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RESTITUTION—SIN, MORTAL AND VENIAL.
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1. In a disreputable house, known as a place of rendezvous for thieves, lewd people and outlaws, an honest man would not like to reside. Should the Holy Spirit consent to dwell in the heart of a man who fails to make possible reparation of wrongs committed?

2. Honesty dictates restitution. God forgives our sins, but our pecuniary debts we must pay ourselves. Having injuriously affected our fellowman with perjury, slander, trickery, meanness, dishonesty, we must first settle the matter with the parties injured before God will settle for our guilt and blot out our transgression.

3. Restitution does not render salvation by grace superfluous. Zacheus returned fourfold what he dishonestly acquired, but the sin of dishonesty had remained, if in mercy it had not been forgiven. I make the *amende honorable* to the party whose feelings I wounded; but the sin of wrathful malevolence remains at my door, if God does not remove it.

4. Sometimes restitution may seem impossible. Those whom we injured in money, reputation, happiness or health, have passed away, their offspring being unknown to us. What shall we do? I advocate substitutional restitution. Give what you dishonestly acquired, with compound interest, to orphan asylums, homes for the aged and infirm, churches, schools. Make good the pangs of grief you inflicted, by making many hearts glad.

5. A few years ago during a protracted meeting in one of our city churches an elderly man came to the mourners' bench every night for more than two weeks. I instructed, encouraged, but the man remained disconsolate. One night he was missing. Next morning I learned that he had committed suicide. In a note to me he acknowledged that for years he had been and was then living in concubinage with his reported wife. But to confess this crime and contract lawful marriage he had not the necessary courage. Thousands seek conversion in vain, because they are unwilling to make restitution.

6. St. Augustine rightly remarked: "If we do not restore that which we have injuriously detained from another, our repentance is not real, but feigned and hypocritical."

1. Roman Catholicism teaches that original sin consists solely in the perversion of the will. Actual sin is the outcome of that perversion. Regeneration is tantamount to rectification of that will. This regeneration is secured in the sacrament of confirmation, when the catechumens take upon themselves the baptismal vows.

2. The will set right, the life will gradually conform to the behests of that will. Sanctification is but the continued sanctified inclination of the will; it consists in a life-long chain of victories against Satan, the world and the flesh.

3. Mortal sin, according to Rome, is willful transgression, conscious acquiescence in the propositions of the tempter. This sin, if not forgiven on earth, will precipitate the sinner into hell. If, however, contrition, confession to a priest and rectification, as far as is possible, ensue, the church grants absolution, restoring the lost state of grace.

4. Mortal sin is compared to indigestible food. Sickness and death ensue if no emetic is administered. The sacrament of penance, containing the trinity of contrition, confession, satisfaction, constitutes the ecclesiastical emetic.

5. Venial sin is not considered as *sin per se*, but as a species of mechanical consequence of inevitable concupiscence—a diabolical lust after evil. But for this lust, since it is contrary to and is directly antagonized by our will, man is not responsible. The party antagonized is not identical with the antagonist. Should the one be amenable for the actions of the other?

6. Venial sin necessitates Purgatory. As long as life endures, concupiscence continues. On the brink of the grave the departing prayer: "Deliver us from evil!" This evil, more a misfortune than a sin, is removed in Purgatory. Nevertheless, in exceptional cases, when there is true consecration, much fasting, watching, praying, labor of love, concupiscence may be exterminated here below, enabling the dying saints to enter heaven without going via Purgatory.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF THE MOTHER OF FEMALE COLLEGES, AND OTHER MATTERS.

Fifty years ago the Georgia Female College—now Wesleyan Female College—was granted a charter by the legislature of Georgia, but not with a light; for there were those to be found then, and not a few, who had no doubt of the truth of that old heathenish heresy that girls were not capable of receiving what the lords of creation and of women called the higher education. Dr. Lovick Pierce, who was the pioneer in this movement for the better education of women, had no faith in this nonsense. He persisted

in advocating the rights of girls to equal educational privileges with boys until a sentiment was created in Georgia that revolutionized opinion on this subject.

Two of the old Methodist preachers of that day selected the spot where the Wesleyan now stands, and on their knees by the side of a log that lay along the ground, dedicated the place to God for the higher education of women.

Never in the history of this oldest of female colleges was there such interest in the commencement exercises, nor such enthusiasm kindled by the rendering of the attractive program. Aside from the regular bill of fare, I may mention a few features of special interest, some of them suggested by the occasion. The large class of seniors, numbering sixty—the largest ever graduated from the institution—appeared on the stage at different times in sections of twelve each. This number, with music interspersed and other matters, occupied the whole of a morning and all of an evening session.

It was my privilege to be present at the appearance of the first section on Thursday night, June 14. Something new at a female commencement was in store for us. The young ladies represented historical female characters, each arranged in the style of the costume worn by the party whom she represented. Poet, astronomer, patriot, philanthropist, novelist, essayist, woman's rights advocate, temperance advocate, painter, sculptor, all stood before the audience in their own work, while the Goddess of Fame, wrapped and crowned in that kind of attire peculiar to that species of beings as painters represent them, sat upon her throne watching with seemingly eager interest the lively contest for the crown of laurel which she held in her hand ready to place it upon the brow of the maiden whose life and labors entitled her to the highest place in the esteem of this divinity. Who but Mrs. Browning could win the prize at the commencement of a female college, although the audience would have given the palm to Nancy Hart, of the cross-eyes, who so fearfully denounced the Tories in the revolutionary days of Georgia, and at one time captured five of them after having killed one and mortally wounded another one of their companions? No part of the exercises delighted the spectators more than this.

Woman was the subject of this commencement. The sermon of Sunday, by Rev. Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., LL. D., had for its central purpose "Woman—her highest success and how to achieve it." For one hour and twenty minutes our big little Georgia Methodist preacher held that intelligent audience that packed Mulberry not spellbound, but to a line of as noble thought as the big brain that teems with noble thoughts ever gave to any audience; and that is saying much. The Doctor read his sermon, but he read it so well that you would have thought he was speaking. Still, the manuscript hampered him some. I have never known it otherwise with any public speaker. There are advantages in the manuscript, but they are more than offset by the ease of person, the grace of movement, the heat of thought, and, above all, by that inspiration which comes from the occasion and the Holy Spirit. By the way, every address during this commencement, except one, was read.

The most unique feature of the commencement was Tuesday's program. Essays were read by representatives of every decade of the history of the college. The woman, who as a young lady graduated forty-eight years ago, was there. She was the first woman in the world to receive a diploma from a college for the education of women. Her essay carried us back to the opening of the college, and to the day of her graduation. Your readers can imagine what were the thoughts and feelings of that audience as they looked upon the first female graduate in the world. She had her diploma with her—a plain piece of parchment about ten inches square, bearing on it in simple words a certificate that Miss —, now Mrs. Benson, of Macon, Ga., had completed the course of study prescribed at the college. The little sheepskin was signed by George F. Pierce, first president of the Georgia Female College. The names of the other members of the faculty are there, but you can hardly read them, they are so dim. At the close of that session's exercises Mrs. Benson, still hale and stout, arose, and in a few fitting words returned her diploma to the trustees of the college. This is a priceless treasure which they will sacredly guard. The exercises of this unique program were interspersed with singing by graduates of the college. How these old girls did sing! Nothing like it in the singing of the present day. The poor little college girls looked on in wonder and amazement as those old women sang songs that were songs, with voices of power and melody that the modern system of vocal training makes impossible of achievement. Old fogy? So be it. I am simply writing the verdict of that audience on that day.

Dr. Cosby W. Smith had died. His place was filled by the election of Prof. Downman, of Emory College. Wesleyan has made a splendid record in the half-

century of her existence. But the glory of that half will be eclipsed by the glory of the half yet to come.

After months of anxious waiting and of much speculation the Board of Trustees have elected Rev. Warren A. Candler, assistant editor of the Nashville Advocate, to the presidency of Emory College. A better selection could not have been made. President Candler is young, brainy, bold, aggressive, prudent, full of energy, the friend of the boys, a splendid preacher, with backbone enough for a man twice his height. If the church will let us keep him at Emory our grand old college will have a season of prosperity—surpassing far the brilliant record of her past history.

But what of Nashville? Well, the Bishops will see to filling Candler's place with the proper man. If from the height of their position they will listen to a private in the ranks, this scribe would say, Look across the Cumberland to the North, gentlemen, and you will find a man with as keen a blade as knight of the cross ever drew in the cause of God and humanity. W. P. LOVEJOY. AUGUSTA, GA.

