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(Communicated.) Popular Infidelity Considered.

BY A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS BOARD.

No. 1.

The series of articles I propose to write, under the above caption, are primarily intended for the eye of all who are of a skeptical turn of mind. At the same time, I confess to a deep solicitude that they should be read by the young men of Texas, especially those of them who are members of my own profession. I hope the lawyers will not deem this a presumption in me. I assure them I have but one desire, and that is to do good.

In dealing with complicated questions, a great deal may frequently be fairly urged on opposite sides. "There are objections," said Dr. Johnson, "to a plenum, and there are objections to a vacuum; yet one must be true." Volumes in favor, and volumes in condemnation, of phrenology, have been written. And let the issue be what it may, we can not entirely get rid of phenomena which seem to favor a contrary theory. Whether true or false, a residual difficulty will remain, with more or less room for caviling.

This maxim should especially have force with us in the choice of a religion, because it is a heart choice, and a choice for eternity. What ever your creed may be, the subject is of such high importance that it must be approached most carefully and conscientiously.

In this spirit, I approach our young friends and others on the frontiers of truth and error. I come not as an accuser or a judge, but as a fellow-inquirer. I admit with you that there is no hope for the world, except as successive generations dare to slough off the superstitions of their fathers. I respect your determination not to be fooled by authority. With you, I detest falsehood, all the more where it pleads a hoary prescription.

facts are stubborn things; and, in spite of your sentimental theories about divine goodness, they show how precarious a thing your argument of universality is. So long, then, as other gifts of heaven are only partially distributed, it can not be safely assumed that a system of doctrines must be false because its benefits are limited for a time.

But suppose that, for the sake of argument, I agree to let all this reasoning pass for nothing. I am quite willing to stand on your ground. You say Christianity cannot be true, because not universal. Then permit me to ask you a question:

If Infidelity is right and is the right thing, how is it that all sects in the world, the avowed Infidel sect is the smallest? Now, is it universally admitted that man is by instinct a worshiping being. No animal instinct is stronger than the instinct in man to worship. Sooner than be without a God to worship, he will make one with his own hands, and pay homage to that. He will fling his first born into the Ganges, or roast himself to death over a slow fire.

A nation of disbelievers, strictly speaking, has never been found upon earth. In Athens, with all her wit, elegance, refinement, learning and eloquence, the gods absolutely swarmed in her Pantheon. The same, and to a greater extent, was true of Rome. When America was first discovered, there were thousands of gods everywhere to be found. Asia still swarms with them; and in Polynesia, till only very recently, they outnumbered their votaries.

True, a few Frenchmen had a fit of Atheism in the French Revolution of 1791-2; and, I think, Dr. Moffat speaks of a race of negroes in Africa who had become so brutalized as to have lost all idea of the Divine. But these are mere parenthetical exceptions to a rule so general as to be co-extensive with the species. You see your sect can scarcely be said to exist at all. There are a few individuals to be found in England, America, and upon the continent of Europe, who may be regarded as constituting the whole body of Infidelity. But, as compared with the human family who have a Cultus—a liturgy of some sort—they are not even the dust on the balances.

and all dramatic and operatic exhibitions. Here religious institutions of learning will hold their commencement exhibitions, unless these exhibitions should be of a religious character. All church fairs, raffling, dramatic concerts, and so-called, for the purpose of raising money for religious purposes, will hereafter be held in the free land. All comic speeches for raising money for the church will hereafter be delivered in the free land of carnality. Social card playing, and such like, and dancing by church members, will be performed in the free land. In this free land, old Sister Phoebe, in all her varied costumes, will distribute her sugar-coated pills to all church members who hold their mouths open to receive them. All Sunday-school picnics that do not wish to be troubled by long prayers, old Sunday-school speeches and stale church music, will hold their festivities in this free land, where they can bask in the sunshine of freedom and drink the silvery strains of rich and enchanting music, borrowed from that other country—accompanied, if desired, by the "poetry of motion." No music, or songs, or exhibitions that have a tendency to cause the lovers of free pleasure to think of death or the eternal state of the wicked, will ever be allowed a place in this free land. All egg-nog, wine and toddy parties, participated in by church members, will hereafter be held in the free land. Members of the church will no more drink behind the door, as they can step over to the free land and be free. Let the church rejoice that she is relieved from these responsibilities. Her borders can now enlarge with great rapidity. The millions of dancers who have been kept out of the church by the dancing restrictions, can now come and bow at the foot of the cross. The doors of the church are now wide open to all the followers of innocent pleasures. Rejoice! O Zion, thy deliverance has come! My brethren, let not the croaking of old tyrants disturb your pleasures. It is the bridegroom's good pleasure that you leave him for a time to join your friends of the world. He will be waiting to receive you on your return, with smiles of approbation. Solomon alludes to this in his song: "Return, O Shulamite! return, that I may look upon thee!" M. B. E.

Resolution Seconded. I write to second the "resolution" appended by Bro. Bishop to his article, which appeared in the Advocate of Oct. 13th, under the caption, "That Bishop Question."

Secondly, This "resolution" exactly expresses our complaint and nothing more. Every one knows that our bishops are hard-working men. Our only complaint is that some of them at least work in the wrong place, the discipline being our guide. They do not travel during the year, as far as practicable, through the presiding elders' districts, which are included in their Episcopal Districts, in order to preach and oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church.

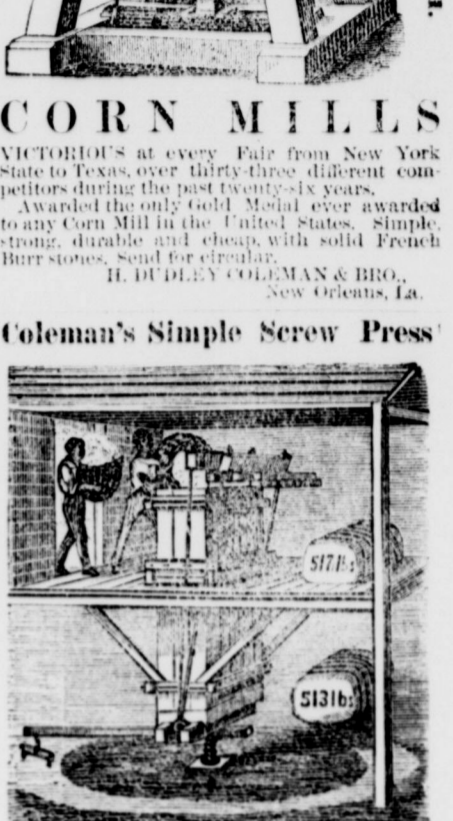
WEATHERFORD, Oct. 13, 1877.—We note with gratitude that God in His mercy has visited Weatherford station in the conversion of twenty-nine or thirty souls—that we have an account of—and we believe that there were a number of others converted, of which we have received no account. Several have been converted since the meeting closed. We labored under serious difficulties at this point. The Campbellites have denounced, so persistently, the whole altar service, so bringing it into ridicule that it was difficult to induce any one to brook the scoffs and sneers of a considerable body of professing Christians. A few came to the altar on most of the calls; and it is remarkable that all except two (one of whom I am satisfied was converted, though he did not acknowledge it, because it did not come in the way he expected it), who persisted in coming, were converted. There were fifteen added to the church. There has been an upward tendency in piety, I trust, as well as a gradual growth in the membership since we came to the station. There were, I believe, 77 members at the beginning of my labor here. We now number 152, after deducting quite a number who have removed and some who have died. If I could raise in my poor heart a greater amount of gratitude, I would offer it all to God. My excellent presiding elder, T. W. Hines, was with me in labors abundant and effective. Bros. Kizzier and Nelms, of the M. E. Church, South, did good service. Bros. Ezell and Rushing, of the C. P. Church, and Bro. Weaver, of the Baptist Church, preached very acceptably. Rev. Mr. Bault, of the Campbellite Church, joyfully signified his desire to preach. Was invited; he accepted; preached on conversion; said a man must be converted; but accomplished it (in his peculiar way) without the aid of the Holy Spirit; had to bury them before they could be made alive. It must be borne in mind that the demoralizing effects of the railroad are upon the people; the road is not here, but will be, and they are getting ready for it. Houses (stone, brick, and frame) going up continually. The "devil's work-shops" have greatly increased under the euphonious title of "saloons." Many of them, too, are finely ornamented. The most impressive inducements offered to entrap the unwary, and qualify him for arson, larceny, murder and revelings of all kinds. But with proper culture, Weatherford will soon be one of the finest stations in the conference. It needs an active, persevering preacher that is prepared to combat heresy, and heard the lion in his den.—GASKILL.

