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Waco Female College.

The closing exercises of this institution terminated on the 16th of June, reflecting great credit on the members of the college and giving entire satisfaction to the crowds of patrons and spectators in attendance. It affords us great pleasure to bear testimony to the thoroughness of the instruction and drill of this college, as ample opportunity has been afforded to look into every department with critical inquiry. The faculty is scrupulously chary of the honors of the diploma. Graduation is never certified to except on the basis of actual and approved scholarship, and there is only to such branches as have passed under rigid examination and have filled the required grade, and none others. A severe test of the inflexibility of this rule did not escape our notice. The young lady who goes forth from this college bearing a full diploma will be honored by her alma mater, and will at least possess the qualifications to make abundant returns. The prosperity of the college was never so great at any period of its past history. Under the able administration of the President, every year approximates the best ideal of excellence which should be the real glory of a female college. The matriculations of the past year are ninety-one and the graduates nine. Five most handsome gold medals were awarded to the successful competitors through the generosity of the President and others, at an actual cost ranging from \$20 to \$25 each. The enthusiasm that awakened in the college attaches to a lack of application the stigma of disgrace. The winners of the prizes are scarcely more honorable than the "losers" of the medals, and of this latter class there are many. The pastor of Waco station had arranged for a special mental service on commencement Sunday. To see these young ladies vacate the pews wherein they were crowded and kneel at the altar of the church, receiving the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord, was a scene of solemn sublimity and grandeur, and a fitting preparation for the glorious work of their salvation. Rev. Sam'l P. Wright, the President, has a rare adaptation to the work in which he is engaged; and from the vast and growing population of this State—in which there is one-eighth of the entire membership of the M. E. Church, South—deserves well the increasing patronage he is receiving. No just estimate of this work can be made when every coin that is admitted to circulation bears, not the image and superscription of Caesar, but of Jesus Christ, and is rendered to Him.—J. A. MURPHY, J. D. SHAW, J. M. WELLS, Visiting Commissioners.

BREKINRIDGE, Washington County, June 12.—Washington county is all ablaze with the closing exercises of the different colleges. There is no county in the State that can boast of finer educational interests than this, and our people are nobly sustaining every effort on the part of our educators calculated to enhance this interest. This week has been a round of enjoyment and interest for our neighbors at Independence, in the closing exercises of the two colleges there. Quite a large attendance of friends, and success every way is reported from there. Next week our city graded schools will close, under the management of Professor John T. Hand, the schools are in fine condition, and are, beyond all question, the main interests of this city. The only drawback to successful management is the lack of suitable buildings, which, it is earnestly trusted, will soon be erected. Everything demands it, and our people will certainly protect their own welfare.

On the 17th instant the commencement exercises of Chappell Hill Female College will begin. Those who are friendly to this time-honored institution, will be abundantly repaid for their attendance on this occasion.

Your correspondent has, with much pleasure, watched the untiring zeal of both teachers and pupils, with which the work of this school has been prosecuted, and for manifested pleasure and thoroughness in every department, there is no place of learning in our land that surpasses this.

While the public exhibition of each department will be a source of great interest during the several days of examination, the grand feature of all will be the annual concert. Mrs. Onis has no superior as a music teacher and an accomplished lady. It is almost wonderful to know the progress that has been made by her class.

Under the management of Judge Onis this college will soon stand second to none in the South. He is a thorough scholar and gentleman, and demands thoroughness in every department. The college home is indeed a home for the young ladies, and those having daughters to educate will never do better than to place them here.

The crop prospects were never so good in this county as now. Our city is moving ahead prosperously in every way. The Presbyterians finished, in March, and now occupy, one of the neatest little churches in the interior of Texas. The Methodists will soon move into their magnificent new building—one of the handsomest and most commodious in the State.

NEREMIAH SAUNDERS.

DALLAS, Dallas Co., June 17.—I have just attended the commencement of the North Texas Female College at Sherman. I was very much pleased with the evidence of modest, thorough work done by Dr. Pitts and his assistants. He is a veteran educator, and understands his business. Sherman is an admirable location for the college. It is high, healthy, beautiful and accessible. Ought not all the Texas conferences to unite on this institution, and make it a splendid success? I ask the question of my own mind. We have made the mistake over the river of having too many institutions, and supporting none as we ought; and it is in your power out here to avoid it, and by concentration of effort and capital, accomplish large things. Locally the college is vitally important to the church. The prosperity of Methodism in Sherman will largely depend on the success of this enterprise; and the success of this enterprise depends on the prompt completion of the projected college edifice. Every good citizen of Sherman, Methodist or not, is interested in its completion. Let them carry it forward at once, and have the new building ready for the fall session. It will bring money to the merchants; it will bring citizens to the town; it will bring members to the church; it will bring strength to society; it will send back a thousandfold more than it receives in a Christian education. Nobody has asked me to write this. I write it because I feel the necessity of the college at Sherman. I hope to hear soon that it is finished, with large capacity, and its halls full of students.—S. A. STEEL.

WEATHERFORD, Parker Co., June 16.—By request of Rev. I. N. Reeves and others, on last Sabbath we drove out into the country six miles to hear him lecture on infant church membership. On our arrival we found the preacher entertaining a large concourse of people. For three hours they gave him their undivided attention. It was evident to all that he had studied the Scriptures. He showed as much familiarity with that all-important subject as any man I ever heard of. His was simple, logical and Scriptural. The most ordinary mind could understand, and the most sensitive could not complain that he was abusive. Every word carried the impress of a Christian spirit. Every report from Wilt circuit is to the effect that Bro. Reeves is building up and indoctrinating the people. Methodism is emblazoned all over his work. Aggressive, earnest Methodism is of God, and is for the salvation of the world. Where it exists, it is felt and known. Her people live well and die well. There is an imitation that is not born from above, nor does it tend upward. It is a dreadful fraud manufactured by the arch-fiend of darkness; and all her works tend to their native home. All possible means are employed to give her the features of the true church of God, but failure is written on the white forehead. The deceivers, both in ministry and membership, are the deceived. No church can be prosperous in spiritual conversion and godly growth which sets up for her standard-bearers men and women who conform to the world, it matters not how attentive they are upon the ordinances of God's house. He sees the human heart and discerns the most hidden motives. Crops are better than I have ever known here. Surely the church will rally to the support of her institutions, carrying the winter into spring in some in flesh, but I don't know that there was any abatement to the disease. Sometimes in day-time I can go to church and hear a sermon through, but at night I can't attend at all. Of late I cough so much when at church I think I will go no more; but, oh, what a privilege to be at church! My physician says I can never preach any more. I am not doing anything; can't do anything; only staying here trying to help my wife train our little ones for God. I feel that all is well and will end well. Brethren, pray for me.—T. W. HINES.

THOMASTON, DeWitt Co., June 15.—Just closed a meeting here; in some respects was not a success, but there was, we think, much good accomplished. Two sessions to the church. A generally good collection. Crops good; cutting the winter wheat. I would be ashamed to show the last number of the ADVOCATE and ask any one to subscribe for it. You need not publish this last concerning the ADVOCATE unless you choose.—W. H. KILLGORE.

(We are glad that Bro. K. wrote that last sentence. He has evidently been comparing the small ADVOCATE with the enlarged edition. Yet, that same small ADVOCATE is a better paper than we published prior to enlargement. People are seldom satisfied with a good thing if a better be in sight. Will not all the preachers who are ashamed of the little ADVOCATE go to work (as Bro. Killgore does), and help us to get ready for the "big" paper. Rally round the publishers, and ere you know it the ADVOCATE of magnificent proportions will visit you regularly.—PRO TALK.)

St. Joe, Montague County, June 18.—Our third quarterly conference will embrace the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. It will be held about the centre of the St. Joe circuit, on Farmer's creek. In connection therewith we expect to hold a camp-meeting. The location is a beautiful one. Water in abundance, both for man and stock. The services will begin on Friday night at early candle-lighting. All the people of our surrounding country are most cordially invited. Ministerial aid is specially solicited. Let us even now breathe forth our supplication to Almighty God for great success. Weather pleasant; rain plenty; crops better than they have been for years; health of country good. Oh! for prosperity and glory to the Master's work.—J. O. SHANKS.

Maj. Penn.
This gentleman has commenced his summer campaign of open-air meetings. About seven months ago, the undersigned ventured to set forth in the columns of the ADVOCATE the impressions made upon his mind by the major's labors at this place. The article met with both adverse and friendly criticism. The adverse criticism, as is not infrequently in such matters, were the result of misapprehension of the article. It was not intended as a view of Maj. Penn's labors from a denominational standpoint, because the major is a Baptist and the writer is a Methodist, and between us rolls the Jordan. It was from a doctrinal standpoint. His meeting being for church membership, it was not from a sacramental standpoint, for the major will not let the writer take the Lord's supper with him, and he rules out his young children and line a mile off for church membership. Every good citizen of Sherman, Methodist or not, is interested in its completion. Let them carry it forward at once, and have the new building ready for the fall session. It will bring money to the merchants; it will bring citizens to the town; it will bring members to the church; it will bring strength to society; it will send back a thousandfold more than it receives in a Christian education. Nobody has asked me to write this. I write it because I feel the necessity of the college at Sherman. I hope to hear soon that it is finished, with large capacity, and its halls full of students.—S. A. STEEL.

Seven months have passed. What can be said of that work now? This is a legitimate inquiry, for one critic expressed the opinion of many that the writer has heard speak on the subject, when he said, "while doubtless some persons are converted at his meetings, as a whole we fear that they are a blight and a millstone to the edifice of the country." This opinion, which I can neither explain nor understand, the writer has heard repeatedly expressed.

In reply to the inquiry submitted, let us again waive doctrines, sacraments, and the like, and let us see what we can get out of the subject. At the time Major Penn came to Georgetown, the Baptist Church numbered eighteen members, they were without church property of any kind, and had preaching once a month in the Presbyterian Church. They now have an active membership of one hundred and twenty-four, more than a hundred of whom joined the church under the major. They have a large and flourishing Sunday-school; they have an estimable Christian gentleman as their pastor; and last, but not least, they have a well-kept and dedicated handsome church-building that will seat five hundred persons—a building painted and completed, without debt, at a cost of \$1,025.89. These are the simple facts in the case. But they may be asked: why have the converts not all been baptized in the Methodist Church? There are several reasons. First among them is that we may be admonished when we see any man "casting out devils" not to "forbid him, because he followeth not with us." Second, because any fact that shows that the kingdom of God is at hand, and that the power of Satan is being broken up, and with methods in which we cannot concur, yet we should rejoice in it. Third, that every possible fact should be presented that may moderate the sharpness of denunciation. Fourth, that the kingdom of God is at hand, and that the power of Satan is being broken up, and with methods in which we cannot concur, yet we should rejoice in it. Third, that every possible fact should be presented that may moderate the sharpness of denunciation. Fourth, that the kingdom of God is at hand, and that the power of Satan is being broken up, and with methods in which we cannot concur, yet we should rejoice in it.