FROM OUR MISSION ROOMS.

A letter from Rev. J. C. C. Newton, Tokio, Japan, May 21st, announces his safe arrival at Yokohama with his family and son. Dr. Wainwright and wife. They were out nineteen days from San Francisco. He speaks in warm terms of the cordial welcome he received from the missionaries, and is much pleased with the outlook.

The work moves steadily on in Kobe, Japan. Dr. J. W. Lambuth writes, April 10th: "We held our quarterly meeting Saturday and Sunday. The services were deeply interesting, especially our love-feast. The testimony given by many was touching. Bro. Uraki's father, an old man of sixty, not yet a church member, told us how he had been brought to read the Bible and believe in the Lord Jesus for salvation. During the past quarter we received twelve persons into the church, and eight were under instruction as probationers. We gave Bro. Oto, one of our young men, license to exhort. He is with Dr. Dukes on the Araka circuit. The number of women who have been in attendance on our church services has been much larger than formerly."

Writing about the work among the wild tribes in the bounds of our Indian mission, Bro. J. J. Methvin, who is laboring among the Kiowas and Comanches, says: "Their nomadic habits at present prevent permanent or continuous appointments being made for any one place, and we can call them together better by having a tent than any other way." Accordingly, Rev. M. A. Clark, presiding elder of the district, which embraces in its bounds a number of the uncivilized tribes, is arranging for a large tent with camp-stools, and with wagon, preachers and interpreters will follow these roving bands with the message of life. No mission field calls for a larger sacrifice of all that is prized by men and women accustomed to civilized life than portions of our Indian mission work. Among those with whom Clark and Methvin and their comrades are laboring are tribes who only a few years ago were on the warpath, and often in their congregations are warriors who tore with savage triumph the bloody scalps from men, women and children butchered on our western frontier. A large measure of grace is needed by the men and women who labor in such a field. They are doing apostolic work. Many members of the church who feel no interest in missions may never hear of their heroic toil, but the Master knows all about it; and one day in goodly company their story will be told.

Miss Lochie Rankin did not design her latest letter for publication; but we give an extract, hoping to bring the hearts of the women of our church into closer sympathy with woman's work for woman in heathen lands: "I wish had time to tell you of my work, which is now nearly self-supporting. Unless you had lived through it all, as I have, trying to cleanse, feed and clothe a lot of Chinese beggars, not to mention the mental and spiritual work, you could not appreciate the happy change. The past winter has been my first in China that I could wear clothes that could not be boiled. It is such a relief to meet the children as pupils, and not have to waste my best strength in trying to make them decent." It does not require a Chinese interpreter to explain to our lady readers that reference to "boiled" clothes.

"Mission work these days is a picnic." The remark was made by a leading church member. We thought of Miss Rankin and her companions in China gathering up those waifs from Chinese streets and homes, and combing and cleansing them for the school room, while every touch suggested the need of disinfected garments. We thought of the eleven hours that devoted woman spends every day in the school room, besides hours after sunset given to Chinese women who come to her for sympathy

and instruction, and wondered how many mothers would willingly see their daughters departing for such a "picnic." We thought of Watkins and his wife preaching the gospel in Mexico, amid scowling priests and fanatical mobs, and wondered where the picnic came in. We thought of Methvin creeping on hands and knees into a Kiowa tepee, and looking into the swarthy faces of braves and squaws, wrapped in greasy blankets, as he tells them the story of the cross, and wondered if it reminded him of a May-day frolic. There is no doubt a spice of romance in some departments of mission life, and some fields are less difficult and painful than others, but in all there will be found hard work, lonely hours and distasteful associations, which more frequently suggest the cross than a holiday, and will make the missionary hunger for human sympathy while he feels his need of the grace of God.

"How long do you expect to remain in Japan?" The question was asked N. W. Utley, by a lady not familiar with our work, the day before he left for his distant field. There was a sober look on his face as he quietly replied: "I expect to spend my life there." We lost the rest of the conversation. He expected to visit his mother before he left, and we were thinking of the parting of mother and son. Did the mother think of a "picnic" when she bade good-by to her boy? I. G. JOHN, Secretary.

THE OPEN LETTER TO REV. M. M. D. BOSE AND OTHER METHODIST PREACHERS IN TEXAS.

That letter is before me, and there can be no doubt as to my being one of the "other Methodist preachers in Texas," spoken of. In reply I shall be brief. Much could be said; but the brother is so very indignant, it can't be said now. What he refers to in the expression "certain utterances in regard to the matter of prohibition," I know not. It would have been better to call attention definitely to the utterances complained of. It looks like he was afraid to specify, and chose rather to deal in generalities. Most of the article is hackneyed platitudes, about which there can be no room to cavil. Who wants to be told that the church cannot dictate a member's vote—that it can't afford to be degraded to the level of a political party—that pastors must not become partisan politicians—that our congregations are not political gatherings—that enforced temperance is not the gospel rule—that saloon keepers driven out of the business would still need divine grace, etc.? Who doubts any of this? What does our good brother M. expect to prove by all this? Now it is a fact that all right angles are equal—that the angles of a triangle are equal to two right angles—that a line has extension and no magnitude, etc.; but that does not prove that Tom Smith has some of Bill Jones' land inside of his field. That depends upon other considerations not enumerated.

I fully and cheerfully endorse Brother McCorkle in the saying that a preacher ought not to use church prints for partisan purposes. A church periodical is not the place, and a pastor is not the person to "inaugurate an attack" upon a political party. But I call his attention to the fact that an attack upon a political party is one thing, and a denunciation of crime is another thing, distinct and separate. I am indeed sorry that he failed and refused to practice his own wholesome counsel in the very letter of protest. He does not think it prudent to say whether he is a prohibitionist or not. Yet he does not scruple to kick the prohibition party, even if he was a preacher writing to a church paper against the doing this very thing. Let me fairly quote him, and see if this is not true. In speaking of prohibition he writes, "Which has become the basis of party platform which is to be discussed at the hustings, and decided by the ballot, and upon which certain greedy and disappointed politicians of all parties are now resting their hopes for office." Greedy and disappointed politicians seeking office!! If the anti-temperance is justified in crying "political priest," it is now the time for the prohibitionist to howl it. For what is that but an attack upon a political party by a preacher through the church press?

In juxtaposition with this quotation let me place another, "Men who use the pulp and the church press for the purpose of inaugurating a crusade against venerable political organizations, which number among their faithful adherents good people of all churches, ought to be brought before the bar of their conference and publicly rebuked for imprudence." But the brother may reply that he was talking about "venerable organizations" in this last instance, and not about new parties. It strikes me that the "gored ox proverb" is in place here. His logic is this: it is no harm to inaugurate a crusade against a new party, so you do not speak disparagingly of "venerable organizations."

In thus arraigning Bro. M. against himself, I am not attorney in fact for the new party. I am a member of no party since the Democrats of Texas declared for the eternal perpetuation of the saloon.

Brother M. is strangely alarmed. He writes: "Unless the tide shall turn speedily, the time is not far distant when men who would not have the effrontery to declare in class-meeting their hopes of heaven, will betray by partisan speeches on our conference floors their hopes of Methodist votes." I cannot account for this remarkable prophetic utterance otherwise than by supposing Bro. M., after a supper of mince pies and veal cutlets, has seen a ghost.

Again. He says: "We must denounce the saloon as a foe to society and a menace to our Christian civilization, but beyond this we may not go." We must never remark in passing that the saloon is an intolerable nuisance, and ought to be relegated to the grim companionship of hoary relics of savagery and barbarism. Oh no!! This would be "inaugurating a crusade against venerable organizations." The truth is, my brother, the church of which you and I are members was born with an antagonism to the saloon. For more than one hundred years she has lifted up her voice in clarion notes of no uncertain sound against the crime of the centuries, and moreover, she is going to keep at it, and don't you forget that.

The church has never coveted Cesar's sword, nor does she want it now, nor will she ever desire it. But one thing is certain, if Cesar in his sovereign capacity does not close the saloons, it will not be on account of Methodist unwillingness to have them closed.

By the way, how has it happened that those of "our Good Shepherd's flock" you fear of losing from the church roll have not found out that the Methodist Church is a mortal foe of the saloon? They don't read the papers and Disciplinary.

