

Texas Christian Advocate.

SOME NEW BOOKS.

REV. E. B. CHAPPELL.

There are two of them that I wish to speak of in the ADVOCATE. They were not written by mine enemies. The authors were both my companions and classmates in our university days.

The first published of these books is THE PREACHER HIMSELF.

By the Rev. John J. Tigert, D. D., of Vanderbilt University. It is beautifully and appropriately dedicated "To the Preachers' Wives in the Itinerary of Southern Methodism."

THE DOCTRINE AND FUNCTION OF REVELATION.

Is the title of the other book; the author, Rev. J. H. Harrison, B. A., principal of McTyeire Institute, McKenzie, Tenn.

I speak what I know when I say that this work is the product of years of deep and earnest thought and painstaking investigation; and it will certainly be read by the scholar and the thinker with profound interest.

Some of the conclusions will seem startling to many. But such a book should not be rejected because one cannot agree with all its teachings.

It would be impossible, in a short newspaper article, to review such a work without making false impressions and creating unjust prejudices.

Plain and somewhat blunt in his bearing, the boy gave but little promise at first of what the man would, in the future, become.

He then proceeds to discuss the claim of Scripture and the nature and purport of revelation, and to discriminate between truth revealed and incidental.

Part II. discusses the "relation to the doctrines of physical science;" and Part III. "Man in relation to the universe."

I cannot follow this devout and earnest thinker in all his conclusions; but the book is thought-provoking, and, if read and understood, will do

good. This impression it has left deeply fixed in my mind: That the undue emphasis we are accustomed to put upon the physical side of life is the cause of many serious mistakes in religion and about the Bible.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

AGAIN A BENEFACTOR.

SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

Three books, or rather one book in three small parts, have fallen recently under this writer's eye, which he wishes to notice briefly, yet enough to interest every person who has the direction of the mind of a little boy or girl.

Number one devotes ten chapters to the crab and the remainder to wasps and bees, and what a wonderful amount of wisdom has the author put up in homeopathic, sugar-coated, pellets, which one greedily swallows without knowing it is knowledge disguised!

A long time ago our little Nell, now nearly nine years old, gravely informed her mother that when she got big enough she would write a book for children.

CHARACTER BUILDING.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. J. S. KENDALL.

In a September number of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE there appeared an obituary notice of the late Robert M. Shelton, written by Rev. John M. Barcus.

But beneath the strong exterior of many a noble life there often lie elements of which the world at large little dreams. These, paradoxical as it may seem, can be the source of weakness and of strength.

Fourteen years ago last September, Robert, then a mere stripling, presented himself to the writer as a pupil, among the thirty-two who formed the nucleus of the Honey Grove High School.

Experience demonstrates that boys, for the most part, are gregarious in thought as well as in action, following too often the lead of some jolly-souled comrade, without stopping to ask themselves the right or the wrong of the steps to be taken.

This was not the case with the subject of our sketch. Boyish pranks, if they crossed the line of established authority, had no charms for him.

A little incident will serve to illustrate his determination to do what he undertook: In the spring of 1876 a goodly number of promising young men and bright girls were on the rolls of the high school.

was a pause, a slight noise on the right side of the room, and then the frightened but determined boy moved slowly to the speaker's place in the center of the stage. The knocking together of the knees, the spasmodic movements of the arms and the hurried tones, all plainly showed the would-be orator's agitation.

After one year's stay at the high school, during which time he had studied only the elementary branches, the subject of our sketch wished to leave school in order to attend a commercial college. His highest ambition then was to be a bookkeeper in a country village store.

The writer does not know whether or not the counsel of any other friend was sought or given in regard to a change of location which might involve likewise a change of church.

Yes, at the early age of thirty he passed from labor to his rich reward. As all earnest workers in any honorable calling may well wish to do, he died in the harness of duty.

May the all-wise and merciful Father give us many such blessed examples to teach us how to live and how to die for truth, duty and heaven.

GLASGOW, MO.

PREPARATION OF SERMONS.

REV. J. M. BARCUS.

[This paper was read before the preachers' meeting at Fort Worth, December 30, and is published by request of the meeting.]

Preaching is a great mystery. It is a combination of human and Divine power. God chose man, above all other agencies at his command, and honored him by confiding to him a commission involving the eternal destiny of souls.

Preaching is that which the Holy Ghost impresses on the heart, but no impressions can be made unless the heart be kept in a pure and receptive and impenetrable state.

The more intelligent of the medical fraternity are fast recognizing the fact

that climatic changes are, in very many instances, far more potent for good in certain human ailments than are drugs and specifics. In the case of our friend this was certainly true, as he had proven to his own satisfaction, theoretically and practically.

An important item in the preparation of a sermon is the selecting of a subject. This cannot be done intelligently without a careful study of the congregation for whom it is prepared.

To do this demands great wisdom and discretion. It is his business to show the adaptability of the gospel to all parts of man and all phases of human life.

Having thus selected a subject, then select for a text the passage of Scripture which most clearly presents that subject. This will sometimes be found in a single sentence, or in one or more verses, or in a scrap of sacred history.

It is a good plan to make a topical outline, arranging each position so as to lead gradually and conclusively to the end in view. This will give symmetry to the sermon, and if there is a natural development the mind of the hearer will be more likely to retain it.

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he cannot lead another where he himself has not been. The preacher must take care also as to the motives that actuate him. The temptations at this point are great and insidious. If the tendency of the populace is to heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, the temptation to the preacher is to supply the one in demand.

When God counts a man worthy to put him into the ministry and bestows upon him the gift of prophecy, it is his duty to prophesy according to the gift bestowed.

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use the original Hebrew or Greek words and claim original definitions as to their meaning. As a rule, such practice gives proof that the preacher drank from the Pnyan spring where it was very shallow.

The preacher should cultivate the art of apt and live illustration. The average hearer will be more forcibly impressed with a truth plainly illustrated than with an abstract statement.

It is well to cultivate the intensive style, as opposed to the extensive. By all means let the length of the sermon be proportioned to the thoughts presented. Much of the cry of the people against long sermons is justified by a violation of this rule on the part of the preacher.

Two letters appeared in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE of August 5, 1889, signed respectively A. Wilford Hall and S. C. Littlepage, No. 1 dated September 10, 1888, and No. 2, September 17 of the same year.

EVOLUTO-PANTHEISTIC DRIVE. We Neither ask for, nor Give, Quarter to the Enemy.

REV. C. L. MENGER.

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Unnecessary, because their attainments, in that respect, have been sufficiently exhibited heretofore; and impossible, because the base of the theory is false and pantheistic; for Mr. Hall says that God neither did, nor can, make substance out of nothing, and that all substance was made out of God himself.

Her enemies, by attempting to destroy, have only built the walls of the church the stronger; by attempting to exterminate, they have only planted it in every land; were her apostles, bishops and zealous members put to death to intimidate the flock, their blood only proved to be the elixir of life, welling up in the heart and imparting new vigor and momentum to it, strengthening every nerve, expanding every muscle, and urging her on to more rapid growth, until now she is revered by the governments of the civilized world, and justice is administered by the courts in her name.

The Christian religion sustains to the world the relation of a defendant in court, who is only required to put in his plea of general denial, without proof.

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EVOLUTION-PANTHEISTIC DRIVE.

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ducing any evidence until the plaintiff makes out his case, which the plaintiff can only do by proving the allegations in his petition. Let them rebuild the temple of Jerusalem and restore its worship; let them rebuild Ninevah, Babylon, or Tyre, and cause them to be inhabited, and let them restore the government of Egypt to her native-born sons; let them do all of this, or any one of them, and then will be the time for us to answer, by proving the truth of our religion.

It is not her enemies whom the church has cause to fear, but her professed friends, who have spied out her liberties, who wear her robes by her authority; partake of her altars, and profess her religion; who have the watchword of her sentinels; mess with her soldiers; draw rations from the commissariat and money from her treasury; who, by their insignia of office, are the better enabled to gain the confidence and to pervert the faith of the credulous and the unsuspecting.

