



THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. GALVESTON, TEXAS. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1857.

REVIVAL ADD TO THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY.

As our Editor left us no Editorial we copy from the Southern Christian Advocate, as follows: But is it a responsibility discharged with becoming zeal? Is it met with conscientious fidelity. Are its rewards sufficient to induce its discharge with constant cheerfulness?

During the year the Church has been signally blessed with revival influence. From all parts of the moral battle-shouts of victory have reached the Court of Heaven—the powers of the Adversary have been beaten back and his kingdom shaken, and many "prisoners of hope" have been taken.

Thousands have found pardon and peace through faith in our blessed Saviour.—Some of these new converts were advanced in age—were in the prime of life—and most were in its spring, when they joined the Church.

to them all. And it all grows out of the want of a true appreciation of responsibility, which engenders and feeds moral cowardice. It is before non-professors, talk about prayer, but rebuke sin in their most intimate acquaintances, and such will be afraid—to die. Now, it ought to be the earnest desire and prayer of every good man and woman in the Church, that such shameful weakness and faithlessness should be removed at once.

Among no class is the due appreciation of Christian responsibility so necessary to be exemplified, as in that of the newly converted. Having entered upon a new field of life without experience—having to encounter difficulties and trials without knowledge, and having to "overcome the world, the flesh and the devil," the most formidable foes of the established saint, without skill—young converts must have the advice of experience, the instruction of ability, and the assistance of maturity.

THE DISCIPLINE OF DANCING. A case came up before the late Tennessee Conference, which, as the Episcopal decision is already published abroad, we give for its general interest, from the Nashville Christian Advocate.

As this matter has excited some interest, and involves the reputation of the Church, the late Tennessee Annual Conference by vote requested the Editor to make a brief statement of the facts in the case, and of the decision of the Bishop on a question of law submitted to him by appeal.

After considerable investigation, the Quarterly Conference appealed from the decision of the presiding elder, as to the application of the law in this case. The appeal was carried to the Bishop presiding at the late Tennessee Conference, Mr. Elliott acquiescing. It was further requested by those appealing that the question be taken to the College of Bishops at their next annual meeting, that a full expression of opinion might be given.

COMPLIMENTARY. One of our subscribers, residing in Itasca, New York, writes we receive the Texas Christian Advocate regularly. We consider it among our best religious papers. There is a vein of deep heart-tlety striking through all the articles, which makes the paper very interesting to us.

Another, from the same place, writes we prize the Texas Christian Advocate very much, indeed we consider it one of the best of the family of Advocates.

DRESS—A WORD TO MINISTERS.

We find the following well written article in the Guide to Holiness, and copy it into our columns. It contains many wholesome truths: But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he shall be taken away in his iniquity, but will require at the watchman's hand.—Ezekiel xxxiii. 6.

We are aware it is very fashionable to talk about gayety of dress at the present day, and fear only him who hath said, "Cursed be he that doth the work of the Lord deceitfully," we venture a few remarks, earnestly praying the Holy Spirit to accompany them.

We have long regarded our wide departure from discipline, and Bible rules in respect to dress, as one of the "accursed" things in the church; and with pain we have marked the indifference with which this sin is treated, both by the pulpit and the press.

When we have seen the effects of this indifference in the rapid increase of worldly-mindedness, and worldly conformity among the members, and so many of the "watchmen," who ought to see the sword coming and warn the people, not only by their silence, but by the example of their wives and daughters encouraging sin, and holding up the disease, which is like a fearful contagion, is threatening to sweep all in its idle, worthless, uncertain pastor worth a few dollars and cents. His worth to souls is incalculable, and his "carriage things" ought to be rendered, the former is not worth much, but he is as good as dead for any other, and more so.

GALVESTON.

The editor of the Western Valley concludes a well written article by saying: "Galveston is the natural doorway of Texas; and the praiseworthy enterprise of her citizens in promoting improvement for the facilities of trade and commerce, goes to show that if she does not maintain her position as the principal mart of trade for the southwest, it will not be for the want of the liberal expenditure of means, and an honorable determination to deserve it. If she can assume, so far as we are concerned, the place in trade of New Orleans, by direct importations from Europe and our Northern cities, and by carrying out the grand scheme of improvements in contemplation, who in Texas need to mourn over it?"

