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CHRISTIANITY IN THE NURSERY.

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Before I received your paper of September 13, containing my article on Training Children, I received several letters from Texas preachers, personally unknown to me, commending the views therein expressed, and requesting me to continue the subject. In making a little effort to wake up others to the importance of this subject, I find that myself needed to be waked up. And I thank those brethren for their efforts in trying to do so. We all need no little waking up mutually.

I have for some years been thoroughly convinced that we, as a church, press, pulpit and pastorate, are failing to use at least about three-fourths of our legitimate strength in propagating Christianity by our disadvantageous modes of labor. I illustrate that: One of my half-grown boys (my boys all call me grandpa) asked me to look at some work he was doing. I told him he had done double the work that was required, and accomplished only half that was intended. Now, that is what I mean by working to disadvantage in the ministry.

Thousands, when they read that, will say, "Well, that can come from no other than a scheming, theorizing, impracticable man. Haven't we an intelligent and efficient ministry? A good creed and disciplinary law? A good working, publishing system? Good missionary department, well equipped Sunday-school army of workers, best system of education and church extension? What more could we have?" That is all very true, but they, none of them, pretend to direct a moment's labor particularly to the subject of early religion. All this instrumentality is directed to grown people, or youths old enough to learn some of the rudiments—not of religion, but of theology. Which of these departments pays attention to early Christianity? Not the infant classes of the Sunday-schools, for they do not deal with children much under four or five years. "But are they not baptized in early infancy?" Yes, but that alone is about as useful as our Catholic Romish friends in baptizing, or "blessing" the church bells, and the dwelling houses of those who are able and willing to pay for it.

I am now writing about Christianity in the period of life long before any of those agencies can be applied. Look at the head of this article and see what I am writing about.

Now, don't let anybody expose the littleness of his knowledge of human nature and the religion of the Bible by supposing it impracticable to teach the truest and brightest religion to the occupant of the cradle. I hold, and you Arminian Christians are obliged to hold, that Christianity is exactly adapted in every particular to each and every live human being irrespective of age, condition or circumstances. You say, "Infants and infants excepted?" By what authority? And who gave thee this authority? The Bible not only doesn't say so, but does say the very reverse. The Bible could not say so, for in so teaching it would deny the teachings of Nature.

A little reflection will convince any one—except some—that the entire substance and substratum of revealed religion in all its essential elements, is as applicable to the child in the cradle as to the man out of it. This great primary principle accords equally and prominently with both Nature and Revelation. A child is not an idiot. He is as reasonable and as philosophical within his natural environment as the youth or the older person. The curriculum of a child is very small at first, no different in kind but in degree—enlarging with every day's experience, having the same application to religion as to other things. An infant understands primary things, but has not learned to classify particulars.

Now, what one thing is primary, fundamental and all pervading in revealed religion? How easily is this question answered and how greatly is it overlooked! The answer is: Obedience; *and is that and no more; yes, and no less.* Revealed religion is obedience, classified and applied to the various conditions and circumstances of practical life. And everybody—except some—knows full well that a child of any age is as capable of violating or of observing the law of control as he ever can be in all after life. Religion is submission to law, full, prompt, implicit, unanswering, unhesitating obedience. Its antipode is self-will—"I won't." Obedience covers the ground that we in detail call faith, love, reliance, and all the Christian graces.

Now, every mother of common sense who will think a moment, cannot fail to notice that any child long before he can attach a meaning to any articulate word, is fully acquainted with the principle of law, control, submission. He is therefore as fully capable of religion in his narrow sphere as the man of three score and ten is in his larger mental domain. Religion is obedience with such distributive application to the details of every-day life as each person for himself alone may be made capable of. At the very first this submission to rule has very little if any moral character; but it is none the less valu-

able on that account. A good, whole some, cheerful habit of yielding obedience in a young child is equivalent to if not identical with that which later in life would be called conversion or justification. To doubt this would rationally suppose the person ready to answer the question, How long must a person necessarily live in open, willful sin before religion is practicable? Some of us don't believe there is any such necessity.

And yet, practically, we proceed upon the principle that some eight or ten years or more of open sinful life is necessary in order to a felt and pronounced conversion. With us conversion and joining the church under the age of ten or fifteen years or more is the exception, not the rule. Our religious literature, as well as our pastoral theology, does not, in the main, strike directly at earlier conversions. Look at our revival reports. Ten or fifty conversions is well understood to mean that number of men and women. I ask preacher number one to one hundred: "When did you receive into your church five children under ten years, or report that number of such conversions? Is our ministry really or only nominally directed to children?"

"Pastoral Theology by Vinet," a book of over 400 pages, published at our Nashville House, is among our best church books. The title clearly indicates its character. At page 282 it is asked: "Where should the child find his religion?" and the answer is, "In the Bible." And if the subject of religion, as adapted to childhood or even to youthhood, is alluded to elsewhere in the book, I have overlooked it. Christian pastorate is wholly directed to adult people.

And yet it looks clear to me that the best year in the entire life for the solid inculcation of Christianity is the first year. The best five years is the first five, and the best ten the first ten. Show me—if you could find them—a hundred persons of thirty or forty years who were thoroughly taught and brought under well disciplined parental obedience of the cheerful, loving sort, to the age of five, and kept under reasonably good family government, and I will show you at least about ninety-five good, leading, pious workers in the church. As you sow, so shall you reap, is a good rule.

Then it may be asked: "What do you recommend?" That question is not so easily answered as some more general ones. If it might not be regarded as modest I would suggest a close reading, by a thousand Christian women, of "Christian Cradlebook," a 75 cent book, at our Nashville Publishing House. It is, to say the least, very highly recommended. I mention this book because it is the only one I know of that treats on this subject; of course, excepting the Bible. Other such books treat of larger children or well grown youths.

In the next place we need a practical church membership in our "Children of the Church." Our custom of excluding our children from the church operates to their disadvantage. I know of no principle which makes church membership of more personal value to grown people than to children. Small children know all about the outside and the inside of the church, and the very fact of being and feeling themselves outside can but create in them a great indifference toward it.

To this end some changes in the Discipline would be necessary. Page 120 treats, "Of the Children of the Church." Page 121, second line, after "conversion," let the sentence continue thus: "And to impress upon them the importance of explaining to such children as early as possible that they are in the church and have all its advantages and responsibilities."

On the same page let the seventh line continue thus: "And explain to them fully their personal church membership." And on page 250, at the end of 31 paragraph, after "covenant," insert a new sentence as follows: "And if there be children or youths among the candidates, let the pastor explain these promises in familiar terms so as to be well understood by all."

There ought also, it seems to many of our preachers, as well as to myself, to be provision at a suitable place for the enrollment of all baptized children as catechumens, which names are to be regularly reported, and regularly disposed of by rule, either by full recognition on their personal responsibility or removal outside.

Our difficulties about children are mainly—First, Our women seem to know very little about children, especially young ones. They seem to think there is no place for moral control until bad behavior becomes troublesome. They don't, one in ten thousand, see anything to do with children under three or four years but supply their physical needs, and when bad behavior sets in, if they keep it inside the bounds of disturbing outrage, they think they do well. By this time a set habit of disobedience, with power sufficient to hold a hundred monitor in a gale, is firmly established. It is too late now! The docile, plastic period is now past. And now to prevent insufferable outrage and ruin, a

systemless course of heterogeneous counter-outrage miscalled government, is the denier resort. Nothing is much easier than child-government if begun at the first, and continued mildly and firmly, and confined mainly to this one point: "Children, obey your parents." Ephes. vi. 1.

Second. Our women are greatly in need of pastoral instruction and admonition at this point, and most of our preachers are as much in need of suitable qualification for it.

Third. Childhood life must have pastoral oversight. We now use more than nineteen-twentieths of our church power on our adult people.

Fourth. Would not some such changes in the Discipline as those above suggested be largely beneficial if well carried out by the preachers? Can the very felt fact of membership in the church operate with greater restraining influence upon any persons than upon little children? It seems to me they are the persons who need it most.

GOLF VIEW, MISS.

CALIFORNIA LETTER.

