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ITEMS FROM EUROPE.

The Princess of Oude--The Queen of England--The Princess Royal--Prince Frederick William...

Two days before the wedding of the Princess Royal of England and the Prince of Prussia, the whole royal party attended the Italian opera...

The Queen occupied the central position--supported by the King of the Belgians, and the Princes and Princesses of Prussia...

The Princess Royal is a second edition of her mother. The same figure, only slighter, the same features, that low forehead, inexpressive eyes...

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and this he held till March, 1855, when he succeeded Lord Aberdeen, as Premier; and he has held the office of First Lord of the Treasury from that time to the present...

A Mr. Sterling, a Scotch member of Parliament, has, in a pamphlet, brought out in reference to the attempted assassination of Louis Napoleon, struck a severe blow at the family pride which is said to lead the present Emperor to model his whole policy after that of his celebrated uncle...

Mr. Sterling, replying as to the Emperor, in the House of Commons, repudiated the assertion as insulting to England, but affirmed that it was the doctrine of the elder Napoleon; and charged the present Emperor with having sanctioned it in respect to the Frenchman Cantillon, who attempted to assassinate the Duke of Wellington...

Lord Palmerston denied that the French Government had ever paid the legacy. Mr. Sterling has reported, in a pamphlet, appealing to the official records of the transaction, published in 1855, in the Paris Monitor, the Government journal, containing the names of the legatees...

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TRAVEL-PAGES.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

Mr. Ervorn: Some six years since, I left this city on the "Yacht" for Texas, after I had lived here for an equal space of time...

I had been educated in Europe for the Roman Catholic priesthood, and after spending four years in a monastery, and having become acquainted with the Holy Bible, I quitted this doleful home and left for the United States...

It was one evening in 1847, some time before the outbreak of the great Epidemic, when Mr. Swasey and myself were sitting on a little table in our office...

Soon after this, Mr. S. left the city. One day, when I became convinced that I could not bear this distressed feeling any longer, and at length I had visited all the German churches in my mind to find relief...

"A poor sinner!" he had said. Now, I in none of them had told me that I was a poor sinner! and this was the very thing that I had been seeking for...

The twenty-sixth article of the Constitution of January 24, 1852, lays down that it is the duty of the Senate to oppose the promulgation of all laws which might interfere with "the liberty of worship..."

He being done, there was a little bench placed before me. Bro. M. asked me if I would like that they should pray for me...

LIGHT AMID DARKNESS.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

'Tis into the upright ariseth light in the darkness. Psalm, lxxxviii. 14. Oh, dear, this gloomy feeling is growing oppressive. Why am I continually so sad?...

THE UPPER CIBOLO.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

A fine country--The Upper--Two Methodist--The Mountains. Mr. Ervorn:--By your request, made at Conference, I set myself to give you some account of the country through which I travel in my extended field of labor...

These were dark days for the afflicted and diseased. Every thing seemed hidden in darkness, the world a dreary waste. Suddenly a light burst forth from a cloud, and illumined her pathway...

THE SCULPTURE OF HABIT.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

Did you ever watch a sculptor slowly fashioning a statue? It is not struck at once. It is painfully and laboriously wrought. A thousand blows rough cast it. Ten thousand chisel points polish and perfect it...

AN INTERESTING SCENE.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

The Thirtieth-street Church, Rev. Dr. Burcharth's, was the scene of deep interest last Sabbath. At the communion in the afternoon, one hundred and thirteen united with the Church on profession and fourteen by letter...

ST. LUKE'S ACCURACY.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

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Of St. Luke's minute accuracy, I proceed to give a well known instance, which I would prefer by a parallel example illustrative of the apparent contradictions to constant to be made with ordinary history...

GOD THE BIOGRAPHER.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

When the statesman of Marshfield died the nation rang with the question, "Who shall be his biographer?" What shall delineate his life, his career, his life-work of the great "Defender of the Constitution," who has notched in such deep and broad lines on the commonwealth the impress of his mighty intellect?

THE DEATH MARCH.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

The Death March.--What a mighty procession has been moving toward the grave during the past year! At the usual estimate, since the first of January, 1857, more than thirty-one million five hundred thousand of the world's population have gone down to the grave...

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MIRTH A MEDICINE.

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The emotions that thrill in the heart mark themselves in bright lines on the countenance. This is a feature in the constitution of man, a useful feature it is. The wisdom of our Maker may be seen in the degree of its development...

THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

For our neighbors across the Channel, who do things *à la française*, who rush into each other's arms when we only shake hands, who are in despair when we are simply annoyed...

READ SOFTLY.

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The Jews would not willingly tread upon the smallest piece of paper in their way, but take it up; for possibly, it may contain some good thing on it. Though there is a little superstition in this, yet there is nothing but good religion in it, if we apply it to men. Trace there on any; there may be some work of grace there that thou knowest not of. The name of God may be written upon that soil that thou treadest on; a soil that Christ thought so much of as to give his precious blood for it; therefore...

PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING OF GOD UPON RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS.

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

BY MISS RIVA.

Prayer for the blessing of God upon religious newspapers is as important as prayer for the ministry. It is believed that this plan would result in great good to the Church and to the world. It would extend the usefulness of our Bishops and of our local ministers greatly. This plan would place the extension of missions among the black people and to the destitute among the whites, in the hands of our Bishops to some good extent at least...

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1858.

APRIL-MORNING REFLECTIONS.

"Behold, I make all things new."

We have only to lift up our heads from the peaceful pillows, held in the nursing arms of Night, upon which they have reposed, under the shadowing wings of an unseen Providence, free from burdensome cares, and forgetful of the griefs of the past, and the forebodings of the future; we have only to open our eyes, refreshed and renewed by the invigorated vision of our minds, and to behold and possess an unbounded realm of beauty, overflowing with treasures of love and joy.

The whole horizon, like the transfigured body of the Messiah upon Mount Tabor, is "white as the light," undimmed by the wear of years, and untarnished by contact with the world it blesses, since the primal day when the fiat of the Almighty called it into being, amid the maiden songs of the morning stars, and the shouts of the newly-regenerated sons of God, as they rejoiced in the genial dawn of the spring season of creation. It illumines and beautifies the physical world, as "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" blesses and beautifies the realm of souls. It brings within the adapted forms of nature, the curiously constructed contrivances of art, and the ever changing scenes and motions of human life. It sweeps away the world of opaque mist that would intervene between our light-loving eyes and the grand dome of the broad and beautiful blue sky—the divinely arched roof of our magnificent earthly home—like the passing away from the universe of the startled elements of original chaos, as the sound of the creative voice of God rang through the unfathomable void, calling all things into order and harmony, and sending the instinct and key-note of musical praise thrilling and sounding through all the nerves and temples of being. Like the sudden and glorious lifting up of the gloomy curtains of the long night of guilt, contrition, doubt and fear, and the rising upon the new-born soul of the healing beams of the Sun of Righteousness, and the overwhelming joyous discovery of the reconciled countenance of the Eternal Father, shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Like the first glimpse of the redeemed soul, after the unutterable agonies of death, of the sunny shores of the blessed Canaan on high, rising into the astonished vision of the infant immortality, crowned with paradisaical beauty, disclosing the glorified forms and waiting to the enchanted ear the strange sweet songs of the "great cloud of witnesses," "an innumerable company of angels," "the general assembly and church of the first-born," our fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, and children and friends, in the flesh and in the Lord, waiting to welcome us to the heavenly home of all the children of God.

