



Texas Christian Advocate

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

IT BEINGS OF A GREAT HEART AND GIVES US...

My dear friend, I have just received from you...

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FOURTH QUARTER--MOORE'S LESSON.

NOVEMBER 21, 1880.

Gen. xlii: 20-34, and xli: 1-5, Joseph and his brethren.

Place--Heliopolis, capital of Lower Egypt.

At the head of the delta of the Nile.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Rom. xii: 21.

Joseph had been twenty-two years in Egypt.

He had been in solitude, three years in prison.

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Propositions under the head of "Business" are withdrawn. Subscribers received while the propositions were open will, of course, receive the benefit of them.

The Kansas Baptist churches are trying to raise an average of fifty cents per member for missions. Can not Texas Methodists reach that measure of liberality? Forty thousand dollars is only a small portion of the mission debt our church in this great southwest owes the churches in the older States.

The earth was cursed with briars and thorns, with heat and cold "for man's sake." Before people decide that the ants, musquitos, briars and thorns are unmitigated evils, it would be well for them also to decide whether the record nature has on its every page of the nature and consequences of sin may not afford lessons worthy of study.

There are 12,000 liquor saloons in New York. Of these about ninety per cent are owned and run by foreigners—fifty per cent being Irish and forty per cent German. An examination would possibly show that nearly the same proportion of saloon men in Texas are foreigners. These saloons are the centers of vice and crime. While they are run by the foreigner the American citizen supports them, the American taxpayer pays the enormous bills of cost in the criminal courts, which follow the brawls and murders that originate in these saloons, and the American mother, wife and daughter are impoverished and their hearts broken by the wretched traffic; and all while the German and Irish barkeepers are enriched. How long will American folk bear the burden this swarm of imported liquor dealers impose upon them?

Many men fall in life, as they suppose, for want of opportunity to make their mark. They would soon be as rich as Vanderbilt if they only had the capital to start with. They would rival Webster and Calhoun as statesmen if they could only impress people with the extent of their gifts. They would write their names on the scroll of fame along side the names of Alexander and Napoleon, if they had only an army to command. For want of these needed aids the world will never know their greatness. The men who never wait for opportunity to give them a grand lift usually go out of life without finding it. Men who become great make their own opportunities. The man who cannot make the capital to start with, usually makes nothing with it when fortune places the start at his command. Webster and Calhoun, Alexander and Napoleon, were made before their victories in the senate chamber and battle field were won.

We have been looking at a picture of Ishmael in the desert. The boy is lying on the rough sand, an empty water pitcher is beside him, and beneath him a garment is spread evidently taken from the person of the mother to render less painful the last moments of her boy. Hagar kneels a short distance from Ishmael with her head bowed low, and her face averted that she may not see the sufferings of her dying son. Every attitude expresses the strength of the mother's love. An air of desolation reigns over the entire scene. There are rocks and sands, but no green tree is in sight. The two are alone. Yet a friend was near, and in that dry and sterile desert there was a fountain of pure and sparkling water; and when the hand of God led the mother to that fountain she beheld her son recovering, how glad and grateful was that mother's heart. Did we but know it, there is a fountain in the desert of life, and God's hand is ready to lead us to its cool and life-giving waters.

Learning orchard proprietors in northern Italy and southern Germany carefully cultivate the common black ant as one of the fruit-growers' best friends. They have ascertained that the ants climb the trees and clear them of the insects which damage both the tree and its fruit. They are said never to interfere with sound fruit, but they are found on apples, pears and plums which have been penetrated by the cawker, which they remorselessly pursue to the very heart of the fruit. They say that the apple and pear is nowhere so free from blight and destructive insects as in the immediate neighborhood of a large ant-hill. The favorite food of the ants appears to be the larvae and pupae of insects which spend their brief lives in devouring tender shoots and leaves of trees. This is encouraging. It may yet be demonstrated that every created thing has its mission. We have hopes that something clever will one day be found out about the mosquito. To do this will long prove a puzzle to the scientist who is busy trying to measure all things according to his own tape-line. If people will remember that the material condition of the world may be governed with reference to the moral wants of man—its most important inhabitant—they might find a very good reason why a great many disagreeable things are found in this world.

