



The Christian Advocate.

GALVESTON, TEXAS. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1890.

Notice—The following named persons will not fail to send their respective post-office addresses to the Book Agent at Nashville, or their periodicals subscribed for cannot go forward...

BYLAND CHAPEL S. S. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—This Society, formed two months ago, held its regular monthly meeting at the Chapel on Sunday afternoon last, and was addressed by Rev. J. W. Shipman.

The officers of the Society are: President, E. A. HERR; Vice President, SAM EGBERT; Secretary, T. S. BRANTON; Treasurer, DAN WILSON.

Lincoln's Vote.—Maine's New Hampshire 5, Vermont 5, Massachusetts 13, Connecticut 6, New York 35, Pennsylvania 27, Ohio 23, Indiana 18, Illinois 11, Michigan 6, Wisconsin 5, Iowa 4—total 161, or nine more than are necessary to his election.

Thanks.—We are indebted to the liberal attention of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson R. R. Company, by J. L. Briggs, Vice President, for a complimentary ticket.

SINCE.—This is always an interesting subject. Dr. Pierce contributes to the November number of the Home Circle an article which holds its balance between extremes in a very skillful manner.

FRUIT OF THE REVOLUTION.—The New York Methodist, at the close of a leading article on the late Missionary Jubilee in Boston, says: "In our own church we shall be hardly able to reckon the year 1860 as in any sense a fitting one for a missionary jubilee."

THE REVIVAL WAVE.—Revivals of religion seem to have gone around the world like a great wave, sweeping from land to land. In 1858 it passed over this country.

THE NATIONAL LOCAL PREACHERS' CONVENTION.—The Third Annual Convention of the Local Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Philadelphia, Oct. 20.

BISHOP KAVANAGH.—It is but simple justice to our feelings, says the St. Louis Advocate, and to the fact in the case, that we say that, during the session of the St. Louis Conference, Bishop Kavanagh has presided in a manner alike creditable to himself and acceptable to the Conference.

England and Wales have over three thousand cotton factories; they pay their operatives eleven millions of dollars per annum. Their entire trade in these fabrics amount to five hundred and twenty five million dollars annually, giving one million operative employment.

SUBSEQUON OF SENATOR WIDFALL.—Senator Widfall of Texas has given notice to the President that he will not return to his seat in the Senate as the representative of Texas, in case of Lincoln's election to the presidency.

CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY.

Errors in what the world calls thought often have little to do with errors in what the Christian calls practice. When a distinguished essayist and lecturer gravely informs us that he has no opinion of his progress into the subject which he is discussing unless he has contradicted himself three or four times, he utters an almost self-evident truth; but he surely does not mean to say that it is one which exercises any direct or decided influence upon the morality of his daily life.

The unbelief of Thomas was of the heart, and not of the intellect. The sacred narrative proves him to have been a man more given to feeling than to thought. But when the Saviour rebuked him, saying, "Blessed are they that see and yet have believed," he did not mean, as some have supposed, to compliment the mental clearness of those unseeing believers, except as it was a result of their moral sincerity.

To think, says Keats, is to be full of sorrow. Certainly it is often to be full of contradictions. Solomon tells us that the over-wise man walks upon his own methods of seeking it, and finds after some time that he should succeed in attaining the height which he had proposed to reach, there would still be a depth and a breadth.

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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The Banner of Peace, (Nashville) a Cumberland Presbyterian paper, compares or contrasts its own denomination with ours.

The Methodist circulate and read their own books. They read their own histories, their own commentaries, their own sermons, their own system of theology, their own tracts, their own periodicals, their own newspapers; and only last year, having occasion for a moral philosophy, adapted in some respects to the views of the Church, South, it was quickly supplied by Rev. Dr. Rivers.

Now we do not blame our Methodist brethren for this. They are not to be blamed for reading the same thing from year to year. They are all set like sensible men, who really believe that what they profess to teach is right.

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THANKSGIVING.

The Governor of Texas appoints Thursday, the 29th of November, 1890, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. It is well. God cannot be neglected with impunity.

There is a stop of the spirit which in bending upraises it too." Bowing before his Maker, man gives tension to the chord which obeys the ministry of the universe.

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The attentive observer of events will see that the revival of the eighteenth century was not that impossible thing, a revival of religion alone, abstractly considered, but of thought, learning, taste and imagination also, and he will not be at all surprised to see that these awakened, converted, consecrated literary powers should continue to bring their best acquisitions into their own houses, and into the chamber of her that conceived them.

