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We were conversing with a friend recently about the thirst for drink which some men must contend with when he named an old friend of eighty years of age. He had been accustomed to the use of liquor in his early manhood. He thought he was able to command himself, for he is a man of iron will. It was not until he was started by the ruin of others that he realized his danger. He tore loose from the coils of the serpent, and, sustained by God's grace, had maintained his integrity; and yet the thirst for liquor still lingered with him. His life has been a prolonged battle against the appetite he had nourished in his early manhood. He told our friend that now in his old age, standing right on the verge of the grave, he had to let whisky alone. Total abstinence was his only safety. Men ought as well play with the spreading sinner and expect to escape its fangs as to trifle with the worm of the still and escape its deadly poison.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.—We were present at an educational convention—no matter where or when—the object of which was to build a college. The meeting was in the Methodist church, or as Episcopalians would say, meeting house. The attendance was good. Men of mark, education and position, leaders of thought, statesmen, legal minds, some who honored the judicial ermine, were present and took a lively interest in the noble enterprise of building a college in the growing little city. A distinguished gentleman made an impromptu address, in which he stated the object of the meeting and descended freely on the organization of a joint stock company as the most feasible and the best guarantee of success. He said, substantially—we can not recall his words—that the history of education in this country has shown that sectarian schools and colleges were a failure, and proceeded to give the reasons why they had failed and would continue to fail. He assumed that State institutions and individual and company enterprises—such as was then proposed, promised success and permanency; and they only, for prudential reasons we took no part in the discussion.

If the speaker had said black is white and white is black, he would not have missed the truth much farther than he did. Wonder if the coming legislature of Texas, whose business, as the representative lives of the people, will be to make laws to regulate and promote education in the State, will be no better informed? The following statistics have been carefully prepared, and we believe to be reliable. They are of general interest and of tell, g force:

There are about 300 institutions called colleges and universities in this country. Of these the States and public authorities created and maintain about thirty; while Christian churches control and support two hundred and seventy; in these colleges and universities forty-five thousand students are taught, of which the church teaches all but six thousand. The churches lay out higher education in the proportion of thirty-nine thousand to six thousand.

Those figures afford food for thought and should correct a false estimate which not a few places on the so-called failures of the church in her educational enterprises.

Denominational schools—of all who aspire to higher education—are his day educating the youth of this country at the ratio of 30 to 6, and should educate them all. Why? She is the foster-mother of education. It is her mission to educate the mind and morals of society.

The attempt to divorce education from religion and legislate the Bible out of school is an insult to the intelligence of the age; exhibiting, as it does, the growing impudence of infidelity and ignorance of the part-lawmaker of this commonwealth. The attempt to cast odium upon denominational schools by applying to them the epithet of sectarian, deserves rebuke. There are no sectarian schools in this country, and for the reason that there are no sects. There are no sects, because there is no established church from which to dissent or break off. In the old monarchies—such as England and Russia, where a church is established by law—to dissent and form a church not connected with, but independent of the State church, is to form a sect, and its members are known as sectarians. No such thing exists in this country, and therefore the epithet sect and sectarian are misapplied. Let it stop. The church schools are not sectarian, but denominational schools. The Legislature has discriminated against sectarian schools!

C. L. CRITTENDEN, the Democratic nominee for Governor of Missouri, is openly charged with being a temperance man. He has on all occasions refused to drink liquor or to ask any person to drink, and declares that if he cannot be elected without the aid of liquor, he will be defeated. That is the kind of a candidate for governor for whom the moral and law-abiding people of Texas are anxious to vote.

The Nashville Advertiser says that Bishop Wightman is losing under great physical disability.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

CONVERTED MEN CALLED.

Conversion is a prerequisite to the divine call to the ministry. To call unconverted men would be to set "the blind to lead the blind. We find by referring to the record that the eleven were converted before the commission was granted. They had received extraordinary gifts of the spirit, and had been granted power to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils." Matt. x: 8. They had been admitted to the kingdom, and were promised "thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke xxvii: 20-30. They partook of the holy eucharist at the hands of the Savior himself, who also said, "Now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John xv: 3. Again, he said unto them: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you." John xv: 19. How could they teach that which they had not learned? Or how can we believe that unregenerate men of the world would be commissioned to administer the sacraments "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?"

These men had been the friends and companions of the Savior for over two years, during which he taught them, and now they are commanded to "teach all things whatsoever" he had "commanded them." Matthias, who was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the fall of Judas, had been with them "from the baptism of John." Acts i: 21-22.

Paul was first instructed by Ananias, and then remained "certain days with the apostles at Damascus" (Acts 9: 10), before he began to preach.

Timothy and Titus, whom he afterwards consecrated to the work of the ministry, were men of piety and faith. "Without faith it is impossible to please God." We may not evade the fact that unregenerate men have been consecrated to this sacred office; "ungodly men turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness," and "even denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." But we are not to believe that such are the called of God. They are "spots in your feasts of charity, feeding themselves without fear." They are tares in the midst of the good wheat, but the Master never sowed these there; "behold an enemy hath done this." Great care should be exercised by the church in the consoling of men to the work of the ministry. Saint Paul's advice to Timothy was to "lay hands suddenly on no man." 2 Tim. v: 22.

That is a wise provision of our fathers, found in the reception of a preacher into the traveling connection. "Have you faith in Christ? Are you going on to perfection? Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life? Are you groaning after it?" Book of Dis., p. 88.

