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"A SIGNAL FAILURE."

We clip the following extract from the Nashville Christian Advocate:—

"METHODIST FAILURES."—The Rev. R. C. Burleson, of Houston, Texas, in writing to the Alabama Baptist, says:

"From the mouth of the Brazos to Columbia, the distance is 30 miles. This is the most fertile and wealthy portion of Texas. The people, as yet, are under no decided religious influence. The Methodists have exerted themselves to gain the influence, but have signally failed, by sending among them preachers of inferior talents and manners. The Episcopalians have compassed land and sea, to monopolize all the wealth and talent of this community, and have not been entirely unsuccessful; and, if they continue their efforts, we do not occupy the ground, those wealthy counties will soon be under the entire control of that denomination. Now is the time for action, decided, vigorous action, or much, if not all, is lost to the Baptist church in this region."

It is not very common for Methodists to make "signal failures," especially in Texas. In the above case, they may have acted upon the principle that "God has chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty," or, seeing such an effort on the part of others to "gain influence in this most fertile portion of Texas," they have concluded to turn to other fields, knowing that it is the glory of the New Testament dispensation, that "the poor have the Gospel preached unto them." At all events, we hope our brethren in Texas will not neglect the frontiers, and that they will see that God's poor are not forgotten, while others are striving to monopolize the wealth of the country. The most amazing thing, however, is, that Baptist preachers should have "talents and manners" superior to Methodist ministers. But this is an age of improvement—aye, says a brother at our elbow, of wonders.

The entire letter of Rev. R. C. Burleson, from which the Nashville Advocate made the above extract, we have not seen, as the paper containing it has not yet reached us. We sincerely regret its existence; but since it does exist, we thank our worthy brother of the Advocate for calling our attention to it, and for the marvellous rebuke it is to his pen.

We have been acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Burleson, who is pastor of the Baptist church in this city, for some two years or more, and in common with many others, have esteemed him for his intelligence, piety, and Christian courtesy. We thought him above a low mean act, or of abetting clandestine measures: of course his statements about the Methodist failure in Brazoria county, and the causes thereof, astounded us.

And it is possible that our friend, with whom we have taken sweet counsel, can write those of Methodist Preachers? It is said that those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, for the reason, that were the courtsey to be returned, their own glass might suffer. Dr. Burleson must have forgotten this proverb, or he would not have commenced throwing stones. For surely, he knows very well, that the Methodist ministry in Texas, will not suffer in comparison with the Baptist ministry. Has not Dr. Burleson often been extremely mortified, when his pulpit has been occupied by his Bro. ministers from the interior of the State? Has he not, in common with those who officiated as pastors of the Baptist church in Galveston, expressed this mortification? Who besides himself and some three or four others in the body of the Baptist ministry in Texas, can be called intelligent and accomplished clergymen?

But who are the Methodist ministers, of whom Dr. Burleson writes, as possessed of "inferior talents and manners?" The following is the list: Revs. Littleton Fowler, D. N. V. Sullivan, and Strickland, now gone to their heavenly rest, whose memory is an ornament poured forth. Revs. H. S. Thrall, Jesse Hord, I. M. Williams, S. A. Williams, M. R. T. Outlaw, Oreneth Fisher, John Clark, Robert Alexander, P.

M. Yell, J. H. Addison, William S. Hamilton, George Tittle, James M. Wesson, Isaac G. John, and Daniel Carl.

Now we will submit the question to Br. Burleson, whether this list does not contain several men, who are fully equal to the ablest Baptist preachers in the State—himself not excepted? Suppose the Baptist church should form a circuit in Brazoria county, and let the Baptist preachers in the State take charge of it successively, each retaining his charge one year, would the people of that county be likely to be served by a ministry of superior talents and manners?

But wherein does the signal failure consist? Have the Methodist preachers lost caste in that rich county? As P. E. on the Ratersville and Galveston Districts, it became our duty to visit Brazoria circuit several times each year, and it has been our pleasure to address as large, as respectable, and as attentive audiences as Br. Burleson ever did, or probably ever will address, in that county, and we claim no superiority over others.

