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BASE BALL.

We give below a few letters from leading men on the above subject. Verily the AGITATOR is read all over this country and wields an influence for good as no other paper. It is a free lance and condemns sin in high as well as low places.

VERNON, TEX., May 5.

Dear Bro.—I read with interest your article on "base ball" in the AGITATOR of the 26th ult. and uttered an involuntary amen, to its every utterance. Base ball at proper time and in proper quantity, is all right, but a whole community of evils is growing out of Sunday and professional base ball. May the Church of God, in love and faithfulness stand for the welfare of our young men. Yours Fraternally,
JEROME DUNCAN.

"Redeeming the Time."

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5-16. Literally buying off for ourselves. God will hold every one responsible, the sinner as well as the saint, for the manner in which the time allotted, was spent. Such as are spending it in idleness, or in useless employment, are running the gauntlet of a fools errand, bankrupting the original stock of life, and will die failures, and be lost in the meshes of a misspent life. How are you spending that which is more precious than gold—time. There is no sin in whittling on a goods box, that is known of, yet a man could persist in it, until the wasted time and neglected opportunities for self-improvement and the accomplishment of good, would impoverish him in things both temporal and spiritual, and damn his soul in the end. A man can hang around a saloon and listen to stale jokes, dirty yarns, and profanity, until he will almost degenerate into a donkey or something worse. I knew a man who moved from the country to a town where I lived; he was a Christian and prayed in public when he first came, he attended

our mid-week prayer meeting for awhile; finally he quit; I noticed that he was spending a great deal of his time in playing marbles. I told my wife the fellow would backslide, and sure enough, before I left the place, he was cursing the church and the preachers. Wasted time is a sin, just as much as theft or drunkenness or any other sin. There is nothing that will debase quicker, or demoralize sooner, than to waste one's time, too much of it even with innocent games. Why? Because the days are evil says St. Paul, and for this reason, it will take the most of our time, and the best of our efforts to prepare us for a life of usefulness here, and for the heaven which is to come. I had just as leave a boy of mine would degenerate into an owl and spend his life "a hootin," as for him to exhibit no higher purpose than to become proficient in some sort of gaming. It is a man with a high purpose that God takes a delight in, and he it is that makes the world better for having lived in it. A man has a lower and a higher nature—the physical and intellectual or spiritual; the laws set to govern are so delicate that the least infraction means a dwarfing, if not death, to some part or function of the finely wrought structure. Too much physical exercise means a stunted and blunted mind, a dwarfed and starved soul, and death finally to the higher sensibility, a brutalized man, and eternal death in the end. Take the professional boxer as an example—they are brutes. The professional base ball craze is almost as dangerous to both soul and body as pugilism. A great many young men, and older ones too, allow themselves to be swept off their feet, and carried into a perfect lunacy by this game. The excitement and anxiety that naturally goes with it arouses all the lower depraved tendencies, and leads to debasing results. The excitement of the mind conjoined to an over heated body produces an intoxication that is equal almost to any, in the development of all animal propensities. I do not wish to be misunderstood; exercise is absolutely necessary, not only to the health and development of the body, but of the mind and its unfolding; and every institution of learning should make ample provisions for it. But the principle God-given work to every man is the feeding and development of the higher

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nature. "For bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come," 1 Tim. 4-8. J. L. HOLLERS, Canadian Tex.

THE DEAD LINE,

We notice whenever a faithful minister begins to draw the line on worldliness there is always a complaint by a certain element in the church. Many of these have never been converted, or else they have departed from the faith, and consequently they find no pay in the service of Christ, and naturally turn to the world for pleasure, and when the pastor admonishes them from such a course he is met with this reply: "Don't you expect us to have any enjoyment." The question today is, shall we lower the standard and allow all kinds of worldliness in the church or exercise discipline and have fewer and less fashionable churches, but better ones.

SPEAK OUT.

We believe every preacher should contend earnestly for the observance of the Sabbath and

unless we do, soon, in our large cities there will be none. It is getting so now that many of our fine churches have but few members that regularly attend services. If the weather is favorable they are out fishing, hunting, bicycle riding, buggy riding, visiting parks or some pleasure resorts; if in a large city there are Sunday excursions, by rail or steamer, at half price, and many that work all week feel like giving the day to sight seeing while thousands are compelled to work or lose their positions. We must lift our voices on this point in city and country until we arouse a conscience on the subject.