The unutterable beauty and bliss of the blessed sunshine, especially in the happy spring-time, warming the cold heart of the earth, and making it gently respond to the entreaties of man, flooding its surface, as well as all nature, with an indescribable and ever-wonderful glory of its own, and creating another and equally wonderful world of beauty and joy, in the sweet songs of the bright spring-birds, in the green robe of young leaves, and in the magnificent crown of many colored and sweet-scented flowers with which it adorns the footstool of God, can no more be fully appreciated by mind and sense, than can the "beauty of holiness" and the transcendent joy of the heavenly world by the imperfect faith and love and hope of the christian heart. "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun." The benignity of the smile of God, the mildness and saving power of his ineffable mercy, the unspeakable joy of his love shed abroad in the heart, and the all-renewing and all-creating energy of the Holy Ghost, will never need either testimony or translation so long as the sun shines in the heavens, and sheds his golden light and life-giving power upon the earth, or so long as the spring-time returns at its appointed time, according to the covenant of God, to soothe the countenance of nature from the frown and wrinkles of winter, to renew the face of the earth, and to proclaim the jubilee of the year.

The analogy is striking and beautiful between the renewing power of the spring-season, and that general spiritual renewal which shall bring all nations under the gentle dominion of the "Prince of Peace."—When "they shall learn charity of God shall be as prevalent and transforming in the souls, tempers, and manners of men, as the April sunshine now is in nature. When the "fruits of the Spirit" shall be as abundant and delightful to the spiritual appetites of man, as the fruits of the earth to his natural appetites.

But when the final restitution of all things shall come, and all our misery shall be exchanged for joy, and all deformity shall give way to harmony and beauty—when the winter season of the world shall give place to the dawn of the first spring-morning of the resurrection—"this mortal shall put on immortality"—"there shall be no more curse"—"and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." O! cannot sorrow be endured for this night, when joy cometh in that morning!

NEW SUBSCRIBERS are coming in encouragingly. Notwithstanding we have had, reluctantly, to cut off so many for non-payment of their subscription, our list is kept replenished. The spring-season is the time for our friends to increase our circulation. Give the Advocate a hearing at all your appointments, brethren in the ministry, and engage friends, ladies and gentlemen, to canvass their respective neighborhoods. We shall be able to help you in every department of your "work of faith and labor of love."

THE REVIVAL MEETINGS are beginning to be held in New Orleans, also.

A HOLY MINISTRY.

"Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness."

Two or three years before the death of that eminent servant of Christ, John Newton, of London, when his sight was become so dim that he was no longer able to read, an aged friend and brother in the ministry called on him to breakfast. Family prayer followed, and the portion of Scripture for the day was read to him. In it occurred the verse, "By the grace of God I am what I am. It was the pious man's custom on these occasions to make a short familiar exposition on the passage read. After the reading of this text he paused for some moments, and then uttered this affecting soliloquy: "I am not what I ought to be. Ah! how imperfect and deficient! I am not what I wish to be. I abhor what is evil and I would cleave to what is good! I am not what I hope to be. I am not what I shall be, if I am not what I am. Let us pray."

The ardent aspiration of an evangelically illuminated mind, and the fervent desire of an entirely consecrated heart, apprehend and take hold of both deliverance from all sin, and the saint's everlasting rest in heaven. From the above, we see the longing of Newton's spirit. St. Paul not only "forgot the things that were behind, and reached forth unto the things that were before, and pressed toward the mark of the prize of the calling from on high;" but he also, at the same time, had "a desire to depart and be with Christ." Holiness and heaven constitute the two-fold object of every desire of the truly christian mind. Newton, under the teaching of an unfortunate theology, did not hope for the attainment of the second. We "have not so learned Christ." His "blood cleanseth from all unrighteousness," and needs not the help of time or death. A faith commensurate with the design and power of the atonement, and with the scope of our need, and of the promises of God, is all that is necessary for the attainment of a present and full salvation.

This hungering and thirsting after righteousness is an absolutely essential characteristic of a sincere and scriptural state of grace. Where it does not exist, the worst fears do not exaggerate the danger of that carnal security into which the soul has fallen. It is not only necessarily without spirituality, but is also in daily danger of eternal perdition.

And as the general state of experimental religion among the great body of Christians does not and will not rise higher than the standard prevalent among the ministry, it is not difficult to ascertain one of the fundamental causes of that lukewarmness and lethargy which have been the curse of the Christian Church throughout these lands for many years past. No amount of zeal, talents, or success in the popular sense, will compensate for the absence of a groaning after full redemption in the ministry. If apparent revivals occur, they will be only apparent. The Churches thus revived, will, after a spasmodic awakening, sink back into the accustomed coldness, and the souls brought into the fold will experience only a superficial work of grace, and the majority of them will soon fall away. A revival without a hungering after holiness among ministers and Christians, and consequently without the proper depth and power of experience, and without the proper standard of growth, among those converted, is a doubtful blessing.

To be "groaning after" perfect love, with the expectation of being "made perfect in love in this life," is one of the original qualifications of those received into our ministry. And how many make this profession, and then forget it! Until a general desire for holiness prevail the ministry of the Gospel, death will prevail all over the vineyard of the Lord. A minister without this desire is deceived himself, deceives others, and is a positive curse to the cause of God. Would that the pulpits of the land trembled with groans and prayers for a holy ministry!

All men are akin, and so are all times. The different generations of men are but different crops of the same humanity, and the different centuries are but different seasons in which these crops are cultivated and harvested. As the wind sighing among the tops of the antediluvian pines caused the same sad and solemn music to fall upon the ear and heart of the denizen of the primeval forests, as now falls upon the ear of the dweller in the pine forests of our Atlantic coasts, so the sad and sorrowful circumstances of life, in the ancient days, caused the same pensive thoughts, feelings and words, to well out from the depths of the human heart which this day are so common to us all.

In the midst of the cares, perplexities, and oppositions of life, how often have we felt, with David in the third Psalm, "Lord how they have increased that trouble me." Why have men been troubling each other from the beginning of the world, instead of trying to make each other happy? What a violation of the divine purpose in human life! An honest inquiry into the influences of our past lives, in reference to the question, whether we have caused more trouble to our fellow-men than peace, would make many of us much wiser. Many a death-bed, even among professing christian men, will be embittered by the recollection of a life spent in the production of but little else than mischief.

Good men, in consequence of their firm adherence to religious principle, and the reproof conveyed to selfishness and sin by the superior excellence of their characters and lives, have always, in every age, had many to "rise up against them." Their ways and words are watched, their virtues are misinterpreted, their infirmities are magnified and paraded, and their apparent misfortunes are cause of ungodly glee, and infidel triumph. "Many there be," said David, "which say of my soul, 'there is no help for him in God.'"

wat' as the persecutor, and listens to the voice of the sufferer who cries unto him! How sweet and secure the repose of his who has confidence in divine keeping for his fellow! "I laid me down and slept; I awoke; for thou sustainedest me." There is no true, reliable bravery, but that which grows out of faith in God. "I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about." Triumph, to such faith, is as certain as the existence of God. "Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation brought unto the Lord; thy blessing is upon thy people."