In conclusion, allow me to protest against unfair dealing. If men desire a new party they have a right to form one, and if the "venerable parties" are not to be snubbed by preachers in the church press, neither ought the new party. Some of "our Good Shepherd's flock" are in that, too, and we are as much bound to love and kindly treat them as we are our brethren of the "venerable organizations."

If Christian men are seized of the correct idea that nothing of value was ever accomplished without a party at its back; that a reform movement with nobody to advocate it is but a vapory abstraction, and that an idea without an advocate is like a stray dog without master, friend or home; and if, in addition to all this, the "venerable organizations" forge fetters for brain and conscience, and seek by political goals to drive them into moral rottenness, what are they to do? I, for one, will never denounce them for rebellion. Fraternally.

J. A. STAFFORD.
WOMAN IN THE CHURCH.

As this question is likely to come up now and then, it will be well for all parties to face the question and deal with the facts with honesty and candor, and to be very careful to respect the feelings as well as the place of the parties involved. It is far from wisdom's ways to deal unjustly by the noblest element, not merely of the church, but of humanity itself. It is quite as unbecoming in some of the Northern ladies, who were not admitted to seats in the General Conference, to write so sneeringly of the conference and the venerable Bishops who were on the platform. Come, sisters and brothers, "hear me for a wee."

Col. Ingersoll says the Bible never speaks of woman but to degrade her. "There is not one word in the Old Testament about woman except words of humiliation and shame." On the contrary, the Bible exalts woman, in her beautiful sphere, infinitely beyond man. The moulding of all noble characters is given to woman. The centre and attractive force of home is woman. The central figure of patriotic ardor and devotion is given to woman. It was promised the seed of the woman—not man—shall bruise the serpent's head. If Rebecca was a little touched up by Moses' pen, her husband was far more severely shaken up. God honors woman in making her—not a man—typify the relation of purity and love between himself and the glorified church in heaven—the bride. The church is often compared to a woman in her purity—not to a man. Not a man, but woman, crowned with the sun, the symbol of light, represents the preservation of God's church in the terrible conflict with the devil.

God has honored woman above man in many respects. But there are spheres for each to walk in together—work together as one, yet each apart. As husband and wife they thus toil—each one, but yet in many things each has a separate work—yet all one at last and equally venerable. And so in the church. Fully two thirds of professed Christians, we presume, are women. In Catholic countries, the proportion of the men to the women is far smaller than among Protestants. This is easily accounted for. But among Protestants the women are in a large majority. Now let it be understood that if a discussion is to go

on about the woman question in the councils of the church, that—

1. The women are our most efficient and noble church workers as a whole. No reasonable man will deny this.

2. She is the noblest temperance worker by odds.

3. She is the noblest dispenser of charities—best in all that field—in cooperation with the ministry.

4. We believe we may venture to say that our people, North and South, do not object to having women as delegates in the deliberative and legislative bodies of the church if it can be shown that such bodies will do better and act more wisely and religiously by her presence. Her presence in the temperance work and prominence of late are easily accounted for. She it was, and not man, who forced that question on the public attention some years ago by assuming an attitude toward it never followed by brave (?) man. Man simply followed—she led. But man always led in church work, technically speaking. We confess we do not see that conferences, synods and general assemblies would be bettered by female delegates, especially while men are to be the preachers. If it were a question of voting, like in State affairs, it would be different. Yet were she present no one doubts but that her voting would be as safe and sound as the men's. But would it be different? We think not. In politics the issue is on drunkenness, lawlessness, and savagery, as against decency, law, protection and life. The mass of the women—even many wives of saloonists and drunkards—would vote against the low sheriffs and judges who stand in with the baser elements of society. Hence the anxiety of many good people to have female suffrage. Nor can this be very long delayed in England and America. But it is not such an issue in the church. And if the ladies in the North had not proclaimed their resolution to demand elders' orders, as we at least understood it, they would have, we believe, succeeded. Anyway, the tremendous vote and intelligent advocates they received should have gratified them immeasurably and filled them with hope, instead of stirring up the rather impertinent spleen some of them exhibited.

We presume that all understood how closely related is the delegate question to the female suffrage question in politics. We wish therefore the working friends of the delegate question had not embarrassed it with the ordination question. There the question assumes a serious and different shape. Many cogent and controlling reasons can and will be invoked against that step that would not apply to the other. And we can assure womanhood that Methodism North and South will never assume an unkind, ungenerous or antagonistic relation to her—never! never! On the contrary, our church has ever been and always will be her surest and most efficient protector, as it has been her only deliverer. Church itself is put in feminine gender in our hymns: For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend. If she is the majority power in the church, so she has most felt its protection and comfort. For her aching heart the church has presented the sweetest and most healing balm. We repeat, if in our papers it can be shown that her presence in our conferences as delegates will help, she will soon be there; and that would greatly help her to the political ballot—a part of the objective point of Miss Willard's movement, and her friends, no doubt. And if our legislatures continue to make laws and our judges decide law, and our juries act, as they have been doing of late years in criminal cases, there will be developed a tremendous desire to try if female suffrage will not better the case. It cannot be much worse. It has surely touched the bottomless pit of legal and judicial infamy already in more States than Texas. It is in the North mainly this question will be discussed for some years. But it will claim attention among us also. Let the question rest upon its merits. Mere flourishes of rhetoric amount to nothing. Woman is the noblest power in this world next to God himself, and the only question with men of mind is, where and how she may exercise her gifts beyond the mighty spheres where she already so nobly rules.

The storm and earthquake make more noise than the sunbeams. But the sunbeams more than they laden the tables and gladden the world. The dews and showers fill more cribs and feed more cattle with grass than does cyclone or storm. But the earth needs them all. And we dare not endorse a policy that unwomanly woman. Because civilization, church, home, all that is dearest and best on earth, has been ever, and is and must be in her keeping—because so much depends on her, and God has always put her in those places, wise men are afraid that the ministerial ambition of some few women is the old apple of Eden over again in an almost equally dangerous shape. The merits of that phase we will not now discuss. But the church is woman's greatest friend, and if it errs, it will aim to err on virtue's side.

J. DITZLER.
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Texas Christian Advocate.

District Conferences. SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

Cotulla, county seat of LaSalle county, gave entertainment to the District Conference during the past week.

A thorough review of the whole territory was made, and the various charges were represented by the pastors and laymen.

Rev. J. L. Jackson visited the conference in the interest of the superannuated fund.

Rev. Sterling Fisher visited the conference. Professor Spillman, of San Marcos, was present working up the Coronel Institute with his usual energy.

The following brethren were elected lay delegates to the Annual Conference: Rev. David Coulson, J. D. Sauer, V. M. West, John M. Smith.

A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the citizens of Cotulla for their generous hospitality. San Antonio was selected as the place for the conference next year.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.

This conference was held in Belden, Texas, June 21-23. Bro. Fladger, our much loved and popular presiding elder, presided; and he did so to the credit of his head and heart.

No interest of the church was overlooked. On missions, church extension, and Christian education the conference was enthusiastic.

The special services held in the interest of the woman's department in our mission work and for church extension was enthusiastic.

The church at Jefferson and the Texarkana mission have had a visitation of the Spirit, which resulted in several conversions and accessions to the church.

The Sunday-school work was well considered. This question was made prominent in the pastors' reports, and one whole afternoon was devoted to it.

Christian education was emphasized by the conference. Its committee made respectful mention of our University at Georgetown, North Texas Female College at Sherman, and of Central College at Sulphur Springs.

Texas Female College were cheering. He did get the promise of only one hundred dollars from the district.

For many good reasons the conference ordered that the school property belonging to the district be sold, and that the Jefferson District High School, located at Daingerfield, Texas, be discontinued.

The conference was well entertained by the good people of Belden, for which it passed the usual resolution of thanks.

Correspondence.

ASBURY VS. LAYMAN.

In the ADVOCATE of June 14, Bro. Layman gives up his assertion in reference to the inexperienced missionaries as a body and serves "notice that he will not travel beyond the limits of Texas."

If Bro. Layman will scan the work even in the State of Texas he will see that reports submitted by the brethren who labor as missionaries are the best class reports presented to the various Annual Conferences of this State.

The man who is gifted in the pulpit, the pulpit orator who understands how to entertain his congregation, and spares no pains to do it, will always have a large congregation in a city.

Now, answer me this one question: This sizing a minister up for a particular congregation or a particular work from a standpoint of pleasing the particular congregation and his fitness for the place, which one of the foregoing illustrations will it further cause? Will it advance the cause of Christ?