That our success there has not been equal to our success in other sections of the State, may be true; but still that we have a larger membership than any other church, we think even Br. Burleson will not pretend to deny. In that membership are numbered some as respectable and influential gentlemen and ladies, as are found in either of the other churches. Where, then, is the signal failure? We might name as signal failures by the Baptists in some sections of this State, but we forbear.

We learn that Bro. Burleson contemplates resigning the pastorate of the Baptist church in this city, for the purpose of traveling through the State generally as a missionary. We seriously fear that his discourteous letter will curtail his usefulness to a fearful extent, either as a pastor or a missionary. It will weaken public confidence in the sincerity of his professions of Christian charity. We have no doubt but he will, upon reflection, deeply regret his hasty, gratuitous and discourteous statements, of a church and its ministers, who have done more than any other branch of the church of Christ to furnish His children in the wilderness with the bread of life, and who have succeeded to a greater extent than any other church in the State in winning souls to Christ—in converting sinners from the error of their ways.

His jealousy of Episcopalian ascendancy in that rich county, and his total omission of any mention of the Presbyterian church there, which is highly respectable and influential, we will pass over in silence. They are competent to defend themselves.

EXPOSITION OF SCRIPTURE.

Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly.—Job, ix., 18.

Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yet, the heavens are not clean in his sight.—Job, xv., 15.

These declarations of Eliphaz, one of the three friends of Job, are often quoted by preachers in their sermons and other theological writings, in proof of the supreme holiness of God, under the supposition that they are literally true. But this is a serious mistake. Many of the doctrines advanced by Job's friends, were grossly erroneous, which appears from the following declaration of God himself:—

"The Lord said to Eliphaz, the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant, Job, hath; therefore, take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant, Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering, and my servant, Job, shall pray for you; for him will I accept, lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant, Job.—Job, xlii., 7-8.

Eliphaz and his friends were eloquent in their speeches, but they did not speak by inspiration, and though they uttered some truths, they also advanced many errors, such as a perfect distribution of rewards and punishments in this life; denying that God afflicts the righteous, or prospers the wicked in this life; that Job's afflictions were evidences of his wickedness; that the heavens were impure and angels foolish and unworthy of trust. Is any man, on sober reflection, simple enough to suppose that God dwells in an impure heaven, and among fools? The very thought is aberrant and blasphemous.

It is not declared in sundry passages, that the high and lofty one who inhabiteth eternity dwells in the high and holy place? Are not the angels his ministers? Are they not represented as supremely happy in his presence and in fulfilling his commands? Are they not called the holy ones? And do they not continually cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts?"

Is it possible that a minister of the Gospel, who is familiar with his Bible, can imagine that he is exalting and honoring the name of God by representing him as speaking in the language of Eliphaz; charging his angels with folly, and the heavens with uncleanness? As well might he represent him speaking to Job in the language of his wife: "Curse God and die!"

In the Bible are recorded declarations of wicked men and of the Devil; the record of

which was Divinely directed, which contain no inspired sentiments. It is of the first importance in reading the Scriptures, to distinguish between the words of God, and the words of uninspired men and Devils. We have witnessed, in numerous instances, with deep regret, a manifest want of this discrimination, even in the pulpit. Can it be said of those who fail to make this discrimination, that they are mighty in the Scriptures? and thoroughly furnished unto every good work? That they are workmen, who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving each his portion in due season?

If Eliphaz referred to the angels who kept not their first estate, but sinned, and were expelled from heaven, as some commentators think, then his declarations may be literally true, but still, as that interpretation is a mere conjecture, they are as inappropriate in an argument in proof of the holiness of God, as a jewel of gold in a swine's snout.

THE MARINER.

It was appropriately said by Horace, who, having fought at the bloody battle of Philippi, knew what danger was; that the heart of that man must have been bound in iron or triple brass, who first committed his fragile bark to the sea. Feeble and faint-hearted were the nautical exploits thus commemorated by Horace, compared with the highest exploits of human daring now often witnessed on the wilderness of waters in conflict with the wild fury of the storm. The navigation of the sea is no longer a matter of occasional experiment and wild adventure, but the profession for life of three millions of men.

