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LATITUDINARIANISM--THE INQUISITION.

JEAN PAUL.

The *via media* is sadly neglected. In matters of ecclesiasticism most people are either bigoted or pusillanimously indifferent.

1. With pompous demonstration some preachers seek to ingratiate themselves with the masses, specially that class whom Longfellow denominates "dumb, driven cattle," by assuming an air of latitudinarianism, pretending to be very liberal in matters of religion and church, unciously retarding such phrases as: "sectarian bigotry," "denominational arrogance," etc. This is not liberalism, but demagogism.

2. Generally, latitudinarians have no true conception of our Christianity. They would as gladly fraternize with Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists, etc., as with the disciples of Christ. The invariable terminus of such morbid liberalism is rationalism.

3. Indifference as to matters of missionary enterprise can be traced to latitudinarianism. If our Christianity is not better than Brahmanism, Islamism, etc., why sacrifice men and money in the endeavor of converting the adherents of the latter to the religion of the Nazarene?

4. Latitudinarianism aims at a species of ecclesiastical communism. In politics communism is the anarchical panacea. Away, they cry, with antiquated, puerile, fanatical demarcations; down with all partition fences; all cultivate one field; contribute to one purse; eat at one table; *ad nauseam*.

5. It sounds enchanting to hear Schiller transcendently exclaim:

"To my embrace ye millions are invited; My lips are yearning for your kisses, ye worlds!"

Practically this is but grandiloquent nonsense. Lips touched indiscriminately are certainly not the sweetest.

6. Strict, solid denominationalism is the best conservator of Christian doctrine, prevents religious stagnation, extends the borders of Christ's kingdom by commendable emulation, confirms and strengthens Christian character.

1. In countries where Protestantism is in the ascendant, Roman Catholicism assumes a very lamb-like appearance. But the Inquisition tells us in letters of blood of its intolerant, cruel, demoniacal nature. Where it has had the power, divergence from its standard--i. e., heresy--was invariably punished with incarceration, torture, and death at the stake.

2. A few years ago, on the gallery of our parsonage in Austin, Texas, a smooth-tongued papal priest pretended to be indignant when I charged his church with having put thousands of men to death for heresy. The insinuating "innocent abroad" insisted that the church had never put a man to death. He chafed when I explained that the papal church, being the state church, tried the parties accused of heresy. When found guilty, the church transferred culprits to the secular government for execution of the sentence pronounced by the church.

3. The intolerance of the Romish church dates from the time of Constantine the Great, the illustrious incubus of the church of Christ. He it was who converted the church into a state church. Thereafter heresy was a crime against the State. During his reign heretics were expatriated. His successor fixed the death penalty for heresy. Even that great man, the so-called church-father, Jerome, approved of this barbarity.

4. In France, Germany, but especially in Spain, the Inquisition created sad havoc. Bigotry wedded to covetousness, elicited its existence. The Inquisition became a distinct institution of the church. The Inquisitor-general was appointed by the Pope, and the confiscated property of parties found guilty of heresy was divided equally between the church and State. The heresies of the poor did not concern the Inquisitor-general much.

5. Arrested upon mere suspicion, the accused were kept in prison for months and years without trial. The trial, the so-called *auto da fe*, was usually but an empty mockery. The accused was never made known to the accused. In Spain, within the years 1481 to 1808, 341,021 persons were put to death by being burned at the stake.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

TO CALIFORNIA AND RETURN--THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT.

REV. SAMUEL P. WRIGHT.

If any apology is necessary for appearing again to the readers of the *Advocate* after this series of letters has been formally closed, let it be found in the very courteous request of "Emory" in the *Advocate* of the 15th instant that the writer furnish a sketch of the religious aspect of the Pacific coast.

It frequently occurred to your correspondent that his letters were appearing, as "Emory" expresses it, "in a *Christian Advocate*, for Christian readers, whose hearts are not supposed

to be set entirely on gold and big profits." He even thought of devoting a letter to the religion of California, but he was deterred by what he esteemed good reasons, some of which he ought to give:

(1) First among these stands the inexpediency of judging with haste from mere indications in this field of observation. An experienced agriculturist can draw just conclusions from very rapid and even limited observation of a country. One who is skilled in its department can foresee what commerce needs in the carrying facilities of a country. But in the realm of religious development the agencies are so peculiar, and in anything like truly spiritual work so hidden, and hence so apparently insignificant, that one risks no little who, with a flourish of his pen, disposes of the religion of a country in a way that suits his peculiar notion.

(2) Secondly, with the lights obtained, it was impossible to write without adverse criticism, and the letters being designed to give pleasure as far as possible, it was thought best to do no more than mention.