V. B.

We had heard before coming to Southern California that it never rained here except during the winter months, and that they "never had any thunder or lightning; the rain clouds would come up suddenly, pour out their contents and pass away; the sun would come out again, and all be fresh and fragrant as May." A week or two ago I saw heavy, dark clouds to the east of the city, in the mountain regions. Soon afterward I saw the distant flash of lightning, and heard the far-off roll of the thunder. The cloud extended toward the town, and a few drops of rain fell here. The next day we learned there had been a hard rain about twenty-five miles east of here, making the roads quite muddy. Further north it rained even more. Last Monday morning about daylight we were awakened by a low, rumbling sound that we had never noticed before, but concluded it was the electric or some of the other motors starting out rather earlier than usual, but the noise grew louder and more prolonged, till it developed into unmistakable peals of genuine thunder, and soon a good old-fashioned summer rain shower was coming down on this thirsty land. The lightning struck the telegraph wires near our place of residence, melted the wires. Several other telegraph and telephone wires were damaged and connection severed. I enjoyed this freak of the weather immensely. There are grown young people here that never saw or heard a real thunder storm before, and even the "oldest inhabitants" could scarcely recollect ever witnessing such a scene in this latitude before. Amongst other very wonderful qualities I had heard attributed to this "climate" was the very soothing effect it had on the human temper. If one was inclined to be a little temperamental or easily irritated by the life of life, it is said they would become quieted and soothed by this wonderful element, acting like oil on the troubled waters; if the temper was already of the sweet and peaceful order, it would increase this very desirable state many fold and life would thereby be prolonged and gladdened by a peaceful summer dream. Well, I've been trying to get some notes on this very desirable effect produced by this climatic miracle, and from my own observation the conclusion I have arrived at in this matter is—well, I guess "I would dwell on this subject."

There is one thing here, or rather a lack of one thing, that strikes a stranger very forcibly, especially if he be of the Methodist persuasion: This is the great scarcity of domestic fowls. It is quite a rarity to see chickens (yellow legged or otherwise) around the suburban homes, or on the ranches. There are several reasons given for this scarcity of the common domestic chicken. One is the scarcity of insects and worms, the ground being so hot, dry and hard, there is but little of this kind of very necessary food to be had. Another, the scarcity in summer of any green food, grass, etc., and the prevalence of that great pest of the chicken family, the mite. On the ranches the coyotes and hawks are so destructive, in addition to these other troubles, that few persons raise any fowls at all. The market is supplied from the northern part of the State, and from the East, consequently this delicacy is very expensive, good frying sizes selling for seventy-five cents a piece. I have been wondering what the ladies of the M. Church, South, here are going to do, when the conference convenes here in October, to supply or take the place of the constitutional Methodist ministerial dish. [We will postpone our visit.—Ed.] During the preparations for one of the recent church lunches given by the ladies of our church here, some one, (green from the States) asked what are you going to do for chicken salad? An old settler replied: Oh, that will be all right; some of our gentlemen friends that are sportsmen will take their guns and go up on the mesa and shoot some rabbits for us, and we can make chicken salad of them!

The farmers or ranch men make hay

out of their wheat and barley, cutting before the grain is quite ripe, baling and selling it as they do grass hay elsewhere. It is called grain-hay. They raise the alfalfa also, and this, with the grain-hay, is the principal feed they have for the horses and cows. The horses seem to do remarkably well on it. They have particularly bright, glossy coats of hair, and as it is never very hot out here, they, as a general thing, are quite spirited. In fact, they are a little too much so. I have seen more runaways since I have been here than in years before. I do not know just what effect this grain-hay has on the cattle, as we have no "town cows," and I have not been out to any of the dairies; but as the milk we get is fairly good, I suppose it is fine for the kind also.

There is one very great pest here, that I think can just discount both species of the festive Texas mosquito—the pernicious little lumber-jack insect, the black fly. He is irrepresable. He is everywhere—has no respect for persons, occasions or places. He will find you in the churches, the elegant homes, the humblest cottage, the forest heights, the streets, cars, motors, railway cars, and even on the yachts and steamers on the water. He is the most lively of his species, and leaves no small mark as an evidence of his industry in earning his living. You cannot bar him out of your house as you do the musical mosquito. He is master of the situation. These annoying little creatures are more abundant in the new parts of town where it is very sandy, and where the streets are not watered. The only thing that I have seen or heard of that can entrap or destroy these tormentors is the sticky fly-paper placed in the rooms on the carpets. I have heard persons say they had seen hundreds of them collected in this way in a single day.

We have as citizens in this fair city, by the way, several persons whose names are noted in our country's recent history. Mrs. Jackson, the widow of that grand Southern soldier, Gen. Stonewall Jackson, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Christian, (Julia Jackson.) A son of another Southern soldier, General Beauregard, is engaged in the real estate business, and there may be many others that I have not seen or heard of yet. Many of your readers will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. John Bryan at her home in Los Angeles, on the 7th of this month. She was formerly a member of the old Lyman Street Church in Dallas.

There are many people out of employment here now. While there is some building going on, and some public improvements that give work to some, yet there are many industrious mechanics who cannot get anything to do. Some of them have homes here that if they could sell would gladly return to their former homes. The sanguine and hopeful citizens are looking for the "good time coming" to set in as soon as the election is over. And now poor stricken Florida's misfortunes may prove to be the ill wind that will bring good to this country, as there are many people in the Northern States that have to flee from the rigors of their winter climate to some warmer latitude, and may come this way. The waters here are said to be most delightful. Where now is nothing but dust and dry, dead weeds a carpet of grass and thousands of flowers are on every hand. To one who has never seen it in its growing season, it seems impossible, and like one of old in contemplating the valley of dry bones, one is tempted to exclaim, Can these live?

I have written you on most subjects of general interest, as I have seen them, or as they look to me, excepting that of the "back country," and as we are contemplating a visit to that much talked of region very soon, I will defer all further remarks till my return.

I take great interest in reading about the great Dallas State Fair. I hope it will realize the expectations of its managers and friends, and do a great amount of good in the way of opening people's eyes to the many advantages possessed by the grand Lone Star State.

SAN DIEGO.

JOURNEY WESTWARD AND MISSIONS.

REV. J. H. WISEMAN.

Being a member of the Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Conference, and desiring to obtain some knowledge of our mission field (without expense to the Board), I accepted an invitation from Bro. Wallace, presiding elder of Abilene district, to take a trip with him. So joining him at Sweetwater, on the Texas and Pacific Railroad, we traveled northwest until about sundown, we reached Snyder, the county site of Scurry. Here we found a nice town of about 300 inhabitants, where we have thirty members. At night Bro. Wallace preached one of his thoroughly practical sermons, which have done so much for the cause of Christ and Methodism in Abilene district, making every Methodist feel that there is a burden of responsibility resting upon all, which calls for solid piety and our best energies. We remained in Snyder until next day noon, and then went westward to the line of Borden county, having passed through a mesquite country, slightly broken. Night

coming on, we camped by a pool of water. One person was seen that afternoon. Nothing of importance transpired except a nice chance to take in some game revealed the fact that we had a cranky shotgun, which cut short our anticipated reveling in wild meats.

"It was ever thus from childhood's hour,
We've watched our fondest hopes decay—
Ere we could wield the huntsman's power,
The fastest birds have flown away."

The following morning we continued our journey westward, and during the day we came to the foothills of the plains. These hills, with their perpendicular walls and level tops, which seem to rise to an equal height with the great plain from which they are separated by deep and rugged canyons, presented a scene surpassingly grand. At the junction a fine drove of birds were discovered; so hoping against despair, I leveled cranky and blazed away, this time with some execution, for I brought back to the buggy a bruised shoulder and a kicked leg, and soon after we sat down around our camp fire to feast on bacon. Morning dawned, and as we had camped at the foot of the Slicked Peak, we soon gained a position from which we could look back upon the hills below us, and look forward across a great stretching plain, wherein the eye wandered in seeking a resting place in the dim distance. Surrounded as we were with such inspiring scenes, I felt myself becoming poetical; but a glance at that cranky shotgun cut my feelings, (oh, that it had done so with the birds!), and brought up the stern realities of life, presenting a scene to my mind in which a side of bacon figured prominently as a front-place, and fat antelope and tender wild fowl constituted the background. Such is life. We admire the rose, but feel the thorn.

We were now in Llano county, having traveled fifty miles and had met but three men. Being west of the breaks of the head waters of the Brazos, we turned northward toward the town of Estacado, passing over a fine country, with good grass. This country is mainly without streams or continued depressions to give escape to the surface water which comes by rainfall. The drainage is into basins which are several feet below the surrounding country.

As you stand in a basin and look toward any point you see that you are at the foot of a gradually sloping plain. Some basins drain not more than one section, others drain many sections. For some time after rains these basins constitute as many lakes of fresh water. But in dry weather they cannot be relied upon. So, numerous wind mills are found here and there to give stock water.

In the afternoon we passed by Tahoks lake, which is a large body of salt water; but fresh water is obtained from nice cool springs flowing into it. Above this lake may be found the double lakes, which, taken together, are six miles long. Here are found old Indian fort stations and caves where they lived. At night we stopped at a wind mill just as a wind storm came up. The mill had broken its gearing and was on a runaway. The tower was weak and threatened to turn over. So while we lashed our buggy to the fence, and built our fire within the excavation for the tank, we gave that rickety wind mill a liberal share of our attention. Having killed two curlews we prepared them for supper, but owing to the inexperience of the cook, a streak of benevolence was discovered in us which caused us to throw our curlew to the hungry wolves. The next day we stepped at noon at the I. O. A. ranch, where a "trouber in black" gave us a good dinner and fed our horses. Here we drank from a cool flowing spring, and were informed that there was a nice spring of cool water about one mile from the ranch, which made a stream of sufficient power to run a mill.

