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M. and 7 P. M.  
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Thursday night of each week.  
Song services Tuesday and Satur-  
day nights.

HERE AND THERE.

The elections were warmly contes-  
ted in the northern counties and in  
Grayson, Cook, Dallas and some others  
very evenly balanced. The national  
ticket was over shadowed by local  
interests generally. The State went  
about 70,000 Democratic. E. J. Davis  
the Republican candidate for Govern-  
or had quite a very respectable vote.  
The Greenbackers also polled quite a  
vote, but of course, as was expected.  
Roberts was re-elected Governor. We  
hope and pray for more liberal things  
from our state authorities, but these  
old moss grown democrats, who sel-  
dom read or think except on one side  
are very slow to learn. Think of an  
"efficient school system," providing  
but \$3 per head for the public schools  
limiting the sessions to about three  
months annually, with the scholastic  
age 8 and 14 years, and hardly a re-  
spectable school house in the state,  
except erected by private enterprise.  
Besides this every "occupation" is  
taxed to death, thus giving a back set  
to energy and capital. One good  
thing we have the ad valorem tax is  
low. The old friends of Mr. Davis the  
rebellion, the solid south, and Han-  
cock, were badly bloated with expect-  
tancy and a hope of return to power  
until the very last and the sudden col-  
lapse was dreadful! Scores of the old  
guard swore they will never again  
vote the democratic ticket. There is  
great disgust and disappointment, but  
not much said. Democracy is dead,  
"dead as a door nail, or as a coffin  
nail is about the deadest piece of iron-  
mongery, dead as a coffin nail". The  
battle will continue no doubt, but not  
on the same ground, nor over the old  
issues. In the mean time tens of  
thousands more will sweep from the  
north and east into the south and west

and millions of capital, hither to doubt-  
ful and trembling will find safe and  
profitable investment. The results  
give great gladness to all who love  
liberty, progress, equal rights and with  
this rejoicing also agree the better in-  
formed and more liberal minded of  
the southern people. This republic-  
can victory, will be of the greatest  
possible advantage to the south.

The Quarterly Meetings at Sherman  
and Denison were of genuine interest  
notably so at Denison where a com-  
pany of colored emigrants who con-  
cluded to locate, were organized into  
a church. The services were divided  
between the two congregations, giving  
the larger portion, of course, to the  
more needy. They have already se-  
cured a lot and purchased an old cir-  
cus tent in which to hold their service.  
Thence away to Texarcana to look up  
the matter of planting our church  
work. We find a city of between  
three and four thousand with good  
prospect of growth and demand for  
the old church among the incoming  
white population. We have a fine  
society and church among the colored  
people. The Presbyterians are report-  
ed very feeble. The M. E. Church  
South, has a fair building but only  
about 60 members, only a few of whom  
as is every where the case, are alive  
and active. We also find a grand  
opening for our church at Marshall,  
one of the old and larger towns of eas-  
tern Texas. Here are established the  
machine shops and general offices of  
the Texas & Pacific Railway, now on  
the rapid march to El Paso. This is  
also the seat of "Wiley University," a  
school of excellent management and  
character for the education of colored  
people especially, though not so lim-  
ited, about 100 are now in attendance  
with Professors Davis and Otterman  
and another soon to be in charge.  
We surely ought to occupy these  
points next year. The services at  
Lawrence, Nov. 6th and 7th were well  
attended and delightful in spirit. Bro  
Otterman now engaged as professor at  
Marshall has done good square work,  
as he will also do in the educational  
field. Frosts have nipped the leaves  
in part, but the winter which has closed  
in upon our northern states, has hard-  
ly touched us yet. Cotton is still be-  
ing gathered and the sweet potatoes  
but just dug. One of our farmers  
here has made five crops (all good) in  
three years. The wheat comes off in  
and makes room for cotton, broom  
corn &c. In this region the boll worm  
has injured the cotton badly. This is  
a beautiful portion of Texas.

OUR SHERMAN LETTER.

Feeling a deep interest in the pros-  
perity of the "News," and the sprigh-

ly little city it represents, Clarendon,  
we are glad to see that "our flag is  
still there; long may it wave!"

We expect to make Donley Co. our  
permanent home; and knowing from  
observation the advantages and in-  
ducements it offers settlers, our heart  
is cheered by its continued prosperity.  
As Sherman is the point from which  
many start on the overland journey to  
Clarendon, and the place at which they  
obtain the needed supplies, we trust  
that a few lines from here will not  
come amiss to some who are contem-  
plating the trip.

