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WOMAN AND HER WORK.

WOMAN AS MOTHER. "The mother, in her office, holds the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character."

Leaving out of consideration the physical bias which the mother gives to her offspring, about which there may be just ground for difference of opinion, we believe it is generally admitted that the early years of childhood are the formative period of mind and character as well as of body.

The river may be dammed, its currents checked, its shallows deepened, its meanderings shortened, its overflow restrained; but its general character, direction and results are determined by the brooks whence it had its origin.

We need go no further than our own experience and observation for conviction that the impressions of early childhood are the most lasting. They become so deeply imbedded in the mind as to form a part of it forever.

Who, then, exerts the controlling influence during this controlling period? Need any one ask the question? "The mother; the mother!" comes leaping from every heart, and is confirmed by every observing mind.

The Baptist churches of England are making special efforts to promote temperance among their members. An able minister has been appointed to visit every church in the kingdom and urge the importance of total abstinence.

son, the great lexicographer; and Certran, the orator; and Paley, the theologian of nature; and Cowper, the poet; John Randolph, the statesman; and Washington, the hero; and Lee, the soldier—how these, and hundreds besides, received from their mothers, not only the genius which distinguished them, but what was of vastly more importance, the nurture and care by which that genius was developed to its full maturity.

"I should have been an atheist," said John Randolph, "if it had not been for one recollection, and that was the memory of the time when my departed mother used to take my little hand into hers, and caused me to say, 'Our Father, which art in heaven.'"

The mother of Gray, the immortal author of an "Elegy in a country churchyard," maintained her son out of her own industry, first at Eaton and then at Cambridge, so that he became the most accomplished of all English poets—Milton only excepted.

These are they who have shed upon the name of mother its sweetest fragrance, who have made of it the key to unlock all hearts, the potent spell to awake the deepest emotions, can you imagine Susannah Wesley, Martha Washington, Mary Lee, as butterflies of fashion, flitting from pleasure to pleasure, and spending their days in the vain adornment of their bodies, because they had no minds to adorn?

QUESTIONS OF LAW. HON. J. ANGELINA county, April 18. Please answer the following questions in the ADVOCATE: Has an ordained local preacher the authority, under the laws of Texas, to unite persons in marriage? Answer—give the law. Has he the authority, under the law of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South? Answer in your next issue. I have my views about the matter, but want yours in the ADVOCATE.—R. W. THOMAS.

Webster defines the word "minister" in the following language: "One who serves at the altar; one who performs sacerdotal duties; the pastor of a church duly authorized or licensed to preach the gospel and administer the sacraments." According to the same authority a "preacher" is "one who preaches; who discourses publicly on religious subjects. One who inculcates anything with earnestness."

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TO THE FRONT! We invite the earnest attention of the authorities of our church to the rapid extension of settlements on our western frontier. Within the past year or eighteen months not less than thirty new counties have been organized or brought into such notice that they are rapidly filling up with an enterprising population.

Will the reader please spread out before him a map of the State and cast his eye along the line of the newly constructed track of the Texas and Pacific railway west of Eastland? There are the counties of Callahan, Shackelford, Taylor, Jones, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Scurry, Borden, and Howard. At this present writing the terminus of the track is in the latter county, but probably by the time this reaches the eye of the reader the tracklayers will have passed into the territory of the West Texas Conference in the imperial county of Tom Green.

The international road is being rapidly pushed southwestward from San Antonio. The track is already laid to the Medina river, and will pass through or near the counties of Medina, Atascosa, Frio, Zavalla, Dimmitt, Maverick, McMullen, LaSalle, Eudaly, Kinney, Crockett, etc., and near neighbors many other counties to awaken new life and stimulate their settlement.

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one of the duties of an ordained elder. In no place in the Discipline is "an ordained local preacher" authorized to unite persons in marriage. The quarterly conference from which their authority is derived can license them to preach, but they are not eligible to the office of a deacon, on whom the authority to marry is conferred, until they have preached four years. See Discipline, section XI., questions 1, answers 1, 2, and question 2 and answer.