We have all heard of the "Trojan Horse." Layman is of the opinion that Satan is entering the fold of the church in the same way.

"Layman is of the opinion that foreign missionaries are all volunteers and not appointees." As to the right of taking work, this is true, but not more so than the brethren who labor in the home field.

In the issue of this paper of June 21, there is an editorial under the head, "Whose Fault is It?" I will ask when a huntsman shoots at a deer and misses it, whose fault is it—the huntsman's or the deer's?

the ablest ministers are given the strongest churches financially, just because they can pay the most money, is an idea too undignified to be entertained.

They are sent to these appointments because they have acquired the ability to feed the hearts and minds of these brethren. The younger brethren who throw stones from slings and wield the "jawbone" with unerring precision will never get the amount of money that strong churches pay, although they do a greater work.

Bro. Layman seems not to apprehend the idea of the entire plan of salvation being analyzed in one sermon and sinners being invited to the cross for salvation at the close of every sermon.

ADMINISTRATION—LAYMAN AGAIN!

It is not that a layman thinks that he will be heard by his much speaking that he comes before the public again, but that the evil he speaks of is deep-seated and still growing, and needs presentation fully.

And yet we might learn much from our enemies. The Church of Rome teaches her peculiar customs and doctrines from the time the children enter the threshold of her schools until their exit; and so far as I am informed they will make no pledges to the contrary.

But to be more explicit: Our discipline requires us to kneel when we pray and stand when we sing, and yet our children are taught, five days in the week, to sit when they sing and stand when they pray.

This scribe some years ago was shocked when told that he must stand and pray while opening a Methodist Sunday-school, and when he inquired for the reason for this irregularity, was informed that Bro. F., who was the superintendent, was a school teacher, and that he stood at prayer during the week, and that he kept it up on Sunday for the sake of uniformity.

Again, we preach against theaters and theater-going, and yet in some of our school exhibitions we have plays selected and acted with all the drill the professor can give as near like the drama as they can make it, and the boy or girl that most nearly imitates the actor or actress receives the highest encomium from the teacher and the loudest applause from the audience.

Again, some of our teachers and preachers laud Shakespeare to the skies, and one of our preachers actually said from his pulpit that "Shakespeare was inspired." And yet we exhibit to our people an intellectual feast, a thirst for which we ourselves have superinduced.

Why condemn one man and let all the rest go free? Would it not be more philosophic to cleanse the fountain, and cease in our schools and pulpits to create

come inculcated with this one idea—that they are laboring for Christ and not for themselves, and that they cannot afford to strike for six hours a day, and dawdle away those hours at that. That in sending ministers to a place that they do it with a view of converting sinners and not with the selfish view of serving an already converted congregation.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Our schools, when properly conducted, are justly the pride of the church, and should be patronized by all of our people in preference to other schools.

And yet we might learn much from our enemies. The Church of Rome teaches her peculiar customs and doctrines from the time the children enter the threshold of her schools until their exit; and so far as I am informed they will make no pledges to the contrary.

But to be more explicit: Our discipline requires us to kneel when we pray and stand when we sing, and yet our children are taught, five days in the week, to sit when they sing and stand when they pray.

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a taste for such unwholly literature? Is not the church members just as pious when they go to hear Shakespeare acted as the preacher, who, from the pulpit, lauds him with unqualified and superlative praise?

Is it not reasonable to expect that just as long as we encourage a taste for the drama in our schools, and applaud the dramatic from our pulpits, that we will be a theater-loving and theater-going church membership.

It has not been my purpose in this article to condemn the one, nor to justify the other, but rather to call the attention of all concerned to these facts in the interest of consistency, which is said to be a jewel, and quite as rare.

Let us comply with the law, as it now is, or else conform the law to our practice. Let us be consistent.

VANDEBILT UNIVERSITY.

As the years come round no event in the history of our city is looked forward to with more interest than the commencement exercises of our greatest institution of learning, Vanderbilt University.

A fitting prelude to the exercises of this interesting occasion was the contest on Friday evening, June 14, for the R. A. Young gold medal in oratory.

Saturday evening witnessed a hard fought legal contest in the moot court exercises of the Law Department, in which a Texas, Mr. A. H. Culwell, of Springtown, took a leading part as counsel.

Sunday morning the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. J. Young, a graduate of this institution, and at one time pastor of the Methodist Church at San Antonio and at Galveston.

Monday morning the contest for the A. L. P. Green medal, awarded to that student of the Theological Department who is the best reader of our church hymns and of the scriptures, took place in the chapel.

At night the address before the Alumni Association was delivered by Rev. A. F. Watkins, of the Mississippi Conference. It was one of marked ability in its thought, diction and expression.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle, of South Carolina, who has a wonderful gift in addressing and reaching young men, delivered the literary address of the occasion.

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largely collected most of the preacher's salary in the circuits. The old time fair in ante bellum times greatly damaged the church by calling off the people to county fairs. These soon broke down. But now it is an important question whether or not the new movement of Chautauquas will work a great evil to the church.

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We have always been a progressionist. But we are a cautious, conservative progressionist. We believe in weighing all measures and methods in the light of reason and close investigation.

It is enough for a loyal church member to know that the church, in its legislative wisdom, has decreed or suggested a certain measure to be carried out for the good of the church, in order to receive his unequalled support.

The church in its wisdom has organized an arm or department looking especially after the interests of the gospel in waste places, such as crowded cities, thinly populated or poor regions, heathen lands, etc.

There are those, however, that claim to have investigated and yet refuse. I have to say to this latter class, it is enough to know that the church is moving in this direction, and that he who claims the privilege to refuse, does so, not to his own good, but to the damage of those under his influence.

revelation." If we can, let us see the necessity of this movement.

Man is a social being. It is a God-given quality; hence he embraces and delights in every opportunity given him to meet his fellow in pleasant communion. The wise of all classes recognize this, and for money's sake erect magnificent buildings in which they may congregate. Reading halls, opera and theatre buildings, the doggeries—drunk houses—are fitted up in the most magnificent style, knowing that while men delight in social gatherings, the more comfortable and attractive the greater the number attracted. The Christian people in all ages and places, have erected buildings dedicated to God in order that they might satisfy this innate demand of the human soul and vitalize Christian influence.

Query: Is a house in which to worship God in a Christian or other community a necessity, and if so, is it absolute? We dare believe but few if any will deny the necessity, and in thus admitting they, in a large measure, admit that it is absolute, for all necessity is more or less absolute. While we recognize a theory that abstractly saves by divine grace a man that has never been baptized, admitted to the communion of the church, etc., yet we see these as exceptions, and not in accord with the great general rules governing the salvation of man. The great necessity, it would seem, may be seen in that God demanded of Israel, while in a nomadic state, the making of a sanctuary; it is the place where his honor dwelleth: "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary." "The family in the church, and the church in the family" is believed by Methodists to be in harmony with God's will. Here we find the miniature church, the individual influences that are to be concreted into that great driving power under God to convert and save the world. The family altar is erected in a certain room. Certain hours are assigned, at which time the family gather and offer unto God their worship. Refreshed and strengthened they gladly grapple the duties of life. These individual members, these family members, constitute the church of the community; they must have a place, a house in which to meet, to read the scriptures, to hear from God's ambassador's the words of life, to learn of the aims and intentions of the great branch of the church to which they belong. Here they meet from time to time, and are strengthened in the divine life. Here

"God comes down the soul to greet, And blessings crown the mercy seat."

How hallowed the spot, how fresh and green yet in memory is the old church, where in boyhood days, with our loved ones, we met the people and worshiped "our God." "Here, then, exchange we mutual forgiveness." How we miss our sanctuary services. We pine away if forced from its altars. While I recognize many causes that tend to the destruction of our new converts in the West, I discover no one factor so prominent as the want of a church house, in which can be held the different meetings of the membership, each important to the spiritual welfare of the new convert. As a church we must build to hold the ground we conquer, to reap the harvest we have cultivated. Oh, yes, Methodism is pioneering, "the first on the ground," but as a church organization what does that amount to? Why work for others, and leave our own unprotected for? Why preach, pray and sing among a people, lead them to God and our own church, and then sit idly by as a church and see them throw in their mites to help build a house for others? When, I say every preacher of the North West Texas Conference has seen churches built out of influences set on foot by our people, I say but what I heartily believe.

