. And as certainly as a virtuous woman is a crown of glory to her husband, so surely is a slovenly one a crown of thorns.

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For me—full my fortune as it may—A comfort and a strength it is to know That whosoever I do, There is the same Heaven over me on high, Whom in the faith to fix the steady eye, The same access for prayer, The same God, always present everywhere, And if no home, yet every where the bed Which earth makes ready for the weary head.

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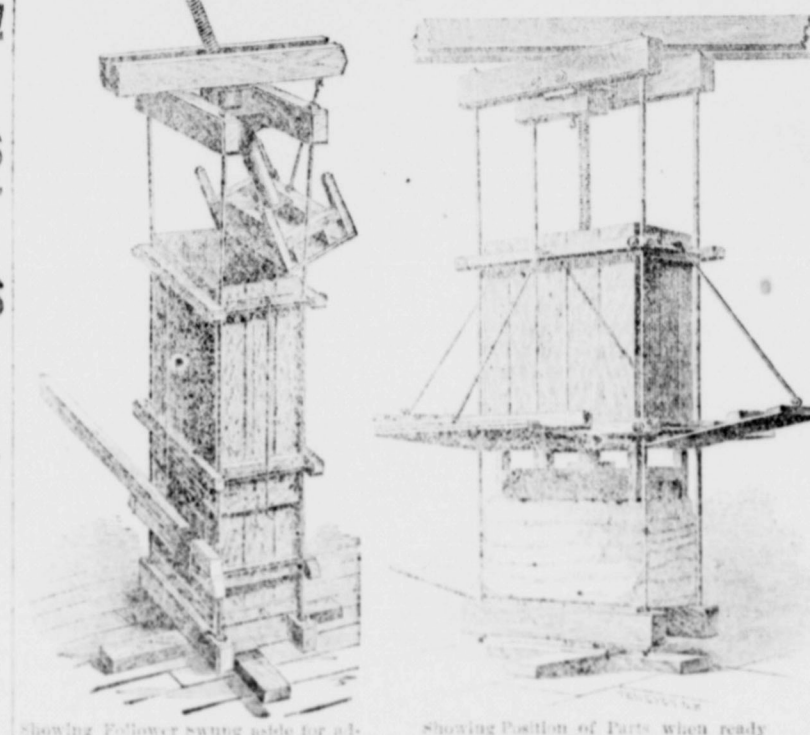
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There are many anti-tobacco, anti-whisky, anti-opium, anti-beer advocates who have been elected to these habits. We don't often hear anti-face people when once they have tried what amount of pleasure is hidden in a cup of pure, wholesome, fragrant, delicious tea. To have such a cup of blessing four times a day is a good thing. First—It must be brewed in good coffee. A great deal of swindling is done by palming off unsound coffee. Second—the coffee must be of fine flavor and of excellent quality. Coffee of indifferent quality is weak food, "no good." Third—The bean must be properly roasted. Fourthly—It must be brewed in good water. Fourth—You must get coffee from those who know how to roast it. This can be had of Luckie Bros., New York. As they roast only a thousand bags per day, they have some excellence. Further, sixth, can be had from the same advertisement in another column.

An observant husband says that looking glass affords a woman a marvelous amount of comfort and satisfaction. He states that his life thinks just as much of consulting her glass when she ties on her apron as when she ties on her bonnet. He says that when there is a knock at the door he goes there at once, but his wife, on the contrary, ejaculates, "Mercy, Phep, who's that?" and dashes neatly for the looking glass.

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A little brother and sister were talking about their home, and their love for it. "I wouldn't swap my home for any other in the world," said the sister. "Oh! I don't feel so," was the boy's response. "I think Willy A.—'s home is as pretty as ours. It's bigger; and it's got more things in it. I think like to swap ours for that." "Would you like to give up your mother for his?" asked the sister. "And would rather have his sisters than ours?" "No, I wouldn't want," said the boy. "Well, to swap homes means that," said the sister; "for a home is a father and mother and brothers and sisters, and everything you have in the house." Wasn't that what I said? Isn't there a truth in those words which is hid from many of the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes? A well-furnished house is not a home. A home is the life and the love which the family in the house represents. Who would swap his home for a neighbor's?—Sunday-School.

