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Some preachers pride themselves on the support they get from saloon keepers. We have never been very popular with this class of men and have long since been convinced that should a preacher do his duty in condemning this business he will not be supported by them. We give below from the Christian Herald:

I believe the majority of men in the liquor business know they are doing wrong, and because their consciences trouble them they seek to ease it by giving to a good cause. While I have no right to judge their motive, yet if they were anxious to do good would they not quit doing evil? The only way to be entirely clear of any questionable thing is to avoid it entirely. Paul says (1 Thes. 5:22) "Abstain from all appearance of evil." The Church can get along without it, and when it becomes necessary to accept moneys acquired in an unjust way, knowing it to be so, then she is compromising with the devil, and had better quit business.

BYRON C. ALLEN,
Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Suppose the saloon-keeper should offer a barrel of whiskey. The church could just as consistently accept the whiskey and sell it to get the money as they could let the saloon-keeper sell the whiskey and give them the money. I am very sure that any church should be very clear of accepting a barrel of whiskey.

J. THEODORE FRIES,
Cedargrove, Va.

The first instance of money accursed in the Christian era was Judas' money when he sold Christ to the priests; and that money even the priests themselves rejected, and it was thrown on the floor, not even allowed to be returned to the Lord's Treasury. The saloon-keeper is in the same category—selling Christ. All the money that goes into his till from the sale of intoxicants becomes accursed, and it cannot be returned to the Lord's treasury without bringing its curse with it. The Church cannot preach one thing

and practice another. If the church militant is to represent heaven on earth (and I believe it should) it has no right to accept or use anything—money or other consideration coming from a questionable source. Let all the churches follow the admonition of the Bible, given in 1 Thess. 5:22: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Do not accept any money from any wrong source knowingly, nor use it.

REV. G. R. FRISBEE,
Middleberg, Fla.

Just think of a man standing all day and every day dealing out poison to his fellow men. For every penny he takes he draws tears from some woman's eyes and helps to speed the growth of the wolf of hunger in her cupboard. At the close of each day's work, he has the satisfaction of knowing he has helped to make orphans and widows, ruin intellects, impoverish pockets and contribute to the death of his fellow beings. And then to see a man of God popular with such men or churches supported by such men and catering to this crowd always makes us feel the preacher is selling principle for the friendship and money of the saloon keeper and the judge of the quick and the dead will hold him to a strict account.

The saloon-keepers of the state of Illinois are reported as favoring a bill introduced into the legislature for the establishment of two State hospitals for inebriates "on the theory that it would be cheaper to pay for the support and cure of inebriates than to pay judgements to the families of drunkards to whom too much liquor had been sold." What shall we say of a business which has to balance the account of such results? How long will the moral sense of the community allow such an infamous traffic to run riot?—Baptist Union.

"Drunkenness," says one writer on the vice, "will make a pauper, an invalid, a lunatic. It will send you an empty purse, an empty wardrobe and an empty shelf. It gives you a taste for swearing obscenity and impurity. It inclines you to choose begging for a profession rather than independence. It qualifies you to become an undutiful child, an unnatural parent, a cruel

husband and a disgusting wife. These are but a little of what drunkenness does."—Woodbury Reporter.

Local Option.

But very few county papers take a stand on either side of any local question. The reason is obvious: They prefer the pocketing of dollars to the expression of their principles. It does not pay a paper to take a stand on these questions, and especially on local option. We know this by personal experience; but you never have to inquire which side of a question the News is on, you know. We have always upheld the right regardless of the loss of patronage. We wrote the article last week on Local Option after mature thought. We knew we would lose money by it, and we have already. In fact, we told a number of our friends this, and we also told them that while many people would endorse our action and congratulate us on our bold stand, yet the people who opposed saloons would not give up a cent to the paper that advocated a clean, decent and respectable town.

If the good people want a clean decent county paper they will have to pay for it, just like the people pay one for straddling every moral question that comes up. You hear it?—Hall County News.