Sherman is a city of eight or ten  
thousand inhabitants; finely situated,  
and lacking in one thing—enterprise.  
The "city dads" are afflicted with a  
very ancient disease—"Toadyism."  
They practically ignore that scripture  
which says: "Cast thy bread upon the  
waters etc." They take the advice of  
B. Franklin, and watch after the Pen-  
ny and leave the Dollars to take care  
of themselves. And yet, Sherman is  
a good trading point; cotton rolls in,  
and goods roll out; the merchants are  
happy, and so are the farmers. The  
supplies needful for the journey to  
Clarendon can probably be bought as  
cheap here as elsewhere. Teams can  
be purchased at bottom figures. We  
are personally cognizant of a good  
team of horses, wagon and harness  
that sold for one hundred and forty  
dollars. And now, if our readers will  
bear with us, we desire to speak of  
*LIFE IN THE FAR WEST.*

"O, land beyond the setting sun;  
O, land more fair than poets dream!"

Yes, to the timid ones, it seems like  
the land of the setting sun; a land of  
mystic and weird shadows. But to us  
who have dwelt there, its wild, prime-  
val beauty seems more like the reali-  
zation of a poets dream.

There are many people who object  
to the west, for fear they would be  
deprived of all enjoyment. Never  
was there a graver mistake. We speak  
from personal experience. After all,  
what we term enjoyment, is merely  
comparative. Some of the most tran-  
quil hours we ever passed, was alone,  
amid the vast reaches and expansions  
of the limitless prairies. The most  
refreshing sleep we ever experienced,  
was with the ground for a bed, the  
world for a bed room, overarching us,  
the blue empyrean. Never did we  
appreciate the remark of that sharp  
man: "That hunger is the best of  
sauce," until we had cooked our food  
over a camp fire, and used our fingers  
in conveying it to our mouth. Again  
some persons object to the west on ac-  
count of the supposed solitude. Soli-  
tude! The most profound solitude  
we ever felt was in a crowded city.  
Alone among the multitudes; oh, soli-

tude infinite! If a man looked at us  
we wondered if he was not speculating  
as to the size and condition of our  
pocket book. As we looked at the  
surging, rushing, hurrying crowds, the  
social atmosphere grew cold, colder,  
coldest.

We talk about the Fatherhood of  
God, and the Brotherhood of Man.  
In the Fatherhood of God we believe;  
but the Lord deliver us from the  
Brotherhood of Man, as illustrated in  
our cities. If you want to see the  
Brotherhood of Man practically illus-  
trated, go into the sparsely settled re-  
gions of the west. When you meet a  
man, you feel he is your friend and  
you can trust him. To be sure the  
dwellers of the wilderness love and  
chase the Almighty Dollar, but they  
do not hunt the poor little Penny to  
the death.

The great Northwestern Texas is  
settling up with good American Citi-  
zens. On the quiet air is borne the  
clang of the church bell, while the  
Gospel is preached where a few years  
since the Comanche Indian displayed  
his splendid horsemanship. The buf-  
falo has receded, the Indian has van-  
ished, the eternal solitudes are being  
broken up. The school house is erect-  
ed, the music of the hammer and saw is  
heard; while over the boundless prair-  
ies, the beautiful landscapes, the grand  
canyons, the cattle on a thousand hills  
shines a star; a westward moving star  
—the star of Empire.—W. A. Brewer.

"After election, what?" asks an ex-  
change. Probably ten million news-  
paper lies about the returns.—Syrac-  
use Sunday Times.

Clarendon, Donley Co., Texas,  
Nov. 26, 1880.

To the stockmen of the Pan Han-  
dle of Texas. Gentlemen:

I think it is of the greatest im-  
portance to us to meet at Mobeetie  
on the 15th of December, to adopt  
resolutions and write a memorial to  
the State Legislature, begging that  
body to pass laws, to protect and as-  
sist us in our business in this country,  
being well assured that we can obtain  
their legislation, if we ask for it. I  
consider this matter of vital impor-  
tance to us all and hope every stock  
neighborhood will send at least one  
representative to meet us at Mobeetie  
on the day appointed.

Yours truly,  
C. Goodnight.

BIDS.

Are wanted on the delivery of 4,  
000 cedar posts delivered on line where  
needed near Clarendon. Must be 6½  
feet long square at top and not less  
than six inches in thickness. Also  
bids for setting the same ready for  
wire, 30 feet apart. Must be complete  
by March 1st. 1881.