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NEW YORK CITY, June 16, 1878. I HEREBY certify that my wife has been using Warner's Kidney and Liver Cure for Bright's disease, and she is now entirely recovered. When all physicians' remedies failed, she was induced to try our remedy, and received beneficial results from the first bottle. After taking four bottles she is entirely cured. Yours truly, ROBERT V. FITZGERALD.

HAT THE BLIND SEE.—Mr. Ly, in his work on "Blindness of the Blind," says:

When passing along a street I distinguish shops from private houses, and even point out the doors and windows, etc., and this when the doors are shut or open. When a window consists of one entire sheet of glass it is more difficult to discover than one composed of number of small panes. From this it would appear that glass is a conductor of sensation, or at an rate of the sensation specially connected with this sense. When objects below the face are perceived, the sensation seems to come in an oblique line from the objects to the upper part of the face. While walking with a friend in Forest Lane, Stratford, I said, pointing to a fence which separated the road from a field, "Those rails are not quite as high as my shoulder." He looked at them, and said they were higher. They however measured about three inches lower than my shoulder. When I made the observation I was about four feet from the rails. Certainly in this instance facial perception was more accurate than sight. When the upper part of a fence is brick-work, and the upper part rails, the fence can be detected, and the line where the two meet easily perceived. Irregularities in height, projection and indentations in walls can also be discovered. A similar sense is found among the animal creation, and especially in bats, who have been known to fly about without striking against anything, after the cruel experiment has been made of extracting their eyes.

Can't French Good.

One can do a good job of work, preach a sermon, try a law suit well, doctor a horse, or write a good article when he feels ble and dull, with sluggish brain and dry nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be so easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters. See "Truths" and "Proverbs" in our column.

A LITTLE boy came to his mother recently and said, "Mamma, I should think that if I was made of dust I should get muddy inside when I drink."

Rev. John McCullough.

(From Texas Presbyterian.)

In the fall of 1812 I was assigned to the Brazoria circuit. One of the first places at which I was entertained when I reached Columbia was at the house of that excellent Christian lady, Mrs. Josiah Bell. There I formed the acquaintance of Rev. John McCullough, pastor of the Presbyterian church. As the Methodists had no place of worship in the neighborhood, I preached in the building occupied by the Presbyterians. It had formerly been used as a State House, and there the first session of the Texas Congress was held in the fall of 1826. I found Bro. McCullough a most genial Christian gentleman. We often worked together that year. To this day I have a distinct recollection of a sermon he preached at one of my meetings at Bailey's Prairie. It was on sowing the good seed; and often since I have used the same text and some of his illustrations in preaching.

Seven years later, I was stationed in Galveston, where brother McCullough was engaged in building up a female college. Our old friendship was renewed. Occasionally, when he was absent at his church meetings, at his request, I heard his classes. On two occasions when death entered my little household he performed the funeral service. A sermon preached on one of those occasions was published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and I have it yet. I also spent some time with him in San Antonio, when he resided in that city, and we occasionally met in after years. Among all the dear ministerial brethren whose acquaintance I formed in my younger days, none stood higher in my esteem or had a warmer place in my affections than John McCullough.

In the ordinary acceptance of the word, brother McCullough was not eloquent; but his clear perception of truth; his thorough mental training and his careful preparation for the pulpit made him to me a most interesting preacher. While he was cordial and genial in his manners, there was about him a certain independence which impressed those with whom he associated that they might expect to be fearlessly and faithfully warned of their sins.

I was a witness to an incident illustrating this trait in his character. We were walking together on the streets of Galveston when we overtook another minister talking to a prominent citizen whose religious life was far from being consistent. The other brother remarked to us, as we stepped up, that he had been trying to persuade the Colonel to join the church again, telling how useful he might be as a Christian. Mr. McCullough replied with emphasis, "I don't know how useful he could be, but I know if he does not repent of his sins, he will die and go to hell." With many that kind of bluntness would seem to be abrupt and perhaps offensive, but the earnest manner in which the reproof was given made deep impression; and it ought to have done it. Such ministerial fidelity cannot fail of good results. Should I be so happy as to reach the better land, I shall expect to see my early friend and co-laborer in the ministry among those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

The White Pebble Pit.