The News is correct; many will say, "go ahead and stand up against the Saloon and evil of all kinds," and then patronize the paper that is silent and secretly on the other side. We have often wondered why the good people did not stand together in this fight. We have long since decided that no cowardly sheet can come into our home that fails to take a stand for the right and keeps silent while a battle is being fought for the Bible and morality. We want to say once more watch which side the Herald takes.

Johnson claims to always be for morality and religion but his past record has always been on the whiskey side and we say it will be so again or silent. Watch him.

The town of Clarendon is yet without coal.

Gossip in the Home.

I was thinking the other day about how many of the Ten Commandments were prefaced by the words, "Thou shalt not." I wish some times that there was another commandment, and that it was this, "Thou shalt not gossip before thy children." Indeed, not to gossip at all were wise, but certainly "thou shalt not gossip before thy children." How many little ones are thus offended; how many young lives are tainted by the uncharitable speech of their elders! Often the influence of a painstaking teacher is undermined by the careless comment or criticism of the mother; often the power of the minister's sermon is brought to naught by some some slighting viticism of the father.

Suppose the child comes in from school. There are callers in the parlor; they are chattering like magpies about this person and that person. After they leave the mother talks about them with the father at the tea table, and the child, who has seen her pleasant and gracious with her guests has her first lesson in duplicity and hypocrisy. And in many a home parlor a child gleams the idea of the all-importance of dress and fashion. We cannot help recalling the prayer of a little girl who, after a visitation of fashionable guests, knelt by her little cot at night, and, after saying her customary "Now I lay me down to sleep," added fervently, "And, Lord, do let us all be stylish! Amen."

I do believe that the solemn warning that for every idle word we speak we shall give an account, has an added significance when that word is spoken in the presence of a little child. There are necessarily limitations to protecting our children while on the streets. Sometimes they hear foolish talk—often, alas! they may chance to hear foul talk. Against this influence we must turn the pure tide of our conversation of "good report" at our own fire sides.—Selected.

Paid Dear for His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville Texas in two years paid over \$300. to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off but he cured it with one box of Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 25 cts a box old by B. D. Ramsey.

Why Men Are Not Saved.

The great reason why men are not converted and saved is that they do not desire to be saved. They are not converted because they do not want to be converted. They may give many reasons why they are not Christians, and sometimes they do not know themselves that the real difficulty lies in themselves, but they do not want to be converted and added to the church and saved. The enemy of the soul is against Christ and salvation, and on this account sinners hold out against argument and entreaty and even the striving of the spirit. It is not well to censure the church too much when sinners are not saved. Young converts often fall into this habit and lay blame some times where it does not belong. A young man when he experienced the first warm love for Christ and desire to do good, thought that the only reason why people are not converted was that no one had tried to bring them to Christ. He thought the church was cold and neglectful, and therefore sinners were not saved. He determined to go out and tell people of the Savior he had found, and was sure that they would speedily turn to God. But when he went among his unconverted friends and began to urge them to repentance, he found he could make no impression on them; they smiled at his earnestness, and concluded among themselves that he had studied too hard, and that his mind was a little unbalanced. He went from them a sadder and a wiser man, and learned a lesson that day that he never forgot, that the hardness of the human heart is not to be overcome by mere human persuasion or human effort.—The Presbyterian.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years, proven its power to cure all Throat, Chest and lung troubles. Price 50 and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at H. D. Ramsey's Drug store.

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A New Start.

By this time the preachers have all reached their new fields of labor. All in the Clarendon District have been well received. Brother J. T. Roscoe, the Channing preacher died Dec. 5, and was never able to start to his new field of labor, but the Heavenly Father called him from labor to rest. He was ready and like Paul "for him to live was Christ but to die was gain."

