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EXPLANATION.—We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. H. M. Booth pointing out a number of errors in his sermon published a few weeks since. They are in fact "too numerous to mention." The paper should not have been published under head of "Correspondence," as its publication was requested by an unanimous rising vote of the district conference. Bro. Booth, and the number who were interested in the able document, will have to resort to the usual plan of blaming the unfortunate "typo" for other errors.

REV. E. D. PITTS, D. D.—We are pleased to notice that Emory College, Oxford, Ga., honored itself at its late commencement by conferring the degree of D. D. upon Rev. E. D. Pitts, President Chappell Hill Female College, Chappell Hill Texas. Bro. Pitts did not need such an indorsement, as his own character and work as a preacher and educator have already won for him an enviable reputation in the heart of Texas Methodism. Still it is gratifying to know that excellence is appreciated by our brethren in Georgia. May he wear his new laurels with becoming modesty, as we have no doubt he will!

BRO. JNO. B. DENTON writes from Lockhart, Aug. 11: "Last Sunday night I closed a camp-meeting near Luling which had been going on ten days, with seventeen or eighteen conversions, and eight accessions to the M. E. Church. I had also closed one five miles east of Lockhart on the Sunday previous to the beginning of that at Luling; which resulted in eleven conversions and three accessions to the church. The church was greatly revived at each of the meetings, and I think many good resolutions were made by the membership. Let us heartily thank God, and take courage. * * * I heartily indorse and commend your course in exposing and rebuking sin."

The address of Rev. A. M. Box is changed from Zavalla, Smith co., to Scottsville, Harrison, co., Texas. In a note of August 14, Bro. B. says: "I have just closed a good meeting at Willey's Chapel, on the Harrison circuit. Eight accessions—six joined the last night, fifteen or twenty mourners at the altar; regretted to have to close, so as to go to Rock Springs, the place of my next meeting."

BRO. D. F. FULLER writes from Longview, August 11: * * * "Permit me to express my admiration for your manly and Christian course as exhibited in the ADVOCATE'S recent attacks upon the popular vices, and defense of Christian principle. The paper grows better, to my mind with every issue. Success to you in your endeavors to do good, is my prayer."

BRO. N. W. KEITH writes from Beeville, Aug 4: "I have not yet done much for the ADVOCATE—but I am by no means discouraged. I am confident my people will subscribe when they have the money. Times are very oppressive on my work; crops very light; but the people will have money when they get returns from their cattle."

BRO. J. C. HUCKABEE writes from Madisonville, Aug. 10: "As soon as cotton is thrown upon the market, I hope to do something more for the ADVOCATE."

BRO. T. J. MILAM, in a letter dated August 6th, from Boston Texas, reports the usual stringency in monetary affairs in Bowie county; but speaks encouragingly of the prospects when returns for cotton shall have been realized. The time is at hand, he thinks, when the ADVOCATE'S Bowie county subscription list will be very largely increased.

BRO. S. W. TURNER writes from Starrville circuit: "I heartily indorse your 'plain talk,' and the general course of the ADVOCATE. Could do more for the paper if there was any money in the country."

BRO. CHAS. E. BROWN writes from Marlin, Aug. 14: "I will try and get you a number of subscribers soon. All parties are well pleased with the ADVOCATE."

WHEN Boynton made his second trip across the English Channel, by the advice of his physician he substituted strong tea for his brandy and found it greatly to his advantage. We commend the advice to others, whether they cross the channel or stay on this side.

THE city of Providence contains over one-third of the population of the State of Rhode Island. Why does it not include the whole State in its corporate limits?

A LETTER from Bro. W. D. Robinson reports that he has just recovered from a severe attack of illness. He is still afflicted with sore eyes, but is gradually recovering.

The Outlook.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church is but five years old, yet it has 527 auxiliaries connected with it, and its receipts last year amounted to \$60,053.

EPISCOPAL.—Rev. Dr. Shipman, Bishop elect of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, has declined the election.... The Board of Inquiry in the case of Bishop Whittingham, of Maryland, have decided against his presentment for trial before the House of Bishops, on the ground that the bishop had administered and rebuked the rectors of Calvary church for usury prayers for the dead, and did not intend to violate the canon of the diocese. The vote stood 9 to 4.

BAPTIST.—It is said that 500 Baptist churches in Kentucky have no Sunday-schools.... There are 8,000 Baptists in New Hampshire, or one to every forty-five of the population.... The Boston Baptist Association has leased a grove at Martha's Vineyard for ninety-nine years, for camp-meeting purposes. The peculiarities of Methodism are becoming the instrumentalities of other churches.... The Baptists have formed an Association and purchased 300 acres of land on Philadelphia for a summering place to be called the "Sea Side Park"... The colored Baptists of Georgia propose to found a normal and theological seminary for their own people at Atlanta, Georgia. It is to be built by dollar subscriptions.

CATHOLIC.—The law disendowing the Catholic Church in Germany, has been officially promulgated.... At Danielsonville, Connecticut, Mr. Patenande, a colporteur, while reading the scriptures in a house was attacked by 200 French Catholics. The police came to his rescue.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev. E. P. Hammond, the evangelist, is said to have gone to Sitka, Alaska, to commence meetings at that point.... Nelson Kingsbury succeeds Rev. H. C. Trumbull as Secretary of the

American Sunday-school for New England.... The name given to the new union of the Presbyterian Church by the meeting held in London, is "Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world." It proposes by this alliance to organize and support missionary work, promote educational and social reforms, and oppose infidelity and religious intolerance.... A Chinaman recently converted to Christianity is preaching to his countrymen in the streets of Santa Barbara, California.... James McGuesten, of Plymouth, N. H., has left a large sum of money which is to be kept at interest until it amounts to \$150,000. Then \$100,000 is to be invested in a business block in Boston, and the remaining \$50,000 to be kept on interest until it amounts \$150,000. Then \$100,000 is again to be invested, and the \$50,000 to be invested as before, and the process to go on indefinitely. The bequest is made to the Home Missionary Society which shall receive the rents of the buildings.... During the past year sixty railroads with thirteen hundred cars were supplied with more than three thousand Bibles by the American Bible Society.... The Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco is doing a good work among this people.... A branch of the Mormons in Virginia has been established in Clarksville, Va., and publish a paper called the *Adventurer*, in which their views are advocated.... Rev. Alvan B. Hurlbut, President of Middlebury College, Vermont calls the boat race a pagan tournament.

ABROAD.—The Government of Turkey, so says the *Levant Herald*, has authorized the circulation of the Bible in Turkey.... The British Wesleyan Conference has appointed forty of its members to hold open air services during the summer and fall.... There is but one preacher to every million inhabitants of India.... The Synod of the Catholic clergy of the diocese of Liverpool have enjoined their clergy against the use of music having a theatrical tendency, in their church services.... The Moderator of the established Scotch Presbyterian Church receives \$1,000 for entertainments, and is expected to give each morning during the session a public breakfast and a handsome entertainment at its close.... The Vienna *Press* states that Monsignor Forster Bishop of Breslau, who is at once a German and Austrian Bishop, is mediating between the Prussians and the Vatican. He acts through the Papal Nuncio, who is in communication with the Prussian Embassy at Vienna.... The Bishop of Manchester, England, recently at the Berkenhead school, spoke favorably of the interest Moody and Sankey had stirred up in the Church of England for people of low degree.... The collections made in London on Hospital Sunday, for the benefit of the various hospitals of that city, amounted to \$100,000, and all the churches have not yet reported. "I was sick and ye visited me".... A statue of compassa marble in honor of Rev. Thomas Charles the founder of the British and Foreign Bible Society has been erected in Bala, Wales. It was unveiled by his grand daughter in the presence of a large assembly.... The Countess of Aberdeen has contributed \$50,000 towards the founding a mission in Zulu Land, South Africa.... Dr. John Cumming proposes to deliver some lectures on "Mr. Moody and his place in the prophecy".... A Roman Catholic Church has concluded to submit to the Prussian law, regarding the administration of church property.