It has frequently happened that miners have discovered curious traces of former workings, hundreds of years ago, and tools have been found which belonged to the ancient miners, and many other relics. A singular discovery was made a few years since by some workmen engaged in the Spanish silver mine, known as the White Pebble Pit. Whilst digging their subterranean passages they suddenly found a series of apartments, in which were a quantity of mining tools, left there from a very remote period, but still in such good preservation that there were hatchets, and sieves for sifting the ore, a smelting furnace and two anvils, which proved that the earliest miners had great experience in their operations. In one of the caverns there was a round building, with riches, in which were three statues, one sitting down, and half the size of life; the other two were in a standing position, and about three feet in height. This building is supposed to have been the temple of the God who was believed, in pagan times, to preside over mines. Several objects of art, and some remarkable instruments, were also found, which have led scientific persons to think that the workings might have been made by the Phoenicians, the people who, as is well known, were, in the time of Solomon, famous for their manufacturing and commercial genius. In 1854, a discovery was also made by some miners excavating on the other side of the mountain of which the White Pebble Pit is situated; this was a fine figure of the heathen God Hercules, which was found in an old working. In digging for copper on the shores of Lake Superior, in this country, the miners have made many similar discoveries, showing that the mines were worked ages ago.—Harper's Young People.

PROF. MILD G. WILLIAMS, founder of the Swedenborgian university, at Urbana, O., is dead.

"I say, old fellow," cried a merry young fellow from his carriage to an old farmer, rich but shabbily dressed, who was turning his hay by the roadside. "don't you give a good hat now?" "Why, yes, I damn as I'd refuse a good hat," the old man replied, taking the proffered article from the dandy's extended hand. "I thank you a thousand times." "But," said the bare-headed youth, "I didn't intend—" "Oh!" interrupted the farmer, moving away, "I understand. You haven't hurt my feelings one bit. Poor folks have got no business to be sensitive. I hope you will be rewarded." The banner drove on in vexation to the nearest hat store.

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It is a mean woman who will paste a last year's plate of fashions for bonnets into this year's fashion book, and lend it to female friends just before Easter Sunday.

A Tennessee man accidentally shot a dog, and in trying to explain to the owner how it occurred accidentally shot him. A corner thought he ought to explain how he shot the man, but couldn't get a jury that was willing to listen to the explanation; they were kind of shy of him, as it were.

Obituaries.

The space to be occupied by obituaries is limited to twenty lines for each. The publisher will charge one-third of advertising rates for the notices exceeding ten lines. Notices for notices not exceeding ten lines will be charged at the rate of one cent per line. Notices for notices exceeding ten lines will be charged at the rate of one cent per line. Notices for notices exceeding ten lines will be charged at the rate of one cent per line.

Mrs. M. E. Church, South, died at the residence of her husband, Mr. J. P. Church, in Waco, Texas, April 15th, 1880, of chronic pneumonia. She was the daughter of Doctor and Mrs. J. S. Willis, and has lived in Waco since 1858. She professed religion when a little child, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of twelve years, and lived a consistent and faithful member thereof until the day of her untimely death. She graduated at Waco Female College, in the class of 1858. As a child, an only daughter, she was obedient, loving and devoted. She honored her parents and was affectionate and kind to her husband. As a mother—having one son, Joe, then, now in his seventh year—she was watchful, tender and prayerful. She trained her child in the way he should go, desiring to "raise him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And when she was dying, the little boy suddenly rushed his mournful sobs and fell upon his knees, repeating in a clear and distinct tone of voice the Lord's Prayer, which she had taught him. As a member of a church, she manifested the truest friendship, hospitality and benevolence, ever more mindful of others than herself. She was confined to her room a long time and suffered a great deal, all of which she bore with patience and resignation. She was surrounded by her father, two of her brothers, and many relatives and friends who mourn her loss. Who shall we meet her "beyond the river"—J. D. SHAW.