In the afternoon we came in sight of Estacado, a quiet, quaker town, with its variety of houses, all the way from the two story courthouse down by the neatly painted cottage to the humble but hospitable sod house, where every face, warm hand clasp and living heart make one feel that not only has he a warm welcome, but that he has also been received into the sacred precincts of a home. Estacado is a town which, to some extent, "can't be seen for the houses," for almost one-half of Estacado is under ground, and this portion of it is hidden from view by the wooden and adobe houses above ground. As I moved around in Estacado, with its twenty-one wind mills throwing bounteous streams of water to the surface, and watch the industrious people who are never too busy to greet you kindly and give you an invitation to their homes, and as I remembered that I haven't heard an oath nor seen a drunken man, in my heart I say, praise the Lord. These people are setting a godly example. Come and let us spend a week with them! It is Sunday morning. Here they are all in Sunday-school—children, young men and maidens. The members of the latter class are dressed neatly, not wearing log pants; their hair is combed smoothly back, after the good old way. Here to the left is a class of men and women, who are parents. They are from twenty to forty-five years of age, and they are earnestly studying God's Word. Over

there you see a class composed of the grand parents of the flock with their Bibles in hand. They are from forty-five to seventy-five years of age. They are regular attendants upon the Sunday-school. As they rise to their feet when class No. 7 is called and repeat well selected passages of Scripture, you find food for thought and food for the soul, and you will agree with me when I say but few Sunday-schools are more spiritual. Sunday-school is over. A moment's rest is taken. The preacher takes charge of the congregation, and soon they are at prayer. Some young people approach the church door and stand with bowed heads until prayer is ended, and then quietly pass in. When the preacher is ready to close the service no doxology is sung, no benediction is pronounced. He only turns and shakes the hand of a brother. The people shake hands with one another and go home. In the afternoon there is either a temperance or a missionary meeting, and preaching at night. On Wednesday night we meet them in prayer meeting, where old and young, male and female, lead in prayer, and their piety and frequent rejoicings speak of the power as well as of the firmness of godliness. In the forenoon on Thursday you see them leave their work and come to mid-week meeting, and by this time you do not wonder that you are in the midst of a kind and happy people, for they live under the influence of divine service all the time. Among this people we have a band of Methodists, who are in the service of our common Lord. They are now trying to build a church, which has been delayed by the dry weather. I wish that this country could be properly brought before the church, that it might receive that seed sowing now which would soon produce an hundred-fold. Think of this vast plain so well adapted to the support of a dense population and you will see the importance of prompt and adequate action upon the part of the church. To build a Methodist church is equal to the establishment of a strong Methodist center, from which those forces shall flow, which will be the savor of life to this country. Hence this is an inviting field, not only for the Bands of Mission and of Church Extension, but for individual liberality. Where we build churches we concentrate Methodist immigration; so, instead of our people being thrown here and there to be absorbed by other denominations, they are united in strong bands and soon become missionary centers from which good work may be expected. We need consecrated, level-headed preachers, who will take hold and hold on, until organization is perfected and strength takes the place of weakness. The future of this country is intimately connected with the future of Methodism. Bro. Wallace is doing a good work for the church out here. Bro. Stegall is, in the way of preaching, selling good books, etc. He is at home but once a month. Let the church "pray and pay" for the west.

NOTES FROM GORGETOWN DISTRICT.

REV. JAS. MACKEY, D. D.

I write you from Burnett station. This is a city, surrounded by mountains, of about 1500 inhabitants. We have a good church building, which will seat 500. We have 400 communicants, large Sunday-school, three weekly prayer meetings, and one class meeting. Just closed our fourth quarterly meeting, with good attendance. Reports from pastor and stewards very encouraging, and show signs of general prosperity. Here many of our good men have labored. Here Bro. Bondie finished his work and went to his reward. Bro. Deaky, the present pastor, is much esteemed by his people. It is true that ministers of the gospel are co-workers with God; and that God is deeply interested in their work? Preaching the gospel is a profound mystery. It is a super-human work. God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and, maybe, holy angels, too, look on with deep concernment as the minister unfolds the riches of the gospel. This is a historic place. Fort Hamilton was located here about fifty years ago. Some of the log houses built for the officers and soldiers are still standing in a good state of preservation. Gen. R. E. Lee was assigned to duty here; also Albert Sidney Johnson, and other men of note. Burnett county furnished the grants for our State capital, and a shipping nice granite slabs to G-veston and other cities. Granite and marble abound here in great quantity and of a superior quality. The people are blessed with a good grain crop and a very fair cotton crop after a four years' drought. They have plenty and to spare. I wish to commend to these and other churches for their ability to Jesus Christ and the demands of the gospel through the years of adversity. They have spent \$2000 completing their church. For the last three years their assessments have been paid in full, amounting to something over \$1000. I mention this to show that the spirit of zeal and liberality is on the increase among our people, as also for their encouragement and for the encouragement of others. All the praise belongs to Jesus Christ. He planned the tree and fertilized it with his blood. The divine leaven is at work. The Holy Ghost is upon the preachers and people. May we not reasonably expect still better things? Thousands have been converted, but thousands are still un saved. We need a greater revival than was on the day of Pentecost.

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About the Lesson.

LESSON I, SUNDAY, OCT. 7.

THE COMMISSION OF JOSHUA.

Joshua, ii-9.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS

The book of Joshua continues the history of the Israelites. The present lesson immediately follows in time the last one of the third quarter. The thirty days of mourning for Moses (Dut. xxxiv. s) probably intervened before the commission of Joshua.

The place was the encampment of the Israelites in the plains of Moab over against Jericho; the communication to Joshua was probably made in "the tent of meeting."

The time was during the first week of the first month of the forty-first year after the departure from Egypt. On the tenth day of the month the people crossed over the Jordan (Josh. iv.19), and the command to prepare for this meeting was given three days in advance (Josh. vi.1), immediately after the events recorded in this lesson.—Sunday School Times.

THE BOOK AND COURAGE.

We have then God's Book to guide us and show us precisely what he has for us, and what he can do for our life. Why dost thou dream, O poor mystic, why dost thou wonder what God will do on the morrow? Thou hast all his yesterdays in thine hand to go back upon, and his expression to thee is: "As—so. As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee nor forsake thee." See how giving his omnipotence in pledge to a poor startled secretarial servant of the dead Moses; see him taking up in his great arms the garment of his almightiness and covering with it the shoulders of this newly appointed leader. That garment is large enough for us, that almightiness is sufficient to our daily distresses and perpetual wails. What time I am afraid I will trust in God, yes, when the enemy secretly pursue me I will run into God's almightiness as into a great tower. There I will sit down till the purer weary himself with beating the air. All God's promises are before me: he writes in no new ink; he asks for no new hand that he may dictate a new and ampler revelation. It is "As—so."

Moses—Joshua. John—Paul. A repetition without weariness, a reduplication that sturdies by its originality. That is all? No. "Be strong and of a good courage. . . Only be thou strong and very courageous." There is something for man to do: God's almightiness is sent to us as a pledge, not that it may do everything for us, but that it may awaken our strength and call up every energy we possess, and concentrate it to the high and solemn service of the great Lord. Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Zion, but on that of the Lord. Only be thou strong and very courageous; do thy little best; if thou canst not, rather, if thou canst not run, crawl. He will make it all up to thee, only do thy little share. It hath pleased God to adopt the great principle of cooperation in administering the affairs of the lower courts of his universe. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night. Man is not to trust to his own genius, nor is thrown back upon his own resources in the high vocations of life. We are not allowed to live upon the empty pittance and miserable inheritance of our own wit. There is written for us a Word, deep, large, loving, clear, accessible, and we must continually meditate therein. Beautiful words, and full of meaning. Some of the print in God's book I can see best by day, other of the book I can read most clearly by night. Can I tell how this is? It is utterly impossible for me to explain it, but I see angels at night; they do not come out in the garish, white-light of the mid-day, but I have seen troops of them in the dusk—I have heard many a voice not otherwise articulate in the deep valleys of the night. God does great wonders in the darkness; the darkness and the light are both alike unto him. You never knew the meaning of "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God," until you read those words in the night of your great loneliness. Then you saw what priests and presbyters never could explain, what had eluded the touch of the most diligent annotator: you saw God's meaning; yes, you saw his great outstretched gentle arms taking up the very thing he was blessing.

So it is through and through life. Every heart must take its own application of this great lesson: some part of the book is best read by day, some is most clearly seen by night. God's book is a book that cannot be exhausted either in the day or in the night. It needs the sun and the moon and every star of the firmament, canals of glory lighted by hands divine to see its deep, its infinite meaning. Poor, poor fool, thou didst say thou hadst read the Bible through and through; rather thou didst mean, if thou wilt let wisdom speak and love interpret, that thou hadst begun to read, and that thou art still stumbling over the first lines; or if thou art at all careful, it is with a great anxiety, a solemn and glad wonder, because the Paradise grows upon thee, and thou canst not move yet,

because of the ever-deepening fascination of the immortal beauty.