Mr. Diogenes. This singular man lived in Greece. He was distinguished for his eccentricities, bad manners and bad disposition. It was his chief business to find fault. For example, he took a lantern one day when the sun was shining brightly and went out to search for an honest man, thereby insinuating that such persons were exceedingly scarce. When Alexander, a distinguished military gentleman, paid him a visit, and inquired what he could do for him, he had the impudence to tell him to "get out of his sunshine." To cap the climax of his oddities, he dressed like a beggar and lived in a tub. He was a sour, crabbed, crusty old bachelor. We infer that he had no wife, first, because history does not mention her; second, because no woman would take kindly to one of his habits, dress, or manners, or aspire to become mistress of his mansion. "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe," it is true, but the woman who would live in a tub, and especially with such a companion, has not been heard from. The misanthropic spirit which possessed this man was doubtless due to disordered digestion and biliousness, one of the prominent symptoms of which is a morose, fault-finding disposition. The tongue is heavily coated, giving rise to a bad taste, the appetite is not good, and the patient feels dull, sleepy, or dizzy, and is apt to be fretful. Unfortunately, Mr. Diogenes lived several centuries before Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets were invented, a few doses of which would have relieved him of his "bile," and enabled him to find scores of "honest men" without the aid of his lantern. Under their magic influence, combined with that of the Golden Medical Discovery, to cleanse his blood, he might have been led to take a more cheerful view of life, to exchange his tub for a decent habitation, to "spruce up" in personal appearance, and at last have taken a wife to mend his clothes and manners, both of which were in evident need of repairs, and become the happy sire of little Diogeneses who would have handed down to posterity the name, not of a cynic philosopher, but of a cheerful, healthy, happy, virtuous man.—Exchange.

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D., of Chillicothe, Mo., who has used and seen other parties use your Patent Eye Cups, writes: 'To those who ask my advice about your Patent Eye Cups I am happy to state that I believe them to be of great advantage in many cases, and should be tried by all who are afflicted by them. This is my honest conviction. Reader, these are few certificates out of thousands we receive, and to the aged we will guarantee your old and diseased eyes can be made new, your impaired sight, dimness of vision and overworked eyes can be restored, eye-weak, watery and sore eyes cured; the blind may see; spectacles bedridden; slight restored and vision preserved. Spectacles and surgical operations needless. Those send your address to us, and we will send you our book, A GEM WORTH READING.' A DIAMOND WORTH SEEING! See your Eyes and restore your sight, then every year you are saved! 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Prayer Meetings—What Kills Them.

If I were to write an epitaph for fully one-half of our prayer meetings, it would be in these words: "This meeting died of talk!"

In former days, Methodist prayer meetings were lively and intensely spiritual. They were not meetings for talk as we understand talk in these days. They were what their name imports, prayer-meetings. It was never expected that anyone would consume the time with long and dreary comments on a chapter or paragraph, or with learned expositions of the state of the people in Jerusalem or Babylon.

It is the fewest number of men who know how and when to do it. They seem scarcely ever to appreciate the necessity of talking to the present and stopping when they get through. The truth is, devotion does not admit of protraction. Many a meeting has ebbed out by its own everlastingness. When I see a man commencing at the flood in a prayer-meeting talk, I feel, if I do not say, good-bye prayer-meeting! Long metre people in talking or praying should be reserved for other occasions. The exhortation, when one is given, should be warm-hearted and on the experimental line. The complaining, scolding, hectoring and lecturing talk always out of place in a prayer-meeting. Those who attend such meetings are not apt to need that sort of pabulum, and if forced upon them will produce a moral nausea.

The practice of heating those over the face and eyes who attend the prayer-meeting on account of those who do not attend is a folly which I marvel to see so frequently committed. It is generally done in this wise. After one or two prayers, the exhorter begins by asking why there are so few out, and why these empty seats? From that he launches out into a general cutting and slashing all round, until the few pious souls present feel like getting under the benches or anywhere to hide them from the wrath of the altar. They leave the house sad and sorrowful; and the wonder is that any of them should ever attend another such meeting. Now, the man who can thus treat the few who attend the social meetings, to say the least, and not to put too fine a point on it, shows himself deficient in taste, manners and sense. It is scarcely worth while to say a word about singing. In our social meetings, the incoming generation never having learned the tunes usually sung, the older ones have to select and start all the tunes. They of course select those with which they are most familiar—such as Noel, Northfield, Mear, Hebron, Kalamia, and others of that style, generally of the heavy, sombre kind. The singing is intended to, and if properly conducted, will lend animation, and give spiritual tone to a prayer-meeting. It should be lively and lusty and not too long at a time. As to time, begin at the minute and close at the end of the hour. It is very doubtful whether an ordinary prayer-meeting can ever be held over an hour to profit. Many prayer-meetings die of continuation (no paradox in that), others die of heavy singing and praying, but the greatest number die of talk.

(Communicated.)

Kind Words For Mr. Williams.

Dear Brother—We, the undersigned, having been associated with you for the past two weeks, in Gospel meetings in this place, desire to give you this token of brotherly love and esteem; and to bear testimony to the great value of your gospel teachings and earnest labors for the salvation of souls. And we do heartily commend you to all

Christian people among whom you may be called to labor, praying that the blessing of God may attend you and your estimable Christian wife; and that the gospel, either spoken or sung by you, may have free course and be glorified.

You are at full liberty to use this testimonial in any way that may be beneficial to you or to the cause of Christ. Respectfully, your brethren in Christ.

O. A. FISHER, P. E., San Marcos District, M. E. Church, South. JOHN S. GILLET, PASTOR, San Marcos Station, M. E. Church, South. W. L. KENEDY, MINISTER, San Marcos Presbyterian Church, SAN MARCOS, TEX., Oct. 7, 1877.

WHEN IT COMETH SUDDENLY.

Under this head, the New Orleans Christian Advocate has a timely article, suggested by the sudden death of a prominent citizen of that city. In the article there is a reference to the lamented Duncan:

"Is it too much to say that the world, in its absorbing pursuit of gain and wealth, need this voice of warning? Is it wide of the truth to assert that Christians and Christian ministers require an occasional dispersion like this? The illustrations are from widely different pursuits, and furnished by the death of men wide apart in tastes, education and outward surroundings. And yet the lesson, applying, as it does, to classes very unlike, is much the same. What is our life? In one of our cemeteries there is a monument of purest marble. Its base is broad and finished, but the polished shaft is broken off at the top. It tells the story, perhaps, of a great young life rudely ended when only the foundations and the beginnings of its achievements had been realized. Our world is an unfinished monument. Man himself is a broken column. Eternity is their completion."

Thee is Not Religion.