Correspondence

Jefferson District Conference.

This body convened in Longview, Gregg county, Texas, on Thursday morning, July 29th, A. D. 1875, and adjourned *sine die*, Saturday evening following.

Rev. J. H. McLean, A. M., Presiding Elder of the District, with mind and heart aglow with interest in the work, was in the chair during the entire session.

The preachers in charge of the several stations, circuits and missions were all in attendance excepting Bros. Parker, Lamb and Leach, the absence of whom was much regretted.

Among the local preachers, Job Taylor, B. W. Brown, J. M. Greene, I. O. Clifton, J. F. Henderson, John Penman, R. G. Sewell, B. R. Goodwyn and H. R. Hughes, were present.

We regret to say that very many of the local preachers were not in attendance.

Among the laymen only the following were present, viz: J. M. Fitzgerald, J. W. Conly, D. Balknight, R. H. Rutland, C. C. Dickard, A. Fitzgerald, E. J. Glover, G. N. Layrone, J. L. Oliver, K. D. Bateman, J. H. Snipes, J. Coon, W. W. Harper, A. B. Wilkes.

Meagre, as the minutes show the attendance to have been, the *animus* of the body was so good, and so great was the interest manifested in the proceedings, that we were in a measure reconciled to the absence of so many brethren—which is not an unusual feature of District Conferences.

Committees were appointed as follows: "On Public Worship"; "On The Spiritual State of the Church"; "On Missions"; "On Sunday-schools"; "On Finance"; "On Church Buildings and Parsonages"; "On Education"; "On Books and Periodicals."

Some Special Committees were also appointed under the auspices of the committee "on public worship." The preaching and other devotional exercises were conducted to the delight and edification of large and highly appreciative audiences. The excellent pastor, Rev. D. F. Fuller, continued the meeting after the members of the Conference (generally) had left for their homes on Monday morning.

At the close of the Sunday morning services, a collection amounting to nearly three hundred dollars was "taken up" for completing our new and spacious brick church in Longview.

The Sabbath-school "mass meeting" was an interesting and profitable feature of the occasion. The singing under the direction of Prof. J. F. Henderson was admirable; good and stirring addresses to the children were delivered by Drs. C. B. Stuart and F. A. Mood.

The various committees discharged their respective duties promptly and satisfactorily.

Rev. H. M. Booth of the East Texas Conference, Rev. Isaac Alexander, A. M., Principal of "Alexander Institute," Rev. C. B. Stuart, A. M., Principal of the "Marshall Masonic Female Institute," and Rev. F. A. Mood, D.D., Regent of the Texas University, cheered us with their presence and contributed largely to the interest of the occasion by their pulpit ministrations.

Resolutions were adopted recommending our periodical literature in general, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE especially.

Our Annual Conference action in regard to the Texas University received a hearty indorsement, and the Regent of the University (Bro. Mood) gave a very satisfactory statement of the condition and prospects of the same, which was fully confirmed by our Presiding Elder.

The Spiritual condition of the District was ascertained to be pretty good, and the temporal also—allowance, of course, being made for the prevailing drouth and dullness of the times. The various interests of the church, especially in the bounds of the District, received prayerful and specific consideration.

The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference, viz: Principals—J. H. Snipes, B. R. Goodwyn, E. J. Glover and J. L. Oliver. Alternates—R. P. Rutland, Rev. B. W. Brown, J. W. Conly and J. A. Derrick.

The hospitality of the citizens of Longview was transcendent. In this behalf, appropriate resolutions were adopted.

Gilmer, Upshur county, Texas, was selected as the place for holding our next session.

S. J. HAWKINS, Secretary.

MADISONVILLE CIRCUIT.—The Lord has graciously revived his work at three appointments on the circuit. Seventy-two (72) have been added to the church. The revival at Ellwood deserves particular notice. Here we have a living, working membership. Prayer-meetings and Sunday-schools were kept up, not fitfully but regularly. The result was, a revival began at prayer-meeting among the membership and provisionally, a worthy local brother—Neal—fell in with them, while the pastor was attending the district conference, and, taking the tide at the flood, conducted the meeting for more than a week with marked success. Our third quarterly meeting closed last Sunday night. Our P. E., Bro. Wesson, was with us, laboring with intelligent zeal.—JNO. C. HUCKABEE.

WHITESBORO CIRCUIT.—Please say in the ADVOCATE that my post-office is changed from Gainesville to Whitesboro. The P. E. removed me from Gainesville station to Whitesboro circuit. Here I have been twelve days; made forty-three visits, preached nineteen times, had thirteen conversions, eleven accessions—and fourteen penitents were at the altar last night weeping their way to the cross. I left a meeting last Sunday morning in the care of Bro. McGotherin—twenty-five penitents at the altar. Here we have work enough for four preachers—sixteen appointments, a large and wealthy membership, the finest body of land I ever saw. A great many local preachers are in the bounds of the work. While they are good men and do good in building up one way, they pull down in another; they are death to our grand itinerant system: They raise their cotton and corn, pigs and chickens—and preach gratuitously. Hence the people are slow to learn that they have an itinerant preacher. I believe preachers ought to be Levites. Would it not be better to cut the work up, and give those local preachers a patch to cultivate. I wish I had time to write on this subject; but, as I have stated in the outset, I have to do the work of four men until conference.—W. C. BLAIR.

LONGVIEW CIRCUIT.—The good Lord has been graciously reviving his work in our bounds of late; for which to his holy name, be all the glory given. We have during the last twelve days witnessed the conversions of twenty precious souls. During the same period have received twenty-two into the church. For the benefit of the brethren who attended the district conference at Longview, let me say on Monday at 11 o'clock A. M., after adjournment of conference, the revival fire began to burn, and upon closing out (on following Friday night) the result was fifteen conversions and accessions. We have our new church building (brick) at Longview now floored, covered and ready for ceiling, plastering, doors and windows. Hope to have it completed this winter. Though we are weak financially and must go slow, want of accommodation for worshippers, has hitherto militated against Methodism at this point.

We have received during the year seventy-five members, and at present, show an increase of seventy-two. I would say some, thing of the district conference, but suppose the secretary, Bro. Hawkins, has already forwarded you whatever was of importance. Pray for us. We have yet more protracted meetings to hold. God grant that they may be even more successful than those already held.—D. F. FULLER.

A CERTAIN amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against the wind, and not with the wind; even a head wind is better than none. No man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm. Let no man wax pale, therefore, because of opposition; opposition is what he wants and must have, to be good for any thing.

Texas University—Report of Visiting Committee.

The first commencement occasion of the Texas University—Georgetown, Texas—began the 12th and ended the 20th of July, 1875.

The following members of the committee were present; J. W. Whipple of the Texas Conference; J. S. Gillett, of the W. T.; T. H. B. Anderson, N. W. T.; John Adams, E. T.; Asa Holt and Jno. H. McLean, N. T.