(3) "Christian readers" are justly very much interested in everything that pertains to the material as well as the spiritual movement of the age and country, which fact seems to be overlooked or ignored by some of those who write for our church papers. In this connection, may I not ask, why we cannot issue a church paper, daily if need be, so comprehensive and thorough in its scope that a secular newspaper will not be considered a necessity in any Christian household?

Let "Emory" be assured that this writer "carried his religion with him;" that he found some "congenial spirits" right amid the "rush and dash of the boom," and that much of "the money of the boom has gone into the church and school-houses." But to the answer of "Emory's" question more specifically I will now address myself.

One may carry his religion with him to California or to any other country where a similar state of things exists, but if he keeps it after he gets there he must be sure that he pays the same or greater attention to its cultivation than he did at home. A spirit of speculation is not favorable to the development of one's piety. The "peace of God" is not harmonious with the "rush and dash of a boom."

One may be very devotedly pious in the very midst of an engrossing worldly business, but it is not the rule but the exception, and the exceptions are very rare. Religion is a very tender growth, and easily chilled by the frosts of neglect, or choked by the thorny cares of this world, or decimated by riches, or lust of other things.

I say then, the conditions necessary to this growth are not the most favorable upon "the vine-clad sunny slopes of Balboa's ocean."

But to be more specific still: Money is lavishly spent in the erection of houses of worship, and buildings for educational uses. California is not only not behind her sister states in these things, but she is abreast of most and has surpassed many. No where have I ever been in the worth of religion and education as enhancers of material values more justly appreciated than here. Large and valuable tracts are surveyed and set apart in every village that is laid out for a boom. These are to be donated for church and school purposes. A minister of God, who has character and force, and comes duly accredited, has but to ask, to secure all his church needs. Some denominations made this discovery years ago. Foremost among these is the Methodist Episcopal Church. The consequence is, this church is taking the country. Wisdom was displayed in fixing an episcopal residence in San Francisco. The choice of a man was most judicious. Educated for a lawyer, but subsequently graduated at a theological seminary, a traveling preacher for eleven years, a college president four, four years editor of the *Christian Advocate*, New York, and four years one of the corresponding secretaries of the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, greatly gifted as a pulpit orator, accustomed to success, and devoted to his work, Bishop Chas. H. Fowler is by talent and training admirably fitted to lead his church in the foremost rank among these rushing people, who have little sympathy with sluggards in any work. As rapid as has been the development of California under the boom, it has not been so rapid as to either confuse or run ahead of this master workman for Christ. He has his eye upon every part of the work here, and when he is needed he is upon the ground, ready to ask favors for his church, preach magnificent sermons, and secure by the very prestige of his presence and position what neither presiding elders nor pastors could. I incline to the belief that our church has missed a great opportunity in that she has not had an episcopal residence at some point on the Pacific Coast, and in it one of our highly gifted superintendents. Not that I am one whit dissident in my tastes or notions. I would, I admit, like to have a Bishop dwell in Texas, but more because I love

these holy men of God, and would have them near me. It is easy enough and cheap enough to bring a Bishop to Texas for any special work, but to California is a long and weary and expensive journey. Some ministers of the gospel might go to California upon a transfer of their own seeking and return before a quarter of the year had gone, and when interviewed by the reporter of a secular paper, call the country hard names and say it was "God forsaken," and all that; but if that reporter be a Bible Christian, he will surely wonder why Paul did not, after being stoned and left for dead at Lystra, hunt up a reporter of the rival city of Derbe, and tell how God forsaken those Lystrians were; and why he and Silas did not, as "they passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia" after their little experience in Philippi, tell to them that the only Pallipian worth a nickel religiously was a man who kept a jail.

The fact is, California is not a "God-forsaken" country in any sense. It is a heaven-blessed land in most senses. Religion is at some discount, and I have hinted at the reasons why, as they appeared to me, but these reasons will not continue very long, I am sure. As the "rush and dash of the boom" subsides into steadier movement, as subsides will be, the claims of the gospel will be more distinctly heard and more cheerfully obeyed.

Dr. Fitzgerald, in the last issue of the *Advocate*, devotes space to a notice of a spiritual quickening upon the coast. Dr. Anderson is pushing the college interest and Brown and Stradley are in a revival at Los Angeles, and other sections are sending up favorable news. May the flames spread!

Mr. Hammond, the evangelist, has spent the winter in California. I saw and heard him while I was there. He was having some success. If evangelism is the plan for this section, Sam Jones is the man. He draws that is what is wanted. Californians go in a gallop, and must, if they are saved, be corralled or lariatied. As I have said, Sam Jones draws; the gospel will, anywhere, do the rest.