(From the Vermont Chronicle.) In times of special religious interest the attention of many is turned exclusively upon the state of the feelings. They look for an experience solely in the emotions. They lose sight of the truth that the real Christian experience is related to the emotional nature solely as cause to effect, not as effect to cause. For a person to endeavor to feel miserable or to feel happy without any special reason for it other than such as has been the conventional way of entering upon the Christian life, is as absurd as though one would feel called upon to laugh without provocation, or to weep with no cause for sadness. Our feelings follow nature's laws as constantly as the mercury rises and falls in the tube. For us to attempt to regulate the temperature by rising or depressing the column of quicksilver would be just as sensible as to attempt to regulate our lives by lifting or depressing our feelings. We are responsible for what we do, not for how we feel. The state of our feelings may indicate in some measure what our actions are or have been. They cannot, in the least, affect their moral quality. The religious life is begun simply by a surrender of the will to God. It is needless to go through any preconceived process marked by startling or moving. It is needless to look for an ecstatic vision breaking in upon and dispelling clouds of darkness and despair. A happy frame of mind may be the result, it can never be the cause, of an acceptance with God.

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Church Notices.

Episcopal Appointments. Numerous and urgent requests have been made to have the times of holding some of the Texas Conferences changed. The following changes have accordingly been made. You will oblige me by publishing them as extensively as you can:

North Texas, at Bonham, Nov. 7. West Texas, at Corpus Christi, Nov. 21. Northwest Texas, at Waco, Dec. 5. East Texas, at Crockett, Dec. 12. Texas, at Galveston, Dec. 19.

Place of Holding the German Mission Conference Changed from New Orleans, La., to Houston, Texas. Please announce in your paper that Bishop Paine has changed the time and place for holding the German Mission Conference from New Orleans, La., Nov. 28th, to Houston, Texas, Nov. 14th. J. B. A. HENKES.

Meeting of the Joint Board of Publication. The Joint Board of Publication of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will meet in Galveston on the occasion of the ensuing Texas Annual Conference (pre-arranged with the action of the Board) its last session, at 8 P. M., FRIDAY, Nov. 1st, TYLER, TEXAS, October 31, 1877.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Hillsboro mission, 1st Sunday in November. Elm Springs circuit, 2d Sunday in November. Waxahatche station, 4th Sunday in November. W. G. VEAL.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Caldwell, November 3, 4. Elm Springs circuit, November 10, 11. Elgin circuit, at Elgin, November 17, 18. Birch Creek mission, November 24, 25. Austin station and Swede mission Dec. 1, 2. J. W. WHEELER, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FIFTH ROUND. Sulphur mission, Nov. 3, 4. Let there be a full statistical report from every charge this quarter as required by Discipline, pp. 78, 107, 110. Also a written report from all local preachers (Discipline, p. 95). Brethren use all diligence to bring up every dollar of your assessments to the Annual Conference. T. E. SHERWOOD, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Belmont station, 1st Sabbath in November. Cannon circuit, 2d Sabbath in November. Salado and Devilla circuit, 3d Sabbath in Nov. Black Land circuit, 4th Sabbath in November. THOS. STAFFORD, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Palestine circuit, at Parker's Chapel, Nov. 3, 4. Kickapoo circuit, Nov. 10, 11. Trinity Mission, Nov. 14, 15. Athens circuit, Nov. 17, 18. Crockett circuit, Nov. 24, 25. Neches circuit, at Pleasant Hill, Dec. 1, 2. Pennington circuit, Dec. 8, 9. Crockett and Augusta, Dec. 11. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

COLLEMB'S DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Columbus, at Columbus, Nov. 3, 4. La-Range, Nov. 17, 18. Oso, at Flatonia, Nov. 24, 25. Navidad, Dec. 1, 2. A full attendance is very important. Pastors will be called on for a full statistical report, see Discipline, Chap. 3, Sec. 3, para. 74.

COMANCHE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Comanche station, November 3, 4. Brownwood mission, at Brownwood, Nov. 10, 11. Colman mission, at English's school-house, November 17, 18. Preachers are required to make full statistical reports to the fourth quarterly conference; also, trustees are required to file boards of trustees. Local preachers, exhorters, stewards, trustees, class leaders and secretaries of church conferences are members of the quarterly conference, and are earnestly requested to be present. E. W. KENSON, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Beaumont et al., Beaumont, Nov. 3, 4. Jasper et al., Jasper, Nov. 10, 11. Newton et al., Wilson Chapel, Nov. 17, 18. Heiner et al., Houston, Nov. 24, 25. Moscow, at Moscow, Dec. 8, 9. A full attendance is very important. Pastors will be called on for a full statistical report, see Discipline, Chap. 3, Sec. 3, para. 74. E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Troop circuit, at Good Hope, Nov. 3, 4. Henderson and Overton station, Nov. 10, 11. Starville circuit, at Bassett Chapel, Nov. 17, 18. Larissa circuit, at Nov. 24, 25. Harrison circuit, at Rocksprings, Dec. 1, 2. Marshall station, Dec. 8, 9. All statistics required at the Annual Conference must be given in at these quarterly conferences; also, reports from all boards of trustees. Local preachers, exhorters, stewards, trustees, class leaders and secretaries of church conferences are members of the quarterly conference, and are earnestly requested to be present. E. W. THOMPSON, P. E.

COFFMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. M. Cain circuit, at Mt. Cain, November 3d. Grandbeck circuit, at Grandbeck, November 10th. Mexia circuit, at Mexia, November 24th. JNO. S. MCCABER, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Washington Street, November 3, 4. Hockley circuit, at Kirby's Chapel, Nov. 10, 11. Bay Mission, at Cedar Bayou, Nov. 24, 25. St. Johns, December 1, 2. St. James, December 8, 9. N. A. CRAVENS, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Weatherford circuit, 1st Sabbath in Nov. Weatherford station, 2d Sabbath in Nov. Black Springs, 3d Sabbath in Nov. Jacksboro, 4th Sabbath in Nov. Brethren, don't fail to bring up every collection ordered by the church. I insist that the Friday preceding each quarterly meeting be observed by fasting and prayer, and that services be held suitable to the occasion. Oh! for a glorious revival all over the district. We must double the membership before Conference. T. W. HENKES, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. East Waco et al., East Waco, Nov. 3. Hogan, November 10. Monte Vernon circuit, at White Rock, Nov. 17. Monte Vernon station, at White Rock, Nov. 24. W. G. CONNOR, P. E.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Hallesville circuit, Nov. 3d. Sandies, Nov. 10th. A. A. KILGORE, P. E.

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WE HAVE frequently called attention to the vigorous efforts being made on the part of the Catholic Church to gain a controlling influence over the colored people of this country. A correspondent of the *Northern Christian Advocate* writes as follows, respecting their operations in this field: "It is impossible to disguise the fact that the Catholic Church is leaving unturned no stone to proselyte the freedmen. In nearly every Southern city, gigantic schemes are upon foot to accomplish this result. The Catholic schools are being established in the centre of large colored populations. Every possible inducement is held out to obtain their attendance. In many cases tuition is offered free, and in others they are hired to come. The priests and nuns are lynx-eyed and ever on the alert to gain an advantage."

"A LITTLE heaven leaveneth the whole lump." The principle applies to both good and evil influences. The gospel is spreading among nations of the earth along paths which are not recorded in the regular mission work. Some four or five years ago, the Chinese government appropriated the sum of \$1,500,000 for the education of one hundred and fifteen youths, chosen from wealthy and aristocratic Chinese families. They were brought to New England and distributed by twos in farmer's families that they might learn thoroughly the language, and at the same time their course of study was carried on. Some have so far advanced that they have entered Yale College. They were to remain fifteen years under instruction. The leaven they will bear back to their native land, will bear an important part in the regeneration of that great empire, to which they will return in the capacity of teachers.

