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A CARD.

Having learned that it is currently reported throughout the State that I am peculiarly interested in the Publishing Department of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, I feel that it is due the church as well as myself to state that I have never owned and do not now own any interest whatever in this or any other publishing business. G. W. BRIGGS.

PROHIBITION.

The lull in temperance enthusiasm throughout the country, caused, perhaps, by a reaction from political prohibition, as exemplified in the last presidential campaign, has been only temporary. On every side the question is coming to the front. New and strong advocates of prohibition appear every day, and the future of this great movement was never more hopeful. The anti-prohibition newspapers perceive this and are making fresh attacks upon what they consider its indefensible points, as witness the editorial in the Galveston News of June 22, entitled, "Woman Suffrage, Prohibition, Taxation." Such an utterance on the part of the News is not, of course, surprising. It is needless to suggest that the News is hostile to prohibition on any terms. It is surprising, however, to find the News even making statements like the following: "The scheme would be fruitful in about the same measure as to force the constitution and codes of Texas upon the Apaches and leave them to execute the laws. But if a prohibition amendment is proposed, submitted and carried, it would be necessary to provide at the same time for a large increase in the ad valorem tax on property. An ad valorem tax of fully fifty cents would be needed if the occupation tax on beer and liquor-sellers were repealed. County ad valorem taxes would have to be increased, as well as the tax on property in cities. Property in this State would not stand the pressure, and the result would be that the general school tax, and the special school taxes levied in hundreds of cities, towns and school districts, would be greatly reduced, and in many places such taxes would be discontinued. For general and school purposes the saloons pay the State, counties and cities largely over a million dollars. It does not appear that it would be wise to transfer this tax to property, seventy-five per cent. of which is unproductive, especially when the result would be discouraging to local school enterprise throughout the State; while judging from all past experience with measures of universal prohibition, so-called, the liquor business would not be suppressed, but only modified and carried on in forms and by methods completely exempt from taxation for public revenue purposes." It is a sufficient answer to such pure nonsense to quote Mr. Gladstone's reply to the brewers of London, who made before him the same argument: "Gentlemen," said he, "I cannot permit a question of mere revenue to be considered alongside of a question of morals; but give me a sober population, not wasting their earnings on strong drink, and I will know where to get my revenue." A complete answer is at hand also from a public man nearer home. It is gratifying to see that one Texas politician is not ashamed to avow favorable sentiments on this fundamental question. Hon. I. Z. Foster, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Legislature, has been traveling in Georgia, and inquiring into the working of prohibition laws in that State. In a communication to the Greensbeck Non Era, he says: "Now, do not for a moment suppose that this grand reformation was wrought out in a day. The people have been nine years in reaching the present state of public sentiment upon this question. At first there was opposition to the law, and it was violated, but the violators were punished; and as time showed the effects of the absence of whisky on society, opposition faded away, and to-day there is no opposition. The criminal docket of the county takes up less than one-half the time of the district court, which holds two sessions of not more than one week each during the year. The lawyers here all agree that the 'criminal business' has dwindled to nothing. A prominent lawyer said to me: 'There is no chance for a man who commits an offense to escape punishment, because the men who will try him will be sober and not in sympathy with the defendant, and this very fact has deterred many from violating the law.' These facts I obtained from men on both sides, when the issue was first presented. There is but one side now. The effect of prohibition on trade is also illustrated right here. Within twelve miles there are towns along the line of the Air Line railroad where whisky is sold by the drink, and yet the town of Cumming, in Forsyth county—a prohibition town, and away from the railroad at that—is the acknowledged superior of any of them as a trading point. There is more business done here than there ever was, because men buy dry goods and groceries instead of whisky." This is a complete reply to the wild statement of the News. Why should prohibition necessitate an increase of taxation when, as the result of its working, "the criminal docket of the county

takes up less than one-half the time of the District Court, which holds two sessions of not more than one week each during the year?" On the contrary, how easy to reduce taxation when, in prohibition counties, as "all the lawyers agree," the "criminal business has dwindled to nothing." In South Carolina wherever prohibition is enforced the result is the same. Says the Bennettsville Chronicle, of that State: "This is perhaps one of the few towns in the State where the services of a police or town marshal are really unnecessary except for the collection of taxes and the enforcement of the work on streets. For the past year there have been but one or two arrests, and those for the most trivial offenses. The first, as well as we remember, was on account of a little fight between two negro women, and the second, two or three colored boys for misbehaving around the depot. The mayor has nothing to do except to manage the finances of the town. We attribute all to the absence of the sale of whisky within the town and county." The report comes from Coosa county, Ala., that since prohibition has obtained every jail is empty, and that there, too, the county officers "have nothing to do but manage the finances." When prohibition is honestly enforced in Texas we will have more money, lighter taxes, and better times than we have ever known. Meantime the heathen rage.

A SHORTER COLLEGE YEAR.

