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LOVE VS. SUFFERING.

We make a great mistake when we suppose that God delights in our sacrifices more than in obedience. The adjective is scarcely necessary. True obedience is always the service of love.

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MY DEAR BROTHER-I send you by this day's mail a copy of our Seventh Annual Report and map. These embrace an account of our work done during the year, ending March 31, 1889.

It will be observed that we have advanced in every line of our operations; collected more money, paid out more, helped more churches and parsonages and made larger appropriations for the ensuing year than at any previous time.

Our present need, however, is more money for donations. This is a sad want. We were asked at the annual meeting for three times as much as we felt authorized to appropriate.

UNTIL THE PURE ALL THINGS ARE PURE. A very common use of these words applies them to the moral perceptions in a way that is no less erroneous than common.

presence, and consequently everything is seen exactly in its own color. Purity is transparency and is always a negative quality.

Then the pure see everything in its own color. They see things as they are. They discriminate between things good and things evil, and things indifferent.

St. Paul could not mean, then, that to the pure all things seem to be pure, for none have quicker and keener perceptions of that which is sinful than those who are themselves free from moral defilement.

DR. DAVID MORTON NOT DEAD. Once upon a time the report went abroad that the Secretary of Church Extension went to sleep in prayer-meeting, but it proved to be only an exaggeration of the facts.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS met last week in this city for the purpose of completing arrangements for publishing a paper. Mr. J. C. Allison, formerly of Galveston, was elected business manager and editor for the present.

WE ought, daily or weekly, to dedicate a little time to the reckoning up of the virtues of our belongings-wife, children, friends-and contemplating them in a beautiful collection.

IT is said that there are about one thousand Christian Chinamen connected with the Congregational Churches of Oregon and California. Their religion seems to be sincere, as it is also said that they contribute about \$2500 for home mission work.

SOME articles in this issue are well worth the profoundest consideration of all our readers. The contents of this number, in book form, would sell for not less than fifty cents, and yet in this form it costs but four cents.

THE COLLECTION. The more the stewards gather now-and are not the fields white unto the harvest?-the less will be their agony in the end.

DR. J. W. HEIDT writes of the prospects of Southwestern University: "The indications are favorable to a large attendance of students from various parts of the State.

report great and growing interest in the University, and bright hope for the future."

WILL all the brethren please to report the amounts raised during the week of prayer at once? We would like, if possible, to report the whole result for the church in Texas in the same issue of the paper.

QUERY: Why does everybody wish to write about the "second blessing" during the dog-days? Would it not be better to defer such discussions until the "hoary frost" comes with his sobering coolness?

A BROTHER writes in this issue: "There is now, after the revival, a great responsibility on this church to take care of the lambs." There is scarcely a greater responsibility resting upon a church than the proper care of its young converts.

THE presiding elder is now driving his wheel on the third round-the hardest one in the year. Hot weather, dusty travel, more preaching and less money in answer to the eighth question.

THE Rev. A. C. Benson, of Dodds, Texas, gives this singular circumstance: There is a man in my circuit that never knew who his parents were, and has no way to find any one of his relations.

THE Egyptians were accustomed to bring the mummy of some departed friend into their feasts. It is commonly supposed that they thought the deceased would thus be able to enjoy the occasion.

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WE take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the various schools advertised in our columns. No one looking out for institutions of learning need go further in search of the best. If Texas schools are wanted, the

very best will be found in this paper. If any wish to go abroad from the State, then there are none better than the ones we advertise.

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say. The New York Advocate, either by personal experience in practice or by observation, knows the difference between dry and fresh preaching.

All good men will sympathize with the growing demand for fresh preaching. All ministers, both young and old, who sincerely desire to see the pulpit maintain its hold on society, will study to show themselves fresh and vigorous in the pulpit.

Fresh preaching will be promoted by fresh study. Old sermons which have been prepared and preached in former years may be excellent, but without fresh study they will be as dry as the paper on which they are written.

That was a peculiar taste of the Egyptians that led them to take the mummy of some departed friend into their feasts, but the Pacific Methodist has found its match in the modern taste for embalmed churches.

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object often being to raise large sums of money to pay the expenses of the meeting, or to relieve a church from debt, or to make up a deficiency in the pastor's salary.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

Nashville Advocate: Rev. C. H. Buchanan, accompanied, of course by his wife, who was predestined to be a Methodist preacher's helpmeet, has gone to take charge of our church at Salem, Va., while the pastor, Rev. Collins Denny, is away.

R. N. Price in Nashville Advocate: The division question waxes hot in Holston. North Carolina wants all her territory to be erected into two large conferences, or possibly into three not so large.

THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal. The Rev. W. F. Clark, of the North Texas Conference, is visiting in Alabama with his family.

Mr. J. D. Allison, of Galveston, and Judge Heath, of Rockwall, made us a pleasant call this week. They were looking after the interests of the new prohibition paper.

The Rev. C. H. Ellis, Grand Lecturer of the Friends of Temperance, called and gave encouraging reports both on temperance cause and from the brethren in the various fields visited by him.

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called for \$800 in subscription to build a Methodist church on or near the camp ground and the congregation responded in a little while with \$880, and increased that amount by Monday evening to \$1100.

Dallas. D. P. Brown, Secretary, Dallas preachers met Monday in Floyd Street Church. Present: Fuller, president pro tem; Shutt, Brown, Religious service by Bro. Fuller.

Ducanville.-Camp-meeting commences Friday, the 16th. South Dallas.-The Sunday-school is flourishing. The people are anxious to proceed to build a church.

Sam J. Franks, Comanche, August 7: The fifth annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Holiness Association was held at Evergreen camp-ground, July 26 to August 4.

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A. G. Scruggs, As was announced some time ago, our camp-meeting began Saturday, July 20th. We had prepared in two weeks an arbor 40x60 at a cost of over \$100, sixteen good tents built to stay, besides others not so substantial, amounting in number to about forty in all.

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