



THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE GALVESTON, TEXAS. THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1888.

LAY DELEGATION.

In an article upon "A Working Membership," the Nashville Advocate very wisely insists that the Annual Conferences should institute and adopt such plans as will secure lay co-operation.

A new impetus would be given to the Church by a speedy attempt to carry out the provisions of the Discipline on this subject. It would give greater interest to the annual meeting of the district stewards, where the lay delegate to the Annual Conference is to be elected.

Another thing to be observed is, that the course of the paper should not be judged by a single number. We may speak more freely of interests that belong to one Conference, this week; in the next issue, the interests of another Conference may claim a larger share of our attention.

THE ADVOCATE—THE CONFERENCE.

It is fully understood that the Advocate belongs to all the Texas Conferences, and that we, as its editor, are the servant of all.

To make our duty as clear and as easy as possible, we hope our brethren will not embarrass us with communications conceived in a petulant, fault-finding spirit.

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THE DEPOSITORY.

The Southern Christian Advocate, (Charleston) copies the Constitution of our Joint Stock Company, and says: "We do this, supposing that it may furnish some useful hints to others who may be seeking to procure means to further a like end."

We take pleasure in directing attention to the Financial Secretary's letter, on the first page. Our brethren will all, we hope, imbibe the catholic spirit and wholesome energy which it breathes.

As to the success of the Depository, we do not permit ourselves to cherish a doubt. If it does not, Methodism will take a back seat hereafter among Texas "institutions."

A GOOD SERMON.

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LABOR—SEED-SOWING.

The law of sowing is not more potential with reference to the body than the soul. One reason why labor is so beneficial to the laborer is, the self-forgetfulness which it produces.

Why should they not do it? The labor which looks so forbidding at a distance is a sowing in itself. Draw near to it and its ugliness shall abate most strangely.

Sowing seed is the chief figure used to illustrate and encourage spiritual labor. There are several reasons for it. Man surrounded by the finite conditions of the present life, is never happier than when he sees the infinite blossoming out of them.

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THE BOOK OF JOB.

Many readers of the Bible find it difficult to reconcile the condemnation of Job's friends and the triumph of the sufferer, at last, with the sentiments ascribed to the parties in the course of the book.

In accordance with their natural religion, the friends of Job are unable to see why he can be a sufferer unless he has been guilty of crime. But Job feels, although he does not distinctly see, the great significance of trial and affliction in a religion that was to win its greatest triumph by suffering.

Job's repentance in the close of the book, is not so much for anything he has done, as on account of what he is himself. The drawing night of God reveals to him a primitive impurity which had not been so manifested in external act as to be condemned by any moral law.

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THE DYING CHRISTIAN.

How strangely religion unites men's hearts! The "communion of saints" is one of the most delightful doctrines of the creed.

Nothing—except that on looking over an old newspaper, just now, we found the sermon of Dr. Tyng, on the death of his son, Rev. Dudley Tyng, who was mangled to death by a threshing machine some months ago—

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THE SCHOOLS.

McKENZIE INSTITUTE.—We have received the 17th Catalogue of the Institute under charge of Rev. J. P. McKenzie, and feel gratified at the evidences of its prosperity.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

THE NEW ORLEANS Crescent says that since the Centenary College at Jackson, La., "was taken under the patronage of the M. E. Church, South, in 1848, it has steadily increased in importance and usefulness.

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SONG TO THE PILGRIM.

BY CHABRE. Pilgrim, burdened with thy sin, Come to the Zion's gate...

BREVITIES.

The quarrel between high and low church among the Episcopians is well lit off by the following glowing anecdote...

Obituaries.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Dr. J. B. Reiley, of Seguin, departed this life June 17, 1899, aged 83 years...

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

WALKER'S AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE. SUGAR, COFFEES, TEAS, SPICES, ETC.

Educational.

ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE. THE TEXAS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL. SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR...

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Child's Corner.

LITTLE CHILD. Little child, when you're at play, Do you know that Jesus sees you?

MAN AND HIS WIFE BOTH MINISTERS.

At a recent conference, a man and his wife, both ministers, were mentioned...

GENERAL LAND AGENCY.

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The McKenzie Institute will open on the 1st of September...

Chapell Hill Female College.

THE SIXTH SESSION OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL COMMENCE ON THE 1st OF SEPTEMBER...

SOLE UNIVERSITY.

OF TEXAS AND LINDSEY CONFERENCE. CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS...

IN-DOOR AMUSEMENTS.

"I'm going to propose a new play," said Marcus, one evening, as the little party gathered around the table...

FEELING.

One of the objections which many have to commencing a religious life is that they think they are not sufficiently religious...

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COPYING A BLOT.

"Mother, who, of all the big boys should you like me to pattern?" asked a little boy who was looking round for a good example...

SUPPOSITION-ITS RESULTS.

Suppose every individual who has made a profession of religion within the last twelve months had been induced to subscribe and pay for a religious paper...

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