It is a Scriptural safe-guard to our itinerant ranks. A teacher of righteousness should himself be righteous, lest it be said unto him, "Physician, heal thyself." Let not the blind undertake to lead the blind, lest "they both fall into the ditch together." An unconverted ministry may preach the gospel, but not with power and in demonstration of the spirit. To preach the gospel successfully one must be filled with the Spirit of the gospel. The word should be in our hearts by an experience of Divine grace. Those who preach the gospel should commend the same by holy lives, blameless in all things. There should be in the life of every minister an illustration of the power of the gospel he is sent to preach. J. S. S.

THE CRITICISM OF THRALL'S HISTORY.

Last Sunday's Galveston News contained a severe criticism of Thrall's History of Texas, over the signature of Temple Houston. The complaint is occasioned by what M. Houston considers an unfair statement of certain facts in the life of his father, Gen. Sam. Houston. Mr. Thrall is of course the proper person to respond to these complaints, and he will doubtless do so in due time; but we will say that the bitterness of the language Mr. H. employs against a gentleman as long and favorably known in Texas as Rev. H. S. Thrall will not add to the force and value of the criticism. It is the duty of the historian to record facts as he finds them. They are not his creation. With the greatest care he may sometimes be mistaken. The purest patriot—and a patriot Gen. Houston doubtless was—may not at all times have left such a record of his deeds that the historian can fully represent his life. Forbearance may be of use by all concerned under these conditions. We honor the feeling that prompts a man to vindicate the name of his father, but at the same time the name of another may be equally sacred to its possessor, and his friend. We cannot think Mr. Thrall intentionally would misrepresent any of the Texas veterans.

A robber, who was recently arrested for breaking into and entering a store, told the officer that it amused him to see folks put two or three strong locks on their doors, and then fasten the lock door with a small button.—Ez.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Bro. Jones last week, reporting the new parsonage at Liberty Hill, closes with the pleasant thought: "The preacher who comes to Liberty Hill circuit next year will have a house to go into." We like that. It has a Methodist preacher ring about it. They are a band of brethren, and can rejoice over one another's prosperity. The preacher does not know that he will enjoy the comforts of a parsonage next year. He may be sent to another charge, and the preacher may labor with another building committee, and ere the year closes see it complete, and then comes conference, and the family of another preacher are sheltered beneath its roof. It takes a liberal share of religion to enable a man to make these sacrifices, but religion can enable its possessor to do anything that is right. We remember seeing a venerable preacher in the parsonage yard with his wife, putting out trees and arranging the rose-bushes around the yard, and yet they did not expect to return, for their disciplinary stay was closed with that year. We mentioned the fact. "Yes," said the good sister, "we will go somewhere else, for our time here will be out; but some other preacher and his family will be here, and we want it to look cheerful when they come." There was a smile on her pale, worn face as she spoke, and we said: "God bless Methodist preachers and their wives!"

Lazarus was dead; and Christ said to his disciples "I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent that you might believe." There was sorrow in the home of Lazarus; and his sisters when the Savior loved were sad, and yet for a wise design, that his disciples and those sisters and the church of God in every age might believe, this dark cloud was permitted to rest on that peaceful, happy home. Out of that terrible furnace like gold refined of its dross, all would rise to a higher and holier life. Very soon, not Lazarus, but Christ himself would be laid in the sepulcher; and he was preparing their faith for the reception of a wonderful fact, viz.: That Christ is Lord, of life and death, by his resurrection from the tomb. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, when they heard the announcement "The Lord is risen indeed," were prepared to believe and rejoice.

Does not our Savior deal as kindly with us? There is the wall of sorrow in our household, for a loved one is still in death. There is a cry on the door, there is darkness in our hearts. The burial service seems like a long sad dream seen through tears; and every tone and every sound from home to the grave and back to its desolate rooms seems now the echo of a sigh. Christ spake through his disciples to you and to me. "It was not because I cared no for my disciples," but "to the intent that ye might believe." Out of these doubts you may emerge with a brighter faith and nobler conceptions of God and His love. He is preparing the hearts of the mourners to apprehend as they never did before the power of His resurrection, the meaning of his words to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live."

The Richmond, as well as the Texas Advocate has some trouble with its advertising columns. In fact it is a family complaint. Papers cannot be published without advertisements, because the subscriptions do not cover the actual cost and with the greatest care there may be mistakes made. Bro. Lafferty talks with his usual good sense on the subject. Here is what he has to say:

The Advocate never inserts advertisements known to be of a swindling character. It refuses hundreds of dollars offered for such advertisements every year, and throws out advertisements suspected of being of this nature from every issue. Nevertheless it cannot hold itself responsible for the good faith of its advertisers, nor undertakes to relieve readers from the need of increasing common prudence on their own behalf. They must judge for themselves whether the goods advertised can in the nature of things be furnished for the price asked. They will find it a good rule to be careful about extraordinary bargains, and then they can always find safety in doubtful cases by paying for goods only on their delivery.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. S. Gillett, San Marcos, Hays Co., Sept. 11: My camp-meeting at Clark's chapel ended well; about 20 conversions, 10 additions; the church much increased; eight or nine little children happily converted in a group; none of them appeared to be more than ten years old, yet their conversion was clear and their expressions of praise ardent and intelligent. Thank God! Bro. Donagh, Belvin, Cox, Johnson, Morrill and Gunn helped in Christ; but Bro. Gunn excelled.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. S. Tunnell, Lampasas, Lampasas Co., Sept. 22: Special services at Brook's school house over. Bro. P. W. Gravis and J. S. Clower were present, and preached upon some of the distinctive doctrines of Methodism. Some of the immersionists engaged. Three members received; one by letter, two by trial. Nine children baptized. We believe in the apostolic practice—taking them in by household.