GREENWOOD.—Mrs. Mary Montgomery Greenwood, wife of Mrs. Franklin J. Greenwood, of Green county, Texas, was born near Nashville, Tennessee, the 27th of May, 1812, married in 1829; moved to Green's prairie, Texas, in 1832; united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1841; and after a residence in our country for half a century, died in perfect peace, April 10th, 1880. A faithful record of her virtues, sufferings, and good works would present a picture of moral and spiritual beauty, not unlike that drawn by Solomon with the pen of inspiration. "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised; The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her; she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life; she riseth also when it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor—Yea! she reaches forth her hand to the needy, give her of the fruit of her hand; and let her own works praise her in the gates." In this last age, when glitter and empty show and heartless fashion "rule or rule" so many households of our land, it is rare, but refreshing, to meet with such a character as our departed sister. A lady "of the olden time," she knew nothing of being ashamed of the old-fashioned religion of the Bible, but faithfully observed the apostolic injunction:—"Let not your adorning be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, and putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price—for after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves."

Amid rural scenes, with cheerful disposition and trusting heart, she accepted the vicissitudes incident to a pioneer life in her adopted home, and exemplified a most purposeful, "somehow" and "somehow" until the tears and prayers of her holy sainted mother and grand-mother shall be answered, and there shall not be found an unconverted one in all her numerous household.—T. W. BLAKE.

RATTAN.—Elizabeth Cornelia, wife of David Rattan, was born in Green county, Tennessee, May 2, 1829; died April 16, 1880, in Fannin county, Texas, after an illness of twelve weeks. She has left the lower portions of a row to her husband in the skin, left her husband, five children and a large connection to mourn their loss. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South.—J. A. ALLISON.

Johnson—Amanda M. Johnson was born June 14th, 1828; was born again and joined the M. E. Church at the age of fourteen. Was married to J. W. Johnson December 12th, 1841, and gently fell asleep in death April 10th, 1880, after a long illness. Her husband, J. W. Johnson, preached her funeral at Sloop Springs, Comanche county, Texas, the day she was buried. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her absence, some of whom are on their way to meet her in the better land. M. J. Miller must bury her in Heaven.—J. O. E. PAIR.

JOHN—Mrs. Lullia M. Johns, wife of P. Johns, and daughter of E. N. and Edith Woodard, was born November 25, 1838; was married December 25, 1858, and died at her father's home April 17, 1880. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1874, under the ministry of Rev. T. J. Minnis. She was an active and devoted mother. One of her children has to be buried. She died at her father's home. I have not the least doubt but that she has gone to rest. Her funeral sermon was preached by the writer from these words: "He shall have the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth," etc.—W. W. HONAN.

STOW—Died, at his residence in Brazoria county, Texas, April 18, 1880, Alston Stow, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was born at Winton, Iowa county, New York, June 13, 1805. For forty years he had been a member of some branch of Methodism. For the last eighteen months he has been a member of the Fifth street mission church in this city, and at this time an invalid. In my visitations to him as his pastor I always found him rejoicing in the Bible. He was a devoted and true friend to the church in a carriage and took the sacrament. All who were there will ever remember his outburst of joy and comfort, which came from the old invalid's lips. His end was peace. He leaves a wife and several children, and a son, to a large and attentive congregation, and then performed the funeral service at the residence of the deceased. He was a true and devoted friend of children and grand-children.—JOHN W. DEVLIN.

Obituary of Sister J. P. Mussett. They laid her by the silent tomb, "I only laid her down to rest." With the carry of her spirit to heaven, And fragrant hyacinth on her breast.

Mrs. Louella C. Powers Mussett, wife of Rev. J. P. Mussett, of Northwest Texas Conference, was born in Falls county, Texas, July 21, 1849; was married to Rev. J. P. Mussett, November 1, 1868. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus on the morning of the 13th of April, 1880, just at six o'clock. Her husband being the pastor of the Fourth street mission church in this city, and at this time a member of the church, she was a devoted and true friend to the church. Her husband and her children, but few wives were ever more devoted to the church, and her children, but few children were ever more devoted to the church. Her husband and her children, but few children were ever more devoted to the church. Her husband and her children, but few children were ever more devoted to the church.

