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THE REIGN OF THE REVOLVER.

The revolver is a relic of barbarism. It reveals the war-paint of the savage in the midst of modern civilization. It is the appeal of passion from the court of reason and right to the tribunal of brute courage and physical force. It is the symbol of lawlessness. The man who carries one on his person has declared war against his fellow-men, and merits the treatment of an outlaw. Governor Lowry, of Mississippi, meets this issue squarely when he suggests to the Legislature that carrying concealed weapons should be declared a felony. If the legislators in that State will formulate this suggestion into a law, and if the executive authorities will enforce it, Mississippi will be freed from the rule of the revolver. Such legislation is one of the needs of Texas. Carrying concealed weapons is punished by a fine which disarms the law-abiding citizen, while it exercises no restraint over the desperado. In this land there is no need of a man making an arsenal of his person, for the law protects every one who respects the rights of his fellow-citizens. We seldom read of a peaceable, unarmed man being ruthlessly assaulted, even by those who habitually arm themselves as though every one they meet were their mortal foe. It is the men who "take" the revolver who "perish" by the revolver. Nine-tenths of the homicides which disgrace our State are committed by men in hot blood, who would escape this desperate appeal to mortal combat were it not that the revolver in reach of the hand suggests its use. Many a man is lying in a bloody grave who would have lived to be the support of his family had he left his revolver at home. Many are walking the earth with the brand of Cain on brow and conscience, who would be clear of blood-guiltiness had they never bought a deadly weapon. Many a widow and orphan are traveling a desolate path because the husband and father, when inflamed by passion or frenzied by liquor, had drawn a concealed weapon only to fall by the hand of his antagonist. Banish the revolver, and these savage scenes will disappear from our modern civilization.

PREPARE THE WAY.

We often pray for a revival as though we had to persuade God to send it. We assume unconsciously, perhaps, that our prayers must work some change in the Divine regard so that God may be willing to bless his people. God is ever waiting to be gracious. Our prayers should be for ourselves and the world around us. It is the church that needs preparation of heart for this work. The desire of our Father for the salvation of sinners is recorded in the groans of Christ in Gethsemane, and his agony on the cross. The set time for God to remember Zion is when his people are ready for the visitation. To-day is the accepted time for the church as for sinners. Our prayer and our business is to prepare the way of the Lord. In this sense every preacher and every member of the church is a John the Baptist, and when their voices are heard crying in the wilderness then Son of Man will come. The first indication of a revival in the church is deep and earnest desire for a deeper work of grace in the hearts of Christians and a desire for the salvation of souls. This places the hearts of God's people in sympathy with the love of God for man. Our hearts must respond to the pulsations of Divine solicitude for a lost world. We must feel for sinners as Christ felt for Jerusalem when he wept over its approaching doom. When that deep desire for souls assumes supremacy in the hearts of God's people prayer will find its true expression, for faith will mingle its confident tones in the supplications that go up to our Father for help. We will apprehend that our sympathy for a dying world is but a faint expression of that Divine compassion expressed by Christ when he said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth upon him might not perish, but have everlasting life." A perishing world; a Savior able and willing to save, will become to preacher and people the great central truths respecting human life and destiny to which all other interests and obligations will be subordinate. Then the warnings of Christ respecting eternal perdition will flame out into awful facts that concern every man and woman we meet, and the terrors of the judgment day will become realities from which the sinner will find no escape. Then, as the sinners only hope, will Christ be lifted up; and the power of the Holy Ghost; which alone could turn men's hearts to Christ on the day of Pentecost, will be invoked as the need of the church to-day.