IRRELIGIOUS INTOLERANT.

The fanatics of the churches are moving for the perpetuation of the present Sunday law, and we trust that all sensible men who don't want to throttle non-professors of religion, will move in the opposite direction. For ourselves we trust that every professor in the country will cease attending church, will cease contributing a cent to the support of churches, or countenancing them in any way whatever, until they root out the miserable fanatics who now disgrace the true religion of the Bible. Common sense is not a common possession of mankind, and when a class of people attempt to drive religion into other classes by legal enactments, they ought to be checked in their mad and foolish career by those people who do possess this valuable acquisition. There is more foolishness and more wickedness among the ministers of this country at the present moment than ever prevailed since the advent of Christ upon the earth.—Mexico Ledger.

That is Maj. Fishburn's opinion about the Sunday law. We never heard anybody call Blackstone a fanatic, yet he said: "A corruption of morals usually follows a profanation of the Sabbath." Sir Matthew Hale had as much brains as the editor of the Mexico Ledger possesses, and he said: "Of all the persons who were convicted of capital crimes while he was upon the bench, he found only a few who would not confess, on inquiry, that they began their career of wickedness by neglect of the duties of the Sabbath, and vicious conduct on that day."

Believing these men had as much common sense as Maj. Fishburn, we can endure the loss of his presence in church or his contributions, which have no doubt been very liberal, while we are in such company.

Maj. Fishburn has had a good deal to say about bigotry and intolerance. It is not hard to decide what he would do with church and church people if he had the power. In the meantime, they being citizens of this land, of which he does not happen to be the autocrat, they will think and act for themselves. The Sunday law is designed to secure for the laborer the rest to which he is entitled, and yet, as it restrains vice and promotes good order, many of the best people in the State expect to sustain it even at the risk of being considered fanatics. Major Fishburn gives his opinion of the "ministers of this country." This is not original on his part. He will find a similar estimate of the ministry in nearly every whisky and gambling den in the land. Every toper will drink deep to the sentiments he has uttered, and every black-leg in the land will be on Fishburn's side. We will await the verdict of the sober, law-abiding citizens before we shall distress ourselves very much about what Fishburn, the whisky-seller, the drunkard and gambler say about us.

BENNETT, the murderer of Senator Brown, when standing under the gibbet said: "I am going to die, and I am innocent of crime; I could not control the event. There was liquor in me and the accident occurred and the result was a fatal one." But the jury said drinking the liquor was no accident. It was his own act and he had to meet the consequences. Nor was it accidental that somebody manufactured the liquor and that the State licensed its sale, and that somebody sold it to him. Then followed a frenzied brain, a murdered man, then the noise around the murderer's neck, and then a coffin and then what?

TEXAS METHODISM.

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SOUTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. O. Shanks, St. Joe, Montague Co., Sept. 22: Since writing my last card I have had one protracted meeting, with some success; also attended a camp-meeting in the Chickasaw Nation. The Lord was with us in great power. The meeting continued four or five days. Results: Thirty-eight conversions and some twenty-five church members. A missionary is much needed in that very beautiful and fertile country. We are building a new church on the St. Joe circuit. The building is 30 by 40 feet. We expect to have it ready for dedication by the first Sunday in November.

J. S. Clower, Youngport, Bell Co., Sept. 22: I have just returned from the Upper Lampasas circuit, where Bro. Tunnell had some of the peculiar doctrines of Methodism preached. The immersionists had stirred up the whole community with their peculiar views and sent out a kind of a false rumor about us to prejudice the public mind against us before our meeting. The time and the subject had been announced before hand. Bro. P. W. Gravis and myself were to do the work. I left the Methodists first in the faith. Three accessions; eleven baptisms—the infant and two adults; all by admission.

J. D. Crockett, Waxahatchee, Ellis Co., Sept. 20: I have just returned from the fourth quarterly conference of Rogers' circuit, held at Smith's chapel. Everything moved off smoothly. Bro. Gravis, the presiding elder, was present in full discharge of duty. These people are good people. They have paid their pastor in full. May God bless and reward them.

J. W. Walkup, West Falls, Falls Co., Sept. 20: Bro. C. S. McCarver is having a good work on the West Falls circuit; over 40 accessions in six weeks.

J. Fred Cox, Georgetown, Williamson Co., Sept. 22: The Southwestern University opened Monday; sixty-three matriculated; Tuesday increased to eighty; considerable increase over year—and still they come. Female college also opened with large numbers. Methodists in Texas will be glad to hear of the prosperity of her leading institution. Finances of the station up; religious interest good. God bless Georgetown and her people!

S. J. Crump, Darango, Falls Co., Sept. 20: Our Sunday school is still in progress, and we are having some very prompt attendance; and by the way, Rev. Terrell Jackson is prompt on all occasions, where there is good to be done.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Houston, Harris Co.: In a note respecting Lee Ting, Bro. Werlein, of Shearn chapel, adds: "My work continues in interest. Am laboring to build a new parsonage."