Now, faint-hearted, let us repent and believe. If all the great men, as we think, are dead, it is that others may take their places. Whose place are you going to take? This may be an awkward time for me to ask: it is a solemn hour; there is a stillness in it which may prelude a great resurrection of intellectual and spiritual energy and a great solemn consecration of personal powers and possessions to the service of the God of Moses. The great merchant in the city is dead; arise! The great political leader is dead; arise! The great preacher is dead; arise! Whose place will you take? There are a thousand vacancies to-day in the great gallery historical; which of the places will you take? Are you waiting until God has spoken to you? He speaks to you now. What are you ready for? Anything? That is the right spirit. Any time? That is the right answer. In whose strength will you come—Christ's? It is sufficient, even to redundancy and infinite overflow. Hast thou set thyself to some part of God's work?—only be strong and very courageous: keep close to the book; by day read it, by night spell it—close, close, close to the book; and as for those who would stand before thee, they shall be melted like wax in the fire; yea, as fences of stable before the conflagration of the presence of God in the life.—Joseph Parker.

Old and Young.

A LITTLE CHILD'S FANCIES.

Selected.
I think that the world was finished at night,
Or the stars would not have been made,
For they wouldn't have thought of having the light.

If they hadn't first seen the shade,
And then again I alter my mind,
And think, perhaps, it was day,
And the starry night was only designed
For a little child like of play.

And I think that an angel, when nobody knew,
With a window pushed up very high,
Let some of the seeds of the flowers fall through
From the gardens they have in the sky.

And they could think here of lilies so white,
And such beautiful roses I know,
But I wonder when falling from such a height,
The dear little seeds should grow.

And, then, when the face of the angel was turned,
I think that the birds flew by,
And are singing to us the songs they heard
On the opposite side of the sky.

And a rainbow must be the shining below
Of a place in heaven's floor that's thin,
Right close to the door where the children go
When the dear Lord lets them in.

And I think that the clouds that float in the skies
Are the curtains that they drop down,
For four when we look we should dazzle our eyes
As they each of them put on their crown.

I do not know why the water was sent,
Unless, perhaps, it might be
God wanted us all to know what he meant
When we read of the "jasper sea."

O the world where we live is a lovely place,
But it oftentimes makes me sigh,
For I am always trying causes to trace,
And keep thinking "wherefore and why?"

Ah! dear little child, the longing you feel,
Is the stir of immortal wings,
But infinite love will one day reveal
The most hidden and puzzling things.

You have only your duty to try and do,
To be happy and rest content,
For by being good and by being true,
You will find out all that is meant.

A TRUE STORY.

Deborah Bosson, in N. Y. Advocate.
In a town in New Jersey lives a boy who used to work in a rubber factory. One day, while feeding a grinding machine, which was part of his every day employment, he became careless, as men and boys are apt to do who work about dangerous machinery, and, forgetting the terrible mischief the whirling wheels could do, put his hands too near. It was all done in a moment—the men heard his piercing scream and ran to his assistance, but when they pulled him away his hands were gone, and poor Walter, with bleeding and mangled wrists, was sent to the hospital.

Wenny days passed, and the wounds healed slowly. Many kind people heard of the boy's misfortune, and visiting the hospital were pleased with his patient face, polite manner, and bright remarks. They heard from the nurses that he was the only child of a widowed mother, who had been looking to him to support her, for she was getting old and feeble. This decided them to do without fail what they had thought before they would try to do—get Walter a pair of those wonderfully ingenious but expensive rubber hands that are made now to serve when those of flesh and blood have been lost.

In the meantime Walter had left the hospital, and while waiting for his new hands he had some queer experiences. He had a fashion of putting his wrists in his pockets to hide the unsightly stumps from those he met on the streets. Going along in this way one day, a rude boy called out:
"What's the matter, smarty? Are your hands cold?"

Walter quietly took his wrists from his pockets and held them up, saying:
"Yes, I guess they must be."
The loud-voiced boy looked at them with horror, and slunk out of sight quickly, evidently very much ashamed of himself.

As Walter told me this I could not help saying: "That was too bad."
"O no," said Walter, quickly. "You see, he didn't know I hadn't any hands,

and no one who knew it was ever unkind to me. Why, even old Mrs. Slocum—you know she lives alone up on the hill, and she's so ugly that every one is afraid of her."

I nodded, for Mrs. Slocum's reputation as a terror to evil-doers—and not evil-doers alone, either—is well established.

"Well, the other day I walked up by there, and just as I got to the gate she came out. The boys do torment her awfully, and some of them had broken her gate down. She saw the gate and me the same minute, and I never heard any one say so much in so short a time as she did. She 'knew I had broken that gate,' and was going to put me in State-prison, and do I don't know how many more things to me. All the time she talked she waved a broom, and I thought every moment she would hit me with it. But just as soon as I could get a chance I held up my wrists, and said, "Does that look as if I was going around breaking gates?" She dropped her broom and stared at me a minute, and then she said, "You poor child," and just made me go in the house with her. It seemed like the fairy stories I used to read, where the ugly old women always turned out to be lovely young princesses or something."

"Why, Walter?" said I, laughing, "did she turn young and handsome?"
"No, not young, but she did look almost nice looking, and she got dinner for me and made me tell her all about the accident, and she would feed me, and I laughed so that she laughed too, but she kept wiping her eyes on her apron every once in a while. You can't think how kind she was."

I couldn't help thinking, as Walter told his strange experience with a queer, cross, disappointed old woman, that there is a way to every heart, however hard. If we could but find it, and I was glad to know that "Mother Slocum," like other folks, has her "angel-side."

Finally the rubber hands were bought, and in a short time Walter could not only assist himself in all ordinary ways, but could write distinctly, and is now working in the office of the rubber factory doing type-writing, and has thought of studying stenography.

Such a story like this makes us feel like saying: "Blessings on the kind hearts who were prompted to help the poor boy, and blessings on the wonderful science that can make new hands and feet for the maimed!"

THE COLUMN OF FIRE.

Golden Days.

"Oh deck there!"

The hail came from the fore-top of a little full-rigged ship of the old-fashioned New Bedford type that was plowing along the waters of the Atlantic, hurling the bright, phosphorescent waves ahead of the broad bow in a loud, boisterous manner.

"Aye, aye," was the answer, followed by a grunt "What's the matter?" from the sleepy mate.

"Light on the weather bow!" came from the lookout.

"We're a good two thousand miles from land in that direction," as he swung himself into the rigging.

But when he wiped away the spray that lashed his face there was the light, and one so strange and unfamiliar that he stood there for several seconds buffeted by the waves, yet peering at the strange visitor. Then swinging around and dropping from the shrouds to the quarter-deck, he put up his big hands to form a trumpet and roared: "Ready about!"

A moment later the ship was trembling in the wind, the blocks hammering the yards violently, the cordage groaning, the sails snapping like firearms, while the lunging and pitching covered the decks with a gleaming, golden spray. The roar and confusion brought the skipper on deck, and in explanation of his order the mate pointed at the strange light that was now astern. The men, too, were looking at it, having made everything snug, and of all the crew not one had seen anything like it before.

When first seen it looked like a luminous buoy floating upon the surface, but it had gradually lengthened out, grown more attenuated, as, it were, until now it seemed taller than the mainmast of the ship, of a yellowish tint—a most striking object against the jet-black sky.

Some of the men looked at the strange form with grave apprehension. To them it boded no good, perhaps harm; others were not so easily disturbed, but every one on board was at least astonished at the curious apparition that every moment seemed to grow larger and taller.

"Keep her away a point," said the captain to the helmsman, and the vessel fell away and slightly increased her speed. "Whatever it is," he continued, "it's coming after us. It looks to me like a waterspout, but I never saw one that was on fire, and that one is if anything ever was."

The curious object was rapidly gaining on them, and now presented an appalling appearance—a huge column of ghastly light, hundreds of feet high, of a dark, golden-yellow hue—standing out in a strange contrast against the sky, or the intense darkness of the night. It came on so quickly, evidently before the breeze, that the vessel was hauled on the wind, just in time, perhaps, for the strange column went hissing and roaring by not a thousand yards astern, its base where it joined the water surrounded by a seeming mass of fire, while the upper portion bent gracefully and was lost in the clouds. In a short time it had entirely disappeared from view. The column was, as the skipper had suspected, a waterspout; a midnight visitor,

coursing over the ocean like some weird phantom. Since then several have been seen at one time, veritable pillars of fire, moving rapidly over the surface. It finally occurred to a scientist to examine the water in which these fiery columns were seen, and he found it completely filled with the forms of two minute plants known to science as pyrococcus pseudonocellus and P. platomis, whose nucleus, the little spot seen in the center, was vividly luminous.