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LOCAL GLEANINGS.



AND HOME BREVITIES

Splendid weather.  
 Adobes still going up.  
 December, as pleasant as May.  
 Mrs. Freeman has gone to Mr. Goodnight's for a few weeks visit.  
 Mrs. Yackley has found a pleasant home with Mr. and Mrs. Parks.  
 Another store is expected to open here about the first of January.  
 Our new wagon firm, Burdick & Reed, seems prosperous and busy.  
 Mr. Parks has a new fence, a new chimney, and is now having his house plastered.  
 Mr. Drake and family are comfortably domiciled in the Otey and Barton house.  
 Arthur Yackley and brother have gone out on the range with their sheep.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Goodnight spent a day in town on their way home from the Post last week.  
 The tax collector has paid Clarendon a visit this month, to the no great delight of her citizens.  
 Several teams and various parties expect to leave Gainesville for Clarendon, in the early days of Dec.  
 McClelland & Bull expect soon to go south after horses and mules, they expect to ship several car loads north.  
 Mr. Bull has made a good many improvements about his house and premises, among others a fine new chimney with fire place.  
 Van Horn & Co., have moved into their new store, and look as though they were ready for any amount of business.  
 Messrs Shoop and Beeney are making adobes for Mr. Allan's house, about three miles from town, on Carroll Creek.  
 Mr. Drake is going to separate his sheep from Williams and Shick and will run them alone hereafter, success to Ed.  
 Jimmie Glenn has sold out his boarding house to Mr. Stamm, who will hereafter cater to the tastes of the Clarendon public.  
 Mr. Thompson is at work making the adobes for Mr. Reeds new house on the corner of Whitfield Ave., and Third street.  
 Mr. Barton, who has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks, we are glad to learn is so far convalescent as to be able to sit up.  
 Geo Osborn has built himself a very nice "dug out," about a mile up the river, and moved out. He goes there to be near his horses, which he intends pasturing in that vicinity.  
 Mr. Rising has bought the old Osborn House of Mr. Otey for a residence and has moved his family into it, he is building an adobe shed and stable, and intends fencing in the property at once.  
 Last Sabbath, the Sabbath School voted to have a Christmas Tree, and

appointed a committee to make the preliminary arrangements. Let every body get ready for work, and for fun.  
 Mr. Walter Kimball has moved into his new house and is now building an addition to it. His location is very fine and his adobe house plastered inside and out is very neat and comfortable.  
 Frazier & Co., well diggers have dissolved partnership, but the well digging goes on all the same, Kimball & Wright have found water at 26 feet and Van Horn & Co., have a fine well on their premises dug by Bull & Bartlett our new firm.  
 One of Rev. Cartlich's horses strayed two weeks ago, and the other was found dead last Sunday—he has since heard of the strayed one.  
 Stock is still marching in quantities and numerous flocks toward the Pan Handle.  
 Nov. 16—28 witnessed some of the coldest weather ever known in Texas, but such snaps are of short duration. About ten days of fine weather to one of bad.  
 Subscribe for the "NEWS," one dollar per year in advance.  
 Burlingame's mule train has gone through to Dodge for freight. The late storm has delayed the ox trains. Good weather and good grass is needed for ox trains, but they draw a wonderful load when they do come. A large quantity of apples and potatoes were frozen on the wagons in transit belonging to D. W. Van Horn & Co.  
 The article on minerals will be read with interest and we hope turn the eyes and selfs of enterprising men in our direction. If a man buying a mile square of land in our county for \$640 should find it rich in copper, lead coal or gold, he might find himself suddenly a rich man some day. One thing is certain, there is gold in the grasses, pastures and mighty flocks of northwestern Texas, if not in our rivers and gulches, probably in both.  
 The minutes of the Austin Conference will be out in a few days. Those wishing a copy enclose ten cents to Rev. A. A. Johnson at Fort Worth, Texas.  
 An accidental shooting took place at Van Horn & Co's store last Tuesday evening. Walter Dyer was displaying his revolver and accidentally discharged it. The cartridge hit Sam Teson, passing entirely through the fleshy part of his leg, ripping up a piece of the floor and indenting the casing of the window. Mr. Rising was called and dressed the wound, which is painful though not dangerous. He is stopping at the Otey & Barton house and Mr. Dyer and others have paid him every possible attention.  
 Mr. Barwise at Wichita falls, is going to try a peck of our Egyptian Corn for planting, next year. Its a sure crop and will pay well. Seed is worth \$3.00 per bushel here and will be sent as ordered. 4 pounds or less may be sent by mail, or large quantities by express.  
 Let our people raise every pound of corn or feed needed next season. Corn now costs three dollars per hundred pounds here.

