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PASSING EVENTS.

On the 11th inst., Mr. Cushing
presented his credentials to King
Alfonso. He expressed hope for
the peace of Spain. His hope was,
doubtless, desire minus expectation.
John Mitchell is dead and the
question of his admission into Par-
liament settled. Only three mil-
lion of the fifteen million of home
population in Spain can read. They
are several centuries back of self-
government. The starving popula-
tion of Asia Minor are calling on
England for bread. Between
November 1, 1874, and March 1,
1875, 5,500,000 hogs were packed
for the Western States. The
strike of the Lehigh coal miners
continues. Cold weather will soon
be over, the demand for coal will
slacken and the striker will be at
the mercy of the employer. The
governor of Arkansas calls on the
people to be thankful especially
that the people of the North cease
to look on that State through purely
partizan eyes. We join the chorus
of praise. The election of New
Hampshire shows decided Republi-
can gains. Thirteen railroads in
the West showed a profit of \$2,521,-
943 during the month of February,
1875. Brigham Young refused to
pay the attorneys' fees and
monthly alimony decreed by the
court in the late suit for divorce of
Ann Eliza Young, and was fined
\$25 and sentenced to imprisonment
for one day. The four great hills
of Rome have each on its crown a
palace, as follows: The Vatican,
the Pope lives there; the Quirinal,
where Victor Emmanuel stays; the
Capitol, where the Italian Parlia-
ment meets; the Marco, occupied
by Garibaldi. George Smith,
according to the *Athenaeum*, has
discovered among the Assyrian
tablets in the British Museum the
legend of the building of the Tower
of Babel. Such a discovery, if
substantiated, will equal that of the
tablet relating to the deluge
brought to light by the same learned
gentleman, last year. The Ameri-
can Medical Association meets in
Louisville, Ky., in May. The com-
mittee of arrangements have unani-
mously decided to exclude wine
from the proposed public entertain-
ment. South Carolina and
Georgia have suffered from heavy
freshests. A banquet to Capt. Eads
for his services to Mississippi nav-
igation is proposed. A New York
judge decided recently in a case of
a drunken man who was killed by
forcible-ejection from a street
car that the accident was caused by
the man's intoxication and not by
neglect of the company. What
about the man who sold the
whisky? Gold has been found
around the quiet old town of New-
buryport, Mass., and property has
gone up from \$8 to \$2,000 per acre.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Madras Tract Society, last
year, gave away 300,000 tracts and
sold 220,000.

THE police stopped the perfor-
mance of a play in a German theatre
in Philadelphia on a recent Sunday
evening, but allowed it to go on
afterward as a "sacred" concert.
Who was whipped around the
stump that time?

MR. VARLEY, the English Evan-
gelist, recently preached to many
thousands of people in Barnum's
Hippodrome, New York. "Go out
and compel them to come in."

SIR MOSES MONTIFIORE, the
Jewish philanthropist of London,
has sent out a circular encouraging
a movement to colonize Palestine
with Jewish farmers. Former at-
tempts have been unsuccessful.
The true title by which the de-
scendants of Abraham will hold the
Holy Land is vested in the Na-
zarine.

BISHOP ROBINSON, of Brown
University, and Bishop Clark re-
cently appeared before the Legisla-
ture of Rhode Island when the
question of taxing church property
was before it and maintained that
the benefit the public derived from
churches justified their exemption
from taxation.

AN account of a remarkable re-
ligious awakening in the City of
Nimes, in the Southern part of
France, is published in the London
Record. The meetings continue
all day long and the house is
crowded with earnest worshipers.
Hundreds have been converted and
the interest is spreading to other
cities.

THE Berlin correspondent of the
London *Times* says that the Prot-
estant clergy of Spain ask the
intercession of the Protestant
powers in behalf of those who were
once Catholic priests but have em-
braced the reformed religion and
married under the republic. By a
recent decree, such marriages are
declared null and void.

AN exchange gives the names of
eight counties in Georgia which
have not a bar-room within their
limits. We wonder if there is any
county in Texas that can claim a
like record.

THE Old Catholics of Baden-
Baden and Pforzheim have abol-
ished auricular confession. They
are moving toward the light.

THE *Inter-Ocean* is criticising
with some sharpness the editors of
the Northern Methodist press be-
cause of their lukewarm support
of the civil rights bill. Too bad,
after their past history, that their
loyalty to party should be held in
question.

THERE are three Protestant
churches in Jerusalem: the Arabic
church, the German chapel and
Christ's church.

IT is presumed that the defeat of
Dr. DeKoven is certain. Up to
our last notice of action, ten dioceses
have voted for his confirmation and
twenty-one against it. This is not
so encouraging to the high church
party.

IT was estimated that at the late
meeting held by Moody and San-
key at the Agricultural Hall, Eng-
land, 18,000 people were as-
sembled in and around the hall.
This looks like the days of Wesley
and Whitefield. These modern
evangelists tell the "old, old story."

A BAPTIST living in Manches-
ter, England, has had 100,000
copies of the New Testament
printed in Italian to be distributed
in the city of Rome. Theologians
may blunder, but the Bible preaches
the truth.

NEWSPAPER reporters mourn that
the public is disgusted with Beecher-
Tilton matters.

Ditzler-Sweeny Debate.

ED. ADVOCATE—I can only give
a brief synopsis of the rest of the
discussion on the first proposition,
but will be able to furnish a fuller
account of the other three questions.
The episode alluded to in my
former article was about as follows:
Dr. Ditzler was speaking and made
a quotation from Buxtorff. Mr.
Sweeny called in question the cor-
rectness of the quotation, at the
same time handing Mr. D. the
small manual Hebrew lexicon of
Buxtorff. Mr. Ditzler said: "That
is Buxtorff's Hebrew Manual Lex-
icon; do you deny that what I
read is in Buxtorff's Rabbinical
Talmudic and Chaldaic Lexicon?"
Mr. Sweeny replied: "This is the
only lexicon he wrote; the other
is simply a large print just like a
small edition of the Bible. Bux-
torff never had but one lexicon.
If he (Ditzler) will produce another
I will give him one hundred dol-
lars." Dr. Ditzler then said: "The
book is in the very town in Ken-
tucky in which Mr. Sweeny lives,
and it necessary I will telegraph
and have it sent down here." Mr.
Sweeny, after admitting that he
knew of the book and could have
brought it, but he considered it
worthless—a way of getting out of
the difficulty the audience did not
appreciate very highly, we judge.
The discussion, Wednesday night,
was very interesting; both the gen-
tlemen seeming to get fully into
the merits of the question. The
Moderators having been called
upon to decide whether the de-
batants should be allowed to quote
authorities without producing the
work for the inspection of the other
party, brought in their decision,
ruling that the debaters must pro-
duce the authorities from which
they quoted. Dr. Ditzler therefore
asked a few moments time to send
to his room for his books, and in a
very short time books came pour-
ing in; books of all shapes and
sizes, new and old, large and small,
and it seemed just a little to us
that we could detect a slight shade
of dismay on some countenances.
This, however, may have been im-
aginary; but in truth there was
quite a formidable array of books.
Dr. D. soon showed himself at
home among these ancient authori-
ties, and in answer to the chal-
lenge of Mr. Sweeny in a former
speech to produce a single authority
over two hundred years old that be-
lieved in sprinkling for baptism
except by the authority of the
church, he brought up authorities
much older than that who believed
in sprinkling or pouring as the
primitive mode of baptism, and, of
course, did not believe that it had
been changed by the authority of
the church. He quoted from quite
a number of authors, the most
learned and reliable, to prove that
sprinkling or pouring was the
primitive christian baptism. Mr.
Sweeny tried to make it appear
that the antiquity of these "old
musty books," as he styled them,
rendered them unreliable.