Here, then, was the secret of the column of fire—a waer-spout had been formed and enormous masses of the little light-givers borne aloft, giving the entire spout a fiery appearance. These spouts differ in color, depending on the intensity of the light of the various animals; some are a dull yellow; others, on moonlight nights, quite pale, while others again, on the extremely dark nights when the sea is high, present a truly frightful appearance, resembling a pillar of fire, the base representing a cauldron of seething flame.

SCHOOL AGAIN.

N. Y. Advocate.

In a few days the public schools throughout the land will be opened, and the attention of all thoughtful parents is freshly called to the moral, physical, and intellectual condition of their children during the hours they are in and out of school. Very much must, in the nature of things, depend on the teacher with regard to the intellectual and moral tone of the school; but unless he is here, as in all things else, sustained, stimulated, and encouraged by sympathy and cooperation on the part of the parent, his task will be a very hard one. If, on the other hand, he is made to feel that every effort he makes for the good of his pupils is recognized at its true worth, and supplemented at their homes, his labors will be very materially lightened.

The teacher can do little compared with the parents of the pupils in securing their physical comfort while under his supervision. If the school-room is small, crowded, ill-ventilated, ill-lighted, badly seated, imperfectly warmed, the teacher must make the best of it. It is not in his province to provide curtains for the windows, comfortable seats for the children, ventilating flues, school apparatus. These the voters must supply.

Special attention should be paid to the food and clothing of children who are going to school. The food should be such as to provide amply for the requirements of growth, as well as for the constant activity of the brain. Eggs, a little lean meat, abundance of milk, good wheat bread, and the cereals, in forms of mush, furnish the staples required for expansion of bone and tissue. Fruit should be supplied until the last craving for it is satisfied. Most school children are hungry for apples, and apples they should have in fullest measure. The worse the air of the school room, so we have observed, the greater is the appetite for fruit, especially for apples, both raw and cooked. But the child and everybody else should be instructed to reject the indigestible skin and seeds, since they pass unchanged through the alimentary canal, and only clog the body, producing a variety of evils, which tend to increase impurities in the air of the school room.

The pupil should have at least two suits for school wear, so that his clothing may always be well aired and wholesome. In our public schools there are, of necessity, so we charitably suppose, a great many children whose parents cannot afford to keep them very clean, for cleanliness is expensive, both of labor and money, and the clothing of such children, worn from day to day, and from week to week, becomes a prolific source of impurity in the air. The wind and the sun will, if they are allowed to do so, remove quite thoroughly from woolen clothing absorbed odors, and restore freshness to worn and soiled clothing.

The pupil should be encouraged to spend as many hours every day in the open sunshine as possible. Instead of hurrying home to study lessons for the next day, he should engage in some outdoor exercise until the blood is thoroughly oxygenated and drawn away from the brain to the surface and extremities, giving that organ opportunity for rest.

The early morning hours are the best for study, and the pupil who retires early can rise early and put in two or three hours of solid study before school. This will leave him leisure to play after school, and be far less exhausting than late study hours.

WORKING THEIR WAY.

Our Youth.
There are readers of Our Youth who are longing to obtain a liberal education, from which hard fortune seems to have shut them out. To such aspiring souls we would offer a word of encouragement. All things are possible to him who wills, and every youth who has the will to obtain knowledge can have it. He cannot have it by waiting with his hands in his pockets, nor by whiling away his time in reading novels, nor by complaining of his hard luck while he lies in bed until eight in the morning and plays cards at night. But he can have it by counting out his minutes as gold, by investing them in study, by putting them at interest in the best books. Two-thirds of the men in college in our country have worked their own way into its walls, and are working their own way through. We remember our own class, who sat together on the hard seats in the old recitation rooms of our *alma mater*. There was one splendid youth, at sixteen a

sailor before the mast on a whale ship. Knowing little more than the multiplication table, if indeed he knew that, resolving to obtain an education, though penniless and having a widowed mother to support; studying, teaching, preaching at two dollars per sermon; giving lectures; with a panorama of a whaling voyage; out of college a year, but keeping up with his class, then coming back and at twenty-six delivering the valedictory as the foremost scholar in the class. Ah, friend and brother, green be the turf above thy grave, for thou didst not live in vain! There was our scientist, who cooked his victuals in his room (the fragrance of those New England baked beans lingers still), lived on seventy cents a week, mended all the clocks in the college to eke out his purse, led the class in chemistry, if he did stumble over Greek; is it six or ten thousand a year which he receives now at the head of a chemical factory? There was one man who, when funds ran low, went out on a tour with a kit of piano-tuning implements and screwed up the farmers' pianos for forty miles around, and found time in college to read Webster's Dictionary through three times. There were three who sang their way through college, by choral in the town and singing-schools in the country. There were some who taught and some who preached. Few in that memorable class (memorable to us who were its members) found fathers with purses to pay their bills. Almost every man won his education from the teeth of adverse fortune; but he won it, and to-day is all the better for his hard work. The youth who will have learning and is content to pay its price can climb the hill of science.

EDUCATION OF THE HAND.

Zion's Herald.

Man is the only being in the universe endowed with a hand. Other animals are provided with various substitutes for this important organ of the animal economy, but no one of these substitutes, either in wisdom of design, perfection of workmanship, or variety and facility of use, approaches the marvelous instrument furnished to this lord of creation. It is his sceptre of authority over the world. In the words of Sir Charles Bell, "It converts the being who is weakest in natural defense to the ruler over animate and inanimate nature."

The perfection displayed in the original structure of the human hand is hardly more striking or instructive than its susceptibility to vast and almost unlimited improvement. The untrained hand is a mere lump of clay, or bundle of bones and muscles; the educated hand is a throbbing, palpitating instrument, a vital force, a subtle and dextrous performer, the wand of a magician whose feats of honorable service as well as of ledgerdom, have secured the admiration of all observant and wise men.

The first step in this education is seen in the substitution of the hand for the mouth. The child begins life in the sense of feeling, located in all parts of the body, but first quickened, as it were, into consciousness and intensity in the mouth. "The lips and tongue," says Sir Charles Bell, "are first exercised; the next motion is to put the hand to the mouth in order to suck it; and no sooner are the fingers capable of grasping, than whatever they grasp is carried to the mouth; so that the sensibility to touch in the lips and tongue and their motions are the first inlets to knowledge; and the use of the hand is a later acquirement," broadening the field and adding to the facilities for understanding the world around.

In securing an education, the hand has been most largely indebted to self-help. It has been trained amid the exigencies of practical life, without the aid of schools or instructors. In this respect the brain, for whose culture academies and colleges have been founded and masters in science and letters have spoken, has enjoyed the largest advantage. Aristotle stood for the brain. In his view, no other culture deserved the name of education. Down to this very day, our methods of education have been copied from the Stagrite. Bacon, the pioneer of physical science, the intelligent guide to the rich and inexhaustible mines of practical knowledge, first part-d-part-cum with his Grecian master in giving attention to matters beyond mere intellectual training, and broadened the definition of Aristotle. "Education," said the great Instaurator, "is the cultivation of a just and legitimate familiarity between the mind and things." This proved a word for the hand, that great intermediary between the brain and the real world, and an advance from the ideal region in which the instructor of Alexander abode, to the practical sphere where modern science, so fruitful in beneficial results, was to find its happiest realization. But the intimation has been poorly followed. Despite the practical impulse given by Bacon, the schools, for the most part, are devoted to the culture of the brain independent of the hand, leaving the latter to gain its discipline and cunning by odds and ends, along the devious paths of actual work—a kind of chance training, which, however excellent, would be improved by indoctrination in the principles underlying the craft.

The adjustment of the movements of the hand to the decisions of the brain forms a most curious and difficult stage in the process of man's education. How wonderfully he succeeds in the task may be seen in the arts and industries of every day life, as well as in the more advanced trades and professions. The

handling of tools is an instance. The experienced woodman will bring down his ax with almost absolute precision, the stroke varying hardly the breadth of a hair. The carpenter's hammer is wielded accurately, seldom failing to "strike the nail on the head." The accuracy of David's sling, and the seven hundred left-handed Benjaminites who "could sling stones at a hair's breadth and not miss," are instances of perfection in hand-training quite marvelous. In drawing we learn to measure by the eye as well as by the rule, which is nothing more nor less than the accurate adjustment of the hand to the brain. The hand learns to follow the pattern given by the brain.

But the handicrafts, by which in past ages nearly all our articles of home-consumption were produced, have been the great common school for training the hand. What scholars have been turned out from the shoe shop, the carpenter's shop and other places of industry! The introduction of machinery in the economic industries proves unfavorable to hand-culture; the machine does all, the workman is reduced to a subordinate place. The failure of this practical help renders the more needful the scientific training of the hand, now admitted in schools. An unintelligent hand is hardly less fatal to the success and happiness of man, than an unintelligent brain. In the sharp competition of the age, in every department of human effort, the hand should be able to enter the arena with the best possible furnishing. For the economic and social well-being of the people, manual training schools are of great importance. They mean the education of the working hand, hitherto operating without the advantage of scientific direction, especially in every craft, so that it may pull evenly at the load with the brain.