Send \$1 for one years subscription to "THE NEWS."  
 We have it from the best authority that the Denison Pacific Railway now terminating at Gainesville will be built to Fort Worth at once, work at both ends has begun. The distance is about 100 miles.  
 Our church at Clarendon was left "to be supplied" at the recent session of the Austin Conference. We expect a pastor who can devote himself fully to the interests of the charge at Clarendon and Mobeetie, soon.  
 Rev. Mr. Allan, Cartlich and others from time to time will supply the pulpit until regularly filled. The conference is short of men.  
 Our Senior Editor and Presiding Elder of Dallas District, says he needs ministers with first class ability and strength at places on his District as follows: Clarendon, Henrietta, Rice, Eastland, Weatherford, Seymour, Vernon and other places where the gospel is asked.  
 Harry Zigler, Esq. of Philadelphia, one of the proprietors of the largest Boot and Shoe house in the United States, and W. H. Cannon Esq. general traveling agent in Texas, for the same, have each purchased 320 acres of land not far from here at one dollar per acre. Mr. Cannon is well posted in lands and the advantages of all parts of the State. Mr. Cannon also has one of those 20 acre lots, near town, so finely situated and desirable.  
 A DAIRY FARM.  
 A party at Clarendon has a fine dairy farm two miles square—2569 acres, about seven or eight miles east and north east of town, affording choice pasture and finely watered by living stream through the center and with a hillside cold spring, offering water power for churning &c., and cool cellar or vaults for milk, butter and cheese. The land will be fenced and will sustain a large Dairy. He wishes an equal partner with at least 100 head of milch cows. Butter and cheese sell well and the enterprise safe and profitable. Address, for further particulars, "NEWS OFFICE," Clarendon, Texas.  
 STOCK COMPANY.  
 A movement is on foot to put in quite a herd of stock on Carroll Creek in the early spring. The herding and management of which will be controlled by a joint association of all parties interested. The stock will be branded with the owners mark and each will have full benefit of the increase in numbers and growth. The herding only will be by the company. Fifty head of cattle can be held by this arrangement as safely and economically as five thousand. This is a rare chance for men of limited means to commence safely with what they have and allow it to grow into a large and valuable property. Stock growing here will pay from 25 to 33 per cent above the cost of handling. We hope to keep the cost of herding at about one dollar a head per annum. Address, Rev. I. B. Cartlich, Clarendon, Texas.

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December 1, 1880.

The fourth session of the Austin Conference just closed, was an occasion of unusual interest, quite a number of new men were admitted by transfer and trial. Among them Reat and Sabin of Indiana, Miller of Mo., J. H. Hatfield of Ohio, Nichols of South India, and several young men are on the list of helpers. Bishop Haven did nobly and is much endeared to all concerned here. Rev. Moss, of Palingsa N. Y. represented the cause of Church Extension and Missions and performed his work finely going to the bottom of every transaction in the State in which connexional funds have been used. Our work bears examination and the characters of those who have handled their interests are the more appreciated as their records are annalized. The North Texas Conference of the M. E. Church South, met in Dallas at the same time with that of the M. E. Church, Bishop Pierce presided. Fraternal messages and delegates passed between the two bodies and the various members mingled freely and pleasantly. On the memorial of Bishop Doggett, of the Southern Church, deceased, Bishop Haven and Pierce were both present and made excellent addresses. The bitterness and foolishness of other days are passing slowly away except in the hearts of a few who must die as they have lived.

The conference received an entirely new cast as to Districts and manner of work. This, the Austin, is the smallest of the four Methodist Episcopal Conferences in the State. Our aggregate membership is about 20,000. A large tent was purchased by the conference and will be put to efficient service at points where church buildings are scarce, or in large towns where the people are numerous. Nichols of India conference opens our word at Houston. Dougherty will travel the Austin District and endeavor to complete the Central Church at the Dapital. Webb goes to Marshall in Eastern Texas to organize or operate the work. Mann and one to help him continues the work at Eastland the present terminus of the Texas & Pacific Railway. Hewring has just dedicated the handsome brick church costing over \$3,000 at Gainesville. Prof. J. L. Hatfield of Ohio university is transferred and sent to occupy our beautiful new church at Sherman. D. M. Adams of Ind. a young lawyer of fine ability, takes the work at Cambridge, leaving Henrietta, with Seymour, Vernon and Pease River City and Clarendon to be supplied.