SOME leading journals are discussing the question why it is that of late years there has been so marked an increase of marriages between old men and young women. It is claimed by the masculine side of the question that it is because the young women of the present day enter the bonds of matrimony to secure a home surrounded by all the accompaniment of wealth. No doubt mercenary motives often soil the sanctity of marriage vows yet it is a matter of doubt whether the maidens of the present generation are more unworthy than those of other days. We presume human nature of the past and present shared the same frailties.

The other side of the question finds a spicy advocate in the pen of Jennie June. She theorizes in the following piquant style:

The young man of to-day is not the desirable party the young man of fifty years ago was; he is not so thoughtful, sober, painstaking and conscientious; he lives at a club, has no love of home life, no desire to build up character and reputation as a man and citizen; his ideas of life are bounded by the theatre and the doings of his little set; and in too many cases his ambition is to own a racer and be on intimate terms with the ballet. Naturally, mothers shrink from entrusting their daughters to such youths as these, even if they have the opportunity, and are better pleased to bestow them on older men—men who have sown their wild oats; who know how little of real value there is in the temporary excitement of pleasure; who have perhaps been married once, and have learned to value home and the guarantees it affords for permanent happiness.

Of course this only embraces a class, but as it enjoys a somewhat exalted estimate of its own importance, especially in the eyes of the opposite sex, it is well they should know what a woman thinks about them.

The English Catholic Bishops are about to revise the Douay version of the Bible.

UNEVEN BALANCES.

Others with us have no doubt noted the reticence of the Catholic papers respecting the act of Father Grogan, reported some weeks since, who, finding a Bible in a rack on one of the cars of the Central Illinois Railroad, showed his feelings toward God's message to man by pitching it out of the window. It showed zeal without prudence, and they are too shrewd to defend it.

We have also noted the fact that the secular papers in reporting the circumstance usually add the apology of the priest when called to answer for such reckless intermeddling with other people's property. He said that he found on the fly-leaf some obscene drawings which were the cause of his overflowing indignation. It did not occur, it seems, to the priest that he could tear out the blank leaves and preserve the book; and so simple a plan to rid the world of the offensive drawings does not appear to have occurred to the secular press. They apparently accept the explanation as an ample apology, and drop the affair. Yet no one believes that his antipathy was confined to the blank leaves marred by the foul suggestions of some dirty soul. He was willing to find an excuse to destroy the book.

The *Advance*, a well-known Chicago journal, says of this book:

"Somebody took the pains to go out and hunt it up. An examination of it shows that it was not in the least degree disfigured in any such way. It looks as if the devout 'Father,' in his spite against the Bible, not only stole the book, when he threw it away, but has actually lied about it."

This statement coming from a source, to say the very least, as reliable as the word of "Father Grogan," is very prudently overlooked by the secular press. They have a wholesome respect for the Catholic Church.

Now, let some rash zealots belonging to the Protestant world be guilty of an intolerant act, and how fiercely does the secular press lash the bigotry displayed.

For instance, the dispatches bring intelligence of an act of intolerance perpetrated by a mob in Bell county which, it is said, went to the house of Dr. S. J. Russell, enticed him into the woods, compelled him to strip, and then having tied him, gave him one hundred lashes and turned him loose. They then posted up a placard, stating "that if any more infidel lectures were given in that section, they would burn out and hang all who dared to do so." The secular press will not fail to condemn the deed in unsparing terms. If these things were really done, they deserve the denunciation. If a man was actually lynched by men professing to be Christians, for no other offence than advocating his infidel sentiments, they have violated one of the most sacred rights of man, have repudiated one of the fundamental principles of Protestantism, and have brought a foul blot on the Christian name.

There is not a Protestant paper in the land which will appear as the apologist of such intolerance. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, and with these supplied by the Great Head of the Church we need not fear the assaults of infidel lecturers, though each one be as eloquent of speech as Ingersoll of Illinois. Such an appeal to force is a confession of fear unworthy the religion they profess. We will wait until we hear both sides of the question before we pronounce judgment on this special case. If the facts as stated are confirmed, we will not abate or qualify the sternest denunciations the press or public sentiment may visit on the perpetrators. Yet we can but remark the readiness with which any act of bigotry into which the folly of individual Protestants may betray them is condemned by many members of the secular press, and the voluminous eloquence with which the bigots are condemned; while a brief telegraph notice, often accompanied with apologetic explanations, is the usual treatment the intolerance of Rome receives.

PREACHERS, please bear in mind the new proposition.

A GRIM JOKE.

"The railroad hands were paid off at Columbus, Texas, last week, and as a natural consequence the police of that town soon had business on hand."

We clip the above from an exchange which did not favor local option. It is an evident effort to be funny. It finds a very serious matter the occasion of a joke. Without counting in the moral results, nor estimating the probable loss of comforts or actual distress which may have been the lot of the families of some of these "railroad hands"—if any of them had families—the fact that the sale of whiskey adds to the business of the police in the vicinity is worthy the consideration of every tax-payer. The rule works almost with the precision of the multiplication table. So many drinks of the "crooked" works up so many fights; and to guard the peace and good order of society against disgraceful affrays, so many police officers must be supported by the public. A community which supports a given number of saloons, must keep up a corresponding police force. The saloon keepers are advocates of a strong police. They know better than other people the dangerous character of the liquor they sell. Were it not that men pace before their doors and lean over their counters and stand at the corner of the streets ready to collar, or club, if need be, every poor wretch who is frenzied by whisky and crazy for a fight, the brawls and bloodshed originating in these dens would soon open the eyes of the public to the real character and tendency of this demoralizing business. So well do they know how dangerous to peace and life is the business they follow, that, with police at hand to keep the peace when their liquor has caused it to be broken, the bar-keepers usually keep under their counters well oiled and carefully loaded revolvers within reach of one hand, while they pass over the decanter with the other—ready to shoot down a victim of drink when so inflamed by his potations that he becomes a dangerous customer. We see no fun in such paragraphs as the one quoted. We see, and so can every one see who will open his eyes, what the wise man of Jerusalem saw in his days: To those who "look on the wine when it is red," viz: "woe," "sorrow," "contentions," "wounds without cause," and "redness of eyes."

FAULT-FINDING.

Fault-finding is a strong evidence of human depravity. There are those who are ever on the lookout for the weaknesses and failures of humanity. Good qualities are overlooked, or if not overlooked, weigh like stands in the balances of their judgment. There are insects in the natural world, called flies, which will buzz all about your hand until they find a sore spot, and there they congregate. There are certain birds that feed solely on carrion. Over-smiling meadows and redolent gardens they fly, without pausing once, but the moment their instincts are touched by the odor of a decaying carcass, they hasten to feed upon it as a sweet morsel. In society there are men and women no better than flies and buzzards, seeking the sore spots and carcasses of human character, upon which to satisfy their appetites. Tale-bearers they are, and busy-bodies. What is worst of all, such characters find listening ears in those professing godliness. We boast of our refined society, in the present age; but how few are the households in which there are not slaughter-pens, full of the carcasses of character; or, if not slaughter-pens, anatomical rooms, in which are dissected the conduct of others. Some people are mail-bags for the devil, distributing his letters from house to house, and how many there are who read these letters with delight! These fault-finders are the scavengers of society, emptying their garbage at our doors; and, in most instances, without a word of remonstrance from us.