OPIMUM TRADE AND THE MISSIONS. English merchants are bitterly hostile to the missionaries in China because the latter pronounce the opium trade, which the English government have forced on China wrong against that people and a sin against humanity. The position of the English merchants is precisely the same that is taken by the opponents of prohibition in Texas. They talk about human freedom and assert their right to offer in the markets of the world any commodity the people may wish to buy.

THE Catholic church opposes the use of the Bible in the public schools, and having excluded the Bible it then declines to send its children because the schools are godless. It then inaugurates a system of parochial schools and holds the education of a large portion of the children completely under its control. The State having yielded to the demand of the Catholic and the Hindu, undertakes the education of the children to the utter exclusion of the Bible and all the moral and religious influences which spring from its teachings.

THE late treaty of the United States with China forbids an American citizen from engaging in the opium trade, and this fact is working greatly to the advantage of the American missions. The Chinese government and people long regarded Christianity as responsible for this iniquitous trade. This has long been the chief barrier to missionary work. The Chinese considered England a Christian nation, and hence they held Christianity responsible for the crime of forcing opium upon the people, though it made them beggars and sent them by thousands to the grave.

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WHEN the ancient patriarchs found a spring of living water, or after digging found a well which yielded an abundant supply, they pitched their tents there and built their altars. Possibly this is one of those symbols, of which the Bible is full, to remind us always to pitch our tents near the wells of salvation. In this new land of Texas the immigrant, in hunting a home, looks for good land and timber. Would it not be well for him to take into his calculations other advantages? Is there a church in the vicinity, or is it likely they will have one? Is there a Sunday-school for the children? Will they have here the ordinances of religion, or find sinners as their only associates, and saloons in the place of the sanctuary. Lot found rich land and good grass near the "cities of the plain," and made Sodom his home. "But the men of Sodom were wicked, and sinners before the Lord continually," and let not only his flocks but his family by his sojourn in that wicked land. Let your home be hard by the wells of salvation; or, if you find none where you pitch your tent, dig a well without delay. Let a church and a Sunday-school be the first public enterprise with every Christian pioneer in Texas.

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in order to secure growth in grace and the salvation of lost men. But though the doctrinal topic is so defined as a part of the proceedings of the Ecumenical conference in September next, there would be no desire in England to prevent the Wesleyans in the United States from publishing a volume on the subject, and on their own account, and before coming to the Ecumenical conference; and its separate and independent publication would form a valuable contribution to the history of Methodist belief, conviction, spiritual life, and Christian activity. The following is an outline of each day's proceedings during the twelve days of the Ecumenical conference, though it may undergo some modifications hereafter:

FIRST DAY, September 7.—Sermon by Bishop Simpson; address of welcome and responses.

SECOND DAY, September 8.—Methodist history and its results; grateful recognition of the hand of God in the origin and progress of Methodism; Methodism as a popular movement sanctifying and elevating society.

THIRD DAY, September 9.—Evangelical agents of Methodism, ministerial and lay; women's work in the church; scriptural holiness.

FOURTH DAY, September 10.—Methodists and the young; training in young people in Christian homes and in day and Sunday-schools.

FIFTH DAY, September 11.—Historical relation of Methodism to the temperance reformation; the relation of the temperance reform to other reforms, especially to the observance of the Sabbath; juvenile temperance organizations, and their promotion through the Sunday-school, etc.

SIXTH DAY, September 12.—Possible perils to Methodism: 1. From the papacy, from the Roman Catholic influence, from the influence of the Jesuits; 2. From formalism, worldliness, and improper diversions in our members, and the consequent loss of spirituality; 3. From innovations upon established Methodist usage and customs, and a resulting diminution of denominational efficiency.

SEVENTH DAY, September 13.—Education: The higher education demanded by the necessities of the church in our time; the duty of the church to maintain the schools which are Christian in their influence and character; the education and special training of ministers in theological schools, etc.

EIGHTH DAY, September 14.—The use of the press for the advancement of Christianity; periodical publications of every grade except those designed for children; denominational book publishing houses, are they desirable? and, if so, how ought they to be managed so as most effectively to promote a Christianity; juvenile literature; its importance, its production, and its distribution; the daily news journal, and the use to be made of it in the church.