We need three or four first class young men for very fruitful and promising fields.

The Senior Editor of this paper will evidently have his hands three times full of work and will be compelled to place all colonial affairs with publishing etc, into other hands, but of this more anon. Letters addressed to us

either at Clarendon or at Dallas, will receive prompt attention. All matter for, or concerning this paper should be directed to Clarendon, the place of publication. Edward E. Carhart, at Clarendon will attend to all matters touching the publishing and mailing of the "NEWS."

### MINERALS IN THE PANHANDLE.

BY PROF. ROSSER.

The copper belt starts from the little Wichita River, Wichita county, running in a northwestern direction into the Pan Handle taking in Donley County. It is a heavy green ore looking like wood, in beds from a few inches to eleven or twelve feet thick. It is heavy and very rich bearing the sulphuret of copper known to mineralogists as copper glance. You generally find it scattered over the surface in pieces from the size of a nut, to the size of a fist. Wherever you find these small fragments there is surely a large deposit of copper below. Sometimes coal is connected with the copper, so that coal and copper will be found in the same locality. I collected 6,000 pounds of copper with two men in eight hours in Wichita Co. There is a good deal of Gypsum in Donley Co., which is a good material for fertilizing purposes, and can be used for Plaster of Paris. I observed some signs of lead which is very rich in silver, but failed to find a well defined lead in that vicinity. One ton of copper ore will sell in Baltimore for \$300.00. The copper ore is imbedded in soft sand of very loose texture, the lead is confined to red clay in hills from 25 to 75 feet high. The best places to look for the ore is in the banks of ravines where the ore crops out making a good appearance. Look for sands of black color, it sometimes contains gold. By washing in a pan the gold will separate from the sand in small particles at the edges of the pan. Shake the pan well filled with water and the sand and the gold will soon show if there is any.

Donley Co., is too far from the gold belt, but gold is sometimes carried a long distance by water and remains in low gulches and ravines. Examine carefully the rocks and if you notice any bright particles of metallic substances, make excavations, and be guided by the appearance of the metallic substances.

Green or blue indicate copper, gray is lead and silver. Gold of course is its native color. I would also call your attention to the modules of iron which are abundantly distributed over the surface of Donley and the adjoining counties and indicate good beds of magnetic iron ore.

### DIED.

We are pained this month to chronicle the first death in our little town. We have been wonderfully preserved and the fact has been so often referred to, that death has never entered our community since the establishment of our colony, but it has at last fallen upon us, it came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Mr. Adam Yackley with his family, from Utah drove into our town on the evening of Nov. 20th

apparently in good health and spirits set up his tent, made his family comfortable, and went to the store for a sack of corn with which to feed his horses. About half way to his tent with the corn he dropped dead in the middle of the street. He was carried to a bed and every thing done for him that could possibly be done to resuscitate him but of no avail.

His wife and sons felt stricken indeed when they realized that he was dead, and the intelligence came like a shock to the whole town. Every person expressed their sympathy in every possible way, and on Monday afternoon Nov. 22 the whole village turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to our stranger brother. May Clarendon be saved such another sad scene.

We have felt that heretofore a special providence had watched over us, and we still trust for His protection.

Mr. Yackley was a New Yorker by birth, was 59 years old, a man respected and beloved by his friends and neighbors. His sons will remain in the sheep business near here.

The missionary committee have passed a resolution requesting the Bishops of our church to recommend that a concert of prayer for our missions and missionaries be held by every congregation in the connexion, monthly or oftener after the first of Dec.

This is as it should be, our people are not as much alive to this subject as they should be, and a good way to interest a man in any subject is to set him to praying about it. We hope all the prayer meetings in our bounds will remember and act upon this request. Our Austin Conference this year has an increased appropriation from the missionary society. Let them have our most earnest prayers for their prosperity and success and let us not forget to answer our own prayers as far as possible too.

