

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE GALVESTON, TEXAS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1885.

BEAUTY OF THE SPRING-SEASON.

The return of the spring-season is the close of the night, and the dawn, or rather the sunrise, of the morning of the year.

Not only in human experience, and in the influence and passing away of diurnal darkness, but also in the changes of the seasons, is beautifully true that "sorrow endureth for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

The assumption of "Wesleyan," that he is the champion of the poor, and that the rest of the Church and ministry are negligent of them, is all gaudium. What does he propose to do for the poor? Let us have something tangible and practical.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

A writer in the Richmond Christian Advocate, who is warmly endorsed by the New Orleans Christian Advocate, takes the ground that a Bishop should never allow counsel outside of the board of Presiding Elders.

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THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate makes the following timely and pointed remarks, which we most heartily endorse. If the Christian public sentiment of this country is to have no force or availingness, the sooner we find it out the better.

THE PRINTERS' FEE.

"The subscribers and friends of a religious newspaper habitually exact more from it, in some respects, than they ever think of asking from any other."

JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE.

The annual letter of Bishop Gobat of Jerusalem contains some striking facts, showing an immense disproportion between the outlay on the mission at Jerusalem, there has been no want of funds. The Bishop himself has an official income of nearly \$20,000 from the English and Prussian Governments; besides which, large funds are given by societies for the evangelization and temporal benefit of the Jews.

CHURCH RATES IN ENGLAND.

A deputation recently waited upon Lord Palmerston to impress upon the Government the wisdom and justice of abolishing compulsory church rates. The noble lord listened to their statements and arguments, and made a speech in reply, from which, however, it was impossible for the deputation to learn anything more than that the Government had its attention turned to the subject.

REV. DAVID S. TOD.

We made the acquaintance of this esteemed minister of the Presbyterian Church some two years since, while he was on a visit to his brother, Captain John G. Tod of this city.

COMFORTABLE TESTIMONY.

A good lady subscriber, with a beautiful name, writing from Raymond, Hinds Co., Miss., says: "I am more and more pleased with the T. C. Advocate; it is printed so well, on such beautiful paper, that it is refreshing to open it."

THE LATE ELECTION IN SARDINIA.

On Nov. 15 of the last year the Sardinian people had to choose a new Chamber of Representatives. The issue of the election was waited for with anxious suspense not only by Sardinia but by all Italy and all Europe.

REVIVAL AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Baker writes us that a gracious revival has occurred at Fayetteville. His agents commenced at the quarterly meeting on the 10th of February and continued two weeks.

A NEW WAY OF HEATING A CHURCH.

A correspondent of one of the Presbyterian newspapers writes of a novel mode of heating a country church, without the expense of a furnace, and the inconvenience of an unsightly stove.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

It is our intention, should Providence spare life and health, to publish in this paper the entire proceedings of the General Conference, as they occur, accompanied with such editorial comments and descriptions as may be necessary to give our readers a vivid conception of the men and measures and circumstances of that august body.

ZURICH SWITZERLAND.

This interesting and active city, which may be called the Birmingham of Switzerland, is the center of the Northern Methodist mission among the Germans of Switzerland. The people seem exceedingly well inclined, and already three classes have been formed in the city.

REMOVED RESIGNATION OF THE POPE.

The General Conference meets in Nashville in May next. The delegates from all the South are going up, and we invite our conductors and steamboat captains to help them on their way.

DR. MACKAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

The Editor of the N. O. Advocate thus speaks of the lecture on "Poetry" of Dr. Mackay, the song-writer, and editor of the London Illustrated News.

NON-SECTARIAN METHODIST SCHOOLS.

By Bishop Andrew, in our first page, has no sympathy with that lack of decided Methodist individuality—that willingness to compromise our principles for worldly favor—that pandering of trustees and professors to prejudices that injure the Church and endanger souls—which are too commonly witnessed.

DR. ELLIOTT.

This venerable minister seems to have laid himself out to do a full afternoon's work. He is acting President of Iowa Wesleyan University, biblical professor, and pastor of a Church. That he is not idle we are sure, for he has just sent in a list of subscribers to periodicals amounting to between \$50 and \$70!

THE LADIES' REPOSITORY.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March evinces no falling off of the ability, variety, vitality and taste which have made it the most popular Monthly in the world. The great distinguishable excellence of both Harper's Monthly and Harper's Weekly, is that they recognize, respect, and incite, the religion of the Bible which is the religion of the country.

OUR MONEY TABLE.

OUR MONEY TABLE, which will be found in the paper, if noticed, will keep our friends from sending us uncurrent bills, by which we suffer great loss. The table shows the rate of discount, and if we get uncurrent bills, we must take them as they are worth.

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REV. J. K. RANKIN.

REV. J. K. RANKIN has sent us a reply to "Wesleyan," in reference to the tobacco controversy. But "William" has already replied to "Wesleyan," and we now propose to close the discussion for a time. In the mean time Tobacco is a filthy weed, and from Mr. Rankin.

REV. T. N. RALSTON.

REV. T. N. RALSTON, D. D.—We learn from the Nashville Christian Advocate that Rev. T. N. Ralston, D. D. has withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has taken steps to procure orders in the Episcopal Church.

CATONBY'S WORDS.

CATONBY'S WORDS, so earnestly recommended, on our first page, by Rev. J. A. Scruggs, may always be obtained at this office, from Mrs. S. S. Park.

REV. MILTON H. PORTER.

REV. MILTON H. PORTER, Principal of Starrville Female High School, East Texas Conference, writes us that the institution is prospering, and that success is certain. Build up Starrville, say we.

A GOOD BROTHER.

A GOOD BROTHER sends us some strictures on the "Great Iron Wheel." We have such a pointed article on the subject, on our first page, that we have concluded to omit that sent us by Bro. J. B.

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