An Alligator.

We noticed in the Dallas News recently where some one had caught an alligator near Clarendon, and for awhile we were puzzled to account for this freak as Clarendon is hundreds of miles from any water course containing these animals, but we have solved the problem. He caught an AGITATOR, one of the best papers published at Clarendon and the reporter simply got the names mixed. We hope the News will make the correction.

The Agitator.

ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY.

J. R. HENSON, Editor.
FRANK KENDALL, Bus. Mngr.

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WHISKY PARDONS.

Some of our readers wrote Governor Sayers a private letter concerning the pardoning of the violators of the local option law, reference to which was made in the AGITATOR some time ago. The answer to one of these letters lies before us. He says: "I have never pardoned any one for the violation of the local option law except upon the request of a large number of the best citizens of the community in which the offense was committed." Now, we want to say that we are acquainted with the larger part of those signing one of those petitions and we know them to be saloon men and sympathizers with the outlaw element. We wonder if the Governor has any idea how many of them were negroes. The fact is just as we stated; he has shown conclusively to the people, that he is in sympathy with this element against laws, and there is but little use trying to convict a man of violating the whisky law while Joseph B. Sayers is governor of Texas. If a petition is all he wants there can be found thieves and thugs and saloon bums enough to sign a petition as long as your arm and he will remit the jail penalty sure, and when that is done, like the pistol law he well knows it has but little more effect. We hope that every prohibitionist in Texas will scratch the name of Joseph B. Sayers from the ticket if no one else runs.

The editor of the Hall county News, published at Memphis, Tex., in a sermon on men and dogs, says: "Every body knows a man; he doesn't gambble; drink nor chew; he neither tells a lie nor swears one, he pays his debts and meets every one with a frank open look." He then concludes: "Ain't they scarce?" We suppose he is speaking of his own section of the country.

SHOT SNAPS:

The best way to keep people from talking about you is to not give them any opportunity.

We have heard of one man in Donley county that is waiting until after the election to join the Catholic church, because he expects to run for office. Can you guess who he is?

There are more guilty people in the town than we at first thought; judging from the howl.

If gambling dens and saloons are such a help to a town, we ought to have more of them. (?)

Some folks haven't got any more sense than to make a big fuss about something that appeared in the newspaper, because it fit their case. See.

There is one man in this town that don't know how to run his own business, yet he is always advising other people as to theirs:

A Drive Over Clarendon.

Last Saturday evening B. T. Lane, of Lane & Gatlin, took a reporter of the AGITATOR for a "drive over Clarendon." Behind one of their fastest stepping horses in their new stable and one of their new rubber tire buggies, we enjoyed a ride that was a pleasure indeed, notwithstanding the bad condition of Clarendon streets. For easy riding over rough streets there is nothing like a rubber tire buggy. On every hand are to be seen new houses and new improvements. We had been told that since Jan. 1st, 1899 that near 100 residences have been built in Clarendon and we were inclined to think the number large but by actual count found it to be correct. Yet the demand for houses cannot be met, and all over town were people camped who are doing regular work here in Clarendon. It has been remarked for some time that Clarendon had more growing trees than any other town in the Panhandle, yet this spring, every one owning their own home have made special efforts along the line of tree planting and shrubbery as well. If we could only bring about some means to get our streets in a condition to be in keeping with the homes of our people, Clarendon would indeed be an attractive looking town and would make a most favorable impression on all strangers who visit us. Nothing speaks so eloquently for a town as good streets kept clean and nice, tidy well kept homes with trees and flowers.

A Drive to Pope's Ranch.

Through the kindness of a friend the local editor enjoyed a drive to Pope's ranch in Hall county last Monday afternoon where we spent the night at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pope. Mr. Pope has a ranch of from 15,000 to 20,000 acres, all his own, fenced and well stocked with high grade Hereford cattle, and a handsome home overlooking one of the prettiest valleys we nearly ever saw and commanding a splendid view of the county for many miles in every direction, which just now is beautiful beyond description. All along the way is the finest grass we have ever seen in this country and every mile or two are streams of running water making it a veritable stockman's paradise. Cattle are in splendid condition and we were told that the losses the past winter were comparatively nothing. We give it as our opinion, which is not based on any personal experience, but observation, that for ease and profit there is not any business that will equal some land and cattle in the panhandle of Texas. Down the valley a mile or so from the Pope homestead is the Union Hill Methodist church which is the especial pride of Mrs. Pope. It is a large substantial building and is handsomely finished and furnished and perhaps is the best Church building to be found outside of our best towns any where in the panhandle.