WE SEE IT STATED THAT THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY HAS DECIDED TO DISMISS ANY EMPLOYEE WHO USES INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

A LONDON publishing house has published one sermon for Mr. Spurgeon each week until they have completed 29 volumes, embracing 1756 sermons. It is stated that in Brooklyn Methodists are excluded from juries that were to try liquor cases. The saloonists wanted to be tried by their patrons. FIFTY years ago there were 502 missionary stations in foreign lands and 656 ordained missionaries; now there are 5765 stations and 4996 missionaries. The reason why in France nearly all the railroad and ticket agents and signal clerks are women is because they do not drink like men, and hence bring clear heads to their work. IN Iowa in 1881 there were 1,390 criminal convictions, and of these 671 were saloon keepers. Will the papers who plead for open saloons put that fact in their pipes and smoke it? THE Methodists of Cincinnati, Ohio, have raised \$6500 to build, in Salt Lake City, Utah, a woman's home for needy women, especially those seeking refuge from the bondage of polygamy. DR. HARPER, an experienced missionary in China, is of the opinion that the population of that country is diminishing under the influence of the opium curse. This is England's sin. DURING the past century 150,000,000 copies of the Bible have been printed in 226 different languages. It would be as easy to stop the flow of all the rivers of the earth to the ocean as for infidelity to arrest the spread of the Bible. MAYOR HARRISON, of Chicago, in a speech to a city school the other day advised the children not to read newspapers, because they were "disseminators of much immorality." "True, O King!" Parents should be careful to examine the books and papers their children read. NEW YORK papers say the installation of colored children into the public schools of Brooklyn has been the cause of trouble. The colored people, as a rule, prefer churches and schools of their own. This question of race affinity would settle itself if fanatics did not try to make fools of the colored people over the matter.

CENTENARY COLUMN.

Central Centenary Committee.
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 We place at the head of our centenary column the headquarters of our leading officers, so that each department can report promptly its progress. Organization, thorough discipline, and vigorous action are essential to the success of this great movement. We desire to report especially the movements of the church in Texas. When you have "cleared the decks" by paying up the regular assessments, paying your church debts, completing your parsonage, or building a new house for the worship of God, let us know it. We hope to hear grand reports from the great educational movements in our State. Now is the time to lay broad and deep the foundation of those enterprises which will guarantee Christian education to the children of Methodism of the present day and coming generations. Let us hear what is done for the grand connectional movements before the church. We will report to Texas from other departments of the work. What shall I do? While we are waiting to hear what the church is doing for the advance of the centennial movement, each one should ask the question: What shall I do? In clearing the decks at home let each one stand at his post and do his full work. We hope the Southwestern will receive a grand endowment and other institutions be placed on a solid basis. Where is your own gift to the altar. If you cannot give hundreds, give tens, or at least a dollar. Do not keep back your dimes. Christian education is essential to the future of our church. DR. ALLEN has hung out the "signal of distress" in China. Four men and nine women are needed in that field. "What will you do?" The cry from Macedonia is sounding in our ears from every foreign field. The church needs millions to promote its work. What will you give? Church Extension means the supply of the West with houses of worship where our children may find the Savior when we are in our graves. Will you help? Let each man, woman and child ask the question, "What shall I do?" Tide is rising. The minds of our people are opening to the purposes of the church this year. They only need information, clear, simple, strong, from every pulpit and through every newspaper. Nothing can be done in the dark. Let the light be turned on till all can see duty and know of privileges.—Exchange.

THE BEST SOLDIER SHOULD BE PUT ON GUARD.

The best men in the church should be placed in official position. The late grand jury at San Antonio were after the gamblers as the law directs. Let the press sustain the jury, and these moral pests can be broken up.

ANOTHER deck has been cleared for battle. So writes Bro. Shutt. He thinks his presiding elder knows how to take up a collection. We agree with him. He raised \$214.15 in a few minutes.

"CLEANING THE DECKS." Bro. Graham will soon have his vessel "ready for action." He reported recently one hundred and seventy dollars raised for missions. We expect to hear soon of a revival in his charge.

The Richmond Advocate mentions a town in which every Methodist family takes the Advocate. Is there a town in Texas where every Methodist family takes the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE? Let us hear if there is.

"A FAMILY ALTAR in every household." For that Bro. Armstrong and the preachers on Waxahachie district are working as well as for other interests of the church this year. Let each pastor take up the watchword.

AN opium den was recently started in San Antonio by an importation from China. The police broke it up. That is right. Opium dens are less demoralizing than open Sunday saloons. Let the police of San Antonio administer law impartially.