This being the bow of the University to the public in the way of commencement exercises, it was a matter of concern to the friends of the institution with what grace the debut should be made.

The committee were gratified that the purposes of the institution had been carried out in admitting only young gentlemen and advanced youth. The examination for the first five days was conducted with reference to the size of the classes. Without any helps, the students were thrown upon their own resources, and subjected to a critical oral and written examination upon the entire course gone over.

The results were alike creditable to professors and students—exhibiting pains-taking instruction on the one hand and close application on the other. The declamations, orations and debate evinced a due appreciation of the art of public speaking. The address before the literary societies (Alamo and San Jacinto) was delivered by the Regent, Rev. F. A. Mood, D. D.; the speaker (Hon. M. C. McLemore of Galveston) chosen for the occasion having been prevented from attending because of the death of a near relative. The place, however, was well filled, the doctor giving us a feast of reason and flow of soul. There were five who graduated in the School of Latin—one a licensed preacher, the others sons of traveling preachers—to wit, Rev. J. Campbell, A. S. John, G. H. Stovall, J. W. Blake, B. D. Deshiell. We can but congratulate the institution upon these her first born, and pray that many other sons may yet be added unto her. The Alumni Association was organized by electing Hon. W. S. Herndon, of Tyler, President, Hon. F. B. Sexton, of Marshall, 1st Vice President, Dr. R. M. Swearingen, of Austin, 2d Vice President and Jno. H. McLean Secretary. The following were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws: Rev's, Jno. Adams, A. G. Beaumont and J. B. A. Ahrens. Hon. S. Mordella Manson, of Brazoria, orator for the meeting of 1876. The board of Curators held their annual meeting: The following now constitute the faculty, to-wit: Rev. F. A. Mood, A. M., D. D., Regent; P. C. Brice, A. M., Professor of Ancient Language; W. W. Lewis, A. M., Professor Mathematics; S. G. Sanders, A. M., Professor Modern Languages and Commercial School; C. S. Strother, M. D., Professor Hygiene and Physiology; A. S. John, Tutor in Preparatory Department.

The Sabbath was well-taken up, commencement sermon by the undersigned at 10:30 A. M., Sabbath school addresses at 3 P. M. by Rev's, Gillett, Dashiell and DeVilbiss, preaching at night by Rev. John Adams. Large and attentive congregations waited upon each service. The morals of the institution are well guarded. A wholesome discipline combined with frequent religious service as here administered is well calculated to lead to a high state of religious life. Near twenty students are members of the church, and maintained during the past session a young men's prayer-meeting. The location is central, healthy, beautiful and bids fair soon to be accessible by railroad from all parts of the State. The occasion upon the whole was interesting, quite satisfactory and well attended. Right gracefully, do we think, the bow has been made.

We see no reason why the five Texas Conferences should not succeed in making this one of the finest institutions known to our church, the pride of Texas Methodism. The next session begins Oct. 4.

JNO. H. McLEAN,
 In behalf of Committee

We ask the indulgence of correspondents. Quite an amount of interesting communicated matter is unavoidably crowded out of each issue of the paper.

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The Family Circle.

The Boy Sculptor.

Four hundred years ago, in the gardens of the Medici Palace might be seen a party of the young friends of Pierre de Medici...

There had been an unusual fall of snow for the warm climate of Italy, and it lay before them on the ground in that soft tempting whiteness that school-boys like so well.

Let us make statues, and decorate this gallery," proposed one, a youth of fourteen.

"Of what?" said another. "Of the snow," replied the first speaker, named Michael Angelo...

Before long, Jack was glad to say that May had turned out another kind of a Christian, and that it was a fellow's own fault if she did not do him good.

A BATH IN THE DEAD SEA.—Greatly relieved and refreshed, we pursued our journey. As we came in sight of the Dead Sea we noticed that peculiar hazy appearance of the atmosphere...

"Ah! I will make ahead to this man," and he began shaping and molding the damp snow.

As he worked, his companions gathered around him and looked on, forgetting their own sport in watching him, as gradually the head began to appear and grew under his touch into a real face with good features.

Stepping back to get a good look at his work, he remained some one, and to his amazement, discovered it was the great noble himself, who followed by all his guests, had entered the gallery the youthful artists were decorating for them.

"This is rather the work of one entering upon the career of a master than the attempt of a novice. But, Michael, do you know that this is a statue of an old man, and the old do not have all their teeth. You have given him more than we have. Is it not so, my friends?"

"You are right, my lord," and, with one stroke, Michael knocked out a tooth, and made the hollow in the gum which showed its loss.

Every one was delighted with this intelligent and discriminating act, and applauded with enthusiasm, showering praises and prophecies of future fame on the young sculptor.

Among the noble guests were his father and his uncle, who had sternly discouraged all Michael's attempts at art, and deemed it an unworthy thing that the heir of the princely house of Camossa should handle the sculptor's chisel even in sport.

Who can tell what forms of beauty and visions of fame flitted through his excited brain, wild with the delight of Lorenzo's notice? Could he foresee the wonderful creations which would make a world stand in silent admiration and awe?

The Pope sent for him to come and decorate the walls of his chapel at the Vatican. The architects did not know how to construct a scaffold which would enable him to reach the ceiling, and he invented one; and also a curious paper cap, which would hold a candle in the front, and thus leave his hands free to work at night.

He covered the ceilings with beautiful paintings of scenes taken from the Old Testament. Thirty years afterward, he painted on the end wall of the chapel the wonderful picture of "The Last Judgment." Thousands of people visit it every year, and gaze on it with reverence and wonder and delight, for it is one of the greatest pictures in the world.

Peter's was the closing work of his life. Begun long before, many architects had worked upon it; but it was left to Michael Angelo to raise the dome and to leave such a perfect model for its completion, that it now stands as the crowning glory of his fame.

And it was the work of an old man. At seventy, other men generally lay down their labor, but he commenced the painting of "The Last Judgment," and the building of St. Peter's was in progress at the time of his death, when he was ninety.

Nobly was the prediction of Lorenzo de Medici fulfilled. "Then it was the work of one entering upon the career of a master." In Michael Angelo, the Great Master of Art, who at ninety stood among the honored of the world, ripened all the promise of the boy who, more than seventy years before, modeled the snow-face for an hour's pastime in the gardens of the Medici Palace.

MAY'S MISTAKE.—Somehow every body loved Aunt Rose. She had won all hearts on the farm by her merry ways, and charming stories. She was always ready to give Jack conundrums, tell Harry Indian tales, listen to Sue's school trials, or help May with her lesson.

"One morning she heard Harry say: 'I wonder what it is to be a real Christian?'" "Nonsense, don't bother yourself about it!" cried Jack. "Time enough."

"It is a kind of right I don't like," persisted Jack. "She reads her Bible, and prays, and goes around with tracts, and teaches Sunday-schools, and talks good to me, but when it comes to helping me with my lessons, or games, or having a good time, she's as cross as a bear! You know it well enough, Harry."

Aunt Rose was grieved at this talk, and resolved to watch May's way with her brothers.

She found May in great trouble one day. "Jack will not listen to a word of advice. I am afraid he never thinks about his soul," she said.

"Perhaps he does not tell all his thoughts," said Aunt Rose. "Suppose, May, you try a different way with him; let present go for a while and try example. Show the pleasant side of your religion. For instance, when Jack wants you to go nitting, or brings you a book to cover, or a riddle to praise, give up your own pleasure, and enter into his. You will thus show the spirit of the Savior."