When a Christian minister of any church, and the more especially of the Methodist Church, peddles Hall's Problem of Human Life among the flock over whom he is pastor as a proper food for their spiritual life, a decent respect for the proprieties of life, the religion he professes, and the church he represents—excuse me, the church he misrepresents—and whose doctrines he professes to believe, would suggest that he retire to "brush college" and there begin his theological studies anew, for his intellect must be so obtuse that he cannot discern between the sword of the Spirit and the tail of the dragon. Had these letters appeared in any other than a Methodist paper, this writer would have been silent, but the prominence given them by the manner and place of their publication seems to me to demand some notice of them, which shall be as extensive as their publication, for our silence would, doubtless, be regarded by these writers, and perhaps by others, either as an approval of their sentiments, or an inability on the part of anyone, and especially the minister, to answer them; and as no one has appeared to do so to this date, I take the responsibility of taking the sword of the Spirit and of meeting the foe, and it may be, that by giving him the "terrier" point, I shall pierce, at least, the gossamer sac containing the superabundance of gas which envelopes him and open a way for its escape.

The book to which these letters relate is labeled, "The Problem of Human Life," and the essence of that book must be made known to the reader before he can appreciate these letters to the full extent of their merits. I do not mean the book now published in one volume, and labeled, "The Problem of Human Life," for that book is a trinity in unity, being composed of three books, formerly published separately, and named respectively, "The Problem of Human Life," "Evolution Evolved," and "The Evolution of Sound," all of which appear here in one volume, bearing the aforementioned label, the connection of which seems to be the continuous paging, and the unity, the binding.

The original book, called the "Problem of Human Life," (of which alone I now write) in this volume contains only twenty pages, and is designated as chapter II. Then follow twenty-six pages of controversy with correspondents, in which the author pleads by way of confession and avoidance the allegations of his opponents. Then follow six pages said to be something about the will, but just what about it is unintelligible. "The Problem of Human Life," and the book, or, as it is in this volume, the chapters called "Evolution Evolved," I have read with care and thought, but I have not read—"Evolution of Sound" I have not read—not even so much as one page—because the author said, at the end of "The Problem of Human Life," that I could "skip" "The Evolution of Sound," and I skipped, and I have never since had the desire to skip back again.

That the reader may have a clear view of the nature of my dissent from the sentiments expressed therein, I will give some extracts from one of these letters, and the book. But first from letter No. 2:

"You have done a noble work, Doctor, for which I believe God has raised you up and sustained you, and it is natural, and perhaps right, that you should still 'lay about you' with the weapon that shook the regions round about this wilderness of learned speculation; and if some Herod is permitted for a time to arrest you, don't suffer a shadow of doubt to flit across your moral sky, but let me send you with a loving, loyal heart a message from the master: 'The blind receive their sight—the lame walk—the lepers are cleansed—the deaf hear—the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them, and blessed is he whoe'er is not offended in me.' As this was the message sent by Jesus to John, whom Herod had arrested, if the analogy is to hold good throughout, one of these writers should be beheaded and the other crucified.

And, now, I submit to the intelligent reader, if this perfumed, mellifluous gush has not the true cat-pup flavor, with the taffy addition? Can it be possible that there is a Methodist minister who believes that God has raised up and sustained Mr. Hall for the purpose of teaching that God made all material as well as immaterial substances out of himself, and that as a consequence, everything serene in as well as "aggregatum" is God—that the most loathsome beast or reptile wears a body that was made out of God's body, and inhabited by a life that is a part of his eternal life, and that at death the life flows back into him, its eternal source—and this is the substance of what all this gush is about.

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"And the Door Was Closed."

All day the rich and costly feast was spread; And, standing at the door,
The host stood waiting—for the guests he said,
"Come in, there's room for many more."

And many came in answer to the call,
Still there was room for more,
Both young and old came to the banquet hall,
And still the Master stood with open door.

The brave Centurion, at whose simple word
Retainers come and go,
And whose eloquence Sanhedrims stirred,
Who came at night the word of life to know,
Were there, and men of lower grade.

To every passer-by the Master said,
"Entreatingly, there's room for many more."
And women, too, came early to the feast,
The fair, the young, the old—
The matron with her babe upon her breast,
And maiden with youth's glory crown of gold.

At last, in clouds, the weary sun went down,
And then they shut the door,
The precious opportunity was gone,
The rich and costly banquet closed and o'er.

After the door was shut, one came alone—
One who, in early youth,
Was to the Master of the feast well known
And loved—who almost found the truth:

But worldliness and riches in his mind
Did better thoughts outweigh,
So, sorrowing for the good he left behind,
He from the Master's counsel turned away.

His riches now have taken wings and flown,
And with them friends and love;
The golden bowl is broken, and alone
He comes, after the feast is over.

But let him knock; although the hour is late,
No one may dare to say:
To him who comes in humble, prayerful state,
The door is closed for aye.

A Paper on Imagination.

There lingers in the memory of the artist the picture of a snow-capped mountain, an Italian sunset, the ruins of an ancient castle, the rushing torrent of a mighty cataract merging into a gently flowing river. With canvas and brush he represents these perceptions combined into one grand painting. This picture is the creation of an active imagination. Each component part is a reality; the relation they sustain to one another in the picture is an ideality. The material is old; the combination is new.

The soldier reads an account of a desperate battle, and he hears the general's quick command, the cannon's roar; he sees whole lines of comrades fall, like thistle-down before autumnal winds; he sees the conquered retreat, with furled banner and sheathed sword, march before the ranks of the exultant victors. This is the product of a passive imagination, which forms, not original combinations, but pictures of scenes presented by the language of another. Both active and passive imaginations are possessed in different degrees by different persons. Imagination, then, is a grouping of the facts of memory into various new assemblages and investing them with reality. Imagination is divided by Henry George into three kinds, or classes. A natural imagination involuntarily presents ideas in the order in which impressions are received. A logical imagination, like a philosophical memory, presents ideas in the order of their importance; that is, objects in the order of their relative deduction. A poetical imagination disregards the natural and logical orders and presents ideas so as to produce a pleasing effect upon the mind. Psychologists differ as to whether imagination is a distinct faculty of the mind or a power to which are subordinate perception, memory, reason, etc. In conception the object is presented; in imagination it is invented. Memory deals with what is actual and past; imagination with what is ideal, whether pertaining to the past or future. Reason asks what is true? Imagination, what is possible? Perception gathers the grain of memory; and imagination utilizes it. Wayland and Upham regard imagination as "a complex exercise of the mind." Brown defines it as being the "power of combining objects which are remembered with various new assemblages." Some philosophers make the terms synonymous with invention. According to this view the cotton gin of Eli Whitney is as much a creation of imagination as the Saint Peter of Michael Angelo.

About the Lesson.

LESSON IV., SUNDAY, JANUARY 26.

JOY OVER THE CHILD JESUS.
LUKE II: 9-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." (Verse 14.)

MEMORY VERSES, 10-14.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. Who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed? Augustus Caesar.
2. Who went up to Bethlehem with his wife? Joseph of Nazareth.
3. What happened in the inn-yard at Bethlehem? The babe was born.
4. Who were watching their flocks near by? Some shepherds.
5. Who appeared to them? An angel.
6. What did he say? "Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."
7. Whom did he say was born today in the city of David a Savior?
8. What should be a sign unto them? The babe should be wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
9. What next occurred? "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God."
10. What did they say? "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."
11. What came to pass when the angels were gone? "The shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem."
12. What did they do? "They came and sought for him, and found him."
13. Did they find it as the angel said? Yes; they found Joseph, Mary and the babe.
14. What did they do? They made it known to all.
15. How did the people feel? They were all amazed at all those things told them by the shepherds.
16. What did Mary do? She "kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."
17. What did the shepherds now do? They returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."

LESSON SUGGESTIONS.

Interesting Events.—As already intimated, the events recorded in Matthew 2:1-24 probably followed the return of Mary to Nazareth. Then, nearly three months after, came the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary went thither to be enrolled, in accordance with the decree of Caesar Augustus, which commanded all the Jews to go "every one to his own city" to be enrolled. (The Roman ruler was Quirinus—the Cyrenus of the Authorized Version—but it is disputed whether he was only superintendent of the census or the official governor of Syria.) In the stable belonging to the carpenter at Bethlehem, Jesus was born.

Places.—The neighborhood of Bethlehem; the stable where the child was laid; Bethlehem is about six miles south of Jerusalem, on the road to Hebron; it was at this time the place of small importance (comp. Micah 5:2). The traditional site of the Nativity is a cave southeast of the town. Over this a church was built by the Empress Helena in the fourth century, and a Latin convent is now there. This may be the real site, but it cannot be proven. The appearance to the shepherds has been located about a mile east of the convent, and Helena built a church here also, which is now in ruins.