AN EVERLASTING REVIVAL.

It is probable that the great outpouring of the Spirit of God which has visited some parts of the United States will only pass around those regions where the spiritual drought in which the people are so grievously and long continued as to deprive them of all attraction and affinity for the approaching clouds of grace and mercy. Let such regions beware lest spiritual famine and death overtake them.

But the revival should not only be general; it should be permanent also. A revival is only a stepping out of the shadow of spiritual apathy into the sunshine in which we should always dwell; it is only an emerging from the wilderness of unbelief into the highway of holiness in which we ought always to be traveling; it is only a recovery from spiritual sickness and a restoration to that habitual spiritual health which is the only true religious life. It is only a resumption, by the Church, of its natural functions for which it was instituted, after long suspension. It is only that the vineyard of the Lord, in which the vintage has failed for many seasons, is again restored to a fruitfulness which ought to continue from year to year. Now that the Lord is graciously leading the Church into the only true and healthful spiritual life, will she be so unwise as to again fall away? Will she again forsake the sunshine for the shadow? Will she, instead of traveling straight forward in the highway of holiness, only cross the road, and become entangled in the wilderness on the other side? Will she so neglect the laws of spiritual life as to lose her health and again lapse into sickness? Will she again suspend, and will her vineyard again become unfruitful?

A writer in the New York Observer justly deprecates this danger: "The eternal vitality of religion are unalterably the same. There is no reason why all who hear the Gospel should repent and be saved, that does not exist at one time as well as another. There is not one objection of terror or hope, one apprehension of suffering or joy, that is controlling the multitudes, who are, at this moment, pressing into the kingdom of heaven, which ought not to control them and all others continually. The Spirit is poured out in answer to prayer, and the importance which has procured the blessing at one time, will procure it at another.

The great work of God's grace, which is now going on, will be limited in extent and duration by our faithfulness. If Christians continue as constant and earnest at prayer as they have been, they will receive the same blessing. If they increase their importunity, they will receive additional blessings. If they suspend their efforts, their work will cease.

With the firm belief, then, that this revival may be carried forward, without interruption, into every part of the earth, let every Christian address himself to new and tireless exertions. And there are some peculiar encouragements to such an anticipation. They are to be gathered from the parallel work of grace in other Christian countries, and more remotely, from the political and commercial movements that are just now pervading the earth. At this particular time, the long locked entrances into the heavenly world, are standing broad open, and whoever may enter in, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We can none of us tell how near we may be to the day of the right hand of the Most High, when salvation shall be proclaimed to every creature, and the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters the sea."

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

On this subject, the Southern Christian Advocate has long and interesting article, full of valuable suggestions. The leading idea, is that the General Conference should publish our books, and turn over the whole matter of the sale and distribution to the Annual Conferences, through Conference Depositories, or Depositories established by two or more Conferences in union. The Publishing House, according to this plan, is to let the Depositories have the books at a merely nominal advance upon cost, and let the Depositories sell at prices simply high enough to cover their expenses, or, also, to make something to add to the Church funds, as might be deemed most advisable by the Conferences owning the Depositories. The distribution of our books, in lots of from \$2000 to \$5000 worth, the editor thinks indispensable. The agents cannot do without a floating capital of \$100,000 for this special purpose. For the establishment of Depositories in their own respective regions, the people would give the money readily, whereas, for the General Publishing House, it would be harder to raise. Mr. Myers does not think the endowment of the Publishing House is necessary, if this plan be adopted. We do. Both can be done as easily as one. Many people, far remote from our country, would give to the general concern, cheapening and improving our literature, periodical and otherwise. He wishes all the Depositories, and all the local papers, to be owned by the Conferences interested in them; leaving one central paper, the Quarterly Home Circle, and Sunday School Visitor, in the ownership of the General Conference. As to the distribution of our literature, says Mr. Myers, we believe that, in destitute sections, this is missionary work—and that it should be so considered by the Church, and made part of our missionary operations. Where the people are in such circumstances as to do without aid from without, we would propose that the quarterly conference authorize a collection in every Church, early in the year, which may be placed in the hands of the preacher as a capital to invest in books for the circuit. He may be allowed to use it—taking all or part of the profit on sales, as he and the Conference may agree—turning it over by sales and re-purchase as frequently as he can during the year—giving away a part or all along the year, as he may be instructed, and leaving what may remain of the original donation or the unsold books to add to what money may be furnished to his successor, to continue a like operation another year.

We would ask, if the philosophy of Mr. Myers' plan be correct, which we incline to believe, does it not follow that each Annual Conference would more successfully manage its own missionary interests than they are now managed by a General Board? Is it not perfectly plain, that the nearer we can approach the philosophy of personal responsibility for the sal-

vation of souls, in missionary matters, the better? If a general and uniform plan could be adopted, we can see how individual churches, which now give meagerly and accidentally, could be brought to support a foreign missionary on their own account.

THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCES.

At the recent session of these bodies, a brief account of which was given in these columns, it was proposed to establish a Baltimore Christian Advocate, for the defence of the Northern Methodist Church on the border. The Baltimore Conference adopted the enterprise, the Baltimore and Journal favors it. This does not mean that the paper will be published in that region for all legitimate purposes? If not, why? Why is the new paper desired? It is because an anti-slavery paper cannot be acceptable there as is desired for their peculiar position. And the Advocate and Journal, though the most moderate of the Northern Methodist papers, dare not, for fear of the anti-slavery majority, so stultify itself as to undertake so pro-slavery a defence as Northern Methodism needs in Maryland and Virginia. Therefore, a Baltimore paper is needed, which shall so represent Northern Methodism as to be satisfactory slaveholders and Southern men. What an inconsistency in Dr. Stevens to favor an organ for the accomplishment of a work which he himself dare not undertake! What an inconsistency, if not worse, in the Baltimore Conference to defend slavery, and yet belong to a professedly anti-slavery Church!

Dr. Thomas E. Bond, son of the former editor of the Christian Advocate and Journal, was elected Editor to bring out a specimen number of the paper. It is probable he will be selected as its editor when regularly issued. They seek the co-operation of the Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Western Virginia (Northern) Conferences.

A significant fact in the current history of Northern Methodism is, that the Baltimore Conference recommended that the National Magazine be discontinued! Dr. Floy, the editor, is too decided an abolitionist for Baltimore. The Sunday School Advocate shares the same fate. Rev. Dr. Wise, the Editor, was present at the session of the East Baltimore Conference, and addressed the body in its behalf. Complaint was made, in reply, that the paper had been discontinued. Dr. Wise defended his course on the subject, and declared his intention of sticking to it. He was told in return that the paper should be banished from the Conference. So Baltimore is beginning to set up for herself. With a Christian Advocate of her own, and perhaps a Sunday School paper, at least with a reputation of all the other periodicals of the Church—who is drifting either to the South, or to an independent connection, or to complete non-unity, so far as position is concerned. Alas, for one "glorious old Baltimore!" "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light; but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." That is the philosophy on which to account for Baltimore.