Could our members in the older sections see how our people in the West have suffered for the want of church houses, they would no longer question the wisdom of the movement. Brush arbor or inferior school houses are their only chance. Where shall our Sunday-schools go, with such accommodations, if not into winter quarters? How many Sundays have been thrown away in idleness if not in sin, because there was no house in which to meet.

The Church Extension is the handmaid of the mission movement. The people must be converted. "Go ye into all the world." "Persuade men," and then protect them. Is it wise? Is it right, to move men in a direction that invites danger and assault, and then abandon them? No, "love thy neighbor as thyself." Thou art thy brother's keeper, is the very essence of the gospel.

Thank God the church is moving up all along the line. Our Church Extension Boards, both general and conference, have done more this year than ever before. But do my brethren know—do the captains of Israel's hosts know—that we have done but half work this year? And why? Because but half of the assessment against the conference was paid. And why not paid? Were other assessments thus far in arrears? By no means. It was because our move in a measure is new. The brethren have not had it talked into them, prayed and sung into them, as they have some of the other great movements of the church. There has not enough emphasis been given our great work? It was because of this that Bishop Hendrix offered, and the General Board adopted, the following resolution:

Resolved, "That the several conference boards be requested to inquire diligently into the cause of deficiency in the collec-

tions for church extension from the different pastoral charges."

Had this resolution been complied with at our last session 102 out of 130 pastors would have been asked for a cause.

Now, my dear brethren, take this collection as you may think best; but I pray you take it. The people will respond. Present it as you may, singly or in company, and it is ever recognized.

J. T. L. ANNIS.

"MEMOIR OF CARVOSSO."

Among the books on experimental religion comprising Methodist literature, none better exemplifies true Christian life and character than the one named above. In a small, cheap volume we have the memoir of Wm. Carvosso, for sixty years an English Wesleyan class-leader; a man who, walking close with God, had his own life uplifted to a high plane of spiritual enjoyment, and was thereby instrumental in leading multitudes to a similar experience.

For one of his humble ability and opportunities, he wielded a marvelous power for good. The secret of that power was his simple faith—an unswerving confidence in the promises of God. Such a man's life is a light that ought not to be hid, and though fifty years have passed since he went to his reward, and his memoir was given to the world, it should still be circulated and read. I submit an extract from its pages to the readers of the ADVOCATE:

"In the same happy frame of mind, which God brought me in at my conversion, I went on for the space of three months, not expecting any more conflicts; but, O, how greatly was I mistaken! I was a young recruit, and knew not of the warfare I had to engage in. But I was soon taught that I had only enlisted as a soldier to fight for King Jesus; and that I had not only to contend with Satan and the world from without, but with inward enemies also, which now began to make no small stir. Having never conversed with any one who enjoyed purity of heart, nor read any of Mr. Wesley's works, I was at a loss both with respect to the nature and the way to obtain the blessing of full salvation. From my first setting out in the way to heaven, I determined to be a Bible Christian; and though I had not much time for reading many books, yet I blessed God, I had his own word, the Bible, and could look into it. This gave me a very clear map of the way to heaven, and told me that without holiness no man could see the Lord. It is impossible for me to describe what I suffered from an evil heart of unbelief. My heart appeared to me as a small garden with a large stump of a tree in it, which had been recently cut down level with the ground, and a little loose dirt strewn over it. Seeing something shooting up I did not like, on attempting to pluck it up, I discovered the deadly remains of the carnal mind, and what a work must be done before I could be meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. My inward nature appeared so black and sinful that I felt it impossible to rest in that state. Some, perhaps, will imagine that this may have arisen from the want of the knowledge of forgiveness. That could not be the case, for I never had one doubt of my acceptance; the witness was so clear that Satan himself knew it was in vain to attack me from that quarter. I had ever kept in remembrance

"The blessed hour when from above I received the pledge of love."

What I now wanted was inward holiness, and for this prayed and searched the Scriptures. Among the number of promises which I found in the Bible that gave me to see that it was my privilege to be saved from all sin my mind was particularly directed to Ezekiel xxxvi:26-27: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the strong heart of your flesh and will give you a heart of flesh; and I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." This is the great and precious promise of the eternal Jehovah, and I laid hold of it, determined not to stop short of my privilege, for I saw clearly the will of God was my sanctification. The more I examined the Scriptures the more I was convinced that without holiness there could be no heaven. Many were the hard struggles which I had with unbelief, and Satan told me that if ever I should get it I should not be able to retain it; but keeping close to the Word of God, with earnest prayer and supplication, the Lord gave me to see that nothing short of it would do in a dying hour and the judgment day. Seeing this, it was my constant cry to God that he would cleanse my heart from all sin and make me holy for the sake of Jesus Christ. I well remember returning one night from a meeting with my mind greatly distressed from a want of the blessing. I turned into a lonely barn to wrestle with God in secret prayer. While kneeling on the threshing floor, agonizing for the great salvation, this promise was applied to my mind: "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." But, like poor Thomas, I was afraid to believe, lest I should deceive myself. O what a dreadful enemy is unbelief! Thomas was under its wretched influence only eight days before Jesus appeared to him; but I was a fortnight after this groaning for deliverance, and saying: "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from this body of death?" I yielded to unbelief,

instead of looking to Jesus and believing on him for the blessing, not having then clearly discovered that the witness of the Spirit is God's gift; not my act, but given to all who exercise faith in Jesus and the promise made through him. At length one evening, while engaged in a prayer-meeting, the great deliverance came. I began to exercise faith by believing "I shall have the blessing now." Just at that moment a heavenly influence filled the room, and no sooner had I uttered or spoken the words from my heart, "I shall have the blessing now," than refining fire went "through my heart," illuminating my soul; scattered its life through every part, and sanctified the whole. I then received the full witness of the Spirit that the blood of Jesus had cleansed me from all sin. I cried out: "This is what I wanted! I have now got a new heart." I was emptied of self and sin and filled with God. I felt I was nothing and Christ was all in all. Him now I cheerfully received in all his offices; my prophet to teach me; my priest to atone for me; my king to reign over me.

"Amazing love! how can it be, That thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?"

O what boundless, boundless happiness there is in Christ, and all for such a poor sinner as I am! This happy change took place in my soul March 13, 1772.

"Soon after this Mr. Wesley's pamphlet on 'Christian Perfection' was put into my hand. I do not know that I had ever seen any of his works before. On reading this little work I was filled with amazement to think that a man that I had never seen could read my heart in such a manner. This tended greatly to establish me in the truth of the gospel."

As conference colporteur I am engaged in the circulation of our books, and recommend the above work to all who are seeking that "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

OSCAR M. ADDISON.

MAN AS A HELPMEET FOR WOMAN.

Bards and biographers, and fourth-of-July orators, and commencement declaimers, have long exalted woman as the helper of man. They have shown very clearly that she is the most useful thing ever given to man. Man never could have been what he is without her. Indeed, I have often heard a man, in a generous gush of after-dinner enthusiasm, declare that it is not right to undertake the powers of woman, "for what would we be without her? She sympathizes with us in our sorrows; shares our disappointments, and sheds a perpetual light on our homes." As to her sorrows, etc., that is another matter.

Of course this is all very beautiful, and we appreciate it; but strange to say, we have been very ungrateful and have failed to acknowledge the blessing men have been to us. I don't remember ever to have seen a poem or a paragraph expressing woman's great indebtedness to man. But the time will come when men will have their due meed of praise. As civilization advances light will be thrown on their devotion and self-sacrifice, and it will be seen that many a home has been brightened and many a struggling woman has been helped on her way to fame and honor by a faithful, patient husband. When that day comes, many a heart will be made glad by the praise for which it has waited long, and many a woman who now stands proudly forth as the architect of her own fortune will be compelled by a true public sentiment to point to a meek and quiet man and say, "Behold one who has stood patiently by my side and helped me fight my battles; shrinking from no sacrifice, complaining at no trials, he has bravely shared my struggle. When others frowned, he smiled; when disappointments came, he was ready with the balm of consolation; when all was dark around, it was his watchful eye that first saw the rift in the cloud, and his finger pointed to the light. Without him I could not have been what I am." What a proud day it will be for neglected worth when it is thus rewarded.

Why, sir, I have known a woman, in the great battle for bread for herself and family, to be upheld alone by the patience and cheerfulness of her better half. If she kept a boarding house, he would uncomplainingly collect the money, and when the beef-steak was not done or the biscuits were clammy, he would kindly remind her in the presence of the boarders. If any of the boarders had any complaints to make, he would always side with them that she might not lose their custom. When everything was in confusion, and her poor head all in a whirl, he was always cheerful, sitting with his feet on the mantel laughing audibly at the stale jokes in the morning paper, or sitting on the shady side whistling in unmixed contentment.