A FLY THAT SPOILED A SERMON.

An excellent sermon on a certain occasion was spoiled by a house fly. It was one of those lazy, buzzing flies that on a hot day take such an unaccountable fancy for somebody's nose. It was the preacher's nose this particular fly fancied that Sunday morning. The preacher's nerves, very possibly, had been overtaxed by pastoral cares or severe study, and that made the matter worse. When a man's nerves have been set on edge by the annoyances of a week's hard work, it does not require a big thing on Sunday to upset him. The first time that fly put its foot on the preacher's nose he swept it away with a careless, graceful wave of the hand, and with his eye fixed on his notes kept right on with his discourse. It is remarkable with what agility a lazy, buzzing fly can get out of the way when a fellow grabs at it. That fly buzzed and buzzed—and then came back to the same spot. It was impossible to tell what the attraction was, but it was soon apparent that no other place in the meeting-house suited that fly so well as the preacher's nose. There was a slight trace of vigor in the movement of the preacher's hand this time, and his fingers closed with a touch of temper in them, but that fly was wide awake and up and away as the preacher's fingers swept suspiciously near his own proboscis. The interval was longer this time and the preacher was getting well warmed with his subject when there was that fly again on the bridge of the preacher's nose. Though six feet high the preacher was no match for that fly. It was as persevering as that celebrated ant which climbed up a wall ever so many times with one particular grain of wheat. At each return of the incorrigible insect there was a corresponding increase in the vigor of the preacher's efforts to catch it. Now with his left hand and then with his right hand, but in vain. He slapped and grabbed, and then fanned with his handkerchief, but it was no use. That fly was not to be caught napping. The congregation might sleep, but that fly was wide awake. Now it was on the tip of the preacher's nose; now industriously exploring the corner of his eye, and the next time trying to crawl up one of his nostrils. It was soon evident that many in the congregation were more interested in that fly than in the sermon, and that did not help the preacher the least bit in the world. Their eyes followed that fly as it would dart away when the preacher made a specially vigorous grab at it, and then they would watch it as it slowly circled off a short distance and then with its intolerable, deliberate buzz it would be back again. The preacher had to make a grand theme, that day, but that fly was too much for him. That little, insignificant insect broke in upon a train of argument which had been the result of weeks of diligent study and earnest thought. References, authorities and syllogisms made no impression on it. No flight of the preacher's imagination could lead him beyond the buzz of those wings, and though he snote with sledge-hammer arguments, no impression was made on that incorrigible fly. He lost his temper, he lost his interest in his theme, and was soon deep in the brush. The almost imperceptible smile on more than one countenance aggravated him. He wished that fly was dead, he wished all the flies in town were dead, he wished there never had been any flies. He cut his sermon short, and when the people went home they talked more about that fly than they did about the discourse. It was a good sermon, but a single fly spoiled it. Very often the fly has spoiled an apothecary's pot of ointment. Very often a little foxes spoil the tender grapes. Very often a very little Zor turns the footsteps of a Lot and his family, while fleeing from Sodom, away from the mountains of refuge God has appointed for them. Very often a little sin is the thin edge of the wedge that divides a soul from God and heaven forever. Very often a little pleasure leads to larger sins, and what we persuade ourselves is harmless blights within our hearts the most fragrant flowers of grace. Very often a little word lightly spoken and soon forgotten blights a character and breaks a human heart. A note in the eye may blind us, though the sun is shining brightly, and may cause us to blunder sadly, though the path we walk is plain. A house fly may not only disturb the preparation or mar the delivery of the most finished sermon, but an object as insignificant may distract the hearer's thought while the preacher is uttering a great truth that might be the keystone in the arch of the hearer's salvation. When we stand amid the tremendous realities of the eternal world, how little and contemptible will appear the short-lived annoyances and cares of earth which made us forget the truths which would have opened to us the glories of the eternal world.