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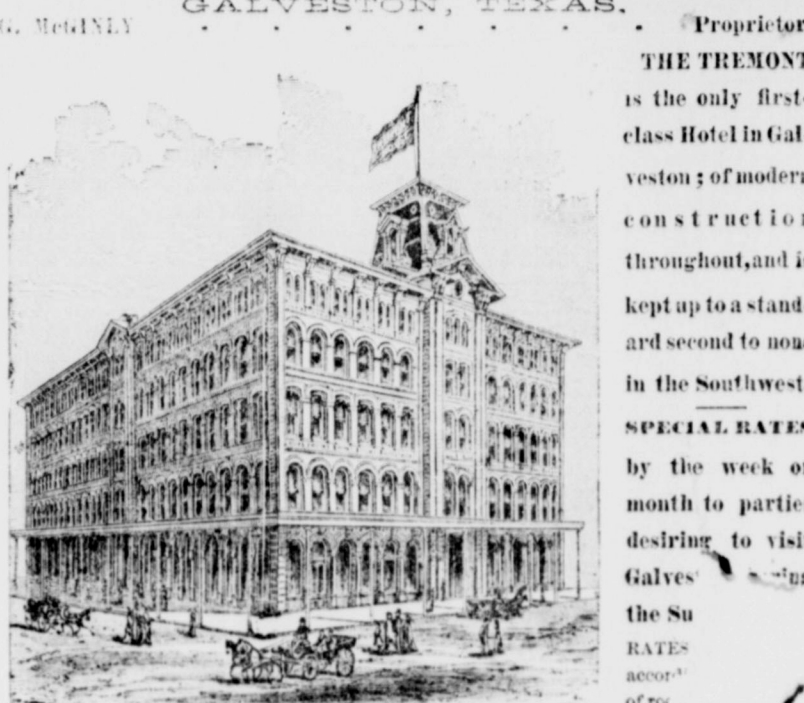
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WEST FALLS, Falls County, April 26.—Prairieville Circuit: At Wills' Point we were met by Bro. Ed. L. Barcroft and George A. McClellan, pastor in charge. A wagon and two horses were ready to take us out eight miles in the county. We were soon on the road. What a scene! Beautiful prairie; countless flowers; herds of cattle; droves of horses; clumps of timber; playful jack-rabbits; and musical birds. A theme for a poet. The sun went down, but left the moon high in the heavens; our pleasure was increased; our cup was full. But a good supper was waiting us, prepared by the hand of our good little friend, Mrs. B., and was enjoyed by all parties. The kindness of the family, and their devotion to the church, will long be remembered by the writer. Quarterly conference next day, well attended. Pastor in charge's report told how well his work had been performed. The church is growing under his management, and he is in the hearts of all his people. Mineola Circuit.—Mineola, Hawkins, and Big Sandy, towns on the T. and P. R. R., constitute the above circuit. Quarterly conference at the latter place. Only two church organizations. But few official members present. The report of the pastor in charge, Rev. D. M. Stovall, gave us a very clear idea of what he is doing. He is the champion church-builder of the conference. He began at Mineola with scarcely an organization; Methodist people disheartened. Work was his motto; result, about \$800.00 collected; church-building up, covered, floored, weather-boarded, led, spire running high heavens. It is an ob-

FLUK CREEK, Coryell Co., April 24.—We, as Methodists, are alive here. Built a church 24x40; will not call it till fall. We laid the corner-stone the 9th of March. Our preacher in charge, P. W. Gravis, officiating last Sunday, (the 3d); he dedicated it by giving us *Methodism to the hub* from "Glorious things are spoken of Thee, O city of God," to a large congregation. They were much interested; some laughed, some cried and some got mad.—M. SIMPSON.

NEW YORK, Henderson Co., April 26.—The people are alive to the Sabbath-school interest on portions of the Athens circuit. Several prosperous schools on the work. At New York we have a very fine Sunday-school, best perhaps ever known in this vicinity; seventy-five regular scholars in attendance. Through the indefatigable effort of Dr. T. H. Hall and the co-operation of other good brethren, as well as the community, our own literature has been introduced, and everything is working harmoniously. We anticipate a bright future.—T. P. SMITH.

WIMBERLY P. O., Hays County, April 26.—A sad accident occurred a short time since. Mrs. William Stapleton of this vicinity left her babe, less than two years old, asleep and walked out for a few minutes and returned to find the child had got up, climbed the yard fence and gone a short distance to the Blanco; went in and was drowned when found by the mother. Terribly hard times financially, and worse spiritually. God bless the ADVOCATE. May we all realize that one cannot only chase a thousand, but put to silence the enemies of morality and religion.—A. F. BRIDGES.