Time.—The chronology accepted in these pages places the birth of Christ at December 25, year of Rome 749; that is, B. C. 4. It cannot well be placed later, since Herod died in A. D. C. 730. But it may have been in an earlier year, or earlier in A. D. C. 740, though the former is less probable than the latter. The usual reckoning accepts December 25 as the date, but fixes the year as A. U. C. 754; that is, A. D. C. 684.—A. D. 1, the year being placed near the beginning of the year, the beginning being fixed at the miraculous conception. The visit of the shepherds occurred on the night of the birth.

Persons.—The shepherds (number unknown); one angel; then "a multitude of the heavenly host"; the child, his mother and Joseph.

Incidents.—The shepherds watching; the appearance of the angel; the fear of the shepherds; the comforting message of the angel; the song of the heavenly host; the visit of the shepherds to Bethlehem; the surprise of their story; the effect upon Mary; the return of the shepherds.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. The first of duty is the place of honor in this world. There is no place of special privilege to be compared with the place where one's personal responsibilities center for the time being. When Zacharias had a round of duty in the temple at Jerusalem, an angel came to him with a message from God: When the shepherds of Bethlehem had a round of duty in the open fields tending their flock by night, an angel of the Lord came to them with a heavenly message. If Zacharias had left his post of temple-duty to look after sheep, he would have missed the angel's visit. If the shepherds had neglected their flock in order to be at the temple, they would have failed to receive the honor God planned for them. It is not a question of the relative importance of temple-service or sheep-tending; but it is a question of one's personal duty in the premises. God wants every child of His to be where duty befalls, day or night. Whatever honors or privileges God has in store for us will send us to our post of duty. If we are not there just then, we shall miss the blessing; and it would be no excuse for us to say that we had deserted our post of duty in order to look up honors and privileges elsewhere.

And they were sore afraid (v. 9). Afraid of the angels! Afraid at the moment when God was doing more for them than ever before; more in His way than had ever been done for any of the sons of men. How much of human nature they showed in this fear! How common it is to shrink back from our best blessings—or from that which accompanies them! We think more of the flames of the furnace fire opening before us, than of the sure companionship of the Son of God which we shall find in those flames. When God calls us to be there, we are so conscious of the terrible nature of the storm on the sea which tosses us, that we are affrighted at even the form of the blessed Jesus as he comes through the storm on our rescue. We are so ready to rest on our own plans for our preservation and comfort, and so suspicious of the help that God has in store for us, that we have our own way in caring for us, that any way but our way is so much of a surprise that it is likely to be a terror to us. It doesn't seem as though this sickness of one of our loved ones, this failure

of our pet project, this loss of our accumulations, this latest misunderstanding with a friend, this disappointment, or accident, or bereavement, can be anything to be grateful for. It really looks frightful, or the time being. Yet we may learn, sooner or later, that it has brought the blessing of blessings to us. If indeed God has those feelings of humanity under which he lovingly pictures himself to us, how it must grieve him to see us start back in terror when he comes to us in tenderness to bestow the most precious tokens of his limitless love.

There is born to you this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord (v. 11). Every soul needs salvation; and sooner or later every soul feels that need. In the temple as well as in the sheep-field, at one time or another, there is a sense of helplessness and of longing, which only a consciousness of a sure Savior can satisfy. In all the world's history, there was never, before or since that birth-night of Jesus, another such message to the race of man as that which greeted the ears of the shepherds of Bethlehem. Only Jesus, the son of Mary has ever claimed, or been claimed, to be the personal Savior of all who would accept him. Boodhad, Zoroaster, Confucius, Muhammad, have sought to show men how they might save themselves. Jesus came to save, and he is ready to save.

They made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child (v. 17). It is to the shepherds' credit that they told what they had learned about the new-born Savior. It would have been their shame if they had not done so. If one man of a party perishing with thirst on the desert should learn of a well near by, what would be thought of him if he were to creep to that well and drink, and say nothing of it to the others? If one man out of many in the upper stories of a burning building were to learn of a passageway to a fire-escape, what a monster he would be deemed if he were to make it available for himself only, without calling the attention of all to it! If we have the knowledge of a Savior for all, we shall want all others to have that knowledge; and make it the earliest of his thoughts, that the spirit that is one of the distinguishing marks of true Christianity.

ADDED POINTS.
God's best gifts are often sent to us in the darkness of night, rather than in the glare of broad day. It is when the sunlight is hid that stars are seen in the sky. It is in the darkness of a storm, for us, let us look up for new disclosures of God's light of love.

Every messenger of God says to the child of God to whom he brings a message, "Fear not." If only we realized that God's messenger is God's messenger, we should find no room in our hearts for fear.

God's representative is quite likely to be in a stable as a palace. And God is able to make use of one who starts on the lowest plane of earthly service, for the accomplishing of a greater work than even the earthly ruler wrought among the sons of men.

There are two kinds of questioning. One is that which does not care to believe, and which has no wish to learn the real truth. The other is that which counts a message almost too good to be true, but which is ready to follow it to the fact—and accept them as fast as they are confirmed. The method of the shepherds is an example to us all.

If the truth be made known concerning Jesus Christ and his salvation, it will be a source of wonder to-day, as it was when the people were the earliest human preachers of this truth. There is not enough of this kind of message-bearing ever now. Men need to be told over and over again of the Savior who came to be their savior. There is no substitute for this kind of preaching and teaching.

Who said that salvation is wrought for us, we cannot keep from rejoicing. If a sense of it is once in our hearts, it will be always running over and never growing less.—Sunday-School Times.

Old and Young.

LITTLE PITCHERS.
Little pitchers whose ears are long
Will tell the burden of our grief;
Frown upon us and our laughing girls,
With rosy cheeks and clustering curls,
With eyes of black and brown and blue—
Who so worthy of song as you,
—Little pitchers!

Would I had a secret of State confided
To one so young as you;
Has mother something of moment deep
Too weighty for her alone to keep?
Or quiet nooks they may well beware,
For without doubt they are listening there—
—Little pitchers!

Little pitchers ask questions queer
That sometimes cause us to quake with fear;
Little care they for hint or frown—
Like Banquo's ghost they will not "down";
Words that are icy and look like frost
Milk and waxed on eggs like these—
—Little pitchers!

"Little pitchers" remember well,
And their fearful tales they are sure to tell,
Be it later or be it soon,
Always at moments inopportune.
Frightful phantoms with twinkling feet,
Beautiful, horrible, terrible—
—Little pitchers!

—John S. Adams, in January Wide Awake.

TOBY AND CHARLIE.

THEOPHILUS' LITTLE, N. D.

They were not heroes nor statesmen,
Nor characters known to fame, but simply
two horses—two faithful itinerant
horses. They were mates, belonging to the same
stable, for ever one year itinerated in
the Northwest Texas Conference. They
traveled the Hillsboro, Covington, Mountain
Creek, Acton, Fort Worth, Weather-
ford, Marystown and Arlington circuits.
During their lives they have gone on many
hard errands for Zion's good. Fed or hun-
gry, rested or weary, in summer's heat or
winter's cold, on turnpike or through slush
and mud, they stood to their hard lot
without a murmur. They have conveyed
many a herald of the Cross in Central
Texas to his appointment or to the depot
to take the train. They were a constant
help and blessing wherever they went,
together on the long and weary drive
or ride, or before the plow, or on the gala
picnic day, the same uniform, faithful,
true servants, doing duty for the poor
little reward of scant food in this life
alone. One died at 10 o'clock on Satur-
day morning, December 14, and the other
left not the spot where his comrade's life
except as he was bridled and taken away,
and next morning he was found cold and
dead a few rods away. Amid a flood of
tears from the little ones (and perhaps the
older ones) they were taken away to their
last resting-place in the valley. In the
depth of our loss and grief we say: God
bless the people who take care of a preach-
er's horse.

GEORGIA'S SECOND JASPER.

A great deal has been said and written about the siege of Battery Wagner. The record of those days is full of suffering and destruction, but luminous with points of martial courage and personal bravery.