WRECKED VESSELS.

The ships Fannin and Nebraska, which stranded some days since, on the north breakers, are now considered completely wrecked. The Nebraska was assigned to B. & D. G. Mills, in ballast, and is, as we understand, owned by Mr. Hennings, of New York; she bilged on Saturday and sunk deep in the sand, and on Sunday the Fannin did the same.

LETTER FROM COLUMBUS.

MR. EDITOR:—We were permitted to attend the camp-meeting, held near the town of Columbus, when the church experienced a most glorious revival. The meeting commenced on Friday, the 9th October, and the same evening we had some half dozen mourners at the altar. And notwithstanding we were threatened with rain every moment, the clouds were staid until we had a short prayer meeting and one conversion. On Saturday morning at an early hour, it commenced raining, and continued to rain until Sunday morning, about 5 o'clock; when the clouds began to rift away, and the hosts of heaven to minister in good earnest. Each one stood firm to his post during the day, and that night ten were converted. On Monday the battle went on again with renewed vigor, and on Monday night eleven more could declare that "Christ hath power on earth to forgive sins."

DIRECT TRADE WITH THE SOUTH.

There are indications of a growing disposition in many sections of the South, to hold back their cotton for a rise in the price. This feeling is based upon the certainty that the European market for cotton is already running short in the raw material, much replenish from the American stock at whatever price, or stop their factories altogether. This is an alternative not to be thought of in the existing derangement of affairs, as any very general action of that kind would excite the starving, undisciplined masses of England into irresistible and widely-destructive bread riots, if not into a radical revolution.

RUDEVILLE DISTRICT.

MR. EDITOR:—You may say to the friends of Zion, that the Lord is reviving his work within the bounds of Rudeville District. At Columbus more than forty united with the church; five on the San Bernard; and, at Gay Hill, on the Bremen circuit, we had twelve penitents at the altar for prayer, on Sabbath night last; one professed religion. The meeting is still progressing, and will doubtless result in permanent good to that community. The health of the preachers is good; and so far as I am apprised, they will all go to our Annual Session in fine spirits, with their armor buckled on, ready to receive an appointment, for a renewed attack on the powers of darkness.

Ruterville, Nov. 5, 1857. Christ crucified is the library which triumphant souls will be studying in all eternity.

THE OTHER SIDE.

A few days ago we received a letter from a friend written to send a remittance, but after dispatching that business, made remarks to this effect, that it was a common thing for church papers these days to dwell upon the duty of a congregation to its pastor, in paying his salary promptly, and sufficiently. He does not object to the ministry receiving competent support, but he says he wants somebody to write on the other side and show the world what a minister ought to be, and ought to do, to deserve such a support.

It says that many of them are getting more than they deserve, however little that may be. He intimates that they preach one-half, or one-fourth of their time, only on Sunday, never visit, instruct and pray with their flock, and in fact, do nothing at all except preach, and expect large pay as pastors. He intimates, also, that their preaching is not edifying, owing to their immersion in affairs of the world, and their want of study and devotion to the Bible. He thinks some writer ought to show the world what it has a right to expect of a minister who receives a salary. The point he makes is certainly a good one.

KANSAS PROSPECTS.

The Columbus (Ga.) Times and Sentinel speaking of the election of Parrot, the free-soil candidate for Congress, says: "This election should not be taken as a test of the real strength of the pro-slavery party, because Ransom, the democratic candidate, is considered, even more liberable for the South on the slavery question, than his competitor, and numbers of the pro-slavery men would not vote for him. This is generally understood in Kansas to be the cause of Parrot's large majority. The pro-slavery party, it is thought have a majority of six or seven in the Legislature. Our friend informed us, that he knew numbers, personally, in Le-compton, who would not vote for Ransom, who voted for pro-slavery members for the Legislature. They considered him more dangerous to the South than Parrot, because he came before them in the disguise of a friend, when it was known that he was a free-soiler. This accounts for our apparent weakness in Kansas."