The Liquor Dealers' Association in Michigan interrogated candidates for State officers as to their views on the liquor traffic. Having ascertained who favored and who opposed their business they addressed circulars to all the liquor dealers in the State, calling on them to support the men who were in favor of an unrestricted rum trade. The liquor dealers association of Texas has no doubt been active in the recent campaign, and they will have a strong representation in our next legislature. Let the friends of temperance and good order take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Received this year for my charge \$12. This statement was made by a preacher who had performed a faithful year's service. He has not only filled all his appointments, visited his people as a pastor, conversing with and praying for them, but has gone out and organized a church with a score of members, in a destitute region, adjoining his charge. And \$12 was all the people had paid him for preaching the gospel to them and their families.

"How did you get along?" "Very well," was the cheerful reply. "I have a little farm, and planted among other things an eighth of an acre in beans, and after using what we needed in the family, I sold beans to the amount of \$27." Only \$15 was wanting to make his bean patch equal to his salary as a preacher.

He had sowed one paper of turnip seed for which he had paid a dime, and had sold from it six dollars' worth of turnips and greens, being one-seventh as much as he had received from his church. He had, between appointments, planted potatoes, made a little corn, and had held a number of meetings, had seen souls converted and we doubt whether in Galveston or out of it there is a happier man than the preacher in charge of this mission. He will go to conference with a good report and hopes the conference will send him a good preacher next year. He says he will have to take a rest and his patch till he gets ahead again in his business matters, and then he will be ready to "supply" another mission if the church needs him. Such local preachers are of value to the church.

The other day, in a Texas town, the proprietor of a saloon and another man were gambling. As often happens at such places and on such occasions, they quarreled. Hard words passed, weapons were drawn, and a ball from the Winchester rifle of the saloonist stretched the other a bloody corpse on the threshold of the saloon. Such scenes seem inseparable from the bar-room and the gambling hell. There are few towns between Red river and Rio Grande which have not their story of brawls and bloodshed, in which the bar-room was the scene of the tragedy, and whisky or gambling the cause. Yet the secular papers say the Advocate is wandering from its mission as a religious journal when it denounces the saloon as the chief source of the crime that disgraces our State, and is pronounced fanatical because we assert that officials and candidates who patronize the bar-room on Sunday are unfit for the positions they fill or the offices to which they aspire.

DR. WINFIELD, of Arkansas, has opened the war on the saloons. He favors prohibition. It seems the pole-demons and many of the papers are some-what exercised over the question. The doctor talks after the following style. He has the best wishes of the Advocate in the contest to which he is committed: It is folly to think of sound temperance legislation, and rigid enforcement of laws, and yet to temperate men for officers. Of course a great many secular papers will sneer at us, and our work; their bread and butter comes from whisky and whiskey men. Fanatics and fanatism are easy and flippancy words with them. They are paid to sneer at all temperance work that means anything. They don't care how long you sing, talk and parade, but when we propose to reduce our principles to practice and vote for temperance men, or none at all, oh, then the line and cry of fanaticism is raised against us. We temperance men have struck the lance of the great Diana of America—and I tell you this is fluttering and crying about. These little craft are in danger. Temperance has got to be introduced into politics. I don't mean your party squabbles—but the politics of the country. This Christian and civilized country must and will be governed by sober men and drunkards and saloon men might as well go to the rear. The hands are rising on the wall, and the day of retribution has come. We mean that sober men shall rule the country—and saloons shall go down. We intend to vote for none but temperate men, and we mean by that, men who are not drunk-drinkers or drunkards, and if this is fanaticism, then let the world's most of it. Can our Temperance men rally and believe that we can pass and enforce a Prohibition amendment? If so, the day is ours. We want no half-measures, no compromise of newspaper squibs, or party lash. We want courageous men, who will dare to do duty and vote as they pray, and do both according to conscience. Don't be alarmed, temperance people, at the things we have received, or will receive; they are as harmless as blank cartridges; and will accomplish no more—stand firm. The battle is upon us and the war cry is raised, and we must do our duty.

OUR attention has been called to the fact that in Dr. Ditzler's article in the Advocate last week, he speaks of the Texas Dallas Herald Baptist. There is no Baptist Herald in Dallas, while the Baptist Herald, published in Houston and the Texas Baptist are two very different papers and their editors are two very different men. We are not exactly certain what Baptist paper Dr. Ditzler was talking about.