All of the new converts have not maintained their integrity; but that fact no one can venture to emphasize. The impression, however, that the converts of Maj. Penn's meetings seldom if they ever maintain their integrity is easily explained. Many of his converts are such prominent and marked examples of wickedness and vice that their lapse makes a greater impression than the lapse of ordinary offenders. The opinion expressed by the writer in his first article, is here also reaffirmed. The numerous back-sliders of the converts of Maj. Penn's meetings are not to be traced to the want of sincerity of the converts, or to the want of genuineness of the work, but—and I wish Maj. Penn could be convinced of the correctness of this view—to

First—His unslippery enforcement of the teaching of "once in grace always in grace," a doctrine having neither philosophy nor scripture as its basis, and which must produce "carnal security."

Second—The unfortunate enforcement of to-me—the shocking dogma of "close communion," which severs the Christian sympathies of the converts of his meetings at the very outset of their Christian career from the entire Christian world, surgeon and his people not excepted. It is impossible that the broad, loving catholicity of the Christian religion develop properly in the heart of any man starting under a Procrustean injunction worthy of the darkest ages of church persecution.

Third—To the absence of the social and religious aids that something like our class-meetings would afford.

Fourth—To the non-enforcement of the apostolic command, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." Maj. Penn's dedication sermon was from the language of Moses at the Red Sea, "Go forward." But numbers of the converts of his meetings will not understand that exhortation, when told at the moment of their conversion that they will sin every day and that they cannot help sinning every day.

Despite these drawbacks in doctrine and these exclusive and partial theories of church polity, nevertheless

"Christ is preached and I therein do rejoice; yea, and I rejoice."—E. A. MOOD.

Dancing Immoral.

In the ADVOCATE of June 3th, Bro. Sander has an article pointing out the evils of the dance. I would endorse every word that he has said, but believe that he has spent his force upon incidental and minor evils, and left the one principal sin of the dance untouched.

As delicate a question as it is to attack this primal evil of the dance and ball-room, with the ADVOCATE's permission, I will pay my respects to it. The sin of the dance is not an obscure one which requires inferential reasoning to discover it. It is not found in the fact that the church has legislated against it; it is not in the associations, though that magnifies it; it is the obvious sin, the sin *per se*, of *too much familiarity between the sexes*.

This familiarity breaks down the shyness and modesty which nature has thrown like an adamant wall around each young lady. Within this wall lies virgin purity, maidenly innocence, and all that is true and beautiful in womanhood. But when that strong protection, and if the beauty and sweetness, the purity and gentleness, of womanhood is preserved, it is preserved by a strong and determined fight. A woman of the latter character may successfully resist every temptation; one of the former is almost impervious to temptation.

When you allow your daughters to learn to dance, you willingly place them in a defenseless position, exposed to the attack of any designing villain. It is true that no villain may chance to come along, but the fact that your daughter may be strong enough to resist; but the fact remains that you have allowed your child to be exposed to a fearful danger.

But you say that you want your child to learn to dance in order that she may acquire elegant manners. Now, I believe that the dance does do up to that class of people turn out to honor him, and he has quite a congregation of them. He labors under great difficulty in getting a suitable house of worship; has to rent one; then, perhaps, in a month or two change to another, and so on. He has a congregation of 450, all Mexicans. The *Astoria* office is valued at \$750 and is all paid for but \$250, and an arrangement has been made for that to be paid out of the profits of the office. Upon the whole, the mission work at this place among the Mexican people is a success.—S. T. FOSTER.

BREKINRIDGE, Stephens County, June 17.—We have plenty of preaching; no revivals; some church troubles; no quarrelling with denominations. Infidelity will yet make Christians love as brethren, and I pray God to make a revival here. The circuit is large and sin. People are calm on politics; some good Christian men running for county offices. Young men will not seek Christ because it will disfranchise them from ever holding any office of profit, and married men are afraid to come into the church for fear of losing their jobs. Heaven be peopled principally with women, and be filled with their husbands, and—hold here. Our elder, A. K. Miller, is at work; Bro. Price, local, preaches for us at Breckenridge; Bro. Richardson on the circuit. Lord, send the revival fire all over this fine country. Good session; fine crops. Thank God. Too hard run here yet to get subscribers for the ADVOCATE. I found the lost mules.—W. C. MANLY.

TYLER, Smith County, June 22.—I have been with Bro. Gable H. Smith, who is in charge on the Garden Valley circuit. The land of Garden Valley is all the name indicates. The lands of Smith, northwest of Tyler, are fine, particularly those of Village creek. I heard a gentleman, who has a farm on the creek, say he would not think a man to him more than seventy-five bushels per acre for his corn crop. I saw, on the 8th instant, cotton that was three feet high and in bloom. The land will produce from one and a-half to two bales per acre. Crops generally are looking well. Rain plenty and health good. The circuit is too large for one man. There is a portion of country on the Texas Pacific railroad known as Silver Lake and Saline creek, the missionary field of this circuit, where the people are destitute of Methodist preaching. Their cry is, "Come over and help us." We visited them and made an appointment for night. A good brother left his plow, and mounted his horse to publish the appointment, and we preached to an attentive congregation at night. It is their wish to have a protracted meeting in the neighborhood of Silver lake. They have a small church house, and a few members there. Some have joined other communities. Garden Valley circuit embraces a large area of country, and a membership of twenty-six times on the round; received several into the church, principally by letter; diminished a few for immorality. Bro. Smith has a number of appointments for camp and protracted meetings. Altogether, the outlook is flattering.—W. N. BONNER.

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What Bro. Jos. Norwood is Doing on the Border.

LAREDO, Texas, June 10, 1880.—I came to this place in February last, and finding no members of the Baptist Church here, and no house of worship, I very naturally fell in with your missionary, Bro. Joseph Norwood, and have been attending his church. I have seen any idea of the work he is doing. It affords me great pleasure to testify to his fitness for the place he occupies. He is a pious, zealous, determined worker in the Master's vineyard. He is a man of a thousand for his place. He has been sorely abused, mistreated and maligned by those who know him, but still he prays for "God to forgive them, for they know not what they do." His work here is teaching a mission school all the week, preaching in Spanish and at night, Mexican Sunday-school day, and preaching to the American congregation at five o'clock Sunday evening, prayer-meeting in Spanish Tuesday and Thursday nights; and yet he finds time to make his pastoral visits. If I can, I will send you some statistics showing the work he is doing; but you must be here and see for yourself in order to be able to realize how much of that bitter persecution still remains in the land. I could tell you things that have happened to your preacher here that you nor your readers would believe; still he goes forward discharging his duty fearlessly. He says that only kill his body and the figures will show you whether his efforts are successful or not. He needs the prayers of every Christian in the State. He is the only white or American preacher in this place. He preaches to the American people every Sunday, and to the Mexican people every day of that class of people turn out to honor him, and he has quite a congregation of them. He labors under great difficulty in getting a suitable house of worship; has to rent one; then, perhaps, in a month or two change to another, and so on. He has a congregation of 450, all Mexicans. The *Astoria* office is valued at \$750 and is all paid for but \$250, and an arrangement has been made for that to be paid out of the profits of the office. Upon the whole, the mission work at this place among the Mexican people is a success.—S. T. FOSTER.

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WEST FALLS, Falls County, June 11.—We have had fine seasons for the last few weeks. Farming prospects very flattering at present, people very hopeful, and well-pleased with the present prospect. Our preacher, Bro. McCarter, at his post, doing good work, but very little sign of revival. We are praying for better times. People here are well pleased with the ADVOCATE in its new dress, and I think as soon as they can realize means from the growing crop, there will be an increase in subscription. They are generally in favor of the Sunday-law. I took the census of a respectable congregation not long since, and they were, with one single exception, in favor of it. People here also endorse the fearless attack the ADVOCATE is making against vice in high and low places. It is a disgrace to our nation to have men occupying high positions in the government who spend their time (the people's money) in recklessness and dissipation. For example: A gentleman some years ago was standing on one of the streets in Washington City, during the session of Congress. Seeing a darkey occupying a prominent position near a saloon, the following episode was noted: *Gentleman*—"What house is that?" *pointing to the Capitol.* *Darkey*—"There's where the gentlemen what comes here makes the laws." *G.*—"What house is this?" *pointing to the saloon.* *D.*—"Well, you sees that the gentlemen what comes here to make the laws, comes here and take darkey drinks." *G.*—"Do they ever get pretty?" *D.*—"O yes, da sometimes gets pretty tight." *G.*—"Well, what then?" *D.*—"Well, you sees when da gets so dat da can't take care uv demselves, den I takes care uv dem." *G.*—"Who was that I saw taken away from here awhile ago?" *D.*—"O dat was one very distinguished member from de State of Alabama." *G.*—"Now, what was that is men in office conspired to take care of themselves, and who will be a credit to the country."—J. W. WALKER.

The Democratic Convention in session at Cincinnati is an orderly convocation as compared with the Republican convention at Chicago. Up to the hour of going to press nothing definite can be stated as to the probable action of the body. Permanent organization was effected by making Hon. J. W. Stevenson, of Kentucky, President, Joel W. Robinson, of Texas, is one of the Vice-presidents; and B. B. Padlock, a Secretary.

By the following first ballot readers may form some idea of the relative strength of the different candidates. However, this ballot was more as a feeling than otherwise: Hancock 171, Bayard 133, Payne 79, Thurman 68, Field, 65, Morrison 42, Hendricks 50, Tilden 32, Seymour 8, Loveland 5, Ewing 10, McDaniel 3, Randall 6, Lathrop 1, Jewett 1, English 1, Melellan 3, Parker 1, Black 1. Total vote, 721.

In the Texas delegation Hancock, Dwyer, Basset and Jack voted for Bayard; Ireland, Hubbard, Throckmorton, Padlock, Shirley, Lipscomb, Chenoweth, Bower, Hutchinson and Robinson, for Hancock; Herndon for Hendricks; Jones for Thurman.

In the national contest the Texas delegation have made character as peace-makers. Gov. Hubbard made a speech favoring conciliation, which was received with great favor by all—and with special delight by John Kelley and his following. The Tammanyites gave Hancock 43, Bayard 13, and the delegation a scramble in consequence. The Texas delegation takes front rank in the convention. Hubbard's speech seconding Hancock's nomination; Ireland's effort before the Platform Committee on the National Bank, free coinage of silver, interest-free commerce, and other important questions, and Hutchinson's eloquence in his efforts at the Hancock meeting have made the Texas delegation among the most prominent. We may safely say that citizens of the Lone Star State of all parties have a right to feel proud of her representation at Cincinnati. Before this paper reaches most of its readers, the result of the convention will be known.