T. F. Dimmitt, Flatonia, Fayette Co., Sept. 27: The old Pine Springs church, after being taken sick, is now doing well. It is a steel alloy, of inches, weighs 750 pounds; has a toll, and is the very best we need. Can any of our brethren boast of young men of nobler deeds? May the good Lord reward them abundantly in the prayer of their grateful pastor.

O. T. Hotchkiss, Planterville, Grimes Co., Sept. 21: The good Lord has blessed our camp-meeting with a meeting on this (Courtney) circuit. We began a meeting at Planterville on the 19th inst., and closed the 20th. Bro. Brooks was with us for several days and did good work; he would have remained longer, but he was taken sick. The power of God was manifest in the conviction and conversion of sinners, and the revival of religion in the hearts of those Christians that took an interest in the meeting. There were twenty-one conversions, seventeen additions to our church, six adults and one infant baptized. Very few thought we could have a successful meeting; but we thank God that he answered our prayer with such gracious blessings.

E. F. Beasley, San Felipe, Sept. 22: Our third quarterly meeting at San Felipe, held August 21-22, resulted in thirteen accessions to the M. E. Church, South, and several conversions. Three adults and three infants were baptized, and the church revived. Our presiding elder, Bro. Phillip, remained with us until the following Thursday and did almost all the preaching. This notice should have been sent sooner, but from misunderstanding has been delayed.

A. E. G. Chappell Hill, Washington County, Sept. 22: A meeting here has been progressing ten days; fifteen or twenty conversions, and I believe about fifteen joined the church; interest increasing; the church being blessed more and more. Bro. A. wishes to continue a week or two longer if he can help. He is much improved, but still feeble.

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B. T. Hayes, El Paso, Grayson Co., Sept. 21: I closed my last protracted meeting last Monday night; that made nine since the 11th of June. There have been about 50 conversions and 81 accessions to the M. E. Church, South, this year. The rain and cloudy weather have interfered very much with our meetings this summer. The church is working very well in most of the places on the circuit. They are coming upon the mission-ary roll with very good success. My subscription very well. I am going to try to bring up my assessment—will if I can do so.

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY.

Joseph Cook and wife have sailed for England. A Presbyterian theological seminary has been established in Japan. There are 82 Mormon churches in England and Ireland. A Paris journal says that three-fourths of the 2000 Jesuits of France are foreigners. James Bulst, of St. Andre, recently bequeathed \$35,000 to the cause of missions. A new weekly religious but unorthodox paper has been started in California.

Emma H., Lone Oak, Hunt Co., Sept. 23: I would like to tell your readers about the donation party and support at this parsonage, but space is too limited to do justice to the occasion; the pastor is busy "rounding up" for conference. [Please accept Bro. John's thanks for kind message.—E.H.]

W. A. S. VanAlstyne, Grayson Co., Sept. 18: Our camp-meeting closed with forty-five conversions; thirty-seven accessions; some joined since. Our fourth quarterly meeting to embrace the third Sabbath in October; we expect a good time; our meeting at Centennial was a gracious time with the church; our people on this work are at their posts generally. May God bless the VanAlstyne circuit.

D. M. Proctor, Jefferson, Marion Co., Sept. 22: Closed a meeting in this city after several interruptions by rain and other matters, beginning with our 4th quarterly conference, first Sunday in this month, last party and support at this parsonage, but we had five accessions to the church to date. The last service was a very happy occasion; nearly every member of the church testified that they had been blessed; some greatly strengthened in their experience during the week. Our presiding elder, Bro. R. Lane, and Bro. E. F. Boone, of Marshall station, did faithful work. Others aided in the meeting. God be praised! Eighteen have joined the church this year, after all the disparagements. Not quite dead yet, I hope.

D. F. Fuller, Texarkana, Sept. 21: We have received seven persons into the church during the past ten days. Hope to hear no more of Texarkana mission after conference. Shall rather listen to hear of Texarkana station and circuit. May it be so. Our Sunday school has expended this year, on debt, parsonage, Sunday-schools, etc., \$1,107. The Sunday-school has just received the library and book case—both are splendid.

J. F. Sherwood, Rely Springs, Sulphur Springs Circuit, Hopkins Co., Sept. 1: The meeting here resulted in nineteen conversions and accessions to the M. E. Church, five to the Cumberland Presbyterians, three to the Old School Presbyterians. The church greatly revived. Sickness in the community kept me away. The three churches are in harmony at this point. The pastors work well together.

J. H. Shaw, Woodland, Red River Co., Aug. 27: Robbinsville circuit embraces one-fourth of Red River county and a big corner of Lamar. It is a rich region. We are having some good meetings, but no general awakening. The Advocate almost a universal favorite.

Gaskell, Weatherford, Parker Co., Sept. 21: Our camp-meeting for Weatherford station and circuit came and went without accomplishing the desired good; yet we trust it reached some good results. It opened well with several penitents at the altar, the first call and every succeeding call. But we were rained out. Had to break up Tuesday, being in arrears for rain at nearly every service. On Sunday at 11 o'clock, Bro. Price had to desert in the middle of a most impressive sermon. Bros. Vaughan and B. W. Brown, from Longview; P. E. Price and Tutman, of Springtown circuit, and Smith, of Wade's chapel, were present in the spirit of the Master; delivered their messages, we trust, not without results that may bring glory into the eternal kingdom. One bright profession and one accession.

G. F. Fair, Jewell, Eastland Co., Sept. 17: We are trying to raise money to procure a house for a parsonage and build a church on Sipe Springs circuit.