REV. W. H. LEFEBRE, late of the Baltimore conference, passed through Galveston this week en route to Waco, the seat of the Northwest Texas conference, to which he has been transferred. Bro. L. is a graduate of the Drew Theological seminary, and brings strong commendations from his late associates of the Baltimore conference. To what portion of Texas the bishop may assign him he will find an open field and plenty of hard work. We give him a cordial welcome in the name of his fellow-laborers.

TEXAS METHODISM.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. I. P. Palmer, Dexter, Cook Co., Nov. 4: Fourth quarter is past; circuit not up financially; promise more. Bro. Binkley was on hand, preaching to them, and a good audience. The work was had, and by-the-by this is a good circuit. Next year the circuit preacher will fare better than the past; they have a parsonage in hand. Cotton plenty.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. R. B. Galloway, Jonesboro, Coryell Co., Nov. 5: The Jonesboro high school association have donated the property belonging to them, amounting to about \$1000, to the M. E. Church, South, to be the best facilities for a school in the West. We ask for it a place in many respects an effort of the church and all who love education.

A. Hale, Buffalo Gap, Taylor county, October 28: We devoutly ask that A. K. Miller be returned to the Breckenridge district as presiding elder; we want a man that knows the law, loves the law, and will not compromise away the rites of the church. This is important on the frontier; this country will soon be filled up with intelligent people and with them will arise many important issues. Hence the importance of a man of influence.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Layman, Rusk, Rusk Co., Nov. 3: We have had our hands full for some time in improving, and to some extent remodeling the Methodist church at this place. The improvements on the church are now complete except seating it. We have built a vestibule and sixty feet high, removed the old, and put in beautiful gothic windows with stained glass, repainted the building inside and out. We think we have one of the most elegant churches in this part of the State. The ladies gave a festival, a few evenings since, for the benefit of the church, and realized \$1200 expenses. This will relieve our entire indebtedness. Great credit is due our community for their liberality in adding us, and especially the ladies and Bro. J. W. Johnson for their untiring efforts. They continued their work until the work was completed, and also Maj. Lamour, of Austin, who planned and superintended the work with a willing hand, not for pay, but a labor of love. Our people are still in favor of the Sunday school.

C. H. Smith, Tyler, Smith Co., Nov. 1: I have now one round to make on my circuit and then come conference. My collections nearly all up. Two hundred and six accessions up to date: one hundred and thirty-eight professions of faith. I have saved one country with worth of books sold this year; thirty children or more baptized.

POSTAL CARDS. TERRELL, Kaufman Co.: We bespeak for brother and sister J. C. Smith, the sympathy and prayers of the church, especially of the members of the North Texas conference. Their affliction, which they are still in, is a great trial, after a protracted and painful illness. The bereavement was especially sad, because of the absence of Brother Smith who was upon his work, closing the labor of the year.—W. F. EASTMAN.

MINERAL, Fletcher Box, Wood Co., October 31.—The fourth quarterly conference for the N. T. C. is over; Bro. M. H. Neely was present; the preacher in charge was not present on account of sickness; we had some excellent preaching. Bro. Neely's sermon was very good. Many hearts were made glad and I must confess that I myself, was made happy in a Savior's love. The elder's text "But ye shall receive power when ye shall be clothed with the armor of God." Many hearts were made glad and I must confess that I myself, was made happy in a Savior's love. The elder's text "But ye shall receive power when ye shall be clothed with the armor of God." Many hearts were made glad and I must confess that I myself, was made happy in a Savior's love.

MARLIN, Falls Co., Nov. 3.—I would like to know whether there is really a man of my name and initials in Cameron county, or not. An article in the postals of the 13th of October last has been falsely charged to me and to my wife. As it is not mine, I need not preserve a copy after the proof is read, we cannot furnish the original, and with the multitude of matters which come to us weekly, we can only say that it came on a postal card and was published, we do not intend to preserve it, we suppose it was a forgery. If there was a mistake it was not intentional, and Bro. Henderson's postal above relieves him from any responsibility.—Ed.