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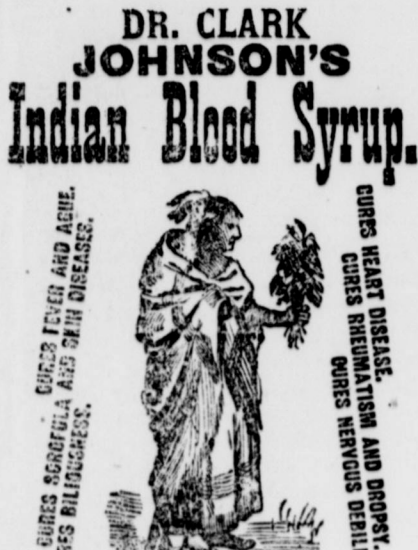
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TESTIMONIALS. TEXAS. Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Child, Lamar Co. Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup with great success against my child's dyspepsia. It is an unailing remedy for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures your stomach almost instantly.

For Boils. Giddings, Lee County. Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup for carbuncles, which troubled me severely, and a short trial entirely cured me.

Cures Erysipelas. Orangeville, Fannin Co. Dear Sir—The use of your Indian Blood Syrup has given me much relief for Erysipelas. It moves the bowels quietly and keeps the blood in a healthy condition.

Dropsy Cured. Florida, Hill County. Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have used your Indian Blood Syrup for a touch of Dropsy, and was effectually cured.

Fatigue of the Heart. Chambers Creek, Ellis Co. Dear Sir—I was afflicted with palpitation of the heart, fainting of the womb and dropsy, and obtained no relief from doctors' treatment.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Thornton, Limestone Co. Dear Sir—My little girl was two years old, was severely afflicted with indigestion, and the use of your Indian Blood Syrup effected a cure.

Never Fails to Cure. Newton, Newton Co. Dear Sir—I have used your Indian Blood Syrup for dyspepsia and indigestion, and the most beneficial results. I cannot recommend it too highly.

Female Weakness. Newton, Newton Co. Dear Sir—I can testify to the virtue of your Indian Blood Syrup. I was afflicted with various diseases peculiar to my sex for many years, and I have derived more benefit from your valuable syrup than from any other medicine I ever used.

Liver Complaint. Cartersville, Parker Co. Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup for liver complaint, spinal affection and fits, and find it has done me more good than any other medicine I ever used.

Pneumonia Cured. Free-store County. Dear Sir—I had a severe cough and affection of the lungs. I tried numerous medicines, but found no relief until I used your Indian Blood Syrup, which entirely cured me.

Wife's Cure. Wilford, Ellis Co. Dear Sir—This is to certify that your Indian Blood Syrup has completely cured my wife of third stage ague, after the doctors failed. I would not be without it in my family.

Cures Paralysis. Milligan, Brazos County, Feb. 10, 1879. Dear Sir—I take great pleasure in certifying to the good results derived from the use of your Indian Blood Syrup. About eight or ten years ago I was taken with Paralysis. The doctors thought one of my legs would have to be amputated.

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Cures Dropsy. Orangeville, Fannin Co. Dear Sir—Your reliable Indian Blood Syrup cured my little boy of dropsy. I have also used it in my family for chills, for which I find it has no equal.

For Asthma. Schulenburg, Fayette Co. Dear Sir—My wife was troubled for twenty years with Asthma, and although she tried various remedies, she could get nothing to relieve her. I was advised to try your Indian Blood Syrup, which I gave her according to directions.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Martine, Jasper Co. Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have used your Indian Blood Syrup in my family with perfect satisfaction. It is a valuable medicine for indigestion.

Kidney Complaint. Like a Cure, Gillespie Co. Dear Sir—The use of your great Indian Blood Syrup entirely cured me of kidney disease and a short trial of your Indian Blood Syrup effected a cure.

Blindness Cured. Hamlet, Hamilton Co. Dear Sir—I was troubled with costiveness and palpitation of the heart, and the use of your Indian Blood Syrup effected a cure.

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Cures Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Williams, Colusa Co. Dear Sir—I have used your reliable Indian Blood Syrup for dyspepsia, liver complaint and constipation with the most beneficial results. I highly recommend it to all.

An Excellent Family Remedy. Williams, Colusa Co. Dear Sir—This is to certify that your Indian Blood Syrup has greatly benefited my wife. I recommend it as a valuable family medicine.

Kidney Complaint. Williams, Colusa Co. Dear Sir—I was severely afflicted with disease of the stomach and kidneys, and the use of your valuable Indian Blood Syrup has completely cured me.

A Valuable Family Remedy. Williams, Colusa Co. Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have been using your Indian Blood Syrup in my family for over a year, and am satisfied that it is a valuable medicine. I have tried it for fever, biliousness, indigestion, constipation, etc., and I can recommend it to all.

A Very Excellent Medicine. Williams, Colusa Co. Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup in my family and can truly say it is a safe and highly valuable medicine for what it is recommended for.

Disease of the Stomach and Liver. Dear Sir—This is to certify that your Indian Blood Syrup has completely cured me of disease of the stomach and liver and bilious fever. I can safely recommend it to all similarly afflicted.

Pneumonia Cured. Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup in my family and can truly say it is a safe and highly valuable medicine for what it is recommended for.

Dear Sir—About a year ago my son took sick with pneumonia, and instead of sending for the doctor, gave him some of your Indian Blood Syrup, which cured him, and saved me a doctor's bill.

Disease of the Stomach and Liver. Dear Sir—I wish to inform you that your great Indian Blood Syrup has cured me of a long-standing inflammation of the liver under my own observation. I have also found the medicine to work admirably in all cases of derangement of the liver and stomach.

Rheumatism Cured. Dear Sir—I was afflicted with rheumatism and stiff rheum from childhood, and had tried every available means to rid myself of these terrible diseases, but without success until I tried your Indian Blood Syrup, which completely cured me.

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HOW IT WANTS REST.

Several days ago the Galveston News quoted a call from the San Antonio Express for a rest on the Briggs lecture. It reveals its anxiety to allow the matter to rest by continuing to cull the unfavorable comments of the Texas press as suggested by its own unfair report of the lecture. Here is a sample taken from the Thorp's Spring Student (Hood Co.):

"Rev. Briggs, who has attracted quite an amount of attention by the matter and style of his lecture in Galveston on Ingersoll, appears to be especially championed by his church paper in Galveston. It has 'come down like the wolf on the fold,' on the Galveston News in particular, and the secular press of the entire country in general. It charges them with being opposed to religion and in league with the devil. Pretty serious charge, and pretty bad state of affairs, if true. But did this religious journal ever reflect that abuse is not argument, and that proscription and denunciation never logically established the truth of any proposition?"

Our readers will remember that the Advocate has not made a general charge against the secular press in this matter, but has shown that the following the News has secured in its assault on religion has been unexpectedly small. A number of papers, which were for a time misled by the garbled report made in the News, have acknowledged their error; while others have severely censured the intolerance displayed by those papers which echoed the misrepresentations of the News, and pronounced judgment on a man for opinions which he has in distinct and unqualified terms repudiated. We are willing to submit to our readers whether the Advocate in this affair has forgotten that abuse is not argument.

We have shown by the stenographic notes of the reporter of the Galveston News that his synopsis was a garbled report of the lecturer's language. The Galveston News has never denied this statement.

That paper tried to divert attention from this garbled report made by its own reporter, and to make the impression that Mr. Briggs himself had made the report about which the papers have been making so much clamor. We exposed this editorial dodge of the News, and showed that it was the "synopsis" its reporter had made that had done the lecturer and his cause so much injustice. This the News has never answered. It still lies meekly under this charge.

We have given other extracts from the News which have revealed its animosity toward Christianity and its sympathy with modern infidelity. These extracts it has neither repudiated nor explained, but rests tamely under the arraignment. It is wise. It can not go back on its own record.

Our charges that certain papers have revealed strong antipathies to the Christian church and ardent sympathy for the teachings of Ingersoll have been sustained by "arguments" resting on the following facts:

The readiness with which they copied that "brief synopsis" of the lecture sent out by the reporter of the Galveston News. Their unequalled denunciations of the lecturer's assumed bigotry and fanaticism. They exhausted the adjectives that belong to this family. Their failure to do the lecturer the courtesy or justice of copying his disclaimer of the sentiments attributed to him. The "synopsis" of an unknown reporter for the News was accepted as true as Holy Writ, while the positive declaration of the preacher that he repudiated the opinions placed upon his lips, have been contemptuously ignored.

The unfairness of the News has been exposed in the Advocate, and the garbled language of the reporter has been twice placed beside his stenographic notes, and yet many of these papers have persisted in their charges of intolerance against the lecturer and modern Christianity as though there had never been a denial of their truth. While neither the News nor the papers which have been yelping on its trail have denied the facts or answered the arguments furnished by the Advocate, they have themselves abounded in charges, both against it and the lecturer, of "bigotry," "intolerance," of "the spirit of the inquisition," of "the spirit of the New England witch-burners," of "fanaticism," of "brutality," etc., etc. They have associated the utterance of the sentiments they have persistently attributed to the lecturer with the crime of the adulterer and the sin of the drunkard. (See Waco Telephone). And yet, because the Advocate has vindicated the ministry when misrepresented, and has pointed out the intolerance of that portion of the secular press which for weeks has been seeking to condemn a Christian minister before the bar of public opinion, while they have closed their ears and columns to his defense,

the News, not daring to defend its own course, injects into its columns the charge made by some paper in a distant part of the State that the Advocate has mistaken abuse for argument, and persecution and denunciation for truth.

Our readers can decide who have been proscribing the opinions of men who simply claim the right to think and speak for themselves. Very likely the News would be pleased to have "rest" on this affair. It can have it when it ceases its unjust misrepresentations of Christianity and its representatives.

THE VENAL PRESS.

The Galveston News of late has combined with its capacity for the earliest and quickest news liberal space to the admirers of the sacrilegious Ingersoll, the haters of ministers, churches, or orthodoxy and religion generally. To read some of the lucubrations of its correspondents—and they are many—a stranger might mistake it for a bulletin of the worst form of infidelity. The very worst things which the very worst and vilest enemies of Christianity have written have been published in its columns without an editorial line of challenge or protest.

These vile slanders, flings and thrusts at our holy religion are thrown into the faces of thousands of Christian readers, subscribers, to and supporters of the News. It is becoming so famous—infamous—for its infidelity and hate to the institutions of Christianity that many of its readers are careful to keep it out of the family. It makes its daily visits to the office or store in the line of business; but the sacred precincts of the family must not be invaded by a tippa of sacrilegious hate of churches, ministers, Sunday laws and religious culture. God, the Bible, the church and the ministry—faith in these doctrines and teachings constitutes both the shield and the foundation of all virtue and domestic bliss. Impure literature in the family is like unto a serpent which hides in closets or sheets and awaits his chance to strike in the darkness.