How frail and timorous was the maritime interest in its origin! How interesting to mark its improvement from the rude raft and the bark canoe coursing along rivers, and inland lakes, up to the winged and stowage-laden traveling in every direction the stormy pathway of the deep.

How noble and sublime is the daring of the sailor as he pushes out to sea, asking only a wide berth from shore, with strong oak beneath his feet, and a needle for his guide!

DR. BUNTING.

This eminent Wesleyan Minister, says a correspondent of the Christian Advocate, is suffering under the increasing infirmities of age, so that he cannot rise from prayers without help. His step is faltering and unsteady, and his voice sometimes breaks, but his mind is said to have its own peculiar vigor unimpaired. His eminent wisdom is just as conspicuous now as in the prime of his vigor.

METHODIST MISSION AT THE FIVE POINTS. From the Christian Advocate and Journal, we learn that the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, has established a mission at the Five Points, one of the most abandoned sections in the city of New York, which promises to succeed even beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

The congregations are large and attentive, and the Sunday-schools connected with the mission are effecting a great and pleasing change in the children of that degraded community.

UNITY IN SERMONS.

Every preacher's mind should be strongly marked by the law of unity. The crystallizations of his thoughts should all bend upon a single thread, which ought not to be hidden by surrounding ornaments, but visible to the mental eye of every hearer.

THE BOOK OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

At the late General Convention of Universalists in the State of Maine, Rev. O. A. Skinner, of Boston, delivered a discourse of a novel character. He announced his text "from the book of circumstances, and the chapter on the necessity of the times," and gave it in these words: "Why do the Universalists need a College?"

J. C. HARRISON, Esq.

A letter just received from this gentleman informs us that he is on the eve of starting on a trip to Boston, and that he will write from Washington and other points for the columns of the Banner. We wish him a pleasant trip, and hope it will greatly improve his health.

DEATH OF NEANDER.

Our exchanges announce the death of the celebrated Ecclesiastical Historian of Germany, Dr. Neander. Thus has one of the most brilliant stars in the constellation of European Literature, been extinguished. But his memory is enshrined in more than a million hearts—and his name shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

A description of this eccentric but distinguished German was given, some time since, by a correspondent of the Commercial Advertiser. A portion of it is worth reading.

What educated American has not heard of this celebrated divine and scholar? What lover of German literature has not passed many a pleasant hour over the pages made immortal by the impress of his genius?

Bishop Neander stands the acknowledged head of the evangelical party in the Lutheran church, the most distinguished professor of theology in the University of Berlin, and the greatest German authority in church history. Every stranger visiting Berlin should see and hear him. If one can hear him without seeing him, so much the better. I have been several times at his lectures, the first time without knowing who the speaker was to be. Precisely at the hour, in stepped a small, meager, and very dark man, dressed in a

brown frock coat, reaching nearly to his heels, and his thick, coarse, black hair standing out and as if he had just started out of bed. He stepped forward, without looking to the right or left, to the small platform, surmounted by a desk, which serves as the speaker's stand.

Here he elevated the movable upper part of the desk till it was as high as his shoulders, and, putting his left arm upon the corner, commenced speaking, his head disappearing entirely from view. From where I sat I could see nothing of him, except the left elbow above the desk, and, at regular intervals, his coat skirts as he rocked the high desk back and forth. Being determined that this oddity should not escape me, by taking to cover in such an original way, I left my seat and took one at the right of the lecturer, and very near him. A most extraordinary sight was now presented to me. Neander was standing on his right leg, his left one twisted round it in a singular way, and leaning at an angle of about thirty degrees, with his left arm on the corner of the desk. In his left hand he held a quill, which he was twisting round and round with his right. His eyes were closely shut. From that moment I was certain that he was blind, and was not undecided till next Sunday, when I happened to be near him at the same church. While I was looking on him with pity, my thoughts retreating to Milton, Belshazzar, and other great men who had lived in darkness, a strange preacher mounted the pulpit. At the sound of his voice, Neander opened a most brilliant pair of rattish little eyes, gazed on the preacher a moment, and closed them again. Though I have seen him twenty times since, at lectures, church, and at University celebrations, I have not seen again the radiant lustre of those diaphanous orbs. Indeed, a friend at my elbow tells me that his sight is very weak, and that there is danger of his becoming totally blind. At his lectures it is ever the same thing; the same receding posture; the same twisting of the quill, and rocking of the desk on two legs; the same tight shutting of the eyes, the same long coat, a world too wide for his meager and sinewy form; and, but for his add, the same clearness and depth of thought and elevation of sentiment.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