BOLIVAR, Denton Co., Nov. 2.—There will be a discussion at Triplett, Wisconsin, Texas, Nov. 29, 1880, between the writer and Elder Sledge, of Arlington, Tarrant county, on the noise and subject of baptism, on the church, and on the perseverance of the saints. Our people have become tired of so much noise about baptism and call for the discussion. Elder Sledge is the apostle of the "Land-mark Baptists" in Texas. I am thankful to my brethren of the Bolivar circuit for their favorable notices, and especially to Rev. Isaac O. Clifton for his kind notice of my manuscript on baptism. Though intended for popular use, one portion, I think, will be of special benefit to students in the ministry.—W. W. BRIDWELL.

BEHNS, Grimes Co., Nov. 6.—Merrit Sluettworth was living in or near Fort Worth in 1875 since which time he has not been heard from. Any information of him or his family, by postal to the Advocate or to the undersigned at this office will confer a great favor on an aged lady who is anxious to hear from an only child.—A. J. McDOUGAL.

TERRELL, Kaufman Co.—Terrell last year rendered a report more than perfect according to Bishop Keener's definition. This year we have reason to believe that we will present papers not marred by any defects. We refer to the collection ordered by the conference.—W. F. E.

EAST BERNARD, Oct. 31.—We had the pleasure of attending church at Quinn; heard two excellent sermons delivered by Bro. G. V. Hbley, of Richmond. Congregation large and attentive. The evening service was very impressive, teaching the important duties implied in the text: "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."—LULA SHERBARD.

RELIGIOUS JOURNALS.

Roman Catholic journals deny that Mounjiron Capel is bankrupt. There is a call for a German Methodist missionary in Odessa, Russia. A Mormon church of 49 members is in existence in Philadelphia.

Chief Joseph, of the Oka Indians, Canada, has translated the four gospels into Iroquois. At Erzerum, Turkey, last year the gifts of the native converts amounted to \$12 for each male, woman and child. It is said Mr. Robert Stuart has given Princeton Theological Seminary \$100,000 to endow a new professorship.

It is estimated that there are about 10,000 students in the Catholic colleges in the United States. There has been trouble between Talnagore's tabernacle and the Brooklyn Presbytery, but for the present it is settled. Count DeChambard has petitioned Leo XIII to place the name Louis XVI, Chambard's grand uncle, on the roll of the church's martyrs.

The revival of Carlist ultramontaniam in Spain is said to be the result of the arrival of hundreds of Jesuits from France. Mr. Talmage says: "Wherever in the Bible you find a man who has more than one wife, you find him up to his neck in trouble." A dispatch from Cape Town says that four more missionaries have been murdered by the natives.

The French expelled monks are flocking to Madrid, and the nudes are offering their services in the town coming to give them other convents and other public buildings. Father Hyacinthe said in a recent address in London that "Protestantism is suited to the genius of the French people," to which some of the descendants of the old Huguenots responded with a very decided "No." Bishop Harris, recently elected Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Michigan, was formerly a lawyer, and during the late war was said to have been adjutant general on Gen. Grant's staff, and served on the Southern side during the war.

Yung Kwan, a young Chinese student at a high school in Springfield, Massachusetts, last summer became a Christian and was ordered back to China by his father, in company with another young Chinese who had offended his father. The young man was not only to persecution when they reached China, but to lose their heads for their religion. After they had started Yung and his companion exhorted the agent who had them in charge. They returned to their country with their heads high and their hearts full of courage to continue his studies.

It is reported that at Harvard College morning prayers will be abandoned after the close of the present year. In this connection it is significant that while the attendance of the students in the nationalistic German universities is falling off that the Evangelical universities are crowded. The latest translation of the New Testament is in the language of the most backward islands in the Pacific ocean. That book has been translated into more languages and vernaculars than the translations of all other books from the English language into other tongues.

We see it stated that Hungary, with two million inhabitants, has not a single Catholic priest at present year. In this connection it is significant that while the attendance of the students in the nationalistic German universities is falling off that the Evangelical universities are crowded. The latest translation of the New Testament is in the language of the most backward islands in the Pacific ocean. That book has been translated into more languages and vernaculars than the translations of all other books from the English language into other tongues.