THAT on we hear of fence-cutting in certain localities, it has diminished to a large extent since it was made a felony. The people of Texas respect law. Defiance to its authority is the exception and not the rule. Let the executive authorities do their duty, and the people will sustain them.

PRAYER for temporal blessings should ever be offered in a submissive spirit for what we esteem essential to our happiness may not be for our good or the glory of God. It is not for our highest good our Father in love will withhold it even though we, like children under the restraint of judicious, yet loving parents, may rebel. If it be for the best, no power can restrain the gift.

"What I wish is living, And suits the will Divine, By earth and hell in vain withhold. I know I shall be mine."

A FURNITURE-dealer in Atlanta, Ga., recently placed in his show windows copies of the paintings of the masters consisting of Farel's "Twin Plants," Beaumont's, "Temptation of St. Anthony," and others representing the female form with very scant drapery. The people revolted against this indecent exhibition, and the mayor ordered them removed. The friends of "high art" will perhaps sneer at the prudery of that Southern city, but we trust Southern society will ever rebuke such demoralizing exhibitions.

THE face simile of the diamond necklace worn by Lady Dudley, of England has been made at the cost of twenty thousand dollars for a lady in New York. This lavish expenditure of money for a single ornament for the person calls for no censure from the public or press. When a woman grateful for sins forgiven anointed the body of Christ for his burial she was reproached for her wastefulness. Were a man or woman to give twenty thousand dollars to the cause of missions would you pronounce it a wasteful gift prompted by semi-fanaticism. Yet the immortal souls such a gift may lead from paganism to the gospel will shine in the crown of the giver when that diamond necklace shall no longer flash on the breast of beauty.

THOUSANDS of people attended a mass meeting in New York the night of February 26th, in favor of a high license bill. It was favored by friends of total abstinence on the ground that it would close up many of the vile dens of the city. Temperance men cannot always choose their own battle ground, but should meet this foe on our race in every field. If prohibition cannot be made the issue, fight for local option; and when it is won see that it is enforced. When a local option law cannot be secured let their votes place the license at as high a figure as possible, and thus restrict the traffic. When the law-makers will not place any restrictions on the traffic, fight it in the field of moral suasion. Whenever one of the heads of the hydra shows itself, smite it off, if possible, by the hand of the law, and seal it with the flaming rod of an awakened public sentiment.

FLORIDA HAS A LOCAL OPTION LAW.

OF course the saloons fought it in the courts. They do not intend the people shall exercise the right of freemen on this question if money can control legislation or bribe the officers of the law. The courts have decided its constitutionality, and it will be enforced.

IN INDIA THERE ARE 80 COLLEGES, 26,000 SCHOOLS AND 3,000,000 PUPILS. THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE DECAY.

THE American Board of Foreign Missions is the pioneer missionary organization at work in Turkey. THERE are 10 Methodist Protestant churches in Pittsburgh and its suburbs, which are valued at \$350,000. IN China there are now 1858 missionaries and assistants, and the gospel is freely preached in every part of the empire.

Richmond, Virginia, is said to be the most religious city in the Union. It has fifty-three evangelical churches and 25,162 communicants—more, it is said, than one-third of the population.

PRELATAL PRATTE.

The Western Watchman (Roman Catholic) shudders beautifully at the imaginary discovery of a resemblance between Methodism and youngism. This prelatial alarm is sounded on the occasion of one of Mr. Harrison's meetings; "whither," says the Watchman, "two thousand lunatics repair five times a day." What causes the most pious howl is the fact that Mr. Harrison's congregations do what he tells them. When it gets to that, that Mr. Harrison or any other Protestant clergyman can whip Protestants into obedience, as some of the indulgence sellers of the Old World have done their disciples, then indeed it will be high time for respectable secular papers to denounce such an outrage against common decency. But even then the Catholic stone-thrower would find himself in a glass house; and unless he forgets to be prudent, he will be very quiet. If Protestants would learn youngism, they need not have waited until this late day, and then go to the swamps of Louisiana to watch free negroes, but might have learned the art long ago, when swarms of homeless, homeless, homeless followers of Rome would pay the holy father to sprinkle "holy water" on them to keep off disease, and when uncontrollable mobs would fly, terror-stricken, before the whip-lash of the priest; or when the entire church of the "Immaculate Conception" confidently expected to see every Free Mason in the world die of the plague because the pope had cursed the fraternity. As to the "New Church" business, the Watchman has evidently lost his footing on that question. Methodism has always argued that the Catholic doctrine of a new church could not be supported by scripture. We claim the old church and the old religion; that is, that Jesus Christ came to build again the tabernacle of David, which had fallen down; and that you are Christ's are Abraham's seed and heirs, according to the promise.