Especially is this disposition seen among people of the same avocation in life. If a lawyer begins to rise above his fellows, suspicious of

once begin their circulation. Let a man announce himself as a candidate for an important office, and these carrion-birds of society begin to hover around him. Where can we find a distinguished politician of the present age who has not been forced to defend his reputation, however stainless its escutcheon may have been! We rejoice in the proud prerogative of an "American Free Press," which in many instances means freedom to damn a man before the bar of public opinion.

The church and the ministry are not free from this spirit we are trying to condemn. Many a Dorcas Sewing Society has used its needles to prick and scratch the character of some member of the church with more agility than in making garments to clothe the naked. We have known instances of brethren in the house of God waiting for the prayer-meeting to begin to speed the time in dissecting the character of some weak brother, rather than in prayer to God for his restoration.

We have known ministers of the Gospel visiting the charges of their co-laborers in God's vineyard throw out insinuations against or magnify some weakness of the pastor, and never say a word about his strength or excellence of mind and heart.

Now we lay down this proposition: No man or woman has the right to dive down into the experiences of other men and women, and drag up their faults for public observation, unless from a benevolent motive. Criticism, simply for the sake of criticism, is a sin against God and man.

"But," says some man, "I only tell the truth." That may be. But no man has the right to tell the truth in such cases unless silence would be an injury to the Church or society. Besides this, such fault-finders do not tell the whole truth. They select only the failings of men and women, and do not put over against these, their many virtues and successes. Fault-finders are both idle and ignorant. Idle, because no man who has anything to do has time to search for the sore-spots of humanity. Ignorant, because if they ever read anything, their minds would be so full of it they would not have room to be thinking of the faults of others. It was Dr. Chalmers, if we mistake not, who said: "The more he saw of human nature, the more profoundly he was impressed with its weakness; and the longer he contemplated the tides against which it had to contend, the more deeply did he sympathize with its struggles, and the more inclined he was to cover its faults with the broad mantle of Christian charity." Noble words are these; worthy of a place in the vocabulary of every Christian man and woman. Many a man, like Peter, falls; and, while his fault-finding brethren are discussing his weakness, like Peter he is out under the stars, bemoaning his own failure, and praying to heaven, through the bitter tears of penitence, for future strength.

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

THE LATE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

We are pleased to note that our Episcopal brethren, in solemn council assembled, have definitely and emphatically declared that they are yet and will continue to be within the Protestant fold. The crushing, not to say contemptuous, defeat of Bishop DeKoven's motion to submit the proposition of changing the name of the church—involving of course the entire Protestant standing of the body—is a cheering fact in the midst of the dust and confusion of denomination clashing. Whether our "high church" brethren relish it or not, we cannot refrain from congratulating the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States upon their manly, conservative and evangelical course in the matter. We are perfectly aware of the complex motives of perhaps the majority who voted against the Romanizing proposition, but still we think we can discern throughout, both in the actions of high and

low church, a disinclination to undo wise and well considered things—a spirit averse to trampling upon the graves of such men as Crammer, Ridley and Latimer, and of whining for a quasi-admittance into the gates of St. Peter! We are not ignorant of the fact that many who thus glorified their common sense and common faith, regard us askance as a sort of hybrid heretic; or, if not so bad, a kind of religious country cousin, well enough to cultivate in the rural districts—but to be touched with the finger tips in metropolitan thoroughfares. But John Wesley, to say nothing of his own and their Master, has taught us a grander lesson than this. We can afford to admire consistency, true courage and fidelity even in the most haughty and grumpy of our contemporaries. Had our Protestant Episcopal brethren changed their name to "The Church of America," and thrown themselves at the head of the Romish harlot, we would have been profoundly grieved. We would have been grieved because of the death of a noble and venerable church—debauched as it may recently have been by silly follies and worldly aspirations. We could never forget that our forefathers lived within the loins of that church, true and grand by her formularies, her doctrines, and her confessions. We would have been grieved because, instead of meeting those who would have subscribed to so sweeping a change, as brethren—however estranged, yet as brethren—we would have been forced to meet them as strangers under suspicion, if not as enemies open and declared! We therefore rejoice that one of the most able, learned, respectable and scripturally founded churches of the Protestant Communion has thus plainly and emphatically put its denial to the charge of disowning the Reformation, and to its own protest against the errors and usurpations of the Church of Rome.

RESIST THE BEGINNINGS.

Mr. W. C. Gilman, a trusted business man of New York, a prominent member of the church and superintendent of a Sunday-school, and of honored parentage, has been discovered to be a forger. He has made full confessions and been sentenced to the State prison. Instances of like falls are not wanting. Many decline from the Christian life. At each exposure of this kind, unbelief raises a howl and throws its suspicions into the face of the church. The truth is these falls are from the doctrines of Christ; and while they illustrate the danger and weakness of men, they do not indicate any defect in true religion. If every professed follower of Christ should apostatize this would not disturb the truth as taught by Him; nor would it raise one reasonable suspicion as to the morality taught by Christ.

But this case may well occasion reflection on the cause and course of these falls. The Apostle warns Christians to watchfulness by the apostasy of others. How shall those who stand keep from falling? How resist the moral tendencies of business entanglements, the snares of social intercourse, and the proneness of the personal spirit? This young man had no thought in the beginning of his unlawful transactions of doing any one damage, or of coming to the deplorable end which he has reached. Just so it has been with others. A slight departure from right principles has been made to relieve a present necessity, and without any thought of its repetition; and right here in the first unlawful act is that which turns the whole course of life.

The lesson to be drawn from this and other cases is the necessity of maintaining conscience in all its supremacy. When conscience is set at naught from consideration of policy, expediency, or profit, right then and there the true manhood is overthrown. Whenever a man raises or forges a check to meet pressing engagements, or withholds from a creditor money due, he then and there ceases to be honest and becomes a thief. There is no remaining honest, and yet practicing

dishonest tricks. The only way to be honest and true is to be so in fact. He who never speaks or acts falsely will always continue a true man; he who never directly or indirectly steals will continue an honest man. Conscience must not be trifled with; there must be no hesitation when right and duty are involved; there must be no beginnings to crime. He who allows any deviation from the truth, who dares at any time deliberately to do what he knows he ought not to do, has entered the way of the penitentiary and hell, from which ends only timely repentance can save him.

BE COURTEOUS.

Some time ago, we remember being shocked by seeing in a respectable morning paper an article vigorously denouncing the principle and policy of politeness. This article was not an editorial; but we were surprised that it passed the scrutiny of the editorial desk.

The writer boldly defended the thesis that all politeness was hypocrisy—that time spent in courteous exchange of civilities was thrown away—*weakly*, foolishly thrown away! His central idea was, that business was business—as he brutally put it—throughout life; and that all palaver and mannerism were unmanly, impolitic and Miss-Nancy-ish. "Be frank, direct to the point," said this modern gladiator, "and men will understand and respect you. Trample on the laws imposed by grandmothers and dancing-masters; be men, simply, honestly, frankly, and kick off the impertinent bower, and scraper, and rounder of phrases, as you would eliminate a thief or annihilate a flea!" We have not misrepresented the gist of the article of this modern Timon.

We looked in vain to see some denunciation of this brute's manifesto from some gentle or Christian pen; we saw none. Years have passed away; and something analogous transpiring has revived the occurrence in our memory and we nail it at once upon the counter.