Thursday and Thursday night
the learned gentlemen were brought
to a test of their philological skill,
and both proved themselves able
debaters and defenders of their re-
spective views. Mr. Sweeny's
closing speech at night was mostly
a review of the arguments he had
presented, dwelling at considerable
length on the 6th of Romans:
"Buried by baptism," etc.; but
failed to answer Mr. Ditzler's
exegesis of that passage, showing
that it was baptism unto death
and represented a death to sin, and
that immersion in water was no evi-
dence that we were dead to sin. Dr.
Ditzler closed the discussion of this
question reviewing his arguments
and linking them together in a
masterly manner. The whole dis-
cussion was thorough and masterly,
and the audience were impressed
with the marked ability of the de-
batants. Sweeny is the more cap-
tivating in style, full of wit and
humor, and holds the attention of
his audience remarkably well. Dr.
Ditzler is the more learned and
profound, presenting an array of
logic and facts that was absolutely
overwhelming. We will give a
more extended notice of the dis-
cussion on the next proposition.

M. H. N.
SULPHUR SPRINGS, March 11, 1875.

SEND us ten subscribers, and get
the ADVOCATE free. Five subscrib-
ers entitle a preacher to the paper.

The Outlook.

TEXAS—THE GERMAN WORK.

Bro. Wm. Ernst writes thus en-
couragingly from Valley Postoffice,
Guadalupe county, Texas: "The
Lord is with us yet, and our brother
preachers are working faithfully.
At the Elm Creek appointment
there will be a church built this
year—with the help of God. Bro.
Schaper is sustaining Bro. Cop as
much as his health allows. May
the Lord give him his full health
again, so that he may be able to go
out in the field to work for the
church. Bro. Vordenbaumen is at
work with body and soul as presid-
ing elder and also as agent for our
German college at Fredericksburg,
which will be finished this year.
So, you see that we expect to go
ahead in the name of God. May
God give us in every appointment
revivals. Pray for the German
work."

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

ACCORDING to the statistical re-
ports of thirty-three Conferences of
the M. E. Church, South, for the
year 1874-5, there is a net gain in
the membership of 35,276. The vote
on the change of rule relative to
temperance, shows 1,133 for a
change of rules against 1,406.

DR. LEONIDAS ROSSER, the great
Virginia revivalist, is preaching at
Raleigh, N. C., with marked suc-
cess. The *Sentinel* of Monday
says:

"At Edenton Street church Dr.
Rosser preached from Luke xiv: 18
—'And they all began, with one
consent, to make excuse.' His ser-
mon was of the same high revival
mark of those of the past week. At
its close there were eight young
persons, two of them young men—
Mr. Frank Wells and Mr. Henry
Keith—who joined the church. The
ceremony was very affecting. Dr.
Rosser and Mr. Mangum each tak-
ing the hands of the young con-
verts and welcoming them into the
fold. There is much interest, awak-
ened, and the revival will continue
during the present week. We hear
that Dr. Rosser said he would con-
tinue the work till the flowers
bloomed."

NORTHERN METHODISM.

THIRTY years ago Parson Hed-
strom was the only Swedish Meth-
odist missionary in the United
States. Now there are ten thousand
Scandinavian members of the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church in Europe
and America.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.
THE newly united Presbyterian
Church of British America will
contain 606 ministers, 1903 congrega-
tions and 82,266 communicants.
Its ministers, enjoy an average
salary of \$840 a year each.

PRESBYTERIAN.

THE union of the different bodies
of Presbyterians in New North
Wales, which took place in 1865,
has been followed by increased
activity in the United Church. A
college endowed by the government
with £10,000 and an annual grant
of £500 has been established in
Sydney, new stations have been oc-
cupied and large charitable funds
have been raised.

THE Presbyterians of Philadel-
phia, desirous of honoring the mem-
ory of Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon,
the celebrated Presbyterian divine
of revolutionary fame, have decided
to erect a statue to his memory in
Fairmount Park in 1876. He was
the only minister whose name is
signed to the Declaration of Inde-
pendence.

CONGREGATIONALIST.

THE Congregationalist asserts
that orthodox Congregationalism is
tending towards Unitarianism.

THE Church of the Disciples,
New York, (Dr. Hepworth's) is now
in full Congregationalist fellowship.
The congregation have raised \$100,-
000, but are in debt to the amount
of \$185,000. Their membership is
300.

MISSIONARY.

THE religious question in Mexico
is assuming serious shape. The
Tract Union says that Protestant-
ism, sustained by funds remitted
from London and the United States,
is making an active propaganda in
the republic, and the number of re-
formed churches is increasing. Not
a month passes without conflicts

occurring between the Catholics and
Protestants.

REV. T. CRAVEN, of Lucknow,
India, has the superintendence of
the Methodist Mission press there.
Feeling the necessity of a more ex-
tensive use of this arm of their
missionary, and fearing to ask the
Missionary Society for all he wants,
he writes: "Do you know a rich
man that would give us a lump sum
of \$5,000 for the press?"

AN American traveler who at-
tended divine service on Sunday,
Feb. 7, in the church of San Fran-
cisco, in the city of Mexico, which
is held now by one of the congrega-
tions of the Protestant "Church of
Jesus," reports the building as
crowded to its utmost capacity with
dark-luod Mexicans who joined
earnestly in the worship and listened
intently to the preaching.

THE flourishing station of the
Church Missionary Society, Metaka-
htah, is situated on the borders of
Alaska. Indians from this Ameri-
can territory have visited the station
and have shown great interest in
the Gospel. From the islands 450
miles to the north earnest appeals
have been made to be taught as the
Tsimpeans are at Metakahtah. The
Greek Church formerly had
missionaries in Alaska, but has re-
cently withdrawn them. The Roman
Catholics have one missionary sta-
tioned in that country. The Protest-
ant societies are as yet unrepresent-
ed.

THE deputation from the Evan-
gelical Alliance to the Sultan of
Turkey was received by Seffet
Pasha, the Turkish Minister for
Foreign Affairs, Jan. 26. The de-
putation stated that its object was to
lay before the Sultan a complaint that
some Turkish converts to Christian-
ity had been persecuted, contrary
to the firman of 1856. The Pasha
replied that the policy of universal
toleration throughout the empire
was unchanged, and that the govern-
ment was not aware of any per-
secutions. He would send fresh in-
structions to the Governors of pro-
vinces, ordering them to treat with
equal justice the adherents of every
creed. Upon being pressed he con-
sented to take the request of the
deputation for a personal audience
with the Sultan into consideration.

REV. MR. HUTCHINSON, writing
to the *Presbyterian Record* from
Mexico City, reports continual ac-
cessions to the mission church, which
has now 123 members. He recently
organized a church at Vera Cruz,
into which 82 were received at the
outset, on profession. Engaged in
a similar work at Acapulco, where
a Protestant congregation has just
been organized, Mr. Hutchinson, as
a telegraphic dispatch informs us,
was attacked by a mob and obliged
to take refuge on a United States
man-of-war in the harbor. The
successes of the Protestant missions
in Mexico have greatly exasperated
the Romanists, and were not the
government friendly to religious
liberty the priests would not tolerate
the presence of Evangelical mission-
aries.