Another keeps a millinery store, and her husband chats pleasantly with the customers, remarks on the becoming style of the head-gear, and if necessary watches the store while she cooks dinner or runs down town to get an order filled. Another is a dress-maker, and her husband kindly keeps out of the way, and instead of being a hindrance to her whittles goods boxes on the corners of the street, and talks politics, and even watches the baby sometimes, when she goes to deliver dresses or solicit work.

I have a literary friend who owes much to the steady encouragement of a true husband. Amid all the cares of literary life, its vacillations between hope and despair, his steady faith in her ultimate success has upheld her. His approval, always sure, whether she wrote insipid prose or prosaic verse, upheld the wing

of her genius. When critics found fault, as it was not difficult to do, she would shield herself behind his praise and heal the smart with his smile. Though he is known now only as the husband of Mrs. — to those who do not think she is a widow, yet the world owes it largely to him that it has so long suffered the fruits of her fancy.

To come to my own experience—and I have had a world of it for one of my age—I can never even acknowledge, much less repay, all the debt I owe the man who all these years has shared my conflicts and triumphs. He promised me, when he consented to be mine, that he would try hard not to prove a hindrance to me, but would do all in his power to make my life a success, and although he has not always understood my deep laid plans and soaring aspirations, it is due to limitations of mind rather than a fault of his good heart, and I should be most ungrateful if I did not acknowledge that without him I could not have won my way in the world as I have. Even while I write, though he did not approve the article I wrote about "Male Preachers," he is lying flat on the floor, feigning sleep, while our little Amaziah amuses himself tickling his nose with a straw, and all after a hard day's work electioneering for Cleveland and discussing the acts of the Twentieth Legislature.

But I must close. I trust I have made it clear that men are worthy of great praise, if not for their own achievements, (of which I may write hereafter,) at least for what they have enabled women to do and be. The results prove that man's true sphere is to make woman's life complete. Besides, it is clear that he was made for this, since he was made first, that he might be ready to enter upon his high calling the moment woman should appear. Respectfully, NANTHUPPE.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(Report of Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, adopted by the Waco District Conference.)

There is perhaps not a more important subject before this district conference for its consideration and study than the spiritual state of the church. This is the board upon which the index finger rests, directing us infallibly to the true condition of the church as she stands before the Judge of all. It tells us whether the church is in the valley under clouds and amidst fogs, or on the mountain top with undimmed vision, beneath the clear light of God's holy presence, taking in with almost limitless horizon the beauty and glory of God, marching on to the conquest of the world for Christ. It tells with almost certain accuracy, so far as we are able to reach by the data we have, the standing and power of our people before the world. It tells of the condition of the families of our church, drawing the curtain from about the household, and showing us how the children of the church are being trained for God, if at all. And it tells of the power of our people with God. When Jacob's spirituality reached that height that his faith took firm hold upon God, so much so that he would not let him go without a blessing, the man—Christ—says: "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." So when the church's spirituality brings her from the dust and uncleanness of the world to the point where she can lay uncompromisingly the grasp of her faith upon God, she then has power with God and with men, and though the Esau with their marshaled hosts may endeavor to prevent her forward move, yet she will prevail, looking forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners, she will unfurl her colors, all stained with the blood of her great leader, under the folds of whose banner the world will finally bow and crown him "Lord of all." Infidelity, skepticism, worldly-mindedness, stiff formality; in fact everything that is Godless and sinful must give way, and does give way, before the powerful onsets of a spiritual church.

Your committee realizing that such immense issues cluster about this subject feel that we ought to come to the study of it with the greatest solemnity and the most earnest prayer, and whatever we are able to discover that is wrong with the spirituality of the church that we under God as the leaders of our people ought by all the powers of grace within our reach try to remedy and make right.

From the experience as related by the pastors your committee is impressed with the fact that there is not that spirituality among the preachers that ought to be. There is not that constant communion with God that should be to enable the preachers to lead the church to the position she should occupy spiritually. We would be glad to see such a devotion on the part of the ministry to the cause of Christ and such a consecration to their work that they would become sanctified in all of their powers, and shine out before the world as the true representatives of the Lord Jesus, that his life may be truly and really reproduced in theirs. Godspeed the day when it shall be!

You committee are very much pained to learn that only a very small per cent of our families hold family prayers—there being a little less than 24 per cent. If we meet our obligations as a church we must have more religion at home.

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When we remember that it is here that the children of the church are to receive those instructions that lay the foundations for usefulness in all of the departments of life, we should exert ourselves to the utmost to induce our people to carry their religion into their homes, and like Abraham, the father of the faithful, wherever they pitch their tents erect an altar to the Lord, and train children under the molding force of family prayer. The attendance upon the social meetings of the church, while it is tolerably good, yet it is not what it ought to be, and we pray that the day may not be far distant when all of our people will attend regularly the prayer and class-meetings. There the army of the Lord is to be trained for service in the field against the powers of sin and death. When your committee come to the contemplation of the number of conversions they are very much ashamed. The conference year is about half gone, and the report from the entire district shows only about eighty-one conversions. This being the chief aim of the ministry and the church we should become very much concerned when we are falling on this line; go to our knees before God and beg again the power to save souls, that we may meet the obligations that are upon us. The Methodist Church being a revival church, and chief on this line among all the churches, when she closes her work on this line she not only suffers herself, but all the churches suffer also, for it is from her altars of prayer that a large per cent of the members of other churches come. May God awake us to our duty in the efforts we should put forth for the salvation of souls. There is one very hopeful sign—the administration of discipline. As long as a body has life sufficient to purge itself there is ground for encouragement. God forbid that the day should ever come when the Methodist Church should become so dead that she will not have power to purge herself of the dead branches. Let us hold up the standard of Christian character as revealed in the Bible, and insist that it shall be manifested in the lives of our members. In view of the facts brought out in the report, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we as ministers re-consecrate ourselves to the Lord in all our powers till God shall sanctify us throughout and bestow that power that will give us its influence with God and man. 2. That we make special effort to lead the families of our different charges to erect the family altar and bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. 3. That we will use all means within our power to induce our members to be more punctual in their attendance upon the social meetings of the church. 4. That we will endeavor to have a revival at every appointment on our different charges, and will not be satisfied until we have conversions at our regular services. 5. That we will maintain the proper administration of discipline and purge our church of the dead weights that clog our progress, regardless of the social or financial standing of the member who fails to meet the obligation of church membership.

GEO. S. WYATT, Chairman of Committee.

W. M. S. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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Table with financial data: Amount from dues, Amount from week of prayer, Amount from mite box, Amount from Laredo school contribution, Amount from donations, Contingent fund on hand, Total.

Respectfully, MRS. M. A. ROGAN, Treas. W. M. S. West Texas Conference.

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PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Rosamond Prairie sta., at Rosamond Prairie, 2d Sun in July. Rosamond Prairie sta., at Rosamond Prairie, 2d Sun in July. Rosamond Prairie sta., at Rosamond Prairie, 2d Sun in July.

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PROTRACTED MEETINGS. The protracted and camp-meetings for Lexington circuit will be as follows: Lawrence Chapel, 7 days night before the third Sunday in July, protracted.

District Conferences. Calvert District. The district conference for Calvert district will convene at Bremond, at 9 o'clock a. m., July 20, 1888, opening sermon 8 p. m., Wednesday, July 22. J. B. SEARS, P. E.

Gatesville District. The Gatesville district conference will convene at Fredrick, Bossque county, Texas, Wednesday, July 4, at 3:30 o'clock p. m. I trust the pastors will urge the recording stewards to have the quarterly conference journals on hand ready for inspection.

Brownwood District. The Brownwood District Conference will convene on Wednesday, July 11, at 9 o'clock a. m., in Brownwood, and will be continued, embracing third Sunday. The recording stewards are required to bring their quarterly conference records for examination.

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Miss Ada—How do you pronounce M-p-h-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-l-e-s, Mr. Smith? Mr. Smith—I never pronounce it. I simply mention his home address.

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Baltimore, May 21, 1887. For five years I have been suffering with a weak back from result of an injury received, attended by rheumatism. I had to give up my regular business and take the position of night watchman.

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Devotional.