I hope I have answered Emory to his satisfaction, and to that of the many who feel as he does. I could give some figures and incidents--some discouraging, others the contrary. I could tell how the Northern Methodist pastor in a city there has built his church over several store houses, (so valuable is the dirt,) and how his flock have opportunity to admire the tastily arranged show-windows of a shop as they turn to ascend the opera-house-looking stairway leading to the temple of God. And I could tell how our little chapel in the same city, stands with its modest little five or six hundred dollar parsonage, upon two lots worth, a little while ago, twenty-five hundred dollars, but now, as I was assured by a competent real estate man, fifty-five thousand! But my letter is long enough already, if I am to hope for it to be read. Be assured, though, dear "Emory," that our people will not make the mistake of building over stores. They are planning wisely, and will not be a feeble folk in the very near future. Finally, the opportunities for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the land of booms, are not past but passing. Some men are needed here, but they are not men who are needed no where else.

GEORGIA LETTER.

W. P. LOVEJOY.

For two months the rainy season has been on us, yet our churches have been filled with people apparently eager to hear the gospel, and the preachers have had their hands full of pastoral work. The heavy fall of rain has raised the Savannah river and flooded the lowlands. Those who farm these lands are rejoiced at the early flow, hoping that another will not come when the crop is growing.

The Ministerial Association of Augusta, composed of most of the ministers of the evangelical denominations in the city, resolved in the early part of the winter to institute a new departure this spring. The plan agreed upon was to hold a union service in one of the central churches, from eleven to twelve o'clock each day, each congregation meeting in its own church at night. The day service is for experiences, consecration and prayer. The preachers hold a half hour service among themselves just before the eleven o'clock service. The effect produced upon a congregation of laymen by seeing a dozen or fifteen ministers marching into the church in a body, knowing that these ministers have just come from their knees, is marked and inspiring. Ministers of various denominations were never closer together nor more solidly united in purpose and effort than the preachers of Augusta are at this time.

Yesterday the first union service was held in the Baptist church. It was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Evans, a Methodist, and notwithstanding the damp, cool morning, more than two hundred people were present, among them many of the leading business men of the city who, in their desire to add something to the success of this united effort, had left their business for an hour

of prayer and praise. The reports from the preachers to-day of last night's service were encouraging. Already Brothers G. G. Smith & B. F. Farris, of our Conference, are on hand to assist in these meetings. Several visiting ministers of other churches are here or will be soon.

The paper of yesterday stated that such a meeting had never before been held in this city. The enthusiasm, the brotherly love, and the hearty co-operation of the preachers, together with the deep interest manifested by a large number of the members of all the churches, inspire the hope that this series of meetings will bring large spiritual good to this city. Ram and Romanism have a fearful hold on the ignorant masses, while greed of gain--financial and political--pushes all sense of religious obligation out of the minds of many whose political fortunes rise or fall as they pander to the appetites of depraved humanity. A revival of religion is greatly needed for all classes of our population.

For some weeks lecturers from the four quarters of the earth have visited Augusta. Dr. Allen came first and made a good impression. He understands his business. Rev. J. Jackson Wray, of England, and pastor of the famous Whitefield Tabernacle, in London, was here a week or two ago. Some thirty odd years ago the ground surrounding the Tabernacle, which was used for school-houses and a cemetery, by some means passed into other hands. Mr. Wray's object in visiting America at this time is to raise money to buy back this ground. It will take \$150,000. His own congregation, though poor, will raise the larger part of it. He expects to get the balance outside. This Tabernacle is the same house in which George Whitefield preached. Mr. Wray is in many respects a worthy successor of the "prince of pulpit orators." May he succeed in his laudable mission.

The fusillade going on in the Wesleyan with reference to conference resolutions endorsing our colleges, the endowment of our institutions of learning, etc., cannot be said to be a controversy; at least we outsiders have not been able up to date to divine the intention of the various writers nor to define their several positions. It is half suspected that there are not as many writers as *nomine plumes*, and some of these writers are playing the game of Judge Longstreet's Lincoln county man who was tearing up the earth and roaring at a great rate just to see "how he could have fought." At all events the college question is getting a lively shaking up, and it is hoped that something more than words will come of it.

