



Texas Christian Advocate.

Monterey.

Having found my "lost rib," and in company of her and Señorita Elisa Palacios, on the morning of April 10th we started for the commercial center of Northern Mexico--Monterey. Very few Americans were on the train, and at Santa Fe we realized that we were in Mexico when a number of Mexicans came aboard.

The distance from Laredo, Texas, to Monterey is 165 miles, and a more desolate looking country I have never seen. We traveled mainly and saw nothing thing save a few horses, sheep, rabbits, and here and there a lone Mexican who stopped to see the cartage boys.

We saw groves of bita trees which resemble large orchards of peach trees--old and dead--with tops broken off and a large pine-brush stuck on top of each stub of a branch.

The Catholic bishop and two other priests came on board at Lampasas and made things lively for several hours. I could not understand their conversation, but Miss P., my interpreter, said it was politics, politics.

Monterey is a city of between 40,000 and 50,000 inhabitants, and nestles down between mountains. There are mountains before you, mountains behind you, and mountains all around you.

The most costly Cathedral I have ever seen is in Monterey. There were few pews--and those few for the wealthy; the common Mexican most kneel or stand.

The beautiful prayer, taught us by Christ himself, has for its first utterance, "Our Father which art in heaven." The human race has one common heritage, one common plane of weakness and exposure and liability, and one precious tie to the divine love and care for "life and all things."

as in the hymns and worship of heaven. The sun in his course round the world lights up the huts or homes of piety whether in torrid, temperate or frigid zones. The music of worship of Jesus and of hymns of heavenly hope as readily adapts itself to every language and tongue of our vocal world as our Christianity meets human spiritual wants of every hue and of every heart.

The spiritual family of God, as his human family, are marked by different developments, acquisition, experience and capacity. God's old and tried and proven child shows the lovely almond tree in blossom waiting its transfer to the upper paradise.

It is perfectly compatible for the different branches of God's family to hold very great differences of opinion in their religious views, and in every age will differ with the same inspired truths before them, and with equal desire to find out the will of God.

It is a clear thought that this family of God found at every altar, and in every church where the Bible is received and Christ worshiped, is divided by the river of death. Much the greater majority is found on the other shore in the sinless, deathless home of God.

This death is ever busy, transporting this church to its deathless home with God. The same interceding Christ, the same divine comforting, the Holy Spirit, which was the privilege and benediction of the saved in heaven, are ours, and will guide us across the river to the heavenly home-land.

The family of God is the instrument of God for illustrating the excellencies of his own divinity, and "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." When seeders and sowers shall have gone to their nameless, forgotten dust, the church shall lift her sunlit pyramidal canopy--the joy and hope of the family of God.

The family of God is employed to carry out the grand designs and provisions of redemption. It is Christ's representation in spirit, purpose, effort, trials and success. If not only preaches Christ by the distinct gospel, but each child of God holds up the standard work of the Holy Spirit in the subjection of nature to grace, the triumph of truth over error, of holiness over sin.

I have just closed my first round on the district. The outlook in almost every department of the church is good. The preachers, with but one or two exceptions, I found had not waited for the bad weather to cease, but had gone on as if they had a farm or any other secular business to attend to.

any part of our finances. The stewards have made all the assessments with the understanding that every cent is to be paid; and from the answers to that all-important eighth question in the discipline so far I think they will not be disappointed. I believe our entire assessment for foreign missions has been paid and is now in the hands of Dr. Kelley. There is one deficiency on the district, and I mention it so that it may be looked after by preachers and people. That is the non-attendance of official members at the quarterly conference.

From the Northwest. To the Advocate. I boarded the train at this point for Cisco some ten days ago. The first man I recognized was Bro. Stockton, who was returning from Bro. Swortford's quarterly conference, near Appleton, Wis. It will be gratifying to his friends to learn that the cancer on his face is surely healing up.

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Giving—Results. To the Advocate. We have spoken of the results of systematic giving, as to the giver. We will now consider its results as to others.

1. Upon the liberality of the church depends, under God, to a very great extent, the support of our schools, colleges, and universities, in the line of education.

2. God's poor, too, are to be provided for. The barrel of meal and the measure of oil are low and wasting, in many widows' homes; orphans, many, are homeless and uncared-for in this land of plenty.

The result of bringing in all the tithes would be, that God's poor would be cared for; no Lazarus would remain unfed at the gate of the rich.

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Texas Christian Advocate. Ladies' Column.

BY JULIA PHILIP TRUITT. charity at home.

Since the organization of women's missionary societies many earnest workers have labored to induce others to be earnest and helpful also.

Those who give the above excuse may be divided into two classes; first, those who "don't believe in foreign missions"; and second, those who believe in no missionary work outside of their own household.

It is a singular fact that those who do not work in either mission work, are the ones who offend least behind Mrs. Jellyby.

I have some what to say of those who let charity begin at home, and end there, in the most emphatic sense of the term.

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mand, and then giving it the conventional name of charity.

After hearing of our old plea given as an excuse for not joining in missionary work, it is very pleasant to recall a certain sweet and simple story, whose heroine was a woman called "Dovee."

By your former tact and now expressed endorsement of Bro. Lovejoy's position, I see that you both pronounce as non-Wesleyan that sanctification should be considered (1) as a second blessing, separate and distinct from regeneration; (2) as received by faith; (3) that in regeneration the soul is delivered from the guilt of sin, while in sanctification it is cleansed from sin; (4) that the brethren who profess sanctification after this sort, publishing the fact on all proper occasions, is an essential condition of retaining the blessing.

Now, my dear Bro. John, every principle of justice demands that I be permitted to speak to the above charge you make against me.

At all the conferences we have attended, the statement has been made over and over again, that the people would be more informed concerning various missionary enterprises, the contributions would be larger and given more cheerfully.

"There is no heaven left." So writes a missionary from the island of Peru, in the Samoan group. And this is the language of the most remarkable fact that missionary labors were not undertaken until about eleven years ago.

Rev. T. B. Buckingham. To the Advocate. Rev. Thomas B. Buckingham was born in Montgomery county, Va., June 4, 1829.

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Two important items to be considered in the purchase of a musical instrument are—first, the character and make; and second, from whom to make the purchase.

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