Soon we shall all be summoned to give an account. Lets all do our best this year, it may be our last. Let there be no bickering or strife—life is too short and the responsibility resting upon us too great for all such. Clarendon starts out with prospects for the best year in her history. This is one charge that has always paid the pastor's salary. They have raised their unpopular pastor's salary to two hundred dollars more this year than they paid him last year. They paid more on salary and conference collections than any other work in the district, and if they had a first-class preacher there is no telling what they would pay.

Clarendon College Library.

Access to a good library is the greatest blessing any student can enjoy. Clarendon College has commenced to supply her students with a good library.

At the opening of the college last September, Dr. Stocking, the president of the board of trustees proposed a library and started it by donating Volume No. 1 and since then various ones have donated books until there is some 30 to 50 books now in the college library. Every friend of the college ought to donate a book to this library. Many of you have a choice good book which you have read and could donate, that would prove a great blessing to some boy or girl and would continue its good work long after you have passed off the stage of action. We ask the preachers and friends in other towns in this territory to help in getting a Library that will be a credit to the college by sending a book or a number of them. Do this and it will prove a blessing to the boys and girls who are struggling to secure an education.

The Hall County Herald printed a statement a short time ago that the Agitator was run in the interest of the College and by the church although he knew this to be false and that they had no connection. This week he publishes an article over the signature of the Methodist preacher at Memphis, the Presiding Elder and the president of Clarendon College that he had virtually lied about the matter but instead of doing better he turns round and tells an other by saying "Henson's friends have gone back on him."



FINEST GROWN

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JOHN T. SIMS.

\$25 Reward.

Last week we offered \$5.00 this week we offer \$25.00 for the names of the two Clarendon preachers who went to Memphis and told Johnson what he says they did. We will give the same amount for a copy of the Agitator containing an article evidencing a controversy with the Childress Budget. Now Johnson claims to have the files of the Agitator at his office marked xxx etc. Why don't he produce this copy. We will also give the above reward for an affidavit from any man but W. A. Johnson, Editor of the Herald, that they saw us mistreated at Goodnight. We also ask again the name of the Clarendon firm that thanked him for his lying on this place. Come, give us the names. The reason you don't is because you can't.

Rev. J. L. Pyle of Newlin was in the city Saturday, visiting his son, T. M. Pyle. While here he purchased a press and some type from W. P. Blake and will issue the Panhandle Baptist Jan. 1st. from Newlin. The paper has been temporarily suspended for the past two months.

Many of the preachers paid us for the Agitator at Conference and gave us a word of encouragement and some of them promised to write us a few articles for publication we hope they will not forget this. Many of the brethren have short but rare selections on different subjects in their scrap books that few of our readers have ever seen. We appreciate every word of encouragement given us and we are trying to make the Agitator a power for good in this country. We are by this means sowing seed and while it is yet too early to tell what the harvest will be yet we believe every good man and woman in this country can testify that the influence of this little paper has been a power for good in this country. One good evidence of this is that evil men and evil doers are all arrayed against us—this is a true sign that its work is good.

As we go to press the jury is out in the Lenert case. Mr. Heson's case comes up this morning.

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His Wife—"Yes, you could. You told Mille Perry you could not live without her before you met me."—Indianapolis Journal.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A. J. Lindsey is building a new room addition to his dwelling on the north side.

Go to Anderson's for your Christmas candies, cakes, fruits, etc.

Dr. S. J. White reports a girl baby at Wm. Johnson's, dating from Tuesday morning.

Price those Iron Express wagons at Stocking's store.

If you believe in patronizing home people, why not place your life and accident insurance with home instead of traveling agents who represent the same company.

Mrs. Dave Joyce of Arizona is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Lane.

Price those work boxes at Stocking's store.

All kinds of builder's hardware at Anderson's.

Dr. Claude Wolcott, Oculist, will soon favor Clarendon with a visit. The doctor comes at the request of some of our citizens who desire services in his line.

Will Jones and Jim Patman spent last Sunday and Monday at the Jones ranch in Wheeler and Gray counties.