THE population of China is about
350,000,000; proportion of mission-
aries to the population, about one
to every three and a half millions;
the mission field of our church,
Manchouria; stations of our own
church, 2; missionaries, 1; medical
missionaries, 1; native catechists
and preachers, 2; native colporteurs,
3; native teachers, 3. The immense
multitude of heathen people in
China is so large, that if you were
to touch one a minute with your
finger for twelve hours a day, with-
out stopping, it would take more
than twenty years to go over them
all. And if all the heathen people
of India and China were standing
in a row, shoulder to shoulder, that
great row would go eight times
round the globe, for it would be 200,-
000 miles long.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REV. S. G. NOYES, the successor
to "Father Taylor," as pastor of the
Boston Bethel, died February 17,
of malignant fever, in the forty-first
year of his age.

THE increase of the English Es-
tablished Church during the twenty-
one years from 1851 to 1872 was
twenty-four per cent., while that of
the leading dissenting bodies—the
Methodist, Baptist, Congregational
and Presbyterian—was over one
hundred per cent.

LADY GREY, wife of the Gov-
ernor of Jamaica, has consented to

lay the corner-stone of a new Meth-
odist Church in Kingston, the build-
ing to be under the pastoral care of
the Rev. Mr. Griffiths. Sir William
Grey has contributed \$100 to the
building fund.

A TOBACCO chewer has been fined
eight dollars for expectorating to-
bacco juice on the floor of the Meth-
odist church in Hempstead, Long
Island. Served him right. We have
seen churches in which if all the
tobacco spitters puff at this rate,
and the church got one-half the
proceeds, the mortgage interest
might be provided for, and a re-
spectable salary paid the pastor.—
Christian at Work.

THE Baptist Union says of Henry
Varley, who is doing evangelistic
work in New York City, that his
discourses are plain, pungent, spiri-
tual, persuasive. His congregation
in London averages three or four
thousand. In Canada, his labors
have been greatly blessed this win-
ter. He is an open-communication
Baptist, loyal to his denomination.
He is a man of real power, or rather,
he is evidently attended by the
power of God. He speaks freely,
warmly, pungently and expounds
the Word with much plainness and
tenderness. His discourses are all
of the expository character, richly
illustrated by incidents derived from
Scripture, observation, reading, and
experience. Last Sunday he preach-
ed three sermons of great power—
one at the Fifth-avenue Baptist
church (Dr. Armitage's), one at
Grace Baptist church, and one at
Association Hall.

THE Hindoos of Bombay are ex-
ercised over the lectures of Day-
anand Sarasnati, a pundit of Benares.
He attacks idolatry, proving it
to have no foothold in the Vedas,
exposes the demoralizing practices
of Brahminism, and proclaims the
spirituality of God.

IT has been determined to enlarge
and improve the Parish church at
Eversley, England, as a memorial
to Canon Kingsley, and also to erect
a chapel in the outlying hamlet of
Bransley, where Canon Kingsley
had for some time officiated in a
schoolroom.

A RUSSIAN bishop in Eastern
Siberia has converted to Christian-
ity a Buddhist Lama priest, who is
inferior in rank and importance
only to the Grand Lama himself.

THE Rev. Robinson Duckworth,
M. A., Fellow of Trinity College,
Oxford, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary
to the Queen, has been appointed
Canon of Westminster Abbey, in
place of the late Canon Kingsley.

THE English revisers of the New
Testament held a meeting Jan. 25.
The suggestions of the American
Committee upon the Version of the
Gospel of Luke were considered and
part of the first chapter of St. John
was revised for the second time.

THE *Christian World* says, very
neatly, that "the Bishop of Calcutta
has been baptizing a few runaway
Baptists at Delhi, captured by the
ritualistic sheep-stealers." This
refers to the custom of the High
church Society for the Propagation
of the gospel, of seeking to make
proselytes from the converts of
other missions, instead of prosecut-
ing a legitimate work among the
heathen.

THE clause in the civil marriage
bill of Germany, by which mar-
riages are only legal when performed
by a State official, was passed in
the German Parliament by 184 to
91 votes. By another provision of
the bill the clergy cannot be regis-
trars. A clause has been added em-
powering the various federal govern-
ments to put the law into force,
if they so desire, before Jan. 1 1876.

THE Rev. Theodore Monod, son
of the well known Rev. Frederick
Monod, has accepted a call from
the Home Mission of France to be
an itinerant preacher. He leaves
the church which was built by his
father, in order to travel through
France to stir up more zeal amongst
Protestants.

REV. DR. SCHAUFFLER, one of
the oldest missionaries of the Ameri-
can Board, has yielded to the weight
of years and infirmities, and left
the mission in Constantinople to
spend the remainder of his days
with his son, who is in the mission-
ary service in Brunn, Austria. Dr.
Schauffler has lived to complete his
part of the good work of translating
the Scriptures into the Turkish
language.

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The Family Circle. MISCHIEF-MAKERS.

Oh! could there in this world be found Some little spot of happy ground Without the village tattle? How doubly blest that spot would be Where all might dwell in liberty, Free from the bitter misery Of gossips' endless prattling.

If such a spot were really known, Dame Peace might call it all her own, And in it she might fix her throne, For ever and for ever, There like a queen might reign and live, While every one would soon forgive The little slights they might receive, And be offended never.

The mischief-makers that remove Far from our hearts that warmth of love And lead us all to disapprove, What gives another pleasure? They seem to take one's part—but when They've heard our ones, unkindly then They soon retail them out again. Mixed up with poisonous measures, And then they've such a cunning way Of telling ill-meant tales; they say, "Don't mention it, I pray; I would not tell another;" Straight to your neighbors then they go, Narrating everything they know; And break the peace of high and low Wife, husband, friend and brother.

Nellie's Truth.

"It don't seem to be any use for me to try to do good so long as we are poor," Nellie Carter said to her mother, with a very sad face. "If we were rich, now, it would make a difference."

"How, Nellie?" asked her mother, kissing the quivering lip. "Because none of the girls will walk with me or play with me, I wear such poor, patched dresses and old, faded bonnets, and my aprons are shrunken up in the wash. I know they are the best we can afford, mother, but all the other girls dress beautifully. Why does Aunt Grace send me to school where I am the only shabby one?"

"Because, dear, it is the one where you will be best prepared for a teacher. You must think of that, Nellie, when you get despondent; that you are at the school to study for the position that is to give you daily bread when I am gone. Your aunt means kindly, and you must try to profit by her kindness."

"I do try, mother. I study as hard as I can, and I try to be faithful in little things, as my Sunday-school teacher told me—to be obedient, truthful, and punctual. But the girls will not associate with me. I have been there a whole year, and I have not made one friend."

"Are you striving to do good to make friends only, Nellie?" "I hope not, mamma. I hope I try to be one of Christ's children, that he may love me; but—but it is hard, among forty scholars, not to win one friend in a whole year."

"Patience, darling! If all the world turn coldly from you, you have still a greater love to win—a happier happiness for which to strive."

"I will remember that. Good-bye till afternoon. It is time for me to go." When Nellie entered the large school-room, she found the teacher, surrounded by a group of excited scholars, looking at a large, expensive book upon the recitation table, over which an ink bottle had been upset. Evidently the ink had been soaking in for a long time, for the large unsightly stains were thoroughly dry. Nellie's entrance was greeted with cries of "Here she comes! Here is Nellie Carter!"