W. L. Nelms, Cleburne, Johnson Co., Sept. 20: Bro. L. D. Bartley, local preacher of Cleburne station, has been holding a protracted meeting on Nolan river, four miles from this place, with glorious results—twenty-two conversions; fifteen accessions; two infant baptisms; five adult baptisms, and church much revived. He was assisted by Bro. Womack and Bro. Bartley, who is a working local preacher.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith Co., Sept. 21: My protracted meeting at Holly Springs lasted six days and nights. It rained about half the time. We had a most glorious time. 20 confessed religion; 33 joined the Methodist E. Church, South, and a great many Christians were made happy. But no wonder—they had just left the Lord a new house, and we are all in it. It will be polished, and then will be dedicated to the Lord. The service was on Monday morning after the protracted meeting, for the trustees presented it entirely out of debt. This now I believe is the largest church on Garden Valley, about 150 members.

J. B. Rodgers, Cheeseland, Angelina Co., Sept. 27: Another glorious meeting is in progress at Bards, under charge of Bro. Donagan and Crawford. The church is greatly revived.

D. P. Cullen, Longview, Gregg Co., Sept. 22: This circuit has four appointments. Have held a protracted meeting at each of them. Results: Spirituality of the members improved; some conversions; 13 joined the church; have received into the church during the year, 24; have collected in part my conference pledges for the remainder; have finished up the parsonage at a cost of one hundred and fifty dollars; have paid off an old debt of \$57.57. Sunday-schools, prayer and class-meetings alive. The weekly prayer-meeting at Longview, as to spirituality and regular attendance, is the best that I have ever attended. Two excellent local preachers—"true yoke fellows" of the pastors. A clever people, and a good circuit, only needing a sweeping revival. Preaching and praying the best we can for it.

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The delegates to the Presbyterian alliance meeting had a reception in the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, on the 23d. They were welcomed by Gov. Hoyt, who, in his speech, said: "The organization they represent had a large share in the intellectual awakening of the last 300 years; a large part of moulding of modern thought in church and state, and in laying the superstructure of religious freedom and civil liberty." Mayor Slocum extended to the delegates the hospitality of the city. Among the delegates are Dr. Crotson of Ireland, Rev. Marion Stobbsdaley of Ireland.

The traffic in church livings in England is said to be increasing. A well known agent says that the livings offered for sale number about two hundred per annum.

No less than 26 per cent. of the girls born in India last year were put to death by their parents. This is the statement of the Inspector-General of Police.

Dean Stanley expects to visit the United States next year, in company with Mr. Tomas Hughes, for the purpose of investigating the church question in this country.

Bradlaugh, the English atheist, has sent skeptical books to India and had them translated into Hindostanee, to defeat the labors of the missionaries.

An English paper estimates that ten per cent of the clerical livings in the Church of England, which numbers about 13,000, are in some way sold or bartered every year.

The Pope has raised the diocese of Chicago to the dignity of a metropolitan see, with Alton and Peoria as suffragan sees. Bishop Feehan, of Nashville, becomes archbishop of the new archdiocese.

Of all nations under the dominion of the Czar the Jews are the best educated. There is not more than one Jew to twenty Russians, while in the colleges there is one Jew to six Russians.

Several colored Baptist preachers in Amelia county, Virginia, have been scourged fifty cents a head for baptizing, but lately one of them has agreed to baptize for twenty-five cents, and all the rest will have to come down to that figure.

The population of the United States is forty-five millions. The church edifies, a seating capacity for about twenty-five millions and it is estimated that the average Sabbath attendance is fifteen millions.

In Jerusalem there is a German Evangelical church with a hundred and forty members, a school, a hospital, and an orphan's home. Also in Bethlehem a German missionary is working with success.

A dispatch from the British consul at Van, dated Sept. 17, announces that thirteen Armenian villages in Asia Minor have been devastated by the Musselman Kurds. No people on earth were more oppressed than the Armenians. The Moslems pillage, burn and massacre them without hindrance.

The Raleigh, N. C., Advocate says the colored people of that city went to a camp-meeting at Weldon, when they had to pay ten cents as entrance fee, and then ten cents for the privilege of going to the ministers' bench, and fifteen cents if they made a profession of religion. While this is very cheap religion, the colored people who paid did not like the arrangement.

The Christian Register, the only Unitarian journal in this country, says: "Many facts confirm us in the opinion that the orthodox churches were never so much in a propagandist work as now, nor going it so well." This is true. The activity of evangelical churches in every department of Christian effort shows that it is neither dead nor dying, as Ingelsoll has affirmed.

The National Unitarian Conference was called to order in Saratoga, N. Y., the 22d, by Rev. E. Rockwood Hoar. The evening session was devoted to reports of various Unitarian colleges and schools.

The Star of the West, the organ of Universalist Church, published at Cincinnati since 1827, has suspended publication. In its columns some of the first published poems of Alice and Elsie Cary appeared.

Bishop Pierce is "writing a life of his venerable father, Dr. Lovick Pierce. The names of both his father and son are household words in Georgia. Bishop Pierce's health is improving." He will be welcomed this fall to Texas by multitudes of Georgian as well as Texas friends.

The twelfth annual session of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of the United States, September 22nd at Wilmington, N. C., was a grand success. There were over 100 delegates from various parts of the country. Christianity in all its forms expresses itself in deeds of benevolence.

The Christian Vernacular Education Society for India expended last year \$25,000 in printing and training teachers. The influence of Christianity in improving the social and domestic condition of the nations of that country, as well as promoting their temporal condition, is recognized by all intelligent visitors to the East.