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SLAVERY AGITATION AMONG THE CHOC-TAWS.

The Washington Union calls attention to the agitation upon the slavery question, caused by the missionaries among the Choctaw Indians, and says there is reason to believe that an organized plan to abetize the South western Indian Superintendency has been matured. The constitution of the Choctaw Nation, adopted in January last, declares that the general council shall have no power to pass laws for the emancipation of slaves without the consent of their owners.

On the subject of the agitation of the slavery question, Tandy Walker, the President of the Convention, in an address to the people says: "I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without admonishing our people of the danger of agitating the subject of slavery. Even if a majority of them were adverse to the institution, which is not the case, it would be inadvisable to express that proposition, because we have Arkansas on one side and Texas on the other; both slaveholding States, whose people would not sit quietly by and permit another Canada or runaway harbor to be established upon their borders. We are too weak to resist such forces, and the inevitable result would be that we should be overrun, and our nationality destroyed, and our country taken away from us, and one people forced to find homes in the barren plains west of us. I do not hesitate to declare that any man, be he white or red, who undertakes to agitate the subject of slavery among our people, is an enemy to the peace and well-being of the Choctaw nation."

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

From reliable data received at Washington, it has been ascertained that the cotton crop of the United States for the year ending on the 30th of last June, is 303,149,217 pounds short of the preceding year.

We have on hand, says the Washington States, a singular piece of information respecting a peculiar system of infernal machines with which the Mormons contemplate defending their valleys against the advance of the United States troops.

Nothing can afford a glance a clearer insight into the universal prevalence of luxury in the United States than the fact that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1855, we imported 25,000,000 other silk goods to the value of \$6,017,115, less \$1,601,610, entailing a net value of \$4,415,505, making altogether over thirty-seven millions of dollars.

Corporations suffer now-a-days. The other day a farmer used the city of Brooklyn for damages he received from driving a loaded wagon over one of its high roads, and the jury awarded him damages in more than \$7000.

The bishops, clergy and lay members of the Episcopal Church, to whom the subject matter has been committed, will assemble in Montgomery on the 23rd of November, to perfect the plans for the establishment and endowment of a Southern University under the control of this church.

This movement is watched with little solicitude by the Episcopalians in this quarter, by some of whom it is looked upon as a proceeding that may eventually lead to a sectional breach in a church organization which has thus far resisted distinctions of any sort, based on lines of latitude or longitude.

The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon recently addressed the largest congregation that has ever been held in London. There were about twenty-four thousand present. A large collection was taken up for the India Relief Association.

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During the recent trip of the Emperor Napoleon to St. Petersburg, he had the celebrated interview with his brother Alexander, the French papers were full of original and copied despatches announcing his enthusiastic reception all along the line.

The English papers give an account of a successful report to the process of transfusion, recently made in Staffordshire. A woman lay at the point of death, when transfusion was suggested and adopted.

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Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Boardman & Gray's Piano Fortes. E. P. R. PERL of Gray's Hill, Washington county, Pa. has just received from the makers a new and improved piano forte.

Strand Furniture Store. JUST RECEIVED, and opening a large and extensive assortment of HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS of every description, including Bedsteads, Dressing Room Furniture, &c.

Fancy Goods Emporium. SEPTEMBER 16, 1857. MRS. C. BRADSHAW has just received from the North a large and beautiful assortment of Fancy Goods.

Rice & Bulwark. HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTS AND GLAZIERS. Keep constantly on hand at their place on Tremont street, Messrs. R. & G. Mill's, a supply of Paints, Brushes, &c.

Our Home Work. Rev. Neil Brown informs us that they have been best with genuine revivals on Henderson Circuit, East Texas Conference.

Wholesale and Retail Hardware Store. JUST RECEIVED, and opening a large and extensive assortment of Hardware Goods of every description.

Law and Collection Office. CARROLL & GIBSON, Palmetto, Texas, will practice in the Courts of Eastern Texas, and will collect for others.

Galveston Agricultural Warehouse. S. A. G. WILLIAMS, Dealer in Agricultural Implements, Galveston, Texas, has just received from the makers a new and improved plow.