Miss Haynes, the teacher, spoke at once, "Miss Carter, you arranged the desks, yesterday, and locked the doors."

"Yes, ma'am. I brought you the key as I went home." "Then you can tell me how this happened," and she pointed to the books and overturned ink bottle.

"It was not so when I left," Nellie said very firmly, though her face was pale as she realized how much appearances were against her. "You have never told an untruth before," said Miss Haynes.

"I tell you the truth now," was the earnest reply. "When I left the room the table was in perfect order—the ink bottle in its place, and the book lying where it does now, near it."

"But no one has been in the room, since, until I opened the door this morning to find this mischief done." There was a moment of painful

silence, and then Miss Haynes said, "I hope you will see that it is better to tell me the truth, Miss Carter. You have been an exemplary scholar, but I must punish this fault; not only for the mischief done, but for the falsehood that tries to screen it."

Nellie felt as if the whole world was reeling around her. She had never been punished in school, and she felt as if she could never bear the disgrace. But appearances were terribly against her, and there was no pity in her teacher's face. All the scholars were looking at her, and she hid her face in her hands, saying— "I did not do it, and I don't know how it was done."

Before she looked up, a girl about her own age stepped forward, saying, "Miss Haynes, we are all sure that Nellie Carter would not tell a lie."

"All sure!" cried the teacher. "That is a strong assertion, Miss Jones."

"I'm sure, for one!" cried another voice. "And I!" cried others from all parts of the excited group.

"Silence," cried their teacher, while Nellie lifted her flushing face quivering with grateful pleasure. "All who believe Miss Carter innocent, incapable of deceit, and unmeriting punishment, please say 'Aye!'"

"Aye!" cried a chorus of voices. "All who believe she speaks falsely, and has committed this piece of carelessness, will please say 'No.'"

Not a voice responded. "Miss Carter," said Miss Haynes, "I must yield to the public opinion, and also believe in your innocence. I most sincerely congratulate you upon the conduct that has won for you such a place in the respect of your companions. Take your seats, young ladies."

And flushed, happy, but tearful, Nellie took her place as the school subsided into perfect quiet. For several minutes not a sound was heard, as earnest, studious faces were bent over books; till upon the silence there stole a faint scratching noise; another—then a pitiful, weak mew; and from a cloy in the corner crept forth a tiny kitten, which, with all eyes fixed upon it, came across the floor and jumped upon the table. Then there arose one long shout of laughter, hearing which Kitty looked around her and scampered back to her hiding place, followed by the unrestrained merriment of forty musical voices; for Miss Kitty, having been originally of snowy whiteness, bore on her soft fur the undeniable proofs of Nellie's innocence. Her little nose was stained inky black. Her tail bore the marks of close acquaintanceship with the contents of the ink bottle, and great splashes of the same fluid were on her back and sides.

Nobody knew exactly how she got out, but she was very glad to get out, as she proved by the rapidity with which she ran toward an opened door. But Nelly, telling the story to her mother, said, "To think I complained that I had not a friend only this morning, and they all spoke for me before we saw the cat. I will never murmur again, mother, and never let myself think it is useless to try to be good."

Belle's Helper. "Do? Why I shall find out what to do." "What can you do, Belle? Two cents won't amount to anything, and mamma is not rich enough to give."

"Two cents will do to begin with, and may be mamma will put two more; and at any rate, if I try, I guess I shall be helped."

"You mean God will help?" "Well, yes; because Cress Morman, you know, was good, and now that he is dead, and his wife is sick, I think somehow or another the little children will be helped."

"Some big person might do it, but not you."

"Not me? not me?" Belle almost forgot little Gay at her side as she stood looking out at the drifting snow and remembered that Meg Dobbins had said that morning, "Cress Morman is dead, and his wife is sick, and the babies are crying with cold and for food."

"If every girl in the school would give me one cent—but no, they will not; though, perhaps, some with good hearts may keep from buying candy and give more than one; but even that will not amount to much. Now I know," she thought aloud, "I will try a fair! a real fair; may be the girls will help make some things, and everybody can come and buy; oh, I shall try a fair."

Mamma shook her head when she heard of it and was not quite sure that it would do; it would take a long time, too. But Belle concluded to try. "We will have it in three single weeks from to-day," she said. "Somebody must keep

them now; I will keep them afterward." Belle went to the girls in school, great and small; to every one she knew in every street of the town; some promised one thing some promised another.

To friends who lived far away, she wrote little notes, and mamma saw them directed and sent on their journey. Some people did not care how much Cress Morman's children wanted food; they were too busy or too poor to help. Some people promised and forgot about it afterward; but for all that, at the end of the three weeks lots of knick-nacks came in for the fair, from a penny's worth up to things of some value.

There was a little room at the side of Belle's house in which the fair was held. The girls at school and the mothers and friends stopped in to see how Belle was getting along; everybody paid a trifle to go in and everybody bought a trifle to take away with them. Belle's fair was the talk of the town, and, of course, everybody was obliged to at least take a peep at it.

Who will wonder that when the fair was over and the proceeds counted, it was discovered that the children need cry no more that winter for fuel or for food, because Belle's fair had proved that there was a Helper for the helpless children of Cress Morman—a Helper to bring great things out of the work of hands small as little Belle's—for God Himself was their Helper.—Observer.

THE RIVER AND THE CANAL.—There was a beautiful river; but the river was very discontented, and made even its beauty a source of discontent. It had a sore grievance.

There was a canal which, for a long way, went almost side by side with the river, and at such a little distance from it that, on placid evenings the fluttering of winged insects made a gentle noise of joy; the river and the canal could hear one another speaking.

"This straight, hideous thing," exclaimed the river. "Why do men forsake me for it, stealing the water from me to feed its frightfulness?" "I may be hideous," replied the canal, "and I certainly am straight; but then you see I am always of the same depth; whereas you brawling along in a shallow way over the rocks here; while at a further reach you are deep enough to drown a giant. Now men—and they are not to be blamed for it—like what is of even depth and always serviceable."

The river murmured to itself something about its unrecognized beauty and merit; but did not make any distinct reply to the canal. For it could not.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.—What a dreadful place a school-house must be, and what shocking things happen there, if the talk of school children is to be relied upon! Yesterday noon I heard a dozen of them speaking about the various incidents of the day. It was impossible to catch all they said, as three or four talked at once, but I managed to learn these startling facts:

Nelly Jones coughed fit to split her sides!

Kitty Carson nearly died of laughing.

That Lawrence boy actually boiled over with rage.

The teacher's eye shot fire.

Nelly Murray recited loud enough to take the roof off the house.

Robby Fitz's eyes grew as big as saucers.

Tommy Hudson almost ran his feet off.

Susie Jennings thought she'd burst.

Ellen Waters broke down completely!

And yet it was an ordinary school day.—From "Jack in the Pulpit," St. Nicholas for March.

THE BOOK OF THANKS.—"I feel so vexed and out of temper with Ben," cried Mark, "that I really must—" "Do something in revenge?" inquired his cousin, Cecelia. "No; look over my book of thanks."

"What's that?" said Cecelia, as she saw him turning over the leaves of a copy book nearly full of writing in a round text hand. "Here it is," said Mark. Then he read aloud: "March 8—Ben lent me his hat."