Clarendon Orchestra Program

To be delivered at the Court House Friday night, May 11th:
1—Constellation March.
2—Zenda waltzes.
3—Rec. "Uncle Remus tries the Electric cars." Miss Cody.
4—Caprice—A Moonlight Frolic.
5—Whistling Rufus.
6—Snowflakes.
7—Vocal Solo—"Creole Love Song." Miss Ethel Doak.
8—Handicap march.
9—Cupid—A fight of fancy.
10—Rec. "The Spinning Wheel Song." Miss Grace Anderson.
11—Country Club waltzes.
12—Gavoot Edelweis.
13—Vocal Solo "Only one Daisy left." C. E. Fyfe.
14—Alabama Dream.

Methodist Sunday School.

Last Sunday was the 10th anniversary of the organization of the Methodist Sunday School in Clarendon. When first organized there were 34 enrolled. In 10 years it has increased exactly 8 fold and now has an enrollment of exactly 272; of which 190 were present last Sunday. As we have said before we challenge a town in Texas with less than 2,000 people and seven churches to show a larger enrollment in Sunday school than is to be found in our Methodist Sunday school in Clarendon.

We desire to call special attention to the announcement this week of W. H. Oliver, as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector, which office he has held now for nearly two years. Mr. Oliver has been a resident of Donley county for some 15 years and is perhaps personally known to almost every citizen of the county, hence any mention of him as a man and citizen among us would be useless; however, we will mention that Mr. Oliver is known as a jolly, big-hearted, good-natured, accommodating man. As an officer his record is before the public. We want to say, that while the enforcement of law has not been all that we desired, yet, never in the last ten years have all laws been so well enforced in Donley county as now. Of course we realize that public sentiment has much to do with the enforcement or non-enforcement of laws and the AGITATOR is putting forth its best and most earnest efforts to arouse public sentiment to demand a strict enforcement of all laws. Mr. Oliver authorizes us to say that if re-elected, officially, he will be governed only by his sworn duty as an officer.

Dr. G. B. Wade, of Jacksboro, has been here several days the past week. He was prospecting for some residence property preparatory to moving here next fall. He has quite interests in Gray county North of here. He is seeking a higher latitude on account of personal health. He is a pleasant gentleman and said to be a very fine physician and we hope he will decide to permanently locate in Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clatnch are the proud parents of a boy babe born on the 6th, so reports Dr. Stocking.

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Local News Notes.
A. M. BEVILLE, Editor.
ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector,
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Straw Hats, straw hats; T. J. Noland has them.

Preaching at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

Don't forget the concert at the court house tomorrow night.

All wood work guaranteed at Taylor's blacksmith shop.

Judge W. H. Brummett, and wife, of Claude, were trading in Clarendon last Monday.

Armour's gold band meats at W. T. Jones.

Mrs. Timmons and Mrs. Payne, of Goodnight, were trading here last Tuesday.

All round horse shoeing only \$1.00. Call on E. A. Taylor.

Tavoy Madras, at only 10 cents per yard at Noland's.

Peacemaker flour defies competition. Sold by Sims the grocer.

All kind of garden and field seeds at W. T. Jones.

Those who attend the concert at the court house tomorrow night are promised a rare musical treat.

Great bargains, those Piques at Noland's. Only 10 cents per yard.

Mrs. Aiken of Vernon, is visiting her sisters Mrs. J. W. and C. W. Ryan this week.

For first-class wood work of all kind, call at Taylor's blacksmith shop.

W. T. Jones carries a full and complete line of Hawk Eye pickles and relishes.

The manager of the AGITATOR spent a very pleasant day with home folks on Barton creek last Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Henson and family left Tuesday for a few days outing in Hall county.

May 20th our last day in Clarendon. Harper the Photographer.