"I never thought of all this before," said May. "May thanked Aunt Rose, and asked Jesus to make her wise to win her brother."

Before long, Jack was glad to say that May had turned out another kind of a Christian, and that it was a fellow's own fault if she did not do him good.

A BATH IN THE DEAD SEA.—Greatly relieved and refreshed, we pursued our journey. As we came in sight of the Dead Sea we noticed that peculiar hazy appearance of the atmosphere...

At the time, there was only a gentle ripple upon the sea, and being a good swimmer I at once struck out into deep water. I soon found that I could not only swim and float with wonderful ease, but that I could actually walk in the water, sinking only to the armpits.

Discovering this fact, I made for the shore, and taking Dr. C., one of our party, who could not swim, by the hand, led him out into the sea where the water was many fathoms deep.

At first he was quite reluctant to follow me, but he soon gained confidence on finding there was no danger of sinking, and he enjoyed the novel bath as much as if he had been an expert swimmer.

"WRITE THEM UPON THE DOOR-POSTS OF THINE HOUSE."—It is too generally true that we make the religious instruction of our children a matter for the Sabbath day only.

This is contrary to the word and spirit of the Lord's command. He directly enjoins parents to speak of his wondrous works "when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house, and upon thy gates." Everywhere and at all times parents were to give their children religious instruction. How different with many professing Christians at this day!

Not a word uttered, not a prayer said in the presence of the young of the household, is the case in too many otherwise commendable homes. Don't teach children that religion is a Sabbath garment, and unfit for every-day wear.

It should be made practical with them, like food for the body. Teach them to associate it with every event of life. This view of it is the only one that does justice to God's government over men.

Make them feel that his hand is in all their surroundings, and that his loving, watchful eye is upon them every moment of life. Ornament your "door-posts" and the walls of the nursery with Scripture texts and tasteful pictures representing scriptural scenes.

Inspire in their hearts a fondness for religious reading. Spend less money on the table and more in the purchase of good books. Always all, never a month, and ever to have the dear little ones around the family altar, and thereby lift their thoughts heavenward.

Study the life of Doddridge and see the beauty and power of early religious instruction.

A CHILD'S FATHER.—In the Highlands of Scotland there is a mountain gorge twenty feet in width and two hundred feet in depth. Its perpendicular walls are bare of vegetation, save in the crevices in which grow numerous wild flowers of rare beauty.

Positioned in the crevices are some scientific tourists once offered a Highland boy a handsome gift if he would consent to be lowered down the cliff by a rope, and would gather a little basketful of them. The boy looked wistfully at the money, for his parents were poor; but when he gazed at the yawning chasm, he shuddered, shrunk back, and declined.

But filial love was strong within him; and after another glance at the gift he said, "I will go if my father will hold the rope."

And then, with unshrinking nerve and heart firmly strong, he suffered his father to put the rope about him, lower him into the wild abyss, and to suspend him there while he filled his basket with the coveted flowers. It was a daring deed, but his faith in the strength of his father's arm and the love of his father's heart, gave him courage and power to perform it.

THE CAPTAIN'S LAW.—"My lads," said a captain when about to take command of a ship, sending his orders to the crew on the quarterdeck, "there is one law I am determined to make, and I shall insist on its being kept. It is a favor, indeed, I will ask of you, and which, as a British officer, I expect will be granted by a crew of British seamen. What say you, my lads? Are you willing to grant your new captain one favor?"

To swear the first oath on board. What say you, my lads; will you grant me this favor? The men stared, and stood for a moment silent, and then what to say. "They were," one said, "taken all aboard." "They were brought up," said another, "all standing." The appeal seemed so reasonable, and the manner of the captain so kind and prepossessing, that a general burst from the ship's company answered "Ay, ay, sir," with their usual three cheers. Swearing was thus wholly abolished in the ship.

A CANDY LESSON.—A few years ago I paid a visit to a large school in the country, and was asked by the principal to give a lesson to one of the classes. I agreed to do so, provided he would let me have the youngest boys in his school. To this he willingly assented; and, after casting about in my mind as to what could be said to the little fellows, I went to a village hard by and bought a quantity of sugar candy. This was my only teaching apparatus.

When the time for assembling the class had arrived, I began by describing the way in which sugar candy and other artificial crystals are built up. They listened to me with the most eager interest. I examined the crystal before them, and when they found that in a certain direction it could be split into thin laminae with shining surfaces of cleavage, their joy was at its height.

They had no notion that the thing they had been crunching and sucking all their lives embraced so many hidden points of beauty. At the end of the lesson I emptied my pockets among the class, and permitted them to experiment upon the sugar candy in the usual way.

Obituaries.

DILLARD.—Died suddenly at the residence of his son A. B. Dillard, in Uvalde county, July 31, 1875. Bro. Allen Dillard, aged 85 years, 4 months and 19 days. He was a native of South Carolina; born March 12, 1790, embraced religion at the age of 21, and joined the Methodist Church. About that time he moved to Hardeman county, Tennessee; from thence to Texas in 1835, making San Augustine county his home until 1855, when he came to Western Texas to live with his son, A. B. Dillard, in Uvalde county.

Bro. Dillard was a soldier under Gen. Houston, and fought for the Independence of his adopted State, and faithfully performed every duty intrusted to his care. During the 64 years of his christian life, he was a greater portion of the time class-leader and Steward in the church. He was much loved in the community where he lived, and all felt that he was a true worthy follower of Jesus. His death was very sudden. He went to bed at night usually well, and at half past one o'clock was dead. Although he had but a few moments warning of his approaching death, he was fully prepared for the great change that awaits all living. Blessed are they that die in the Lord.—A. J. POTTER.

KELLUM.—James Kellum died at the residence of his son, in Red River county, Texas, July 23, 1875. He was born in Franklin county, Va., in 1815; came to Texas in 1853. Was married to Emily Scott in 1857; and settled in Harrison county, Texas, where he resided until after the late war. He then moved to Red River county, where he resided until death. About 1850 he professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, of which he lived a consistent, active member. Was Steward a number of years, and class-leader at Coleman's Springs at the time of his death. He enjoyed religion. It seems that he had been impressed with the approach of his death for several months before he died. He talked with different members of his family with reference to it, and said he wanted to have everything ready. He expressed his willingness to different persons to die. At the close of the last conversation he had with his wife on the subject he exclaimed: "The love of God; Oh, how precious!" Another of his "Old Veterans" of Texas is gone. May the Lord comfort the heart of his aged companion, and direct his children and grand-children through life's uneven journey.—L. P. SMITH, Jr.

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Correspondence

Resolutions of the Waco District Conference.

I send you the following resolutions of the Waco District Conference that the members may have them in their possession and be reminded of their own actions...

FINANCE.

Resolved, That the preachers present the claims of the ministry to a pecuniary support, as a part of the gospel plan of salvation...

Resolved, That there is an imperative demand upon the people to support the ministry, as not only their temporal, but eternal interests may be suspended...

Resolved, That each member of this conference pledge himself to make the financial condition of the church, and especially ministerial support, a special subject of daily secret prayer.

Resolved, That each pastor secure a pledge from as many members of the church as practicable that they may join him in daily prayer for the above named object.

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Resolved, That the success of our Texas or "Southwestern" University is of vital importance to Texas Methodism, and we, having a general and also a special interest in this institution...