The News, as a newspaper, has few rivals in the State. As an enemy to true religion—judging from its deliverances for years—if it has rivals in bitterness and intensity of hate, it has none in capacity to do mischief. Its circulation is large—not larger than it merits as a first-class newspaper; and its capacity to reach the masses, and in that proportion to do good or evil, is unquestioned. That its columns should be polluted from week to week with the vile spawn of infidel malice, atheistical flings and demoralizing vulgarisms—alms to depreciate and make contemptible, if possible, our holy religion—is as surprising as it is provoking. When it is remembered that there are not less than 200,000 Protestant church members in this great State, and not less than 200,000 more whose sympathies, beliefs and education place them under the same Christian banner, is it a small matter for the secular press to go out of the legitimate line of its vocation to throw mud and stench into the faces of this great multitude, who by unanimous consent combine and largely represent the virtue, intelligence and moral stamina of society? We think not. Is this large body of citizens helpless? Can they do nothing to protect themselves, their families and society against this menacing evil?

There is a remedy. There is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue and patience finds a period. It is nearly reached in this commonwealth. I do not say that the time has fully arrived, but when it does, let the Christian people of this country act in concert, and withdraw all patronage from those papers which continue to spit the slime of infidel filth in the face of Christianity—deride the Sabbath-day—assail the church and ministry—cater to the whisky-rings and gambling-hells, and thereby do the work of the devil, to the great damage of human society. This may become a duty at an early day; and when it does, there should be no delay nor hesitancy. Let the note of warning be clearly sounded in advance; and if there is no change, let these engines of power for evil be turned over to the vile elements which they invoke for their patronage and favor.

If they can live and prosper on this line, then Christians and the friends of Christianity can only lament the prevalence of the evil, but will have no just cause of complaint—as under the constitution and laws of this country the freedom of the press and of speech are both ensured. Any man has the legal right to plant the standard and unfurl the banner of atheism or deism in a Christian community. Error may be tolerated when reason is left free to combat it. All we ask is an open field and a well defined enemy—one who marches under his true colors. The history of 1850 years is richly replete with the victorious spoils of Christianity. Her weapons were never more burnished nor keen, and never were there so many strong arms to wield them as now. Millions are in the ranks to-day—men, women and children—ready on the qui vive to strike

for the cross and the sepulchre. They ask no quarters, nor that the numbers or strength of the enemy should be reduced. They only ask that each soldier shall wear his own uniform and march under his own banner. If a man is an infidel let him openly espouse it, take his place and meet the consequences. Then he is entitled to respect as honest, if deluded. To occupy an equivocal attitude on this, the greatest of all subjects is hardly admissible. To be on both sides of the fence at the same time, or to alternate from one side to the other at caprice, and leave the people still in doubt.

"Whether this made that made the truck, was traveling on or remaining back," is to invite suspicion, if not censure. And what is true, in this respect, as applied to individuals is equally so when applied to the press. If that portion of the secular press which has more recently shown extra boldness in making repeated and virulent assaults upon religion, both by direction and indirection—greatly to the displeasure of a large number of their patrons—will change their cognomens and mail to their mast-heads the black flag of infidelity, and flaunt it in the faces of the Christian people of this commonwealth, then, however much their infidelity might be lamented, no one would have a right to complain. It would give an open field for the contest of truth with error. We are ready for the fray. Such is not the policy of the News and its followings. It is a "go-between" policy, veering to the side of infidelity; saying enough good things to keep down open rebellion and prevent a stampede on the religious side, while by a most extraordinary system of clippings and correspondents—over non de plumes—and throwing batteries are kept in almost daily play. Ministers, churches, and orthodox, in their turn, come in for their share of the spatter and the stench. If a Christian journal complains that justice has not been done—that innocence suffers by misrepresentation, etc., the editor of the News modestly wipes his lips and says: "I have steered clear of this controversy." We submit if it is not strange that so large a proportion of the correspondents of the News are in sympathy with Ingersoll and enemies to religion? We know, whereof we affirm, having been, almost, a daily reader of the News for years. Pity that so grand a paper should lead itself to so base a cause. Is it right or just for a secular journal, whose patronage is based upon its secular character, political, agricultural or otherwise, to obtrude—in violation of an implied contract with its patrons—the offensive balderdash of Bob Ingersoll, even though it be by correspondents or "what the interior papers say"? It is not only discourteous, but an insult wantonly perpetrated and offered as a quid pro quo. He has your money, and in place of a shik, gives you a stone—not in your hand, but in your face.

Is it in bad faith? Is it a moral fraud? Can Christian men endure it, and continue their patronage much longer? We shall see.

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

The leading editorial in the Galveston News of last Sunday is an attempt to prove that morality and religion are identical, and that sects are an unmitigated curse. Its sophistries are as palpable as the claims of that journal to be an "honest chronicler of events" are ridiculous. The article is, in fact, so weak logically that there is no danger in it; and our purpose in even mentioning it will be seen further on. In this same issue of the News is the reported interview of a News correspondent with Col. Ingersoll. His statements are introduced by a fulsome eulogy of this champion of infidelity and license. To show the spirit of the whole production, the following—indorsed, of course, by the News—will suffice. Mr. Ingersoll says: "I do not pretend to be very good. Having been born and reared among Christians who hated each other, my opportunities for being good have been limited. I have been in the midst of bad examples and have, in many instances, imitated the church members of my acquaintance."

In addition to the foregoing "feast," the same issue contains three other infidel articles, over non de plumes. Whether they are veritable contributions, or whether written by attaches of the News, is an open question. A careful examination of the issue of the paper containing this mess of infidelity failed to discover in its columns a single article having an elevating or refining tendency. This is not surprising; we must not expect to find cleanliness in a moral leper. We submit, however, that the Advocate is justified in accusing the News of being the self-constituted organ of infidelity and licentiousness. This established, we hold that it is our duty to insist that it be spurned by every honest man and every honest family. There are several papers in Texas that are fully as valuable as newspapers, and yet do not burden their columns with insults to religious people of every sect. We mention two: the Houston Post and Dallas Herald. The News seems governed entirely by the twitchings of its purse-nerve. We believe it to be the duty of religious people to shock this, its only sensitive organ, to

an extent that will render it at least decent when dealing with them or the sentiments they represent. Is it not the duty of every Christian parent and every friend of morality and religion to work against such a paper as he would against the Police Gazette? Or must we tamely submit to its polluting influences upon our children and our friends?

TYPE-WRITER MUSINGS.

DR. BUCKLEY has an exalted opinion of the importance of what is called the regular pastoral work. In his salutatory in the New York Advocate of June 8, he says: "It is proper to declare, what we only could know, that in twenty-two years of public life, passed wholly in the pastorate, we have not been disappointed. The ministry has afforded a sphere of useful, honorable, and delightful activity. Nothing less than the unsolicited call of the church could justify a willingness to turn aside from it, even for a limited period."

Of the four bishops recently elected in Cincinnati, all were college graduates, and three college presidents. Dr. Warren was taken from the regular pastoral work as Bishop Andrews has been before him. All were from the East, showing that qualifications rather than accidental location determined the election. The M. E. Church directs where her bishops shall live; but then it pays a handsome salary and makes an ample appropriation for the bishops' house-rent. With the meager salary which the Church South pays her bishops, they ought to be permitted to select their own homes, where they can live cheapest.

Would it not be a pretty good plan to form a certain number of districts in the Church South for representation on the mission boards and the publishing-house. Such a plan might add to the expense of annual meetings, but probably the plan would more directly interest the whole church in our great sectional enterprises.

The centennial of American Methodism is to be celebrated in 1881. It is the semi-centennial of Methodism in Texas, churches having been formed at San Augustine and on Cane creek, in Austin county, in 1831. That year Texas ought to raise a thank-offering of at least half-a-million of dollars for her literary institutions.

We had a very pleasant session of our district conference at Goliad, the first week in June. Bro. C. M. Rogers is a capital presiding officer, and inquired carefully into the various interests of the church on the Corpus Christi district. A painful and exaggerated report in reference to one of our pastors had been in circulation for some weeks before the conference met. An investigation, such as the Discipline directs, resulted in a conviction on the part of the committee that the brother was entitled to more sympathy than censure. But does it pay? This long ride in the heat of summer of so many pastors leaving their pulpits, merely to talk over the interests of the church, hear incomplete and unsatisfactory reports, and stand by while the laymen elect delegates to the ensuing annual conference? After carefully considering this question while traveling in the dust with the thermometer up in the nineties for nearly a week, I conclude that it does not pay; and that the district conference ought to be remodeled and given more important work, or dispensed with, and lay delegates elected in some more simple manner by the quarterly conference.

TO-YESTERDAY MORNING I HAD JUST laid hold of the concordance and pen and paper to prepare a sermon for Sunday, when a new book reached me from the postoffice. It was Finley's Life of Bishop Morin. The objection is this: That when dinner was announced I was still, with moistened eyes, pouring over its interesting pages. The whole morning had passed and I had not made a mark toward my new sermon. But, after all, it may be my congregation did not lose much. Mr. Wesley advised his preachers, as a preparation for their work, to spend the mornings in reading religious biography.

A LADY told one of our preachers that she thought a good many of the Methodist ministers would like to have the hands of one of the bishops of "the church" on their heads. And what do you think the irreverent man said? He was quite familiar with sheep; and he said the average Methodist preacher would not give three shakes of a sheep's tail to have the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury, or even the hands of the Pope himself, laid on their heads. The preposterous idea that the copious streams of divine mercy can only flow through hands manipulated by Episcopal digits!

TWO HAPPY EDITORS.—The editor of Harper's Weekly, because Grant was not nominated at Chicago; and the editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, because Fowler was defeated in his aspirations for the Episcopacy.

WHY WAS CHRIST BAPTIZED?—One of the most satisfactory answers to this question that we remember to have seen was given by the German Theologian, Lucke: "Only by entering into

that community which was to be introductory to the Messianic, by attaching Himself to John the Baptist like any other man, was it possible for Christ to reveal Himself to the Baptist and through him to others." But why was Christ circumcised, and the fact so distinctly recorded? This religious rite was most formally instituted, most imperatively enjoined, and its observance enforced with the severest penalties—but why was Christ subjected to it? Not to give Him a name, for that had been given by the angel that announced His birth; not to indicate that His sin must be subdued; He had no talent of human depravity. Why, then, was He circumcised? Because the Holy Ghost knew that the time would come in future apostasies in the church, when some would deny the rights of infants to membership in God's church; and it was so ordered that this example of the parents of Jesus in bringing Him into the church in His infancy might be a perpetual and scathing rebuke to such as should hereafter prohibit parents from placing their children in conventional relation with God.

REV. DR. CHASE, of the Baylor University, is not a monopolist. Having freely received—he is both a D.D. and an LL.D.—he freely gives. At the late commencement at Independence three new doctors of divinity were created; and an equal number of doctors of law—all worthily we presume.