NINTH DAY, September 15.—Home Missions: Maintenance of home missions among the poorest and most degraded populations. The important work which the Methodist laity have performed in this and in other directions, and the great opportunities which they have for the future. The duty of providing for the poorest and most degraded populations. The important work which the Methodist laity have performed in this and in other directions, and the great opportunities which they have for the future.

TENTH DAY, September 16.—Foreign Missions: The results of Methodism in Pagan lands. The relation of the foreign work to the home work. How to avoid the evils of a hasty and unwise expansion of the Pagan mind from different Methodist bodies occupying the same or contiguous fields. The establishment and support of training schools for native converts.

REV. WILLIAM SAMPEY, presiding elder, announces a change of meeting of this conference from June 30th to Pine Hill, August 4th, 9 a. m.

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We are glad to see him coming to see us. Bro. Mills is getting along very well with his work.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. P. M. Tritt, San Antonio conference, April 18: Our third quarterly meeting for Laredo circuit closed the night of the 17th.

R. M. Leaton, Helena, Karnes county, April 18: Had one accession at Belleville last Sunday; preached twice; procured three subscribers for the Advocate.

Ala. Millon, Willow Creek, Llano county, April 19: We have just completed our new church house. We have two good preachers on our circuit.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. W. W. Bridwell, Newport, Clay county, April 12: Have just held our second quarterly meeting.

W. W. Horner, Mount Pleasant, Titus county, April 19: Our second quarterly meeting for the Mount Pleasant circuit closed last Saturday and Sunday at Mount Vernon.

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CHURCH NOTICES. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Boston St., May 22, 23, 24.

San Marcos District Conference. Session April 27. The San Marcos district conference will be held in St. Paul, commencing at 10 o'clock on Monday.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. H. T. Hart, Henderson, Robertson county, April 11: Another preacher has been made glad by having placed in his buggy canvas bags, sugar, coffee, and eggs.

DALLAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Cochran and Caruth circ. at Cochran's, 4th St. in April.

TEXAS CONFERENCE. B. D. Dashiell, Brenham, April 23: Permit me to state that I heartily cheer with all my might to the aid of the Advocate of the 23d inst.

W. G. Nelms, Manor, Travis county, April 20: Heavy frost last week, destroying most of the fruit and corn and all the cotton that was up.

W. C. Brodie, Coleman, Coleman county, April 21: We arrived home from Waco last Friday night; had a pleasant trip; stopped with Bro. J. Caniff at Hamilton; he is doing well.

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SAN JACINTO RIVER, Harris county, April 25.—On Friday, the 23d, we had a very heavy rain and hail storm. It commenced about five o'clock in the evening and continued until dark.

Desquite, Dallas county, April 20.—At three o'clock today three graduates of medicine, with their families, dined with the undersigned at this place.

C. A. Emmons, Sulphur Springs, April 21: This is a new circuit, formerly included in Texarkana mission. There were in 1877 five organized societies within the limits of what now constitutes Texarkana circuit.

J. A. Kerr, Walnut Bend, Cooke county, April 25: Methodist is advancing on Dexter circuit. I will give two prominent reasons: First, the Lord is blessing his people; second, we have a Holy Ghost Methodist preacher.

R. S. Brown, Decatur, Wise county, April 22: Our second quarterly conference convened at Sand Hill last Saturday. The attendance was good.

W. J. Joyce, San Marcos, Hays county, April 22: Twenty-two dollars and fifty cents have been collected on the San Marcos circuit for our school.

L. H. George, Evergreen, Hamilton county, April 22: The Sabbath-school at Evergreen is in full blast with over fifty members.

W. R. Bond, Cho, Brown county, April 17: Second quarterly conference of Pecan circuit just closed; had a good representation from the classes.

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Settled Beyond a Doubt.

No one questions the fact that the cure of those distressing and painful diseases known as gonorrhea and stricture is being daily cured by Dr. J. Bradford's Female Remedy.

The Liquor Law.