As your readers know, the State University is without a head since the death of Dr. Mell, who was so long its able and honored chancellor. The Board of Trustees had a meeting the other day to consider the question of electing his successor. A strong element, and not particularly religious, favored the election of Prof. White, who now occupies a chair in the University. The stronger wing, however, themselves decidedly religious, or recognizing the religious sentiment of the people, favored the election of a minister of the gospel or a layman of positive religious character. It is gratifying to know that this sentiment had some influence in shaping the action of the board. This result has been brought about by two causes: the positive religious character developed in the young men at Emory and Mercer, and the conspicuous absence of all such in the instruction at the University. The patronage of the University steadily dropped off; various reasons were assigned, but in a few years it was whispered and then noised abroad that lack of religious instruction was at the bottom of the whole trouble. The Bible and prayer were made more prominent, rules regulative of the conduct of the students were enacted, and discipline was made to mean something. From that time the fortunes of the University have greatly improved. There is a chance that Dr. Hopkins will be asked to occupy the seat of chancellor. The Methodists of Georgia are not prepared to give him up from Emory, as poorly as he is paid for his services there. The suggestion of Dr. Potter, to put a Presbyterian at the head of the University, might command the attention of the board were it not for the fact that the Presbyterians are talking of establishing a college of their own at Atlanta. Before the war, Oglethorpe University was owned and run by the Presbyterians, and it made considerable reputation under the presidency of Dr. T. K. Talmage, uncle to the famous Brooklyn divine. But for twenty-five years its halls have been deserted and the classic building stands there, a splendid specimen of the masonry of ante bellum days.

It is the order of the day now to speak and write of "the boons that have helped me." This is not selfish, but the contrary. What has benefited us we wish others to enjoy with us. Our Publishing House has brought out a little \$1 book that has more cream in it than any book I have seen since Bishop Marvin wrote his "Work of Christ." The title of the book is "The Endless Future." It furnishes the strongest argument in support

of the doctrine of eternal punishment. I have found anywhere. The hypothesis of a second probation and of annihilation is successfully overturned. The chief good, however, that comes from reading the book is the enlarged view which it gives of God's plan in creating and upholding and unfolding the universe.

Speaking of books, your readers may expect a book of rare excellence when the Life of Bishop Pierce comes from the press. Bro. Smith read me two or three chapters from the manuscript. The style is charming, while the story of one of the grandest lives of this century, so well told by the biographer, is all absorbing with intense interest. The book will be published during the year.

LOSS OF PULPIT POWER.

PHILO.

Of all the terse things ever written by Bishop George F. Pierce, none deserves more serious consideration than the following paragraph: "If the Methodist ministry has lost power in the pulpit, the church is largely to blame for it. There was a time when our people judged a preacher by his fruits--the present visible results of his ministry. When they spoke of a great sermon they did not refer to its intellectual power, but to the revival that followed it; they did not quote in aesthetic admiration some striking metaphor, but they told who was struck down; they did not compare brilliant passages, each according to his taste, but they commented on the consolations they had felt, or upon the hopes which had been inspired. Every preacher felt that his position in the conference depended upon his power, upon his usefulness--that he was measured, not by his literature, but by his sheaves; not by his oratory, but by the prosperity of his charge. But now the church wants a preacher who can attract the young people and fill the house; who is abreast with modern ideas, and will connive at all the innovations of those whose only idea of church improvement is in stripping Methodism of her individuality; who will deliver short, pretty orations, and not worry the people about their souls and such things as heaven and hell and a world on fire. I have noticed in all the conferences that, under this class of men (and they are in great demand), the church regularly withers and dwindles, prayer meetings die out, family altars are broken down, and the good old melody, melting love-feasts that wrapped a man's soul in an air as balmy as Paradise, and made him feel as rich as the gold of the New Jerusalem, are all numbered with the things that were. Take heed to yourselves, brethren; the church herself may corrupt you by erecting false standards of merit and tempting you to collude with her mistakes. It is your business (as ministers) to mould the church, not to be moulded by her."

The above is as fine as can be, as far as it goes; but it raises the question: Why do our Bishops yield so easily to the "demands of this false standard of merit," in making the appointments, when they see so clearly the effects that follow? What is the use of warning the preachers against adopting this "false standard," when the Bishops, as a rule, honor the preachers who have adopted this "standard," by putting them into the most important appointments? And especially when, if they cannot find enough men of "this class" in a given Conference to meet the "great demand," they import them from afar. Every close observer knows, as well as the Bishops themselves, that all this stir about transfers, now agitating the Church, originated not in the fact that our preachers are opposed to the transfer power, but in the fact that nine-tenths of the said transfers were made to meet the "great demand" of this "false standard of merit" in the local churches, while true, faithful and successful men have been moved down to give them place.