Dr. Nelson has had the doors and windows of his dental parlor re-painted, which adds very much to their appearance.

For the latest styles, shades and patterns in wall paper, see HILL & DECKER.

Bring your children in the middle of the day for best results. Harper the Photographer.

WANTED—At once, a woman to do laundry work. Apply at the Clarendon Steam Laundry.

Dr. Morris, reports a girl baby born to Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Page, on Tuesday morning of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnside are the proud parents of a girl babe born last Saturday. Dr. Westbrook attending.

Take your horse to E. A. Taylor's blacksmith shop, and have him shod, only costs you \$1.00.

Rev. J. R. Henson is enjoying a visit from his father, a nephew and cousin, all of Jacksboro.

No extension of time. We do what we advertise. Harper the Photographer.

Dr. Dice, of Henrietta Tex. was prospecting here this week. He wants a good ranch location somewhere near Clarendon.

Mrs. Goodnight and Miss Stephens of Goodnight were trading here last Wednesday.

For bread of all kind, King of Kansas flour, can't be beat.
W. T. JONES.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a "cup social" at the parsonage, Friday night, May 18th.

Hill & Decker will buy 2 goods, and pay you all they are worth. Give them a call.

Do not fail to see Anderson's goods before you purchase. He is rock bottom on prices and the quality cannot be excelled.

The JA ranch, are preparing to erect a telephone line from Clarendon out to their headquarters 25 miles southwest of town.

A special train bearing President Trumbull, Vice President Keeler and Superintendent Goode, passed South over the Denver road yesterday.

B. T. Lane will shortly begin the erection of an iron-clad house on his lot near the dry goods house of T. J. Noland.

Peacemaker flour takes premiums at St. Louis and Dallas Fairs. Take no other. See John T. Sims.

Mrs. J. T. Sims, is visiting her parents in the East part of the county this week also her friend Mrs. J. B. Pope beyond in Hall county.

All kind of repairing and upholstering neatly and quickly done, at prices that are reasonable,
HILL & DECKER.

Rev. C. C. Wilson, Methodist pastor at McGregor station, was visiting Presiding Elder Hardy, and on Wednesday night preached a most excellent sermon at the Methodist church.

For hardware, singletrees, doubletrees, chains, collars, pads &c., see Anderson. He will give you a hard times price.

Rev. W. S. Park, of Clarendon circuit is away on a two weeks visit to Missouri. His friends believe that he will not return alone.

C. W. Ryan has purchased through A. M. Beville agent, one of the Sibert vacant lots adjoining his home in the west part of town. Price \$80.

Dr. Westbrook has purchased through A. M. Beville, agent, the Frona Bell residence on the North side and will shortly occupy it with his family.

We are requested to announce that Rev. Cole, of Memphis, will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church at this place next Sunday.

Don't forget to read what Caldwell & Jacques have to say about flour. Remember they can interest you when you need anything in the grocery line.

August Williams now has his ice cream parlor fitted up at the Griffin building where he is prepared to serve refreshments of every description to the public.

Will Noel came up from Memphis Sunday night and is doing the 'typo' act on the Industrial West during the absence of the editor, W. P. Blake, at Cincinnati.

Harper, the Photographer, until May 20th.

Anderson carries a larger line of high grade cheese than is carried between Fort Worth and Trinidad. When you want something that is nectar for the Gods see Anderson.

R. L. Collins and wife and J. B. Collins, and wife are attending a reunion of the Collins family at the home of their father and mother at Henderson Tex., this week.

J. E. Griffin, the popular manager, of the Globe Confectionery has his ice cream parlor completed. For beauty of design and artistic effect it can't be beat. Do not fail to call on him when you need anything in his line.

S. H. Vaughn of Goodnight was attending to business in Clarendon last Wednesday, a part of which was paying for the AGITATOR for two years, which we appreciate very much.

Rev. J. R. Henson and family are spending the week hunting and fishing down in Briscoe county near the home of Mr. P. D. Hudgins.

At the Methodist church last Sunday morning the house was crowded and many turned away because there was no room. Six were added to the church and four baptized at this service.

Prof Blankenship of Clarendon College spent part of last week at Crowell and Quanah on business. As usual when away from Clarendon, he secured a batch of cash subscribers to the AGITATOR.