For the Christian Advocate. YEPA AND AEMEN. "For how many soever be the promises of God, in Him is the yes; therefore also through Him is the amen, for glory to God by our means." (1 Cor. 1:20)

The shining stars in Revelation's sky. Thy glory none may see, and seeing live; Only these borrowed, separated rays That beam in holy promise, may we view.

WALTER, TEXAS. For the Texas Christian Advocate.

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Religion is the best armor a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.—Bosque.

Marriages.

MOORE—VANDIVER.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. G. Vandiver, June 21, 1888, by Rev. J. P. Moore, Mr. W. S. Moore and Miss Margaret L. Vandiver—all of Coryell county, Texas.

WILLIAMS—REED.—At the parsonage in Aubrey, Texas, June 14, 1888, by Rev. W. S. May, Mr. H. R. Williams and Miss Mollie Reed—both of Denton county, Texas.

Obituaries.

REV. WM. J. BOYKIN. Rev. William J. Boykin was born in Alabama, in the year of our Lord, 1825, and died of cancer of the face at his son's home, in Leon county, Saturday, June 3, and after his funeral was interred in Boykin's Chapel, on Sunday 3d, by Bro. A. L. F. Green.

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LUKE, TEXAS. Tipps.—Wilson C. Tipps was born in Franklin county, Tennessee, June 7, 1845, and died in Denton county, Texas, May 2, 1888, aged forty-four years, ten months, and twenty-five days. He embraced religion in 1866, and joined the Lutheran Church; was married to Miss Nancy J. Bean, Oct. 24, 1867, who, with four children, still live to mourn the loss of a good husband and father.

FAIRFIELD, TEXAS. WALKER.—Bessie Irene, daughter of W. B. Walker, died at her home in the city of Glenwood, Texas, June 18, 1888, aged four months and twenty-three days.

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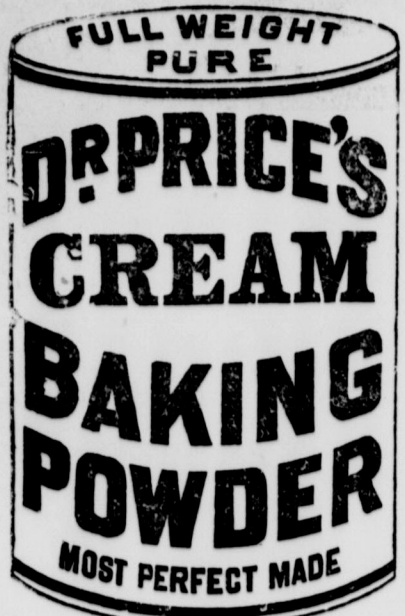
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The State Horticulturists met the past week in Denison. Greetings were received from thirty-two States; correspondence was reported from England, Holland, Germany, France, Spain and Japan. Among the greetings from distinguished persons was a letter from President Cleveland. The society has so far over one hundred members and is in a prosperous and progressive condition.

The Fort Worth Convention.
A so-called non-partisan convention, reputed to be composed of delegates representing farmers, laboring men and stock-raisers, met at Fort Worth, July 2. Dr. H. S. Broiles, by authority claimed as resting in him through the late Waco Convention, had called this meeting, and he delivered an address of welcome on the part of Fort Worth. The convention was then addressed by W. G. Etheridge, Stump Ashby, W. E. Farner, and other speakers of well known reputations and unknown politics. All the speakers followed the well-beaten track of attacks upon wealth, and all were equally indefinite as to the remedies which should be applied for the interest of the people. It seems at this writing pretty certain that the convention will make nominations. Dr. Broiles is spoken of for Governor, while other offices will be represented by names of the distinguished calibre of those mentioned above.

Teachers' Convention.
The State Teachers' meeting at Fort Worth the past week was a grand affair, and its proceedings so very far toward proving the benefit of it, if they do not positively establish the necessity of such an association. The many interesting discussions and papers show our Texas school people to be fully imbued with the great importance of their mission, and to be possessed of capacity requisite to discharge it. Galveston was selected as the place of next meeting. Jno. T. Hand, of Dallas, was elected president; J. M. Carlisle, of Corsicana, first vice president; Miss Breeding, second vice president; Peyton Irving, of Cleburne, third vice president; Mr. Sellers, of Galveston, fourth vice president; Mr. Vincent, fifth vice president. Mr. Alexander was elected secretary; Mr. Miller, treasurer. Mr. Crocker, chairman of the committee on nomenclature, reported resolutions of regret on the death of Prof. J. M. Davenport, at Ennis; Stansbury, at Dallas; Prof. Jay E. McGuire, at Dallas; and Major H. H. Dinwiddie, at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, which were adopted and ordered spread on the minutes.

Among other important features, a State Superintendents' Association was organized. This association, composed of those engaged in school superintendents' work, is to meet on the day preceding the State Teachers' Association. State Superintendent Cooper was elected chairman, and Mr. Lattimore secretary.

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Texas Incidents.
Rockport will have the Aransas Pass road in a few days. A committee have been getting to discover whether Mr. Gould has been diverting business from the M. K. and T. Why should anybody imagine that a good fellow like Gould would do anything crooked? The heat has been intense for the past week; ten men in and about Denison were prostrated thereby, an unusual occurrence for Texas. It is held by some that the atmospheric influence of the excessive rains is responsible for it. A itinerant tooth-powder peddler was arrested at Hillsboro and held for arrival of San Antonio officials; the charge against him is gambling. Query: Why did San Antonio officials go to Hillsboro for violators of the gaming law when their town is alive with this species of society vermin?

Did mileage have anything to do with it? Temple is to have a big time celebrating its seventh anniversary. Bell county wool brings 16c/lb. Damage to cat and wheat crops from excessive rains is very great—in some cases the grain only is saved, the straw being useless because of mould. If old soil continues his average of the past week, and the worms remain away, crops will be pretty good after all the talk. A so-called convention of laborers, farmers and stock-raisers July 2; an assembly of cotton belt merchants and the bar association July 4; and the United Labor Party Convention July 5, are among Fort Worth's items of note. Fort Worth is preparing to take care of 1000 deep-water delegates. Miss Nettie Thomas was adjudged insane at Fort Worth. French citizens in many parts of Texas will celebrate July 14, the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. Joshua is to have a new house for high school purposes, to cost about \$10,000. Kaufman county is now furnishing immense quantities of hay. W. M. Collins, of Ruidolph, was bitten by a copperhead snake, but saved by a liberal use of whisky. Miss Mollie Hammock, of Leonard, had a sunstroke, June 29. A Masonic celebration at Leonard furnished dinner for 275 Masons. Collin county's poor farm cultivates 150 acres most successfully. Two fatal strokes at Austin. Deficiency claims on the State are now quoted at only 80 cents. Thus do speculators get in their work. Taylor county is to have a county fair. Sam Garvin, separated from twenty-seven years from his sister, found her by means of a personal in a paper. Mr. Garvin is a prominent stockman and his sister a Mrs. Kieffe, of Galveston. Brownsville is working for the Aransas road. Ratification meetings of Democratic and Republican nominations were the order in most sections the past week. Many who attend could have clearly defined the two party theories. Mrs. Geo. Anderson, of Whiteright, became unconscious, every sign and symptom of life apparently departing. Under the supposition she was dead, all the preliminary arrangements for burial were made, when to the gratification of all she came to herself and preparations were suspended. California experimenters are returning to Texas by hundreds. Mrs. Maggie Montgomery, of McLennan county, adjudged insane. A colony of fifty families of Dunkers has bought 3500 acres of land in Harris county. The survivors of Hood's Texas brigade held their annual reunion at Jacksonville, Texas, June 27. The town was decorated with flags and streamers in honor of the visitors, and everything presented a happy appearance. Mr. Gates, a farmer living near Moody, McLennan county, has been adjudged insane. The 28th of July will decide whether the Limestone county seat is to be removed. Masonic elections, dinners, etc., are recorded in many localities. Farmers Alliances in some sections of Texas are declaring their preferences for governor—a number in Fannin county having declared in favor of Marion Martin. Laborers are in demand in Taylor county. Summer normals are opening. Because of a difficulty between a white man and a negro at Dalingerfield, a number of negroes undertook to organize a mob to burn the town, but did not succeed. Now let the people bring the ringleaders to justice.