THE UNINTENTIONAL COMPLIMENT WHICH THE WATCHMAN PAYS TO METHODISM IS THE SINGLING OUT OF METHODISM AS THE SPECIAL OBJECT OF PRIESTLY BILIGUAGUE.

Mr. Harrison's methods, I presume, do not differ materially from those employed by all revivalists. Protestantism, with her open Bible, is recognized as the deadly enemy of the superstition of the priestly hierarchy. These men are impudent enough to tell just what they see—and that is, the hosts of Protestantism are pressing hard upon the bulwarks of Rome, and that John Wesley's division is the foremost, most active, and most effective of all the sacred hosts who refuse to recognize the occupant of the Vatican as the vicegerent of Jesus Christ. Thanks to the Watchman for the fine advertisement. We will wear our well-won laurels with pleasure; and, God helping us, we will let no man take our crown. Who knows but Methodism is the angel of prophecy that is to pour the vial of divine wrath upon the seat of the beast?—Jno. C. S. Baird.

Was Water Made Wine?

I have just read an article under the above question from the pen of Rev. W. D. Robinson. And while I do not agree with him, it is no part of my intention to discuss the subject through the columns of the ADVOCATE; but I will propound a few questions, which I hope he will consider: 1. What general good will be attained by sending out to the church and the world such an article? 2. Will the character of the Savior be exalted, and sinners more effectually led to trust him for salvation? 3. Will such articles move the church to greater devotion and consecration to the service of Christ? 4. Will the circulation of such literature move the church to greater liberality in giving of their means to advance the cause of Christ in the world?—W. V. Jones, Florenceville, Feb. 14.

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has more members, more ministers, more churches, and more church property than any other denomination in our country.

For these signal mercies of God, which have crowned the work with so great success, the General Conferences have called upon all Methodists to give thanks and praise to God, not in words only, but in deeds also. The church is exhorted to put forth its best efforts to crown the ninety-nine years gone with a hundredth year, excelling them all in zealous service and generous giving. Methodists are called to make this year, the help of God, the most glorious year of all the hundred. A deeper work of grace in the heart must be sought by every member, that the church may shine as it has never shone before. Greater efforts must be made to bring sinners to Christ, that the church may increase as it has never increased before. The grace of liberality must be cultivated, that the church may give for the building of churches and the spread of the gospel as it has never given before. All over the land revival fires must burn; the mission work must be supported; old churches must be renewed, and new ones must be completed and dedicated to God free of debt.

The Bishops urge that the annual collections be taken up at once, so that the flow of the great Centenary offering of the people may not be hindered.

Every one is expected to do something for Christ. Every one is expected to give something to Christ according to God's estimate. The tithe of the whole, who gave all that she had, is more than the million of the miser who has millions left.

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the circumstances. Some of our frontier districts are as large as a common State, and some of them are largely made up of missions, one of which has sufficient territory for a whole district; for instance, Seymour mission embraces more than forty-two counties. We are not complaining, still the collar is pinching just enough to cause us to raise the tune and sing, "A little more Methodist grace," which we expect to sing until the power of Methodism is felt all over this extreme northwest Texas.—J. T. Hosmer.

Our Work in Laredo.

The attendance for the past few weeks has been larger than usual. Once or twice our little chapel has been filled to its utmost capacity. The average attendance for a day would not represent all the persons who attend our service, as there are many who attend in the morning that cannot be present at night. Six members have been received by letter and one by trial.