In a recent letter to the Wesleyan Advocate Dr. Haygood suggested a change in the length of the scholastic year in our church colleges. He advocates the shortening of the term from nine or ten, as it now stands, to eight months. He has just written another letter on the same question, and as many influential newspapers have endorsed his position, and the question promises to become one of much interest, we give the last letter in full. After thanking the Wesleyan Advocate for its endorsement, Dr. Haygood says: "It is a matter of importance; how vital it is I could never have known had I not had uncommon opportunity to know the struggles of young men, with short purses, to compass a college course. I may say, without immodesty, that from January 1, 1876, to this day, I have had the confidences of hundreds of young men on the subject of their difficulties and struggles in seeking a liberal education. Nothing in my experience with men gives me as much satisfaction as the knowledge that I have had their confidences. A book might be written setting forth the trials, discouragements, struggles, defeats and triumphs of young men to whom God had given brains, aspiration and consuming desire to do good, but to whom, as the world says, 'fortune had denied gold.' To me it is wonderful that they have done so well; to me it is not wonderful that, as a rule, the sons of the rich have not done so very. This also I have learned, that very many, after all their struggles, have failed to begin or to complete their course for the lack of the little money that an eight months' college year would save them and that a four months' vacation would enable them to earn. The rule is that those who fail and have to leave college do so at the end of the seventh and eighth month; it is the lack of the 'inch of leather' that brings 'tongue and buckle together.' The length of the college year made little difference in the South in the old days; it was understood before the war that a college education was a 'luxury of the rich and well-to-do.' Few poor men made the venture—it would have been a sort of presumption. But all this is changed; the rich are few, and comparatively few of them seek liberal education for their sons; the comparatively rich are not now the majority in any college constituency—unless it be in some college that makes education so costly as to rule out the poor. From all such colleges let us pray to be delivered. A church college that so adjusts its methods as to rule out the poor deserves to die, and will die. The middle classes and the poor are now coming to the front in education; with them seems to abide the truest aspiration; they will, if those who have authority give them the chance, bring new and healthy blood to church and State. From this class will come the men of the future—the men who can and will make the South what God designed it to be—one of the best regions of the world. When those who rule in church or state would do the greatest good to the greatest number they consider facts; they consider the conditions of life of those they are appointed to serve. It it were true, as it is not true, that a college year twelve months long, or ten months long, were necessary to the most perfect drill and culture possible to college education, it would be better for the whole people to have less drill and culture in order that more people may have good drill and culture. One of the vital points to guard in the management of institutions designed to benefit the people is this: to adjust the methods of the institutions to the wants and conditions of the people. Happy will that college be that finds out the secret of giving the best chance to the greatest number. If we put the argument on the lowest plane—a plane lower than a church college can go—if we speak of revenues only—the college that gives the best chance to the greatest number will have the most friends to work for it—the most money given to it and, in the long run (and if we go not for the long run it were better not to go at all), the most tuition fees. But no man fit to think for a church college, or to work in a church college, will put the argument on the

money-making plane, for in such a case he would enter a money-making business and go to his own place."

NEW TEMPERANCE ORGANIZATION.

At the recent convocation of the missionary district of Western Texas, Episcopal, presided over by Bishop Elliott, a temperance society was organized. It is strictly churchly; "organized by the church, controlled by the church, used by the church, and amenable to the church." Its objects are: "The promotion of temperance; the removal of the causes which lead to intemperance, and the reformation of the intemperate." The basis of this society is: "A union and co-operation on equal terms for the promotion of temperance between those who use moderately, and those who abstain from intoxicating drinks as a beverage." This is a good movement, and we rejoice to see our high church brethren rank themselves, even on a conservative platform, in favor of the great temperance reformation. One question may arise that will perhaps perplex them: What is a moderate use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage? One dram a day? or one after each meal? Or? Or? It used to be a difficult question to settle in early times, when pledges merely prohibited drunkenness, to decide exactly when a man was drunk; nor is this question very easy of solution. Now the question for this new organization to solve is: When does moderate drinking become immoderate drinking? We leave our brethren of the churchly temperance society to solve this question. The Methodist rule prohibits the use of intoxicating liquors, except in cases of necessity, and was organized over a century ago.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