Casualties.
Mrs. Jno. Patterson suicided at Cookeville by shooting herself. Jno. Carter had his head severed from his body on the Greenville and Dallas road. Roy Henry, a sixteen year-old boy, three miles east of Whiteright, was thrown against a tree by a runaway team and killed. Little Charlie Burke, son of the keeper of the Burke House in Decatur, was killed by the cars. Two boys about ten years each, named respectively Haley and Manley, quarreled, when Haley shot and killed Manley. They were step-brothers—the father of Manley having some time since married the mother of the other boy. Bennie Chambers, twelve years old, and a colored boy named Moses Abraham, were killed at Wallisville by choked-up. Mr. A. B. Turner's little son, Elmer, and Mr. O. H. Moore's little son, Montie, both aged about eight years, were caught by a line shaft outside the engine house of a gin and mill at Greenville, which was turning at the rate of 200 revolutions per minute. When discovered, both boys were found bound to the shaft by their clothing and revolving rapidly, striking the ground at every round. The boys were rescued, and Mr. Turner's little boy was found to have an arm broken in three places, an ankle broken and numerous bruises. Mr. Moore's boy has a crushed shoulder and is believed to be internally injured. Their bodies had beaten out a hole in the ground where they repeatedly struck, and it is a miracle that they were rescued alive. Both are under the care of physicians. Ex-Confederate Missourians will hold a reunion in Greenville, on Aug. 10, it being the anniversary of the battle of Hill, Mo. Some men of carpet-bag proclivities got control of school interests at Texarkana, discharged the very acceptable principal, a Southern man, and imported one from the North, and acted on the announced theory that there was nothing but general ignorance except it had drawn inspiration North of Mason and Dixon's Line. An indignation meeting convinced them that what Texarkana lacked in brains was atoned for by a superabundance of nerve, and the original status will be restored. The house of Mr. Jos. Bratcher near Richardson, burned. Denis Silus, a farmer, living near Beliden, was knocked in the head and killed by parties unknown. Mrs. Patrick C. Byrne, of Houston, in resisting three burglars, was stabbed once and struck on the head; the latter it is feared will result seriously from concussion of the brain. In a fight between Capt. Neil Burch and W. O. Brice at Orange, the former was killed. The son of Mrs. Avery and the son of Mr. Creigmoore, twelve year old boys living near Axtell, were playing with a pistol, when the latter was accidentally killed. Berry Copeland, colored, was killed near Marshall by lightning. John Hart was killed by being thrown from his horse at Texarkana, and a young man named McCune near the same town fell dead. A man named Bowen, who lives at Weatherford, was killed at Colorado while coupling cars. Jim Elliott, a railroad man, was shot dead by Oscar Langlett at El Paso; at the same place Sam Stanford killed another colored man named Henry Owens. Mrs. Cora Nass was fatally burned by kerosene at Hempstead. Jim Sutton shot and killed Dick Robinson, a convict in his employ near Bellville. Two farmers living near Hillsboro, named Cox and Welleford, agreed to settle a difficulty over a mule in a duel with knives. Welleford will die and Cox's recovery is doubtful. Mrs. F. Rosa, a farmer's wife, was drowned while bathing about eighteen miles from San Antonio. A German named Graf was killed in Frio county by being thrown from his horse. Porter Harris attempted to shoot his father at Galvesville, and a colored girl in preventing him was accidentally shot in the lip—a serious but not fatal wound.

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W. C. T. U.
Following is the program of the above association, to be held at San Marcos, July 12: The services will open with a "mothers' meeting" at 8 a. m., presided over by Mrs. Mary A. Clardy. A children's drama by Mrs. Laura Penuel will be performed. Mrs. Knowles will give a talk on state finances for the W. C. T. U. At 11 o'clock a lecture on health will be given by Grace Danforth, M. D., of Dallas, followed by an address by Mrs. Fannie R. Pugh, of Hearns. At 4 p. m. there will be a discussion on evangelic work for women conducted by Mrs. A. G. Vangian. The address of the W. C. T. U. Journal of Texas, Miss Fannie L. Armstrong, will be heard on the claims of the Press. At 5 p. m. Mrs. J. Beauchamp will speak on social purity. Mrs. Clardy will follow on parlor meetings for ladies. At night Mrs. Laura Penuel and Mrs. Mary Hogan, of Ennis, will each deliver an address.

Obituary.
Died.—Henry Lazenby, at San Antonio; Jno. Chipman, an old settler of Collin county; at Weston; Miss Davidella Fearis, from effects of an overdose of chloroform, at Waxahatchee; Chas. F. Tucker, prominent in railroad circles, at Mineola, of consumption; Mrs. J. W. Wells, at Paris; Wm. Grace, drowned, at San Antonio; G. W. Piter, Mrs. Frank Garrison, at Forney. George Godfrey, at Ennis. Prof. Herb, of the House on band, whose accidental injury was some time since reported in these columns, at Houston. Mrs. W. N. Darwin and Rufus C. Wood, at Hempstead. Dr. T. H. Taylor, at Sulphur Springs. Virginia Lynch, at Waco. Mrs. Geo. W. Anderson, at Whiteright. E. L. Ward, at Bryan. Judge W. N. Fant, at Goliad.

Death Recalls a Historic Character.
Thomas B. Lincoln was among the early settlers of Texas, as agent for eastern capitalists, just after annexation. He was arrested in 1862 in Cincinnati, charged with treason as a spy for the Confederacy, but was acquitted. A letter found among his effects, from Senator Bright, of Indiana, to Jefferson Davis, led to the expulsion of the Senator from the U. S. Senate. Mr. Lincoln died June 25, at Elkhart, Mo.

General News.
The Pope on Liberty.
The Pope's eacyclal on liberty says: Human liberty, in the individual as in societies or governments, implies the necessity of conforming to the supreme natural law which emanates from God. The church is not an enemy of liberty, but is an enemy of license. It condemns false liberalism, naturalism which declares that there is no supreme law, and that every one must form his own faith and religion. Such doctrine tends to destroy consciousness of difference between good and evil, between justice and injustice, and makes free the sole basis of society. The church is not an enemy of democracy and rejects no form of government.

A Great Moral Victory.
After the most exciting local option fight ever known in Missouri the prohibitionists at Independence, the county seat and the oldest town in Missouri, won a great victory, carrying the election by over 200 majority, and ending liquor saloons for four years. The women were everywhere—at the polls, at lunch stands and on the street corners with silk badges and with ballots in their hands. Girls stood at the polls, and at every voting place was a banner, on which was inscribed: "Temperance beaus or no beau at all." Free dinners were served at the polling places. Hundreds of children carried banners through the streets and about the voting places. Some of these were inscribed: "Sow Whisky Ballots and Reap Drunken Boys," "Young Men, Keep Your Record Clean,—J. B. Gough," "Run, Revenge and Rags," "Rum Ruins the Reason," "Vote as you Pray," "For God, for Home and Native Land." The legend, "We can't vote, but we can suffer," was carried by women in parade and occupied a prominent place in each ward precinct. Many of the best people in the town were interested in the contest, and it was no infrequent thing to see young girls with horse and wagon covered with streamers bringing in young gentlemen to vote for local option. In the first ward, where there was a large colored population, it was expected there would be a large "wet" majority, but both sides worked hard, and the "drys" gained a great victory. It was here the fight centered and where the women stood all day, even though the weather was unpleasant. The temperance people had a grand celebration at night.

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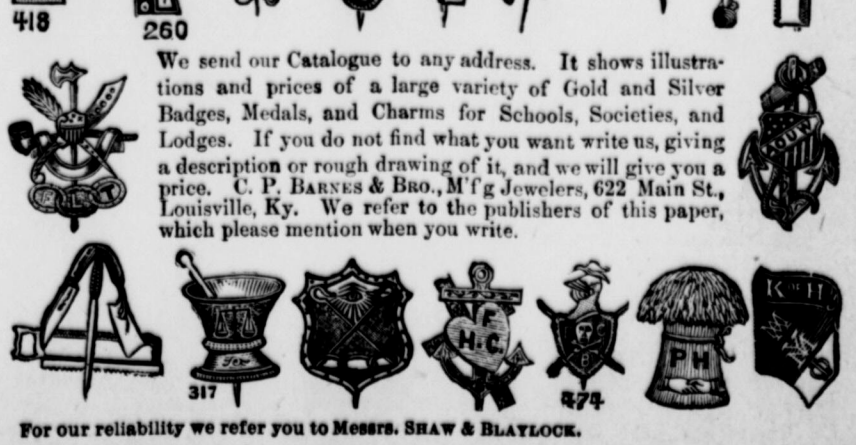
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