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YET SO, AS BY FIRE.

Many people seem to think that a nominal profession of Christ is sufficient to secure for them salvation in the end. The mere fact of a membership in the church, or the fact of having been once converted, is to them a sufficient guarantee of final salvation. If there be such a thing as an abundant entrance into the kingdom, their hearts do not aspire to such glory. To escape eternal torments by the skin of the teeth, or to slip into heaven like King George, in Byron's vision of the judgment, unnoticed in the midst of general confusion, is the limit of their aspirations. These cry believe! believe! and look upon good works as mere trash, or having been once converted, they trust that though all their works be burned up as stubble, they themselves will be saved even though it be "so as by fire."

STATISTICAL REPORTS. As the time of the annual conference draws nigh the preachers in charge, no doubt, begin to feel increasing concern about the reports to be made at conference, for then every pastor expects to receive at the hands of his brethren according to that which he hath done; they that have done well, the approval of their brethren, which, by the way, is no mean reward, and they that have not done well, the disapproval of the brethren, which is no light penalty. There may be also some concern as to the method or character of the report to be made to the conference, as all the Bishops do not pursue exactly the same methods of examination. As matter of course every preacher knows that he is to furnish the secretary of the conference a full statistical report of his work, but unless he is acquainted with the habits of the Bishop he does not know whether he will be required to read his written statistical report, or whether he will be required to make a verbal one, or whether any at all before the conference. It has always seemed to us to be highly proper that each preacher should report for himself before

the conference. There is a certain stimulus to good works in the fact that every man knows he must stand before the judgment seat and give an account of the deeds done during the year. If a brother has done well, he is strengthened and encouraged in the approval and commendation of his brethren; and if he has not done well, their disapproval ought to stir him to greater efforts to succeed. Not that the praise or dispraise of men should be sought as an end in itself, but only as a corroborative evidence with the testimony of conscience to God's approval, Like St. Paul, no man should seek to please men, but to please God only. It is quite evident, however, that when we fail to please anybody else, we fail to please God also. The approval of the divine judge is very likely to be corroborated in the judgment of good men. So that the man who has done well may have the consciousness that he is not only made manifest to God, but also in the consciences of the brethren. What was intended to be said, however, when this article was begun is, that while we can only know the tree by its fruit, and the man by his works, the bare statistics of an annual conference report do not always tell the whole truth. Therefore while the statistical report is by far preferable to any other, both for saving time and giving the best representation of the work, it is necessary to guard them with some restrictions when making up the judgment upon the success of a brother. The preacher's usefulness cannot be judged by one report alone. Any one report ought to be considered in the light of the history both of the man and the charge reported. Cities, towns, neighborhoods and churches have characters as well as men. A brother reads out an unfavorable report—all the collections are behind, and but few additions have been made to the church during the year, but let him not be pronounced a failure until the character of the charge is considered. Then there are some charges which never send up good reports, no matter who the preacher. That fact ought to be considered. There are other charges which have equally unbroken records for sending up good reports. That fact ought to be considered when the preacher reads a flaming report. Perhaps this brother succeeded because the charge would not let him fail, as the other brother failed because the charge would not let him succeed. The Christ and the apostles succeeded in some communities a great deal better than in others. There are some pastoral charges that need to be regenerated. They need to be born again and from above. On the other hand, there are some men who succeed almost anywhere and others who fail as often. There are some men who succeed in particular directions, while others seem to succeed best along the lines where they fail. But all these facts are common and familiar. Let us have statistical reports, for when received under the proper restrictions they are the best representations of the work done. Figures may lie sometimes, but only when disconnected with the relative circumstances. As to the expedition of business, a brother will often consume more time answering one question asked by the Bishop than it would require to read the whole report. Let each preacher secure blanks and fill them out carefully before starting to conference, and then he will hinder neither conference nor secretary with preliminary preparations. And let the presiding elder carefully gather up all the relative facts, and with a conscientious Bishop and cabinet no brother need fear anything but his own record.

PRESENT OR ABSENT.

That God is present everywhere is a well-accredited doctrine of the Holy Scriptures, but perhaps no one realizes the fact of God's presence every moment. This is not to be regarded as a willful neglect, or as a human fault. No doubt God could manifest himself in such a way that it would be impossible for any one to ever become unconscious of his presence. In his infinite wisdom he has not seen fit to do so, and we are to interpret all his ways as not only the wisest but the best that can be done. In fact, with a full realization of the Almighty's presence, who could render to God the highest and best obedience? The child who only obeys when under the consciousness of being watched, does not obey from the heart. It is when the tempter whispers, "No one will ever know," that obedience is put to the greatest strain; then the hardest battles are fought and the greatest victories are won. If the profane man could fully realize that the All-seeing Eye was upon him, could he swear in the presence of the Lord? For the same reason that he could not profane his name when over-awed by the presence of Almightiness, he could not render a virtuous obedience. Blessed is that man whose children obey in his absence as in his presence. The word of commendation bestowed by the apostle on the Philippians was that they obeyed not only in his presence, but much more in his absence. Those who refrain from doing in the presence of the preacher what they unhesitatingly do in his absence often manifest more hypocrisy than reverence. No worse can be said of a man than that he never does right except when watched. In that dark hour when the Son of Man cried out: My God! My God! why hast thou forsaken me? he completed a life of obedience, and under the greatest strain of all, he finished his subjections to the death of the cross, for then he gave up the ghost. In these dark hours, when God seems to be absent, the cry of the faithful soul is, I will trust him though he slay me. It is well to remember that, whether conscious or unconscious of the fact, "Thou God seest me," but he who obeys only because he feels that the eye of God is upon him, would do well to consider whether he obeys from a sense of fear or from a sense of right.

SENATOR COKE ON TEXAS BALLOT OR NO BALLOT?

Mr. Spooner, U. S. Senator from Wisconsin, tried to make capital for the Republican party by a resolution to investigate the late killing of Joseph Hoffman, at Brenham—J. H. Holt, a red-hot Democrat, being assassinated at the same time. We have received the speech of Senator Coke, made during the consideration of this resolution—a masterly effort—and submit extracts from it for the thoughtful perusal of the N. Y. Independent, the Western Christian Advocate, and others, as a very fair interpretation of what no doubt was meant by the pro tem. editor of this paper when he said the "Republican and the negro will never again rule the South, ballot or no ballot, count or no count." Mr. Coke said: "Where is the Indian? He has gone and is now a mere reminiscence. The red man, the noble red man, was gone before the advance of the white man. Here is the Chinaman? He has not quite gone, but he is getting away very fast. [Laughter.] He is the brown man. It is reserved for the people of the South to have to stand face to face with the black man and solve the problem of joint

government and joint residence, and we are solving it. If you will let us alone we will solve it. It is hard enough to do without outside interference. When let alone it takes all our powers and demands our highest wisdom. Just let us alone, and we will solve it. We have no trouble except every four years. All the trouble we have ever had comes from outsiders, who hope to reap political advantage from it. If intermeddled from the outside who instigate colored men to evil deeds will desert and let us alone, there will be an end of the trouble. Go down to Texas, go into the counties where the whites are in the majority, and you will see the colored people, some Democrats, some Republicans, and some Knights of Labor, all voting their own tickets. There you will see colored men quietly accumulating property, many of them becoming rich and well to do. Everything in the world that is needed for this condition of affairs to exist in every county in Texas, and I will say, in the entire South, is for the Republicans outside to let them alone, to cease exciting their bad passions and inflaming them against their white neighbors. I say let us alone and we will solve this problem. Whenever the negroes divide, their votes are sought by both parties, and it is the interest of both parties to see that they have perfect freedom of choice. Keep outside pressure away from them and they will divide among our population, and you will hear no more of any race troubles. But I tell you, and I say it frankly, the white people of the South and those of their race who come to settle among them, they and their seed will govern that country just as long as time lasts. (Mr. Hoar.—Whether they are in the majority or not?) Mr. Coke.—They will do it. I will be frank. They will not do it by violence. They are the superior race. They will maintain and protect and defend their civilization, their women, and their children, their race, and their citizenship as long as water runs or grass grows. They will not raise the hand of violence against the black man, because they know they are superior in every element of manhood, of humanity, and of civilization to him and that he cannot dominate them.