The London Missionary Society reports in Malagascary 30 missionaries, 70,125 converts, 20,000 catechumens, and 25,150 pupils, exclusive of the pastors' college and normal and central schools, Christianity and civilization go with equal step among the nations of the earth. Bishop Feshaun who has been assigned the Archbishopric of Bulle has received the papal bulls assigning him that charge, but until the arrival of the papal bull cannot exercise metropolitan jurisdiction, and will be, for the time being, only bishop of Chicago.

The Andover Theological Seminary has decided to lengthen the term of study for the ministry from three to four in order to secure more thorough preparation on the part of the young theologians, to meet the onslaughts of the scepticism of the present day. In a recent speech, the Duke of Argyll styled Episcopalianism "an exotic." The term gave great offense, and the Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants have been discussing it with much warmth. The question involved is the primitive organization of the church. Bishop Casalis, of Natal, whose views on the Pentateuch made him known to the Christian world, lives at Marburg very quietly and never appears in public except on Sunday when he conducts services in the church. He is nearly seven feet high and of massive frame. He is sixty-six years old and retains his mental vigor. His daughter is his amanuensis, and the Kellers do his printing.

At Port Said evangelistic labor among the crews of vessels passing through the Suez canal have been kept up for some time by a Mr. Whitlock, who is not connected with any missionary organization. The ringing of the curfew bell which was introduced by William, the conqueror, to warn the people to cover up their fires and retire to rest, has been resumed at Stratford-on-Avon, England. On a recent Sunday in several London Roundist churches the congregations were requested to pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. C. F. Lowder, late vicar of St. Peter, London docks, who was an extreme Ritualist. Mr. Moody says he has no sympathy with those who want to go outside of the church to get into "the higher life." We would advise them to stay in the church and help purify that.

The West Texas Conference.

The following are the important disciplinary questions and answers heretofore incorrectly reported: Number of local preachers and members 6663. Infants baptized 467; adults 84. Sunday-school 81; Sunday-school officers and teachers 361; scholars 3023. Amount of conference fund, estimated, \$610; collected \$688.70. Distributed as follows: Jesse Hood \$53.50, R. Gillett \$122, Mrs. H. S. LaFerty \$100, Mrs. A. Davidson \$80, R. M. Leaton \$53.50, Thos. Myers \$167, E. H. Holbrook \$100.70. Amount raised for foreign missions \$729.25; domestic missions \$1110.03.

There is a discrepancy of \$10 in the conference fund reported by the Joint Board of Finance between the amount received and the aggregate amount distributed, for which I am unable to account. T. G. WOOLLS, Secretary West Texas Conference.

The Hiwassee College Reporter for November has the following: W. D. Moun castle transfers with the brightest honors from the Holston to the Texas Conference, where his only brother resides. His father, mother and two sisters go along with him. Better people never left East Tennessee. Their friends are filled with grief. As to enemies they have none that are known to us.

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BISHOP WIGHTMAN has returned to his home in Charleston without having received the benefit hoped for from his mountain trip. At last accounts he was back, under medical advice, in treatment. It is now certain that he will not be able to attend the three conferences in Arkansas which are soon to meet. The sympathies and prayers of the church will be given to him in this affliction, which we are not doubting, will keep him from the field at a time when, human speaking, his services seem indispensable.—Nashville Advocate.

BISSET, the animal trainer of Perth, taught an orang-ut to wait on the table and to perform other duties, the duties belonging to servants. A chimpanzee has been trained to feed and attend a baker's oven fire on board ship. A female chimpanzee in the London Zoological Garden, could lock and unlock a drawer and thread a needle. In taking her meals she used knife, fork, spoon and drinking cup with as much ease as a human being. The chimpanzee has been taught to blow bellows and to drive teams of wagon horses.