Store Prices Current. BAGGING-Kentucky... 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2. BALES-Boyer-Kentucky... 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2. COFFEE-... 17 1/2 @ 18 1/2.

New Advertisements. TO ARRIVE per Steamer "CITY OF BOSTON" No. 1. Mailed, 50 Half Dime, No. 1. Mailed, 50 Half Dime, No. 1.

More New Books. JUST RECEIVED from New York, and for sale at the lowest prices, the following new books.

Kelly House. CORNER of Market and Second Streets, Galveston, Texas. C. S. Kelly, Proprietor.

Fall and Winter Clothing. ALBERT HALL, Strand, Galveston, is now receiving a large and beautiful assortment of Fall and Winter Clothing.

Carriages and Buggies. SOUTHWICK & SONS, manufacturers of Carriages and Buggies, Galveston, Texas, have just received from the makers a new and improved carriage.

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Professional Cards.

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EDWARD T. AUSTIN, Attorney at Law, Notary Public and General Agent, Galveston, Texas.

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STEPHENSON, Attorney at Law, Galveston, Texas. General Land Agent and Collector.

W. F. GREENFIELD, Attorney at Law, Richmond, Va. General Land Agent and Collector.

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J. D. GIBBINS, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Galveston, Texas. General Land Agent and Collector.

J. HANNAY, Attorney at Law, Galveston, Texas. General Land Agent and Collector.

E. T. PLANT M. D. DENTIST, Galveston, Texas. General Land Agent and Collector.

Cancer Cured without the Knife. R. KELLY, Galveston, Texas. General Land Agent and Collector.

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Poetry.

TO WHOM SHALL I GO BUT UNTO THEE.

I come, O Lord, to thee;
In sad and grievous thought I hear thy call;
And I must come, or else from this I fall.

Who didst thou turn away?
From what distress was he the plying face?
What could rebuke e'er checked the cry for grace?

Fill it with love, and peace, and light from heaven;
Give us thyself, for all in thee is given;
Come, never to depart!

YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

KATE SUTTON; OR, THE EVIL OF TALE BEARING PRACTICALLY ILLUSTRATED.
BY WILLIAM KIRK MOONEY.

Is Mary Ross going with us to Independence Hall and Park to-morrow afternoon, Kate?
asked Fanny.
"Of course," replied Kate, "I will go."

"I wish I could play upon the piano as well as Miss Hallett," said Ellen Rose.
"Then you must practice," said Fanny.
"O, I would if I had a piano," said Ellen.

"I wish I knew as much as you do, Miss Emily," said the young lady.
"Study," said Fanny, "if you will study and improve your time."

"I wish I knew as much now," said Fanny.
"Knowledge does not come in to your head by accident," said Fanny.
"Then you must study," said Fanny.

Obituaries.

Tribute of Respect.

We, the undersigned Committee, being appointed a Committee to make Resolutions to the death of our brother, R. B. GEAR, who departed this life on the 27th instant, make the following report:

Resolved, That it is with unfeigned sorrow we bow to the dispensation of Divine Providence in removing our brother R. B. Gear from our midst, to that home from whence no traveler returns.

Resolved, That the members of this Lodge wear the badge of mourning on the 31st day of October, and on the 30th day of the following month.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the Office of the Gonzales Inquirer and Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

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Educational.

PAINE FEMALE INSTITUTE.

For session of five months, payable strictly at the close of the Session. After the present session, the course of study will be as follows:

Primary Department. Reading, Writing, First Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

Second Department. Reading, Writing, Second Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

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Fourth Department. Reading, Writing, Fourth Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

Fifth Department. Reading, Writing, Fifth Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

Sixth Department. Reading, Writing, Sixth Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

Seventh Department. Reading, Writing, Seventh Lessons in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, etc.

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BASTROP MILITARY INSTITUTE.

Will open on the 1st of September, under the supervision of Gen. B. H. BASTROP, the founder, and for many years Superintendent of the Institute.

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BASTROP FEMALE COLLEGE.

This Institute, heretofore in connection with the Bastrop Military Institute, is now conducted as a separate institution.

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