COMANCHE, Comanche county, April 12.—While the columns of the ADVOCATE have been filled with condemnatory notices of our legislators for their refusal to submit the question of prohibition to the people, we should not deny them due credit for what they have done in providing a law for the protection of those who are willing to exercise proper vigilance in carrying out its provisions.

Woman's Work.

In reply to inquiries as to what the Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society is doing, I send you a summary of its work for the first quarter ending March 20, 1881; also what has come under my observation since. The beginning is small, but we trust the zeal already awakened and at work may increase until auxiliary societies are formed and in good working order in every station and circuit within the bounds of the conference.

Work and Success.

SAN MARCOS, Hays county, April 13.—Permit me to endorse the course pursued by the ADVOCATE and thank the editor for the bold and fearless stand taken upon the Sunday law and prohibition. They are questions of vital importance to us as a people.

A Testimonial.

To the president and members of the second quarterly conference for Greenville station, Sulphur Springs district, North Texas conference, M. E. Church South, and to all whom it may concern.—Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. M. C. Blackburn, finds it necessary to resign his charge—Greenville station—in consequence of the precarious condition of his health: Therefore, resolved, that we deeply sympathize with him in his afflictions and cherish the hope that rest will so restore him to his wonted health as to enable him soon to resume his loved episcopate.

Good News from the Southwestern University.

In addition to a gracious revival of religion, and perhaps in some way quickened by that occasion, in seeing the good work accomplished through the Southwestern University in the cause of Christian education, D. H. McDaniel and Bros. have responded to the amount of \$2500, in obedience to the appeal in behalf of the material improvement of the university. Will not other men of capital do likewise, or even transcend this generous donation from the Messrs. Snyder? Now that capitalists elsewhere are contributing so generously to the cause of Christian education, and building imperishable monuments to their names as public benefactors, will not the honored men of our own beloved Texas honor themselves and bless posterity by extending liberal aid to our educational enterprises? Could money be devoted to a better purpose than the cause of Christian education? And will not more of our people seek investments of this kind? The Southwestern University—the enterprise of the five Texas annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and representing a constituency of over 90,000 members, and located in a healthful, central and accessible portion of our State, is certainly an inviting and promising field for such investments. Does any educational enterprise of the State promise greater permanency and more extensive usefulness? Is there a better chance for educational investments in the State, or in the South? And whilst we would not discourage local schools and schools under the auspices of district and annual conferences, yet would we remind every member of our church in Texas that he has a direct and personal interest in the Southwestern University, and the property and enterprise of Texas Methodism. And let every one recognize and honor his identity with the university by a direct donation to it, may do for other schools something for your university. Let us make of it an honor and an ornament to Texas Methodism. Let everyone do something.

Obituaries.

[The space to be occupied by obituaries is limited to twenty lines each. The publishers will charge one-third of advertising rates when the notices exceed this space, to wit: 60¢ per line per inch. Eight words make a line twelve lines in length. Where long notices are desired, the nominal charge will not certainly be objected to. When instructions do not accompany notices to charge for excess of space, we shall take it as an indication that we are expected to condense to proper limit. Writers will be better pleased with their productions if they will do their own condensing.]

McDaniel—Sister Susan A. McDaniel, wife of Bro. Wm. G. McDaniel, was born in Mississippi, on the 10th of April, 1822, and joined the Presbyterian Church, she having a husband, the only worthy member of the M. E. Church, South. She passed from labor to refreshment on the 14th of April, 1881. She lived all right, and was ready to go when called upon. She died all right, in the full triumph of a living faith. I ask an interest in the prayers of all in behalf of her bereaved husband. All their children but two preceded them to the grave. He is very young and unmarried. May the Lord's blessing rest upon them that survive.—J. F. HENDERSON.

Strickland—Died, on the 10th inst., at his residence, near Buffalo Gap, Bro. Lyman Strickland; also, on the 11th, his wife, Sister Strickland. We have lost one of our most worthy men. We feel the loss to be great. As a friend, a neighbor, a brother, and a Christian, he was a man of noble character and a true friend. Sister Strickland was a good neighbor, a kind mother, an affectionate wife, and a devoted Christian. They have left five little children, and quite a number of other relatives. May the Lord's blessing rest upon them that survive.—S. S. WILKINS.