BISHOP KEENER was booked for Gadsden (Ala.) district conference, but from overwork and weakness had to seek rest at home. He is now at Ocean Springs. THE Rev. Lemuel H. Gibbons, of the North Carolina Conference, died at the residence of Mr. O. S. Jones, in Manly, N. C., June 11—the seventh member which that conference has lost this year. THE reports of commencement exercises of our schools have this week crowded out other important matters which will receive attention next week—among them two reports of district conferences. PERHAPS Dr. Fitzgerald was thinking of the Baptists in Mexico when he wrote the following paragraph: "Christian unity is a blessed thing. Sectarian proselytism tunneling under sister churches in its name is a hateful sham." THE Rev. Dr. W. M. Patterson, superintendent of our Central Mexican Mission, has been on a short visit to Nashville, looking after matters pertaining to the work in his field. He was in good health and full of energy, as usual. EMORY AND HENRY conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rev. J. Powell Garland, of Virginia, and Rev. T. A. S. Adams, of Mississippi. Drs. Sladd and Garland are said to be the only Virginians upon whom this college has placed this honor. THE degree of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred on the Rev. A. G. Dinwiddie, of the Tennessee Conference, by Soule Female College, Murfreesboro, Tenn. This is the thirty-fourth year of this school, and this is the first honor of the sort it has bestowed. DR. SULLIVAN retires from the presidency of Emory and Henry College to take charge of a college for girls in Cleveland, Tenn. The trustees, with much unanimity, elected the vice-president, Rev. E. E. Hoss, to the presidency. He has energy, culture, a spotless record, and power in speech—a wise, alert, devout man. GENERAL GRANT has been taken to Mount McGregor, Saratoga, with the hope that his system might be temporarily braced against the progress of his disease. He was somewhat strengthened from the excitement of the change and by the pure air, but he is really growing worse, and it is believed that the end is very near. THE Central Advocate, St. Louis, says: "The Puritan is the type of men who believed in God and carried their religion into their politics. We have great need of such men now." They would certainly be an improvement on the large number of Northern preachers who, by the tenor of recent speeches and sermons, seem to be carrying their politics into their religion. REV. SAM JONES was greeted at his first service at Waco this week with a congregation of three thousand people. He will remain eight days, then off to a camp-meeting in Tennessee. Says the Nashville Advocate: "If he undertakes to do all that is asked of him during this heated season, he will not see another. He is tough and elastic, but there is a limit to human endurance." THE New Orleans Advocate says of Mr. Gladstone's downfall: "Though it is no secret that the Queen rejoiced at his downfall, preferring an aristocratic ministry, Mr. Gladstone has conquered a place in history accorded to no other name. His administration of home affairs has been prudent, patient and statesmanlike, while his foreign policy has been conservative, pacific and Christian. Had he favored the 'jingo policy' of Lord Beaconsfield wars would now be deluging plains in blood that are waving with richest harvests. He has sought to avert the clash of arms and settle all international disputes by diplomatic cor-

respondence or arbitration. Into his retirement the great premier will carry the benedictions of a Christian world. He is yet the grandest figure in English politics, and without his support the opposition can not move a step. We predict for the Conservatives a short lease of power."

SAM JONES, it seems, surrendered to Bishop Wilson, and said he did not feel like he could say grace or ask a blessing, after hearing the Bishop's great sermon in Virginia. If he can't preach like the Bishop, neither can the Bishop preach like he can. Every man in his own order.

Nobody, says an exchange, can accuse Sam Jones of being sordid or avaricious. Indeed he displays a strange disregard for temporalities. In one place where he had held a successful revival a purse of \$1,500 was offered him. He took out \$300 and directed the committee to distribute the \$1,300 among the families of the saloon-keepers who had been converted and therefore thrown out of business.

THE Episcopalians are to build at Gettysburg a National Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace. It will contain memorial windows, and a contributor to the cost of building the edifice may place a granite block on the outside wall, or a tile on the inside, in memory of a fallen soldier. In no better way could there be combined the heroic and the tender memories which linger around that historic locality.

A LITTLE child, says the New Orleans Advocate, died at Gretna, just across the river, on Tuesday of last week, with a disease resembling yellow fever. The five physicians called in to examine the case were not satisfied as to its nature, but thought it just to the public to report it as "suspicious." Vigorous sanitary measures in that neighborhood have been adopted, and as yet no apprehension is felt. If a strict quarantine is observed we have no fears of an unhealthy summer.

DR. J. B. A. AURENS, writing to the New Orleans Advocate of his recent trip to Texas, says: "To-day, June 6, I reached Georgetown. The commencement festivities are near high-tide. Here our illustrious Dr. F. A. Mood labored and died, and in the Southwestern University reared a monument to his name more lasting than granite. The location is most charming, the surrounding country very fertile, retired from centres of dense population, and yet very easy of access, the community refined and thoroughly Methodist."

A TELEGRAM from London has the following incident concerning our minister to England who visited that house the other day: "The Earl of Selborne, lord high chancellor, moved that, in consideration of Mr. Phelps' position, he be accommodated with a seat in the body of the house. This was a most unusual proceeding for a lord chancellor to take, and the action is regarded as a special and extraordinary mark of honor. When Mr. Phelps arose to leave the chamber their lordships all rose and bowed deferentially to him."

PERHAPS the oldest preacher in the world is the Rev. Thomas Tennant, of Vineyard Township, Ark. "He came to Arkansas about the year 1819 and settled near Little Rock, where he followed the calling of an itinerant Methodist preacher. He came to this county and settled in what is now Vineyard Township in 1819, and has lived here ever since. He represented the county in the legislature at an early period of its history. He has lived a most exemplary life and is revered by all who know him." From this notice in a local paper, says the Nashville Advocate, we infer that the venerable patriarch is a Southern Methodist preacher.

THE following from Rev. J. B. McFerrin explains itself: "As Book Agent I have made a contract with the Rev. Samuel P. Jones for the publication in book-form of his Sermons and Sayings. The sermons will be mainly those delivered during the progress of the late meeting in the gospel tent at Nashville. Reports of these sermons have gone out through the public press which are imperfect and incomplete, and do not fairly represent the discourses as delivered. Mr. Jones has carefully revised the sermons to be published in this volume; they have been copy-righted, and constitute the only authentic sermons offered to the public by this distinguished evangelist. The volume is now passing through the press, and will be ready for distribution at an early day, and will contain a handsome steel engraving of the evangelist."