The above paragraph from Bishop Pierce's facile pen raises another question: How is a true and faithful preacher, who has withstood the "temptation" which this "false standard of merit" offers, to be "measured by his sheaves and the prosperity of his charge," when the presiding Bishop refuses to let the preachers report the number of conversions and accessions in open Conference? Perhaps, if our chief pastors would lay less stress on the financial features of the preacher's reports, or at least give a little time for ascertaining the facts by which they could judge a "preacher by his fruits, and the spiritual prosperity of his charge," as indicated by the number and tone of "prayer meetings, family altars, class-meetings, and good old mellow, melting love-feasts," they would find a few names who had not bowed the knee to this modern Baal, but whose "business it is to mold the Church, not to be moulded by her." If it be the "business of ministers to mold the Church," will not our chief pastors lead the way?

LIVINGSTON, ALA.

A REMINISCENCE OF AN EARLY MISSIONARY.

H. S. T.

As a volunteer missionary I entered the Republic of Texas in 1842. For three years I did not receive a dollar from the

missionary treasury; and I do not know that others fared any better. I heard Rev. R. Alexander say he had been a considerable time in the work before he received any recognition from the Missionary Board. We all served after the style of Bishop Taylor's laborers. There was no delectable clamor for missionary funds on the part of the laborers. My fourth appointment, given me by Bishop Soule in January, 1845, was to the city of Austin. No money was appropriated, and I expected none. There had once been a small society in the city, served by John Haynie and J. W. Whipple; but Indian and Mexican raids had broken up the frontier, and when I reached the place there was no church building, no school house, no church organization or Sunday school. Through the winter I slept on the floor in the law office of Rowan Hardin, and obtained my meals as I could find them, by visiting from house to house. After the adjournment of the first session of the legislature I took boarding at the Swisher Hotel, and opened a school to pay my board.

Rev. C. Richardson was presiding elder and a delegate to the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When he returned from that conference he brought me \$25, and the same amount to Rev. J. W. DeVillies, then stationed in San Antonio. This was the first missionary money either of us had received. Ten years elapsed before I received another missionary remittance. I was then presiding elder on a large and expensive district; to travel, and the appropriation was to cover traveling expenses. On one other district I also received a small appropriation to cover railway expenses in traveling. These are all the instances in which I have received help from the missionary treasury in the forty-five years of uninterrupted itinerant work in Texas.

During my second year's pastorate in Austin a small church was built on the avenue for whites, and another on the hill where the colored church now stands, for colored people. In visiting the capital city I occasionally meet some of my former pupils in various occupations and in the highest offices of the State government. Having preached in the old, old capital, I think I must pay a visit to the city and see the new, magnificent structure about to be dedicated.

KEEPING THE CHURCH REGISTER.

REV. BISHOP BISHOP.

Bro. Biehanau's article on "Keeping the Church Register" is timely. I would be glad if the next General Conference would order a system of book-keeping suitable to our polity, and the Bishops would place it in the course of study for the first and second year. It would save us frequent humiliation and give us far greater accuracy in our statistics.

Brother B. shows such familiarity with church books that I venture to differ from him in any of his opinions on the subject with diffidence. In fact, his system is so thoroughly in accord with the disciplinary methods of work that when he is not clear to me I only place an interrogation point. But he is altogether correct in saying that the alphabetical roll is for the pastor's "convenience." Is it not more important than a mere conventionality of pastoral work? "If," as Bro. B. states, "no name should be stricken from the register," it would seem that one object of the alphabetical roll is that the membership of the church may be defined and identified.

Secondly, the alphabetical roll should be an index to the chronological register, showing the number of each name.

Again, is Bro. B. entirely correct in his criticism of the word "dropped"? He says: "Any pastor will understand such language as 'withdrawn,' 'expelled' or 'removed without letter,' etc. But who knows what such jargon as 'dropped' means?" Now, dropped is not "jargon." If it is, then "letter" is, too, for no such word is found in Methodist nomenclature. But there is a provision of the discipline for the disposal of a member when "lost sight of." The obnoxious word "dropped" describes tolerably well such disposal. Bro. B. refers us to the manual of the discipline (I would rather he had said the discipline) for appropriate nomenclature. But the manual gives us no term in which to describe the action of the church conference in striking a name from the roll. Neither does the discipline. It has seemed convenient and correct book-keeping in such cases to note on the church register "dropped by order of the church conference." This does not deface the register, but keeps the history of the membership complete by explaining why the name disappeared from the alphabetical roll at that date.