Some three years ago, this type-writer formed a very agreeable acquaintance with Rev. Dr. Buckley, of New York, then on a visit to San Antonio. The impression made was that he was a warm-hearted, fair-minded, genial, Christian gentleman; and we venture the prediction that the tone of the great official towards the South will be very materially changed under the new editor. So note it!

SOME of the secular papers have charged the Advocate with endeavoring to correct church and State because it claimed that moral and religious people should be represented in legislative halls. These papers have forgotten to explain why religious people are, as a rule, excluded from offices of honor and trust. They have failed to show that members of the different churches are not as capable and reliable as liquor-drinkers, gamblers and professional political hacks. These latter characters often fill our highest offices of State and literally swear in the municipal offices of our cities and towns. Will these friends of freedom tell us why it is that the number of moral and religious men in public office is so small in proportion to their numbers, and their wealth, their intelligence, and their social and moral worth? Is there anything in our institutions which acts as a bar to the official promotion of church members? By what law of affinity or of selection do these offices, as a rule, gravitate into the hands of men of questionable moral character? When the papers which have been clamoring over the utterances of the Advocate have answered these questions, we will be ready to show the men that the election of moral and religious men to a fair proportion of public offices does not involve either directly or indirectly the union of church and State. We will also be prepared to show that the union of State and whisky-sings is a curse already upon us, and that the people are becoming tired of the unwholy alliance. Much as a certain class of journals may ridicule these positions held by the Advocate, the moral and law-abiding people of Texas are waking up to their importance. WEEKLY sold in the schools, denouncing the morals of the people and breeding brawls and tangles in every community, is a curse of which the people are becoming weary; but when the trail of the serpent is seen in legislative halls and traced in the unfaithful endorsement of law by sworn officers, the weariness of the people will rise to indignation, and their right of self-protection against this enormous evil will be uttered in tones that party leaders will not dare to ignore.

NO PREFACE OF APOLOGY is needed to a newspaper article, especially to one conveying laws, either of a secular or religious character. One is now before us. It begins: "It may be that some one would be glad to know how we are getting along here. I have seen nothing from our preacher yet, so I thought I would put it in." That is not news, and the editor, if he is on the watch, will be sure to leave it out, and give the facts the letter contains. Another opens thus: "This is the first time I ever took up my pen to address a letter to a paper, and I would not do so now, but I feel impressed with the importance of the great evils about which I am writing, and as no one else is disposed to warn the people of their danger, I must be the victim immolated on the altar." That part of the article was left out. It is not necessary to tell people that one is an inexperienced writer, as they will be apt to find it out. We are pleased to encourage young and draw their pen. It is not best to advertise their own imperfections; they will speak for themselves. Another says: "I have been so pressed for want of time, that this article has been written in great haste, and I have not been able to correct the mistakes, and spelling, and grammar. Will the editor attend to this for me." As the editor will very possibly "spell" the article through before he hands it to the printer, if it ever gets that far, the above request was superfluous, and was cut out of the article. We will add this comment: "We doubt whether there is a man in the land who has really less time to mend other people's blunders than an editor. If one frankly tells us he has not had experience in writing, and has done the best in his power, we most cheerfully help him; but any one who has not time to correct his own errors, has not time to write for a paper at all.

In conversation with the publishers of the Advocate we have learned the fact that there still remains about \$1700 of the amounts due at the last conference of subscribers of last year and possibly of the years preceding. This imposes on them a burden more weighty than they should be called upon to carry. They have to carry the Advocate through the summer months, as a large proportion of subscriptions are payable by the agents at conference, and when settlements are not made and accounts closed up at that time, it leaves them with a large amount to provide for and yet carry on the Advocate. Will those who have not settled their last year's accounts make a strong effort to bring up their arrears? It will be an item of no small importance to the publishers. They have no trouble in carrying on their business if all the agents are prompt.

SOME disappointment is expressed in Northern Methodist circles that the General Conference did not provide for the ordination of women as ministers, and also for their appointment as pastors. The New York Methodist, with characteristic sound sense, suggests that "whenever churches demand them as pastors, they will get them." The supply it seems in this case has come in a good distance ahead of the demand. The Methodist also suggests that under Methodism usage in making appointments, one pastor must supply in the course of time several charges. The fact that one charge may approve a woman as pastor does not meet the case. The approval must be general, so that the woman, as pastor, could itinerate and be acceptable everywhere. St. Paul evidently comprehended the situation when he gave his opinion on the subject a long while ago. The relations of the sexes are unchanged, and woman has never yet been retired from the exalted rank of wifehood and motherhood. She can never rise above this plain of duty or find a field of weightier responsibilities.

The following is the report of the committee on the change of pastorate in the late General Conference in Cincinnati. The report was adopted:

"We recommend that the general limitation of the pastoral term to three years be not changed. No safe plan of provision for exceptional cases has, as yet, in their judgment, been proposed. In view of the different times of the sessions of different conferences, whereby pastoral terms often expire in the middle of the conference year, they recommend an amendment of the Discipline, paragraph 157, section 3, page 165, by inserting the following words: 'Nevertheless, if in any case the term of three years shall expire in the interim of an annual conference, he may continue until the next session, provided the same shall not be more than six months.' The committee also proposed that a conference adopted another 'exception'—the Germans on the Pacific coast."

TUX ABBE DEVAIZE, a French explorer, laboring in the interest of his church, was seized with a dangerous illness while visiting Lake Tanganyika, Africa. The missionaries of the London Society at that point took him to their mission house and nursed him as a brother. The French Government, in a letter to the Marquis of Salisbury, acknowledges to the officers of the society the judgment rendered by them to one of its agents, a Frenchman, in the presence of paganism, the bonds of Christian sympathy rise above all other distinctions.

A PLAN is now under consideration for the training of native explorers in Africa. They can stand the climate far better than Americans or Europeans. It will not be long before the rivers, mountains and deserts of Africa will be traced on the school-boy's atlas, and its broad rivers navigated by steamers, and its forests crossed by iron rails. The missionary plungered from the heart of Africa, and it will be the work of the missionary to bring it to Christ.

If statements in the papers are true, quite a number of members of Congress should return to the government their pay as Congressmen for the time they spent attending party caucuses at Chicago. They were elected to perform certain acts, and yet they employ days and weeks in other engagements, and draw their pay. This is only one instance of hundreds of official dishonesty that are bringing shame and disaster on our nation. Official corruption will taint the morality of private life.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC priest in Messina, Sicily, recently challenged the Protestants to a public discussion, which challenge was accepted. The result was that the Protestants secured large audiences of Catholics whom they were unable to reach before. The newspapers have taken up the question, and the result is that the public mind of that region is stirred on the subject of religion as it has not been for centuries.

REV. N. L. STEPP, from Angus, Navarro county, sends us another good list of subscribers, and the following handsome compliment to the Advocate: "Most of these have been subscribers heretofore. I find no trouble in getting those to subscribe who have once been readers. * * * Shall have more subscribers soon. The Advocate is highly spoken of. * * * It is regarded as a household necessity. We can not very well afford to do without it."

Just to keep their hands in—to fill up the chinks, as it were—in the American Book Exchange, New York, puts forth as separate book-lets, "The Manliness of Christ," by Thos. Hughes; and "The Light of Asia," by Edwin Arnold. They have already been given to the subscribers to the "Liberty Magazine," and will be furnished to the rest of the world at three cents for the first five cents for the second. Don't buy one without the other.

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LONGVIEW, Gregg County, June 19. —Come Out of that House! Car Toot, consist of that lot! We are anxious to know something of the state of your health.

A WORTHY brother, having a heavy charge on his hands, did not feel that he had the time to properly and thoroughly canvass for the Advocate. But he felt that it was his duty to see that it was done; and, therefore, induced an active young man in his charge to take the work in hand.

MARRIED. EVELYN—CHILDRESS—At the residence of Mr. Quinn, June 14, 1880, by Rev. G. V. Ridley, Mr. B. A. Evans and Miss Alice Childress.

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THE Library Magazine for June is at hand. It is like an egg—for it contains the largest amount of nutriment in the smallest compass; it is not like an egg, it will not spoil in keeping.

THE following are the delegates elected to the ensuing annual conference: J. C. C. Winch, E. E. Rice, Thos. Martin, and D. J. Parker; alternates, Benj. Allen, Joe Chaney, Geo. Clothier and M. Northington.

THE PINE HILL CIRCUIT is in a flourishing condition; the finances well up; the spiritual condition good; the Sunday-school cause prosperous; crops very fine; and the general outlook very flattering.

CHARACTER AND WORK OF A GOSPEL MINISTER.—A discourse delivered before the ordination of deacons at the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Abingdon, Virginia, Sunday morning, October 29, 1870, by Bishop G. F. Pierce.

THOU FOOL.—What a difference between God's measure of the man and the man's measure of himself! The man looked at the false self his friends had made for him, and the terms in his heart, if not on his lips, were: "Wealthy citizen," "man of importance," "wise man," "great man."

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The camp-meeting at the camp-ground on Spring creek, six miles northeast of Hockley, will commence on Friday night before the first Sunday in August next. Ministerial help much needed. Come and help us take Walker county for the Lord.—J. W. KELLEY.

JEFFERSON, Marion Co., June 15.

Members and delegates to district conference at Jefferson will be entitled to round trip tickets for one and one-half fare on the Texas and Pacific Railroad in the bounds of Jefferson district. Also the same rate on East Line and Red River Railroad from Pittsburg to Jefferson.—D. M. PROCTOR.

COLD SPRINGS, San Jacinto Co., June 11.

June 11.—Our M. E. Sunday-school in full blast. Attendance and lessons good. Rain plenty. Crop prospects fine. Farmers in good spirits, and of course there will be no trouble to pay our preacher, if all will respond. The circuit rider at his post; all like him. Success to you and the ADVOCATE.—F. MATSON.

CENTRE CITY, Hamilton Co., June 12.

In connection with Bro. E. F. Kahle, of Lampasas and Burnett station, and Father C. N. McGuire, superintendent, I held a meeting at Centre City, Lampasas county, which resulted in several conversions and the organization of a church of seventeen members. The meeting closed with several penitents at the altar.—J. PARKER.

JUNE 16.—Camp-Meetings: There will be a camp-meeting in the vicinity of Willis, Montgomery county, Texas, commencing Thursday before the third Sunday in August next. Preachers are earnestly requested to attend. Brethren do not wait for a special solicitation. All the persons invited to come. It will be conducted on the self-supporting plan.—J. M. PEAR.

DENTON, Denton County, June 16.—The prospects for a good corn and cotton crop in this county are fine; small grain is somewhat mature. I hope that Bro. Graves' prediction will not prove true. Both preacher and people on this work stand in need of a great revival; we can't get along well without it. May copious showers of grace descend upon us. Bro. Haislip was with us on the first Sabbath and aroused the people to the importance of reading the Bible.—J. W. BLACKBURN.