"Here again: 'January 4—When I lost my shilling Ben made it up to me kindly.'" "Well," observed the boy, turning down the leaf, "Ben is a good boy, after all."

The Sunday-School.

A CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Oakland, Cal., has a Presbyterian Sunday-school with 143 Chinese pupils.

THE International Lessons are now introduced not only into America, Canada and England, but also into India, China, Japan, Turkey, Australia, Polynesia and some other heathen countries.

A SUGGESTION.—Rev. E. D. Ledyard, in a recent address, suggested the purchase, by Sabbath-schools, of a reference library for teachers. Some schools have one or two good books of reference, but few, if any, maintain a full case of such books. Such a library would be of great value.

HOW TO KEEP THE OLDER SCHOLARS.—Some one in the State-street Presbyterian Sabbath-school, Albany, N. Y., should answer this much discussed question. That school has ten hundred and thirty-one scholars, nearly half of whom are between fifteen and twenty five years of age.

THE BLESSING.—One who has kept a watchful eye upon the scholars of a certain Sabbath-school, says that, of one hundred and thirty-three of them, one hundred and twenty-seven united with the church in after life. And in another case of one hundred and twelve scholars, one hundred and seven afterwards united with the church.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SERMONS.—It is said, in the London Sunday-School Chronicle, that Rev. Newman Hall has commenced the practice of preaching a sermon every Sunday morning to children. His text is taken from the first lesson which occurs in the course of the liturgical service in use in Surrey Chapel. A specimen sermon in this course is described as occupying about twelve minutes in delivery, and as equally calculated to win the attention of the young and the interest to the old.

BORN TEACHERS.—At the California State Convention some one contended that a teacher "is born and not made." In reply to this the Rev. C. V. Anthony said he "was fearful that some teachers might be discouraged, thinking they were not born teachers. There is such a thing as being born again, and often such an experience will qualify the person for a Christian teacher. Almost every converted man or woman can be a teacher."

WHAT IS NEEDED.—Dr. Arnot, of Edinburgh, tells of his being at a railway station one day, and, wearied of waiting for the train to move, he asked one of the men what the trouble was. "Is there a want of water?"

"Plenty of water, sir," was the prompt reply, "but it's no' boiling!" Sunday-Schools often suffer in this way. They have men, money, machinery, &c., but they need fire from above, and fervor in the work.—Baptist Teacher.

Waste Basket.

FALSE pride goes before false hair.

OLD time rocks — rocking the cradle.

How to signal a bark—pull a dog's tail.

THE mummies belonged to the first families of Egypt.

A STATISTICIAN estimates that courtships average three tons of coal each.

ADAM was proudly conscious that he never made a mistake in his boyhood.

THE easiest way to pay a gas bill is to burn kerosene.

WHAT word is that which if you take away the first letter, all will still remain?—Fall.

THE sea-faring men of Newfoundland call pastors the skippers of the churches.

THE Millerites now keep the day on which they are going up, a profound secret.

WHAT is the difference between a tube and a foolish Dutchman? One is a hollow cylinder, and the other is a silly Hollander.

"Is there any man in this town named Afternoon?" inquired a Mississippi Postmaster, as he held up a letter directed "P. M."

A MAN may forget his business, his family, and all the sacred obligations of life, but he always remembers where he got that counterfeit bill.

THE furniture recently sold at the Astor House in New York was rich with historical reminiscences and insects.—New Orleans Republican.

AND now a Connecticut minister talks of offering a prize chromo to all couples matrimonially inclined who will seek his services.

AN English judge has recently defined "gentleman" as a term which "includes anybody who has nothing to do and is outside of the work-house."

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GALVESTON, TEXAS, MAR. 27, '75. ISAAC G. JOHN, EDITOR.

There is a great fault somewhere in the mail system of Texas. We receive constant complaints from the interior of the non-delivery of the ADVOCATE, which is mailed regularly every Friday night.

OUR Episcopal friends are in some trouble respecting their bishops. For a time it seemed difficult to find the men who were willing to accept. Several who were elected declined the honors of the office, with its toils and sacrifices, and now some who have been elected and are willing to accept do not give general satisfaction.

THE report of the National Prison Association shows that forty-four per cent., nearly half of the inmates of penitentiaries in this country, have been drunkards; and thirty-nine per cent. moderate drinkers.

THE Vicar of Onwston Ferry, England, refused a short time ago to permit the title "Reverend" to be put before the name of a Wesleyan preacher on his tombstone in the parish graveyard, and out of this petty act of bigotry results of some kind will likely flow.

Domestic Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference.

ED. ADVOCATE—As secretary of the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference, I wish to say to the brethren that we have but a few dollars in the treasury—not enough to pay the second quarter installment now due our domestic missionaries.

Brethren, on that day preach a sermon in behalf of domestic missions. Let your hymns, prayers, sermons, influence, money—all—be turned in the direction of church enlargement. God intends to take this world, and by proper use of the grace given, our beloved church will at last wear a missionary crown.

T. H. B. ANDERSON. BELTON, March 8, 1875.

"SECONDARY CAUSES."

One essential difference between the christian philosopher and the mere physical scientist lies in their different view of what is technically called "Secondary Causes." The man of science who confines his experiments to the chemical laboratory and spectrum analysis, and the various differentia of material substances, finds in matter alone the promise and potency of every quality of life, and sums up his general conclusion in what seems to him the triumphant statement "that Nature does all things of herself without the intervention of the gods."

And, strange as it may appear, even among christians who acknowledge their dependence upon God for temporal good, the consideration of secondary causes reveals the fact that God is not recognized in this matter as the Giver so much as the Vendor. When a farmer looks upon his broad acres, and beholds the wheat-field tinged with yellow and swelling in the breeze like a golden sea, and on the next acres, the tasselled corn waving its banner of peace and plenty, how often does he exclaim: "Behold the purchase of honest toil!"

Such was an announcement which appeared in the city papers a few days since, at the same time inviting only ladies and their escorts to come to the Bank Exchange, an elegant structure just completed and to be used for a drinking saloon and gambling house.

Ne'er looks to heaven amidst his gorgeous feast; But with besotted, base ingratitude, Crams and blasphemes his Feeder."

"THE OPENING NIGHT."

Such was an announcement which appeared in the city papers a few days since, at the same time inviting only ladies and their escorts to come to the Bank Exchange, an elegant structure just completed and to be used for a drinking saloon and gambling house.

We are told that the apples of Sodom were beautiful to look upon, but ashes to the lips; but the deception in these was preferable to that of the Bank Exchange; for while the one was lovely to gaze

upon, yet it was both tasteless and harmless, the other, though grand and unique in its appointments, is as ruinous in its influences as it is magnificent in appearance; and to yield to the temptations therein is an entrance into the wide gate and a step in the broad road that leads to destruction. That such is the way which leads to ruin is a truth taught in the Holy Bible, and of all the gates through which entrance is made into the broad path to ruin none are open wider and none are more direct than through the bar-room and gambling saloon.

