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WHOLE NO. 104.

HAPPY HOURS--No. 3.

The Sabbath with its enjoyments is past...

Now the moon is hid from sight, but almost...

The storm has subsided. That no harm has...

Unconverted reader, if you wish to drink...

For the T. W. Banner. A TRUE NARRATIVE.

The remembrance of past joys is generally...

He was left a penniless orphan at fourteen...

He accepted our invitation to make our house...

with each other, and friendship ripened into...

Myra (for thus I shall designate the young...

Time thus passed smoothly on until three...

He returned again to the pursuits of agricul...

Once about that time I heard him speak of...

As she has relations here, we have heard from...

When I think of Texas, the land of our kind...

Then the heart need no more be pained by sad...

Tenn., March 4th, 1851.

Martin Farquhar Tupper, the English poet...

A WORD ON ARRIVAL.

WRITTEN IN N. Y. HARBOR, ON BOARD THE ASIA.

Not with cold scorn, or ill-dissembled sneer...

OUR VOYAGE.

WRITTEN ON BOARD THE ASIA, BY REQUEST.

Count up with me our meritorious manifest...

O, how can half the perils be expressed...

That he has spared us on this prosperous way!

And, meekly think how many better men...

O, think how, gulph'd away from human ken...

We while, pacing this high-terraced deck...

Sped to the goal of our victorious course!

THE MINER AND HIS BIBLE.

The following beautiful passage occurs in the...

A NOBLE BOY.

A boy was once tempted, by some of his...

THE BOOK OF WONDERS.

O thou Bible! holy book of wonders! what...

spotless righteousness of Immanuel, and sayest...

A FATHER TO HIS DAUGHTER.

No diamond bright, nor ruby rare, To grace thy neck, adorn thy hair...

TEARS.

Tears! Mysterious drops that well up from...

WHAT IS AN INFIDEL?

Hence, the celebrated infidel philosopher, and...

THE QUEEN OF SONG.

The Queen of Song.--There is in preparation...

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Dr. Judson received between four and five...

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Our readers will recollect our appeal, many months ago...

POPISH INTOLERANCE AT ROME.

Mr. Hely, the English sculptor, was lately...

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

The Richmond C. Advocate of last week, says...

"I am good to love you, father," replied she...

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A NEW EXPOSITION.

Brother, said we, not long since, to a "teacher"...

AN APPEAL FOR HAYTI.

There is at present an opening in Hayti for the...

MY BIBLE.

My Bible! 'tis a Book Divine. Where heavenly truth and mercy shine...

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My Bible! here with joy I trace The records of redeeming grace...

My Bible! here it is I read. How Jesus died for sinners bleed!

I love my Bible! may I never Consult it, with but faith and prayer...

The history of all the great characters of the Bible...

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CHAUNCEY RICHARDSON, Editor.

HOUSTON: SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1851.

TO THE AGENTS OF THE T. W. BANNER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—You will please make the most diligent efforts to collect all accounts due to the Banner Office, at the earliest practicable period. Let no diligence be wanting in procuring new subscribers for the third volume. The Banner is just the paper our people need, it meets their wants, and is performing a noble mission, a mission more efficient than any other instrumentality connected with our Church in the State.—Then let us sustain it with a zeal worthy of ourselves, of our Church and of the cause of the Blessed Redeemer, of which it is the devoted advocate.

We trust that every patron and friend of the Banner will consider our financial necessities at the present time. We owe a considerable sum for the expenses of the second volume. The amount is due us from our patrons, and would greatly relieve our necessities could we have it handed over to us with as little delay as possible.

Accounts are being sent out to our Agents as fast as the Post Offices in the various circuits can be ascertained. Let these be collected without delay, and the money remitted to the Editor at Houston. The receipts will be duly acknowledged. It is especially desirable to meet, as promptly as possible all existing liabilities, and if our dues are handed over to us we can do so directly.

Yours respectfully, R. ALEXANDER, Chairman, Publishing Committee.