The "pastor's roll" is still another book--kept by himself, not the secretary. It is for his own and his successor's convenience. It should be in the form of a "directory," showing street and number in cities, or describing location or residence and place of business, so that he can do his work systematically and his successor can enter upon his understanding. The alphabetical roll, though kept in a separate book, seems to be an essential part of the church register.

WACO, TEXAS.







PALESTINE.

The principal land of the Bible is Palestine. Most of the events of the Bible happened in this little country.

Now is this the case? Yes, in every particular. And we now speak of what we know, for, during the last sixteen years, the whole country, extending only a small part of the country east of the Jordan, has been most carefully surveyed, and the results fully meet our expectations.

I do not mean to say that we did not know a great deal about the country that was true, but our information was not accurate. Travelers had gone over the country, and given us accounts of what they saw, and thus we gained very much valuable information, but it was the most part general and superficial.

The writer above quoted, says, in summary, "Not a single position was certain; not a single distance trustworthy; not a range of hills, or a valley, or a wady correctly laid down; and only one-eighth part of the modern names collected, and this in a country where the ancient names survive with a most remarkable vitality, clinging, under changed forms, to the old sites."

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every one of these old sermons. Forget the things that are behind." The last sentence is in substance a quotation from the Bible, and we do not think it applicable in this connection. Certainly Paul did not forget the things that were behind, so far as they related to his "old sermons."

MISSIONS.

While our sympathies are deeply stirred by the condition of the heathen, struggling in darkness to reach a remedy to ease their burdened souls, we also sympathize with the earnest, faithful servant of God commissioned to publish the blessed light of the gospel to the darkened mind, to offer the heavenly balm to hearts wounded and oppressed by sin.

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the American continent had seen far fewer changes than the Eastern, and was in one sense the older world of the two. What he would have said if he had seen the developments of geology as we now see them we do not know.

OLD COMRADES.

Through your kindness in publishing the articles sent you since Christmas I have been enabled to learn the locality of some very dear friends who were incarcerated with me in the Rock Island Prison, Illinois, and some of them are anxious to learn my identity.

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\$10; Bowie and Alford, \$5 00. Total, \$15 00. Bonham District.—Bonham station, \$16 50; Honey Grove station, \$5 00. Total, 21 50.

When only the paltry sum of \$156 75 is contributed by 244 Sunday-schools of the North Texas Conference for missions, we are constrained to think that somebody should awake to the grave responsibilities of neglected duty.

The absence from the roll of missionary schools of many of the oldest and strongest stations of the Conference is mournfully significant. Of the total amount reported last year, three schools gave more than half—Terrell, \$40 00; Pilot Point, \$28 70; Bonham, \$16 50; total, \$85 20.

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NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

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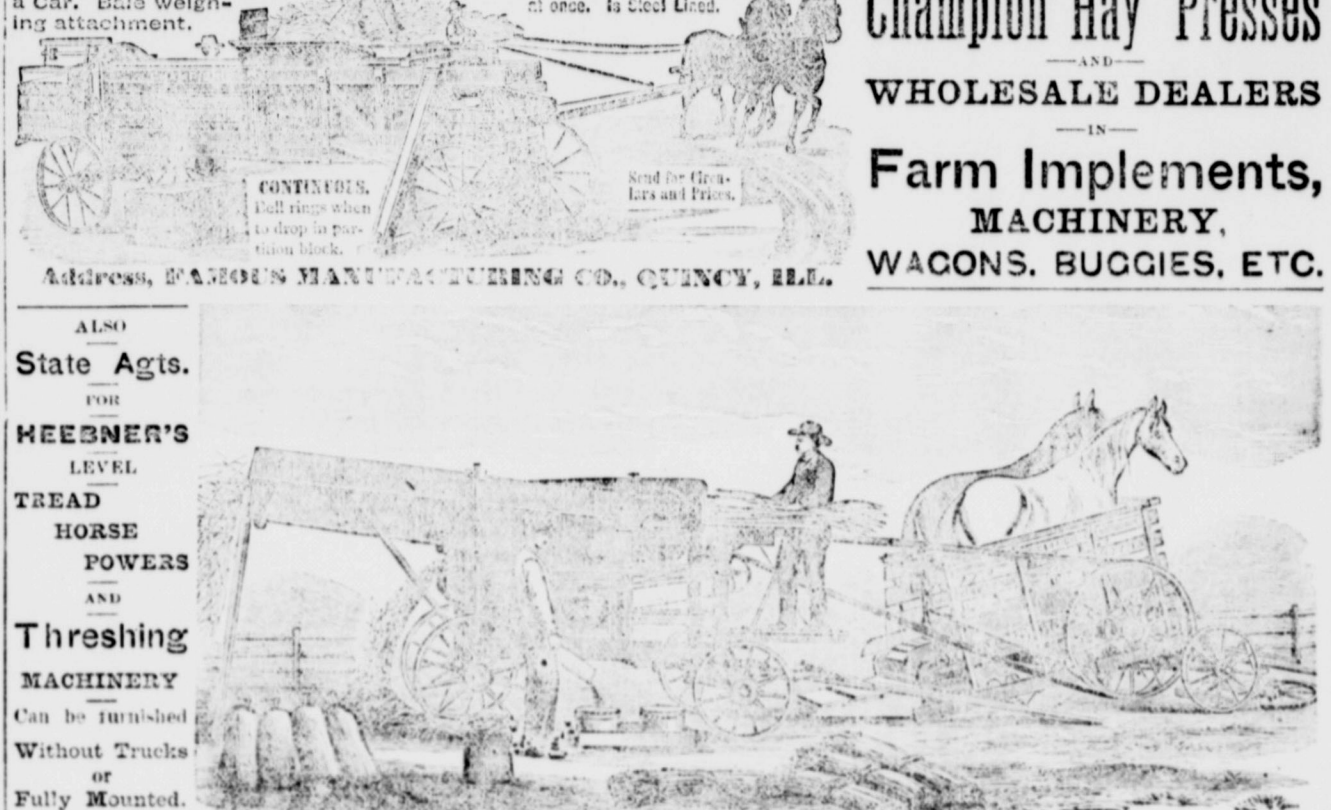
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Church of the Redeemer, 4th Sun in Mar...