JONESBORO CIRCUIT, Coryell Co., June 14.—We, the members of the quarterly conference of Jonesboro circuit, Stephenville district, Northwest Texas, convened at Rock church, Resolved, 1. That we pledge ourselves not to vote for any man for any office of honor or trust in the future who is a habitual drunkard or is given to drunkenness. 2. That we heartily endorse the course pursued by the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in denouncing the Sunday law, and bid it God-speed. The vote was unanimous.—R. J. PERRY.

HILLSBORO, Hill County, June 14.—The quarterly meeting for this circuit last Saturday; attendance of officials good; presiding elder present; business disposed of in order; steps were taken to pay off the old parsonage debt, which will be a great relief to the conference. Our presiding elder preached nine splendid sermons for us, in which he set forth some of the doctrines of our church in a clear light. His preaching, I think, will result in much good. Crop prospects are fine indeed; plenty of rain for crops; stock water rather scarce; health good; the people ought to be happy.—J. J. DAVIS.

WILLS POINT, VanZandt County, June 14.—Terrell District Conference convened at Wills Point on Thursday, June 24th. Rev. James McDougal will preach the opening sermon. Provision will be made for the comfort of all who may come. On arrival, delegates and visitors will call at Gilechrist's home, where homes will be assigned them. Our purpose is to render all comfortable and pleasant. Come praying for a revival of religion and the conversion of sinners. "Come over and help us," we cry.—C. J. McWHIRTER.

Belton, Bell Co., June 16.—Part 1: First—Two or three years ago Brother Ben Wilson, of Wilson's Valley, on Little river, nine miles from Belton, housed 1014 bushels of corn from ten acres of land, making 101 2-3 bushels per acre. Second—This was the thirty-fourth year Bro. W. had planted seed from this corn. Inferring: The folly of sending North for seed, and the wisdom of improving seed we have. Why should Car Toon withdraw his pen and say "good-bye" to the readers of the ADVOCATE? Surely there was a conscience behind that pen. Come, Bro. C. T., give us the truth it exists; and let Dr. Mitchell do the same.—J. FRANK COX.

STEPHENSVILLE, Erath Co., June 16.—Strayed or Stolen: A light bay horse, six years old, branded with milk-shoe on left shoulder, large feet, hind feet white, one up to pastern, the other quite so high; saddle and harness marks, small lump on the point of each shoulder, trots and paces roughly, notices quickly the calling of his name.—Jo. Will every brother or friend who remits this, notice for him? He is no doubt somewhere in reach of our ADVOCATE.—F. C. STEPHENS, 27

DOUGLASS, Nacogdoches Co., June 11.—Another Good Word for Car Toon: Yes, sir, we admire the heroism of the man who has the nerve and moral stamina to openly expose the corruption, malfeasance, duplicity, sin, wickedness and drunkenness in some of our country's officials, whether of State, municipal or county. We repeat that we admire such heroism in any man, be his name Car Toon or Tar Toon, or anything else. We think Car Toon has done a good work, even though he erred in some respects.—D. C. NEEL.

SIDE SPRINGS CIRCUIT, Comanche county, May 28.—We are having some indications of good times soon on this border work. We have a good Sunday-school at Oakland. Parents, children, teachers and superintendent all seem to feel great interest. Our regular weekly prayer-meeting is kept up, yet religion seems to be slumbering, and were it not for the untiring efforts and zeal of our preacher, Bro. G. F. Fair, and the prayers of God's people, we fear I would be asleep most soundly. Bro. Fair's last round he baptized 13 children. O for a mighty shaking among the dry bones, when many shall awake out of sleep and the dead lethargy of sin, and come to the knowledge of the truth and light as it is in Christ Jesus. We had a fine rain last night; corn and cotton crop prospects good; wheat a failure; health generally good.—MARY A. WEAVER.

It has been quite the fashion of the press of late to ask: "Where do the boys spend their evenings?" and now some one turns the tables: "Where do the fathers spend their's?"

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Curing the most inveterate cases of skin diseases, such as Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Barber's Itch, Sores, all crusty, scaly itching, skin eruptions, and that distressing complaint, Itching Piles. As a blood purifier and liver regulator, Swayne's Tar and Sassafras Pills are excellent. Cure Scurvy and Nervous Headache, Indigestion, ward off Malarial Fevers, cleanse the system and bowels of all impurities, resorting to healthy activity every organ of the human body. Price 25 cents a box, five boxes \$1. Ointment, 50 cents, three boxes \$1.25. Can be sent by mail to any address on receipt of price. Address letters, Dr. Swayne & Co., No. 52 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia. Sold by all leading druggists. Thompson, Scott & Co., Galveston, wholesale agents; Morley Bros., Austin.

HON. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, JR., W. Beckwith, Bishop of Georgia; Gen. John B. Gordon, U. S. Senator; Hon. John Gill Shorter, Rt. Rev. Bishop Pierce, J. Edgar Thompson, Hon. B. H. Hill, Hon. John C. Breckenridge, Prof. David Willis, D.D.; Hiram Warner, Chief Justice of Georgia; Lewis Wunder, Asst. P. M., Philadelphia, and many others—names of eminent and well known individuals who certify from actual experience to the great success of the Regulator in subduing diseases. No preparation ever offered to the public recommended as is Simmons' Liver Regulator. Its virtues have received every form of endorsement that incredulity could demand. Be sure you obtain the genuine in the white wrapper, with the red Z and signature of J. H. Zellin & Co.

Dr. Dobbs says: Sometime since I was at an Association. The windows were closed; the people were gasping. At a suitable point I rose and addressed the Chair. I said, 'I rise, sir, to a question of privilege.' The Moderator said, 'Reverend Doctor Dobbs will please to state his question of privilege.' I said, 'My question is this: would it not be a privilege for us to breathe?'

A STATE NUMEROUSLY INHABITED, but not on the map: The State of suspense.

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NEWS.

A MAJORITY of the French cabinet have declared in favor of amnesty.

BOSTON celebrated the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill in fine style June 16.

SEVEN Russian war vessels have been inspected and placed in readiness to reinforce the fleet in eastern waters.

THE supervisor of the census at New York says the population of that city is between 1,300,000 and 1,500,000.

THE supreme court of Louisiana decides that the license law, taxing commercial travelers from other States \$25 per month, is unconstitutional.

J. K. EMMETT, a leading low comedian of the American stage, has been arrested and sent to an inebriate asylum at New York, on complaint of his wife.

JUDGE J. B. HOWELL, of Keokuk, Iowa, a veteran newspaper man, once a United States Senator, and until its expiration, a member of the Southern claims commission, is dead.

EX-GOV. BROWN, of Mississippi, was thrown from his horse last week into a pond and drowned before assistance could be rendered him. He had served two terms in the United States Senate.

MEMPHIS has laid more than twenty miles of sewerage and thirty miles of the drains since the close of the last epidemic, and its citizens are now confident that yellow fever will not find lodgment there.

THE First National Bank of Brattleboro, Vt., has failed—with liabilities at \$450,000. The failure was caused by forgeries and rascally transactions of its president (Waite for a number of years past).

IN the distribution of prizes to exhibitors at the international fishery exhibition, at Berlin, the first honorary prize was awarded to Prof. Baird, of the Smithsonian Institute. The United States will also receive a gold medal and an address.

THE department of Agriculture reports that the acreage of spring wheat in the United States shows a very slight increase over that of last year. Winter wheat is generally reported in good condition. Cotton prospects are better than in 1879, as the weather has been uniformly favorable.

FIVE men employed by a Philadelphia guano company were blown from the shore of Yucatan in a yawl-boat, during a gale on the 9th instant, and drifted for three or four days without food or water. They were finally picked up by a vessel bound for Galveston, and have been landed at this port.

THE supplementary European congress met at Berlin, June 16, to consider measures for the enforcement of the treaty signed at that city two years ago, in relation to eastern affairs. It is thought that the French propositions will finally be adopted. Turkish officials are said to look upon a war with Greece as the only means of solving the problem. Ex-Minister Layard is authority for the statement that the Ottomans are weary of European interferences, and ready for anything which promises to relieve them from it.

A peculiar epidemic broke out at North Adams, Miss., during the past week. At last accounts there were between 700 and 1000 cases. As yet none have died. The malady is similar to cholera-morbus in its effects. There are a number of theories advanced as to the origin of the disease—but nothing so far discovered to solve the mystery.

THE will of Mrs. S. A. Dorsey bequeathed her property to ex-President Jefferson Davis. It was contested on the ground of insanity and of undue influence exercised by the legate. In his testimony Mr. Davis said that Mrs. Dorsey believed the confederacy still existed, that its truths were eternal and would prevail. He also believed that and if that was insanity, both he and Mrs. Dorsey were insane.

BISHOP PRATER and Dr. McFerrin, according to Nashville Advertiser, are both improving in health.

REV. THOS. MORGAN, Hartford, Morgan county, Alabama—having spent all his money for provisions to do until harvest, and now that harvest is a complete failure—offers a select library of 263 volumes for \$175. Send for catalogue.

BISHOP SCOTT writes in a note to Bishop Hand: "The General conference maintained its reputation for sound Methodist common sense to the last. I am better, but feeble and dizzy. The Lord be with you."

IN pursuance of the action of the late General Conference, the residences of the bishops have been fixed for the four years as follows, namely: Bishop Simpson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bishop Bowman, St. Louis, Mo.; Bishop Harris, New York, N. Y.; Bishop Foster, Boston, Mass.; Bishop Wiley, Cincinnati, O.; Bishop Merrill, Chicago, Ill.; Bishop Andrews, Washington, D. C.; Bishop Peck, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bishop Warren, Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Foss, St. Paul, Minn.; Bishop Hunt, Des Moines, Iowa; Bishop Haven, San Francisco, Cal.

REV. E. B. LOCKWOOD, pastor of the 26th street M. E. Church, N. Y., perished in the Narragansett disaster chronicled last week. He had a presentiment which he communicated to a friend the day before, that he would not live long. On the evening before he met his death he was reading Thomas Paine's "Age of Reason." On a fly-leaf of the book he wrote: "If I go down with this book to-night, I should be ashamed to have it found with me, were it not that I read it to refute its doctrines."

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MISTAKES AND PREJUDICE OF Religious and Temperance Journals.