ST. JOE, Montague County, April 26.—St. Joe circuit is in a prosperous condition. Spiritual interest increasing; prayer-meetings well attended, with good results. Church membership increasing. Fifteen have been added to our number the present quarter. Expect to organize another class this week. The weather is exceedingly dry; corn mostly up, and looking tolerably well; cotton not up; too dry; it will not come till it rains; wheat is trying to head out—some of it from six to ten inches high, and is falling down; crop thought to be an entire failure. Stock water is getting scarce; grass has been excellent up to the last few days, but it is beginning to die.—J. O. SHANKS.

WHITT CIRCUIT, Palo Pinto Co., April 24.—Millsap Valley is a desirable location on account of its being tolerably level, a rich productive soil (sandy mesquite), healthy, plenty of good pure water in easy reach by digging; containing many intelligent families; six miles from the Texas Pacific Railroad; twenty miles west of Weatherford; three miles from Brazos river, which abounds in fish; grass splendid, and timber sufficient for farm use; and several good Methodist families are living here, with room for more. We have a class of forty to forty-five members, many of whom are truly pious and devoted. We have a good school community now ready for organization. Taken all in all, I consider this to be a desirable neighborhood for those contemplating a move. Land may be obtained on easy terms, and while I will extend encouragement to all good citizens to come among us, I will take much pleasure in showing the country to any of the household of faith, and hereby invite Methodist people wishing a home in the west to "come and see."—THOS. B. SMITH, Millsap Postoffice, Texas.

DESEMONIA, Erath Co., April 26.—Second quarterly meeting on Desdemonia mission just over. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. K. Lane, failed to be with us on account of sickness. While we were sadly disappointed in not meeting with Bro. Lane, we were not disappointed in having "the witness of the Spirit." The pulpit was very ably filled Sunday at 11 o'clock by Bro. J. M. Brading, local elder. I preached forty-three times during the last quarter; received six into the church; dismissed one by letter; two by church conference. We will soon have a Methodist Sunday-school at Desdemonia, so soon as we receive the literature. We expect to have three or four before the year is out. Wheat not so promising as it was a few weeks ago; it is dying in places. Prospects otherwise for crops are good. The Sunday law is strictly observed at Mr. Colt's camp on the Texas Pacific Railroad. The ADVOCATE is doing good wherever it circulates in this part of the county.—A. F. H.

COMANCHE Co., April 23.—Is the firm of M. T. Quimby & Co., of Boston, Mass., that advertise the \$4 watch in the ADVOCATE, reliable? What crop is a complete failure. Corn crop looks very flattering. The moral and temperate elements in society in this county fully endorse the ADVOCATE and Car Tool, in their attacks upon wickedness in high places. Continue to lay on, McDuff.—J. W. COCKER, [Quimby & Co. are reported by the commercial agencies as good. They conduct an extensive establishment and we believe them reliable. We have seen two of their \$4 watches, and they keep good time. Write them, and they will give you evidence of their merit.—S. & B.]

TEXAS, Jackson Co., April 26.—The crop prospect is very good, and the stock interest is prosperous. Great numbers of cattle have been driven this spring. Our congregations at church are good and attentive to the preaching of the Word. Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings doing well.—M. A. BLACK,

quickly. McCullum is a sober, peaceable man. He told me he was very sorry it happened, but he had no time to think, and he felt he had saved his own life. Nothing is known of Ridenaur; he was a stranger in the county. McCullum has been here about eighteen months. He is out now on one thousand dollar bond. The people generally justify him in the act.—G. H. PHAIR.