Your home may be now bright and happy, the family circle is yet unbroken and when the day's work is done, husband, father and brother all come home and the evening hours pass happily, but too swiftly away; and if upon earth there can be, this home is a paradise; but, perhaps, to-morrow when the day is past and gone—when the dew-drops seek the lily's breast and the evening twilight is festooned with a star, you will await anxiously the foot-falls of expected loved ones, yet they come not; hours drag slowly, wearily away, and instead of coming home they have stopped on the way-side and yielded to the tempter's influence in this same elegant and magnificent establishment which you visited on the opening night.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. WASHINGTON.—On the 18th, after a four hours' debate no the Hawaiian treaty, it was ratified by a vote of 51 to 12. On the 22d, Andrew Johnson, on the resolution approving the action of the President in regard to Louisiana, spoke for two hours. The Senate Chamber and galleries were crowded. He spoke without notes. When he said: "If Grant is elected a third time, then good-bye to the republic," he was loudly applauded. The Department of the Interior will send a geologist to the Black Hills to investigate the reports respecting its reported mineral wealth.

NEW YORK letter next week.

POLITICAL.—A letter has been received at Washington from Gen. Butler, saying that the civil rights bill gives the negroes no rights in drinking saloons and barber shops, and that the bill only reasserts the rights conferred by the common laws and gives the colored man easier means of securing them. The North Carolina House of Representatives, on the 18th, passed the Senate bill calling a constitutional convention the 6th of September; vote 81 to 31. The Wheeler award has been received by Governor Kellogg but has not been officially published. The impression is that the committee have determined that eleven Conservative members not returned by the Returning Board are entitled to seats, and that six Conservatives whose election was claimed by the Conservative committee are not entitled to seats.

FOREIGN. GREAT BRITAIN.—More space is given to the annual university boat-race than to any other item, and the fact that Cambridge has won the victory over Oxford excites almost as much attention as the battle of Sedan did during the war between France and Germany. The Prince of Wales is expected to go to India the next cold season. John Mitchell died at Dromon the morning of the 20th. The measles is killing the Fiji Islanders. Count de Jarnac, French ambassador, is dead. Waco District Conference Programme. This conference will convene in Bremond on the 5th of May next. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. M. Pugh, Wednesday night. Thursday morning—Organization and reports from the charges; religious exercises by Rev. W. W. Thomas. Thursday afternoon—Report on the condition of the church, Rev. R. Crawford, chairman; also report on missions, Rev. J. Fred. Cox, chairman. Thursday night—Sermon; subject—"Divine Call to the Ministry, and the Obligations to the Office," by Rev. W. G. Veal. Friday morning—Report on Sunday-schools, Rev. W. K. Turner, chairman. Friday afternoon—Report on education, by Rev. C. E. Brown, chairman; also report on periodicals, by Rev. W. T. Melugin, chairman. Friday night—Sermon; subject—"Divine Assessment for the Support of the Ministry," Rev. S. P. Wright.

Washed down telegraph poles. At Pittston, the loss of four bridges, and other property, by the ice amounts to half a million of dollars. At Port Jarvis, two bridges and other property destroyed amounting in value to \$300,000. The bandit, Vasquez, was executed at San Jose on the 19th. He denied his guilt of the crime for which he was executed but admitted the justice of his fate, as he had been the leader of a murderous gang. On the morning of the 20th, the office of the chancery clerk at Vicksburg was found to have been burglarized and books and papers mutilated. The wreck of the British brig, Louisiana, loaded with logwood and mahogany, has been found on Perez Island. Many lives were lost in the storm the night of the 21st, in Georgia. Only one house stands in Cammak. The loss in the floods on the Susquehanna attending the break up of the ice gorge is estimated at \$1,500,000. Two colored men were capsized in a boat in the Savannah river last week and drowned. A hotel in East Jaffreys, N. H., was destroyed by fire with the stable and horses. Loss \$75,000. A man pretending to be a water inspector gained admission into the residence of Mrs. Bingham, Boston, and then murdered her. His object was the rings on her finger and money on her person. The body of a widow woman, aged thirty, was found in the cellar of her mother's house in Boston. Gravel had been thrust down her throat. Cause of the murder a mystery. On the 22d, a negro employed by a Mr. Nelson, recently from the North, in Prince George's county, Maryland, outraged Nelson's wife. The people hung the negro the morning of the 23d. On the 20th, a destructive tornado passed over Augusta, Ga. Several towns in the interior of the State suffered severely in loss of life and property. The Baptist were holding a meeting at Elam Church, near Commak, when the storm swept it down killing three and wounding twenty-five persons. Residences and out houses were demolished in Warren, McDuffy and Columbia counties, Ga. In some places persons were blown a distance of sixty yards. Much suffering is reported in the track of the tornado. One hundred thousand dollars will not cover the loss in property. The New Orleans Times reports a tornado in Ouchita Valley. Loss of life and property reported severe. Smithland leveled to the ground. The track of the tornado was three hundred yards wide, and length fifteen miles. A telegram from Augusta says that several counties in Georgia and three in South Carolina will need relief from the effects of the tornado. The list of the killed and wounded is appalling.

Saturday morning—Report on finance, by Rev. M. H. Wells, chairman. Saturday, 11 o'clock—Reception of the Sunday-schools from the different charges; address on the part of the conference, by B. W. Rimes, Esq., of Marlina; address from the schools, by their own representatives; songs; picnic. Saturday afternoon—Report of Campaign Committee, Rev. W. G. Veal, chairman. Saturday night—Sermon; subject—"Revivals and Revival Agencies," by Rev. M. H. Wells. Sunday morning—Love-feast at 9 o'clock; sermon at 11, by W. G. Connor. Afternoon—Sunday-school mass-meeting; speeches by Rev. J. Fred. Cox and Rev. James Truitt. Closing sermon at night, by Rev. C. E. Brown. All the Sunday-schools of the district will meet on Saturday, the 8th of May. The time and place of the conference will be convenient for all the members and delegates; therefore let none be absent. Yours fraternally, W. G. CONNOR.

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GALVESTON, TEXAS, MAR. 27, '75.

LOVE LIGHTENING LABOR.—One morning I found Dora busy at her ironing table, smoothing the towels and stockings.

"Isn't it hard for the little arms?" I asked.

A look like sunshine came into her face, as she glanced towards her mother, who was rocking the baby.

"It isn't hard work when I do it for mamma," she said, softly.

How true it is that love makes labor sweet.

Belief that is Unbelief.

A preacher of the gospel, on being introduced to a skeptic, with the explanation that the man was a skeptic, in the midst of an extended circle of friends, said to him:

"I suppose, then, you do not believe anything."

"O, yes," replied the skeptic, "I do believe many things."

"Will you, then," said the preacher, "be so good as to tell me what you do believe?"

The skeptic replied: "I do not believe that old story of the Bible about Cain obtaining a wife in the land of Nod, where there was no body living."

"Never mind what you don't believe," said the preacher; "no doubt there is much of that, but tell us what you do believe."

The skeptic rallied and said: "Well, I will tell you; I don't believe the account given by Moses that God commanded the Midianites to be destroyed."

"I am not inquiring what you don't believe; but what you do believe."

Recovering himself a little, and clearing up his voice, he made a desperate effort, saying: "I don't believe that old fable of the Bible, that God commanded the Canaanites to be destroyed."

His belief was disbelief. It commenced all the time with, "I don't believe."

Katie's Blessing.

Katie had never been in the habit of eating, or of seeing the family partake of food, at the table, till after a blessing had been asked upon it. One day her papa was absent from the evening meal; a number had gathered around the table; among the rest was Katie, seated in her little high chair. Close beside her sat a dear old friend, a man who had passed the allotted age of human life, but who was still without a hope of eternal life.

