

Texas Christian Advocate.

PUBLIC PRAYER.

I can sympathize with "Inquirer," having been along the same road, and although I may not be able to solve the mystery why so few members pray in public, or to give a definite answer to the questions of "Inquirer," I will make a few statements and suggestions that if prayerfully followed may tend to relieve his timidity and possibly others who are environed with the same difficulties.

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pulpit devotional service. I confess to have written many articles for our church papers, and to have preached many sermons, and not one of either has ever been on the subject, how to prepare intellectually for public prayer.

I believe if more attention was paid to this department of church work by the ministry many more of "Inquirer's" five hundred members would take up the cross, even though it is heavy. It is unquestionably much neglected. It demands careful attention from pulpit, pew and press.

Public prayer is a confession of Christ before men, which he promises to reward. It is a declaration of loyalty to the Being of beings and Lord of lords. It is the evangel of an uplifting power that God proffers to all who by faith accept it.

Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God. The church and state are co-ordinate. There is no power but of God.

The functions of the church are spiritual. "My kingdom is not of this world." Hence, Christ would not become "a ruler or a divider" over his followers.

Public prayer is no more sacred than preaching, and has equally an intellectual and a spiritual side, and no one has a right to expect a divine direction and inspiration that will obviate the necessity of intellectual preparation in either.

that the saloon, as an educator in vice, is far in advance of the church in her God appointed work of teaching and saving.

Public sentiment makes it a disgrace for a wife, mother or sister to frequent the saloon. This is right; but ought not the same be true of the husband, father and brother? If these are dens of infamy that will blacken the character of woman, is not the moral effect upon man the same?

As the Nashville Advocate has given us one incident from the article in the last number of the Southern Review from Dr. Milburn, I will ask you to publish the following in the life of this man of God in former days.

Mr. Jephson, of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, in a recent paper character that growing out of consanguinity. These considerations, however, do not affect the mother's obligation to keep always before her child the highest ideals.

The Texas Chautauqua will meet July 1 and close July 18. The program will soon be made public. What the assembly has done in this line before is an index to what will be done this year.

The beauty, comfort and healthfulness of the place, the attractions offered, the cheapness of living, all commend this as a choice place to take your summer vacation.

Teachers spent the entire month at the Assembly last year at a cost of \$12.50 to \$15. It can be done again.

Why is it that city evangelists are becoming so plentiful, while the country never can get one? We rarely ever hear of an evangelist visiting a country church, nor even a town of less than 1000 inhabitants.

"The poor have the gospel preached to them," but not by modern evangelists—not much at least. They are like these pastors who kick when the Bishop puts them out of a rich circuit and takes them on a little circuit somewhere—they don't feel that the Holy Ghost calls in that direction.

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Devotional.

THE LAND THAT'S FAR AWAY.

We have no home on earth below, And time is short and heaven is near; Oh, that our hearts were weaned so...

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

Two o'clock in the morning! Sleep, for the fortunate beings who go to bed and sleep all night without uneasy awakenings...

that it is enough when we have learned a lesson, but we should teach it to some one else, and so the work of the kingdom goes on...

Marriages.

BRANDT-TARRANT.—In the M. E. Church, South, at Chappell Hill, Texas, March 25, 1891, by Rev. W. Tarrant...

CLARK.—W. S. Clark, son of J. A. and E. C. Clark, living a mile south of Temple, departed this life April 4, 1891...

Obituaries.

MORGAN.—Sarah Marandy, daughter of D. F. and M. J. Morgan, was born October 25, 1874, and died April 23, 1891...

REV. J. L. CLOWER.—Rev. J. L. Clower was born in Jasper county, Ga., August 24, 1813; moved with his parents to Alabama in 1821...

DAVIDSON.—The subject of this notice, Willie Bell Davidson, departed this life April 4, 1891, near Milano, Texas...

TRISSELL.—Allie, infant daughter of J. P. and Adeline Trissell, died April 24, 1891; seven months and one day old...

HARRISON.—Bro. R. N. Harrison was born in Rankin county, Mississippi, in 1836. His parents moved to Texas when he was nine years of age...

POWELL.—Marie Della, infant daughter of Bro. C. E. and Sister F. A. Powell, aged one year and six months, departed this life...

MITCHELL.—Florence Mitchell was born in Cherokee county, March 25, 1876, and died January 26, 1891...

DUNCAN.—Polly Duncan (nee Lair) was born in Virginia, February 14, 1810, and moved with her parents to Wayne county, Kentucky, in 1817...

GOODWIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wayne Mitchell, in Huntville, Texas, on April 22, 1891, by Rev. Seth Ward, Dr. B. F. Gibson and Miss Irma Mitchell...

SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. O. Hamm, in Brookston, Texas, April 23, 1891, by Rev. R. N. Brown, Mr. Walter E. Rives and Miss Lena Hamm...

QUILLIAN.—At Austin, April 7, 1891, by Rev. E. B. Chappell, Mr. Robert Cooper and Miss Annie Quillian, all of Waco, Texas...

DEMOURE.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. DeMoureaux, in Rockland, Texas, on May 3, 1891, by Rev. J. M. Porter, Mr. Robert I. Douglas and Miss Nellie Williams...

SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. S. Smith, in Pleasanton, Texas, on May 3, 1891, by Rev. E. M. Merrill, Mr. Joe Suggs and Miss Mary Smith...

EMERSON.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. R. Emerson, in Rockland, Texas, on May 3, 1891, by Rev. J. M. Porter, Mr. Robert I. Douglas and Miss Nellie Williams...

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THOMPSON.—On the night of March 19, 1891, Mrs. Togie Thompson (nee Brown) passed away...

COLDWELL.—Bro. J. K. Coldwell was born in Ray county, East Tennessee, July 4, 1815; gave his heart to God and joined the M. E. Church...

SERVIS.—Travis Street Sunday-school M. E. Church, South: Whereas, in the providence of God our little friend and brother, Eddie Servis, has been taken by death from his home and friends in Alabama...

RESOLVED, that in the death of Eddie Servis society has lost an ornament, his parents a loving and dutiful son and the Sunday-school cause a zealous and faithful worker...

MOORE.—Miss Mary Moore was born in Madison county, Tenn., in 1834; was converted in childhood and joined the M. E. Church...

MATTHEWS.—Mrs. Fannie Matthews (nee Davall) was born in Maryland on December 30, 1866, and died in Madison county, Texas, March 28, 1891...

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VANNY.—Joel Vanny was born in Bedford county, Tennessee, April 25, 1825; but was reared to manhood in Henderson county, of the western district...

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FREEMAN.—Capt. Wesley N. Freeman was born in Georgia, December 12, 1832; was married to Mrs. M. G. Welch May 13, 1852; she died and he was married to Miss Julia E. Gordon, February 13, 1851...

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