WAXAHACHE, Ellis Co., April 28.—I do declare that the moral forces of this country need to be aroused, and if we do not exercise our rights as citizens of a Christian commonwealth, we deserve to lose our heritage.—L. M. LEWIS.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Hopkins Co., April 27.—It is already known to your readers that Rev. J. H. White, in charge of White Rock circuit, North Texas Conference, has had the misfortune to lose his wife. Her long affliction before the Lord took her home prevented our good brother from giving that time and attention to his work that he would have done otherwise. Since her death he had entered vigorously into the work; but now he is afflicted with sore eyes, and Dr. Beeton, of this place, an eminent oculist, tells him he will have to stay indoors as much as possible, or the result will be serious. Now, here is a fine opportunity for the display of a genuine Christian magnanimity by the people of his charge. Instead of mouthing and grumbling because he does not do the amount of pastoral work that he would gladly do if able, let them rally to his help and give him their moral and material support. He needs it more than if he had not been afflicted. A people who withhold their support because their preacher is afflicted and disabled from doing full work, certainly have perverted views of moral and religious obligation. We write this notice, not because we have any reason to believe that the good people of Bro. White's charge will fail to do their duty, but to let it be known that it is necessary for Bro. White to be careful. Dr. Beeton would give a certificate to this effect if necessary. Bro. White will be able to fill his appointments, but not to do that amount of pastoral work that it is in his heart to do. We hope that, with proper care and under skillful treatment, he may be able to do full work. The work on the district is prosperous, and we have reason to be thankful and rejoice in hope.—M. H. NEELY.

BENEFIT FROM LIVER PADS. Rev. J. G. Gurly, Pike county Missouri, writes to a friend, stating that he has become a strong convert to the use of Liver Pads for all diseases of the Kidney, Liver, Spleen, etc., especially to cure chills and Fever, Malaria, Dyspepsia, etc. This good Absorption Remedy, Dr. Chapin's Liver Pad, is now worn by thousands of people everywhere, both to prevent and cure diseases. Parties wanting one can get them by sending one dollar to N. J. Alexander, Druggist, Austin, Texas, or to Chapin Liver Pad Co., No. 611 N. Sixth Street, St. Louis, Mo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. PUBLISHED BY THE ADVOCATE. INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. BY R. E. MOORE. SECOND QUARTER—SEVENTH LESSON, May 16, '80. Matt. xxii: 1-14. The Marriage Feast; Time—April 4. A. D. 30—Place—The Temple in Jerusalem; Builders—Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome; Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judaea; Herod Antipas, of Galilee; and Herod Philip, of Peraea. GOLDEN TEXT. Go ye, therefore, into the highways, and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage.—V. 9.

After blessing the children, Jesus journeys on towards Jerusalem. At Bethany He raises Lazarus from the dead; and He spends most of winter and early spring in and near Jerusalem, preaching and teaching. The parable that furnishes us our lesson to-day was given in the temple, and forms a part of His last public service. However He had gone He had fearlessly attacked and exposed the hypocrisy of the Pharisees; He had overthrown the heresies of the proud Sadducees; nor had the worldly Herodians escaped. All had felt the keen edge of His sword of truth; and all unite for His overthrow; and they greet Him in the temple with flatteries and guile. They endeavor to inveigle Him into a controversy that would cause Him to encounter the prejudices of the common people; and, failing in this, they try to cajole Him into a collision with the Roman government; but each time He hoists them on their own petard. Then, as though unconscious of the issues at stake, He deliberately arraigns the hierarchy and makes plain to the people the radical difference between them and Him; and between their practices and His. He thus barred them to the quick, and then and there they—the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians—cemented by a common hatred, determine that He must and shall die. It is evident that with tact He could have thwarted all their schemes to accomplish His ruin; but *tact and duty* did not then harmonize. His hour had come. He had fully revealed Himself in His true character, and His work was complete.

V. 1. "And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables and said." "Answered" replying to; perhaps to the thoughts in the temple, and in the stomach who sought to arrest Him, but de-

sisted because the common people regarded Him as "a prophet;" "to them" His disciples. It was spoken to the disciples but aimed at the Pharisees. He had spoken several parables wherein they recognized themselves as condemned. While they did not always listen to Him, it is evident they heard from their spies all that He said against them. V. 2. "The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son." "The kingdom of Heaven;" Christ's spiritual kingdom. The likeness is not to the king, but to his wedding feast; "marriage;" a wedding feast. The king is our Father in Heaven, and His "Son" is our Savior. V. 3. "And He sent forth His servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding, and they would not come." "His servants;" John and the apostle; "to call them;" to notify the invited guests; "bidden to the wedding;" previously invited to the wedding; "they would not come;" the invited guests, contrary to all usage, refuse to go. "The Jews were the invited guests."