THE local preacher seems to be a more important person in the Wesleyan Connection than in American Methodism. The chief difference is that the Wesleyan is never ordained, and he is compelled to work to continue his relation. And then he allows himself to be made use of in the regular work. Says the Methodist Times: "And as four-fifths of our pulpits are occupied by local preachers, they must assume a very large share of the task and the responsibility which the stagnation of the work of God entails. Critics naturally turn to the ministers, and urge them to renewed and greater efforts. But in our church an equally energetic appeal must be made to the local preachers. If all our local preachers were living in the enjoyment of entire sanctification, and were filled with the Holy Spirit, we should increase by tens of thousands annually. Does every local preacher look for immediate and visible results to his preaching?"

THE PRESS.

Among our Exchanges. The Christian Neighbor regrets that it is so difficult to reconcile men of high estate when they have fallen out by the way. It says: In matters of dispute, great men in State and church ought to give their fellow-citizens and brethren examples of magnanimity, exemplifying as far as possible that charity which "seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." Is it not probable that men in high places would become reconciled with each other more readily and more easily if they were to rule out from their disturbed minds the thought: "What will the people think and say if I do thus or so?" May not the fear of men or the desire to have the praise of men sway parties at variance to act contrary to their consciences and better judgments? They may be better men than they seem to be. "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression." One of Sam Jones' favorite sayings is: "Be honest and pay your debts." The Southern Advocate comments on this advice as follows: The dishonest, sniffling humbug that groans and shouts in meeting, but dodges round the corner to keep out of the way of his creditor, will please stand aside. Brother Jones has the floor. In another paragraph the same paper says: The only respectability that some men have in the church is just such as they buy for. They have their receipt in full. (Matt. vi:3). The Arkansas Methodist, not hearing of any more "pound parties," grows hopeful and exclaims: We suppose our people have come down to real business, and are now hard at work paying their preachers. For the benefit of such church members as neither pay nor work, the same paper says: Heaven is said to be a rest, but how can people rest unless they are tired? The Nashville Advocate makes the following good suggestion: The intelligent layman who retains his membership in a congregation with a large and wealthy membership has found no special work to do, and is a cipher on the left hand of the column; let him join the smaller, struggling society closer to him, and he will become at once a unit on the same side, where he will count. According to its own testimony "the biggest fool thing" the Alabama Advocate ever saw is the following: General Order No. 1, published in the Christian Recorder by the Bishops of the African M. E. Church. It is dated at "Headquarters of the Grand Army of Young African Methodists," and signed by all the Bishops, each subscribing his name and title in this fashion: "Bishop D. Payne, commanding general of the Mobile Division." The order commands that every young African Methodist turn out "in line" on the 1st of June, which is Children's Day in that church. The Holston Methodist believes that in the matter of conferring honorary college degrees "kissing goes by favor," and counsels that the practice should be discontinued: Church schools minister to human vanity, when they confer such degrees; and it is inconsistent with the whole genius of the religion of Jesus of Nazareth to do this. There ought to be a conference of the representatives of the church schools of the Union to consider this question, and to enter into a compact never to confer another honorary degree. The degree business is a great piece of vanity; it has been abused until it is ridiculous; it has become corrupt; and genuine religion is obliged to put it down. The Southwestern Methodist notes the action of the Waco Ministers' Association in relation to the enforcement of the Sunday law. It says "their example should be followed in many other places," but adds this caution: Let those who present arguments for a legal Sabbath remember that such arguments must be drawn from manifest temporal needs, the good of man in his social and political relations, his personal, worldly interests. While the Word of God is the end of all controversy with Christian people, yet a Christian observance of the Sabbath never can be coerced. It ought to be a conference of the representatives of the church schools of the Union to consider this question, and to enter into a compact never to confer another honorary degree. The degree business is a great piece of vanity; it has been abused until it is ridiculous; it has become corrupt; and genuine religion is obliged to put it down. Thursday of week before last the editor of the Central Methodist had a sudden attack of vertigo, and fell his full-length upon the office floor, receiving some injuries, from which he has about recovered. This is the first sudden attack he has ever had, and it is attributed to overwork during the past few weeks. He says: If our brethren would only consent to share part of our labors, by introducing the Central among their people, and collecting dues to the office, we would be relieved of the extra burden which has caused us so much suffering. It was the last straw that broke the camel's back. In an article on "Reforms" in the Chicago Advocate, Prof. Austin Phelps propounds the following interrogatory: Have you never known a pastor whose ministry was like a stern chase? He was not only in advance of his age, but even ahead with his age, but a little and only a little behind his age; so near that he could always be in at a victory but never there in a fight. The New Orleans Advocate thinks the interrogatory contains its answer. It adds: The picture is accurately drawn, and the number of such is not a few. When issues are sharply defined and courage is demanded they are never at the front, but none shout more lustily after the battle. In a short letter to the Wesleyan Advocate, Dr. Haygood advocates a shorter scholastic year of eight months, instead of nine or ten, as we have in the South. This he argues on the ground of economy and better collegiate work. The last month is mostly given to "drill" for commencement, the practical benefit of which is small, while the expense is considerable. The New Orleans Advocate notes the suggestion and says: There is force in the suggestion and educators may well give it consideration. Our short experience as a pedagogic convinced us years ago that the month of June spent in the school-room is practically thrown away. The Alabama Advocate adds its endorsement: We like the suggestion and the argument, and hope the Board at Greensboro at its session next week will adopt the plan. The Wesleyan Advocate having spoken favorably of the plan, Dr. Haygood sends his thanks and a letter, which we reproduce in the editorial column of this issue.