Rev. B. H. Nadal stated that on his circuit, Finca, Va., the New York Advocate was a great trouble to him. The editor was able and well-disposed; but he began to find it a difficult task to hold on to both parties in the Church, and wished this Conference to take care of itself. Some terrible abolition articles had appeared in that paper. Only a single copy is taken in Lexington, and that by a Southern member. Alas, for Rev. Mr. Collins said that if the new paper were established, a Southern Church would be formed soon in Baltimore. It was talked of already, and there was a School to help on such an event.

It is a fact not everywhere known, that there is a decided difference between the tone of the two conferences upon "the question." The East Baltimore has a large portion of Pennsylvania territory, and especially among its younger members, there is a rising abolition tendency.

LETTER FROM BISHOP ANDREW.

Mr. Editor.—I have been thinking of a letter to you for some time, but from various causes have deferred it till now. I receive your welcome sheets, and always hail its good news from a far country. The closing accounts of revivals refresh my spirit, and the letters of your correspondents descriptive of the country in all its phases, from the vales and plains as yet untouched by the implements of agriculture, to the waving fields of plenty which the hand of industry has called forth from the bosom of the earth. I love to think of your beautiful country as it will be fifty years hence when a thrifty and happy population shall cover its beautiful prairies, and when the modest but neat temples of God shall proclaim to the traveller in every neighborhood that the Lord Jehovah is the God worshipped every where in Texas with the heart's deep devotion. You do well to push forward vigorously and promptly the long-looked-for church in the growing country. God has given the church in Texas a great, a glorious work to perform. You must keep Godliness fully abreast of your secular improvement, and your material prosperity must be consecrated on God's altar, or else your prosperity will ruin you. I am glad to notice the energy with which you have taken hold of your Galveston Depository. It is a grand link in the chain of your advancement. Cultivate the great connection principle, but call into action for the greatest good all the local feeling and interest you can possibly bring to bear on the great work. You can succeed, you must succeed; every preacher, every member and every friend of the church is deeply interested and ought to feel pledged for your success. Let not be so faint hearted, no body prophet of evil, discouraging people by saying you can do it. Now there are several things which the Methodists can do and ought to do. They ought to raise missionary money enough to cultivate every waste place in Texas. They ought to raise the subscription for the Advocate at least twenty thousand subscribers. This is of great importance, for the paper will help them in every one of their undertakings; and then there is the Galveston Book Concern, and the proper endowment of the proper number of schools and colleges under the patronage of the church, besides the good churches and parsonages. Now all these can be accomplished without doing if all houses are in it, and all hands at it. May God pour out his Spirit upon you all, and give you a heart for the work. I am glad you take decided ground in favor of California and Oregon. Some coward hearts among us, it seems to me, would reduce every thing to the narrow limits of home; they would have the church coasting and never out of sight of land; but success demands that we boldly launch into the deep, trusting wholly in God. Your German work in Texas has a deep hold on my affections; hence I greatly desire the prosperity of the German paper. I have not adequate means or I

would place it at one beyond controlling. I am anxious, however, to have some stock in that concern; so you can tell brother Melling to send his paper to ten poor people and I'll pay the ten dollars when we meet at Nashville if God will. And now my dear brother, God bless you. JAMES O. ASHORE.

THE GALVESTON NEWS.

The Saturday's issue of our usually discreet and courteous contemporary contains a communication with an editorial endorsement, which we regret to see, and regret to be compelled to notice. A few weeks since we noticed editorially an article from Bishop Andrew, which appeared in the same paper, an "Non-Sectarian Methodist School," in which we remarked that we have lost two schools in Texas from the lack of that good old-fashioned spirit of Methodist loyalty which always stands squarely up to all our interests, in private administration as well as before an annual Conference. A writer in the Daily Citizen, signed "Methodist," attempted to quote the above remark, willfully adding to it, so as to change its whole character, and called upon us to name the two schools. Of course we gave such a writer no satisfaction. He published another communication, charging that we had either put forth "a manliness" or "a school," and that we had not the "manliness" to name the schools. The next day's Citizen apologized for the appearance of the communication, as having been inserted without the supervision of the editor. An appropriate notice will be found in our present issue.

Last Thursday's News alludes editorially to a communication of a "Methodist," said to be in that paper, but which was not in it. On last Saturday, the same paper contained a communication signed "Citizen," in which the writer says he is not a member of the Methodist Church, but which the editor introduces as the same one alluded to before, which was, *pro/sero*, left out by mistake. Both the editor, and the writer refer to, and oppose, alleged articles of ours in reference to the Galveston Female Seminary—no article of the kind has appeared in our paper! The writer represents "the rulers of the Methodist Church, by which he evidently means the Texas Conference, as earnestly seeking to have the Seminary connected with the Conference—the Conference has never sought any such thing, in any manner whatever." He represents that a Methodist School is made sectarian whenever it becomes connected with the Conference—as our church is Connectional, and not Congregational, there is no such thing as a Methodist School, in the true sense, without connection with the Conference; such connection does not make it sectarian; such depends upon the trustees and faculty; such connection, in a school belonging to Methodists, only interests the whole Conference in it, as well as the congregation with which it is connected. A school becomes sectarian by its management, and not by its connections.

If the writer does not like our Connectionalism in Church Government, and our manner of making a School, he is welcome to his opinions. If he is a "Citizen," and not a member of the Methodist Church, as he says, his attack on the polity of the Methodist Church, offensively and anonymously, and in a secular paper, is anything but creditable to him. And the same remark applies to the News, as it endorses him, and his sentiments. If he is a "Methodist," as the News says he is, his brethren will doubtless be edified by his course.

The writer further complains that in obtaining subscriptions to erect the Galveston Female Seminary, pledges were made that "it should not be subject to the control of the Conference." We were not aware of it; we have said nothing about it; we refrain from any remarks about it now. The Conference will no doubt be glad of the information, if true.

The whole affair—the changing to the News when shut out of the Citizen—the News calling the writer a "Methodist," and his denying such character—the News and the writer both, fabricating out of whole cloth representations of articles in the News, and of the attitude of the Texas Conference, and the government of the Methodist Church—is rather remarkable. Malice, collusion, enmity to the Methodist church, and a desire to break down the Seminary, are apparent. Whether the Trustees and the Faculty will thank the News for parading it before the public in this way, we are not informed. The implication that we have done so, is unqualifiably untrue. We are done, unless this discreditable conspiracy continues. Upon the whole, it is a little amusing to see gentlemen wade out into water a little too deep for their length. The Texas Conference, and the Methodist Church in Texas, will no doubt thank the News for its interest in their welfare.

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The Texas Baptist, in reply to our notice of the predicament in which it had placed itself, has nearly three columns in vainly trying to evade the issues. These issues were:

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BISHOP WAUGH'S MEMORY.