Indeed, the history of the civil war is rich with heroic incidents. Accustomed as its soldiers were to feats of prowess, fond of personal adventure, the Confederate army furnished its quota of brave and unperturbable spirits, willing to take any odds for the execution of orders, or the accomplishment of difficult plans. Inferior in numbers and equipments to the enemy, the Southern army was kept together, especially during the latter days, by a daring and determined spirit which fired its soldiers and made it almost invincible. Hundreds of these incidents will never be written. They were lost in the wreck of civil strife, and scores of anecdotes now floating about during the regimental reunions will be forgotten when the men who repeated them at the camp-fires are laid to rest.

The last days of Battery Wagner were described by Colonel Charles C. Jones in his address to the Confederate Survivors' Association on Memorial Day, 1888. His description is vivid and impressive, when he says:

"We were exhausted by continued vigils, enfeebled by a scarcity of food and water, and well-nigh stunned by the ceaseless roar of the bombardment. The bomb-proofs had suffered so severely that they were capable of but partial repair. Outside of them, the men could not live; inside they were barely tolerable, but persistently had the Federals pushed their saps, that it almost crowned the counter-scarp of Wagner. Such of the heavy guns of that fort as were still serviceable could not be depressed sufficiently to bear upon the working parties, and the sharp-shooters of the enemy electrically commanded all the embrasures. So violent was the hurricane of bursting shells and impinging solid shot—sweeping the parade at all points, and searching even the gun-chambers—and so unremitting was the fire from telescopic rifles, that the Confederates could no longer safely exist in their heads above the parapet without incurring the penalty of certain death. Wagner had been practically silenced, and was silently suffering inevitable demolition."

But the incident I am going to relate is known only to the members of the Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, and at that time not all of them were present. This gallant regiment was commanded by Colonel William P. Crawford, now a resident of Augusta, and himself one of the coolest, bravest and most modest survivors of the war. Among the men then with us several who are now citizens of Augusta. It was during the very hottest of the fight that Colonel Crawford decided to send an order over to a detachment at his command, stationed in a different part of the fort.

Nearly every gun had been disabled, and Colonel Jones, in his description, declared that, in the midst of this tempest of shot and shell, there were hours when even a bird could not have flown with safety across the parade ground of the fort. Old soldiers who were there will remember that this description did but justice to the facts of the taking of the fort. It was, indeed, but little else than a volcano.

"How to get this order executed was a problem. Colonel Crawford called for volunteers. There were men there who did not mind adventure. For fifty days they had braved shot and shell, and there were no places about the fort lonely figures or safe; but to walk out on the parade-ground so as to reach another point of Morris Island meant certain death and mutilation. Men who, every day, were putting their lives upon a hazard, naturally shrank from any such escapade.

But the order had to be obeyed. "Well, boys, shall I go myself?" said the popular commander, walking towards the open space.

"No, colonel; I will go!"
A tall fellow, with black hair and mustache, came out of the bastion. Saluting his commander with the proper figure of a man on dress parade, Private John Martin received the colonel's orders, and walked over the parade-ground. Quiet seemed to reign in the fort. What few guns had been served from time to time on the Confederate side, were stilled, for the gunners were noting the lonely figure as it stalked across the plain. It seemed to his companions that John Martin was seven feet tall. Around him, on every side, poured the unremitting hail of Parrott guns and Coehorn mortars. It looked to his comrades like Martin had gone on his long journey; but, if he ever thought of his almost hopeless errand, he did not show it. With steps slow and stately, as if on picket duty, John Martin measured off the space that seemed to separate him from eternity. The few hundred yards were made in safety, but it seemed to the men in the fort that they would never be contacted. Then commenced the return of the faithful messenger, as he faced about from the barrette after delivering the order that shifted or silenced the Confederate fire in that part of the fort.

Would nothing auster that stolid spirit, and make him walk faster in this race for his life? Only one thing perhaps, and that happened just then.

Casting his eye towards the sky—it was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon—John Martin looked up immediately to the bright sun which flamed beyond the bastions fringed with fire. Possibly he thought of his home up in Georgia and wondered whether he would ever see his friends alive. Just then a shot struck the flag which floated serenely above the battle, and the radiant bunting fluttered half-way down the staff like a shadow of ill-omen to Battery Wagner. John Martin had performed his mission. He had no obligation now, except to get back to the bomb-proof as fast as possible.

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ble. As if emboldened by this dismantling of the flag, the Federal batteries and ships redoubled their fusillade, but Martin's blood was up. For the first time during this dangerous outing his spirit seemed to flame. Personal danger had failed to arouse him; the sight of the disheveled flag fired his very soul.

With the firing of a panther he rushed to the center of the parade-ground and climbing to the halyards, succeeded in reaching the flag to its defiant height again. Shells may fell like rain, but somehow the stars and bars stole the storm without a shred, and Private John Martin got back and reported to his commander.

The boys say there was something unsteady in Colonel Crawford's voice when he said: "All right, John. I will give you a furlough if we ever get out of here." And as for John Martin, he went back into fort and hid his pipe and returned to his post in his old, quiet, faithful way. No stars or epaulettes ever marked his soldier's cloth. To-day he lives on Captain Sam May's place, in Columbia county, where he has worked ever since the war. The man who wants to know anything about his heroic conduct at Battery Wagner must hear the details of this incident, as I have done from some one else.—Cor. Augusta Chronicle.

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MISTAKEN COMPLIMENTS. There are no greater qualities in a writer or speaker than perspicuity and simplicity.

THE GREAT CRIME.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has suddenly, after all these long years of spotless purity, fallen into an irreparable sin. It has actually and voluntarily, with motive aforesaid, made some money. And not only so, but the crime has been greatly aggravated by appropriating the enormous sum of \$5,000.00 to enrich the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased traveling preachers!

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1. It is a sin for the church to make money. It goes without successful contradiction that the church should always be poor, and therefore cannot, without sin, make money.

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greater fault. A liberality so profuse as that bestowed upon the claimants certainly should not be curtailed by any means. Of course when all the people are furnished literature "dirt cheap," their liberality will expand proportionately. The demand for cheapness tends to promote liberality. True, it would be just as reasonable to demand pastors to live at cost, and missionaries to go at cost, and editors to work at cost, and teachers to teach at cost, and everything to be brought down to dirt-cheapness, in order to promote liberality.

By the way, this subject offers a good opportunity for the preachers to exhort their stewards by example. The pastors are the stewards, so to speak, of the claimants. Let all the pastors now oppose supplementing the meagre pittance given the claimants by the conferences with the products of the house, and so teach their own stewards, by example, that they themselves will be perfectly satisfied with a little bread and water.

There are no greater qualities in a writer or speaker than perspicuity and simplicity. St. Paul declared that it was better to speak five words with the understanding than ten thousand in an unknown tongue.

A HERESY IN MORALS.

In an article published in a recent number of the Independent, on the "Trials and Triumphs of the Preacher," Dr. Howard Crosby uses the following language: It is customary to speak of the three professions of law, medicine and theology, and hence to reckon the practitioners in these as having similar aims, motives and methods.

Dr. BARBER has gotten out a second edition of the Annotated Hymn Book. It is about the size of the hymn and tune edition, and each hymn has appended a biographical sketch, so to speak, by Dr. W. F. Tillett, giving all that is known about the origin and circumstances, authorship, doctrine and changes of the hymn.

THE REV. J. P. MUSSETT, writing of a young man who recently died in his charge, says: "I had the statement from his own lips that he had brooked the disease upon himself by smoking cigarettes."

Jesus Christ was the model man, and his was the model life, not only for the preacher, but also for the lawyer and physician and all other men. He ministered to the bodies as well as to the souls of men for the same supreme end of doing them good.

accomplish some other higher and better purpose in itself a violation of the laws which control its proper uses. Every legitimate profession and occupation among men has a benevolent purpose which should be the chief aim of those who follow it. We hold the doctor, therefore, to be guilty of a heresy in morals, in that he says that it is "a perfectly legitimate and honorable end" for the "lawyer and physician to practice their professions for the sake of worldly emolument."

