

Texas Christian Advocate.

MY PASTOR'S RECEPTION: OR THE FARMER'S STORY.

BY ANNIE NORLAND.

As at the same extended act of rhyme. For I am sure I should have been...

I was a new-comer in Texas—a novice in the production of cotton and its preparation for market. I purchased a large farm, on which was an excellent gin, though it had been in use several years. I set to work in good earnest, and about the time my crop was up, and growing finely, the lands working well, and everything going along smoothly enough to make me believe that a good prospect for a farmer began to dawn upon my rising fortunes...

The examination was made, the poor gin found to be in miserable plight, and before I had time to get it repaired, it was again broken down. I had to buy a new one, and I had to buy a new one, and I had to buy a new one...

The year rolled along, the crop was gathered, and one fine morning, looking day, in the beginning of the new year, I set down to balance my books. The cotton which had promised so much had been blighted by summer droughts, the price was low, and my profits next to nothing. I began to think of my repairing bills with less comfort than ever, and I said to myself: no gin sharper shall get into my gin house this year. With this resolution I closed the book, tried to dismiss dependent feelings, and went out to buy myself about some little work with my wagon wanted. I was just outside of the yard at a little side gate, and while still ruminating on the vexed question, how to do better another year, and clinging with tenacious hope to my unimproving resolution, I looked up and saw a man slowly riding on. Seeing me he came around to the side gate. Ah! thought I, this is a gin man. They come sometimes horseback with their files in their saddle-bags, and sure enough there are the saddle-bags. He shall not get a pull on my gin until not this time, and so I shall begin by receiving him with as much cordiality as I can command. "Good evening, sir," I said. "How do you live here, sir?" I replied. "Is he at home?"

"No, I don't know that I shall." It was now getting on to be puzzled. I could not get my mind on his talk, as I thought I could, and stepping my work I tried to make him out. In turn, it seemed his time to talk quizzical, and for the first time since he rode up a smile was on his face. Well, thought I, he may take his time to tell me what he wants with me. I am not to work again, and resumed my mental debate. Is he a sharpener, or not? He looks like one, I argued. He is so square built; I must be right, and if I am I'll soon find out. Just then my visitor broke in upon my thoughts with the question: "What steuple is that?" pointing to the little steuple of my gin-house, which could be seen above the tree tops. "Now I can put my finger on you, my man," thought I, and I could not help laughing to think that I was in a guessing. You've betrayed yourself now; that's the way you're going to introduce your subject, is it? To my surprise, my visitor next said: "Well, how is religion prospering about here?" I was astonished at this drift of thought, and without waiting to think of what I was saying, I answered: "Oh, that's allayed upon, I believe." "That's very bad," gravely responded my questioner. A new train of thought began to rush into my mind, which took this form: Why is this man here? He's not a gin sharpener. He made that last remark like a preacher. What did he say his name was? Oh! yes, yes; what have I been thinking of all this time? I threw down my hammer, and felt just like running away, but thinking that would mean a question, asked Mr. Otto Eckhorn, 1413 N. Ninth street, St. Louis, Mo., to this write up: I had been a sufferer for the past six weeks with severe pains in the shoulder and spine so that I was unable to do any work. Advised by a friend I used St. Jacobs Oil. With the second application relief was had and a cure effected in two days.

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Misrepresentation Refuted.

Permit me of your readers, in behalf of thousands of the good people of Texas, to denounce as a slander against their intelligent and moral...

A year ago there were thousands of people in Texas to raise their voices in behalf of the Sunday law. They are all silent now. Everybody sees that the law is a failure, like the bell-punch business; that it is odious in public estimation, and hence the self-respect of the State demands that it be withdrawn from the statute books.

The writer of the above possibly was blinded by the noise recently raised in Waco by the infidel convention that assembled there, and consequently was unable to bring his sober senses to the realization of the truth. He mistakes the silence of the moral, law-abiding citizens who consider the question settled, for the description of this humane, just, liberal law. The Telephone says: "It is odious in public estimation, and hence the self-respect of the State demands that it be wiped off her statute books."