The storm season is here. A. M. Beville writes Tornado Insurance.

Let every body plant trees and help adorn the town.

Accidents do happen. If you want accident insurance see A. M. Beville.

The Methodist Sunday School in Clarendon is the largest in the Panhandle—over two hundred scholars attend.

When you want an up-to-date stove go to Anderson's.

J. S. Scott and wife will leave next week to spend the Xmas holidays with their daughter Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Gray in Clarendon.

All kinds of nuts and candies at Anderson's.

C. H. Nelson & Co. are having an awning and sidewalk placed around their handsome new business house this week.

Moore New Goods arrived this week. We will continue to add such goods as our Trade Demands. New Goods and prices all right.

Hoffer & Noland.

The bridge on First street is undergoing some needed repairs. The recent heavy rains nearly washed away its foundation.

Remember that Hill & Decker will always buy or sell second hand furniture. Bring in any old thing you have to sell; we'll buy it.

The Methodist college at Clarendon is the pride of the city. It is indeed inspiring to see such a large number of intelligent boys and girls.

We hear that Gene Davis who formerly lived here and worked on the Denver railway was killed this week at Corsicana while working on the Cotton Belt railway. we have no further information.

See Caldwell & Co's new ad.

A little of everything for Christmas at Hill & Decker.

Miss Daisy White has been sick the past week at the residence of her brother, Dr. White.

Hon R. W. Hall of Vernon was in attendance upon the County court here this week.

Price those shaving sets at Stocking's store.

M. W. Easum spent part of last week on his ranch in Collingworth county.

Requiring second hand furniture a specialty at Hill & Decker's.

Claude Ayers sold his two lots on the north side to C. W. Ryan.

Big line of new furniture in a few days at Hill & Decker's

Mrs. Dora Green has begun the erection of a 4-room residence on her lots south of the Baptist church.

Headq. enter for the Dallas News at the Globe Confectionery after Dec. 11. All subscribers will please call there for same.

Fresh bread from the Star Bakery (made from Anderson's famous B. B. Flour) at all times.

Price those beautiful toilet sets at Stocking's store.

C. W. Ryan of Miami here this week looking after his property. He will build an addition to his residence on the north side and move his family here by or before Jany 1st to stay until school is out and then moved to his section East of town.

Do not waste your time baking fruit cake for Christmas; Anderson will sell you an up to date cake from the Star Bakery, for less than you can bake it.

Let some one take the matter in hand and get the walks and driveways of our city cemetery planted in trees this season. There is now a good well with windmill and water tank, this affording plenty of water for trees and shrubbery. Help agitate this matter.

Yes, the goods and prices are all right at Stockings store. No trouble to price goods. If you buy your goods right you can make more people happy with the same expense, see?

Mr. Cannon of the steam Laundry is fitting up the machinery this week, preparing to get his laundry in operation. He has added an engine room and a water tank to the plant this week. Mr. Cannon is a nice gentleman and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage by our people.

Persons desiring treatment for diseases of the eye, or glasses for poor vision, can do no better than consult Dr. Wolcott, who will be here Jan. 2 to remain a short time, owing to the nature of Dr. Wolcott's visit, it being at the urgent request of some Clarendon people. Those desiring his services should apply early as his stay is limited.

Will office with Dr. Nelson while in Clarendon.

Call on Hill & Decker for musical instruments, mandolins, guitars, guitar zithers, etc.

S. E. Atterberry has had a gravel walk made from the depot to his hotel this week which is a great convenience in muddy weather.

L. C. Beverly and I. E. Jones made a business trip to the Jones ranch in Wheeler county last week.

W. T. Jones of The Citizens Bank went to Wichita Falls on business last Wednesday.

Grandma Sheppard who has been sick for several weeks suffered a relapse the past week, but Dr. Stocking reports her improving again.

Dr. Claude Wolcott, the oculist regrets very much that he must postpone his visit to Clarendon until Jan. 2nd, 1900. Those desiring his professional services will do well to see him at that time.