A manuscript of the gospels of Matthew and Mark, written on purple parchment with silver ink, has been found in Calabria. The discoverer claims for it a date as early as the end of the fifth century or the beginning of the sixth. It is adorned with miniature, which will be reproduced at Leipzig.

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THE LIFE AND LABORS OF BISHOP MARVIN... Rev. T. M. Finney, is now ready. Price, \$3.

Benefit from Liver Pills... Rev. J. G. Gurly, Pike county Missouri, writes a friend, stating that he has become a strong convert to the use of these pills.

It is the interest of purchasers to know from whom they make purchases... It is a bill of goods by extravagant communication, but the same purchaser would not be likely to try him again.

Thousands of Us—Why Hesitate? Joy to the World! Woman is Free! Among the many discoveries looking to the happiness and amelioration of the human race...

Extensive Concert Use of the Miller Pianos... These instruments, which are favorites with the great artists, have during the past week been used in fourteen different concerts.

Spring—Purify the Blood... "Dr. Swayne's Panacea," the great alterative and blood purifier, and the most reliable remedy for...

CHURCH NOTICES... GALVESTON DIST.—FOURTH ROUND... St. James, Oct 2, 7, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48, 55, 62, 69, 76, 83, 90, 97, 104, 111, 118, 125, 132, 139, 146, 153, 160, 167, 174, 181, 188, 195, 202, 209, 216, 223, 230, 237, 244, 251, 258, 265, 272, 279, 286, 293, 300, 307, 314, 321, 328, 335, 342, 349, 356, 363, 370, 377, 384, 391, 398, 405, 412, 419, 426, 433, 440, 447, 454, 461, 468, 475, 482, 489, 496, 503, 510, 517, 524, 531, 538, 545, 552, 559, 566, 573, 580, 587, 594, 601, 608, 615, 622, 629, 636, 643, 650, 657, 664, 671, 678, 685, 692, 699, 706, 713, 720, 727, 734, 741, 748, 755, 762, 769, 776, 783, 790, 797, 804, 811, 818, 825, 832, 839, 846, 853, 860, 867, 874, 881, 888, 895, 902, 909, 916, 923, 930, 937, 944, 951, 958, 965, 972, 979, 986, 993, 1000, 1007, 1014, 1021, 1028, 1035, 1042, 1049, 1056, 1063, 1070, 1077, 1084, 1091, 1098, 1105, 1112, 1119, 1126, 1133, 1140, 1147, 1154, 1161, 1168, 1175, 1182, 1189, 1196, 1203, 1210, 1217, 1224, 1231, 1238, 1245, 1252, 1259, 1266, 1273, 1280, 1287, 1294, 1301, 1308, 1315, 1322, 1329, 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POSTAL CARDS.

ERATH COUNTY, Sept. 17.—Plenty of rain. The boll-worm has destroyed half of the cotton. The sheriff and deputies keep order in Erath county.

JEWELL, Eastland Co., Sept. 18.—Our finances are very low in this region. The corn and cotton crops is not more than half as good as we hoped for. Drouth and boll worm cut the crops off.

ST. JOE, Montague Co., Sept. 22.—Abundance of rain has fallen within the last six or eight days. The cotton crop is greatly out of the boll worm and drouth, and is now being damaged by too much rain.

ACTON, Hood Co., Sept. 20.—Rain in abundance. Nothing has been done towards gathering crops for a week. The streams are full to overflowing and some damage has been done. The corn is damaged considerably by the worms.

CHEESLAND, Angelina Co., Sept. 21.—Mr. Wiley Thompson's house was robbed yesterday morning of several hundred dollars. His trunk was taken out of his house and carried off some distance and broken open and the money taken out. The thief left \$12 in the trunk.

DURANGO, Falls Co., Sept. 20.—We are having considerable rain and sickness in this vicinity, but our physician reports but few fatal cases. The cotton crop is doing well with the exception of being damaged by worms.

ENNIS, Ellis Co., Sept. 20.—About 2000 bags of cotton received up to date. Picking is greatly impeded by the boll worm and late cotton and next as man and wife and child; the pursuer run out of funds and has returned but will start again immediately to recover his child and settle with the paramour.

LANCASTER, Dallas Co., Sept. 20.—The Dallas, Cleburne and Rio Grande Railroad has made a beginning; that is, dirt has been broken on the Dallas end. It looks like some one had been digging worms for fish bait with which to go fishing. There were some speeches made which I did not hear, and it is said they were good; so we will say so for the present.

GEORGETOWN, Williamson County, Sept. 22.—The southwestern University, located at this place, opened the 21st. I am informed there is a marked increase over last year. There has also been a large increase in the Female College. Our people here feel a deep interest in these educational institutions.

ENNIS, Ellis Co., Sept. 23.—The trial of Anderson for the murder of Bullock, the city marshal of Ennis, was set for yesterday, and two days have been spent in an endeavor by his attorneys to obtain a change of venue; consequently no decision reached yet. Large parties of the people are expected, announcing the coming of Welch & Sand's big show.