After all were seated, there was a moment's hush, as if we waited for something; and then one and another began to make preparation to eat: when Katie, who saw the movement with a perplexed and serious face, cried out:

"Who's going to pray? Somebody must say the blessing."

"Can't you pray, Katie?" said the gray-haired man, who was feeling rebuked by this little child. Only a moment, and the chubby hands were folded, the blue eyes closed, and the face was turned heavenward, and then the blessing was asked in the language of her own little prayer:

"Our Father which art in heaven; Teate in me a clean heart, O God; and nuncue a right spirit within me. Amen."

All bowed with reverent head, and the old man said, with a tearful eye, "Dear Katie, you have taught me a lesson. I ought to pray."

Obituaries.

SPARR.—Sister Lulu Sparr, daughter of Jas. C. Spiller, of Walker county, student in Bremond High School, died at her uncle's, (T. J. Birdwell), February 15, 1875, in her 16th year. She professed religion in her room three years ago during a protracted meeting in her father's community, and joined the church. Seldom do we find one so gentle, amiable, self-sacrificing and pious. Religion hallowed all her lovely traits, and made us believe that she possessed more of the nature of the heavenly than that of the earth. Her sickness was short, painful, and distressing to her friends; but she never complained or murmured, lest she should give them trouble. She dreamed of absent friends and angels, and often her lovely face was wreathed in smiles, which revealed the purity, loveliness and goodness of her inner soul, cleansed by her Redeemer's blood. A short time before her happy escape, her Aunt Ashley asked her if she knew she would soon be with the angels, and did she have any word to send to her mother and father. "Yes! come—come—come to heaven." Faint in death, these were her last words. Celestial smiles beamed on her face, and as we closed her eyes, never did we so sensibly realize the heaven-honored room of the dying christian. Her religion deprived death of its sting, and

robbed the grave of its victory. The Methodist Church has lost a jewel in this youthful saint, but, thank God, she has gone to join the loved ones who fell at their posts of duty long years ago.

"Oh, happy world! oh, glorious place Where all who are forgiven, Shall find their loved and lost below, And hearts like melting streams shall flow, Forever one in heaven." H. M. GLASS.

IDLEBROOK.—Little Freddie, son of John E. and Mary C. Idlebrook, died at Velasco, Brazoria county, Texas, December 1, 1874, age five years, ten months.

Although but a child, he had an intuitive knowledge of the Savior: As he lay prostrate upon his sick bed and saw that his mother was much distressed about him, he said: "Mother, don't cry; the Lord won't take me from you; for if I die, I will go to heaven." Many such expressions fell from his lips. Let us thank God that we may go to our children, where there will be no more sorrow, no parting:

"Thus the darling boy is gone To put on the golden crown; Oh! may we keep the Lord's command And meet him in that happy land." P. E. NICHOLSON.

ALLEN.—Mrs. Mary M. Allen, consort of Mr. Wiley Allen, was born Jan. 22, 1835; (her maiden name was Busby). Early in life she gave her heart to God and united with the christian church. She was united in holy wedlock on the 15th of December, 1857. She was a devoted christian, an affectionate wife and faithful mother; was an ornament to society, was loved by all who knew her. Her illness was short, but severe. She died on the 5th of March, 5 o'clock P. M., 1875, at Blue Ridge, Falls county, Texas, in the bosom of her family in the triumph of faith. She has left a husband and five boys standing on the shores of time. May they imitate her example; may the blessings of the Lord attend them—her weeping relatives—and bring them at last to the home of the faithful.

W. T. MELLIGAN. Christian Review please copy.

JONES.—Mrs. Jane D. Jones, wife of Rev. John E. Jones, and daughter of Mrs. Martha Chappel, of Cass county, Texas, died at her mother's residence, near this place, on the morning of the 21st of February, aged forty-eight years, one month and seven days.

Sister Jones was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when quite young. She remained a faithful member of the church and lived a consistent christian until death claimed her. For more than a year before she died she was the subject of severe and painful afflictions, during which everything was done for her that skill and affection could suggest. While in health she had everything that was necessary to make life pleasant to her. She lived in the bosom of one of the most affectionate families I ever knew; and being of a genial disposition she had made many friends, to all of whom she was lovingly attached. This, in her first affliction, gave her anxiety of mind and was the chief trial with which she had to contend—not that she dreaded the future, but it was like severing heart-strings to give up loved ones. It was not long, however, until she was enabled to resign all into the hands of that God whom she loved and whom she trusted, and say to weeping husband, mother and relatives, "Weep not for me; I am going home."

During many months of severe and painful affliction she was perfectly resigned. Feeling that death to her would be gain, she bore her suffering with patience, and calmly and sweetly waited the hour of her fond release; and while disease was wasting her frame and death approaching, she could say, "Nevertheless, I live." Thus she lived; thus she sweetly passed away. Husband, mother, relatives, weep not; she will soon greet you again. O, what a blessed hope is the christian's hope. May the Lord bless you all.

J. J. DAVIS. The Nashville and Southern Christian Advocates please copy.

PRICE.—Died, at his residence, near Evergreen, McLennan county, Texas, Feb. 21, 1875, Father Wm. Price, aged seventy-seven years and three months.

The subject of this notice was born in Kentucky in 1798. While yet a young man he moved to Texas and assisted in throwing off the shackles of Papal supremacy—that our sunny empire, with her broad bosom of fertile lands, might be the home of the free. He was ever a lover of the good and gentle, and his nobility of soul attracted about him a large circle of those who delight to wear a jewel for their Master. It was not till he had climbed to the summit of life's rugged hill, however, and had seen the mystic shadows gathering around him, that he could be per-

suaded to fly to Jesus and seek in Him the only light whose radiance can chase those shadows from the Vale of Death, and reveal the certainty of the brighter home beyond. In the fall of 1845, Father Price embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent christian till the Master released him from the sufferings of this life, and called him "o'er the boundary line" to be a companion with the angels of bliss. His sickness was brief. His disease pneumonia. When very near the Jordan of death, with feeble, tremulous voice, he shouted the praise of God, waved his hand in token of a final triumph, bade adieu to a weeping wife, children and friends, and said "All is well." God bless the dear, aged companion and the children left behind, and enable us all to treasure the memory of the deceased as a precious legacy to the church.

W. C. COLLINS.

SCOTT.—Another one of our members has been called from the church militant to the church triumphant. Joseph K. Scott was born July 30, 1846; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, at Waugh Camp-ground, in 1859; died at his home in Burleson county, Texas, March 4, 1875.

When I say that Bro. Scott was one of the best young men and one of the maturest christians of his age that I ever knew, I know my statement will be corroborated by all who knew him. He was certainly a model young man in every respect. He lived an every-day christian, at home and abroad, at the camp-meeting and the neighborhood prayer-meeting; indeed at all times he was the same: straightforward, unswerving in all his christian duties. The church will miss him, the neighborhood will miss him, and more than all, will his aged widowed mother miss him—her only son. All the preachers who are living that have been on the Caldwell circuit during the past twenty-five years will remember Sister Elizabeth Scott, and will sympathize with her in her deep affliction. Her husband and most of her children have gone before; she still lingers almost in sight of the shining shore awaiting the Master's summons to lay down the cross and put on the crown. Bro. Scott was the subject of an unusually severe affliction; for more than ten weeks his sufferings were intense; indeed they scarcely abated only when under the influence of opiates. But they are ended now; his body quietly sleeps beside that of his sainted father. His ransomed spirit has entered into the rest "that remains for the people of God." It was never my privilege before to witness so complete a triumph over death, and over the fear of death, as in this case. He loved to talk about his departure, and often broke out in praises to God when in an agony of suffering. He lived right, died happy, and has gone home to heaven. He was buried by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a worthy brother.