After principle, we believe good manners is the most valuable possession of man. Even a rascal with excellent manners makes himself agreeable; but virtue, robed in the vestments of courtesy and gentility, takes captive every heart. Our sour disputant must have been a brute himself or must have been educated among the pigs. We defy any man or woman, however hard, to withstand the gentle and kindly influence of good temper, discreet attention, and hearty good will. Your surly, curt and snappish business man may command respect and custom, too, but it is *in spite* of his surliness, his exaction, his brutality. Let him but have a rival of equal ability and opportunity, and one would quickly see how he would be deserted, except by the few surly dogs like himself who delight to growl together over bones in common. Heaven forbid that our young men should grow up on the model of this second Daniel come to judgement! Our life is already too frightfully bare of those softening influences provided by sentiment, sympathy and kindness. Our very women are too apt to ape the language and manner of the business exchange, and to address us in the tones of slang. So far from having too much of politeness and courtesy expended in our daily transactions, we esteem it a bitter piece of irony to insist upon any such an idea. Scarcely a day passes without breaches being made by savage words of brutal frankness; by obscene jests, very much to the point; by harsh denunciation; by cuttness, indifferent and *bad manners*.

Our women are largely to blame for this. The boy at first is governed chiefly by his mother, and reflects the image of home life with surprising fidelity. Oh, that the mothers of our land were more careful to stamp upon the plastic hearts of their bright boys the ineffaceable image of the Christian gentleman—always courteous—always patient—always sensitive to the feelings of others.

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Dr. Olin once said that it would be a godsend to most preachers if their old sermons could be burned up; and yet we have heard ministers, in the prime of life, boast that they had sermons prepared for any ordinary demands of a pastoral life; leaving the impression that they would never have to study any more.

John Wesley said a preacher should not affect the gentleman; but he did not say he could not be one. A Christian minister should be a gentleman of the highest type, in the neatness of his person, and suavity of his manners.

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METHODISM IN HOUSTON.

We publish below a letter from our venerable friend, Rev. Jesse Hord, on the subject of the first Methodist services held in the city of Houston. It is an answer to a letter of inquiry from Rev. R. T. Nabors...

Old Times in Houston, Texas.

In the Advocate, of July 14, the Rev. R. T. Nabors asks "whether there were any Methodist Church services introduced in Houston before you built a church, in 1840?" By your permission, I will answer this question...

occurred when precious souls were coming to Jesus.

A word about the Rev. A. Stevens. He, accompanied by the Rev. S. Hoos, Agent American Bible Society, arrived at Houston, Jan. 18, 1839, and remained over Sabbath, it being my regular time (monthly) of preaching in the city...

And now, Mr. Editor, I send you these little items of Methodist history (perhaps unimportant)...

We read the editorials of our New Orleans contemporary with more than ordinary interest. It is one of the best of the Advocate family.

When Hezekiah entered upon the work of religious reform, and removed the high places, broke the images, and cut down the groves...

There are traces of the brazen serpent in the hearts and worship of the Christians. There is an incense of superstition, of senseless worship, and the lack of that pure and spiritual reverence for Christ...

There is no lack of preachers; but Christ says "laborers" are few. God is pleased to honor abundantly the "foolishness of preaching," but there is no sanction in his word for foolish preaching.

While Texas was at one time a unit on this question, now she has many who oppose it. The argument of those who advocate the increase of the number of Bishops seems to be based upon a want of episcopal labor in our State...

Texas gets her pro rata of Bishops so far, as to numbers, but fails to get her pro rata of episcopal labor. But the failure is in consequence of our Bishops spending the time in other States that ought to be spent in Texas.

Texas has heretofore been put off with about a six weeks' visit from our chief pastors. They come, hold their sessions of Conferences, and then return to the older States, and there remain until Annual Conference time again.

Conference, for failure to discharge their duty, as circuit preachers are at the annual conferences for a similar failure?

THE SUPPORT OF A BISHOP.

Let the Bishop receive his support from the district to which he is appointed, like every other traveling preacher. If there is missionary ground, make an appropriation to meet the demands of the same.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

We think, to say the least of it, District Conferences have proven a failure in Texas. They answer no other purpose than to elect lay delegates to the Annual Conference. Does it pay for a preacher to pay from two to five dollars railroad fare simply to vote for these delegates...

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THE NEW PROPOSITION.—We are glad to say that a good many are responding to the new proposition of the publishers. Let every preacher come up to Conference with heavy lists of new subscribers to the Advocate.

(Communicated.) Third Year Class. The Class of third year (North-west Texas Annual Conference), will please meet the committee at the Methodist College on Tuesday, 4th day of December, at 9 o'clock A. M. W. T. MELLIX, C. H. ELLIS.

HANFORD'S TEXAS STATE REGISTER.—A copy of this valuable publication has been received by us. The description of counties commenced in the former number is continued in the present; besides, it contains a great deal of entertaining and useful information, and should be in the hands of every family in the land. The map accompanying is decidedly the best ever issued of the State. Price, with map, 75 cents; without map, 35 cents. Address the publisher at Galveston.

(Communicated.) ELMO CIRCUIT, Oct. 18, 1877.—The closing conference year has surely been one of great religious prosperity on this circuit. About 200 souls, who at the beginning of the year, and when we first met them, were in the broad way to destruction, have been soundly converted, and are now in the way of life everlasting. 171 accessions to the church; and two have died. Another protracted meeting will close our labors with the many good people of Elmo Circuit. May the blessings of God come upon them, and may it be our happy privilege to meet in the sweet by-and-by, where congregations never break up and Sabbaths have no end.—H. W. HAWKINS.

(Communicated.) PERDENALES MISSION, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Permit me to say, through the columns of our most excellent paper, that the good Lord has blessed the people of Perdenales Mission. I have just closed a camp-meeting held near Rocky Church, which resulted in about ten or twelve conversions; several back-sliders reclaimed. The church has been in a prostrate condition; but little interest manifested. But, blessed be to God, the Lord has visited his people in great power. The church is again established on a solid basis; peace and harmony now prevail. I was assisted by Bros. Johnson and Carlton, of the Blanco Circuit. The preaching was fervent and plain. Thanks to the brethren for their assistance.—L. W. HARRISON.

Marvin College. We are very much gratified, indeed, to learn that Marvin College is in a prosperous condition, and that the prospect is so good for the payment of the debt upon it. The committee, Bros. Neal, Shaw and Brown, seem determined to save this valuable property to the church, and well they should, for it is certainly a most worthy cause; for the honor of the church is involved, as well as the beautiful and valuable property. The college is well located, in a beautiful and prosperous town of 2000 inhabitants (Waxahachie, Texas), in one of the richest and healthiest sections of Texas. Every Methodist in Texas should feel some interest in saving this college to the church. It belongs to Texas Methodism, and bears the name of our beloved Marvin. Whatever we fail to do as a church, we must not fail

to foster our educational enterprises. We call special attention to the plan announced in the Advocate by Bro. Brown, of selling the steel engravings of our Bishops for the benefit of Marvin College. This engraving is richly worth the price asked for it (\$2.00), for we get a splendid likeness of each of our eight bishops in one picture. Every Methodist ought to have this picture, and more especially when half of the amount of the price goes to Marvin College. Will not each one of the preachers, both traveling and local, give aid in this good work—a little work, just a few hours work, by each preacher, will pay off the debt of the college and place this splendid likeness in many Methodist houses. There ought to be sold in the next six months at least six thousand of these engravings in the State. Any brother sending the money for five will get an extra copy. For particulars, with reference to tuition, board, etc., we refer to the advertisement of Marvin College, in another column, or to the Rev. Chas. E. Brown, president.

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Passing Events.

Gen. Harlan, of Kentucky, has been nominated to the Supreme Bench, vice Davis.

Pierrepont, minister at St. James, has tendered his resignation, to take effect December 1st.

Archbishop Canterbury recommends special prayer and almsgiving for the famine-stricken provinces in India.

China is to be largely represented in the coming Paris Exposition.

The statement of Gilman the New York forger, deeply affected all present. Step by step he had been led to final ruin.