BANNER PRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS AND EAST TEXAS CONFERENCES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your special aid in raising the \$2500, ordered by the Conference is most respectfully solicited. From a large number of the Preachers we have not received any report. It is expected that every one will do what he can, and if he makes an effort he will be sure to do something, if not something handsome; some have already done well. Come, Brethren, let us see what we can do in this noble enterprise. It is an enterprise in intimate sympathy with all the true interests of the Church in the State, as also with all the highest interests of the State.

Let the several amounts raised be remitted at the earliest period to the Editor at Houston, accompanied with a statement of the names and amounts of the several donors, which will be duly acknowledged in the Banner.

R. ALEXANDER, Agent.

CLOSE OF THE SECOND VOLUME.

The present issue completes the second volume of the Texas Wesleyan Banner, and concludes a second year's editorial toil and responsibility. In the review of our editorial labors for the past year, though we are fully sensible of our shortcomings, we have no misgivings to suffer, no apologies to make, no retractions to herald—having met our responsibilities with a steady nerve, and discharged our duties fearlessly, and with the ability which God has graciously given us.

If, in any instance, we have inadvertently upon existing evils with seeming severity, it was because truth and justice made the requisition at our hands. We have, in no instance, as our readers will bear us witness, wantonly attacked the reputation of churches, ministers or creeds; but, in every instance of collision with other churches, their ministers or creeds, our position has been one of defence and not of offence. Our ministerial, as well as our editorial commission, impels us to defend the truth, to defend the church of our early choice, by which we have been nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, to defend her honor, her integrity, her efficiency, her polity and her doctrines, against attacks from all sources.

We claim no jurisdiction over other men's consciences. During our entire religious career, we have been willing to think and to let others think. We claim no infallibility for ourselves or church, and we concede it to no man or church on earth. The Bible is our standard of doctrine and practice. Whatever doctrine or practice we cannot sustain by fair collocation and exposition of the Scriptures, we are bound to reject as spurious.

That we have succeeded in pleasing all our readers is more than we expected it to be possible for any editor to do. Our exchanges, without exception, occasionally reveal the fact that some patron is displeased with the editor's course. The last number of the N. & L. C. Advocate replies to five objections made against it. Such are the number and variety of tastes to be gratified, by every editor, that nothing less than miraculous gifts could gratify them all. Some readers prefer grave articles, others prefer those of a light, gay cast; some like elaborate articles best, others greatly prefer fancy sketches and items

of news. What is one's bitter is another's sweet. Of course it requires more consideration and forbearance, on the part of the patrons of religious journals, than some of them evince.

Occasionally, a subscriber will get miffed at a single article that may not happen to chime in with his present feelings, and he instantly orders his paper stopped, but afterwards regrets his rash haste. Occasionally one will demand some instance of commendation, which he thinks was not merited, and hints that, had it been bestowed on himself, there would then have been no mistake about the matter. Such cases are exceedingly rare, and we rejoice, for the honor of our common Christianity, that they are so rare.

We have been especially encouraged in prosecuting our perplexing and responsible labors, with the unanimous and unqualified approval of the Texas and East Texas conferences, twice expressed and published to the world. The approval and adoption of the Banner, by the General conference, has been a source of high gratification to us. We are also encouraged by the fact, that we close the second volume with a larger subscription list than we have had at any previous period.

The almost unanimous resolve, by the two conferences, to purchase a press and material for a complete printing office; the readiness and liberality with which the laity have sustained the action of the conferences, indicate most clearly, that our labors are generally appreciated, and that the Banner meets the wants of the church in Texas better than any paper, exterior to Texas, could possibly do. But for the assurance that we shared the sympathy and approval of the ministry and the laity of the church in Texas, we must have sunk under our heavy burden of cares and toils.

By the grace of God, we have been sustained hitherto, and we trust that, through the prayers of the church in our behalf, His grace will yet abound toward us more and more.

THE THIRD VOLUME OF THE T. W. BANNER.