Soon after the announcement of the death of Bishop Beverly Waugh, of the Northern Methodist Church, our Missionary Board at Nashville had a meeting, attended, also, by many ministers; Dr. Stevenson was in the chair; resolutions of condolence with the Church and family of the lamented Bishop were adopted; and several appropriate addresses were delivered; by Dr. Selon, Dr. Summers, Dr. Stevenson, Dr. Huston, and Dr. McFerrin. Several of them had been personal friends of the departed divine. This tribute to the memory of a Methodist Bishop, who, though, since the division, a member of the Northern Church, yet presided, before that time, in our Annual Conferences from Maine to Texas, is as beautiful as it is appropriate and touching.

The CIVILIAN of last Wednesday, alluding to a communication abusive of the Editor of this paper, which appeared in the Citizen of the day before, says that it was inserted without having attracted the attention of the editor. Of course, an anonymous and scurrilous attack of this kind, especially when signed "Methodist," would provoke only our pity; yet we cannot refrain from expressing our appreciation of the regard for editorial courtesy manifested by the Citizen. The editor, quoting a witty writer, expresses our views precisely. "If a fellow attacked my opinions in print, would I reply? Not I. Do you think I don't understand what my friend, the professor, long ago called the 'hydra-headed paradox of controversy?' Don't know what that means? Well, I'll tell you. You know that if you had a bent tube, one arm of which was the size of a pipe stem, and the other big enough to hold the ocean, water would stand at the same height in one as in the other. Controversy equalizes fools and wise men in the same way—and the fools know it."

THE NUBES VALLEY, noticing our advice to the Texas Baptist to keep the eleventh Commandment, "Mind your own business," brings to mind an error we committed in the number we gave it. It is the twelfth Commandment. The eleventh is on this wise: "Again, a new Commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." We thank our neighbor for the correction.

THE LONDON DAILY TIMES has made a change in its ecclesiastical department. For the last eighteen months or more, the Church politics of the journal have been directed by Mr. Dasset, the writer of the well-known articles on preaching, signed "Habitans in Sico," and dated from "Broad Phylactery." The post, which amounts, in fact, to the ecclesiastical editorship of the paper, has been conferred upon Mr. M. Edward Miall, editor of the weekly Nonconformist.

The Times has thus rung out all the changes of which the ecclesiastical peal of bells is capable. First it had Dr. Mosely, High Church, then Mr. Bellow, Low Church, next Mr. Dasset, Broad Church, and it now tries the *fictional* Nonconformist in Mr. Miall, who has long been regarded as the most *ultra* of Dissenters.

THE GREAT LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY are making their arrangements for their Anniversary in May, which will derive additional interest from the determination, all but universal, to do more than has been hitherto attempted for the Christianization of India. The Wesleyan Missionary Society has four preparatory sermons preached by some of the greatest preachers of the day. This year these sermons are to be preached by Dr. Thomas Guthrie, of the Presbyterian Free Church; Dr. James Dixon, of Manchester; the Rev. Samuel Coley, of Manchester, and the Rev. F. A. West, President of the Conference.

Messrs. Longman have issued their very useful "London Catalogue of Periodicals, Newspapers, and Stamped Publications," for 1858, which offers at a glance a comprehensive survey of the wide field of metropolitan periodical literature. The catalogue contains altogether forty-nine titles under the head of "Weekly Periodicals," three hundred and forty-one under that of "Monthly Periodicals," twenty-six "Transactions of Various Societies," and forty-four "Newspapers, Stamped Publications," making a total of five hundred and eight periodicals regularly appearing in London alone.

In England three copies of each newspaper printed, signed by the publisher, must be regularly transmitted to the stamp office, which pays full price for them. After the expiration of a year one complete file of every journal is transmitted to the British Museum, where they are bound in volumes and preserved for reference.

THE TRUE WITNESS wishes to inform us that revivals commenced in the days of the Apostles. Who has ever asserted to the contrary? The time was afterwards however, when they were repudiated by a large portion of the Christian Church. The introduction of Methodism was the revival of revivals. The True Witness is unnecessarily captious. Dr. Chalmers was not so.

THE LADIES' REPOSITORY for April has come to hand. It is truly an excellent monthly. No ladies' magazine excels it. But it is hopelessly abolitionized.

Since the establishment of the North American Review, in 1815, it has had eight editors, viz. William Tudor, 1815 to 1817; Jared Sparks, one year, 1817 to 1818, and a second term of six years, 1824 to 1830; Edward T. Channing, 1818 to 1819; Edward Everett, 1820 to 1824; Alexander H. Everett, 1822 to 1825; John G. Palfrey, 1826 to 1848; Francis Bowen, 1843 to 1853; since 1853, Andrew P. Peabody.

OLDEST RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.—The Herald of Gospel Liberty published on March 24 the first number of its fiftieth year. It was established by Rev. Elias Smith, and is the organ of the denomination calling themselves Christians. It is quite an able and liberal paper, published at Newburyport, Mass.

Alexander Von Humboldt has finished the last part of the fourth volume of his Cosmos, which completes the work. This part, we presume, will be translated in due time. It is highly pleasing to be possessed, by this addition, with the work complete from the hands of its author, who is at the age of eighty-four.

In a volume of selections of "Beautiful Poetry," lately published in London, there are thirty-four pieces by American poets, namely: eleven by Longfellow, five by Bryant, five by Holmes, five by T. B. Read, four by Willis, one by Sprague, and one by Bishop Doane.

A proposal for another Universal Exhibition in London, in 1861, is now before the Society of Arts, and is favorably received.

Glorious Revivals are reported in Tennessee by the Nashville Christian Advocate.

Rev. B. T. GIBSON, SEN., of Kentucky, Principal of Goshen Academy, longs for his place again in the saddle. He says: "I have long believed, but now I know, that it is a hazardous thing for an *old man* to enter upon a *new business*; but when an *old pastor*, especially an *old itinerant pastor*, sets himself down to pursue a secular calling, he may get more dollars, it is true; but it will be at the expense of that which money cannot purchase, peace of mind, cheerfulness of spirits, and joy of heart. Better have a ragged coat than a ragged conscience; better lack bread than to lack cheerful peace; better die poor, in the order of God, than to be rich out of that order. Goshen Academy is for sale. Let teachers take notice and act accordingly.

If able to mount a horse next autumn, I shall ask my Conference for regular itinerant work. Let itinerants be cautious how they change their work."

INTERESTING GERMAN DISCOVERY.—the eminent German chemist, M. Wöhler, of Göttingen, has succeeded in producing a gem which is said to compare most favorably with the natural diamond. This is "bor," the elementary substance of boracic acid. Heretofore, no chemical means had been found capable of reducing it to its natural state. This new substance—is equal to the diamond in resisting chemical agents, and is even harder; and it is anticipated that means will yet be discovered to render it colorless, its prevailing tints being reddish and yellow. To M. Wöhler, in connection with M. Deville, is also due the discovery of reducing aluminum from its oxide to a metal.

There is a circulating library on a magnificent scale in London, kept by Mr. Mudie, who adds to his stock as many copies of any new book as are needed to supply all demand. The popularity of a volume is thus pretty accurately tested. Astonishing as it may appear, it is stated to be strictly true, that he has now in circulation 3,000 copies of "Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby," 1,200 of Kingsley's "Two Years Ago," 1,000 of Read's "White Lies," and 3,000 of Livingstone's "Travels in Africa."