Statisticians say the wheat crop will reach 325,000,000 bushels. We use 215,000,000, which will leave 110,000,000 for exportation.

A meeting of prominent business men from all parts of the country was held last week in New York, to prepare for an adequate representation of our industry at the Paris exhibition next year.

During the last seven years, it is said only eleven vessels have passed through the Suez canal, bearing the American flag.

The University of Heidelberg, Germany, is said to have more professors than students in its theological faculty.

The remains of General Custer have been removed from the banks of the Upper Yellowstone, where he fell, to his grave at West Point.

By a combination of officers on the leading railroads in the North and West, rates of freight and travel will be advanced.

E. R. Allen and L. B. O'Brian went from Allendale, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., to fight a duel, and were arrested and gave peace bonds.

The Smithsonian Institute, Washington City, has received a telegram from Professor Peters, announcing the discovery of a planet of the eleventh magnitude.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Cape Santa, Canada, the 14th.

Woman suffrage did not prove as popular as was expected in Colorado.

The miners of the Black Hills think they are entitled to a territorial government, and have sent a delegate to represent their claim at Washington.

The late cyclone which swept the shores of Great Britain, it is feared caused great loss of life and property at sea. Several wrecks are reported.

Two men in Tennessee lately swapped wives, and all parties were well pleased until the officers of the law interfered and broke up the arrangement.

Mormon leaders since the death of Brigham Young recognize the need of reform in order to delay the dissolution of the expiring superstition.

A physician in Montreal is restoring the faculties to an idiotic child by lifting depressed portions of its skull.

The Town Hall in Manchester, England, just completed, was nine years in course of construction and cost \$4,000,000.

The department of public works, Mexico, have ordered \$100,000 in copper cents to be coined in the mint of San Luis Potosi.

As a result of the late elections in France, it is rumored the ministers will resign on Nov. 5th. This is questioned. McMahon will await the action of the Chamber. If it shows an aggressive spirit, he will persist in dissolving the Deputies.

Twelve thousand cigar makers entered upon a strike, in New York, the 19th. The manufacturers met and resolved under no circumstances to yield to their demands. They are discussing the plan of securing Chinamen to take the place of the strikers.

Cleopatra's needle, after being successfully inclosed in an immense iron cylinder, and started on its voyage to England, made the trip without disaster until it encountered the great storm which recently swept the European coast. It then parted company with its conveyer, and after drifting for some days, was recovered by the English steamer, Fitzmaurice, about fifty miles north of Ferral, Spain.

Last May, a mail rider was murdered by the Indians, in Arizona. The body, with many of the letters in the mail bag, lay in the dry, pure atmosphere, and recently were found by a scout. In one of the letters was a New York Exchange, amounting to \$100,000, sent by the United States Treasury to the agency. Its receipt is now acknowledged by the agency.

A lady, living near Sedalia, Mo., and her little daughter, a few days ago, went to the bee hive in the yard to get some honey when one of the boxes was overturned, and the angry bees literally covered the mother and child. They were so blinded by the pain that it was ten minutes before they could reach the house and be relieved of the bees. A physician was called in and fears were felt that the injuries each had received would prove fatal.

An explosion occurred in a colliery at High Blantyre, near Glasgow, Scotland, the 22d. It is ascertained that 233 men descended into the mines in the morning. Forty corpses were found at the foot of the shaft. Explorers are at work and as yet none of the men who went down have been found alive. It is feared that all were lost. Later we learn that four were found alive, two of whom have since died.

A special dispatch to the London Times says the Pope's health remains without a change, though his habitual somnolency disquiets his physician. He receives visitors and converses with them but has ceased to take an interest in the affairs of the church. Pontifical affairs being left without usual guidance are managed by heads of different departments and presidents of various congregations, and owing to jealousies among these bodies, the Papal government is moving toward dangerous confusion and disorder.

Advices received at Chicago, the 22d, state the commission had reached Fort Walsh but failed to bring Sitting Bull to a settlement. He is described as a swarthy, full-blooded savage. He refused to shake hands with the Commissioners, smiled at the word surrender, and when told all the hostiles had surrendered and the same terms were offered him, no impression was made and the offer of peace rejected. The council broke up and the Commissioners, it is said, are on their way home.

Both Houses at Washington are warmly engaged over contested seats—the Senate over the claims of Spofford, Eustis and Kellogg, from Louisiana, and the House over contested seats from South Carolina. The issue has not been reached.

Last year 226 new streets, three new squares, and 12,928 new houses marked the growth of the city of London.

The following, among other nominations, have been sent in by the President:

John M. Harlan, for Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary—Edward F. Noyes, of Ohio, France; James Russell Lowell, of Massachusetts, Spain; John A. Kasson, of Iowa, Austria; Thomas A. Osborn, of Kansas, Chili; Henry W. Hilliard, of Georgia, Brazil.

Ministers resident—John L. Stevens, Maine, Sweden and Norway; James M. Conly, Ohio, Hawaiian Islands; John M. Langston, District of Columbia, Republic of Hayti.

McCormick's nomination for Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is confirmed; and Huges, as Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

Col. Giddings and Judge Maxey have interviewed Gov. McCormick and Architect Neill respecting an increased appropriation for the Custom-house, in Austin, Texas.

The State Department had received official notice of the refusal of the Mexican authorities at Matamoros to surrender the four runaway raiders under the extradition treaty, notwithstanding the General Government of Mexico had ordered their surrender. The reason of the refusal assigned is the inability of Gen. Canales to resist local sentiment on the Rio Grande; and he resigned rather than enforce the order. The authorities at Washington now await with interest for notice as to the power and intention of the Diaz Government to maintain its position on the question.

Texas Items.

The bonded debt of Texas is \$4,900,000.

The San Antonio Herald thinks the Indians will join the Mexicans in case of war.

A Grayson county jury has fined a man \$1000 for shooting another. Rather expensive target practice.

Marlin shipped 1230 bales of cotton up to October 10th, from September 1st.

Gen. J. B. Robertson, who has been absent, securing immigrants for Texas, has returned to the State.

The Waco Examiner sates that it costs only a few more cents on the bale of cotton to New York by the all-rail route than by rail and water.

The editor of the Jewett Cabinet complains that his cash receipts since Sept. 24th have been only 75c. No wonder so many people want to be editors.

The Jefferson Journal reports improvements going up in every part of that city.

The city council at Fort Worth has levied a tax on all commercial travelers.

Dr. Young, State lecturer of the Friends of Temperance, has been working successfully in Bastrop county.

The Atlanta Express claims that Cass county is adapted to the growth of everything that can be produced in any country.

One firm in Comanche county has engaged 20,000 buffalo hides from hunters camped on the head waters of the Colorado.

The Eastland Review has been shown specimens of copper ore found near that town. It is said to contain 60 per cent. of copper. The vein is very large, and eighteen inches from the surface.

The acorn mast is fine in Atascosa county, and hog meat will be abundant this winter.

Archer county is soon to be organized. A writer reports fine lands at low figures, good grass, fine water, and only timber scarce.

The Columbus Citizen reports 2374 bales of cotton shipped up to the 13th inst. A large falling off from last year's business.

Notwithstanding the drouth and scarcity of money, the people of Kerr county, being out of debt and with plenty to eat, retain their cheerfulness.

Mr. Tamplin, of Gay Hill, informs the Brenham Banner that on two and one third acres of land, he made 400 gallons of syrup, which he sold at 60c. per gallon.

The Texas veterans meet next year in Bryan.

Gonzales, after twelve months' trial, is well pleased with the practical benefits of local option.