The third volume of the T. W. Banner will be commenced on the new press, with new type, and with a superior quality of paper, all of which have been ordered from New York, and are expected to arrive in this city in the course of three or four weeks. Even a short suspension of the Banner will, we are assured, be deeply regretted by its numerous weekly readers, but the delay in the arrival of our press and material for a complete printing office, renders a brief suspension necessary. In addition to this necessity, our health requires some respite from severe toil. There is no vocation more wearing and debilitating in its influence upon the human constitution than that of an Editor of a daily or weekly paper. We have often sighed for the fresh and invigorating breezes of the undulating interior, for the healthful rambles and rides over the prairies, to luxuriate among their flowers and their picturesque scenery.

This short suspension will not cool the ardor of a single true friend of the Banner, but will rather induce to greater efforts in its behalf. Let every Agent be active in procuring new subscribers, and in collecting former subscriptions.

That the new volume will be commenced within a brief period, there is no ground to doubt. Let the same confidence be felt in its permanence as though there were no suspension.—Life and health being continued to us, we expect to make the next volume more attractive, in many respects, than either of the preceding volumes have been. In our effort at improvement, we confidently expect the aid and co-operation of our correspondents, many of whom have laid us and our readers under obligations to gratitude for their valuable contributions to the columns of our paper.

We expect to be able to furnish the latest general and commercial intelligence as early, if not earlier than it could be received from the New Orleans weekly papers. During the past two years we have generally published the latest telegraphic despatches, and sent them out to our patrons before the same despatches would reach this city in the New Orleans weekly papers. Our unremitting attention to this department of the Banner, we trust, will not fail to give entire satisfaction to all interested.

Let it be borne in mind by all, that the Banner is strictly a Texas paper, in close sympathy with every real want, and every high interest of Texas. It will be a special object with the Editor to advocate every noble and praiseworthy enterprise connected with the well and prosperity of the State, and to chronicle her advancement in all her great and varied interests and improvements. In short, his object shall be to make every Texian feel that it is to his interest to patronize the Texas Wesleyan Banner.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Should there be, from any cause, a longer delay in the arrival of our press and type than three or four weeks, the third volume will be commenced at the Telegraph and Texas Register Office, where the Banner has been published from its commencement.

CORRESPONDENTS.

We have some communications on hand which came too late for this week's issue.—They will appear in due time.

An article from Rev. J. W. Devilliss, and

also one from Rev. J. W. Fields unfortunately disappeared from the compositor's depository, or they would have appeared before this. It is due to those Brethren to make this statement.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A list of all the Post Offices within the bounds of each Circuit respectively in the two Conferences. In response to our former call, a few lists have been sent us, but we want one from every circuit.

THE HAND-WRITING UPON THE WALL.

(Concluded.)

Telak; Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting. Dan. V. 27.

3. Imperfect Christians are weighed and found wanting.

Are there not many within the pale of the visible Church, who are imperfect? Is it not as true now, as it was in olden time, that all are not Israel, who are of Israel? Christ it is true, has made ample provision for the sanctification of his Church. He purchased it with his own blood. 'Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word; that he might present it to himself glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.' 'And he gave some, Apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we are all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. Correspondent to these provisions for the perfection of the Church, are the obligations of all, who enter within its visible pale. They are under covenant obligations to keep perfectly both parts of the divine constitution—to observe strictly whatsoever is written in the book of the Law, or in the book of the Gospel. But alas! how deficient are multitudes of professing Christians in the spirit and degree of this obedience! How many fall far below the letter as well as the spirit of the law! How few perfectly observe the golden rule, Do to others, as ye would, they should do to you! How deficient are many in that faith, which is of the operation of God, which works by love, purifies the heart and overcomes the world; that faith, which is the subsistence of things hoped for, and the demonstration of things not seen! How deficient are many in that hope, which maketh not ashamed, which is sure and steadfast, which entereth into that which is not seen!

How few possess in an eminent degree that charity, or love, without which the most splendid talents and gifts are as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal, and the most costly offerings are as nothing! How few possess that charity, which suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, that vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, that doth not behave itself unseemly, that seeketh not its own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, that rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, that beareth all things, believeth all things, and that, being the bond of perfectness, never faileth! How few exhibit in full the influence of that wisdom, which cometh from above, which is pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy! How few are fully clothed with humility—give all diligence to make their calling and election sure—to cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit; perfecting holiness in the fear of God! How few pray without ceasing, and in every thing give thanks! How few walk constantly in the light of God's reconciled countenance, being cleansed from all sin by the blood of Christ! Alas! were God to write out in words of flame, upon the walls of his sanctuaries, the true estimate of the moral worth of all within the pale of the visible Church, would not seething, seething, be written against multitudes? Would not many turn pale at a full disclosure of their real characters?