What it means is that, as Republicans, they will soon be displaced by Democrats. But there is little comfort for the Mormons in that thought, as they have already learned. The new Judge Powers, upon whose coming they based large hopes, has already sorely disappointed them, and President Cleveland is not likely to appoint anybody who will wink at polygamous practices. He told Judge Powers that he intended to "wipe out polygamy, if he did nothing else;" and he is not the man to look back after putting his hand to the plow.

On May 23d, Wigtown, in Scotland, was the scene of a great gathering to celebrate the bi-centenary of the martyrdom of the two Presbyterian women who were chained to stakes in the Solway, and drowned by the rising tide. Their monument in the churchyard at Stirling is one well remembered by tourists. These humble peasants will be remembered when noble ladies and princesses are forgotten.

REV. JOHN T. ROFFER, of the Alabama Conference, died at his home on Chilton county, on Thursday, June 4. The Alabama Advocate makes mention of this man of God as follows: "Much hard work he performed, many temptations he endured, but amid them all he was true to God and faithful to the church, working on with a cheerful spirit until his head was white with age and his form bent with infirmities."

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Says Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss: "At our second quarterly conference Bro. Samuel P. Brown, a promising young man, was licensed to preach." —The editor left this week for North Texas. He will be absent ten days or more. This will explain to his correspondents any delay in answering their letters. —Rev. A. G. Nolen, of West Texas Conference, we regret to learn, is suffering seriously from sore eyes, in consequence of which he is unable to attend to his work. —The News correspondent, writing from Chappell Hill, says: "On Sunday night, June 14, Dr. I. G. John preached a masterly sermon before the students of Soule College. To hear Dr. John is to love him." —A private note from Rev. J. H. Price, of Carlisle, Texas, contains sad intelligence: "I have a cancer wart under my left eye, which causes that organ to inflame so much that I am compelled for the present to desist from reading." —The editor acknowledges valuable editorial assistance rendered during his absence attending the commencement exercises of our schools by Rev. H. M. Sears, pastor of St. James Church, Galveston. He also contributed the little sermon in the issue of June 20. —Mrs. Gov. Ireland never forgets her church paper. She sends many kind words, and accompanies them with a list of subscribers. She devotes the commission given by the publishers to sending the paper to families who are unable to pay for it. In a private note she says: "I am surprised and grieved when I find so many church members who do not take the church papers, and, in fact, who do not practice reading anything but trash." LETTER FROM CHINA. To the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South. The following letter, from Miss Laura A. Haygood, formerly of Georgia, but now a missionary in China, was received by Mrs. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, and was read yesterday before the board: My dear Mrs. McGavock: I do wish to say, as strongly as possible, that I see more and more clearly with every passing day the grand possibilities that are opening before us. There are no limits to the work—absolutely none—except in the workers. Oh! that I could burn the consciousness into the hearts of the Christian women at home, that there are millions of women in China living in the shadow of death and going down into hopeless graves, into whose lives they might bring light and joy and love. If they could only once feel that these women are their sisters, their weak sisters "for whom Christ died," they would count it a very small matter to deny themselves the dress, or bonnet, or jewels, that would enable them to bring gifts of money to the treasury. Day and night their hearts would be poured out in earnest prayer that God "would send forth laborers into the vineyard," and scores of women here would help to answer the prayer by saying, "Here am I; send me." We do want them to come by scores. Oh! that twenty were ready to come in October. Specific work would be waiting for them long before they could be ready to undertake it. I need not say to you, my dear Mrs. McGavock, that in the expenditure of funds we keep constantly in mind the fact that we are only stewards, and seek to economize in every way that in our judgment the best interests of the work will allow. We will await most anxiously reports from the annual meeting, and fervent prayers will ascend that God will graciously fulfill to you his promise of Isaiah xliiii:7. I realize as never before how great are the responsibilities and how heavy the burdens that rest upon the Woman's Board of Missions. It is yours to inspire the hearts of Christian women at home and to call forth and direct their gifts. The salvation of thousands of souls in heathen lands may depend upon your action at this meeting. I

still feel, perhaps even more strongly than when we talked about it last spring, that the work at home and the work in heathen lands is one, and I long inexpressibly to have the Woman's Board take some action at the approaching meeting which shall look to better organization for home work. This does not at all mean a division of money or division of strength. It means saying to the hundreds and thousands of women in our church who in deed and in truth love the Lord Christ, but who cannot come to foreign lands: You, too, have a part in the "Great Commission;" you, too, may testify of a risen Christ to those who know him not. No other organization is needed. Only show them, can't you? that wherever there is a missionary society its members are invited, not only to pay their dues and talk about foreign missions, but are invited to become missionaries in the truest and best sense of the word, by "ministering of their substance," and time and love and life to those about them; by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, teaching the ignorant, comforting the sorrowful. Only when this is done will the church become truly missionary, and then, when they have learned how sweet this personal service of their fellow-men becomes, when done for Christ's sake, and at his command, and how sweet, and rich, and full are his rewards, then will you have all the women and money you want for "foreign work," and only then. Has not the time come when the Board may speak on this subject? Nothing could so inspire me with hope for work in heathen lands, to know that my sisters at home were "doing with perfect hearts and willing minds" the work about them. Oh! that every woman in the Southern Methodist Church would say: I give my money, my love, and my prayers to the foreign work; I give my money, my love, my prayers and myself to the home work. Then would "the Glory of the Lord be revealed," and the church would indeed become "the joy of the whole."