Resolved, That we give our hearty indorsement to the Waco Female College, and that we will give our zealous co-operation and influence in its support.

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Resolved, That it is with much sorrow that we understand some of the members of our church not only drink spirituous liquor, but visit saloons for that purpose...

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Marshall District—East Texas Conference.

I had thought of informing the friends of our church, through the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, of the spiritual and financial condition of each charge within the bounds of the Marshall District...

As the minutes of said session have but recently been put into my hands by our worthy secretary, Bro. S. W. Turner, I will only give a condensed statement of its proceedings.

The report from the Marshall Station was read, giving a good account of the church. Although no special revival had followed the faithful labors of their pastor, Rev. R. W. Thompson, still he had held his own, with brightening prospects. The Sabbath-school here is well managed and prosperous.

Knoxville station, for the past two years, had enjoyed revival seasons; upwards of three hundred members were received into the church under the zealous ministry of Bro. A. M. Box, many of whom have proven to be valuable acquisitions to the church.

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with rain; while the late corn has greatly improved, the cotton may approximate something like an average crop. Our friends are now more hopeful, and think the deficiency on the preacher's salaries will be paid when their cotton is marketed.

It was seen that family prayer is neglected by a large number of our members, and by a few holding official relation to the church; also, that church conferences are not well attended on some of the charges, while but little improvement was reported in attendance upon class-meetings.

The preachers who had special subjects assigned for the occasion of our District Conference gave evidence that they had bestowed much thought and prayer in preparation; all acquitted themselves creditably. The opening sermon, by Rev. H. M. Booth, "On the measure of duty and obligation for the laity of the church," was plain, pointed, practical and scriptural.

The sermon on Sunday morning, by the Rev. Chas. B. Stuart, president of the Masonic Female Institute at Marshall, was listened to with deep interest by a crowded house; we all felt that it was good to be there; indeed, it was a heavenly place in Christ Jesus.

Committees were appointed on the state of the church; on Sunday-schools and Christian periodicals; on education; finance and church property; on missions and on temperance.

The conference cordially indorsed and recommended the Texas University, established at Georgetown, under the regentship of Rev. F. A. Mood, D.D.

It was the sense of the conference that, of the \$1000 apportioned to the East Texas Conference by the Board of Missions, that the Marshall District take one-third of said amount, which was apportioned to the different charges as follows:

Marshall station, \$250; Henderson, and Bellview, \$250; Starrville circuit, \$250; Harrison circuit, \$168; Knoxville circuit, \$167; Elysian Fields circuit, \$150; Hallville circuit, \$50; making \$1335.

The election of lay delegates to the ensuing Annual Conference, resulted as follows: Rev. Chas. B. Stuart, J. M. Hall, J. F. Reynolds, Wm. A. Pope.

Alternates—Rev. J. Westmoreland, Wm. R. Downs, R. C. Slagle G. M. Spruce.

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WHY DOES NOT THE PULPIT DRAW?

A writer in the Sunday's *News* starts the question, "Why are our churches so poorly attended," and attempts an answer. In last Sunday's *News* a rejoinder over the signature of "Clericus" met many of the points suggested, but there are others worthy of our attention.

In the first place, is the assertion true that church attendance is declining to an alarming extent. Like many other sweeping assertions, this needs qualification. It is true in certain localities, but it is a mistake when applied to others. We have this year attended religious meetings in the country where the audiences went beyond our expectation. People came tea, twenty, and, in some instances, sixty miles to worship God. And all over the land in our rural districts, at the regular Sabbath appointments, and at protracted or camp-meetings, our preachers meet with cordial encouragement from large and appreciative congregations.

"How is it in the larger towns and cities?" There the proportion of population who attend church is sadly in the minority. It is a fact to be deplored, and if a remedy can be suggested it should be applied. Ere the true remedy can be suggested, we must find the cause. Is it because the plain simple doctrines as taught by Jesus Christ are stale, and had better be supplied by dissertations on different branches of modern science, and that the preaching should be of a higher intellectual order? Such is the assumption of this writer in the *News*. And others, especially in large cities, who have observed multitudes flocking to Sunday entertainments while the seats of the most popular churches were empty, have suggested that something more attractive than the gospel must be gotten up in order to "draw" the crowd.

The difficulty of filling churches in cities is not because of the superior intelligence of their congregations, but because there is more in crowded populations to excite and draw off the mind from religion. The gospel comes in contact with the sensationalism of the age in its most powerful and attractive forms. It is not because the pulpit is deficient in intellectual power that it fails to "draw." It will compare in this respect with any other profession. We do not hesitate to compare the average pulpit with the average bar, or even the legislative halls of the land. Our city pulpits of every denomination are filled with men who in point of intellectual endowment, culture and refinement are the peers of the best minds in the communities in which they preach. If they fail to "draw," then we must search farther for the cause. The church just now is receiving a lesson on this matter so pointed and impressive that it cannot be overlooked. The clergy of Dublin, of Edinburgh, of London are men of acknowledged culture and ability. They have been trained in the best colleges and universities in the world. Many of them are ranked among the profoundest scholars of the age. Scientific bodies recognize their learning and accept them as members. Their sermons spoken or in print are models of polished rhetoric and moving eloquence. Yet two men come from a city located on the western boundary of civilization—neither bears in his hand a college diploma; neither is eloquent. One tells his story in simple, earnest words; and the other sings the gospel. And these men "draw." The preacher comes from the pulpit and study to hear them; the lawyer from briefs and from court-rooms; legislators, jurists, judges, statesmen, professors of colleges, physicians and men of admitted scientific research come; and, mingling with crowds of merchants, mechanics, sailors and laborers, listen with eager ears to that "old, old story" which never loses its charm when earnestly told and prayerfully and be-

lievingly heard. Mr. Gladstone glanced at a great truth when he said that an earnest address from Moody had done more to arouse and move the mind of London than all the eloquence of Canan Liddon, one of the most popular and polished divines of that city. We commend that remark to those city churches which are ever on the hunt for some man of established reputation and pulpit ability who will "draw" a congregation. They had better send for Him who said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The cross has never lost its power, but when we substitute other agencies as the chief attraction, failure will follow. We do not depreciate learning or eloquence. We do not censure those who "covet the best gifts" when they think of their pulpit and the congregation to be served, but the fact that the church has lost sight of its real strength and is leaning on earthly supports, is visible in their deadness within and their want of power over multitudes without. A crowded church, if Christless, must be barren of genuine results. The highest style of eloquence is not inconsistent with vital gospel truth, but it is the *truth*—not the channel through which it flows—that makes us free. It was the spirit's power on the Day of Pentecost that flamed in the heart of the Apostles and brought men by thousands to the cross.

LOOK BEYOND.

"The rich richer, and the poor poorer." Such is the tendency of this world's affairs, wherever population rises up into masses and the multitudes increase who are dependent on their daily toil for their daily bread. The labor-strikes we hear of in the mines of Pennsylvania and the manufactories of New England are but the echo of the shrieks of agony and hate we have so long heard from the communists of France and the wretched operatives of England. It is the blind struggle of the laborer against a power directed by intelligence and backed by money, which ever has and ever will be triumphant so long as the battle goes on. There is something inexpressibly sad in these misdirected struggles of the strikers, into which they have been goaded by years of suffering, and from which there is no avenue of escape through the concessions of their employers. They toil and starve while others revel in luxury. Their children are in rags and are growing up in ignorance while they see the children of their employers clothed in silk and furnished with every aid to success in coming life. They see no justice in such an arrangement. They see only the contrast, and feel the keen pangs of hunger and cold. No wonder the mother, as she holds her ill-clad babe to her wasted breast and divides her coarse fare among her hungry children, feels the woman's heart within her grow hard with hate, as the dainty face and merry voices of the rich are whirled by in their elegant carriages. We see plainly that their blind struggle sinks them deeper; but we can only pity them in their misery.

