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They exhibit the active antagonism of great forces. This is true in whatever department we make our investigations. In the social world, the opposition of the rich and the poor is everywhere prominent.

2. In the religious world, every variety of faith and creed has its creed and its altar, its priests and its worshippers. Thought is so busy with the spirit of strong, unsolicited curiosity that nothing is too sacred for its investigation.

3. The children of the world are being reared in the midst of a materialism that is fast becoming a religion. The child is born into a world of materialism.

4. A restless desire for change has induced a wickedly morbid appetite for the new, the strange, the sensational. Under this influence, the child is reared in a world of materialism.

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6. In such a state of things law is but a laughed-at mockery, and pretended piety an insult to human understanding as well as to a holy heaven.

Family Reading. BY UNCLE IKE. Had Lots of Fun. MILL CREEK CHURCH, Feb. 16.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am forty years old, and like to read the ADVOCATE. Mamma is taking it this year.

Uncle Ike wishes he had some of those fish, and would like to go hunting with the preacher. As he cannot do that, he can wish Mary "lots of fun."

A Good Answer. If Mary has lots of fun, it is evident she does not neglect her Bible. Her preacher could make a good sermon out of the answer given in this letter:

Wants to Join. OAK DALE, Feb. 17.—Uncle Ike: I want to join your Family Bible class. I have read the 12th chapter of Mark, and will continue to read until I get through.

Hidden and Safe. Here is a lesson for old and young. How often in this life, when the temptations are sweeping along our path, or a foe is on our track, do we feel the need of a hiding place?

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The Best Use of a Penny. KILLEEN, Feb. 19.—Dear Uncle Ike: A short time ago I saw in your columns an enquiry for dialogues and pieces appropriate for missionary concerns.

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Lockhart.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am old now, but I was a little girl again I would help the missionaries. I have

two granddaughters—one eight, the other six years old, and I am helping them work for Jesus. They have given in two years, six dollars and a half, and are still at work.

We Be Brethren. (Rev. B. F. Orr of Owensboro, Ky., in the Centennial of the Methodist Church.) The Methodist Episcopal Church has long ago given up her policy of "disintegration and absorption."

A Night's Misunderstanding. The men who go from house to house at this time of the year collecting the returns of births, as is required by law, meet with some queer experiences.

The Busy Bees. We are glad to hear that the Busy Bees, of Gonzales, are at work. When they write to Bro. Patterson send him Uncle Ike's love. Tell him we in Texas are working with him for the salvation of Mexico.

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A GOOD PLAN.

Let all follow the plan adopted by a number of the preachers, to visit each office on your work, and request a list of the subscribers at each. They will be promptly sent. By this means you can secure renewals from those whose subscriptions are nearly out, and, at the same time, see who of your members do not subscribe.

We welcome "Native Texan" on the "stock for Texas" to our columns. The Advocate is interested in everything that promotes either the material, educational, moral or religious welfare of our State.

A good sister writes: "My time for the Advocate is out, but send it, and I will pay the money to my pastor. We must have the paper, for we are hard-shell Methodists, and you know birds of a feather will flock together; so let us have your feather (the Advocate)." That is as true as the multiplication table.

Our sisters are waking up respecting their work in the church of God. Holy women ministered to the Savior in the days of his incarnation; stood near to him when he suffered; and were the first to announce his resurrection.

"I love her ordinances and doctrines, her ministers and her members; and nothing does me more good than to know she is moving forward in all her spiritual power." That is the testimony Bro. Graves bears in his letter on another page.

"Absolute divorce of Church and State." We commend the article under this head to the careful attention of our law-makers. In the name of liberty our school laws rob a large portion of our citizenship of their most sacred rights.

It is stated that twelve-thirteenths of the membership of the Methodist Church, North, that is, 1,558,372 out of 1,681,551, take no interest in the benevolent enterprises of their church; \$3,250 never give anything, and 994,058 give an average of only ten cents.

A MISSIONARY BUREAU.

Dr. Potter, of the Wesleyan Advocate, in an open letter to our Missionary Secretary suggests the organization of a missionary bureau at Nashville for the collection and dissemination of missionary intelligence throughout the connection.

While it is very pleasant, and doubtless profitable, to the conferences to have a Missionary Secretary or Treasurer at their sessions, yet it may be questioned whether these officers cannot accomplish more, even during the conference season, from the mission rooms through the columns of the church press.