One of the chief difficulties out here in the way of church work has been the unsettled state of society. It is almost impossible to build up a congregation with a transient people. But this is being overcome to some extent, and I think it will not be long before the churches may prosper here as well as elsewhere. Laredo has some very enterprising citizens, who will spare no effort to make it a first-class town. Being the connecting point of three rail-way lines, and with a water-work company, which is furnishing an abundance of water through different parts of the city, and a general interest in the cause of education, there can be no doubt as to the future growth of the place. As a denomination, we are a great disadvantage in not having a commodious church building. Our present arrangement does not command respect as a place of worship. It is needless to argue the necessity of a good building as a condition to permanent work; but the question for solution is, how can the needed funds be secured? Our membership is small and not able to do much. And with the present outlook for the place, we believe that \$5000 is the minimum needed. We will with delight the church extension movement. It has long been a necessity. May we have some practical appreciation of its efforts. Our greatest need is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The "power from on high" is the indispensable qualification for the work of the church, and we believe there will be a mighty waking up among the "dry bones of the valley" during this eventful year. May we share in the pentecostal blessing.—RUSH McDONALD, LAREDO, TEXAS, Feb. 27.

A Happy Death.

It doubtless will be comforting to many of the readers of the ADVOCATE to hear that the death of George Wilson, son of Rev. J. C. Wilson, of West Texas, was peaceful and triumphant. After sending you a notice of his death, private letters from friends who were with him till his last sigh was spent, tell us that his death was tranquil and happy. He left my home in Seguin, in December, an invalid, and began family worship, and God honor it, his close of life with his presence and glory.—H. A. GRAVES, SEGUIN, TEXAS, Feb. 25.

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After a somewhat extended and careful examination we have no hesitancy in recommending this book of great merit. We think the method of arrangement and all the selections made. Dr. Haygood is well known among us for his literary taste and experience. Prof. McIntosh is a master in his line, and in other publications has proven his ability and orthodoxy. The book is handsomely bound and gotten up with admirable skill.—New Orleans Advocate.

The Extreme Northwest.

The first quarterly conference for Seymour mission convened in the town of Seymour, Feb. 23. Bro. Ellis, our presiding elder, made his arrival on Tuesday, the 19th, full of godly zeal, looking after every interest of the church. He did some excellent preaching, and much other work, from which I trust much good will result in the cause of our blessed Jesus. During his stay there was about \$200 pledged for the completion of a new church in Seymour. I believe we can safely say that our presiding elder was favorably impressed with the general outlook, and feels that this is a large and important missionary field, ripe already for the harvest. The preacher in charge and his people were prepared for an higher appreciation of the presence and labors of their presiding elder than any other charge in his district, for they feel they have been almost cut off to fight the battle alone. They have been victorious to some extent, still they feel that greater victories can be achieved when they have frequent visits from their presiding elder. They feel the need of his presence, advice and labors. We know our presiding elders have done all they could under

Texas Christian Advocate.

A Little Rock lawyer of prominence went home the other morning at an unseasonable hour. "Why are you so late?" asked his wife. "I am not late, I am early."

"Why didn't you come home last night?" "I didn't," "Could you walk?" "No, without staggering."

"Why didn't you stagger home, then?" "Well, I'll tell you. My house has the name of being an orderly place, and I didn't want people to be seen staggering into the yard. Every man must protect his family, you know."--Arkansas Traveler.

"NOTHING WRONG WITH MY LUNGS NOW." A patient writes nearly a year after using Compound Oxygen:

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A grave-digger, walking the streets the other day, chanced to turn and noticed two doctors walking behind him. He stopped till they passed, and then followed on behind them. "And why this?" said they. "I know my place in the procession," returned he.

"Oh, dear," said little Miss Kettle drum yesterday. "I do hope that awful Congress will give some money so we can have a real blue navy." "Way, my dear!" inquired her father, surprised that his daughter should take an interest in anything but theatricals and gowns. "Oh! then there will be ever so many more delightful congresses, and I shall be able to dance ever so delightfully."--Washington Herald.