Is the capitalist guilty? Could not some adjustment be made which will ease the pressure on these burdened lives? We enter the counting room of that employer who pays out weekly the wages which are the support of thousands of men, women and children. He lives in a fine house and his family are elegantly clothed and daintily fed, and yet he has his burdens: His capital is invested in those mammoth works, and with what vigilant care must he watch every item, lest the expenses exceed the profit and he drift swiftly into bankruptcy. With keen eye he watches the market, that he may buy at the lowest price. Then the producer of the raw material complains with bitterness at the hard hand that wrings his products from him at so low a figure. The shipper and railroad manager must be met: and here comes in the struggle for cheap transportation. Then his mill expenses must be brought down so as

to leave the largest margin for profit. In this strife for wealth, and at times a struggle against threatened ruin, how many are injured and how many wronged! Men grow hard under the process. They look only to their own welfare; they band together to resist conflicting interests, and, as in every other struggle, the weaker go down. Thus it has been; and thus it will be. Political economists try to regulate these evils and guard the capital of the rich while securing just remuneration to the laborer; but it remains an unsolved problem. This world is not man's home. He stays as a sojourner. This is comforting; for the future world may furnish the solution of the sorrows felt by every human being—both by rich and poor.

SABBATH BREAKING

Base ball is our national game, and promises to become our national sin. It is being made the occasion of wholesale Sabbath desecration. Galveston and Houston are gaining unenviable notoriety in this respect. Our daily papers furnish nearly every week reports of the games played before large crowds the preceding Sunday. Rival clubs select that day to decide their claims to the championship of city or State. Of course, there must be saloons near at hand where the thirst of the players and spectators may be quenched, and the old men drink because they love it, and young men form the habit. That base ball is a manly game we do not dispute, and that exercise is a necessity to multitudes in cities, whose sedentary habits impair their health, is a doctrine about which even doctors agree; but a manly sport may be turned into a vice, and a healthful exercise may be so perverted that it will demoralize the individual and society. No one can go by the base ball ground at Galveston and see those rows of decanters tempting the crowd of boys to indulgence, or hear the shouts of the players and the plaudits of the crowd on a quiet Sunday evening and debate respecting the evil tendency of Sabbath desecration. To those who believe in the divine authority of the Bible there can be no question as to the sin or its results. Says one: "We do not belong to the church, and we do not believe in the Sabbath, and do not acknowledge your right to dictate to us how we will spend the day." Just so. We are not talking to you just now. It is because this base ball Sabbath playing is an expression of the infidelity or the irreligion of those who are engaged in it that we are pointing out the evil to those who do belong to the church and believe in the Sabbath.

The influence of this evil is telling on our churches, and is invading christian families. The roll call of our Sunday-schools during the base ball season will show that the attendance of the boys is far less than the girls. At a recent meeting of Sunday-school teachers in one of our cities this fact was named—and explained by the statement that the boys were at the base ball grounds. If christian parents will wake up from their Sunday afternoon naps and inquire for their boys, they will in many cases, find them among the players or spectators of the Sunday-evening game. We have no right to cram our religious notions down any other man's throat; but we have a right to suggest to the pastor of those churches, which profess to believe the Sabbath is ordained of God as a day of worship, the importance of looking after this matter; and if the evil is in their flock to sound the note of warning. Sunday-school superintendents and teachers had better give it some attention, and parents who go to church themselves had better see to it that their children do not go with the multitude in their evil ways.

In 1874, there were arrested in the city of Dublin 17,368 male prisoners, of whom 5327 could neither read nor write; and out of 9432 female prisoners, 4404 could not read or write. Ignorance and crime go together, and both are found flourishing wherever the Bible is a sealed book.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Her Compassion—How She "Shows Errors"—Her "Gentle" Endeavors, Etc.

"The Catholic is taught to compassionate those who are in error; instead of persecuting them he must pray for them, he must show them their error, and by gentle endeavors lead them from out the darkness of falsehood into the clear light of truth."—*Texas Catholic of Aug. 15.*

The above is a part of the doctrine of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, outside whose folds it says no one can be saved. Besides, it is the infallible church with a Pope at its head who is also infallible. As late as 1870, the great church council proclaimed that she could not and had never erred, and that any one who promulgated any scientific fact that should conflict with her dogmas should be accursed.

Let us see how the church compassed the Jews, A. D. 1392. She refrained from hunting them and prayed for them so devoutly that her right-hand servant, Spain—an absolute Catholic government—banished, robbed and murdered eight hundred thousand, and denied them burial; so that their carcasses were devoured by wild beasts. Could this have taken place without the consent of the church when that church was the most important part of the government—the government itself? Did the church ever anathematize any of her people for killing their fellow-creatures in error? For instance, thirty thousand Frenchmen fell on Aug. 24, 1572, by the hand Catholic murderers simply because they erred from Catholicism—which ruled France at that time?

Has she changed since her priests went to war against heretics, as in the Abigensian war—at the massacre of Beziers. A monk led the van—and when asked how to distinguish between Catholics and heretics, he replied: "kill them all; God will know his own"—and from fifteen to sixty thousand were killed.

The Catholic Church never has—as a Church—protected any "victims of indiscreet zeal" she deceives her members the world over by blinding their eyes as to her true character; she is disciplined as no army ever was—her officers are students of government and of human character; they decrease in intelligence from her chiefs down to her laymen, who, though intelligent in other matters, are as ignorant as their masters can make them about their church; they are slaves to a tyrannical priesthood. The countries that she has ruled are casting her out, and she finds an asylum in free America, where she ungratefully promulgates her dogmas; attacks our free school system; refuses burial in holy Roman ground to any of her members who offend against her by being loyal American citizens. Her priests nurse the sick and do much charity—where she wishes to get a foothold; but once her banner is planted, she begins to violently attack the peace of every country that opposes her. She is the panacea for the idol worshipers and superstitious; the consolation of the ignorant criminal lies in her confessional; she consoles the timid woman; imparts peace to aged sinners, that die bequeathing their wealth to the church; she administers a sedative to every one that asks—except those that ask real knowledge; to them she administers poison, and claims to be to-day what she was A. D. 1. ***

The Treasurer of the Rock Island and St. Louis Railroad testified before a Master in Chancery that he gave Henry C. Bowen \$40,000 in bonds of the road for favorable notices of the road and gave the *New York World* \$20,000. Many ask why consistent religious journals have a hard struggle to live, while others prosper. One reason is that their income is never swelled by such pay as the above. If we would sell our columns to the highest bidder, regardless of principle, or if we would advertise liquor, we would double our receipts every year.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

TEXAS.—The raiders on the Rio Grande have changed their point of operation. They now cross above Rio Grande city. The authorities of Mier have arrested ten of the raiders who were defeated by the Guerrero people on the 2d. Inspectors Dunn and Farrel saw twelve raiders fifteen miles above Carrigo, Zapata county.....It is not known who killed Michael Duffy in Roma....Capt. McNelly is on a scout....Gen. Ord is distributing troops on the lower Rio Grande. Beef on the Mexican side is high and scarce, owing to arrest of operations of cattle thieves....The exhibition of the Texas Horticultural and Pomological Association which opened in Houston the 10th surpassed all expectations. All parts of the State were represented. Many permanent fruit growers were present. The display of plants, fruits and vegetables was the best ever made in the South.....The Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Narrow Gauge Railroad Company was organized in Corpus Christi on the 11th....A Mr. White reached Fort Worth recently from Shackelford county with a rifle ball wound in his left hand, received from the Indians. He escaped by hard riding....A Western bound train on the H. & T. C. R. R. on the 15th run off the track three miles east of Brenham, killing a man named Frank Anderson and wrecking three cars....On the morning of the 16th the north bound train of the Central road run over two men near Ennis, killing one named Harwood and breaking a leg and arm of another named Black. The men supposed to have been drunk and lying on the track....On the afternoon of the 7th the city mills of Houston were destroyed by fire. These mills turned out some nine thousand yards of cotton fabrics per month. Loss \$150,000. It is a severe loss to the State.