I am most faithfully yours,  
LAURA A. HAYGOOD.

SHANGHAI, March 26, 1885.

COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

The commencement exercises of Chappell Hill Female College closed June 16. The entire exercises demonstrated the marked ability of President Tarrant as an educator. June 10, 11 and 12, were devoted to the examination of classes in French, German, Latin, rhetoric, arithmetic, geography, algebra, trigonometry, history, literature, geology, English grammar, evidences of Christianity and theory of music. A noticeable feature of the examination was the punctuality of the students, only one of the entire number being absent during the three days' exercises, and that one was sick. Sunday, June 14, at 11 a. m., Rev. G. W. Briggs preached the commencement sermon, from John 1:47. Monday, June 15, 10 a. m., came the exercises of the Philomathean Society, which consisted of music and recitations by the young ladies. The orator of the occasion, Rev. J. R. Morris, of LaGrange, delivered an exceedingly fine address on "The Antitheses of Life." The art exhibition was under the able management of Miss S. E. Spencer, director. There were suspended on the walls of the spacious chapel fifty-three beautiful oil paintings and twenty-seven drawings, the production of nimble fingers, during the session.

At 8 p. m. came the concert by the Preparatory Department. The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. John, after which a number of class songs by the little girls were well rendered, and some difficult pieces, instrumental and vocal, by advanced pupils, were interspersed. Miss Parkman, in charge of this department, was heartily congratulated.

Tuesday, June 16, 10 a. m.—After prayer by Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss there were recitations by members of the Sophomore and Junior Classes, interspersed with music. The music was made by advanced pupils of Mrs. Bradley's class and added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

June 16, at 8 p. m. came the annual concert and graduating exercises, awarding diplomas, medals, etc. The college chapel was packed, and quite a number were unable to secure standing room. The music was well rendered throughout.

The annual address was then delivered by Rev. H. M. DuBose in his usual happy style, after which President Tarrant, in a few terse and feeling remarks, presented diplomas to the following young ladies: To Miss Jennie Lawson, of Courtney; Misses Della White, Mamie E. Rountt and Lulu Smith, of Chappell Hill.

The following medals were awarded: In music, gold medal by President Tarrant to Miss Kate Felder; gold medal by Mrs. Bradley to Miss Lulu Smith; elocution, gold medals by President Tarrant to Miss Jennie Spann in Sophomore Class and Miss Matthews in Junior Class by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris; gold medal by Mrs. Lyde to Miss Jennie Williams in Sophomore Class; gold medal for best essay, by the president, presented to Miss Mamie E. Rountt. Three gold medals by the teachers on department were awarded to Misses Jennie Lawson, Clara Buckingham and Julia Williams.

The next thing in order was the calisthenic drill by the advanced class under the management of Miss Parkman. A member of the Board of Trustees then read the following complimentary resolutions:

WHEREAS, This closes the second year of President Tarrant's administration of Chappell Hill Female College; and,

WHEREAS, The examination of classes and school exercises have been eminently satisfactory to both trustees and patrons; and,

WHEREAS, Not a single complaint has come to the knowledge of this Board of Trustees; therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That in the selection of President Tarrant to preside over Chappell Hill Female College, this Board congratulate themselves on having secured a president so eminently fitted for this responsible position.

2. That in the person of President Tarrant this Board recognizes all those elements and qualities requisite in an educator, and which richly qualify him to cultivate both mind and heart.

3. That the personnel of his faculty is all that could be desired.

4. That we heartily congratulate Miss S. E. Spencer for the grand results achieved in the Art Department, and commend her to all lovers of this beautiful accomplishment who desire to have their daughters properly instructed in art.

5. That Mrs. Bradley is not only a model music teacher, but is richly endowed naturally with ability to impart what she knows to others.

6. That the Primary Department, under the able management of Miss Sullivan, shows her to be peculiarly fitted for this work, and endears her to patrons and pupils alike.

7. That the thanks of this board are tendered to Miss Parkman for faithful and thorough work in the beautiful physical culture of calisthenics, as in this department we recognize a system of culture indispensable to the growth and development of our daughters.

8. That we heartily commend Chappell Hill Female College to all lovers of Christian education.

9. That the Boarding Department, under the watchful eye and motherly care of Mrs. Tarrant, embodies both system and neatness.

SOULE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises of Soule College closed Wednesday at noon, June 17. Those deserving special mention are E. C. Tarrant, E. K. Fedder, J. R. Rountt, J. W. McDade, A. L. Mercer, W. B. Campbell and William Burkhardt. The annual address was delivered by R. M. Buck, of Chappell Hill. Two medals were offered by the president, G. P. Tarrant, for the first and second best declaimers. These medals were awarded to Wm. Burkhardt and J. W. McDade. Music was furnished by Mr. Buchanan and his daughter, on the piano and violin, and was excellent.