We have received the following which we give our readers: 42 BIBLE HOUSE, NEW YORK, NOV. 1.—The American Bible Revision committee have completed the revision of the English version of the New Testament and translated the result of their labors to English. The British committee will meet in November for final action, and the University presses of Oxford and Cambridge are expected to issue the revised New Testament in February, 1881. The Old Testament will be published two or three years after.

The American revisers have given their time and labor for eight years without compensation. The necessary expenses have been provided for by voluntary subscriptions. Any friend of the great undertaking who will contribute towards the expense ten dollars or more before February next, will receive a memorial copy of the first University edition of the revised New Testament, handsomely bound and inscribed. The money must be sent to the president, Rev. Dr. Schaff, or treasurer, Mr. Andrew L. Taylor, in the Bible House, New York. PHILIP SCHAFF.

To the East Texas Conference and its guests. Tickets of reduced fare will be on sale at the following stations on the International and Great Northern railroad for the accommodation of members and visitors of the conference at Marshall December 1st: Houston, Dallas, Phelps, Trinity, Lovelock, Crockett, Palestine, Nerbes, Jacksonville, Grope, Overton, Kilgore and Tyler. These tickets will be round trip tickets to and from Longview. Sold on the 20th and 30th of November, good until the 9th of December. R. S. FINLEY, PALATINE, NOVEMBER 5, 1880.

COMANCHE, Comanche county, Oct. 20.—Not wishing to annoy my neighbors, I only report the fact of my right of my postal card contributors, but would say that the subject matter of a majority of the postals that have appeared in the Advocate recently is becoming very stale and monotonous to the general reader. Give us facts and figures and not "puff" and borrowed witicism. Query, will they do it?—J. W. COCKER. (Why don't Bro. C. send us some postals?—Ed.)

MARSHALL, Harrison Co., Nov. 1.—I write to make a correction. Rev. J. S. Gillett says in his report of missions, that I had baptized one infant, one adult. I only reported the infant baptized. He also reports one Sunday-school with forty scholars. There is no Sunday-school in the bounds of the mission.—E. G. DUYAL.

Elephants and Tigers in South Africa.

From the Uttenhage Times. The district of Uttenhage is just now rather overrun with wild animals of the larger kind, and an hour's ride from the town would bring the sportsmen into the haunts of elephants and tigers. On Monday morning, as Mr. Fourie, of Wolvekroon, came into town, he passed through a large herd of elephants at the Coega. Gen. Nixon's estate, Balmoral, seven miles from town, is actually overrun with the large animals; and they have become very troublesome to the Governor's farm, Doon Kraal, occupied by Col. Ashburner, tearing down the fences, destroying the crops, and scattering even the prickly pears in all directions. The place is about eight miles from Uttenhage. The tigers, which also infest Uttenhage, and may be reached in twenty minutes, is just now subject to great destruction from porcupines, bush bucks and tigers.

On Sunday afternoon last Mr. Harry Marshall of Her Majesty's Customs, narrowly escaped an encounter with a tiger. He was spending the day with Mr. Clarke, at the farm Kannaaks, and in the afternoon went for a quiet stroll, in hand, along the bank to the favorite picnic spot near the dam, and suddenly came upon a tiger drinking at the stream. He impulsively leveled the gun at the beast and pulled trigger, but the cap misfired. The animal then, with a snarl, sprang at him, and he fired a second time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a third time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a fourth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a fifth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a sixth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a seventh time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired an eighth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a ninth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired a tenth time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him again, and he fired an eleventh time, but the bullet struck the tiger's side, and he sprang at him 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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

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Breadstuffs in Russia have risen to double their usual price. Great scarcity exists in St. Petersburg and various provinces, which American competition fails fully to meet.

In justification of their acts and speeches, the Irish agitators will bring several hundred witnesses from Rack rent estates. A subscription for the defence of the Land Leaguers who are on trial has been started.

Mr. Parnell will address a grand meeting at Athol on Sunday, the 7th.

The suit of the Pullman Palace Car Company against the Baltimore and Quincy Railroad Company, for an infringement of patent, was taken up in the United States court on the 4th.