WASHINGTON.—On the 10th a dispatch was received from Mr. Vidal, Consul at Tripoli, stating that he and his wife had been insulted by Tripolitan sailors. The steamer Hartford was dispatched to examine the case and demand reparation....Total resources of the National Banks, June 30th were \$1,913,000,000, and liabilities to individual depositors, \$686,000,000....Advices from Panama dated July 31st from Captain Simpson, of U. S. Steamer Omaha reports a general war in Columbia imminent. Omaha is instructed to remain at Panama to protect American interests; Rear Admiral Collins commanding South Pacific squadron ordered with ship to Panama....Arrangements have been completed with the Occidental and Oriental line to carry mail to Japan and China....Commission of Adam Badeau ministers resident at Brussel, signed by the President....Indian Bureau received a dispatch from Cheyenne River agency, dated August 11th, saying the Indians at Cheyenne and Standing Rock consent to go to Red Cloud for a grand council. In addition to those belonging to the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies, 3000 Indians are expected. Agents instructed to attend in person with supply of rations and presents. The failure to move the whites from the Black Hills is causing the United States trouble....Gen. Grant in a letter contradicts rumors that he is not in accord with Secretary Bristow in his raid on illicit distilleries. He urges the arrest and punishment of the guilty.

CASUALTIES.—Six citizens on the 9th visited the Cave of Winds at Niagara Falls without a guide. Ethelbert Parsons aged 29 and Lotie C. Philpot aged 25 went down to an eddy, never visited by guides, and while bathing the lady lost her foot-hold, the gentleman caught her but the current swept both into the river and they were drowned. They were soon to be married....On the 9th at Gardiner, Main, a physician administered morphine by mistake and the patient, and old lady, died from its effect....A gale on the 9th wrecked several vessels. One tug lost 2,000,000 feet of lumber....

Rains at Ottown last week damaged the crops so that it is said one thousand fields of wheat and oats cannot be cut by scythe or reaper....An earthquake at Hollister, Cal., was reported on the 9th. No damage done....On the 10th the President of the Erie railroad was thrown from his carriage and had one of his legs broken....Advices from Memphis of the 11th say the river stood at that date sixty-three feet ten inches by the Government gauge and slowly rising....A letter from Vicksburg says at Cook's Point, thirty-five miles below on the Arkansas side, the plantations were submerged, also that at Jersey Point, Chesona Chicot city, Arkansas city, James Landing, Point Confort, Lenwood and Luna. Last named is 278 miles below. All on Arkansas side....A railroad accident on Dunn and South Park R. R., caused one death, two were fatally and several seriously injured....In Orange Valley, N. J. a flood has swept away houses, bridges, roads and crops. Loss estimated \$20,000,000....Four inmates of a country Insane Asylum, St. Louis died from effects of sedative given to make them sleep. An inquest is being held.

CRIMINALITIES.—John Hoffner, ship chandler of Detroit, on the 13th shot his wife through the breast, inflicting mortal wound; then shot himself through the head, producing instant death. Cause jealousy....Mrs. Dodge of Montpelier, Vermont, shot her uncle, blowing off his jaw, wound mortal. Cause suit about property....Parker, ex-Treasurer of S. C. who escaped jail has been recaptured....Five roughs attempted to enter the house of a respectable woman at Montreal, Canada, on the 9th when she fired into the crowd and killed one....Twelve families have been compelled to leave Williamson county, Illinois to escape the vengeance of the outlaws who rule the country. Many men are quietly arranging their business to leave.

MISCELLANEOUS.—On the 8th, a meeting was held in the Exposition Building, Memphis, to express sorrow for the death of ex-President Johnson. Addresses by prominent citizens. Resolutions setting forth his services adopted....On the 8th, Henry Ward Beecher preached at the Twin Mountain House his first vacation sermon. The audience from the surrounding valleys and neighborhood was the largest ever seen at that point....Grasshoppers numerous at Omaha on the 9th. Immense clouds moving South....The *Globe Democrat*, of St. Louis, publishes a letter from B. Gratz Brown, opposing the national bank system....Orders for 1200 bales of goods for China, have been received with Massachusetts mills....Ross has been re-elected chief of the Cherokees. His party claims a majority in both Senate and Council....Grasshoppers are damaging crops in North Alabama....General Cook is back from the Black Hills. Miners are preparing to leave the country. Mountains full of quartz. Capital and skilled labor will develop mines equal to those of Colorado or Nevada. There are fifteen hundred miners in the hills who have done much preliminary work....A meeting of the stockholders of the Texas and Pacific Railroad met in Philadelphia the 11th, and adopted report of the President. Work of construction now is practically slow, but will be resumed in September....The Mississippi Press Association, thirty in number, were in Chicago, the 11th....About 3000 acres of cotton have been destroyed by the crevasse in the levee district of Coahoma and Bolivar counties, Mississippi....The women of Corinne, Salt Lake, have been sent in, in fear of a threatened attack by Indians. Gen. Bryant has ordered two companies to that point....Louisville has been selected to hold the convention of all Grange purchasing agents on the 1st of October. The National Executive and all State Executives and commissioners will be present for the purpose of adopting a plan by which business will be conducted on a uniform basis throughout the United States.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING

Correspondence. HISTORY OF METHODISM IN TEXAS. Mr. Editor:—Having been appointed to collect material for the above history from the bounds of the West Texas Conference, I take this method of reporting my work a failure.

BEEVILLE CIRCUIT.—I am traveling the Beeville circuit this year. I have had no especial revival yet, although we have had some good meetings, no falling off of the membership; but a gradual increase. I am anxiously looking for and expecting a gracious revival yet this year.

THE LORD VISITING INDUSTRY.—The Lord is paying industry a visit. When he knocks and we open, a merry time is always sure to ensue. I have known parties void of mirth, but they were not those where Jesus was present.

PATENTS.

Issued by Patent Office to the Citizens of Texas, for week ending August 13th, 1875.

166,983. Ant Destroying Apparatus, Wm. Grafton, Clinton, [Filed March 20, 1875].

166,984. Ant Destroying Apparatus, Wm. Grafton, Clinton, [Filed March 20, 1875].

166,985. Farm-Fences, Alonzo Rush and Fisher Yarbrough, Tylor, [Filed March 3, 1875].

166,986. Tire-Tighteners, Henry A. R. Horton and Amos P. Hayes, McKinney, assignors of one-half their right to John H. Owen. [Filed April 17, 1875].