Your reporter noticed the following visitors in attendance on the commencement exercises: Rev. Mr. Briggs, of Galveston; Rev. I. G. John, of Huntsville; Rev. Mr. Morris, of LaGrange; Rev. Mr. Lawson and his father, of Courtney; Judges Burkhardt and Parker, of Richmond; Squire Swearingen, Judge Kirk, Judge Muse, of Brenham.

The following certificates of proficiency were awarded: In Preparatory Department—To O. N. Cooke, J. M. Felder, E. K. Felder and J. E. Morris, for English grammar; J. W. McDade, J. R. Rountt, C. C. Tarrant and W. W. White, for English grammar and algebra. For College Department—E. A. Brandt, Wm. Burkhardt, for physics, chemistry, algebra, geometry and Latin; W. R. Campbell, A. L. Mercer, for physics, chemistry, algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

The Board of Trustees then announced that they had elected to the presidency of the college for five years Rev. T. W. Brown, now president of Woodville Female Seminary, Miss, Professor G. P. Tarrant having severed his connection with this college. The Board of Trustees passed some complimentary resolutions for his faithfulness to duty, but through some omission they were not made public.

GRANBURY COLLEGE.

Report of the Visiting Committee.

This Methodist institution closed another year's labor by the annual examination and commencement exercises held from June 7-11. The college is situated on a slightly eminence in the town of Granbury, the seat of justice of Hood county, Texas, and is a substantial and commodious stone building of three stories, affording ample accommodation for its three hundred and six students in attendance the past term.

The school is graded into Primary, Intermediate, Preparatory, and Collegiate Departments, each under competent instructors. The faculty consists of D. S. Switzer, A. B., President, professor of higher mathematics and languages; Rev. W. J. Moore, professor English language, mental and moral science; Mrs. Carrie L. Cox, teacher of history, elocution and calisthenics; Miss Alice Robertson, teacher of geography and natural history; S. B. Ferrell, principal of Preparatory Department and adjunct teacher of physics; Mrs. D. S. Switzer, principal of Music Department; Miss Lizzie Dalton, teacher of instrumental music.

The commencement sermon was preached by Rev. J. G. Putnam, of Jacksboro station, Sunday, June 7th. On the three succeeding days the oral examination of the different classes was continued, interspersed with written exercises, indicating thorough instruction and marked proficiency.

The annual award of the gold medals for competitive excellence in composition and declamation was an occasion of much interest. Miss Mollie Crites, of Granbury, gained the prize for the first

named, and Rev. Samuel W. Thomas, of Tarrant county, Texas, that of the other.

Notwithstanding the great scarcity of money and the rivalry of other schools, the term just closed has been the most remarkably prosperous and pleasant in the history of the college.

We could say much in commendation of this school, but will close our report by the simple statement, that from our personal knowledge of its merits we can heartily recommend Granbury College to the patronage of the public, and especially to our own people.

W. D. ROBINSON,  
O. M. ADDISON,  
Visiting Com.

GRANBURY, TEXAS, June 19, 1885.

COMMENCEMENT OF CORONAL INSTITUTE.

It was my pleasure to attend the commencement exercises of Coronal Institute, beginning Monday, June 8th, and closing June 10th. This school is located at San Marcos, one of the most healthful, picturesque, and generally inviting villages in Western Texas. The ample buildings, which are all of stone, stand on a noble elevation, breezy and shady, and sufficiently isolated without being too remote from boarding-houses. The exercises, consisting of recitations, declamations, essays, music (vocal and instrumental) calisthenic drill, etc., were held in the chapel of the institute; the walls of which were decorated with beautiful paintings and drawings in bewildering variety; specimens of the work done by the students in the department of art, under the direction of Miss Smither. After examining these specimens I was not surprised to learn that the School of Art is self-sustaining, which fact is itself significant. Few high schools can boast a self-sustaining School of Art, and few institutions of any grade are blessed with an art teacher at once so thoroughly competent and so diligent. Not less worthy of note is the School of Music, with its trio of accomplished teachers and ample supply of instruments, where students are carefully instructed in vocal and instrumental music. To this school we are indebted for a musical banquet, such as we have seldom enjoyed on like occasions. The students, without exception, acquitted themselves admirably, leaving no room for doubt in the minds of visitors that the teachers in the several departments appreciate the responsibilities of their respective stations, and possess the requisite qualifications for discharging their work with honor to the institution, and for the lasting good of the youth intrusted to their care. The President, Prof. Jno. E. Pritchett, understands the demands of the times and will spare no pains to meet them. The sermon by Rev. E. B. Chappell, of San Antonio, and the address by Rev. G. W. Briggs, of Galveston, were highly commended by all whom we heard speak of them, (and they were many) and in the judgment of this writer they were all that could have been desired: sound, earnest, practical, unctuous. We came away with the conviction that Coronal Institute is the glory of San Marcos, and an honor to Methodism in West Texas; and would say to all who seek for their children the benefits of a high school, which combines in due proportion physical, mental and moral training, we know of none that can excel Coronal Institute. Send for catalogue to Prof. J. E. Pritchett, San Marcos, Texas. S. G. SHAW, For Visiting Committee.