REV. SAMUEL ARMSTRONG. Rev. Samuel Armstrong, a superannuated member of the North Texas Conference, died at his home in West Dallas, Jan. 17, 1890. He was born in Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 13, 1813. He was converted in early life and licensed to preach Feb. 14, 1836, at Charleston, S. C. He entered the traveling ministry in the South Carolina Conference, and was ordained deacon by Bishop Andrew, and then elder by Bishop Morris, at Columbia, S. C.; was stationed at Charleston and other places in that conference. He was transferred to the Alabama Conference, and was presiding elder on the Montgomery district eight years, and on the Eufaula district four years. He was transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1860, and in 1873 to the North Texas Conference, and was appointed to the Dallas City mission and established the Floyd Street Church, after which he traveled but one year, when his wife having died, and being feeble in health, he was put on the superannuated list and then on the superannuated list. The daughter, with whom he made his home, and from whom the above facts were obtained, says further: During the past year he now and then received letters from the older States from men now in the ministry who said that they were converted under his preaching. Always consistent and uniform in his piety, always a peace-maker, always cheering others by telling them when despondent, "Only be patient and the clouds will pass over."

THE COLLECTION.

A READER of the ADVOCATE, of sound judgment and in his right mind, writes: "In my judgment the ADVOCATE grows better and better as the weeks go by, and is now the peer of any of the Advocate family."

WE are obliged for a ticket to the Florida Industrial and Semi-Tropical Exposition, Ocala Florida, good from Jan. 15 to April 1.

WE have received two copies of the minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference, Rev. F. P. Ray, J. K. Lane and J. M. Barcus, secretaries. We are obliged for the copies, and pronounce the work well done.

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TEXAS readers will remember the celebrated Victoria Woodhull and Tennie Claflin. THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE at the time made it so hot for them and their free-love utterances that they found it more agreeable to abbreviate their Texas tour and return to a part of the country where they could find a social atmosphere more congenial to their tastes. Subsequently they were both married, and are now residents of England. Mrs. Woodhull being now Mrs. Biddulph Martin, wife of a London banker, and Miss Tennie being the wife of Sir Francis Cook. It seems that because of some late reminiscences of the twin by American papers, their husbands are threatening to come to America and institute suits for damages. Among others whom they claim have damaged them is

Inspector Byrnes, of the New York police. The inspector naturally receives the news of his danger with smiles and a sneer, vouchsafing only the remark that in case the suit is brought there will be some very entertaining developments. It is to be hoped that since both of the parties named are, according to their own statement, "happily married," they have changed their very radical and disgusting opinions as to that holy relation-opinions which, if they be as wise as they claim to be happy, they will not cause to be aired in an American court.

THE WILLS POINT Chronicle says: "THE TEXAS ADVOCATE of last week made a mistake in connecting the Baptist Church of Wills Point with the entertainment given by the amateurs. The young men and ladies gave the entertainment and appropriated the proceeds to the church. Our community commended them for the public spirit manifested."

THE ROUND TABLE is a new paper to be issued at Nashville, Tenn., about the 1st of February next. The reasons for its publication are given in the following paragraph: "The South has had no paper of high literary claims not the organ of some party or sect. For obvious reasons, there is a great demand for such a paper, one that shall be thoroughly truth-loving, broad, and independent. This almost imperative demand has led to the establishment of The Round Table."

REV. J. G. MILLER: We have put the ADVOCATE in every Methodist home in Blum but one. Our worthy confere of the Arkansas Methodist struggles with the gripe. We hope, however, he will get the victory and be ready for work on his next issue; but he works well even when sick. In the meantime he has our sympathy.

As I get older our church papers grow more interesting and important to me in every way. How any Methodist can get his consent to do without his church paper is as inexplicable to me as that any decent man can stay in a church he does not help to support.—Dr. A. G. Haygood.

A CORRESPONDENT, in a private note, says: "When I preach a good sermon, full of unction and power, the people get the blessing; but when I falter or fail, as I often do, I get the blessing myself." We think that brother is on a high plane of grace. Any man who can extract a blessing out of failure turns his failures into successes. He does not receive "the grace of God in vain."—New Orleans Advocate.

ONE of the publishers of this paper possesses a very ingenious and scientific device for taking instantaneous photographs, and charges nothing for them. Among those who have been accommodated are Revs. W. F. Clark, C. I. McWhirter, Jno. R. Allen, D. P. Brown, E. L. Armstrong, J. M. McKee, and some others. Bro. J. H. White came near losing a train, as he did not learn of this chance until at the depot, when he was informed of it by Bro. J. M. McKee. Bro. White, however, by using double-quick action, reached the office, had his picture taken true to life, and got back in time for the cars.

REV. S. NELSON, Marysville: I am going to do my "level best" to place the ADVOCATE in every Methodist family, for where it goes the preacher and his duties and his necessities are better understood, and he is more heartily supported than in those families where it is a stranger.

A FRIEND of ours, an ex-school teacher and present real estate merchant, came into our office the past week with malice aforethought to knock the ADVOCATE's orthography into smithereens. We confessed to fallibility and occasional mistakes, typographical and otherwise, but consented to hear our critic's charge. He charged that once upon a time, in an editorial, speaking of a dog being hit the ADVOCATE said the dog h-o-l-l-o-w-ed. The ADVOCATE force began to smile, and persuade him that to save his reputation he had better withdraw his criticism, but he became more positive that a dog h-al-loses, but never hollows. Whereupon Webster's Unabridged was opened and his finger put on the place which reads: "Hollow, interj. Hullo. "Hollow, v. t. to shout; to hullo. "Whisperings and hollowings are alike to a deaf ear.—Fuller. "Hollow, v. t. to urge or call by shouting. "He has hollowed the hounds upon a velvet-headed knobbler.—W. S. out."

WE find the following extract and comment in the Oak Cliff Weekly: If the Louisiana State Lottery is forced to leave Louisiana let Texas make the company this proposition: Let Texas vouchsafe the company the right to run its lottery in Texas for, say, twenty-five, fifty or one hundred years, one-half the profits accruing to go to securing deep water somewhere on the Texas coast. Don't fly off at this and say, "We don't want a gambling concern in Texas." Think of what a mammoth thing it would be. We believe it would insure deep water for Texas in less than a decade. With deep water, Texas would be forced to have a board of health; this is what we are most interested in, though a round-about to secure it.—Texas Health Journal.

Yes, with such a pernicious carbuncle of iniquity upon her shoulders as the Louisiana State Lottery, Texas would soon need her financial health patched in many places; and, of course, like Louisiana it would hatch its "baby bonds," and its thief, Burke, to rob its poverty-stricken masses of what little the lottery

left. While that curse has been patiently borne by the unlettered foreign and negro masses of that State, it nevertheless has placed a cloud upon her once brilliant history that will be no legacy to posterity and has cost her millions of honest investment and much of her best citizenship. No, let the names of Beauregard and Early be forgotten by the people of the South, whom they have wronged of millions of money which by right belong to all other honest professions of men, and let the star of her unullied glories forever set upon Texas ere she afflicts her people with such legalized conspiracy and disgrace. The Weekly hits them none too hard, and we add that we do not care to have physical health at so great a cost as the moral debasement of the State. Texas can afford to do without a board of health, and our families without health journals a long time before they get ready to take such medicine.

HERE is an opportunity to get some good books and help a good man. The following is from Bro. E. K. Denton, under date of Jan. 13. Let Methodists come to Bro. Shaw's relief: The Rev. L. D. Shaw, of the West Texas Conference, is with his family in Gonzales, Texas, confined to his bed, and does not expect to ever get up again. He authorizes us to publish his books for sale at a reduced price on each volume. He has quite a good library of the most useful selection-books that every preacher wants, who hasn't them already. Undergraduates in the conference would do well to communicate with us as to the books they will need. The books are in my care, at the parsonage, in Gonzales, and I will take pleasure in replying to the brethren who may write to me as regards the books desired and the price of each. Brethren, if you need books let us hear from you. Bro. Shaw and family need money. As the brethren of the West Texas Conference remember, Bro. Shaw was not put on the superannuated list at the last conference, hence he receives no support from the conference. I send with this clipping from the Central Methodist, which shows something of the appreciation of Bro. Shaw by his old Kentucky Conference. I wish all could see and hear how a good man talks as to his future when death seems to be near at hand. Bro. Shaw said to me yesterday, "All was clear; he dreaded not death; he only felt sad because of his mission he was to preach to the world; to others for twenty years of years of comfort now to him." O brethren, I bless God for the faith of this pure, good man at such a crisis!