The Telephone, being one of the organs of the Liquor Dealers' association, is doubtless familiar with "public estimation" as entertained in the circles of gamblers, liquor dealers and patrons of bar-rooms. If this is the "public estimation" which considers the law odious, then my wayward friend of the Telephone may be correct, and I can account for his inability to hear the voices of the thousands of Texans which are raised in behalf of the Sunday law. I respectfully invite the Telephone to change his company, assuring him that he will feel better, act better, and hear more distinctly the demands of his conscience, and the voice of the pure air pervading the home circle and social gathering where intelligence and virtue reign, he will find that not only the moral and church-going elements of society demand that this law should remain, but that the best interests of the State demand the same thing. If the legislature should, in obedience to the clamor of the beer-drinkers, wipe this law from the statute books, it will be the most suicidal step that could possibly be taken. It would not only destroy the moral and religious propensities of the best, most progressive and intelligent citizens of the State, who are now content with its institutions. Show me a man that loves his family of little ones more than he does his horses and his cattle, and I will show you one who would rather wipe the dust from his feet against Texas than to see the legislature disgrace itself by wiping the Sunday law from her statute books. Some good men have opposed the Sunday law, but in nine cases out of ten they have done so for the wrong reason. They never read it, and were consequently ignorant of its provisions. The best argument in favor of the law is the law itself. If the Advocate and other papers would keep it in print for a few weeks more, this ignorance would be dispelled, and the opposition proportionately diminished. Compare it with similar laws found in the codes of Alabama, Georgia and other older States, and the comparison will demonstrate that it is more liberal than that which is now in force in this State.

The bold stand taken by the Advocate on this and other vital questions of the day entitles it to the undying gratitude of this and future generations. Keep up the war, and let the truth go to the core. If morality, law and justice are worth having, they are worth fighting for. Let politicians and public officials remember: the eyes of a jealous constituency are upon them. AN OBSERVER.

From the Northwest.

THURSDAY, CO. CO., Jan. 25.—As I suppose few of your readers know a great deal about our section of the country, I will tell them a few things. We are on the 33d degree of latitude, and 90th degree of longitude, about 125 miles west of Fort Worth, and about sixty miles north of Eastland, on the V. P. railroad. Ours is one of the very best counties in Northwest Texas; it is well watered, embraces a great deal of very fine land, and has an excellent range of mesquite and other prairie grasses. There has been but little farming done here yet, but what has been done has yielded very fair results. The indications are that this will be a good crop year. Stockraising is the principal business here. Sheep are attracting considerable attention, and seem to yield the greatest profit on the capital invested; but sheep men are taking a great deal of pains to improve their flocks. There has been very little loss in any kind of stock so far this winter, considering the severity of the weather. It is possible that we may get the Waco branch of the Central railroad. I understand that they have leased a coal bed at the southeast corner of this county, and it seems very reasonable that they should come up this way, as they have very large landed interests north and northwest from here that they would open up by coming this way.

In conclusion, will say that we want more people to settle up our vacant lands, fill up our schools and attend our churches when they send us a preacher. All who will come may be sure of a hearty welcome. Accept my sincere wishes for the success of your paper and the principles it advocates. I adhere your heroic stand against the accursed liquor traffic, your advocacy of a higher standard of morals in our public officers, and defense of the Sunday law. R. A. S.

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Motherhood.

The relation of parent and child is the most beautiful and pure of any in God's moral economy. It is also the strongest, in a general sense. From the birth of Abel to the present generation, there has been opened up in a woman's heart, a flow of feeling akin to the divine, which have, even to the other shore, and faint words recall from the sacred precincts of peaceful Eden those around whom her heart strings tingle.

It was the mother, though herself the first to transgress and bring into the world the child that taunted the tender-hearted Abel the story of redeeming love, and enabled him to become the "first martyr." Who but a mother, though herself unknown, molded and adorned the character of "the man of God," who "was not, for God took him." It is an older saying but true as trite, that the mother is known by her child; if so, then can you not picture a being more subtly than human: her face wreathed with smiles of contentment, though in a rude tent in the land of the Chaldeans, teaching with delight the precious boy, who, no doubt, through the influence of that mother's teaching, becomes the "father of the faithful," Relying on the faith of his mother and setting the eye of his faith upon her, saying to the divine, "I am thy star, the star of Bethlehem, he went out not knowing whither he went. Then we come to the man after God's own heart," who, though a king, got him down in the very dust of humility, and implored Israel's God for forgiveness. See the teachings of a pious mother reflected back in all the acts of David; and by the teachings of the saintly mother his heart was softened to become the sweetest singer of Israel. There is also the power residing in the mother's love, which from childhood instilled the great truths of a Savior to come into the soul of her boy who was called; and extracted from his own people and others the encomiums of his noblest men. Coming down we behold another character thrown suddenly on the canvass by the inspired writers. Strong in the faith instilled into his heart by her who had slept long years in her narrow home, he dares to stand before the king, and says, "there shall be neither dew nor rain, except by my word." Who will deny that this Thibite-mother first awakened these lofty aspirations in his tender heart and made him the first restorer of the race to their original condition? Who like her with beating heart when asked by her sires in reference to her son, would say:

"That they were wont to linger long and the prophet's school, leaving the holy law of the Lord." To whom the sire responded: Amid the trumpet's pomp, when the high priest, clad in his robes pontifical, invoked The God of Abraham, while on lute and harp, Levi and the mighty shout of all our people like the swelling sea Loud rollings burst.