GRANBURY, TEXAS, June 18, 1885.

COMMENCEMENT OF WACO FEMALE COLLEGE.

The exercises were opened on the evening of June 4, by a Kindergarten entertainment. This department is presided over by Miss Julia Von Brock. The programme was composed of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. The Waco Examiner says of the entertainment: "It was very amusing and entertaining to see the little babies toddling along in calisthenic procession, bringing down their military left with resonant stamp, cadencing with the music. The ludicrous efforts at imitating the ways of grown-up people, their canary-like voices and their diminutive proportions rendered the scene not unlike the fairy revels as found in the book of Grimm."

The evening of June 5th was also given over to the little folks of the Primary Department, presided over by Miss Sue Smithers. In calisthenics seventeen little maidens and two little boys appeared on the stage in costumes well fit for the occasion. In their evolutions there could hardly be a false step detected, every round on the stage was made with the greatest preciseness, and the little ones fell into line like a well-drilled military company. The whole was well gone through, without so much as a bobble by any of the class.

The presentation of the "Coronation of the Rose" was the programme for the evening of the 6th. The audience was large and select, and listened with profound attention through the whole of the performance. The decorations in the hall were elaborate and beautiful. The walls were covered with paintings and sketches from the class in art.

The Waco Examiner gives the following: In the forenoon of June 8th a large number of citizens were present at the college chapel to witness the closing exercises of the different classes. After opening services the class competed for the medal for sight playing on the piano. Next was a duet by eight young ladies, four pianos being used. The piece of music was well rendered. Next on the

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AUSTIN DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. Austin sta., July 4, 5; Austin mla., at Piskville, July 11, 12; Manchaca mla., at Thomas Springs, July 18, 19; Schulenburg, at Schulenburg, July 25, 26; Columbus and Weimar, at Weimar, Aug 1, 2; Webberville cir., at Webberville, Aug 8, 9; Winchester cir., at Alum Creek, Aug 22, 23; Eagle cir., at Eagle, Aug 29, 30; Cedar Creek cir., at Red Rock, Sept 5, 6; West Point cir., at West Point, Sept 12, 13; Lufkin sta., at Lufkin, Sept 19, 20; Flatonia sta., at Flatonia, Sept 26, 27.

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MONTEAGUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Wichita Falls, June 27, 28. District conference at Wichita Falls, July 4, 5...

WACO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Groesbeck, at Elm Grove, June 27, 28. District conference at Waco, July 4, 5...

GALVESTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Galveston, at Galveston, June 27, 28. District conference at Galveston, July 4, 5...

PORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Ft. Worth, at Ft. Worth, June 27, 28. District conference at Ft. Worth, July 4, 5...

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PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Paris, at Paris, June 27, 28. District conference at Paris, July 4, 5...

FASTLAND DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Comanche Peak, June 27, 28. District conference at Comanche Peak, July 4, 5...

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MARSHALL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Marshall, at Marshall, June 27, 28. District conference at Marshall, July 4, 5...

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Harper's Monthly.—The readers of Harper's Monthly will find the July number of special interest. We give this notice in advance that the reader may be sure to procure a copy in time.

Light On the Pilgrim's Way.—This book is a selection from the writing of Rev. Charles A. Stork, D. D., edited and revised by his brother, T. B. Stork, Philadelphia: Lutheran Publication Society.

Go or Give; Do or Die.—An address delivered at the Newark Annual Conference, held at Newark, New York, March 5, 1885, by Howard Henderson, D. D., LL. D. Published by a committee of and in obedience to a resolution of the Newark Conference.

The Quiver.—The last number of this admirable magazine is unusually bright and readable. It is published by Cassell & Co., 759 and 741 Broadway, New York.

MUSIC.—'New Administration Grand March.'—We are indebted to Messrs. Tognoli & Bro., Galveston, for this brilliant piece of music. It is dedicated to Grover Cleveland, by the composer, Miss, Leonora Rives, Mission Valley, Texas.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.—A few years ago the health of Mrs. Livermore became so impaired that she was forced to retire from the lecture field. How and by what means she was restored to health is related in an interesting letter to Dr. Starke & Pales, of Philadelphia, dated Feb. 1, 1884. From this letter we make the following extracts.

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CHURCH NOTICES.—3d DISTRICT—BISHOP WILSON. Kentucky.—Sept. 8—Versailles, Ky. Louisville.—Oct. 16—Greenview, Ky. Tennessee.—Oct. 21—Columbia, Tenn. N. Alabama.—Nov. 18—Gadsden, Ala. N. Georgia.—Nov. 25—Newman, Ga. Georgia.—Dec. 2—Columbia, S. C. Louisiana.—Jan. 6—Haton Rouge, La. Ky. Me. N. A. 1st.

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CHURCH NOTICES.—4th DISTRICT—BISHOP KEENER. Illinois Conf.—Sept. 30—Paris, Ill. Indiana.—Oct. 2—Corydon, Ky. Virginia.—Oct. 21—Cleveland, Tenn. N. Alabama.—Nov. 18—Gadsden, Ala. N. Georgia.—Nov. 25—Newman, Ga. Louisiana.—Jan. 6—Haton Rouge, La. Ky. Me. N. A. 1st.

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