The Brick work on the L. C. Beverly building for the Citizens Bank will be completed this week. It will have a plate glass front and metal ceiling and when completed will be a handsome building.

H. H. Brooks, editor of the Amarillo Champion is attending court here this week as a witness in the Lenert-Henson libel case in county court.

The Xmas tree of the Methodist Sunday School will be Monday night Dec. 25th. The courtesy of the tree will be extended to the public if they desire to remember their friends and relatives through the medium of the tree. A. M. Beville, Supt.

All kinds of cheese at Andersons for the holiday trade. There will be on sale the finest American cheese, Brick, Swiss, Limberger, Edam, Rotterdam, and Amsterdam, cheese. The epicure can please his palate from this stock.

J. S. Scott has sold his residence in the Northeast part of town to J. D. Jefferies. The smallest house was reserved by Mr. Scott and he will move it to lots on the south side of the railroad.

W. C. Cox of Childress is here under medical treatment of Dr. Morris. Mr. Cox has an eye which he has entirely lost the sight of and which Dr. Morris will remove in a few days. Mr. Cox is the Father of "Our Own" Tom Cox, who is so well known to most all our people.

Thomas Tackitt is building a new residence on his section 2 miles east of town. He has also ordered 2000 black locust trees to plant on his land. This is something every one owning land should do, whether they live in town or in the country. Most all kinds of trees do well in the soil of this town and county.

Sully Street.

Sully street runs in front of the Court-house square and to the depot. This street is in very bad repair. A deep gully runs down the street until it is almost impassible in places. It ought to be fixed at once from the depot to the North Methodist church and we call the attention of the road overseer or the Commissioner's court to it.

Mrs. Fox of Vernon is visiting her daughter, Mr. K. Aycock and her sister, Mrs. Joe White.

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Sunday Services.

Sunday was a cold day and it snowed and sleeted some during the day but a good crowd gathered at the Methodist church. The house was full. The morning service was enjoyed by all. Many said with a grasp of the hand, "we have taken a new start." The League services were very interesting and we had a good service at night.

John Hoffer will soon begin to build two dwellings for rent on the Cain lots across the street from his own dwelling. Mr. Hoffer is to be commended for this, for unless more houses are built our town will necessarily lose many good families who want to rent houses and locate here and unless our own citizens lead out along this line it may not be done. Everyman that can ought to do something for the material advancement of the town in which he lives.

Either drunkenness will be destroyed in this country or the American government will be destroyed. Drunkenness and free institutions are coming into a death-grapple.—T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D.

Use Present Opportunities!

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweet news. Speak cheering words while their ears can hear them. The things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send to their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If the sermon helps you it will do the preacher good to tell him of it. If the editor writes an article you like, he can write a still better one next week if you send him a note of thanks.

If my friends have vases laid away filled with perfumes of sympathy and affection, I would be glad if they would bring them out in some of my weary hours, that I may be cheerful and refreshed by them. If we would fulfill our mission we must anoint our friends beforehand for their trial. Tears falling on the icy brow make poor and tardy atonement for coldness and selfishness in long, struggling years. Flowers piled on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary years.—Selected.

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Seek and Find.

Attempt the end, and never stand in doubt; Nothing so hard but search will find out.

—HARRICK.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poison in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, rundown feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner of Idaville, Ind. says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at H. D. Ramsey's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

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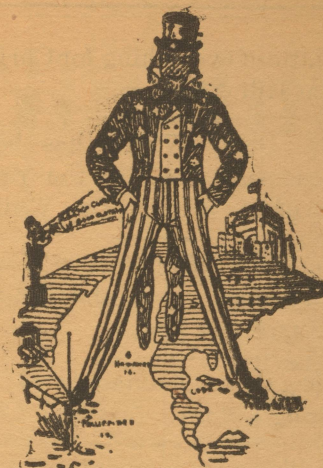
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