J. L. LEMONS.

WATERS.—Emma Waters was born in Standwater, England, Dec. 3, 1826, where she lived until 1846, when she came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she was married to Thomas Waters, May 11, 1853. In 1859, they came to Houston, Texas, where she died March 8, 1875.

In all the responsible positions of a woman, Sister Waters showed herself equal to the emergency. As a wife, after taking upon herself the marriage vows she never thought of murmuring under trials. But had always a word of comfort in the hour of discouragement, and counsel when trials would come. When all other lights had gone out to him who had to provide for the household, he knew that at home there was one that could suggest to him yet another plan. The Lord qualified her for all the places in life that she was called to fill. No one felt the responsibility of a mother more than she. The three daughters that made up the household looked to her as a safe guide in the hour of darkness, and knew that nothing would be withheld to promote their happiness on earth; in sickness, mamma was the first to administer that which was necessary for relief. In discipline, it was her motto to be lenient but positive. Never "provoking them to wrath," but by example teaching them obedience, not through fear but from love. For thirty-one years she was a laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. It was for his cause and glory the work was done. Not a life of indolence nor "ease in Zion," but one that looked for a close Inspector to come and be the judge. Her fishing was not near the shore, but out in the deep. The Master could not have called at an unexpected hour. All parts of the work was hers; and especially toward the close of life though not in sickness but in health. A few weeks before she died, she led

us in family worship, and the day before knelt about the altar with husband, children and church and received the sacrament. The night of her death, she left home apparently in perfect health in company with one of her daughters to attend a class-meeting in the church, where, after having spoken to the class and given evidence of her perfect faith in Christ, in about ten minutes was taken with apoplexy, and in less than two hours was with the church triumphant. Her place in the family, church and community is vacant, but we rejoice that she has left us a picture that will not fade—the example has impressed her entire acquaintance with the comforts that there is in the religion which she practiced. Her Master called and she was ready. "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

J. Z. T. MORRIS.

In Memoriam.

ACTON LODGE, No. 285, A. F. & A. M., Acton, Hood Co., Feb. 20, 1875.

WHEREAS, The Grand Master of the Universe has seen fit in His wisdom to call from labor to refreshment our beloved Brother and Chaplain, Rev. MILTON H. JONES, who was born in Gallatin county, Tenn., July 7, A. D. 1803, and died in Acton, Hood county, Texas, the 22d day of January, 1875; was made a Mason in January, 1848; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Jones the Fraternity has lost a faithful member; the church a devoted minister of the gospel; the community a good citizen; his aged wife a kind and affectionate husband; his children and grandchildren, a kind and indulgent father.

Resolved, That this Lodge tender its warmest sympathies to the family of Bro. Jones, and especially to his aged wife. Weep not, sister, for thy husband is not dead, but has entered into life eternal.

Resolved, Now that his long and useful life is passed, and his trials over, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. And may we emulate his noble virtues. Noble, honest and generous man, what higher tribute can we offer to thy memory.

Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days; set apart a page of the record to his memory; and that a copy of these resolutions and preamble be forwarded to his family, and a copy to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Granbury Vidette for publication.

D. S. STRIBLING, J. D. MANSUM, M. L. SIKES, Committee.

The above resolutions were offered to the committee, and unanimously adopted.

Attest: G. W. PATTON, Secretary of Acton Lodge, No. 285.

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Household.

GINGER SNAPS.—One cup of molasses, one-half cup of lard, one-half of a cup of sour milk, a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in boiling water, one spoonful of ginger.

MUFFINS.—For good ones, three cups of flour, one cup of milk, one egg, one tablespoon of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in the milk, one tablespoonful of butter or lard.

RICE PANCAKES.—Boil half a pound of rice to a jelly. When cold, mix with a pint of cream, four eggs, a little salt and nutmeg. Stir in eight ounces of butter, just warmed, and add as much flour as will make batter thick enough.

TO ROAST SMALL BIRDS.—Take larks, blackbirds, snipe, or any other small birds, cover them with sage leaves, fresh, if possible, then envelope them in slices of fat bacon, put them down to a good fire, and baste with Lucca oil and butter; sprinkle a little salt, and serve in the gravy.

SCOTCH BROTH.—Put a teacupful of pearl barley into four quarts of cold water, let it boil, add two pounds of scrap of mutton or thin flank of beef, two onions, two turnips, two carrots cut in slices, and one carrot grated; boil slowly for three hours, add salt and pepper to taste before removing from the fire—a Scotch recipe.

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HASHED MUTTON.—Two ounces of butter, two ounces of flour, put into a stew pan to melt, then add half a pint of stock, a few chopped gherkins, and a little Harvey or Worcester sauce. Put the mutton, previously cut into slices, into the sauce; allow it to simmer a quarter of an hour; season according to taste.

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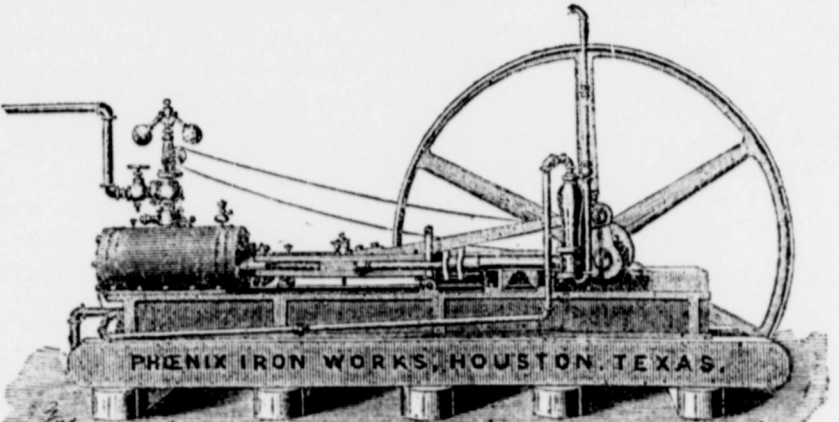
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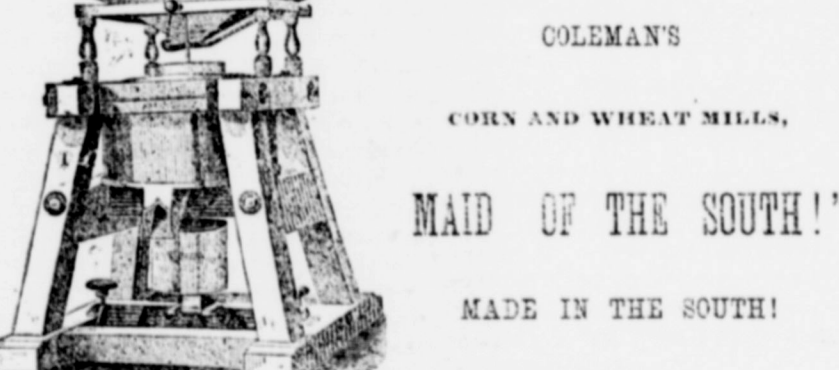


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