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Wesley and Rush chrs, at Rush March 31...

TERRELL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Terrell sta, at Hutto March 23...

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Cameron chrs, at Beaumont March 21...

TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Tyler chrs, at Tyler March 21...

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Weimer, at Weimer March 24...

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Aubrey chrs, at Friendship March 24...

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Montgomery chrs, at Huntsville March 21...

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Hemphill chrs, at Hemphill March 24...

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Cottonwood, at Bear Hollow 4th Sun in Mar...

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Round Rock chrs, at Hutto March 24...

PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Blossom Prairie sta, at Liberty March 24...

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Garvin chrs, at Weatherford March 24...

GRANBY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Acton, at Acton March 24...

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Black Jack Grove chrs, at Gaffney's chapel...

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San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton March 21...

GALVESTON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Houston City sta, at Houston March 25...

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Fredrick chrs, at Duffau 4th Sun in Mar...

MC GREGOR DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
San Sara District—Second Round.
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Goiland, Goiland, at Goiland March 25...

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Devotional. CHRISTENING.

To-day I saw a little calm-eyed child— Where soft lights rippled and the shadows tarried... Peacefully wondering, to the altar carried...

A MISREAD TEXT'S TRUTH. Dr. Allen's story of the colored preacher who exhorted his hearers with great earnestness upon the subject of 'Spurious days shall come,' is familiar to us all.

Neighbor A. is a good husband, father and citizen, and better than all because including all, a good Christian; but he has one fault—in prayer-meeting he makes very long prayers.

There is a partial eclipse of the sun. You say to a little child: "Is that the sun?" He says: "Yes." "But how do you know that it is?" "I know it by the dark mark upon it."

"ARE YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED?" It is one of the terrible marks of the diseased state of the Christian life in these days that there are so many who rest content without the distinct experience of answer to prayer.

FELKER.—Died During the night of Feb. 22, 1888, little Marie Felker, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Felker, of Courtney, Texas.

FLEMING.—Herman E. Fleming was born August 16, 1856, and died February 17, 1888. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, September 28, 1885.

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THE SIN OF DOING AND SAYING NOTHING.

"Be sure your sin will find you out." (Numbers xxxiii: 35.) How many easy-going idlers and silent partners we have in our churches!

Judges v. 23. Merz was bitterly cursed for doing nothing. Prov. xxiv: 23. The sluggard is condemned and warned. Isa. lviii: 1. Prophets are commanded to cry aloud, and spare not.

THE SCARLET THREAD. Dr. William Knead tells the following striking incident: "A friend of mine was receiving some money at the hands of a bank officer the other day, when he noticed depending from one of the bills a little scarlet thread. He tried to pull it out, but found it was woven into the very texture of the note, and could not be withdrawn."

MARRIAGES. PHILLIPS—HELENSTELL.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Nacogdoches county, Feb. 15, 1888, Mr. J. C. Phillips, Rev. J. B. Cochran, of the Texas Conference, and Miss Virginia Lawson.

OBITUARIES. The space allowed obituaries, tends to curtail the length of notices. The privilege is reserved of condensing notices in full as written, should require to cover excess of space.