"Some of the friends of Rev. L. D. Shaw, now in Texas, in very feeble health, have determined to send him a donation, and thus show their appreciation of his valuable labors while in Kentucky and in good health. The amounts reported to us, thus far, are: John W. McDanehl, \$10; R. B. Baird, \$5. These brethren are at Ghent, Kentucky. Let the brethren who would like to join in this movement either report to this office, or to Bro. Baird, as above, and the matter will have prompt attention. The plan is to raise at least one hundred dollars."

READ Dr. Morton's notice. FIFTY MINUTES WITH THE PRESS. What the Papers Think and Say. The Sunday-School Times gives this good definition of charity and breadth: There is such a thing as intolerance of all narrowness; that is not breadth; it is only one form of intolerance; and all intolerance is narrow. Narrowness has its roots in the world. Many a man would fail to be of any service unless it worked within narrow limits. He whose mind is capable of breadth rejoices in narrowness where narrowness is a necessity; within the proper limits of narrowness he also is narrow, but beyond those limits he sees yet more to rejoice in. The test of a man's breadth of view is the charity of his estimate of uncharitableness, rather than the fulness of his approval of charity in general. Unless a man can be charitable toward uncharitableness he is not truly charitable. Unless a man is broad-minded enough to see the good of narrowness, he is not so broad-minded as he ought to be. Charity and breadth are more than mere names. The missionary Reporter commends a question: "I feel but little interest in foreign missions," remarked a Christian mother to her minister, who was seeking to introduce missionary literature into her home. "Have you ever taught your child to repeat the Lord's Prayer?" he inquired. "No, I have not," she answered, in a tone of surprise. "Would it not be well, he answered, "to leave out of that prayer the words 'thy kingdom come'? That is a missionary prayer. The business of the missionary is to spread the kingdom of Christ among all nations. Christ considered the work of missions of such importance that he made it the special subject of prayer among his people in all lands and in all ages. As you differ with Christ on that subject, would it not be as well if you left it out of the prayer you teach your children? Are you ready to amend the Lord's Prayer?" "What ever may be, been the impression made on the mind of this good lady, we commend the question to other Christian mothers: "Are you ready to amend the Lord's Prayer?" "Would it not be better to amend our opinions and adjust them to the mind of Christ?"

THE NEW ORLEANS Advocate, speaking of the Sam Jones meeting, has this to say about the press of that city: The attitude of the press of this city toward this revival movement is opening the eyes of a great many people as to its temper on the great moral question of the day. Very little has been said in the daily papers about the meeting. The P-daytime started out well; but by the end of the week it was completely silenced. It seems that the virtue of the daily press has been shocked to silence by the long and buffoonery of Sam Jones. That is the ostensible reason for this silence. Some think that the real reason is, that Sam Jones' merciless exhortations of the Louisiana State Lottery have caused that institution to send out its orders, and that the newspapers dare not disobey. The Southwestern Methodist has a word on soul winning: "He that winneth souls must have some sense," is the way Rev. Jno. B. Culppepper puts the text. Yes, and much sense at that. If we could get a correct analysis of all the preaching that is done, if we could know how much of it is lost energy, and how much of it is working spiritual power, we should be astonished. I doubt not. We know a preacher of brain-power, a man who thinks much, who preaches much, and if he only could or would connect himself with his congregations by a constant sympathy with them, a tenderness that years consciously and manifestly over them, he would quadruple his power for good. He almost inevitably contrasts his audience, with himself. He does it in his thinking. He manages to draw the line between

himself and the people, frequently pronouncing himself mean and intimidating that they are meaner, though they do not think that at all. Yet this brother does not lack sympathy. He has a tender heart; he will rally to the persecuted on every occasion. He cannot bear to behold imposition upon a brother. But he waits till some one actually needs help before he seems to grow tender. As ministers we must be tender-hearted, gentle toward all men. The Lord Jesus did not hesitate to show his tenderness toward even the wayward.

THE PITTSBURGH Advocate, speaking about church periodicals, among other things says: It will be well to recognize at the outset that this is the age of the press, and particularly of the newspaper department of it. The "craze" of the times is the publication of newspapers. Every village must have its own paper; and in some of every order, every society, every reform, and every little coterie which has a cause to advocate. It is not strange, then, that the same spirit of enterprise should seize the localities and institutions of the church. As a result many sections of the country, heretofore contented with the service the established periodicals give them, have commenced the publication of little local papers, and several of the church societies have started periodicals of their own, that they may, as they suppose, the better serve their own special interests. Is this course wise? Is it expedient? That the multiplication of local papers has become an evil admits of no dispute. Whatever may be said of the necessity for a few of them, and of their ability and usefulness, no one can defend the policy which plants them by the dozen and raises a crop of small and insufficiently supported papers, which are not able properly to do the work themselves, and which crowd out stronger papers which could do the church creditable service in those regions.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

NEWS, VIEWS AND PERSONALS. —St. Louis Advocate: We have received the following; no particulars: Rev. Thomas Hurst, of Ridgely, Mo., died Jan. 4, 1890, in peace. —St. Louis Advocate: Rev. T. G. Whitten was in the city late week looking after the material for his new church. The house is well advanced, covered and floored. The congregation expect to begin worship in the basement before long. —New Orleans Advocate: Bishop Galoway is president of the Board of Trustees of the new Methodist male college in Mississippi. The college has been named "Mississippi Methodist College," in honor of R. W. Milledge, who inaugurated the scheme by a donation of \$50,000 for endowment. So the college is no longer in posse; it is in esse. We are glad to chronicle the fact of the existence of another church school where our boys may be "trained up in the way they should go." —M. B. Chapman, Little Rock, in St. Louis Advocate: Just now our church in Arkansas is considerably stirred up over the removal of Hendrix College from Altus. The Board of Curators met in this city last week to consider the question, full power having been given them by the three conferences. Both sides were heard and the result was a virtual decision to remove the college to some more central and desirable location. The board adjourned to March 30th, when they will receive propositions from the various points desiring the college. Searcy, Arkadelphia, Morrilton and Little Rock will probably be the leading contestants. —The Rev. T. F. Carson, Los Angeles, Cal., sends this item: FIXLEY-PIRTLE-MARIED, December 26, 1889, at Duarte, Los Angeles county, Cal., Rev. John F. G. Finley, of Phoenix, Arizona, to Miss Lizzie Pirtle, Rev. T. F. Carson, and the bride's father, Dr. J. M. Firtle, officiating. The groom was formerly a member of the North Texas Conference. He is now presiding elder of the Arizona district, Los Angeles Conference—a man of sterling worth. The bride is well and favorably known. Her superior qualities of mind and heart have won for her the esteem of all who know her. Heaven's blessings be upon them.

HOME CONFERENCES.

TEXAS PERSONALS. —Bro. W. M. Julian, of Frankford, called on the ADVOCATE. —The Rev. M. K. Little, of Missouri Avenue Church, Fort Worth, is having a revival in his charge. —Revs. B. H. Bounds, H. C. Parrott, O. S. Thomas, R. W. Thompson, J. M. McKee, B. A. Thomasson and John H. White called to see us the past week. —The Rev. O. S. Thomas reported at this office that he had raised in cash and good subscription \$700 to rebuild the church destroyed by the recent cyclone. —Chappell Hill correspondent to Breaham Banner: The new pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. J. M. Armstrong, is meeting with a warm reception from the members of his church and the community. —The teachers and students of Chappell Hill Female College met and passed resolutions, regretful, appreciative and commendatory, on Dr. O. L. Williams, who leaves that place to make his home in Dallas. —Chappell Hill correspondent to Breaham Banner: The Rev. C. H. Brooks, presiding elder of this district, has returned to our midst, and he and his family met with a cordial welcome from his many friends. —We sympathize with the Rev. S. H. Nettles of the East Texas Conference, whose wife, Sister Leah Nettles, died at Longview, Jan. 16. May our brother have all the consolation of the gospel in his great sorrow. —The Rev. W. M. Leatherwood writes under date of Jan. 16: "Died, at the family residence, in Preston Bend, Grayson county, on the 12th inst., (Sunday morning at 2 a. m.), Mrs. Nannie Noble, wife of Rev. A. G. Noble. Obituary will be forwarded soon." We pray that Bro. Noble may find the grace of the Lord sufficient. —C. S. McCarver, Alvarado: Bro. Key and wife came with Bro. Fred Cox and were with us at the first quarterly meeting Saturday and Sunday. The bishop preached us three splendid sermons. He was a blessing to us. Bro. Cox is the same friend to God, the preacher and the church that he used to be. He sustained this relation to us before.