GOV. MARCY'S LIBRARY.—It is said that Gov. Marcy directed his executors to make deposit in the New York State Library, at their discretion, of all such of his papers as by their association with the history of the State or Republic, may be deemed appropriate to such custody. It will be a rare and valuable addition.

THE BRITISH BAY LINE of steamships, Capt. David Wilson, is advertised in this paper. Read it, and you will understand, wherever you may live, when to be in Galveston, and can make all your arrangements accordingly. They will put you through to New Orleans, *Deo volente*, in twenty four hours, more or less.

"BISHOP JAMES," says the editor of the Northern Christian Advocate, is a marvel to me; he is always in motion—seems never to tire—preaches, plans, delivers addresses, travels day and night. On Sabbath he usually preaches twice, and visits a Sabbath school. His theory is, that preaching don't hurt a man—that "judiciously managed," it is healthy, invigorating exercise.

The Mountain Echo is the handsome name of a handsome little sheet, edited by the faculty and pupils of Spartanburg, S. C. female college, the first number of which has been sent us.

OUR VIEWS in reference to denominational schools, we are gratified to find, endorsed by Bishop Andrew, and by both the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and the Christian Advocate and Journal.

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT MAP of TEXAS we have ever seen has just been brought out by Jones, Root & Co. of this city. Really, no former map is worthy of comparison with this. It has all the new counties, all the old Land Districts, the great *terra incognita* north of Red River, and every thing brought up to the latest date. Every body, who corrects the Union, having any interest in a correct knowledge of Texas, should procure it.

"THE GREAT AWAKENING" has reached the city of Charleston, South Carolina! From the Mercury we learn that a "United Prayer Meeting" was being held every afternoon at five o'clock, and that all the denominations were represented. In the Cumberland Methodist Church a series of meetings was in progress, and have been for a fortnight—the altar crowded with penitents.

We are pleased to learn that Dr. Hamilton has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to resume his business in connection with the general tract agency.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April has come to hand. It is an able magazine, conducted with a high degree of taste, and full of the evidences of genius. But it is abolition and skeptical in its tendencies.

REV. J. L. SAUNDERS, of the Pacific Conference is dead. We have known from our entrance into the itinerancy. He was unceasing, able, eccentric, earnest, eratic, pious and popular. He has gone to heaven, we have no doubt. John Saunders knew God as a sin-parloing God.

REV. DR. JAMES BUNTING, the Soule of English Methodism, now nearly eighty years old, is gradually sinking, but full of hope. He is to be buried at City Road, with Wesley, Fletcher, Benson, Clarke, and Watson.

A new paper, in competition with the long-established Illustrated News, has made its appearance, and claims rivalry in every respect with its elder brother: it is called the Illustrated News of the World.

A new monthly magazine was to appear on March 1, called The Englishwoman's Journal.

BISHOP KAVANAUOH, after a very spiritually profitable ministry in Columbus, Georgia, of a month or two, recently passed through Nashville on his way home to Kentucky.

The Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati, claims a larger circulation than the Christian Advocate and Journal, New York.

REV. DR. CHARLES COOKER, President of the French Methodist Conference, is dead.

IN KANSAS, as we learn from the St. Louis Christian Advocate, our cause is prospering. They need more preachers.

REV. S. C. QUILLIAN, of the Georgia Conference, is dead.

REV. W. C. ROSS, of the Memphis Conference, is dead.

TEXAS ITEMS.

CORPUS CHRISTI.—A writer in the Nueces Valley estimates that the net increase of cattle in that region is eighty per cent. per annum.—The editor has seen a cabbage weighing twenty pounds.—The Valley anticipates the establishment of a custom-house at Corpus Christi, and railway communication with the Rio Grande.—The "Valley" has heard from Viduiri direct, at Monterey. He is confident of success against the Santa Anna and Church party. Col. Edward H. Jones is his right-hand man. He has four hundred men, under excellent discipline, and plenty of ammunition. The proclamation of the "Sierra Madre Republic" is expected.

GOZALEZ.—Plenty of rain, fine weather, and encouraging prospects for crops, are reported by the Inquirer.—Outworn in the gardens are complained of.—Corn in Gonzales and Lavaca counties are doing well, worms and grasshoppers excepted.—A *Cercaria* passed through Gonzales recently on its way to Mexico.

RIO GRANDE.—The *Flag* speaks of the passage through Brownsville of large quantities of machinery from New York for the Vallecillo mines in Mexico, which are proving highly profitable. The immense country bordering on the chains of the Sierra, north, east and west is completely in bedded with all kinds of ores, which will take ages to even begin an exploration of its depths. It is beyond the comprehension of man with all his ingenuity and scientific researches to undertake an estimate of the fabulous wealth that the lower country, in those mountains, where the foot of civilized man never made an impress. The eyes of enterprising men will eventually be turned towards those rich spots, and our country will begin to assume a position commensurate with its natural resources. Sugar cane will be extensively cultivated; coffee in the lower part of the States of Tamaulipas and in Vera Cruz will be grown to perfection, and all the tropical productions flourishing in exuberance as far up as the 25th parallel of latitude.

HUACAJON.—The Reporter of the 27th inst., has the following interesting news from Huacajon, an encouragingly considerable quantities of cotton are daily arriving, and our streets and warehouses are beginning to exhibit an appearance of bustle and activity.—The peach and plum trees in this immediate vicinity and probably throughout the county, are overladen with young fruit.—The whooping-cough, accompanied with something resembling the measles, is prevailing to an alarming extent among the children of Huacajon and vicinity. Scarcely a day passes without occurring in complicated cases, and a number of adults are now suffering from the disease.—The Brazos river is now falling off from the recent high mark it reached. We are anxiously looking for Mr. A.C. French's boat, upon which, we see it stated, he lately embarked for his place near Washington, Texas, with the ultimate intention of running her regularly in this river. Success to his enterprise.

FAIRFIELD.—The Pioneer informs us that this town is fast improving. Many new buildings are being erected, and the general appearance is becoming more and more flourishing. The new building by Mr. Stinson intended for the education of young ladies.

FAYETTE COUNTY.—We learn from a gentleman just returned from there, that a most flattering prospect for crops. Farmers were beginning to "chop out" cotton, and corn was six and eight inches high. The sheep Elizabeth, Capt. Crown for Matagorda, takes out a saw mill of the largest and most modern construction. This mill is property of parties in Matagorda, and is to be erected in that neighborhood. Improvements of this kind are of immense value to the State.

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A CORRESPONDENT replies to Rev. A. Brown's description of Angelina county, contradicting his statements favorable to it, and saying a good many startling things about that region of country. He is not a resident of that county, and it is hardly fair to contradict the statements of its own citizens.

TRINITY RIVER CROSS.—A gentleman direct from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, writes that the Trinity at that point was in good navigable condition on the 22d inst., and rising, and also that information had been received from Dallas as late as the 19th, at which time the river was also rising there. The rains have been very heavy and frequent in Freezone and neighboring counties, and these rains appear to have extended all through the upper Trinity country, and there is therefore a probability that this river will continue up for some time. The planters are now so much engaged in laying in their crops, (which work has been delayed by the heavy rains,) that very little cotton is being hauled to the Trinity landings. The balance of the old crop will, however, doubtless be hauled and forwarded to our market, as soon as planters have put in their seed.