OBITUARIES. GAINER.—Luther, son of J. T. and A. A. Gainer, died on Mountain Creek, Ellis county, aged eight years. This passes away one more flower from earth to heaven.

OBITUARIES. FLEMING.—James M. McKinney, son of H. C. and Sarah McKinney, was born in Grayson county, Texas, Feb. 1, 1841; died in Dentonville, Tarrant county, Texas, Dec. 22, 1887.

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FLEMING.—Sister Louisa C. Fleming, daughter of R. A. and S. L. Fleming, was born in 1820, and died November 18, 1887. She was converted at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, September 27, 1855.

FLEMING.—Alice O. Fleming was born Nov. 6, 1850, and died Feb. 18, 1888. She joined the M. E. Church, South, Jan. 20, 1884. Sister Alice was a model young lady.

DRAPER.—Martin and Isaac Draper, little sons of Rev. George B. and Laura Draper, were born Dec. 17, 1874, and died Feb. 29, 1888. They were devoted and obedient children to their parents.

SHAPARD.—Died Friday, Feb. 24, at 12:30 p. m., Carrie, infant daughter of R. A. and Lucile Shapard, aged three months. For three months she had been suffering with colic, and was finally relieved by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

MCANALLY.—Martha J. McAnally, daughter of R. B. and Caroline Smith, and wife of John McAnally, died at the Arkansas Conference, was born in Franklin county, Tenn., Aug. 17, 1846, and departed this life in the parsonage at Atkins, Ark., Dec. 21, 1887.

OBITUARIES. HAMILTON.—Mrs. E. C. Hamilton, who was born March 10, 1821; converted religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and remained a faithful, consistent member of the same until her death.

OBITUARIES. PINKSTON.—Sister M. E. Pinkston died at Bryan, Texas, Feb. 4, 1888. She was born in 1820, and was converted at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1845.

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DICKARD.—Wilkie Odus, son of E. E. and S. L. Dickard, was born May 28, 1885, and died July 11, 1887. He was a loving and obedient child, being the eldest boy, he was his father's and mother's pet.

SMITH.—Ella J. Smith, (nee) Rhea, was born Feb. 8, 1855; married G. W. Smith in 1878; converted at home in 1879; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1884.

TAYLOR.—Education adopted by the M. E. Sabath-school, Brunsell, Texas, in memory of Laura Taylor; Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst a dear and worthy member.

KINDRED.—Sister Lucy Kindred (nee) Woodard, was born in North Carolina, Oct. 29, 1815. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1842.

CARLTON.—Captain Richard Carlton died at his residence in Smith County, Texas, Feb. 24, 1888, aged 67 years. He was born in Alabama, and married Miss Annie Ford.

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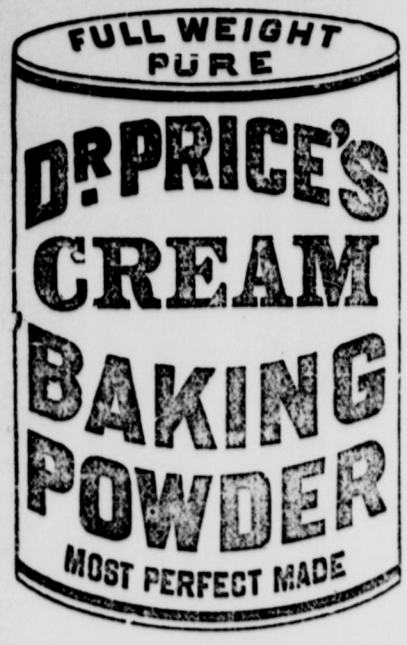
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West Texas Conference. — F. S. Jackson, Chairman Joint Board of Finance: Finance study table showing how much each pastoral charge paid last year...

Table with columns for District, Location, and Amount. Includes Victoria District, Corpus Christi District, San Angelo District, and others.

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Over the State.

Texas Incidents.

St. Joe, Texas, is to have a first-class mill. Sabine river is very high. A. J. Carter, of Lamar, has averaged twenty bushels of wheat per acre on one field for fifteen years without a single failure.

The funeral of the month of March. An observant population barbarously that he can tell one's physical condition by the state of the hair!

The eye that is unusually bright and yet has a pallid brightness, the face upon whose cheeks nature paints a rose of singular beauty and flush, more marked in contrast with the alabaster appearance of the forehead...

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Obituary.

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New National Bank in Waco. The city of Waco is to have a new national bank with a capital of half a million dollars. The progress of that important business center demands more banking facilities.

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