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Fathers. The sub-prefect says the authorities will not break open the doors, but will continue the siege a month if necessary. The fathers say they have plenty of provisions. The Trappists of Tulle were dispersed the 6th by a body of gen' d'armee and fifty soldiers. The Nantes Capuchins have cut their hair. The Jesuits are non-authorized religious bodies at other points have been effected. The resignation of magistrates on account of the enforcement of the decrees come in daily.

The announcement that the Channel fleet has been ordered to the Irish coast has caused great excitement. Several land league meetings were held in Cork, at which the prosecutions of the land leaguers were denounced. At one meeting a powerful body of farmers and men of arms, headed by a man named Walsh, formerly a land leaguer, stormed the platform and after a desperate struggle addressed the meeting, denouncing the leaguers. This would indicate a broad division of sentiment among the Irish people.

The great trial of nihilists, including the person accused of being the author of the explosion of the Chamberlain, is really nothing to interfere with the ordinary performance of their vital functions.

During the expulsion of the Seminars at Lyons, on the 4th, a workman was fatally stabbed with a cano-sword. Several magistrates have resigned in consequence of the enforcement of the religious decrees. M. Dufflet, Duke de Broglie and M. de Pyre have afforded succor to the Dominicans expelled from their establishments in Paris. There was only passive resistance to the enforcement of the religious decrees by the Dominicans and Franciscans and other unauthorized communities in Paris. Several sympathizers of the orders were arrested for insulting the police. The decision of the tribunal of conflicts at Lyons, to the effect that the minister of justice is qualified to preside at its sitting, makes it certain that the tribunal will refer the actions brought by the Jesuits to the council of state instead of the ordinary court.

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Terrestrial Magnetism.

In a recent number of the Philosophical Magazine, Messrs. Ayrton and Perry propose a new and very plausible theory of terrestrial magnetism, based upon the fact, first demonstrated some years ago, in the laboratory of Helmholtz, by Prof. Rowland, that the force of the Earth's magnetism is due to a current of electricity flowing through it. They show that the actual phenomena are just what ought to be expected if the rotating earth were heavily charged with negative electricity, the difference of potential between it and surrounding objects being sufficient to give a spark some 400 feet in length. The idea that we are thus unconsciously living in the midst of such a tremendous lightning charge may at first sight seem a little startling; but it is no new one. Nearly thirty years ago Peltier showed that the phenomena of atmospheric electricity are most easily explained on the hypothesis of a negative charge permanently residing in the earth; and Sir William Thomson has since then raised the hypothesis to something near the position of a demonstrated fact. This permanent electrical charge needs itself no further explanation than the infinite improbability that a globe like the earth, formed by the aggregation and condensation of countless atoms, would be exactly neutral in its electrical condition. It need hardly be said that we on the surface remain as unconscious of this charge and as little affected by its inconceivable velocity with which our globe whirled through space, as the most part, changes alone, not permanent conditions, disturb us.

The discovery of phosphorescent bodies has been traced back to the year 1602, when a cobbler of Bologna, pursuing the philosopher's stone, found a very heavy mineral, which, after being heated, emitted a blue, green, or yellow light in the dark. The mineral with which the Bologna cobbler attained so remarkable a result was barium sulphate, which, by the operation in the crucible, was changed to barium sulphide, which is the most phosphorescent substance known.

A BARRIED TEMPLE AND PALACE.—The second Assyrian expedition, which was conducted by Mr. Hormuzd Rassam, brought to light some interesting things. Commencing operations on the mounds of Nineveh, Mr. Rassam succeeded in exploring a site which was regarded as forbidden ground. This was the mound of Nebly Yunus, the supposed tomb of the prophet Jonah. In this mound he discovered remains of places erected by Esarhadon and Sennacherib. His labors on the mounds of Nineveh resulted in the recovery of a large number of inscriptions, many of extreme interest. Passing southward, he visited Nimrod, where he continued his labors in the Temple of Venus. This building, which he discovered, is a fine example of Assyrian architecture, and has been thoroughly examined, and found to be a large, open temple, containing shrines of several deities. There were also found a number of seats arranged in parallel rows, forming a central aisle from the shrines to the altar. The temple seems to favor the idea of its having been a species of forum where religious and other councils were held. The explorations in Assyria have