Southern Lady's Companion, August, 1850, Rev. M. M. Henkle, D. D., Editor.

We are truly pleased with the literary improvement manifest in this monthly. The embellishment, representing the Pastor's visit is exquisitely touching, and reminds us forcibly of by-gone scenes of a similar character. Most of the articles are highly interesting and instructive.

"Woman in the relation of Wife," by Bishop Andrew, is worthy to be read twice. Its life pictures are striking, amusing and full of instruction.

"Portraits of the Preachers," by the editor, posts up the church editors. These portraits are nearly equal to the wood-cut likenesses, which appeared in the 2d volume of the Southern Methodist Pulpit.

"The unexpected return," is a most interesting narrative. It will be generally read.

"Portfolio Leaves," is quite readable.

"Noctes Sabbaticae," by President Collins, is an animated dissertation on ministering angels. He is a valuable contributor to the Companion.

"The Departure," is far from being devoid of interest.

The several poetic pieces, "Notices of books," and the Editor's Table, sparkling with literary diamonds, complete the contents of this number. May all future numbers be equally interesting.

The Southern Methodist Pulpit, August, 1850; Rev. C. F. Deems, Editor.

This number contains a sound sermon on "God and His Worship," by the Rev. B. H. Hubbard, A. M., President of the Tennessee Conference Female College, Athens, Alabama.

A most excellent sermon on "The Backslider Reclaimed," by the Rev. John E. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference.

The editorial miscellany, and notices of books are as usual, quiet in point, racy and interesting.

We sincerely hope that the editor has not been induced by the discourteous and unministerial attack upon the Pen and Ink sketches of the contributors to the Pulpit, accompanying their sermons, which recently appeared in one of the Church Advocates, to discontinue those sketches.

The anonymous writer, in question, does not express the general sentiment of the Methodist ministry, or community. His philippic was a mere murmur of discontent, at being overlooked in the monthly administration of the Pulpit. He imagines the subjects of the sketches to be as susceptible of being elated by that intoxicating incense, that true laughing gas, the fickle reek of popular breath, as himself.

Of one fact we are quite confident, that is, he dare not avow the paternity of his own dark ranting.

The Christian Union and Religious Memorial, June, 1850, edited by Rev. Robert Baird, D. D.

This number, like its predecessors, abounds with vitally interesting and valuable articles.

The Memphis Christian Advocate.—We have just received the first number of this new accession to the Advocate family.—Whatever may be the permanency of the Memphis Christian Advocate, there can be no question but that the first number promises well for the future. It is edited by the Rev. I. Ebbert, late President of St. Charles

College, Mo. He has furnished a handsome sheet, about the size of the Texas Wesleyan Banner, filled with original and well selected articles. The address to its patrons is rare, rich and racy, and concludes with the following paragraph:

"But should the Memphis Christian Advocate gain the same favor with the General Conference that others have, and be taken under its wing, the Conference might think proper to divide the labor among the several papers, according to the position and genius of each. The Nashville Christian Advocate, Ajax-like, could then stand on its favorite 'City of Rocks,' and hurl its unpolished missiles at the common enemy in every quarter; the R. C. A. can stand firm to its post, in repelling the Gollis on the N. E., to which it has heretofore shown itself peculiarly adapted; and the L. C. A. occupy a similar position in regard to the Vanals of the N. W., in which warfare it has already taken some lessons, under the name of the Expositor, and in which Dr. Latta has shown himself an experienced tactician; and the Southern Christian Advocate, inhaling a proper atmosphere, in the true spirit of nullification, might contend for Annual Conference rights, while the Methodist Episcopalian, with a little aid from bro. Brownlow, can whittle down the 'great iron wheel;' the pioneer Richardson in the mean time, waving his classical banner in the air, inviting the army on to further conquests; the Memphis Christian Advocate may attend to such duties as may be assigned to it, in the general distribution as its developed genius may indicate it suited to fill."