From a letter from the facile and vigorous pen of Gilderoy, whose fame is known in all the churches, we make the following extract, which will be of interest to our readers: Each one (ADVOCATE) has beauties and strong points of its own. THE TEXAS ADVOCATE, when I know it, was not hindered in anything. I suppose you have gotten comfortably easy in the editorial chair by this time. You have, if the thousand and one reports from a great State in the Empire of Texas. There is certainly room enough to have patronage enough to make the TEXAS one of the most substantial and prosperous papers in all our Methodism. Indeed, you have the patronage if it would only patronize. You are the rub. There is hardly such a drummer system known in the world as the Methodist itinerancy if it were vigorously and judiciously worked. What an agency it is, or might be, for the circulation of religious literature as well as for the spread of the gospel. Fact is one means for spreading the gospel is the circulation of good books, religious papers and tracts. A good book, paper or tract is one of the silent factors in leading men to Christ—a lump of heavenly heaven hid in a barrel of meal. It works outward till the whole lump is leavened.

Some of the best work I have ever done for my Master has been done through good reading furnished to my people. The day of God, the judgment day, alone will reveal the full extent of that work. One thing I know: I will not have to account in the last day for having suggested or recommended a bad book or paper. No kind of poison is so dangerous and deadly to the human soul as that which is deposited on the printed page. It is often disguised by tempting condiments, well calculated to deceive the eyes of God. I wish you and the paper over which you preside great and constantly growing prosperity. We welcome Gilderoy to our columns, and will be glad to receive a little of his much desired attention. A good sister, who signs herself J. A., regrets that through the obstinacy of Brother Pinson we lost him as editor, further remarks: I was thinking that if the decision had been different, we might possibly have been deprived of those wonderfully readable letters from "Mrs. Xantippe." That probably he might, in the position of editor, have considered it more humane to banish such misleading articles—misleading in that, though the most of us are certain, and content so to be, that woman will never stand on an equal suffrage platform with man, there are a goodly number who desire and work for a different conclusion. This able and agreeable writer, with her (7) apt and striking presentation of the question, encourages fallacious hopes in the breasts of that sanguine nation. I know of more than one congratulating herself upon the fact of the "cause" possessing an ally who could make such able, happy, yet womanly (1) use of the pen.

This good sister also adds the following toothsome piece of taffy: But as my pen is not so facile, I will point it toward a close, only adding, that for my part, the ADVOCATE is "just right" as it is, neither needing taking from nor adding to—always editing, always comforting.

Well, we are not sensitive, beloved, and we agree with you in your high opinions of Sister Xantippe:

The Bartholdi statue of Liberty, with outstretched arm, holds forth the torch to enlighten the world. The sun in the heavens sheds abroad his light, because it is the only natural thing for him to do. The statue seems to say: "Behold my torch! Look unto me and receive light!" But the sun, with never a word, shines on the high and the low, the just and the unjust, the grateful and ungrateful. In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world. The following letter from the Rev. J. W. Adkisson, President of Central College, will speak for itself: I have read with much interest all articles lately appearing in the ADVOCATE respecting the work of education by our church in Texas. I suppose but few could be found, who are at all abreast with this department of church work, that need any additional

talking to on this subject to convince them that education is the only possible means by which we may make our educational institutions to stand upon a firm basis, offer real facilities and command the entire confidence of Methodism in Texas. It occurs to me that this is just about the time to offer the following: I move that two representatives of the Southwestern University and one of each of the other church schools in the State University, to meet at some convenient time and place, before the tenth of November, for the purpose of formulating an endorsement plan such as all the Texas conferences would likely adopt. Second: That others of our church, both preachers and laymen, whose counsel might be needed, be invited to attend said convention. I make this motion now, because any action taken in this matter should be one upon which all our conferences in Texas could harmonize and put their stamp of hearty approval; and if this be done at all, this year, it must be done before the 14th of November. Who will second this motion? S. P. SPRINGS, TEXAS.

The preacher said that many people have very visionary ideas of heaven. "It is a far-off land of ambrosia and nectar and eternal song floating in the air. A genuine lazy man's affair." However suitable or unsuitable these ideas about heaven, there is a real fitness between them and the religion of many people on earth. There is a lazy man's religion as well as a lazy man's heaven. The lazy man's religion is quite an airy affair. It dwells mostly in the moon, entirely too ethereal for this world. It is never more natural than when caught up into the third heavens, where it beholds and hears things entirely too heavenly to be practiced in this life, but not enough so to make it speechless. Herein it differs from St. Paul. The apostle could not utter what he saw and heard, and could not tell whether he was in or out of the body. This religion knows full well that it is not in anything so earthly as the body, and is always able to tell exactly wherein it is superior to other people. Its conversation is in heaven, where there is no hunger, thirst, sickness or death, and consequently never comes near enough to the earth to realize that the hungry, thirsty, sick, or dying, need its help. This is all so heavenly, so heavenly, but commend us to the religion that lives in the body and walks upon the solid earth among men, dispensing meat and drink to the hungry and thirsting, comfort and cheer to the sick and dying. Only the religion which is touched with the feeling of men's infirmity and is ready to succor those who need help is worthy the name of Christ.

READ AND DIGEST WELL THE FOLLOWING FROM OUR MISSIONARY SECRETARY:

Assured of your interest in our mission work, I offer no apology for this appeal. As our missions are prospered their demands on the liberality of the church must increase. Were the conferences to raise the whole of the assessment for foreign missions it would not more than meet the immediate and pressing wants of the missions now open. Were they to raise more than the assessment we could then enter new and important fields. All our missions are calling for reinforcements. Is not this the voice of the Master bidding our church to "go forward?" If your charge last year failed to raise the full amount of its assessment, may I entreat you to see that all collected this year. Every dollar will be needed. Failure at this point will seriously cripple our missions. If you have raised your assessment, may I suggest an increase will enable our church to enlarge its missions. May He who sends the missionary also quicken the zeal of his church.

This is trouble No. 2, in Series B. We shall not attempt to explain No. 1, but No. 2 happened thus: A brother sent an obituary composed of seven lines of prose and twenty-eight, of which the eight following are a sample: "Sister, sister, I have come To share with you this happy home; I left my papa and mamma too, And brothers weeping, as for you. "Mamma, too, stood round my bed, And shed her tears just over my head; And Aunt All-a, too, for she was there, And waded me long with tender care."

The prose straight was published, the other was not. Now, the brother gives as the alternative of publishing the other or stopping his paper. Well, as much as we dislike to lose a subscriber, especially where the paper is so much needed, we must stand by the first decision. To prevent any trouble of the kind in the future, neither poetry nor anything in that form will hereafter be published in the obituary department, neither for love nor money. It is a law of the Medes and Persians; it changeth not.

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say. The Southwestern Methodist, about the interchange of speakers during the present political campaign, says: And we may hope that this interchange of speakers will tend to enhance the mutual good opinion of the people of the different sections. The party managers with we may presume, send forth their best men. The cranks, the donkeys, the reactionary fanatics will be kept at home where they are, just like the men they have all their lives known and duly discomfited by all good citizens of all parties. The chosen speakers will represent, we may hope, the best thought, the best character and the best manners of their immediate local constituencies. Many hearers will be astonished to find that the men who have been used as bugabooes to frighten timid patriots at a distance are known and duly discomfited by all good citizens of all parties. 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RELIGIOUS AND OTHERWISE

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Lilac. L. Ehrenbraeke: Will you have the kindness to publish the following extract of a letter just received from Rev. J. G. Jones, the oldest member of the Mississippi Conference. I think its publication will do good, and please those of your readers formerly from the State of Mississippi, and oblige the undersigned.

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NOTICE. The South Texas Holiness Association will hold its fall session at Bryan, beginning on Tuesday, October 10th, and continuing through the following Sunday.

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Yellow Fever can be prevented! A learned man of Genoa claims to have discovered that Columbus was not so bold and white as he was reputed to be.

Very thank you! When the rubber market declines, it might be appropriately called a sum-of-up.

IN THREE YEARS' TIME. Some three years ago, or more, Messrs. Iron and Steel in London, England, were the first three months, they state they received one mail order, not being well known at that time.

It should be borne in mind that Malaria, or the disease of D. D. D. disease, such as chills and fever, etc., and that August, September, October and November are the months in which it is most abundant in this State.

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"The October number of Christian Thought, edited by Charles F. Deems, is our table. The following is the table of contents: 1. 'The Vindictive Law of Forgiveness,' by Horace C. Hovey, D.D.; 2. 'Philosophy in Japan, Past and Present,' by Prof. George William Knox; 3. 'Creation is Revolving,' by T. H. Hill, D.D.; 4. 'Views on Religion,' by Dr. McConochie; 5. 'Science and Theology,' by J. M. B. M.; 6. 'Theology and Development,' by J. M. B. M.; 7. 'Our Latest Book,' by the subjects and writers sufficiently comment themselves. With R. K. Schuchman, Publisher, 77 Bible House, New York. Two dollars a year. Clergyman, \$1.50. Forty cents a number.

"SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for October is notable for the variety of its contents and the eminence of its contributors. It has special features of work among them being Lester Wallack, the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Robert Louis Stevenson, Professor Arthur T. Hadley, and H. H. Boyesen. The illustrations present an equal variety of subject and treatment.