Colorless and Cold. A young girl deeply regretted that she was so colorless and cold. Her face was so white, and her hands and feet felt as though the blood did not circulate. After one bottle of Hop Bitters had been taken she was the rosiest and healthiest girl in the town, with a vivacity and cheerfulness of mind gratifying to her friends.

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"Sambro, is your master a good farmer?" "Oh, yes, mass, first-rate farmer--he makes two crops in one year." "How is that, Sambro?" "Why he sell all de hay in de fall and make money once; den in de spring he sell all de hides and make deur war want ob de hay, and make money twice."

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What is the meal called you eat in the morning? Oat-meal. The sick, worn and debilitated should read the advertisement of Collier's Liquid Beef Tonic.

"Hurry, mamma," said a little innocent with his cut finger, "it's leaking."

THE GALVESTON NEWS is still the leading newspaper of Texas.--Alford Messenger.

Why is the letter U like a boy's bedtime? Because it comes directly after (ea). (T)

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are widely known as a remarkable remedy for Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Coughs, and Throat troubles. Sold only in boxes.

Who killed the greatest number of chickens? Hamlet's uncle did "murder most foul!"

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SAN SABA DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Richard mis, at Flower Bend, March 15, 16. San Saba mis, at Rock Hill, March 22, 23. San Saba mis, at Rock Hill, March 22, 23.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Wallville mis, at Wallville, March 15, 16. Trout Creek mis, at Trout Creek, March 15, 16.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Moore mis, at Moore, March 15, 16. Hill mis, at Minden, March 15, 16.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Helms, 31 Sunday in March, at Riddleville Ranch, 4th Sunday in March. Floresville, 30 Sunday in March.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Huntsville mis, at Huntsville, March 22, 23. Cold Springs mis, at Cold Springs, March 22, 23. Huntsville mis, at San Jacinto, March 25, 26. Warty mis, at Warty, March 25, 26.

CALVERT DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Calvert mis, at Calvert, March 22, 23. Persimmon mis, at Cross Roads, March 22, 23. Headville mis, at Wesley Chapel, March 25, 26.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Kyle, at Selma Hall, 31 Sun in March. Kyle mis, at Kingsberg, 31 Sun in March. Fortnight mis, at Young's chapel, 30 Sun in March.

VICTORIA DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Halvick mis, at Halvick, 31 Sunday in March. Halvick mis, at Halvick, 31 Sunday in March. Halvick mis, at Halvick, 31 Sunday in March.

AUSTIN DISTRICT--FIRST ROUND. Columbus and Weimar, at Weimar, March 16, 17. Columbus mis, at Columbus, March 22, 23. Fenton mis, at Fenton, March 22, 23.

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STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Crawford, at Valley Mills, 31 Sun in March. Stephenville mis, at Stephenville, March 9, 10. Mountain mis, at Cranfield's Gap, March 23. Iredell and Meridian, at Iredell, 30 Sun in March.