Cave—James A. Cave was born in Adair county, Kentucky, May 23d, 1823, and died on the 31st of April, 1881, in Wilbarger county, Texas. He moved to this State in 1852, and settled in Wilbarger county with his son-in-law, Bro. Creager, last month. He professed religion in 1872 at a Methodist camp-meeting, conducted by Bro. Geo. G. White, who never connected himself with any church, but he was a true Christian, and his children bore his afflictions with patience and seemed perfectly resigned to the will of "Him who death all things well." He leaves five children to mourn his loss, and an affectionate father, but he has given to meet his companion who preceded him to the better world. Dear ones, we should not complain, for God does all things well, and we are angels still, still found eternal rest.—J. T. HOSMER.

Cochran—T. Montgomery Cochran, only child of J. J. and T. E. Cochran, was born September 2nd, 1875, and died on the 11th of April, 1881, at the age of five years, six months and twenty-one days. He was unusually bright and intelligent, evincing a perception not generally found in those so tender years. He was admitted into the church by baptism on the 11th of April. As the little had unfolded to life and loveliness, so little Montgomery was developing into a beautiful youth. But all have been cut off as by an untimely frost; the light and joy of home circles has been transferred to the portals of God, there to bloom in the light of immortality.—E. S. WILLIAMS.

Loveless—Paul F., son of Elbert and Mary A. Loveless, has gone to live with his mother, at her residence in this world only one year and seven days. Grieve not bereaved ones! Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Methinks I see the stars of heaven spread over thy lovely face. While infants in their tender arms receive the sunbeams of heaven.—C. COCKETT SHULT.

Pumphrey—Harley Pumphrey, son of Pike and Alice Pumphrey, was born in Jackson county, Texas, on the 23d, 1874. In 1878 we were his pastor. He was a bright child, and we loved him very much. His parents moved to New Mexico, Lincoln county, and there he died, a few days before the 21st of January, the wife of the year 1881. "Suffer the little children to come unto me." May his parents, relatives and friends say, "He cannot return to us, but we shall go to him."—A. G. NOLES.

Wimberly—Little Maud, daughter of W. H. and Amanda Wimberly, died on the 1st of April, Erie county, Texas, aged eight months and fourteen days. She was a sweet little babe, and was beloved by all who knew her. She was the only child of her grief-stricken parents. Weep not, dear parents, your dear little babe is safe in the arms of our Father in heaven. Farewell, little Maud; but not forever.—MOLLIE BRIDGES.

Smith—Charles Wesley, infant son of John and Sella Smith, was born on the 28th of March, 1881, and after a very bright start, was taken to heaven April 2. Oh such our Savior says: "I will give them tongues to sing my praise, and hands to do my will."—C. W. THOMAS.

Watts—Another of the faithful ones died at his residence near this place, Rufus M. Watts was born in Sumpter district, South Carolina, July 25, 1807; came to this country in December, 1850, where he resided up to his death. Bro. Watts was a good man, bold enough to place himself always on the side of right—in church and State. He was a member of the M. E. Church South forty years, and after long and severe suffering, died April 10th, at 9:15 p. m., 1881, in peace. West Palestine circuit is poorer because Bro. W. is no more of it. He leaves a large circle of friends and five daughters, all settled in his work, and many grand children and a wife to mourn his loss.—J. C. WOOLAM.

Hunter—Nancy M. Hunter, daughter of John and Elizabeth L. Hunter, was born June 25th, 1850, and died September 28th, 1881, also, Lizzie M. Hunter, daughter of John and Elizabeth L. Hunter, was born July 1st, 1853, died October 29th, 1881. These two tender buds that gave promise of fair and noble womanhood, were attracted to a fairer and more congenial clime to innocent childhood by him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." These precious little ones, joined now by the sainted mother, are on the golden strand waiting and watching for husband—father, and beckoning them to that beautiful home. We congratulate you, my brother, that your father is home in heaven.—E. A. BAILEY.

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