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THE PRESIDING ELDERSHIP. That the Presiding Eldership is going into disrepute is a fact; and one which ought to be inquired into.

The fact of the growing conviction of the inutilty of this field of labor, in comparison to the pastorate, is, we think, so apparent to both preachers and people as to be conceded by all. But what is the cause of this decline in the case of the Presiding Eldership?

Aspirants to the office only show their fitness for the position by expressing their aspirations; so that the good sense of our Bishop is called on in the selection of the men for this office from such as do not annoy him with officiousness.

Nor do we believe the discredit attached to the office is the result of the manner in which the duties of the ministry are discharged. If the time ever comes when our elders shall make their work a matter of personal convenience, then, perhaps, such would be the case.

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We append the following views on the same interesting and important subject. They are from a recent discourse on "Methodist Church Policy," by T. A. Morris, D. D., Senior Bishop of the M. E. Church, North.

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once at home at night, and you must go. It was your duty to visit the sick, and you have done that, and now you must attend to your affairs at home until next Sunday. Be sure to go home at night.

Now, if you will follow these rules faithfully, as I have no doubt some of you will, the patient will either die or recover, and I really don't know which, but if he does not remember you to the day of his death with emotions of some kind, I shall always think he ought!

IS IT SCRIPTURAL TO TRY GOD? We have never seen the Scripture which authorizes men to try God.—Texas Evangelist.

As the "Revisers" manifest a disposition to vary the phraseology of the common version, whenever they can, the new version will doubtless furnish our friends of the Texas Baptist with the Scripture which authorizes men to try God.

EN ADVOCATE: I have seen in some of the papers of Texas, a notice stating that the Starrville University was consumed by fire on the 18th of June last, which leaves an impression on the mind of the reader, that it was the house of the Conference Female High School, which was a mistake.

THE WESLEYS. In a dingy, slim, and spotted old English volume, dated 1824, the editor of the Nashville Advocate finds a poetical celebration of the conference season.

THE YOUTH OF THE REVOLUTION. In his speech delivered at the Acton celebration in Massachusetts, Oct. 29th, Mr. Winthrop gave the following interesting account of an interview which he had with the late venerable John Quincy Adams, about five or six years ago.

THE TREATMENT OF CHILDREN. I should think Mrs. — would be afraid of hurting our feelings, said a little boy to his mother one day, in my presence, after the departure of a very stylish visitor.

THE CHINESE.—Bayard Taylor, the well-known traveler, thus speaks of the morality of the Chinese: It is my deliberate opinion that the Chinese are morally the most debased people on the face of the earth.

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Child's Corner.

BISHOP KENDRICK AND THE LITTLE BOY.—At a camp-meeting, says the Rev. J. B. Finley, in his "Sketches of Western Methodism..."

WILLIE GRAY'S CONQUEST.—O mother, do please just come here one minute," said Willie Gray, as he stepped down and parted some large green leaves...

THE POOR BOYS.—"Don't go so much with the poor boys," said Jesus to the children...

THE DIVINE MERCY.—"How ever old, plain, humble, desolate, afflicted we may be, so long as our hearts preserve the feebler spark of life..."

MARTHA GREEN, wife of George Green, died in Milan county, near Cameron, in the 37th year of her age...

WOOL-GROWING IN TEXAS.

We have received the following communication, in reference to sheep raising and wool growing in Texas, from Messrs. Hoffman, Friedman and Eddy, of this city, who have extensive business connections with that State...

A SHERMAN CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER.—Daniel Thackeray, a merchant of Nottingham, England, was tried recently for the manslaughter of a married woman named Connor...

Obituaries.

SARAH ANN CAROLINE PANOTT.—The Church triumphant has one more member, and the Church militant one less. In this place, on the 7th of June, sister Panott ceased her Christian course...

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STEAM ENGINES. FROM 2 TO 100 HORSE POWER. PAIGE'S PATENT STEAM SAW MILL. Agents for E. Carter & Co's Improved Cotton Ginn...

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SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES. Just Arrived, a lot of Sewing Machines, with new improvements. They can be seen at C. D. BROWN'S...

PERSONAL SELECTIONS. NEW SPRING GOODS. Designs of the latest Fashion. PRINTING REATIES OF SUCH MERIT as to make the most difficult to please, contented...

WATER BOTTLE REPOSITORY. Vehicles can be had. Double and single harness and carriage. All articles sold at this establishment with the same care and attention...

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

GRANT & COMPTON. SUCCESSIONS TO BARTON, WILLIAMS & CO. AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE. Here Castles, Strand, Galveston.

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Gravel and Transportation.

NOTICE.—After July 1st, Trains on the B. & O. C. Railway connecting Galveston with Houston, will leave Houston at 6 o'clock, A. M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays...

Important to Travelers. THE shortest, quickest, best and most reliable route from Galveston to Houston is by the following route...

NEW ORLEANS United States Mail Line. THE Public are respectfully informed that the following superior steamships will run between Texas and New Orleans...

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Professional Cards.

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Nowlin & Herring. ATTORNEYS AT LAW. OFFICE, TEXAS. PRACTICE IN ALL THE Courts of the 1st Judicial District, and in the Federal and Supreme Courts at Austin.

James W. Wynne. LAWYER AND LAND AGENT. HOUSTON, TEXAS. REFERENCES.—Post & Dumble, Houston; James W. Redwood, New Orleans.

Richard V. Cook. ATTORNEY AT LAW. COLUMBIA, TEXAS. REFERENCES given in the cities of Washington, New Orleans and Galveston.

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