WE hear from various sources, says the News, that, though the planting in the middle counties is somewhat late owing to the rains, yet prospects are favorable. A much larger amount of ground than usual, is being planted in corn and cotton, and the increase in the amount of wheat sown is much greater. With good wheat crops, there will be an immense surplus beyond the consumption of the wheat and cotton of the fabulous wealth that the lower country, in those mountains, where the foot of civilized man never made an impress. The eyes of enterprising men will eventually be turned towards those rich spots, and our country will begin to assume a position commensurate with its natural resources.

SEGUIN.—Rev. J. W. Phillips, as we learn from the Mercury, recently delivered a highly interesting lecture to the young men of Seguin.—Plenty of rain has fallen, and, having grasshoppers, crops are very promising.—A heavy and damaging hail has fallen in Comal county, 5,000 panes of glass were broken in New Braunfels, and a number of young men have gone to the Wichita mountains in search of gold.

FRENCH NEWS.—In the British House of Commons, Mr. Disraeli had announced that the French Government had transmitted a satisfactory reply to Lord Malmesbury's despatch, and that in consequence the misunderstanding between the two countries had been satisfactorily arranged.—There were rumors in circulation just previously to the departure of the Niagara, that very favorable reports had been received from India by the government; further had not yet been actually announced. The appeal of Orali and his accomplices is refused.—Numerous arrests continue in France.—The Times says that Persigny will not continue to represent France at the Court of St. James.—At Chalons forty men seized a small post of infantry and attempted to seize the railway station, crying, *Vive la Republique!* They were defeated, and fifteen of them captured.

NEW ORLEANS.—The San Antonio and San Diego making the trip from San Diego, to San Antonio, in twenty-three and a half days. This is the quickest time that has been made on this line. The *Herald* learns that there is corn on the Medina more than a foot high. A fine fruit crop is expected; the peach trees are loaded. Heavy rains have fallen at San Antonio.

CORPUS CHRISTI.—The Valley says there is much agricultural enthusiasm in that region, but complains of defective plows. Plenty of them can be obtained in Galveston, Galveston and Compton. Flowing is nearly the business in Texas, deep plowing is the *Village* learns that the fine region between the Nueces and Rio Grande is filling up with a substantial population; there is a very extensive transfer of stock of all kinds from the unsettled domain of Mexico to our own more quiet fields. The vicinity of the Rio Grande is suffering much for want of rain, and what little that has fallen, falls a prey to the grasshoppers. The finest stock ranges on the route are about middle of the month; the grass is very abundant from thence to the Nueces, and the stock in fine condition. More land will be cultivated this year in the counties of Nueces, San Antonio, Refugio, Live Oak and Bee, than has ever been in use before, in all time.

AUSTIN.—A gentleman from Burnett county, tells the *Intelligencer* that there has been heavy rain there. A heavy rain fell recently at Austin. The *Intelligencer* says: The country, it is again becoming clothed in its most attractive mantle. The prairie are one uniform verdure, and pastures green. Our farmers are in the highest spirits.

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cause of both sides of the Democratic members of the House has appointed a committee which will report next Thursday as to the best mode of admitting Kansas.

Wilson's amendment on the Minnesota bill, providing for one Representative, and that a new census be forthwith taken was carried in the Senate—22 to 21.—Col. Johnston's official dispatch states that he and the Missouri men have a desire to fight, and recommends that they be granted.—Advice from Camp Scott, of February 26, say the Mormons could easily overcome Johnson's command if they wished.

The Constitutional Convention met at Leavenworth, March 25. Lane resigned the Presidency. The members are satisfied with the demonstration of the Free States, but preferred that the Convention should not be identified with the extremists.—It is supposed that the Topeka Constitution will be modified and passed.

Gen. Scott has issued orders constituting a new military district at Fort Larned, in Nebraska. Two companies of dragoons and two companies of artillery will occupy it.—Two companies of artillery are ordered to Fort Riley.

T. B. Cumming, Secretary and acting Governor of Iowa, died on the 22d.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.—The steamship *Moses Taylor* arrived at New York on the 29th ult., from Apollon, with 15,000,000 in specie on board. The vessel, owned by Mr. Bates, the late Treasurer, had resulted in his acquisition.—The *Moses Taylor* made the time from Apollon to New York in twenty days and fourteen hours. This is the quickest time from California on record.—The California Senate is discussing a bill for the compulsory observance of the Sabbath.—The Flying Fish has been captured at Galveston, and an organized band of burglars.—The slop of war, St. Mary's had arrived at Honolulu. Thirty desertions had taken place.—The Indians in the Saberton Reservations had revolted and been reduced to submission.—The steamer *San Carlos* has been wrecked on Lake Nicaragua.—Vivanco has captured the town of Arica in Peru. The inhabitants ran as soon as they were warned.—Vivanco has withdrawn his forces from Arequipa.

FRENCH NEWS.—In the British House of Commons, Mr. Disraeli had announced that the French Government had transmitted a satisfactory reply to Lord Malmesbury's despatch, and that in consequence the misunderstanding between the two countries had been satisfactorily arranged.—There were rumors in circulation just previously to the departure of the Niagara, that very favorable reports had been received from India by the government; further had not yet been actually announced. The appeal of Orali and his accomplices is refused.—Numerous arrests continue in France.—The Times says that Persigny will not continue to represent France at the Court of St. James.—At Chalons forty men seized a small post of infantry and attempted to seize the railway station, crying, *Vive la Republique!* They were defeated, and fifteen of them captured.

NEW ORLEANS.—The San Antonio and San Diego making the trip from San Diego, to San Antonio, in twenty-three and a half days. This is the quickest time that has been made on this line. The *Herald* learns that there is corn on the Medina more than a foot high. A fine fruit crop is expected; the peach trees are loaded. Heavy rains have fallen at San Antonio.

CORPUS CHRISTI.—The Valley says there is much agricultural enthusiasm in that region, but complains of defective plows. Plenty of them can be obtained in Galveston, Galveston and Compton. Flowing is nearly the business in Texas, deep plowing is the *Village* learns that the fine region between the Nueces and Rio Grande is filling up with a substantial population; there is a very extensive transfer of stock of all kinds from the unsettled domain of Mexico to our own more quiet fields. The vicinity of the Rio Grande is suffering much for want of rain, and what little that has fallen, falls a prey to the grasshoppers. The finest stock ranges on the route are about middle of the month; the grass is very abundant from thence to the Nueces, and the stock in fine condition. More land will be cultivated this year in the counties of Nueces, San Antonio, Refugio, Live Oak and Bee, than has ever been in use before, in all time.

AUSTIN.—A gentleman from Burnett county, tells the *Intelligencer* that there has been heavy rain there. A heavy rain fell recently at Austin. The *Intelligencer* says: The country, it is again becoming clothed in its most attractive mantle. The prairie are one uniform verdure, and pastures green. Our farmers are in the highest spirits.