KELLEVILLE, Marion Co., Sept. 20.—The weather is quite warm. We have had a great deal of rain and cloudy weather this month, and the cotton crop has been damaged considerably thereby. The caterpillar is quite busy stripping the foliage from the plant, and cutting off all hope of a top crop. Public health good for the season. The temperance cause prospering in our community, and peace and harmony reigns.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Sept. 21.—The rain has been pouring down in floods here for two days; at least six inches of rain have fallen in that time. Great damage has been done to bridges and to the cotton, the wind blew the cotton out; and the rain destroyed it; our citizens are making energetic efforts to secure the G. C. & Santa Fe R. R.; they have secured \$10,000 of the balance shortly.

RETIREMENT, Somerville Co., Sept. 18.—Rain for the past three days has suspended cotton picking. The crop will not meet previous expectations. The boll worm has done considerable damage, though now pretty well ceased operations. No rain since yesterday. Cotton growing finely. Fine promise of a top crop. Corn is plentiful and cheap, and we have the most abundant most known for years. From some cause our paper is ten days reaching our postoffice—Brazos Point, TEXAS.

COLD SPRINGS, San Jacinto Co., Sept. 22.—The farmers of the Evergreen community hold a meeting today to take action against the merchants of Evergreen buying cotton at night. They say if the legislature can't give them a law to prevent it, they will make one themselves. The days are long enough to do all the buying and selling that is necessary. The Bible says some men love darkness rather than light. Why? But then we have some very industrious negroes in this county; they want to work day and night, and do some white men are willing to let them do it.

MERIDIAN, Bosque Co., Sept. 21.—Equinoctial showers, mud, and for past twelve days. Farmers and mechanics. Cotton and corn damaged. Court slow. Some sickness and more

to follow. Candidates shake hands. Oh, how thick "polly-ticks," patriots, plums and "bummers!" May the good Lord have mercy on us. The above, if not facts, signify as much to us poor mortals up here, "all the same." A Morgan man and lady dashed buggy and horses into the Bosque up half-buggy; humans out alive; horses dead; buggy scared. Perhaps a "we drop" to come to circus. Developed first instinct against do Wright, jury say "not guilty." Calvin Rutherford, chief witness and detective, sleep in jail on charge of perjury. We wait further developments. He has stirred great excitement in this part of late, charging boys of oldest and most respectable families of most diabolical "Morgan murders." We wait to hear.—John.

Messrs. Krum, Brodhead and Phillips, three prominent lawyers of St. Louis who were chosen a short time since by a meeting of St. Louis citizens to investigate the status of the government lands in Indian Territory, have made a report which is good sense whether it is good law or not. These gentlemen maintain that all the land in Indian Territory whether it is occupied by Indian tribes or is vacant was acquired by purchase from France and not from the Indian tribes, and that the title to the portion of the territory now occupied by Indians has never been in the present occupants. They hold the land simply by purchase from the United States government, in whom the title still rests, and the government has power to resume possession whenever it chooses. The lawyers make the point very clear that the president has no power to dispose of public lands by treaty. The report not only takes the ground that all the land in Indian Territory is open to pre-emption, but advises the establishment in the territory of United States district courts and public schools. This report is, of course, merely the private opinion of the able lawyers who have drawn it up; but to many hundreds of people in the States bordering on Indian Territory it will have the effect of an official utterance. It certainly affords some ground for the hope that, if the questions were to come before the supreme court, the decision might be against the claim of the Indian tribes to hold and waste a vast region of land which is richly worth a better fate. The Indians, for their part, need not fear such a construction of the law as the St. Louis lawyers make, for in any event they will be permitted to take their pick of all the land in the territory, and each head of the family having pre-empted his quarter section, they may rest assured that they have a title which can never be questioned. It would be well if the question which Messrs. Krum, Brodhead and Phillips have reported upon could be brought before the supreme court by some pre-emptor of land in the Indian Territory who has been ejected from his homestead by the troops.

WATER POLLUTION.—The British Architect calls attention to the constant production of typhoid by the pollution of streams with sewage, and an instance is quoted of a village in England, beautifully situated, where lately among a population of two hundred there were thirty cases of typhoid fever. The neglect to make cesspools week-street, so that there is no contact of the percolation of fecal matter through the soil, and thence into the wells, whence drinking water is obtained, is also noted. The following suggestive anecdote is related apropos of the latter danger: A gentleman, living in a country house, had several barrels of coffee and tea, and most of the cooked food, tasted strongly of carbolic acid. On inquiring into the cause of this he found that his servant had been disinfecting the sink and the "closet" with the liquid solution, which found its way from these places into the well from which the water used by the family was obtained. It thus turned out that this gentleman and his family had been all along drinking sewage tainted water, which was not only the cause of the typhoid, but of the carbolic acid.

PROVOKING TYPOGRAPHICAL BLENDERS.—There is no better field for an amusing article than the subject of typographical errors. Not long since one of the editors of the Republican wrote: "Secondly, to modify the later Southern element, which could not stomach two loyal records on the ticket; and thirdly, the indispensable necessity of a barrel to meet the absolute necessity there was of carrying Indiana." Recently, in an editorial article, the words "forlorn hope" were transformed into "fulsome home." This is almost as ludicrous as "sympathizers of the people" appearing in proof as "sympathizers of the people," and "observing" being set up as "seab-severely," or "matins" in a church notice appearing as "matines." In the advertisement of an Omaha educational institution the public for two or three days—and it was corrected—read that school possessed an "able-course of instructors." The other day, in chronicling a local event, the reporter wrote a sentence to the effect that "the thief jumped from his horse, and taking with him the bride, threw her into a buggy; and it rained in the next morning that the thief took the bride and threw it in a buggy. We could go on and give a column of equally amusing and provoking errors, but the above are sufficient to demonstrate the fact that the lot of the newspaper writer is not always a happy one. Printing offices, however, are not the only places where such blunders occur. For instance, a telegram was received at a certain town on the Missouri river for the clerk of a steamboat that was passing up stream. It was directed to "Gillespie, clerk," and the messenger came down to the boat and inquired for "Giles, pie clerk."—Omaha Republican.