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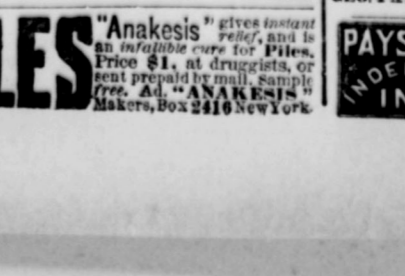
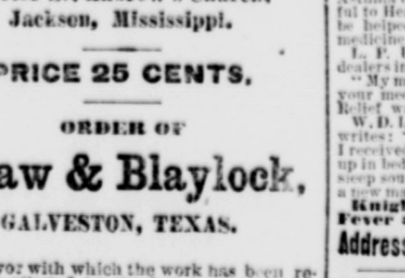
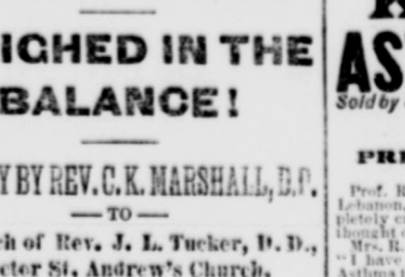
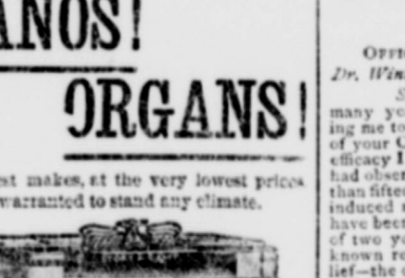
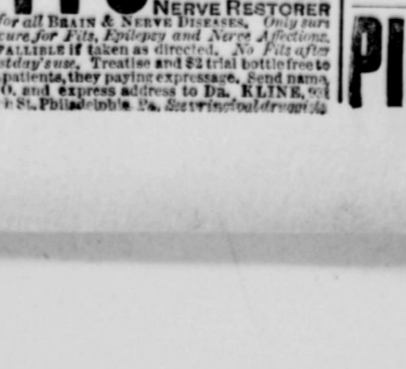
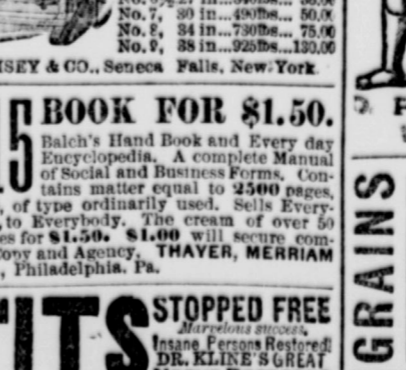
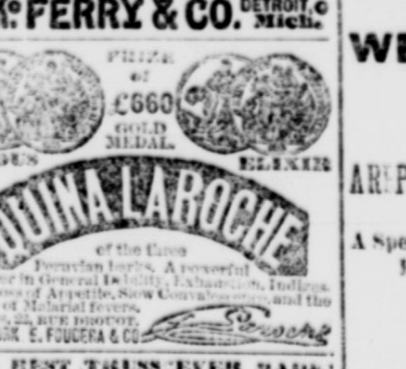
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A CENTENARY ODE.

BY W. H. ANDERSON, D. D.

In fable age the spirit wakes From Memnon's stone in music sweet. His voice he loquaciously breaks On earth does "Advent Hymn" repeat. While million hearts to heaven shall raise Their voices, joyous, loud and strong. May not accept us and our praise. Hymn and grace to us prolong. "What hath God wrought!" with joy we sing. He is our Father, heaven's great King. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

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An hundred years their records keep. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

In language none but wonder works. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

Proclaim his truth, and tell his power. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

She crossed the lowing water's line. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

She now returns, a mighty name. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

On his knees, with staff in hand. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

Though Oke and Asbury sleep in peace. "What hath God wrought!" etc.

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New Customer—"I don't see so much care what the things are made of, you know. All I want is to look like a gentleman." Tailor (with unfeeling indifference)—"Well, I can assure you that I will do my very best."—London Punch.

Now they speak of Crude Petroleum as a fuel for Consumption; doctor nor try it, but take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup—the standard Cough Remedy of our age. It is agreeable to the taste, never fails to cure, and costs only 25 cents a bottle.

A Chinese proverb says, "A man thinks he knows, but a woman knows better." The Chinese must go—Old City Derrick.

Cuts from barbed wire fence, cured by Stewart's Healing Powder. No scar or gray hair, 50 cts a box.

"I understand that Blaine always attends church when he's home," said a Senator to a Congressman. "So I've heard. Is it because he is fond of church music?" "I don't know; but I believe he always has an eye to the 'Maine clauds.'"—

Surrounded as we are by adulterators of food and living in the midst of their vile products, it ought to produce at least a refreshing sensation to be told where a real genuine article can be obtained. Such a species of gratification may be had by purchasing Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. The biscuits made with it are really elegant.

A Michigan girl told her young man that she would never marry him until he was worth \$10,000. So he started out with a brave heart to make it. "How are you getting on, George?" "I don't know," he said, "but I believe I have saved \$22." The girl dropped her eyelashes, and blushing remarked: "I reckon that's near enough, George?"