There are mothers not so far removed from us by time through whose lives the noblest characters that ever existed, which an empire's soul, they valued their children's mind and soul far more than the garments they wore, and thought like other godly matrons that "wisdom is the gray hair to man, and unimpaired life to old age." These are the mothers who have given to the world a Luther, a Wesley, a Fletcher, a Washington, a Lee and a MARVIN. Saints on earth were these. All honor to their memory! Such mothers feel they have a mission, a holy mission; they understand that:

Life is real, life is earnest.

And death is not a goal.

Not long can't tell or penit paint the worth of such women. O, that we had more unselfish non-worldly mothers to rear up those who are to guide the helm of State and lead Zion's ranks from conquest to victory. God speak the day when all these mothers will throw off their lethargy and awake to their true station in life. Would that we all could feel the high trusts reposed in us as mothers, and discharging them to a green old age. Like some sympathetic strapper of his couch about him. And lies down to pleasant dreams.

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Spain is to have an international exhibition, to be opened in Madrid in September, 1882, and to be kept open for an entire twelvemonth. As that will carry it into 1883, when the New York World's fair is to be held, it may be some extent competitive with the American enterprise. It is to be, to all intents, a government undertaking, the management being vested in a royal commission.

The people must talk out intelligence and patent medicines as much as they please, but we stick to the plain fact that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will cure a cough quicker than any physician's prescription.

The French senate has passed a bill granting subsidies to merchant shipping.

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When Dr. Kelley was in attendance at the Texas Conference at Beaumont, he organized a woman's conference missionary society.

The Car of Russia in honor of the successes of Gen. Skochloff in the present war between Russia and the Turk.

Mrs. W. H. H. Bross.—A letter from Bro. Shive informs us that on the 27th of January, Sister Biggs, wife of Reg. W. H. H. Biggs, pastor of the church at Goddard, West Texas Conference, was called home.

MISS HELENA GLADSTONE, daughter of the present prime minister of Great Britain, has shocked her aristocratic friends by devoting to follow the useful life of a teacher.

THROTTING THE EFFORTS OF DR. KEANE, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Richmond, almost every seller of intoxicating drinks of that faith has given his pledge not to sell on Sunday.

WE SEE IN AN EXCHANGE THE STATEMENT that the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, since 1871, have contributed the grand total of \$992,517 28, or \$96,251 72 per annum, for foreign missions.

EAST TEXAS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—We have received a circular from Rev. J. J. Ransom, which says that he has been requested by the Woman's Missionary Society to organize a Conference Society in the East Texas Conference during his proposed visit to Marshall.

Rev. W. M. Patterson, our missionary in Mexico, writes cheerfully of his work in that land.

LAWLESSNESS AND IMMIGRATION.

The reputation of Texas abroad and her real character are different things. A year or two since, the editor of Scribner's Monthly asserted that shooting men on the pavements of Southern Louisiana was a favorite pastime with Southern gentlemen; while the arrest of the criminal and his trial before the courts could only be consummated at deadly risk of life by sheriff, judge and prosecuting attorney.

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SOUTHERN METHODISM.

It is said that 5000 copies of Finney's Life and Labors of Bishop Marvin have been sold. Rev. J. M. Boland, of the Georgia Conference, has been called to mourn the loss of his wife.

THE CORNICANA MESSENGER. We are in receipt of the Cornicana Messenger, published semi-monthly by Rev. M. H. Wells. The name of this journal is changed, as the editor informs us in the number before us, from that of Cornicana Methodist in order to allay the misapprehension that his journal was designed to "conflict with other interests and previous engagements of the church."

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Ignorance of the Bible in Brazil.

Brazil has some 12,000,000 inhabitants. There are not in all the Empire more than 100,000 copies of the Bible. Until a comparatively recent date there was no systematic effort toward Bible distribution. Ships going out from New York, or Baltimore, or Liverpool, or London, would carry perhaps a consignment of a few dozen Bibles, which, guided by a good Providence, often found their way into the far interior of the Empire in an apparently haphazard way.

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