4. All Parents who are deficient in the fulfilment of their obligations to their Children, are weighed and found wanting.

Alas! how few parents discharge fully their high obligations! How few feel a deep solicitude for the spiritual welfare of their children! How few train them up for God and Heaven! How few bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord! How few imitate Abraham in walking blameless, commanding their households to the observance of religious duties! How many neglect to restrain their children from evil associations, from sinful amusements and from demoralizing habits!

How many neglect to impress upon their minds the principles of the divine constitution to which they are amenable for their thoughts, words and actions! Let parents ponder well their obligations to their offspring; their imperious obligations to qualify their children for respectability and usefulness; to impress upon them the high

value of habits of industry, strict integrity and purity of character, and of an early devotion to the service and glory of Him who hath redeemed them with his own blood. How fearful are the responsibilities of parents!—Alas! how many parents are weighed and found wanting!

5. Unfaithful Ministers are weighed and found wanting.

Are not many Ministers deficient in discharging the high functions of their fearfully responsible office? They may not be wanting in well turned periods, or in metaphysical subtleties, or in human eloquence; but are not many wanting in the spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind? Are they not wanting in love for the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, and in zeal for its universal diffusion? Do their hearts burn for the salvation of souls? Do they know nothing among the people but Christ and him crucified? Do they glory in nothing save in the cross of Christ? Do they continually weep between the porch and the altar, saying, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach? Is it not manifest that those, who lack these prominent, these essential characteristics of an efficient ministry, are found wanting? By their fruits ye shall know them.

6. The Christian Church has been weighed and found wanting in Missionary enterprise.

It was announced as the purpose of God nearly eighteen hundred years ago, 'To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which, from the beginning of the world, hath been hid in God; to the intent, that now, unto principalities and powers in heavenly places, might be known by the church, the manifold wisdom of God.' In perfect harmony with this purpose, was the mandate of Christ to his church: 'Go into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature.'—Had the church, during the whole period of her history, strictly adhered to the spirit of this solemn mandate, the whole world, ere this, would have been converted to Christianity—the moral gloom which now envelops so large a portion of it; and the darkness, the gross darkness, which now covers so many nations, would long since have fled before the glorious and powerful beams of the Sun of righteousness. The heathen would have been given to Christ for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. The saints of the Most High would have taken the kingdom to possess it forever and ever, and the visible church would now have looked gloriously from Zion's hill, 'Clothed with the sun, and in her train the moon, and on her head a coronet of stars, and girding round her waist, with heavenly grace.

The bow of mercy bright; and in her hand Immanuel's cross, her sceptre and her hope.' But is there not a most striking contrast between this description of what the state of the church, and of the world, might now have been, and what their state really is? Is not the church fearfully wanting in missionary enterprise? Would it be surprising if the hand of God should write 'wanting' upon her very banners?

Though many professing Christians, Christian parents and ministers of the Gospel, are weighed and found wanting, yet it is highly presumable that there are many Christians, parents and ministers within the pale of the visible church, who have not defiled their garments, and who shall walk with Christ in white, because they are worthy—whose rejoicing is the testimony of a good conscience, that in simplicity and Godly sincerity they have their conversation in the world. These are true lights which twinkle amid the gloom of a benighted world; but how few are they in comparison with the multitudes both within and without the church who are found wanting! For many, alas! very many of the subjects of God's empire are found wanting. God hath concluded a large portion of the world under sin; he hath concluded them in unbelief; consequently they are under the arrest of justice as transgressors of both the law and the Gospel, until they shall believe to the saving of their souls, or the time shall come for the execution of the penal sanctions of the divine constitution upon them.