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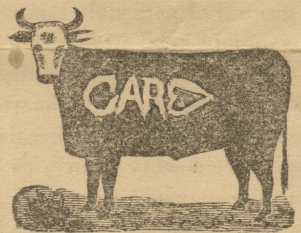
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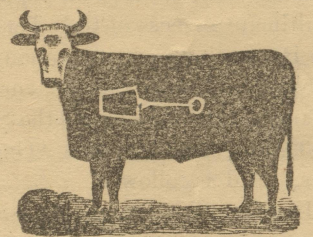
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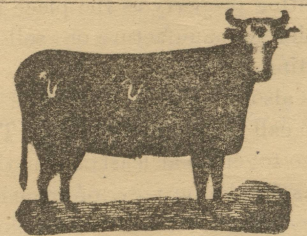
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The following extracts are taken from the last revised copy of the Book of Discipline of the M. E. Church, and will be of special interest as voicing the entire church, with a membership little short of 2,000,000 and an influence, national and powerful. Whoever would like to know the temperance sentiments of the people called Methodists, will find them, ¶ 36, on page 34.

TEMPERANCE.

¶ 36. Temperance in its broader meaning is distinctively a Christian virtue, scripturally enjoined. It implies a subordination of all the emotions, passions, and appetites to the control of reason and conscience. Dietetically, it means a wise use of useful articles of food and drink, with entire abstinence unite with the Holy Scriptures in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe. The business of manufacturing and vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy, and the public welfare. We, therefore, regard voluntary abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government. We heartily approve of all lawful and Christian efforts to save society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance, and earnestly advise our people to co-operate in all measures which may seem to them wisely adapted to secure that end. We refer to our General Rule on this subject, and affectionately urge its strict observance by all our members. Finally, we are persuaded that, under God, hope for the ultimate success of the Temperance Reform rests chiefly upon the combined and sanctified influence of the family, the Church, and the State.

¶ 32, on page 30. The "General Rules," read as follows:

"Drunkenness, buying or selling spirituous liquors, or drinking them, unless in cases of extreme necessity."

¶ 226, on page 145, notices as "Unchristian Conduct." "The buying, selling, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, signing petitions in favor of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in such traffic, renting property as the place in or on which to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors," etc.

It is also made the duty of the pastor "to call the Committee on Temperance together at least once in three months for the purpose of considering the best means to be employed for promoting the cause of temperance in the community."

¶ 124, on page 86, the ministers are

asked. "Do you use only that drink, and that degree of drink, which is best both for your body and soul? Do you choose and use water for your common drink? And only take wine medicinally or sacramentally?"

The stewards are enjoined to provide unfermented wine for sacramental use and every minister, before entering any conference or commencing his ministry, is asked in open conference, by the presiding Bishop. "Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco?"

The "Womans Christian Temperance Union," also connected with and endorsed by the Church, is fast becoming a power in the nation. The "Crusade Movement," which did more to stimulate and enlarge the temperance reform, than a decade of Lodge and convention work, was commenced and sustained by Methodist women. Not a temperance organization, public or private in the land in which Methodists do not occupy the front rank and the leadership. The Methodist wife of President Hayes, with a heroism worthy of a nations gratitude has successfully banished liquors from State and social occasions at the White House. The Methodist Episcopal Church has a well earned right to the banner and position of van-guard in the great national Temperance Reform

ONLY A DRUNKARD.

We have all seen him, with bloated face trembling limbs, he haunts the low drinking saloons. You pass one of these miserable dens and hear blows and curses then a bruised and battered form sprauls on the side walk and the police drag him away. You shrug your shoulders and mutter contemptuously: "Only a drunkard." Come my brother and let us reason together.

Have you ever considered that, that bruised and battered form was shaped and fashioned after a divine pattern?

That around him hovers the majesty of the Eternal One? That the shed blood, and intensest pain, and lonely death of the Son of God was to rescue him. That he will live and know and feel, ages after the sun and stars have been destroyed and forgotten? That God intends him to wear a crown and wield a scepter of dominion in the mansions prepared by His Son? And then have you ever thought that this wretch has endeavored to reform? There have been times when the film of sin has been swept from his eyes, and visions of a purer, nobler, higher life has greeted his longing spirit. He has tried to struggle up from darkness into light; but fiends in hell have conspired with fiends on earth to accomplish his ruin. Around his tongue they have lit the fires of an all consuming appetite. Oh, the bitter pain and agony, the prayers and midnight wrestlings, no one can know but himself and his God. Therefore, say no more, "Only a drunkard," but rather say, "A king unthroned; an immortal soul gone astray!"

What a sad and mournful spectacle with senses deadened by alcohol he hears not the deep toned thunders of a future retribution. With blood shot eyes he sees not the baleful star of Eternal despair blazing in the murky heavens above. With trembling hand, he drains the fatal cup, while across the wilderness of his wasted life comes a voice, saying, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."—M. E. B.

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