A young lady, not accustomed to waiting, at the earnest solicitation of a friend made the attempt to fill this city recently. When the music ceased another friend approached and said, "You are a buggy, and it rained in the next morning that the thief took the bride and threw it in a buggy. We could go on and give a column of equally amusing and provoking errors, but the above are sufficient to demonstrate the fact that the lot of the newspaper writer is not always a happy one. Printing offices, however, are not the only places where such blunders occur. For instance, a telegram was received at a certain town on the Missouri river for the clerk of a steamboat that was passing up stream. It was directed to "Gillespie, clerk," and the messenger came down to the boat and inquired for "Giles, pie clerk."—Omaha Republican.

The canal, to connect the sea of Azov with the Caspian, by utilizing the waters of the Terek and Kouban, will shortly, according to the Russian papers, be considered by the minister of works and then discussed by the imperial council, in order to be sanctioned by the czar, but the work will not be in any case commenced till next year.

To describe the glories of autumn poetry must be highly colored.

RELIIGIOUS SUMMARY. The Boston Young Men's Christian Association is twenty-nine years old, and has 2307 members. Mr. Spurgeon recently received a legacy of \$200,000 for the benefit of his pastore's college, and \$125,000 for his orphanage. The Ministerial Union of San Francisco has unanimously invited Moody and Sankey to visit that city, and conduct a meeting this winter. In 1835 there were in the six New England States but 22 churches, 27 priests and 40,982 Catholics; now there are 392 churches, 13 stations, 516 priests and 738,100 Catholics. Canon Farrar looks little over forty years of age, though he is nearly 70. He is a grown, thoughtful and studious man, and spends many days in summer with his books, studying in the ancient cloister garden of Westminster Abbey. A leading Italian paper in the city of Rome protests against allowing Protestants to build churches in the seven-hilled city. This is hardly fair play, so long as Protestant countries do not refuse to Catholics the free exercise of their religion. At a recent heathen festival in India the offerings, chiefly from the poor, amounted to \$1,000,000. Now let the Christians of this land, rich and poor together, show that they are equally zealous in their faith. No speaker, it is said, ever exceeded Mr. Spurgeon in anecdotal illustration. His sermons abound in anecdotes, which are always to the point. After all, is not this simply the parable style adjusted to modern modes of thought? How, we may say, Taylor has during the last few years, sent to South America his missionaries. They are at work chiefly in Chili and Peru. They are organized into a society called the South American Evangelical Association. Further reinforcements will be sent in October by Taylor—who by the way is a Methodist.

The leader of a band of robbers, in the Malabar country, was converted six years ago and is now the ordained pastor of a mission church in Watal. When his infidelity wrought such a revolution in man's moral nature. The exiled French results have made a second purchase in Wales. They have bought for \$100,000, a person, sold there by order of the British Government. It is said that a strong ecclesiastical dislike in Ireland against their settling in that country, caused Father Beck to direct that they should not visit Ireland, as was their first intention. A new structure of the kind known as towers of silence, have been put up at Bombay. It is a tower built in the midst of spacious groves carefully guarded. The bodies of the dead are exposed on the summit of the towers to vultures, who devour the flesh. When the vultures are sometimes exposed must be that of a very young child. The tower is dedicated in secret, and used by followers known as the Zoroastrian. A writer in the English Christian Monthly furnishes some facts of interest compiled from a recent work by Dr. Christy. From these it appears that the number of converts from heathenism to Christianity at the present day is about 1,700,000, whereas 80 years ago not more than 20,000 could honestly be reckoned. These converts are distributed as follows: South Sea Islands, 200,000; Indian Archipelago, 50,000; Africa, West and South, 230,000; Madagascar, 200,000. These foot up 800,000 among people who had, not until Christianity reached them, no written language and little or no civilization. In West Africa, there are some 100,000 entirely consumed by internal fire. Among the substances subject to spontaneous combustion, pulverized charcoal is one of the most remarkable. "A load of charcoal was delivered in an out-house of a cityman in Leipzig, and the fire broke out, and the door by accident was left open, when the wind blew sprinklings of snow on the charcoal. The rapid absorption of oxygen from the melting snow caused the charcoal to ignite, and as the day was windy the most rapid combustion was hurried to ashes." In this connection a faithful and unsuspected source of fire suggests itself to those of our American house-keepers who burn wood as fuel and who store the ashes in boxes and barrels. The accidental burning of such ashes, even after years, will cause them to ignite, provided the air is damp and foggy. The phosphuret of potash from decayed wood renders wood ashes highly inflammable, and mysterious cellar fires in the rural districts are, no doubt, due to the phosphuret of potash in the ordinary form of spontaneous combustion. When you are traveling always take some stranger into your confidence, tell him how much money you have with you, and how you are going to do with it. If he doesn't relieve you of what you possess, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you have met an honest man. There is a great deal more to be got out of things than is generally got out of them, whether the thing be a chapter of the Bible or a flow turnip; and the marvel is that those who use the most material should so often be those that show the least result in strength of character.—George Macdonald.

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