How manifest in the light of this subject, is the truth that the misery and ruin of man are self-procured.

He was made in a high state of moral perfection, and placed under a constitution the most perfect, and the best adapted to secure his highest happiness. He received from God all that he could receive, consistent with his agency; was created holy, without any bias to evil, capable of standing, though free to fall. But he abused his agency, 'He ate the interdicted fruit, and fell, And in his fall, his universal race. For in him, by delegation, were In him to stand or fall, to live or die.'

'Through the disobedience of one man were made sinners.' But God did not abandon man to the fell consequences of the first offence; his grace abounded towards man.—He hath set a glorious hope before the world, to which all may fly for refuge, and by which they may draw nigh unto God. This hope is the atonement made by Immanuel for the whole world. 'For God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten son into the world, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' On the ground of the atonement, the execution of the sentence against moral delinquency is

suspended, long-suffering is exercised, and a day of gracious visitation is secured, during which all may obtain pardon or acquittal from the sentence of condemnation, and a metness for the inheritance of the saints in light.—God is in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, and makes the most alluring propositions to all. To every individual, therefore, on whom his withering frown rests, and the tremendous curse of the law flashes its eternal terrors, God can justly say, as he did to ancient Israel, 'Thou hast destroyed thyself.' How justly are the dispensations of God toward our world marked with a punitive character.

Sin has tarnished the glory of this lower world, and blighted the prospects of man.—The history of the human race is dark and deeply shaded with gloom. The essential rectitude of God, and the interests of his moral kingdom, required an expression of divine displeasure against sin. And in various ages of the world, in his penal and judicial visitations on persons and nations, who had filled up the measure of their iniquity, Jehovah came forth, arrayed in awful garments of tremendous wrath. He made the consuming fire an emblem of his presence; thunder-bolts and storms were the ministers of his vengeance. He thundered in the heavens and gave out his voice. He sent out his arrows against his enemies and scattered them. He shot out his lightnings, and discomfited them. Before him goes the pestilence; burning coals go forth at his feet; the nations are driven asunder; the everlasting mountains are scattered, the perpetual hills bow.

Wherefore were the great and powerful cities and nations of antiquity overthrown? They were weighed and found wanting. Wherefore were God's ancient and covenant people rejected, cast off, and blotted from the map of the world? They were weighed in the balances and found wanting. Wherefore have many modern nations been visited with exterminating judgments? Wherefore are the judgments of God now abroad in the earth? Wherefore is the pestilence commissioned to walk in darkness, and destruction to rage at noonday? Wherefore has the malignant cholera been commissioned as an angel of death to slay more than a hundred millions of the human family, and to spread terror and alarm through all the nations of the earth? Wherefore are there signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth? The answer to all these solemnly interesting questions is, the nations have been weighed in the balances and found wanting, and God is speaking unto them in his wrath, and vexing them in his sore displeasure, visiting them for their iniquities.

How imminently perilous is the course of moral delinquents.

The divine constitution secures eternal blessedness to the obedient, to those who obey both its parts; but dooms the transgressors of either the law, or the gospel to the severest inflictions of divine wrath. And the execution of the penalty of the law is equally certain with the bestowment of the rewards of obedience. The appointment of the sanctions of the divine constitution, and their execution, perfectly harmonize with the moral perfection of God. 'For the work of a man shall be rendered to him, and cause every man to find according to his ways; yet, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.' It follows, therefore, that the ultimate execution of the penal sanctions of the divine constitution, upon all moral delinquents, who are such when their term of trial terminates, is certain.—None who are not weighed and found wanting can possibly escape. But are there not many of our readers who are weighed and found wanting? Are there not many of them, both old and young, who ascend in the scale, and concerning each of whom it may be said, 'One thing thou lackest? O remember, all ye who are found wanting, that life and death are set before you, and that on the choice you make depends your eternal destiny! Will you longer kick against the goads of conscience? Will you rush upon the bossy shield of Omnipotence, and brave the thunders of eternal wrath? Who among you can dwell with devouring fire? Who among you can endure everlasting burnings? To every moral delinquent the startling warning is given: 'Because there is wrath beware, lest he take thee away with his stroke, and then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.' Beware of the imminent peril of delay in being reconciled to God. Flee from the wrath to come; escape for your lives; look not behind you, neither stay ye in all the plain; escape to the mountain—to Calvary—to the cross, lest ye be consumed; lest the astounding echo of wailing, wailing, reverberating in thunder tones through the deep caverns of perdition, shall eternally fall on your ears! lest the flaming inscription on the walls of the eternal prison, 'Ye knew your duty but ye did it not,' shall eternally meet your fearful gaze! He that is wise, is wise for himself; but he that scorneth, he alone must bear it.