The salutatory of the Editor, is written in good taste, and displays decided talent. We wish success to the enterprise, and shall most cheerfully enter the M. C. Advocate on our exchange list.

Books for the Old and the Young.—We have received from Mr. James Burke, Agent of the American Sunday School Union, a neat catalogue of instructive and interesting books, suitable for presents and every day reading, with the above title. The catalogue is very tastefully gotten up, containing in addition to the names of books, numerous beautiful woodcuts. The books it enumerates are for sale by Mr. Burke.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the T. W. Banner. A SCENE IN THE PRAIRIE.

What dark spot is that away off yonder in the prairie! Is it a company of horses? no! it is too small an object to represent a group of travellers. Thus soliloquizing, within my mind, I approached a distant speck in the prairie.— With a fleet horse, and my eye intently fixed upon the object of my curiosity, I soon came within discriminating distance, when I discovered a buggy with a horse attached, quietly grazing upon the high grass. As I drew near, I thought I heard a voice—I listened—stopped and listened again—I felt pretty well satisfied that no one was in the carriage, but where the voice proceeded from, I could not tell, nor could I at first distinguish the sounds; soon the mystery was solved; on the opposite side of the horse, in the weeds, I saw a man apparently in middle life, upon his knees, and with uplifted hands and streaming eyes, in earnest prayer to God. I cautiously approached nearer, and while quietly sitting in my buggy, heard enough to convince me that the sin of his heart was the burden of his prayer. He prayed like one who felt the guilt, and loathed the pollution of sin, and who knew whence alone his help could come. He at first appeared to agitate in prayer, until seeming by faith to catch a glimpse of the gates of God in Christ, his countenance glowed with holy joy, and his heart poured forth its meltings in strains of the most fervent love and tenderness.

As grace was diffused through his soul, his transports increased, until he seemed to be lifted to the "shir heaven." Surely nothing earthly could have blended with the holy communion and heavenly aspirations of that lonely man of the prairie, as his heart poured forth its spiritual thanksgivings and celebrated the perfections of Jehovah. Here, thought I, is a beautiful illustration of the constraining influence of Divine grace; here grace wrought its perfect work; here under the broad canopy of heaven, in the midst of a vast prairie; out of sight of every living person—here in the lonely desert did the Holy Ghost fall upon a poor miserable sinner, who like the Prodigal had wandered far from his father's house, and led him to make the firm resolve that he would no longer feed upon the husks of vanity and sin. We must throw the veil of charity over the rest of this interesting scene; it will suffice to say, that the person referred to, was a professing Christian, but one who had backslidden.

While riding alone in the prairie, the Spirit arrested his thoughts, and his conscience smote him. The troubles of his soul increased until his agony became so great that he was compelled to stop his horse, while he prostrated himself like the publican before God, and sought pardon and peace through the blood of Christ.

Alas! how many are there who this moment are backsliders, and yet are unconscious of their awful condition! Little dream that the same divine power and the same grace will be requisite for their recovery, which first operated in their conversion. The great fear with reference to those who are in case in their downward course, is that they have never been converted.

May God arrest every backsliding Christian, as He did the lonely man of the prairie.

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" Centenary, To be supplied. " Green St., African, to be supplied. " Asbury, To be supplied. " Mound, Ralph Douglass. " Wesley Chapel, A. L. Hamilton. " W. J. Brown.