SAN ANTONIO.—The Texas says that the Angelina river, which has hitherto attracted so little attention, has this winter proved its capacity for successful navigation in a most indisputable manner. It has remained in first rate boating order for about four months, and is even yet high enough for flats of the largest size to go out with perfect safety. Several thousand tons of cotton have been taken off by this route, without the aid of steam—the planters and merchants of its vicinity having constructed flats and keels for the purpose.

A young man named Gideon E. Moore was recently drowned while crossing the Brazos at Waco, by the sinking of the ferry-boat. His home was Larissa, Cherokee county.

THE TEXAS SAYS.—From various causes our planters are somewhat behind hand with their crops, the present season. Many of them continued cotton picking, up to the first of March, and even then the entire crop in this part of the State has been taken off.

GALESTON IS PERFECTLY HEALTHY, and has been uninterruptedly so for three years and a half. Vigilant and timely sanitary measures on the part of the city government will probably continue this blessing. The city is improving constantly. Elegant three story brick stores, with beautiful iron fronts, are going up in various parts of the city, and private residences accordingly. Business is more active than we have ever seen it.

GALESTON ISALSO SAID TO BE NOTHING BUT a low sand-bar.—The Texas says that in growing in a garden in this city at this time in open culture and within a few hundred feet of each other.—Trees: a Cedar of Lebanon, a Norway Juniper and a tropical Tree Cedar, also a Northern Green Gage Plum Tree, Peach, Pear, Apple, Apricot, Medlar, Japan Plum, Mulberry, Guava, Avocado, Pear, Orange, Lemon, Citrus, Pomgranate, Banana, Plantain, Fig, Olive, Almond, Persimmon, Pecan, Chestnut, Brazil, Magnolia, and number of other shade and flowering trees, of northern and southern varieties; also Strawberries and Grapes of Foreign, Native and Texas seedling, varieties fifty or more of roses from the hardy Scotch to the most delicate Persian; a variety of Jasmine, Honey Suckle and Woodbine, and Dahlias, also a variety of Lilies and Marsh Plants, more than fifty varieties of annual flowers, among them the Danadion, also Black and Water-melons, Squash and Pumpkins, Vines, Peas, Beans, Buss, Turnips, Cabbages, Onions, Potatoes, Ochs, Corn, Rice, Tobacco and Cotton. In fact shade and Fruit trees, Flowers, Plants and Vegetables from the frigid, temperate, and tropical climates and from the valleys to the mountain tops, all in as thrifty growth as they could be in their native soils and climate.

MARSHALL.—Plenty of rain, and pleasant weather, are reported by the Reporter.—Red river is again rising.—The Reporter gives an account of the suit of a man named Reeves, at Carthage, Panola county. He appeared to be laboring under feelings of remorse for having killed a man in Arkansas. In a letter to his father and mother, Washington, Hempstead county, Arkansas, he says: "Ever since the murder of Dr. Block, I have not seen one moment's peace, and have tried in vain to kill myself drinking, so 'Till show my brains out." In his letter to his wife he says: "Since I left you, I have done nothing but wander, but have in vain sought peace. My mind is entirely gone, and life a burden to me and I die the death of suicide. Forgive me for the name which I have acted, and never let our dear boy know the death of his father." What a volume of misery in these brief sentences, and what a warning they contain to those who go from day to day armed with deadly weapons, and who live in the hourly contemplation of taking human life!

Rev. Geo. Tucker formerly of Marshall has become the pastor of the Baptist Church in Houston.

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P. H. Phillips, \$1 00; P. R. Peck, \$3 01; pays up to 449. N. John, \$1 00; D. R. R. Peck, \$3 01; W. R. Peck, \$3 01.

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Commercial. GALVESTON, April 26, 1858. Since my review of last week, there have been several arrivals from Liverpool bringing dates up to the 20th ult., and reporting Orleans and other dates, which is a decline in the two weeks of 15-20, equal to 10¢. On New Orleans market no material effect was produced by the first arrivals, prices rather improving in consequence of favorable reports of the crop. The Peruvian accounts to the 20th ult., do not indicate interrupted operations in cotton as abundantly reported in the previous week. Money is abundant and cheap, the receipt of cotton are beginning to total off, and holders feel generally disposed to realize the present demand abroad and at the North to put prices down. In our market, the demand has been active and has been freely met on the basis of last week's quotations.

COTTON.—The receipts of the week have been 1457 bales; cleared 2,934 bales; stock on hand, and on shipboard not included, 15,361 bales.

LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION. Interior..... 5 00 Ordinary..... 4 75 Middling..... 4 50 Moulding..... 4 25

COTTON STATEMENT. Prepared by J. S. Sully, Cotton Factor and Commission Merchant. GALVESTON, April 24, 1858.

Stock on hand last Sept. 1857..... 1,115,000 Received at this port to date..... 72,714

Exported to Great Britain to date..... 23,225 To France..... 4,225 To New Orleans..... 16,031

DEAN SIX.—We had this pleasure on the 13th inst., at which date our quotation for middling Cotton was 12 1/2¢. The "North America," which arrived on 15th inst., we have the pleasure to advise that the market closed firmly at 12 1/2¢.

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Books, Music, etc., at the Houston Book Store, Main Street.

STORE PRICES CURRENT. Corrected weekly by AYRES & PERRY Wholesale Dealers in Groceries and Western Produce.

BAKING—KENTUCKY..... 15 20 East India..... 10 17

COFFEE—Java..... 12 10 Java..... 12 10

PEPPER—Black..... 12 10 White..... 12 10

TEA—Assam..... 12 10 Oolong..... 12 10

SPICES—Cloves..... 12 10 Nutmeg..... 12 10

LIQUORS—Whisky..... 12 10 Brandy..... 12 10

WINE—Port..... 12 10 Champagne..... 12 10

BEERS—Pilsener..... 12 10 Lager..... 12 10

STOUT—Dublin..... 12 10 Export..... 12 10

SALES—Cotton..... 12 10 Wool..... 12 10

IRON—Cast Iron..... 12 10 Sheet Iron..... 12 10

STEEL—Cutlery..... 12 10 Tools..... 12 10

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes..... 12 10 Beans..... 12 10

FRUIT—Apples..... 12 10 Oranges..... 12 10

VEGETABLES—Potatoes..... 12 10 Corn..... 12 10

MEATS—Pork..... 12 10 Beef..... 12 10

BUTTER—Butter..... 12 10 Eggs..... 12 10

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I CANNOT FORGET THEE.

The following lines from the pen of Matilda C. S., of Nelson county, Va., were originally published in the "Gleaner," a paper published in the State of Virginia.

I cannot forget thee, wherever I roam; Where'er my footsteps shall be thrown.

The dew-drops of morning that spangle the flowers That the sunshine brightens the day;

From the Christian Advocate and Journal. REV. JESSE LEE'S GREAT CONTINENTAL TOUR IN 1860.

...made the tour of all the States and Territories, including also a visit to Canada.

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METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

At the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, recently in session in Philadelphia, Rev. B. S. Southard was appointed to the Charleston Station, and also as alternate delegate to the General Conference.

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