D. J. Calvery and wife and Mrs. H. Donohue left Thursday to attend the Southern Baptist convention which meets at Hot Springs, Ark. They will be away about a month.

They can all talk and argue, but when they come down to facts, in regard to the lowest prices and largest stock in Clarendon come and see,
BEN CHAMBERLAIN.

Dr. C. H. Nelson has purchased of A. M. Beville his block of land in the McLean addition just beyond Clarendon College and will this summer build a handsome home there for himself. This is a fine building site overlooking the entire town.

R. B. Hearn, and wife were in from their Wheeler county ranch visiting friends here this week. They still hold to their homestead which is one of the prettiest in town and expect to make it their permanent home and educate their children here.

The Columbian Tailoring Co., 133 to 137 West Madison St. Chicago, Ill., cut, make and trim ladies' and gentlemen's own material at \$6.50 per suit; latest styles and fit guaranteed. Send us your goods and measurement. We do the rest.

Miss Calye Townsend, who has been attending Clarendon College the past year, returned to her home at Benton, Ark., last Tuesday. Miss Calye made many friends while here, all of whom hope she will return the coming year.

A. C. Barrett, G. F. Morgan, R. A. Chamberlain, D. Barnhart, A. B. Ewing, W. B. Ware and M. Rosenfield were elected last Saturday as the new school board for our public school.

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CLARENDON, TEXAS.

M. A. Handlin was in town the first of the week from his Collingsworth county ranch and marketed 87 dozen eggs, for which he found a ready sale at 15 cents per dozen. He has just completed a milk house at his ranch that is said to be the finest in that county. Milt is a hustler!

A number of the young people spent a very pleasant evening Tuesday at the hospitable home of Rev. G. W. Graham and wife. The occasion was in honor of Miss Jessie Fitch, of Miami, who had stopped off on a few days visit to Miss Bertha, while on her way to Fort Worth. Refreshments were served during the evening and all report a pleasant time.

We call your attention to the "add" of the Clarendon Steam Laundry. Messrs Blair, Brooks and Loper have leased the plant. They are permanent citizens among us and will appreciate your patronage, besides they do only first-class work at reasonable prices. They will call for and deliver all laundry. Give them a trial. They are home people, and as such are entitled to our patronage.

Last week Dr. White removed an ordinary field pea from the ear of a little son of George Roberts, which had been there for over 4 years and was in a perfect state of preservation. The operation though a delicate one was performed very quickly, even before the little fellow was aware that anything other than an examination was being made. The pea was deep in the ear and had frequently given the little fellow much pain.

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The Sabbath.

The Sunday Question grows more serious as year by year, invention and modern usage break in upon time honored habits of observing the Lord's day. Sunday trains, Sunday papers and Sunday sports (chief among them bicycling) have at last succeeded in perverting the Sabbath from its once hallowed restful estate, and turned it into a carnival of pastime, noise and riot. The anthem of praise no longer swells from a full chorus around the chappel, instead, we hear the cries of news-boys, the bugle of street parades, the cream of steam whistles. The pews are in great part, deserted, the streets are full of pushing throngs in quest of pleasure and excitement. At first glance, one would say the Christian Sabbath has gone forever. It has not gone, but it is going, and if Christian people do not arise quickly and stand resolutely for its salvation, we will have lost that great bulwark, of our social system.

We say our social system' for society itself, as we know it in its best form, has its sheet anchor in the family institution, and nothing contributes so much to the perfection and perpetuity of the family as the Sabbath day as we once knew it. A day given to home quiet, to common worship to interchange of confidences, hopes, plans, memories, ambitions, a day closed with songs and prayer, and good night kisses. A day in which the mental and physical rest, and repair there tired cells and tissues, and the spiritual is given wing to soar away and bathe in in the empyrean sunlight of God's favor. Give us Sabbaths like this, manhood will be exalted, and society will be safe. Exchange this Sabbath for the loud, tiresome God-forgetting pagan Sunday which is growing up around us, and you menace the foundation of religion, of family and of government.—Rams Horn.

The Bar-Keeper Always Was Boss.