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"Why do you set your cap of colic on the chair, Mr. Jones?" asked a worthy landlady one morning at breakfast. "It's so very comfortable, ma'am," replied Jones. "I thought I would let it rest."

I had several attacks of gravel and kidney trouble; was unable to get a medicine or doctor to cure me until I used HOP BITTER, which cured me in a short time.—A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER OF WAYNE CO., N. Y.

It is now believed that Courtney is the author of that beautiful elegiac poem on "A Million Years Ago," which time he bore.—Burlington Hawkeye.

If your horses have sore shoulders, scratches, cuts or open sores of any kind, use Stewart's Healing Powder.

A man has invented a chair that can be adjusted to 800 different positions. It is designed for a boy to sit in when he goes to church.

Chinaries. The space allowed obituary notices, twenty to twenty-five lines or about 150 to 180 words. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written, should remit money to cover the space, in advance, at the rate of one cent per word. Money should accompany all orders.

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ELLIOTT—Eliot, John Elliott, three miles north of Weston, Galveston County, Texas, Jan. 28, 1884. He was born in Ireland in the year 1810, and came to this country in 1830. He had been a member of the church for many years. A member Christian man I never knew. He died at his residence, where he had lived for the last thirty years. He was a man of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

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CAMPBELL—Campbell, son of J. L. and Nancy Campbell, born Oct. 8, 1861, and died here at Weston, Galveston County, Texas, Jan. 28, 1884. He was a member of the church for many years. A member Christian man I never knew. He died at his residence, where he had lived for the last thirty years. He was a man of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

RILEY—On Saturday, Feb. 9, 1884, sweet little Nora, only daughter of Jas. and S. E. Riley, Galveston County, Texas, was called to her heavenly home. She was born on the 12th of February, 1870, and was a member of the church for many years. A member Christian man I never knew. She died at her residence, where she had lived for the last thirteen years. She was a child of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

NEELSON—Sister John S. Neelson was born in Galesville, Oregon County, Texas, in 1851; was converted and joined the Methodist church, at the age of 17. Her father, John Neelson, was a member of the church for many years. A member Christian man I never knew. She died at her residence, where she had lived for the last thirty years. She was a woman of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

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STREIBER—Sister Frances Streiber was born in Navarro County, Texas, Dec. 18, 1842; died Jan. 28, 1884, at her mother's in Boston County, Texas. She was converted and joined the church when six years of age, and lived a consistent member of the church until her death. In a majority of twenty-eight years, I never have witnessed a death-bed scene so triumphant. Just before she passed away she was singing "There is a land up yonder, where the sinners gather round, and where the saints are found, pointing upward, saying, 'It is not far, it is not far, I see my father's house, where I have come before, they are waiting for me.'" She died at her mother's in Boston County, Texas, Jan. 28, 1884. She leaves a husband and one little babe to mourn their loss.—J. J. HARRIS.

ROBERT—Robert H. Currie was born May 15, 1842, in Alabama; came to Texas when a boy; produced the first cotton gin in the State of Texas, when he was about ten years old. He was a member of the State of Missouri. He became acquainted with the superior virtues of Dr. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE, prepared by Fleming Bros., and used it at some leisure moment. It was the result of his use that he was cured of a long and painful case of worms. He died at his residence in Galveston, Texas, Jan. 28, 1884. He was a man of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

LYVELL—Robert Lyvell, son of Quinton and Ella Lovell, was born in Tishomingo county, Ky., Aug. 24, 1846; professed religion at the age of 17. He was a member of the church for many years. A member Christian man I never knew. He died at his residence, where he had lived for the last thirty years. He was a man of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

LANE—Mrs. E. A. Lane is dead. Though dead, she lives in the memory and in the heart of her friends. She was born in Tishomingo county, Ala., in 1821, and joined the M. E. Church in 1840, when in her eighteenth year. She came to Galveston, Texas, in 1870, where she lived until her death, Jan. 28, 1884. She was a woman of great piety and was a great blessing to the church and the world.

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