The railway series (which meets with increasing success and the heartiest popular approval) is continued with a discussion of 'The Railroad in its Business Relations' by Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale, Economist of Labor Statistics in Connecticut, and the author of the standard work on 'Railroad Transportation; its History and its Laws.'

"The Temples of Egypt," by Edward L. Wilson (whose articles on 'The Modern Nile' and 'The Great Pyramids' will be recalled with pleasure) is the most richly illustrated paper of this issue. An Egyptian Temple perfectly preserved in all its details was not only the author's but also the artist's most notable existing example from among many, and the result gives an adequate idea of what one of our grand old structures must have been in its completeness. The illustrations are from the author's own photographs, which are unexcelled.

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San Marcos, Pleasant Ridge, 1st Sun in Oct. 7
Luling, at Luling, 2d Sun in Oct. 14
San Marcos, at San Marcos, 3d Sun in Oct. 21
Luling, at Luling, 4th Sun in Oct. 28
Luling, at Luling, 5th Sun in Oct. 31

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
No. and River, at Robinson's Branch, 1st Sun in Oct. 7
Margaret, at Margaret, 2d Sun in Oct. 14
Mansfield, at Mansfield, 3d Sun in Oct. 21
Grandview, at Grandview, 4th Sun in Oct. 28
Hancok, at Hancok, 5th Sun in Oct. 31

TERRELL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Kemp, at Wilson's Chapel, Oct 7
Crandall, at Crandall, Oct 14
Porcupine, at Allen's Chapel, Oct 21
Loring, at Loring, Oct 28
Loring, at Loring, Oct 31

WRATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Verona, at Verona, Oct 7
Moberly, at Moberly, Oct 14
Whit, at Whit, Oct 21
Weatherford, at Weatherford, Oct 28
Weatherford, at Weatherford, Oct 31

ADRIENNE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Colorado, at Colorado, Oct 7
Big Springs, at Big Springs, Oct 14
Hollo Plane and Wald, at Cottonwood, Oct 21
Snyder, at Northington, Wednesday Oct 25
Albino, at Albany, Nov 3, 4
Albino, at Albany, Nov 10, 11

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Montague, at Montague, Oct 7
Montague and Bowie, Oct 14
Wichita and Biester, Oct 21
Wichita and Biester, Oct 28
Wichita Falls and Archer, Oct 31

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Bertram, at Bertram, Oct 7
Georgetown, at Georgetown, Oct 14
Kilken, at Union Hill, Oct 21
Holland, at Elm Grove, Oct 28
Salado, at Salado, Oct 31

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Belleville, at Belleville, Oct 7
Independence, at Independence, Oct 14
Rockwell, at Rockwell, Oct 21
Caledonia, at Caledonia, Oct 28
Caledonia, at Caledonia, Oct 31

WEST DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
West, at West, Oct 7
West, at West, Oct 14
West, at West, Oct 21
West, at West, Oct 28
West, at West, Oct 31

PALM SPRINGS DIST—FOURTH ROUND.
Palmer, at Palmer, Oct 7
Palmer, at Palmer, Oct 14
Palmer, at Palmer, Oct 21
Palmer, at Palmer, Oct 28
Palmer, at Palmer, Oct 31

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Waco, at Waco, Oct 7, at Conf. Mon. 7 p.m.
Groesbeck, at Groesbeck, Oct 14, at Conf. Sat. 7 p.m.
Worham, at Worham, Oct 21, at Conf. 11 a.m.
Waco, at Waco, Oct 28, at Conf. Sat. 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
San Antonio, at San Antonio, Oct 7
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PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Palestine, at Palestine, Oct 7
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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
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CORPUS CHRISTI DIST—FOURTH ROUND.
Corpus Christi and Rockport, at Corpus, Oct 7
Corpus Christi, at Corpus, Oct 14
Corpus Christi, at Corpus, Oct 21

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Livingston, at Livingston, Oct 7, 10
Holloway, at Holloway, Oct 14, 17
Burkeville, at Burkeville, Oct 20, 21
Newport, at Cane, Oct 27, 28
Jasper, at Jasper, Oct 30, 31
Spartanburg, at Spartanburg, Nov 3, 4
Beaumont, at Beaumont, Nov 10, 11
Liberty, at Liberty, Nov 17, 18
Galveston, at Galveston, Nov 24, 25

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
Columbia, at Columbia, Oct 7, 7
Galveston, at Galveston, Oct 14, 14
Galveston, at Galveston, Oct 21, 21
Galveston, at Galveston, Oct 28, 28
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SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.
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General News. The Fair at Waxahachie drew good crowds. The agricultural features of the fair were not what was expected.

State of Trade. R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly review says: Doubt about the cotton crop has vanished.

Obituary. Died—B. B. Smith, at Victoria. Willam Weber (of Cincinnati) at Whitworth.

Panama Canal. A Panama telegram says: "It is learned several contracts on the canal have been finished."

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Texan Incidents. The ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the Harrison county court house at Warshall, Oct. 6, were elaborately planned.

An Important Order. Secretary W. H. Linn sent a letter to the president of the Cherokee Indian nation concerning the "Cherokee Bill" in the Indian Territory.

Dr. Carroll's Politics. Mr. Webb Finley, Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, requested Dr. Carroll to put a small portion of his time at the disposal of the committee.

Your request that I would put a small portion of my time at the disposal of the Executive Committee was a surprise—first, that you, by inviting and accepting a preacher's participation in the present canvass, would embarrass and conflict of inconsistency that large following in the Democratic ranks which saw, even in my last summer's non-partisan canvass, a man free from institutions and representing a union of church and State.

White indeed, last summer, as well as on previous occasions, I participated publicly in a canvass closely allied in its solitary issue with the moral elements akin to my life work, and which in consequence the Christian form came before the people on its naked merits, dis-associated from the strife for office, and while at all times and upon all great questions of public policy, the preacher should not forget he is a citizen, yet the occasion of sufficient gravity has never arisen in my experience that would warrant a preacher regarding present convictions, and publicly participating in political discussions.

Mr. Carroll then gives his reasons for being a Democrat, and says: I cannot subscribe, however, to the statement you would find in the last prohibition question that as a legislator, I was in the hands of the Democrats. There was nothing in the question that would have caused me to give up the Democratic cause, but the proposition that the Executive Democratic leaders and the adoption by the Dallas convention of the Fort Worth resolution have alienated many true Democrats.

Such a precedent would not have enabled Thomas H. Benton to have passed his famous resolutions expunging from the records the censure against Andrew Jackson. Such a precedent would have no provision for the Democratic party during twenty years of party defeat.

After announcing his determination to vote for Cleveland, Ross, and his indorsement of Coke, he gives the following reasons why he cannot support Mr. Mills:

I would support Col. R. Q. Mills if I could do so consistently, but after mature reflection, I cannot. My opposition to him does not grow out of the fact that he is or was an anti-prohibitionist, as is sufficiently evident from my declared purpose to support many of the ticket, who are or were anti-prohibitionists. Nor is it occasioned by any personal grounds arising from some sharp discussion last summer.

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CURED OF SICK HEADACHE. W. B. Edwards & Co., writes: I have been a great sufferer from Costiveness and Sick Headache, and have tried many remedies, but failed.

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Miscellaneous. A St. Louis syndicate, headed by Col. R. D. Hunter, the well known cattle raiser and dealer, with a capital of \$300,000 has purchased 500 acres of coal lands in North Texas.

The Corsicans Observer now issues daily with telegraphic service. A new military company at Winnsboro call themselves the Jim Hogg Rifles.

From the reports in it is estimated the average increase of population per county since 1880 is about 25,000. Dallas figures out the greatest increase, 44,000, and Bexar comes next with about 30,000.

Texas Casualties. Jackson B. Garrett, of Waco, was driving a nail, and it flew into his eye; it is feared he will lose it.

Dr. Weir at Brownston, was lying on the roadside and a loaded rifle was fired at him, and he was killed.

A. A. Curtis, druggist and prominent citizen, committed suicide at Jewett by taking morphine.

Two sons of A. Kachel were injured at Denison by the falling of an elevator, the elder of whom died.

Mr. Crawford, yardmaster, was run over by a train at Orange and killed.

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The Fair of the Creek Indians closed its twelfth annual session at Muskogee, I. T., the past week. About 3000 people attended.

The first large steel steamship built in this country for the merchant service was launched last week from the shipyard of Wm. Cramp & Sons, at Philadelphia.

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Miscellaneous. A St. Louis syndicate, headed by Col. R. D. Hunter, the well known cattle raiser and dealer, with a capital of \$300,000 has purchased 500 acres of coal lands in North Texas.

The twenty one little girls, ranging in age from nine to fourteen years, were brought to New York by Mormon elders from Europe on the steam Wisconsin en route to Salt Lake City.

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