Five years ago, the sickening subserviency of thousands of business men to the saloon, if we had told it, would have seemed incredible. But through engaging in anti-saloon work the facts have slowly been driven in upon us. In hundreds of places' notwithstanding our boasted American freedom, we find that business men are as verily bound slaves of the saloon as if it had a warranty deed of their souls and bodies. A common experience is that they will not identify themselves with any temperance work such as signing petitions against grogeries becoming officers in temperance organizations, or even letting their true sentiments regarding the drink traffic be known, through fear of being boycotted. We have learned of a number of instances where they dared not advertise in a temperance paper, nor contribute to a local option campaign, through terror of the saloonists. Brewers have threatened to withdraw their deposit from banks, and temperance bank officials have cowered like whipped spaniels. Ministers have been menaced with the failure of saloon support for their churches, and have quailed before the tread. School superintendents and teachers, postmasters and other public officers have been intimidated. We would not have dreamed, prior to actual knowledge, that such hordes of cowardly poltroons could have been found beneath the American flag to-day.



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Desecration Of The Lord's Day.

One of the facts that Christians of our time are being forced upon them more clearly almost every week is the great and growing desecration of the Lord's Day. There was a time, even almost in our own generation, when men talked flippantly and bitterly about a "Puritan Sabbath," and its hardships and repulsiveness; but if there be any remnant of a so-called "Puritan Sabbath" left for anyone to inveigh against, it is carefully hidden away in some nook or corner where it is very hard, if not quite impossible, to find. What we see in painful evidence on every side, is the Lord's day so desecrated and misused as to leave little or no difference between that and the other day, unless indeed the Lord's day be marked by being given over more entirely to frivolity and flippancy and ideal enjoyment of one kind or another than any other day.—Christian Advocate.

The Devil Rebukes Sin.

Mr B. F. Parker is known as the saloon magnate of Des Moines. He is agent for the Gipp Brewing Company, which operates twenty-one saloons in the city. While talking to a friend a few years ago Mr. Parker said with some emphasis: "I would not keep a man in my employment if I knew he drank".

This statement was in the hearing of two reliable witnesses. By it Mr. Parker says in effect that no prudent business man would employ a man who drank and yet he would entice every young man in Des Moines to drink at his saloons, and thus ruin their business prospects. And this is the man who assumes to tell the people of Des Moines that the mullet saloon are a great blessing to the city and the Churches are a failure.—Iowa Commonwealth.

It is a "Remover."

An exchange says that alcohol will remove grease stains from summer cloths; and the Danville "Breeze" very breezily and truthfully adds: "The exchange is right. It will also remove summer clothes, and also the autumn and winter cloths, not only from the one who drinks it, but also from his wife and family. It will likewise remove household furniture from the house, the eatables from the pantry, the smiles on the face of his wife, and the happiness from the home. As a remover of things alcohol has few equals. Is it removing anything from you dear reader?" Removing so much, ought not the traffic in it to be removed?

W. B. Plemons is a good man; a man of considerable ability and a man who would do his best to give the 13th congressional district efficient representation, but unfortunately for Mr. Plemons, ambition the people have a congressman with whom they are very much pleased, and at present desire no change.

Plemons would do well to follow Tom Simmons example and withdraw. John Stephens will be returned and Plemons should be intelligent enough to realize that such will be the case.—Panhandle Stockman and Farmer.

The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine for May contains among others, an article on "The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church," by Levi Gilbert, D. D. The General Conference is the supreme legislative body of the Methodist Church. Representing about three million constitutes distributed over the world in one hundred and twenty four Annual conference it naturally attracts wide and general attention.

Speaking of newspapers, Sam Jones says: "If I wanted to get a right square judgement, I'd rather go in a newspaper office than a court of justice. No man, whose life is true, pure and just, is afraid of all the newspaper presses in America. They are the best detective force in the county today. They have punctured more shams, and so far as I am concerned, I say take the bridle off, and let them go. The only ones that will be hurt will be the shams and frauds.

The time has come when spiritual gifts are of the least consideration in selecting a candidate for ministerial service. The questions asked are: Is he eloquent? Is he affable? Is he liberal? Will he offend? Will he draw? Will he wear? Oh pity the poor preacher who must run the gauntlet of the congregational inquisition!—Oh pity the congregation which applies any other test to a man sent from God save "Has he been endued with power from on High?"

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