The Ahrenbecks have shipped from the oil mills, Hempstead, to Liverpool, England, 7500 gallons of cotton seed oil, and 150,000 pounds of the cotton seed oil cake.

The Brenham Banner has warned the planters against a class of cotton buyers who pay outside prices for cotton, but swindle in the weight.

The Tablet says that Shumacher's oil mills, in Navasota, yielded for the year, ending Aug. 1st, 1700 barrels of oil, and nearly 2,000,000 pounds of oil cake. Sales, \$40,000. Paid farmers for cotton seed about \$20,000.

Thirty lawyers attended the District Court at Comanche. The country is improving fast on the frontier, if we judge by the number of professional men it supports.

One hundred and fifty men and forty teams are at work on the projected railroad route from Denison to Minneola.

The Huntsville Item says that, on September 30th, the roll of the convicts under charge of the penitentiary officials was 1545. This is more than the prison at Huntsville will hold; but only a little over one-half of the 3000 which the papers have been reporting.

A Mr. Stone, near the town of Richardson, during the thunder-storm, a few Sabbaths since, grasped his child, and was running to a place of safety, when the lightning struck and killed them both.

The prisoners in the Liberty jail tried to burn their way out, but the fire got beyond their control, when they yelled for the jailor, and he was persuaded to put the fire out, but declined to let the prisoners go.

Five men were recently arrested by the city marshal of Dallas, having a recipe for making counterfeit metal and moulds for making half and quarter dollars.

The Huntsville Item reports several genuine tea trees in Newton and Jasper counties. Capt. McFarland, of Newton county, imported the seed and shrubs, and from experiments, tea growing may be made a success in Texas.

The Statesman and the Bastrop Advertiser have adopted the rule that no bills will be made against political organizations. Cash must be paid in advance. Preachers have long since adopted the rule of making no bills for performing the marriage ceremony, but do not always get the cash either in advance or after the business is done.

A man by the name of Gee, in Washington, shot a saloon-keeper a few Sunday nights ago. They had a few cross words, and the saloon-keeper stooped down; Gee thought he was reaching for his double-barrel gun, and shot first. Why do saloon-keepers always keep revolvers and shot-guns or bowie knives behind their counters?

Land Swindle. The public mind in Texas this week has been startled by the unveiling of what promises to prove one of the most gigantic land frauds perpetrated in the history of the State. Its centre was in Kansas city, Austin city its chief point of active operation, while it extended to many minor points in the State, and it is asserted its ramifications embraced in all eleven States. Their operations consisted in forging land titles, covering lands held by distant parties, minors and others, when the title was to parties unknown to the officers when the records were found; also the forgery of land scrip on a large scale. In Kansas city, J. R. Ham, Edward L. Stevens and Geo. W. Miller; and in Austin, Thomas E. Tullis and James McCulloch have been arrested. Each one had a number of aliases under which they operated. Gov. Hubbard and Attorney General Boone, with active detectives, have been working the case up vigorously for several months, and it is said the chain of evidence is complete.

Church News and Views. The Baptists have eighteen churches in the St. Louis Association. There are only seven Episcopal churches in Maine that are self-supporting. The Catholic Review learns that the Old Catholic Bishop of Switzerland, Herzog, is soon to be married.

October 28 and 29 have been fixed upon as days of universal prayer for Sunday-schools. In the Province of Shing hui, in Japan, a church, which has now forty communicants has grown up without the aid of a missionary. Rev. Dr. Tyng, Sr., who lay so long at the point of death, is now so far recovered as to be able to sit and address his congregation.

Twenty Baptist churches have been organized among the Creek Indians. The Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal hold a Sunday afternoon temperance meeting in their hall, with a good attendance.

The great missionary societies, one after another are entering Central Africa. A liberal English Baptist has offered \$5,000 toward the establishment of a station in Central Africa by the Baptist Missionary Society, which is considering his proposition.

The Tablet estimates the Catholic immigration to New York during the past thirty years at 2,800,000.

It is said the Chinese converts to Christianity in Oregon have contributed \$1000 for the establishment of a Chinese Mission in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Schaff's arrangements for the next meeting of the Evangelical Alliance are completed. It will be held at Basle, Switzerland, in 1879, and be composed of delegates from all parts of Christendom.

There are forty-three Protestant churches in San Francisco, and of the American population of 100,000 only about 15,000 attend church.

In St. Louis there are twenty-nine Catholic churches and a college where the studies are superintended by twenty Jesuit professors, French, Belgian and American.

In George Muller's orphanages last year the income was \$207,000. If this income was added to that of the previous years it would be found that altogether, in answer to prayer and the exercise of faith, they had received \$3,750,000.

A novel feature of the camping near Guernville, Cal., is a cottage of three stories, in a hollow tree. The cavity in the tree is thirteen feet in diameter, affording ample room for a lodging house.

The Scottish Reformation Society, in view of the proposal to establish a Roman Catholic hierarchy in Scotland, calls upon all Protestants to do all in their power to prevent the spread of Catholicism in the country.

If the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches were united, the sum total of members would be 670,124. In 1861, when they parted, the total number in the united body was 300,814.

The government of China has issued a proclamation which not only favors religious toleration, but mentions with special favor the work of Christian missions, and enjoins upon the provincial government to favor their work.

Hazlewood House, a home for young men at Ryde, Isle of Wight, England, was re-opened in July, after having been enlarged. It has now accommodation for forty young men and is the generous gift of George Williams, treasurer of the Y. M. C. A., of London.

England allots more money for religious purposes than any other government. Last year she gave \$23,500,000; Spain came next with \$12,500,000; then France, \$10,500,000; Russia, \$9,500,000; Italy, \$6,250,000; Bavaria, \$4,500,000; Austria, \$3,000,000; Norway and Sweden, \$2,000,000; Portugal, \$900,000.

The Northwestern, referring to the action of the District Conference placing a member on the superannuated list against his wishes, says it lies within the province of Annual Conferences to establish the relation of a member within the Conference, though it cannot demit him without cause or his own request.

The Conferences. Delegates to the General Conference, from the Western Conference: Clerical—James W. Compton, N. M. Skipworth, Lay—B. R. Baxter, Luther B. Ison. Reserves: Clerical—C. E. H. Newton, J. W. Stahl, R. C. Oglesby, Lay—D. W. McCall, T. J. Price.

From the Louisville Conference: Clerical—A. H. Redford, N. H. Lee, B. M. Mesick, H. C. Settle and G. H. Hays, Reserves—G. R. Browder, and T. C. Frogge, Lay Delegates—W. S. Johnson, A. B. Stark, W. B. Harrison, J. L. Wheat and G. W. Beard, Reserves—J. A. Atkin, A. S. Walker, T. H. Frazer, John S. Geeger, B. C. Levi.

The Second Biennial Conference of the United States Evangelical Alliance, is to be held in the First Presbyterian church, Detroit, Mich., October 30th and 31st, and November 1st and 2d.

(Communicated.) Our Bishops.

I have made arrangements to supply the new and handsome steel engraving of all our bishops to persons wanting it; and the profits to be applied to the payment of the debt on Marvin College. Will not each preacher aid us in the good work. Marvin College must be saved to the church. We have made one payment on it; and now if we can sell a few thousand of these engravings, we will have no trouble. The picture should be in every Methodist family; it is worth every cent charged for it; and then the satisfaction of helping to save our college. The price is only two dollars. Dear brethren, if you love the church, don't say you can't; but go to work for us and get up a club of five and we will send you a copy free. Just a little work will put this splendid picture in hundreds of homes and help to save one of our most important colleges. Size of picture, 16x22. CHAS. E. BROWN, WAXAHACHIE, ELLIS Co., Oct., 1877.