Some good Religious and Temperance journals are making the mistake of declining to advertise a most valuable anti-intoxicating medicine, simply because it is called "Bitters," while the same journals are making a greater mistake by advertising some drunken whisky stuff, or nostrum, because it has some nice, fancy, descriptive name, ending with "cure," "the," "printed on its label, when the bottle is filled with destruction, drunkenness and death. If these good journals would take the trouble to ascertain how many over-worked clergymen have had their lost nerve-force, brain-waste and flagging energy restored by the use of Hop Bitters, enabling them to perform their arduous pastoral duties and preach the good sermons that they would have been totally unable to do but for this valuable medicine, and did these journals but know of the host of good Christian temperance workers who rely on them for their family medicine, and how many invalid homes they could make happy and what glad tidings they would send to every neighborhood by publishing the merits of Hop Bitters, they would advertise them without money and praise. And did these journals but know how many have been, and may be saved from forming intemperate habits by doctors prescribing Hop Bitters, instead of beer, where the use of hops are needed, (there being more actual hop strength in one bottle of Hop Bitters than in a barrel of beer, without any of the intoxicating or evil effects of beer), they would lay aside their fear and prejudice against the word "bitters."

A few of the many witnesses from religious and temperance sources are given below, who use, recommend and advertise Hop Bitters.

THE President and Manager of Hop Bitters Mfg. Co. is a veteran Temperance advocate and worker of forty-eight years' service; every man in the Company is an active Temperance worker, and the Company spends thousands of dollars annually in Temperance and Christian work.

What the Religious Press Says.

WE are not in the habit of making editorial mention of patent medicines, but in case of Hop Bitters, feel free to do so, because their merits deserve to be known. For this reason, we have published the following:

Northern Christian Advocate Syracuse, N. Y.

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And over five hundred more Religious and Temperance papers.

Pittsford, Mass., Sept. 28, 1878.

Sir—I have taken Hop Bitters and recommend them to others, as I found them very beneficial. Mrs. J. W. TULLER, Sec'y Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 4, 1879.

Dear Sir—Why don't you get a certificate from Col. W. H. W., of Baltimore, showing how he cured himself of drunkenness by the help of Hop Bitters. His is a wonderful case. He is well known in Rochester, N. Y., by all the drinking people there. He is known in this city, Cincinnati, New Orleans, New York; in fact, all over the country, as he has spent thousands of dollars for rum. I honestly believe his card would be worth thousands of dollars to you in this city and Baltimore alone, and make thousands of sober men by inducing the use of your Bitters. J. A. W.

Eleven years our daughter suffered on a bed of misery under the care of several of the best physicians, who gave her disease various names, but no relief; and now she is restored to us in good health by Hop Bitters—that we had pooled at two years before using it. We earnestly hope and pray that no one else will let their sick suffer as we did, on account of prejudice against so good a medicine as Hop Bitters. The Parents—J. and T. Temple.

Milton, Del., Feb. 10, 1880.

Having used Hop Bitters, the noted remedy for debility, nervousness, indigestion, etc., I have no hesitation in saying that it is indeed an excellent medicine, and recommend it to any one as a truly tonic bitters. Respectfully, Rev. Mrs. J. H. ELIAGOOD.

I declined to insert your advertisement of Hop Bitters last year, because I then thought they might not be promotive of the cause of Temperance, but find they are, and a very valuable medicine, myself and wife having been greatly benefited by them, and I take great pleasure in making them known. Rev. JOHN SEAMAN, Editor Home Sentinel, Atron, N. Y.

Sept. 1, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1879.

I am the pastor of the Baptist church here and an educated physician. I am not in practice, but am my wife's family physician, and advise in many chronic cases. Over a year ago I recommended your Hop Bitters to my invalid wife, who has been under medical treatment of Albany's best physicians several years. She has been greatly benefited and still uses the medicine. I believe she will become thoroughly cured of her various complicated diseases by their use. We both recommend them to our friends, many of whom have also been cured of their various ailments by them. REV. E. R. WARREN.

Cured of Drinking.

"A young friend of mine was cured of an insatiable thirst for liquor that had so prostrated his system that he was unable to do any business. He was entirely cured by the use of Hop Bitters. It allayed all that burning thirst; took away the appetite for liquor; made him sober and steady man for more than two years, and has no desire to return to his cups; and I know of a number of others that have been cured of drinking by it."—From a leading R. B. Official, Chicago, Ill.

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Jottings.

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The country along the "Tram-Continent," with the exception of a small section about Dekalb, until one crosses Kickapoo creek, is exceedingly poor. Here the traveler emerges suddenly into one of the most fertile regions in Texas, not excepting Collin county, the oldest town on this side of Marshall. In 1836 a land office was established near it. It has never grown much, owing to several destructive fires, and not a little to the absence of a spirit of enterprise. A new spring of action is now propelling it onward, proudly as yet as you stand in the public square, while workmen are laying brick in the walls of four or five more. A new Methodist church under contract here.

On to Paris, queen of beauty, among the rising cities of Texas. Paris did not grow by "mansuetudo Transpor." Her schools and churches built her before the railroad epoch. Her progress was gradual, but steady. Nearly three years ago her heart was burnt out by fire; now her public square presents stately business houses; other portions, palatial residences and beautiful country, the localities of shrubbery and flower-yards enhancing her beauty, and well cultivated gardens ministering to the appetite; in a word, Paris is all lovely to the eye and heart. Thence to Honey Grove—brilliant set in ebony—noble people; refined, noble people; good schools.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

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June 18—A. N. Keen sub. John R. White, sub. J. R. Wages, subs. C. B. Fladger, change. E. A. Bailey, sub. John R. Kennedy, change. J. H. Chambers, subs. Isaac S. Ashburn, sub. E. S. Smith, sub. W. P. Smith, sub. \$2.50 for renewal. M. B. Johnson, subs. J. A. Allison, sub. J. A. Allison, sub. J. A. Allison, sub. C. H. Smith, subs. Sam. C. Vaughan, subs. Marion Mills, subs. N. L. Stepp, subs. John H. Trimble, sub. S. H. Kenyon, sub.

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St. Louis, June 17.—"Time flies," and so do men. My last letter to the Advocate was written from Boston. Now I am in St. Louis, and by the time this is printed I will be in Galveston—the beautiful island of the sea. Since I left the "hub," I have visited New York, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Chicago and several small places; and now, after a year's travel for the Advocate, during which time I have visited all the large cities and many of the small ones between the Mississippi Valley and the Atlantic, I am making over the general popularity of the Texas Christian Advocate. It is now accepted as one of the very best advertising mediums in the South, and it is looked upon as a paper highly creditable to the moral sentiment of Texas. A paper is the index to the morality and enterprise of the people of the community and State where it is published; and undertake to say that there is no paper in Texas doing more for the State than the Advocate. Its mission of usefulness in the future will be gauged by its circulation. The greater its circulation, the greater the good it will be able to perform. Its friends North hope to see it grow in the future as rapidly as it has the past few years. Texas is a big State, and should have big newspapers, not only in size, but in ability, circulation and influence.

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Rockwall County and Rockwall Circuit.

Rockwall county is only about twelve miles square; but the character of the soil, the variety and quantity of its productions, make it the "garden spot of Texas." This county has railroad facilities within eight to twenty miles, so that our people have all the practical or real benefits of railroads, and at the same time are free from a great many unpleasant circumstances which are always found nearer to them. We have about six hundred qualified voters; yet if we weigh the moral character of our citizens, instead of counting the number of inhabitants, Rockwall county is not second in any of the States. Ours is a local option county. We have a neat jail in a good state of repair, but without a single occupant. Our people are waking up in regard to the moral character of the men who are to fill offices of profit or honor. This is a good move in the right direction, and it is no small matter, as it is contrasted with official positions in the general, State and county government. In proof of this significant state of things, I give you the substance of the platform of a new temperance order now operating in the bounds of my circuit. Ours is a Band of Texas, being loyal to God and our country. We believe that choosing immoral men to fill the offices of our country is displeasing to God, and that their example is injurious to the rising generation; we therefore pledge ourselves not to accept of profit or honor who are guilty of intemperance and gambling in any of their varied forms, or encourage either by precept or example, or who is known or believed to be opposed to the Sunday law. This movement is not of the church, but embraces the good men of the county at large—both religious and irreligious. I am not a member of the body. How many other counties are doing similar work?

Rockwall circuit has six organized appointments, which aggregate 421 members. A large percentage of our membership has moved here from other States and older confederates: Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Mississippi being largely represented. I do not want any better appointment than the Rockwall circuit. This charge has three good church houses located on thirteen acres of land properly deeded to our church. At each one of these churches there is a good grave-yard in good repair, owned and cared for by the church; also one parsonage, with one-half acre of ground, good cisterns of water and firewood within three hundred yards of the house. The house has five rooms, and any man can keep himself and family dry, warm and satisfied, unless he belongs to the place-hunting and rather-hed class, who are either contract "disease" or join some other church whenever they do not get appointments worthy of their gifts, graces and usefulness. Assessments for the present year are as follows, viz: Bishops claims, \$9; presiding elder, \$85; pastor, \$25; collections ordered by the annual conference in the aggregate, \$121. Paid presiding elder \$42 50; preacher in charge, \$171 40; foreign missions, \$5; repairs, etc., 417 45; for the poor, \$78. Ten additions by certificate; three by ritual; four infants; four deaths; and a number of renewals by certificate. Crops fine; health good. We are in a good humor with ourselves and everybody else. We are laboring for, and expecting a pleasant year, with a happy creditable close.—JAMES McDUGALL.

WEATHERFORD, Parker County, June 1, 1880.—Sunday, 30th, was a day of some interest and significance at Wade's Chapel, on Weatherford circuit. The centennial of the Sunday-school organization by Robt. Raikes in the city of Liverpool England, was celebrated in appropriate services. Much, however, of which our attention had been made the procession with banners bearing suitable mottoes, the arbor decorations, etc., was given up because of a very sad occurrence which took place on the day before: A young gentleman who had met regularly with the Sunday-school at Wade's chapel (though his name was not on the Sunday-school roll, yet participated in the music of the school), was instantly killed while working a ferry-boat, by a blow on the head from a windlass. At 11 o'clock, however, the services, under a spacious arbor, were introduced by the choir in the use of that most touchingly pathetic Sunday-school song: "When our work is ended, we shall sweetly rest," etc. This was followed by a superlative address by Judge J. M. Richards, of Weatherford, who abounded in rich and appropriate thought, easy flowing style, figures not infrequently reaching out into the sublime, language select, chaste, beautiful. Address quite apropos. Sure enough, Texas-like, they started the little wheel after the big one, and up I got and started away with an utterly imprudent talk of about thirty minutes. One gentleman in the audience said he came near crying out, amen; when I began; and I cannot tell why he did not carry out his prompting severely when I ended. Now came another of those sweet Sunday-school songs by the choir, rendered very pleasantly. Then came the benediction, Amen. After that, something else; and though the last in the programme, I am satisfied it was not the least. Had you, Mr. Editor, been where I was you could have made a number of rich notes for your big circuit talk. That sumptuous and richly prepared dinner that was spread out on the improvised table of suitable dimensions, was enough to elicit the appetite of the most fastidious, and satiate the cravings of the epicure himself. And, to be sure, I never saw a discussion proceed with greater avidity. When the company had to turn away, because they had indulged to repletion, there was still a bountiful supply. Weatherford circuit still lives and at some points there are signs of spiritual vitality. We have organized two live Sunday-schools. Working well. Hope to organize one other. People very attentive to the word. As a general thing, the people are thus far too much in love with the world to love religion. I am sorry that this sentiment has too general an ap-

plication. Yet there are some whose God is the Lord, who desire, labor, and pray, for a general outpouring of the spirit. May God grant them the desire of their hearts.—GASKELL.