We have repeatedly urged the importance of employing the columns of the different Advocates in the interest of the foreign mission work. In a recent issue, under the head of "Messages from the Mission Field," we stressed the value of our conference papers as mediums of communication between our missionaries in the field and the church at home.

Joseph Cook, who has recently returned from Asia, where he studied closely the religious condition of the heathen world, says the chill that rests on the American churches is "appalling." No wonder he is so impressed. The contrast between the zeal of paganism and the apathy of Christendom should fill the Christian church with profound humiliation.

"Hoxon thy father and mother." We have on our table a sermon on this theme, by Rev. A. J. Potter, of the West Texas Conference, and issued from the press of Shaw & Blaylock. The revenue arising from its sale is to be given to the San Saba College.

"We have just laws and a heap of good religion." So a good brother writes from a town on the Texas frontier. Just laws and good religion are very close kin. The one is the offspring of the other.

SPRIT OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST PRESS.

A Hint to Preachers. From the St. Louis Advocate. There is a valuable hint to preachers in the report of the New England Conference, No. 10, on the subject of the frequent use of the Lord's name in the pulpit.

The Revival. From the Nashville Advocate. Bear in mind that a real revival of religion is the work of the Holy Spirit. This is a lesson that it means that if the presence be expelled, there can be no revival.

Plan for the Revival. From the Wesleyan Advocate. In the present state of the country and the church, a revival meeting is not to be very common here in these days.

Jehoiakim's Penitence. From the N. C. Christian Advocate. That was a very rash and naughty act of King Jehoiakim, who he became enraged, and he took the roll, and he cut it into the fire that was in the hearth.

Current Thought. The Helpless View. From the V. V. V. Tutor, D. D. in the Southern Methodist. While there is a large class who, some by accident and some by design, are ignorant of the general theory of God's goodness, and of sin as a special sin in the history of our race.

Revival Needed. Bishop Pierce, in the Wesleyan Advocate, I do not read the Southern Advocate working for a revival of religion. A religion that converts people—news them in the spirit of the Master's will.

Decaying at the Top. From the A. A. Lipscomb, L. D., in the Southern Advocate. God help us! We are decaying at the top, and I take this to be the worst news we can get. We are keeping the fire in the midst and the connection.

From the Pacific Slope. To the Advocate. I read the TEXAS ADVOCATE with pleasure. Having lived in the Lone Star State for three years, each number brings me the thoughts and names of men whom I honor. But I find that as time goes on, faces are fading from memory—good as it has always been in me.

San Francisco's position is indeed a commanding one. She faces more millions than any other city on earth. Just west of us are the Sandwich Islands, Australia, Japan and China.

The Methodist Centenary. From the Rev. E. R. Hendrix, D. D., of Fayette, Mo., in the Nashville Advocate. The different churches may well stimulate each other in their endeavor to found some school or college in the vicinity of their churches.

Southern Methodism. The W. M. S. of the Florida Conference raised \$10,000 for the Florida Conference and seven juvenile societies. We have never seen so much benevolence at the price of so little money.

Southern Methodist Personal. Bishop Hargrove announced in the New Orleans Advocate a long list of appointments for district conferences.

Attention to the District. Preachers, Organize! District—Should I fail to reach any of your quarterly meetings, don't neglect the election of delegates to the district conference.—G. W. Gray.

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We are not weak in this city because Southern people have not come. They are here by the thousand; and to-night, I dare say, there are not less than eight hundred men, women and children residing here who rightfully belong to us.

I see you are striking bravely for the Sabbath. You are right. German rascals and Irish rascals are doing much mischief here. When the liberties of a people are to be undermined, the point of attack is the Sabbath.

The law says: "The object of punishment is to suppress crime and reform the offender." Penal Code, Article 2. If follows, therefore, that if crime is suppressed by the infliction of punishment by law, that those who are reformed by such punishment from the commission of crime, are also made moral by law.

Where Are Our Legislators? To the Advocate. I have just read a part of the last Advocate and have found great interest in the articles concerning the work of our legislature now in session.

Correction No. 3. To the Advocate. In the Advocate of the 17th inst., occur two corrections of the memoir of Dr. Alexander, the desire to make another correction, and then, very briefly, refer to the others.

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