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HOME WORK.

Flowers, November 2.—The fourth quarterly meeting for Florence and Lampasas, held at Pleasant Hill camp ground, on Nolan's creek. The exercises of the meeting began on Friday night, the 26th of October, and closed on Tuesday night, the 30th.

The week before we held a meeting of some interest at Cotton Gin. It continued four days: Some 4 or 5 professed religion, and 10 joined our Church.

Our Camp Meeting was a most profitable one to the Church: 17 accessions and 6 conversions. Let all the people praise God; for his mercy endureth forever.

Yours in Christ, S. C. LITTLEPAGE.

FROM THE FRONTIER.

En. Advocate.—I am now some two hundred miles on my way to Conference. I closed my work on the Belknap mission, with my last quarterly meeting, Oct. 13, 14. I was well pleased with the people and the work; though almost continually harassed by the Indians.

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FREE AND RAGGED.

Dress is a sign not only of taste but of thrift. The New York Tribune has this paragraph in a description of the reception of the Prince of Wales:

Behind several of the regiments marched a negro, bearing a tin pail and cup, wherewith to wash the feet of the prince. Why must we on such occasions be reminded by the dark skin of the target-bearer or the water-carrier, that in the march of our civilization and refinement, we are still a long way from the goal?

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TEXAS ITEMS.

The Telegraph contains a call, signed by about two hundred and fifty names, for a meeting of the citizens of Harris county "to consult on the measure that should be adopted by the State of Texas in view of the election of Abraham Lincoln."

Col. Fletcher S. Stockdale writes that he is well satisfied that "our proper remedy is a separate secession of each State interested.—Not that one should act lastly and without reference to the wisdom and probable action of others; but that it is required, to avoid any discord at home, or among our sister States, that the action of each State should be on its own behalf, and be taken alone by the will and judgment of its own sovereign power—the people."

The Bosque Times speaks of the prairies as affording a splendid range for stock, the grass being everywhere abundant.

The San Antonio Ledger mentions the landing of a train of twenty wagons in that city with over \$100,000 worth of goods for El Paso.

Indiana.—A letter from Palo Pinto, dated Oct. 25th, says: "The Indians are upon us again." A party of fifteen stout three head of horses at one place, five at another, and so on, and were going northeast with a drove of about 100.

There has not been a single case of yellow fever in this State since the year 1850. It is reported that a party of rangers had pursued, and succeeded in capturing all the horses.

J. E. Shook, editor of the Waco Democrat, was shot and killed by F. H. McCordell on the 23d ult. The Democrat will continue to be published.

Ralph Farnham, in a pleasant letter to the Boston Journal, gives a little history of Acton and an account of his journey home to Acton from Boston. We extract the following:

Though I am in my 102d year, I am not past all usefulness. I split my own kindling wood, and build my own fire. I am the first one up in the morning, and the last one in bed at night. I never sleep or doze in the daytime, but rise at 2 and retire at 7—am in the kitchen summer and winter. I have always been temperate, and for over thirty years, past I have not tasted a drop of spirituous liquor, or even cider. I was never sick in my life so as to require the attendance of a physician. About twenty-five years ago I broke my thigh by falling on the ice, and had a doctor to set it, but this is the only time a doctor ever attended me. I live on plain farmer's diet—drink tea and coffee, and eat a very light supper, never eating more than supper. I have no doubt it is owing to these abstemious and regular habits, and the avoidance of medicine at all the ailments, that my life has been so prolonged.

I voted for Gen. Washington for President, and have voted at every Presidential election since, and hope to vote at the next election. This is the duty of every Christian freeman.

This letter, which my grandson has written at my direction, I have carefully read and approved, and I sign it with my own hand.

Mr. Farnham realized upwards of six hundred dollars from the contributions in his behalf, for which he expresses hearty thanks.

The wonder is, not that we should have been immortal, the wonder is that we should be mortal now; for it may be safely affirmed that there is not a single one of the system which would be necessary to secure immortality, not only possible, but already in existence in some portion or another of nature's economy.

The study of the exact use of words and the accuracy of expression of ideas lies at the basis of all our progress in knowledge. The phrasing of a true thought in just language fits it to be the source of a thousand other thoughts and applications besides the one at first intended.—Phil. Ledger.

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