VARIETY STORE.

Lillie & McGregor occasionally find that they have not sufficient variety to meet the wants of all their customers, as they have been applied to for Vaccination and the

Christening of a child. With these exceptions, we are not aware that any applicants at that interesting establishment have been disappointed.

POSTAGE ON THE T. W. BANNER.

The new postage law goes into effect on the first of July next. After that time the subscribers of the Banner in Harris county will receive their papers by mail free. Those who reside out of Harris county within a distance of fifty miles will pay quarterly, in advance, five cents per quarter, or twenty cents per year. Those whose residence is over fifty and under three hundred miles, will pay ten cents per quarter, or forty cents a year. Those who live over three hundred miles distant will pay fifteen cents per quarter, or sixty cents a year.

All beyond a thousand miles will pay twenty cents per quarter, or eighty cents a year.

NEW STAGE COACHES.

We are gratified to learn that Col. Geo. W. Grant, the enterprising Mail Contractor from Houston to San Antonio, has just received for the accommodation of the travelling public, on this route two new and splendid Stage Coaches, at a cost of about \$500 each. It affords us pleasure to chronicle any extension of travelling facilities in Texas, or any improvements therein.

AUSTIN COLLEGE.

We have been informed by Rev. Dr. Baker, that the prospects of this youthful College are quite flattering. The donations from the citizens of Huntsville and vicinity amounting to about \$8000, have with a trifling exception, been converted into notes, which have been taken by Col. Barrett, the contractor for the College building, in part payment therefor. This fact speaks well for the integrity and public spirit of those donors. The agent during his trip to the north last year, secured in money, books, maps, globes, &c., to the value of some \$7000.

He has recently received a princely donation from the Rev. Benjamin Chace, Pastor of the Presbyterian church in Natchez, Miss., of fifteen thousand acres of land, valued at \$20,000. This land is favorably located and will be available at an early day.

A College edifice is under contract, 84 by 50 feet, two stories, to be built of brick, at a cost of \$12,000.

The College Chapel, the society rooms, library and recitation rooms will comprise the accommodations of this noble edifice. The College site is a commanding eminence in the suburbs of the town, called 'Capitol Hill.' It is not the design of the College to furnish a dormitory for the students, but to have them board and room in private houses in the town.

Desiring most ardently as we do the education of the children and youths of Texas, we rejoice in the promising prospects of Austin College, and wish its indefatigable agent abundant success in his efforts to make it both an honor and a blessing to the State and to the church under whose auspices it has been established.

Let the youths of Texas be educated, let every religious denomination vie with others in the accomplishment of this noble object. That denomination which shall be the most successful in this work, will be entitled to the most credit. We care not how much honorable emulation there is among the various denominations in the course of education. The more the better.

The Preparatory Department of Austin College is in successful operation under the charge of Rev. Prof. McKinney, and numbers about fifty students.

TELEGRAPH AND TEXAS REGISTER.

The history of this popular Journal is intimately identified with the history of Texas. It was commenced at San Felipe during the period of the Revolution by Gail Borden, Jr., Esq. On the approach of the Mexican army to that town, it was removed to Harrisburg, where it continued in operation but a short period before its office was burnt by the Mexican army. It was subsequently established at Columbia, and the proceedings of the session of Congress held there, were published in it, and on the removal of the Seat of Government from Columbia to Houston, the Telegraph and Texas Register was also removed to this city. Its back files are exceedingly interesting, involving as they do a large portion of the history of Texas.

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