Valley View.

W. F. Easterling, Jan. 14: I am not very well. My folks, a few nights ago, pounded me with such varied appliances as to overtax my digestive capability; but neither I nor they are weary in well doing.

Texas Christian Advocate.

White Citizen—Well, Jackson, what are you doing for a living now? Colored Citizen—Am't doin' nothin'...

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup contains nothing injurious and will relieve your baby of pain and all disorders of the bowels at once.

Landlady—I hope you find the turkey tender, Mr. Growler? Growler—If'n I do, wuss—No, I ain't eat the bird as the only child...

We can truthfully say that in no instance has Morley's T-X-S Ague Tonic failed to cure Chills when taken strictly as directed.

Denist—Do you want to take laughing gas? Visitor—Not till after the tooth is out, boss—reckon I'll feel like laughin' den.

Since the improvement in cooking, mankind eat about twice as much as nature requires; to counteract the bad effect of an over-loaded stomach, take Cascarene.

Impetuous Sultor—Will you have me? Elderly Spinster (with cash)—What could I do with you? Impetuous Sultor—You might do Europe with me.

Lambus will find relief from their Costiveness, swimming in the Head, Colic, Sour Stomach, Headache, Kidney troubles, etc., by taking a dose of Simmons' Liver Regulator after dinner or supper, so as to move the bowels on a day.

"Why don't you go to work? Why do you waste your time beggin'?" Did you ever beg? "No; of course not." "Den ye don't know what work is."

A Lady in South Carolina writes: My labor was shorter and less painful than on two former occasions; physicians astonished; I thank you for "Mother's Friend."

"How do you like the music, Mr. Jenkins?" said Miss Parsons. "I'm sorry but I have no ear for music," he answered. "No," put in Mr. Jasper; "he uses his for a pen rack."

I sell Morley's T-X-S Ague Tonic on a guarantee and never had a bottle returned. Every purchaser was perfectly satisfied and it cured several very stubborn cases. I know, JOHN S. BARTLETT.

Some one, on being told that a young lady studying through law, had mastered it in three week, said: "News reports torquissimus fact."

"Into each life some rain must fall, some days are dark and dreary." Yet many a dark day might be avoided if the liver is kept in good condition by the use of Cascarene.

Showing John Bull Around—"And what is this?" asked the visitor. "This is Wall street. It is the most celebrated of all our American watering-places." "Fawny?"

The only reliable vegetable substitute for meat, which acts on the liver, blood, kidneys and stomach, and best anti-bilious purgative is Eugene's Catharine. Sold by Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, and by the Santa Fe, St. Louis, and a host of prominent people.

The Law's delay—Any applications for pardons? "New Her's a fellow who is sentenced to death by electricity wants a ten-year policy on his life." "Oh, take it. It's a waste risk."

A falling drop will at last carve a stone. Just as surely constipation, if not relieved by the use of Cascarene, will work its deadly effect on the system.

He-Tell me, confidentially, how much did that bonnet cost you? She—"There is but one way in which you can obtain the right to inspect my millinery bills." He popped.

It is a good infirmity for the young and mid-aged to be hale. To overcome this and appear young, use Hall's Hair Remover, a reliable remedy.

Already Here.—Chicagoan (visiting a friend in New York)—Seems to me, old fellow, that you have an unaccountably large number of party girls in New York. Gothamite—Why, certainly; New York already has the World's Fair.

Success pretends imitations. Genuine Pears' Extract is sold only in bottles, with landscape view on buff wrapper.

Mabel—Let's play house; I'll be the mother, George—Yes, and I'll be the father, Clara—And I'll be the coal. Mabel and George (indignantly)—Yes, that's just you! You always want to be the boss of everything.

A genuine female regulator and iron tonic in demand by nearly every woman, and that which stands pre-eminent is Dr. Dromgold's ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS.

Dr. J. P. Dromgold & Co., of Louisville, Ky., the originators of the world-renowned English Female Bitters, which has restored to health so many women afflicted in the very jaws of death, publish a Family Medical Adviser, which they will send to any address on receipt of a stamp to pay postage.

"Daughter, I do wish you would learn to talk without making so many exclamations. Everything you speak of is accompanied with 'Oh!' 'The idea!' 'Great goodness!' or something of that kind." "Why? goodness gracious, just! How can I help it? The idea! We girls all talk that way."

DEER, ARK., November 30, 1888. My father had a very bad case of Chills, and after trying a whole lot of several kinds of "chill cures" without effect, he bought a 50 cent bottle of Morley's T-X-S Ague Tonic, one or two doses of which broke the chills and before he had used all of one bottle he was enjoying perfect health. JORDAN KELSO.

Bad Punishment.—"After him came Lord Salisbury on his head; a white hat with a red; large but well-lacquered boots on his brow; a dark cloud in his hand; the unmovable; walking stick in his eyes; a threatening look in gloomy silence."

"A sensible flea will not eat his breakfast on the lip of a liver," neither will a wise man suffer from dyspepsia, a disordered liver or constipation, when he can get such a pleasant and certain remedy as Cascarene.

Artist—You seem to be very humble in the presence of that man. You acted as if you were afraid of him. You're not usually so deferential. Journalist—Hush, he might hear you. That's the compositor who sets up my work.

PATTERSON, TEXAS, May 9, 1887. I handle all kinds of Ague Cures, but Morley's T-X-S Ague Tonic has the lead, because it never fails to give satisfaction. I sell more of it than all the rest combined. J. H. FERGUSON.

Look out for the cows and don't let them get lousy. A little lard and snuff thoroughly mixed and rubbed along the backbone from the horns to the tail every seven days for three or four weeks will exterminate this torment to live stock.

Table of church meetings for the Galveston District—First Round, listing various churches and dates.

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Salt your meat in a good cask and put salt sufficient on each layer to cover it. Three or four days after make a brine as strong as can be made.

As in a Looking Glass.—"Do you know," said Algernon, "your face reminds me of a mirror, for I can see nothing in it but truth."

Pedigree is good enough as far as it goes, but when that is all a pig has to recommend it the sooner it is fattened for market or to be butchered as soon as possible the better.

DR. SCHENCK'S MANDRAKE PILLS DR. SCHENCK'S SEAWeed TONIC DR. SCHENCK'S PULMONIC SYRUP

GOOD FOODS! LOW PRICES! We are no new comers, as we have advertised in the Christian Advocate for the last five years.

IRON & GIRARDET, Corner Fifth and Market Sts., LOUISVILLE, KY.

THE ANGELUS. Costliest Picture in the World.

THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. A copy of this etching on fine plate paper, 2 1/2x4 inches in size, will be sent free, postage prepaid, to every annual subscriber for November 1, 1888.

ESTES PIANOS & ORGANS are the best and cheapest because they excel and outwear all others.

SILVER-PLATED WARE. Our New Illustrated Catalogue of best quality Silver-plated Ware is now ready.

THE BEST SEEDS are those put up by D.M. FERRY & CO. Who are the largest growers in the world.

FLORAL GUIDE FOR 1890, the Pioneer Seed Catalogue of America, contains complete list of Vegetables, Flowers, Bulbs, Potatoes and Small Fruits.

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, LEXINGTON, KY. Highest Award at World's Exposition.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, featuring an image of the product and text describing its quality and availability.

Advertisement for Fischer Pianos, including the name 'Will A. Watkin & Co.' and the address '777 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.'

UNANSWERED LETTERS. A list of names and addresses for which responses have not been received.

Jan. 11.—J. H. Miller, subs; 2 cards. A. B. Trimble, sub. A. G. Nolen, sub; will get the name right. J. J. Davis, sub; a good way to work. Wyatt, sub. U. J. Morton, sub. W. E. Caperton, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. C. G. Shatt, sub. S. L. Hall, sub. C. S. McArver, sub.

Obituary—Texas. D. A. —Francis Gonzalez, Mexican Consul, died at Galveston. Major Albert Chalmers, a Texas veteran, at Waco.

A New Political Creed. The confederation of Farmers and Knights of Labor at St. Louis in December last formulated their demands as follows: 1. That we demand the abolition of national banks...

GRATUITOUS ADVICE. This species of advice is always acceptable, but in many instances much benefit would be derived were it acted upon.