Dancing.

In my observations on this subject I have answered two questions: 1. Is dancing right? 2. Is it wrong? I think I have made it clear that it is not right, and it therefore follows that it is wrong. I have further adduced irrefutable proofs that it is wrong. Of course my remarks apply to dancing where the two sexes participate. It is here that the chief trouble lies. Separate the two sexes in dancing and it would be at an end. Men never dance alone; women never dance alone. It is the intermingling of the two sexes that gives it the charm. There are other diversions in which men or women engage alone; why not in this? The modern dance has been carried to the extent that it becomes more and more fascinating to many the nearer the sexes are brought in proximity to each other. There is a nearness of approach to each other that would not have been tolerated in the dance of thirty years ago. Here is what a man of the world said about the waltz soon after it was introduced into this country from Paris: "We claim to be the city of Jesuitism, not even jealous of those amusements, nor even jealous of those amusements, nor even ashamed to participate; but we are compelled to say that the modern fashion of waltzing is an indecent exhibition that ought to be impudently banished from respectable drawing-rooms. It is one of those foreign importations that should never have been encouraged by the class of American citizens that gave tone and character to society. It had its origin in the voluptuous orgies of the ungodly Parisians, and is a gross scandal even to that city of dissipation. It is nothing but a hug and whirl; and when a couple embrace for such a violent performance, modesty would suggest that every other person should leave the room." This was written near thirty years ago. What is the state of the case now? Why, our town has introduced the waltz into every city, town and hamlet of the land. To quote, in concluding this article from another: "Could we divest dancing of all the sanction of custom, or had we never seen nor heard of such an amusement, every man of sense and woman of modesty would pronounce it grossly immodest and not to be tolerated in civilized society. The artfully arranged pantomime, the turns, the touching passes, the advance and retreat, the oft-repeated grasp and pressure of the hand, the swimming waltz performed in each others embrace, all these have a natural language more eloquent in its appeal to the passions than its translation into words could be." I may add that there are doubtless many purblind belles and some men who indulge in this amusement who would blush with horror from their minds any such unbecoming passions as it is calculated to excite. We only show the matter in a truthful light, without applying the subject to individual cases.

The Dance.

Some time since I was conversing with a friend who is a warm advocate of the modern dance. He had in his possession a copy of the leading organ of a church venerable for its age, in which appeared an article copied from a secular paper advocating the dance and the ball-room. The article claimed that Christian people were continually crying dancing down as a sin, and yet they were unable to prove their position, nor were they offering anything in its place. This furnishes strong help to the advocates of the ball-room. They assume that the dance, or a substitute for it, is an absolute necessity to our young people; our friends insisted that the argument was unanswerable, and that the church must change its ground, or the dance would supplant it. We are not prepared to admit that the dance is a necessity. A soul which has found peace with God, and which seeks the study of his higher nature in the joys, the hopes, the duties of religion, will feel no need in that line of pleasure opened by the ball-room. The pleasures of sin have no attraction for a soul supplied with richer joys. Again, the influence of the dance is directly against religious advancement. Let a young man, whose moral and religious impressions have led him to seek and find the Savior, indulge in this worldly pleasure and habitually attend the ball-room, and all good impressions will soon be checked, his interest in religion will die out, and his place in the house of God will be forsaken. This has been the experience of thousands. Whenever a man who professes to be a Christian advocates the ball-room and the dance, you may set it down that there is something wrong in his religious condition.—W. H. McSARLYN.

Who Shall Teach the Youth of Our Country?

This is an important question, at least it should be with every inhabitant of the globe. Shall we have men of pure principles, or corrupt ones? Shall they be men of morality, or immorality? Shall they be men of integrity, or corruption? Do we want men who are temperate and without blemish of character, or those who are intemperate, giving vent to that burning and corrupt appetite, and whose characters are sinned by intemperance or some other degrading act? It is time for all who are interested in this matter to reflect seriously on this subject. Why is infidelity and corruption taking such a hold upon our country? Sir, it is owing, to a very great extent, to infidels and men of corrupted principles being allowed to teach the youth of our country. God Almighty pity the children who are taught by such teachers! Children are apt to, and should, look upon their preceptor as a model of a man. Then should his conduct and examples be corrupted, how naturally they will settle in the minds of his pupils. Yet I have known men employed as teachers who were drunkards, and even one who was an infidel. O WHERE SHALL THIS EVIL EVER END? Children naturally obtain enough of the evil principles without having them inculcated by their tutors. Then let us have for teachers men of pure principles, who will not only teach what is printed in their school books,

but who will ever strive to teach them morality, truth, love and virtue. One who sells true examples, worthy to be followed by children; one who is bright and shining light to those around him; one whose motto will ever be esse quam videri. We have seen communication after communication regarding the election of officers which they regard as a sacred trust, and indeed it is; yet we have never seen an article on this subject; and where can be found a more sacred trust than this? Then let every man upon whom this sacred trust rests upon him, for much depends on the proper training of children. Habits formed in early youth will long be retained.—J. D. CROCKETT.

A Criticism.

In the ADVOCATE of May 29, appears a lesson on Matt. XXIII: 35-50. On verse 35, in application, occurs the following: "They crucified Him" and they parted His garments." The "they" here means the four soldiers, and yet they were not *alone* responsible. Back of them was the Centurion, and back of the Centurion was Pilate. But back of all was the sabbidrim, moved by the scribes and Pharisees, whom He condemned. The question for us, however, is: Would we have come out of our prejudices, and would we have accepted Him had we been there? If not, then we are "they" that "crucified Him." We are to be judged not only for what we do, but for what we would do under a given state of circumstances.

Now, I lay it down as an incontrovertible proposition, that no man can know what he "would do under a given state of circumstances." Peter said, "I would do with Jesus, but when the circumstances arrived he did not know the man with whom he had said he would die. How does any one know that under the circumstances he would not have fled, and confirmed his falsehood by an oath, as Peter did? How does he know, by this doctrine, that he is not guilty of the murder of Uriah, and his co-conspirator crimes? How does he know that he is not guilty of the murder of Jesus, or of Judas' treason, or the murder of Stephen? Indeed, how does he know that he will not finally be damned, not for his own sins, but for sins of his, committed by every vile wretch from the creation of the world to the day of his death, all accumulating upon him by geometrical progression? By this doctrine, the greatest sinner in the world will be the last man in it; for by the "given state of circumstances," he may be guilty of every crime from the creation of the world to its destruction. It is a horrible doctrine of abject necessity, and bears infamy and damnation along with it. I saw this in a Presbyterian paper, I might have thought that it grew out of their peculiar confession of faith; but how does such doctrine look in a Methodist paper, the doctrine of which church is that every person is responsible for his own acts of commission, and not for what he "would" have done under a given state of circumstances." Dr. Hiesloe says of such doctrine as the above: "Others again, not able to conceive how infants could be really and personally in Adam many thousand years before they were born, as to sit with him, adopted by his hypothesis, that if they had been in his place they would have sinned, and are therefore justly exposed to the penalty due to his transgression; according to which theory each soul might be made liable to the guilt of a crime which he had no finite being could possibly commit."—Theology, 273.

Now, the circumstances referred to were those which surrounded the four soldiers, the centurion, Pilate and the sabbidrim, moved by the scribes and Pharisees; and we are told that "we" are "they" who crucified Him, had we been there and refused to accept Him. Now, I presume that had any one of us there, a scribe or Pharisee, under that given state of circumstances, that our voice would have been heard as loud, perhaps, as the voice of any other one, crying, crucify Him!

But how do we know it we are guilty of that crime or not, or of billions of other crimes, unless we know what we would have done under the circumstances of their commission? And as we do not know what we would have done, we may as well give up the highest exertions of power. One thing we can and should do—have our forces in hand—all our forces. In our protracted meetings it is far more important to marshal all our forces than to call in from abroad a few dashing officers to lead charges. Moody's sinners, as it seems to us, is more in his skill in getting a whole church to work than in his preaching or management. If our preachers can manage to use their resources—to bring into the fight all their troops, or even most of them, to induce even their best men and women to work—there will be victory, conquest, permanent occupation.—Hosmer on Christian Advocate.

The funeral cortege which escorted the remains of the empress of Russia from the Winter Palace to Petropavlovsk fortress, June 7th, was headed by an imperial escort, and representatives of all departments of the government appeared in the procession. The coffin was carried by the Czar and princess into the cathedral and deposited on the catafalque. On the 9th, the final ceremony took place, and the cold splendor of a palace with its ambitions was exchanged for the colder splendors of a vault.

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In preference to any and all other brands of Roasted Coffee.

WHY? Because in buying this celebrated brand of coffee, you buy an article that is always uniformly sound, wholesome, fragrant, and excellent in quality; that is scientifically therefore perfectly roasted; that is so prepared and put up as to preserve its strength and flavor in any climate, for any length of time; and that will insure to the consumer a cup of coffee delicious in flavor, superior in quality, exceeding in strength, and wholly unobjectionable in the use of sugar for the purpose of clarifying it.

FACTS Which every House-wife should Know and Remember.

That in order to have pure, wholesome, fragrant coffee, THREE things are absolutely essential, namely:— 1st. In order to have wholesome coffee you must have PURE COFFEE. 2d. In order to have PURE coffee it must be roasted from sound coffee only. 3d. In order to secure FAVORABLE coffee, you must not only be roasted from sound coffee, but it must also be roasted from Coffee selected because of their FINE FLAVOR and EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Grind Your Own Coffee.

Do not grind it until you are ready to use it and never grind it to excess of the quantity you require for immediate use. As the aroma of Roasted Coffee—which constitutes the very essence of the coffee—is the most volatile nature, and consequently roasted coffee, when ground, loses its strength and flavor very quickly.

ARBUCKLES' ARIOSA COFFEE is not only the most popular brand of Roasted Coffee ever offered to the public, but is cheerfully so, as it always has been, and is now, altogether and incomparably the best in use.

ARBUCKLES are the largest Coffee Roasters in the world and they have become so, not through mere re-sawing, but solely because of the superior quality of their coffee.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR A FREE SAMPLE

of this brand of Coffee, and test its merits. If you are too late to procure a free sample, buy a one pound package. Give it a trial, and you will be convinced of its merits over all competing brands.

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