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St. Genevieve, W. T. Cardwell. St. Jackson, H. S. Watts. Charleston, J. W. Hawkins. Bonton, J. M. Proctor. Little Prairie, Miss., To be supplied.

man, as well as the rich, may enjoy the luxury of holding intercourse with his absent friends. The views which you have expressed are reasonable, and your arguments conclusive, and no person who will examine the subject, can doubt of the great benefits which cheap postage will confer upon our whole country. It will diffuse knowledge among the people, enkindle and keep alive the social affections, and unite every portion of our widely extended Republic together as one man.

Your distinguished Senator, Gen. Rusk, has reported a Bill in the Senate which gives general satisfaction. This Report is able, and throws a flood of light on the subject, and should be read by every person throughout the United States. The arguments in favor of cheap postage are unanswerable; and the numerous advantages are clearly and forcibly elucidated. It is creditable alike to his head and heart, and has drawn forth the praises and approbation of all classes of people.

Permit me here to say, that I have had an opportunity of watching closely the course of Senator Rusk in the Senate, and I feel great pleasure in bearing my testimony to his fidelity to the interests of Texas on every occasion, and his constant readiness to attend to the business before that body. Gen. Rusk makes no pretence to oratory, falsely so called, which consists in tropes of figures and rhetorical flourishes, but he speaks with directness and power to the understanding. Every man understands him, and feel and appreciate the force of his arguments. I have noticed that, whenever he speaks in the Senate, he is heard with profound respect and attention; and no Senator of his age and standing has more influence. I have heard more than one Senator, as well as others, say that he is the *Silas Wright* of the Senate, which to me, as a New Yorker, and a personal friend of that distinguished statesman, is no mean praise. Texas is fortunate in having such popular men as old "San Jacinto," (Gen. Houston,) and Gen. Rusk, to represent her interests in the Senate.

The prospects are favorable that Gen. Rusk's Bill for the reduction of postage will pass. The country calls for it; and if the postage is reduced as his bill proposes, instead of sixty-two millions of letters per annum, we shall have, in less than five years, at least two hundred millions. If Great Britain, with a population of 30 millions, sent through the Postoffice the last year three hundred and fifty millions, may we not reasonably suppose that we, with a population of 20 millions, will send as many letters in proportion to our population, provided we have as cheap postage and equal facilities? I would merely ask why should the free citizens of a Republic not have as cheap postage as the subjects of *Quæ Victoria*?

Very respectfully yours, etc.

BARNABAS BATES.

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FROM THE Herald and Journal - "PEACE BE UNTO YOU"

Scripture. Pilgrim! is thy pathway weary? Are thy graces sorely tried? Dost thou travel lone and weary...

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FAMILIARITY WITH THE SCRIPTURES

In a recent pamphlet from the pen of Rev. Dr. Spang, of New York, he complains that the standard who apply for license to the ministry of New York are sadly deficient in theological education...

The writer also remembers an instance in his own parish of an aged and infirm man who showed attend church, who did not regard himself as a Christian, and yet could repeat...

NEW APPARATUS FOR DRYING BAGGASSE

Mr. Sylvanus Richardson, of Vermont, who has for some time resided in Texas, has invented an apparatus for drying baggasse or refuse sugar cane, to make good fuel of it...

PROVISIONS AGAINST SHIPWRECKS

Mr. George Carlin has written a letter to a Scotch paper in which he details a plan conceived by him for saving the lives of all persons on board a perishing ship...

A GIGANTIC PUZZLE

The overflows of the Mississippi, and a remedy for them, says the Civilian seem to puzzle the best scientific and practical talent of Louisiana...

FUTURE PROSPECTS OF NEW ORLEANS

The following is a glowing picture of the present city from the pen of the spiritual father of the city, Dr. C. C. Case...

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aware that the Hon. John Jay held the most ultra opinions on this subject. But Mr. Jay does not meddle with the scriptural argument...

ASSAFOETIDA

The article is obtained from a large unbelittling plant growing in Persia. The root resembles a large parsnip externally, of a black color; on cutting it transversely, the assafoetida exudes in form of a white thick juice...

A Dutchman, on being called upon to help to pay for a lightning rod for the village church...

Something may depend upon the length of a prayer in deciding the question...

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