Table titled 'Texas Agriculture' showing various agricultural statistics such as population, acreage, and production for different crops like cotton, wheat, and corn.

Table titled 'Texas Incidents' listing various news items and events occurring in Texas, including deaths, accidents, and local news.

These summaries, compared with those of 1887, show an increase in cotton acreage and yield per acre, but a reduction in price which about equalized the return.

The large amount realized from cotton, given at \$48,466,412 for the cotton and \$1,355,678 for cotton seed, shows up very nice and promising for the year.

Casualties of the Week. Alex. Hoffman, abductor, was drowned at Corpus Christi, in the bay.

Henry Onsey was killed at Lewisville by another negro, named Itazur Smith. Jesse Whiting, a white railroad hand, was killed by a switch engine at Texarkana.

Wm. Cameron was found dead in his saddle, near Denison; death supposed to have resulted from heart disease. He had left town on horseback for a friend's house a short distance out.

KNABE PIANO FORTES. UNEQUALLED IN Tone, Touch, Workmanship and Durability. WILLIAM KNABE & CO. BALTIMORE, 22 and 24 East Baltimore Street.

It appears the Galveston City Railway Company has been sued by a Chicago firm for commissions of \$5000 earned in selling for the company the Beach Hotel for \$200,000.

Ex-governor Lubbock will not be a candidate for re-election as State Treasurer, but is working for Mr. Wortham, his chief clerk.

Texaco postmasters: J. E. Jones, Bartolucci, Denton county; J. S. Arnold, Beakins, Williamson county; Mrs. M. Sloan, Kyle, Hayes county; F. C. Willhern, Llano, Llano county; A. J. Montgomery, Miami, Roberts county; V. A. Orr, Nathan, Johnson county.

The annual conference of the M. E. Church, north of Glendon, January 10. The town entertained the delegates handsomely.

The comptroller will soon call in and pay outstanding seven per cent bonds aggregating \$200,000, and refund them in permanent school funds drawing five per cent—saving annually \$5000.

An exchange says: Documents in the Secretary of State's office show that Attorney General Boone ruled that the Texas and New Orleans railroad was not entitled to land for sidings, and yet the Soutb obtained land for a large amount of sidings under the same administration.

On the White Rock, thirteen miles north of Waco, John Brinigan found a rattlesnake partly awake from the winter sleep. He took the serpent to his campsite and when it fully awoke it bit Brinigan in the cheek and he died from the effects.

Chickering, Mason & Hamlin, Decker, Western Cottage, Whooock, Kimball, Mathuashok, Bridgeport. Low Prices. Easy Terms. Write for Catalogue. C. H. EDWARDS, 730 and 736 Main Street, DALLAS, TEXAS.

"Give us a rest," cried a bookbinder, from the gallery of the Opera House, to a party who had been constantly coughing during the performance.

Miscellaneous News Items. Liberty is a cheap thing, after all. Jno. Kunze, a little German, convicted among the murderers of Dr. Cronin, was granted a new trial.

Congressman Abbott has introduced a bill the intention of which is to abolish trusts. The bill defines a trust as any combination intended to restrict competition or control prices, imposes both fine and imprisonment as a penalty, denies to any contracts, agreements, notes, or other commercial paper held by such trusts.

The National University of Chicago has received a New Year's gift of improved Illinois farm property, estimated at \$25,000, which will be utilized by its agricultural department as a means of teaching improved practical farming to needy young men who desire to pay their expenses while at college, and who take the agricultural course.

The Secretary of the Treasury has remitted through the National bank of Mexico to New York, endorsed to the Mexican minister at Washington, a draft for \$76,000, being the fourteenth installment on the debt of \$6,500,000 awarded American citizens against Mexico on account of border troubles, notably the Cortina raids on the Texas border.

H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., of Atlanta, Ga., bishop of the African Methodist Church, speaking of the bill before Congress, which proposes to give National aid to such colored people as might desire to return to Africa or elsewhere, said: "God grant that the bill may pass. The white people brought us here against our will. Now they provide for us to leave if we desire. Besides, we must work out our destiny, anyhow, and a portion of us think we can do it better elsewhere."

Congressman Stewart has introduced a bill to prevent employment of convicts on government buildings, and another to protect railway employes from unsafe car-couplings.

Walker Blaine, Examiner of Claims of the State Department, and the eldest son of the Hon. James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, died at the family residence in the old Seward mansion, Lafayette park, Washington, January 15, of acute pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of la grippe.

An 'Afro-American Convention' assembled in Chicago last week, and adopted unanimously a resolution asking Congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 to furnish transportation to unhappy white citizens of Alabama, South Carolina and other Southern States, who may desire to settle in their favored localities, free from Afro-American majorities, and especially naming Senator Morgan as the Moses to

the emigrants. Who knows but the negro may yet get the forty acres and a mule which was promised by the carpet-bagger?

Mr. Crain wants Congress to substitute the 31st of December for 4th of March as the date for the presidential term.

It has been discovered that a firm of Mexicans, running a "private bank," across the border from Texas, have been coining United States silver dollars for two years past—and that it is probable as much as \$7,000,000 have been thus foisted upon the United States.

Georgia, by act of her legislature, will observe Gen. Lee's birthday as a general holiday.

Representative Robertson, of Louisiana, has introduced in Congress a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 to reimburse the State of Louisiana for the destruction of the State Capitol at Baton Rouge, La., by fire while in possession of the United States military authorities in 1863.

A Montreal telegram of January 14 says: The most terrible wind storm ever experienced in Eastern Canada began here yesterday at noon and up to midnight raged with unmitigated fury. One of the steeples of the magnificent St. James church, just built, toppled to the street, injuring half a dozen people.

The St. John Baptist Church was blown down. Not an orchard remains standing on the island of Montreal. At Hilaire, on the Grand Trunk Road, an accommodation train was rounding a curve running twenty miles an hour when the hurricane came and the cars were lifted and thrown bodily down the embankment and were completely wrecked.

A Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor of the Methodist Church, South, at Huntington, W. Va., lost his life last week in the accidental incident to the confining of the Royal Arch Degree in Masonry. The report says: He was about to be lowered into a thirteen feet deep vault, symbolical of the search in the ruins of the temple, when suddenly the rope upon which his weight was suspended, unaccounted from the tackle and he fell to the floor below. He was extricated by means of a ladder and no outward mark of injury could be found. He had struck on his left hip and suffered intense agony. He was conscious and absolved the brethren from all blame. No attempt was made to conceal the nature of the accident.

Capt. Grimes of the steamer Herscht Rio Janeiro gives news of a encounter between soldiers in that city. It seems that on December 18 it was discovered that part of the army, about two hundred men, was opposed to the republic and strongly favored the monarchy. The provincial government sent a company of artillery to arrest the insurrectionists. They opened fire on the soldiers and it is reported that over one hundred of them were killed.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER, featuring an image of the product and text 'Absolutely Pure.'

Advertisement for SCOTT'S EMULSION, featuring an image of a man carrying a large fish and text 'Stop that CHRONIC COUGH NOW!'

Advertisement for SANGER BROS., featuring the name and address 'Dallas, Texas.'

Advertisement for Muslin and Cambric UNDERWEAR, featuring text 'A GREAT SALE OF Muslin and Cambric UNDERWEAR'.

Advertisement for NIGHT GOWNS, featuring text 'Good quality of Muslin, trimmed with embroidery and tucks, assorted styles, at 40 Cents'.

Advertisement for LADIES' GOWNS, featuring text 'Good quality Cambric, trimmed with tuckered lace and clusters of tucks, at \$1.25'.

Advertisement for LADIES' CHEMISES, featuring text 'Muslin Chemises, embroidery trimmed, at 25 Cents'.

Advertisement for LADIES' SKIRTS, featuring text 'Muslin Skirts, trimmed in embroidery, at 40 Cents'.

Advertisement for SANGER BROS., featuring the name and address 'DALLAS, TEXAS.'

Advertisement for 'A TERRIBLE BLOW' featuring an image of a man and text 'I have been a constant sufferer from severe colds in my head and throat...'.

Advertisement for 'THE WONDEROUS WEATHER PLANT' featuring an image of a plant and text 'This is the most marvelous plant ever introduced...'.

Advertisement for KNABE PIANO FORTES, featuring the name and address 'WILLIAM KNABE & CO. BALTIMORE, 22 and 24 East Baltimore Street.'

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