V. 4. "Again, He sent forth other servants, saying: 'Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready; come unto the marriage.'" "Other servants;" likely those who went out preaching after the day of Pentecost; "tell them which are bidden;" the invitation is renewed; "my oxen and fatlings are killed;" an allusion to the preparations for the sacrificial feasts; "all things are now ready;" the Gospel feast is ready; "come unto the marriage;" the message is repeated as though they had never rejected the invitation. V. 5. "But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise." "Made light of it;" disregarded; the farmer and merchant disregarded the invitation alike. V. 6. "And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them." "The remnant;" representing the farmers and merchants—the Pharisees; "took;" seized; "entreated them spitefully;" outraged them or beat them. V. 7. "But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city." Here is an allusion to the coming destruction of Jerusalem, which was fulfilled to the letter. "Sent forth his armies;" the armies of the Romans forty years afterwards; "destroyed those murderers and burned up their city;" destroyed the Jews and burned Jerusalem; "their city;" no longer God's city. V. 8. "Then saith He to His servants: The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden are not worthy." All who reject God's offers of mercy are unworthy, and they who accept them are worthy. The Jews refused, and now He calls the Gentiles. V. 9. "Go ye, therefore, into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." The highways; the squares or crossings of the principal streets. The call now is to invite all they find to the wedding or Gospel feast. V. 10. "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good, and the wedding was furnished with guests." "Those servants;" the evangelists to the gentile world; "highways;" ways; "the bad and the good;" all were invited; "with guests;" with those reclining or seated, meaning guests. V. 11. "And when the King came in to see the guests, He found there a man which had not on a wedding garment." Here the Speaker passes from the invitation to the Gentiles to the judgment day. The allusion of the King coming in is to a custom then familiar to all. The King came in when the guests were seated. "Had not on a wedding garment;" It was the custom then at feasts of kings for all the guests to be furnished with wedding garments. V. 12. "And He saith to him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment?" And he was speechless." It is evident from the narrative, that the guest could have had a wedding garment. "How camest thou?" indicates that in thus coming he disregarded the honor of his host. "Was speechless;" was muzzled; he was without excuse. V. 13. "Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot and take him away and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." "The servants;" not the same word as servants before used; it is here table servants; "bind him hand and foot;" having bound his feet and hands; "take him away;" take him; "cast him into outer darkness;" hurl him into the darkness without; "there;" without. The figure, expressing the anguish of those cast out, is terrible. V. 14. "For many are called, but few are chosen." This verse explains the call rejected by the Jews. Here it will be seen, that the call came first, and the choosing came after the application.

APPLICATION. 1. Jesus has spoken to us in many ways, by His life, His message, His sufferings, death and res-

urrection; but to-day He speaks to us in one of His wonderful parables.

2. The wedding feast is a joyous feast, and such is the gospel feast, the espousal of the Son of God to His church, the spiritual bride.

3. The King is very considerate of His guests. He invites them in time to prepare, and then notifies them when to come. How few refuse an invitation to a wedding; yet our refusal to rush to the royal wedding feast prepared for us is more unreasonable and unnatural than would be a refusal to attend a wedding of an esteemed friend. We might not be able to incur the expense of a wedding garment, or to command our time.

4. God's bounty is ready, and He calls us again and again to His feast.

5. How many make light of the call to a feast of life, and go their ways to their gains, preferring them with their loads of care, to the treasure of Heaven.

6. Some are careless in regard to all offers of life, but others are vindictive and meek offers of mercy with persecution and death.

7. Such unjustifiable conduct, in returning evil for good, is enough to arouse the wrath of the King of kings. God's armies of divine judgment are destroying continually the murderers of His truth, and are leaving the cities of the wicked nations heaps of ruins.

8. The Jews reject and are unworthy, and the Gentiles accept and are worthy; worth is in not slighting the King.

9. Go ye into the highways, where flows the fullest stream of humanity, and call; call them all; call them to a royal feast; call them and robe them that they may come.

10. We can see the glad messenger going, and the hurrying throngs started at the generous message.

11. All came and were furnished for the feast as they required, but one unfortunate Pharisee thought his own robe of righteousness sufficient, estimating lightly the grand entertainment.

12. His self-assurance fails him when the king enters in his grandeur. He is dumb; he needs no condemnation; he condemns himself by his silence.

13. All are called, but those only are chosen who accept the call and come with the proper preparation of heart for the feast of Heaven.

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