166,987. Wedges for Splitting Rock, &c. Thos. Cosby, Mormon Mills, [Filed April 24, 1875].

Publishers' Department.

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Aug. 14.—S. W. Turner, J. A. Miller, R. H. Neely, Jno. R. King, J. M. Wesson, J. W. B. Allen, Jno. B. Denton, B. Harris, D. F. Fuller, N. W. Keith, J. C. Huckabee.

Aug. 17.—A. A. G. Rabe, T. W. Hines, J. J. Davis, W. D. Robinson, T. J. Milam.

Aug. 18.—A. M. Box, W. C. Blair, J. M. Binkley, L. M. White, Aug. 19.—W. G. Veal, A. B. Johnson, J. G. Warren, J. L. Lemons.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE, advertised on sixth page in this issue, is located at Brookhaven, Mississippi. It is one of the largest boarding schools in the South.

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BRUSHING—BRANCH—on the 4th inst., at the residence of L. DeMille, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. T. J. Bunting, of Grimes county, Texas, and Miss Ellen Branch, late of Florida.

PAYTON—WARREN—by Rev. J. W. Cooley, in Clinton, DeWitt county, Texas, August 11, 1875, at the bride's residence, Mr. William H. Payton and Mrs. Eliza Warren.

WOOD—CARROLL—by Rev. John A. G. Rabe, August 8, 1875, at the residence of Mr. E. D. Ellisor, of Cedar Bayou, Mr. James Wood and Miss Amanda Carroll, both of Harris county, Texas.

Church Notices.

West Texas Conference.

Committee of Examination on the Course of Study: For Admission on Trial—J. W. DeVillibus, J. H. Tucker, E. Y. Seal.

First Year—J. G. Walker, A. A. Kilbough. Second Year—B. Harris, H. A. Graves. Third Year—O. A. Fisher, J. S. Gilbert. Fourth Year—W. J. Joyce, Wesley Smith.

Classes are requested to meet the committee on Tuesday, October 19, 1875, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at the Methodist Church in San Antonio. O. A. FISHER, secretary.

Basket Meeting.

We will have a basket meeting, two and a half miles south of Lindale, commencing on Thursday, August 26, 1875. All ministers are earnestly and respectfully solicited to attend. Come, brethren, and come in the spirit and preach as Peter preached. We anticipate holding some days. We will look for A. B. Johnson, of Terrell; Dr. Finly, of Tyler; Dr. Hamill, of Marshall, and others, come with-out fail. J. M. LASSON.

Camp-Meeting at Ennis.

The Ennis Circuit camp-meeting is appointed to begin on Thursday evening, (Sept. 16) at candle-light, at a beautiful place, about a half mile west of the town of Ennis. This meeting is to be on the self-supporting plan positively, except in the case of preachers and persons who come from a distance so remote that it would be altogether impracticable for them to provide for themselves.

Camp-Meeting.

The camp-meeting for the Moscow circuit will be held at Moscow, embracing the fourth Sabbath in September, commencing Thursday, Sept. 23, 1875. It will be on the self-sustaining plan; but ample accommodations will be provided for all ministers and their horses, and also all visiting brethren from a distance. We most earnestly invite all ministers to attend that can. Come, brethren; one in the spirit. W. H. ARDIS, P. C.

Camp-Meeting.

There will be a camp-meeting, commencing August 27th, at Colorado Chapel, six miles below Webberville. Ministers cordially invited to attend. R. W. KENSON.

Marlin Circuit Camp-Meeting.

The Camp-meeting for Marlin circuit will embrace the third Sunday in August, (Aug. 15.) Instead of the second Sunday. Bro. Connor is compelled to be at Colvert on the second Sunday, hence the change from the second to the third. J. M. TRUITT.

Camp-Meeting.

There will be a Camp-Meeting, on the self-supporting plan, at Johnson's Lake, eight miles north of Pennington, four miles south of Hudson's store, commencing on Thursday, September 20, 1875. Ministers and people are invited to attend. E. T. BRASHER, Pastor.

Mt. Nebo Camp-Meeting.

A camp-meeting will be held at Mt. Nebo, seven miles south-west of Waxahatchie, Ellis county, commencing Friday, August 14th, at 8 o'clock, A. M. This is to be strictly a self-sustaining camp-meeting. All are invited. C. H. ELLIS, Pastor.

Camp-Meeting.

There will be a camp-meeting at Spring Creek camp-ground, Redland circuit, embracing the fifth Sabbath in August (20th). It will be on the self-sustaining plan. Preachers will all be provided for. Services will commence on Friday night. Let us pray for God to meet us there, and make one in our midst. Our Third Quarterly Conference meets at the same time and place. J. J. DAVIS, P. E.

Cedar Creek Camp-Meeting.

I wish to announce to the public that we expect to have a self-sustaining camp-meeting on Cedar Creek, two and a half or three miles above Prairieville, on the east side of the creek, at a lake called the Boon Lake, commencing on Thursday, September 23. We want all who can come, to come in their wagons, prepared to take care of themselves. We desire and solicit ministers who can attend to do so. EGERTS T. BATES.

Austin Camp-Meeting.

There will be a camp-meeting at the Walnut Creek camp-ground, five miles north of Austin, from September 9th to 19th inclusive. The self-sustaining plan will prevail as a general rule, while there will be entertainment prepared for ministers of the gospel and other christian workers. Strangers can find accommodation either among the tenters or at a boarding tent. Come, brethren, and help. All are cordially invited. J. W. WHITTLE, H. V. PHILLIPS.

Camp-Meetings.

There will be a Camp-meeting held at each of the following places, on Trinity Circuit, Dallas District, North Texas Conference: Europa Camp ground, Aug. 29. Duck Creek Camp ground, Sept. 4. These are self-sustaining meetings, and we expect them to be carried out to the very letter. No hunter shops, nor picture galleries are allowed on the camp ground. We wish this distinctly understood. Ministers, both itinerant and local, are requested to attend. We shall greatly need their assistance. GEO. S. GATWOOD.

Starrville Circuit.

The following are appointments of meetings on the Starrville Circuit, East Texas Conference (Marshall District): Antioch, Aug. 14, 15. White House, Aug. 21, 22. Bascom Chapel, Aug. 28, 29. Jamestown, Sept. 4, 5. Starrville, (Camp-meeting), Sept. 10. Canton, Sept. 25, 26. All ministers are earnestly invited to attend the Starrville Camp Meeting who can do so. It will be on the self-sustaining plan; but ample accommodations will be provided for all ministers and their horses, and also all visiting brethren from a distance. We invite and request all the aid possible in all our meetings from brethren in the ministry. Come one; come all; and come in the spirit. S. W. TURNER, P. C.

Camp-Meeting Changed.

The Camp-meeting at Johnson's Lake will commence the 30th day of September, 1875, which is Thursday before the first Sabbath in October. E. T. BRASHER, P. C.

Quarterly Meeting Appointments.

WACO DIST.—FOURTH ROUND. Waco sta., at Waco, Sept. 11, 12. Colvert at Colvert, Sept. 18, 19. Wheeler cir., at Hickory Grove, Sept. 25, 26. Groesbeck cir., and Thornton mis., at Philter's Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon, Oct. 9, 10. Owensville cir., at Boon's Prairie, Oct. 16, 17. Bremont cir., at Bremont, Oct. 23, 24. Marlin cir., at Marlin, Oct. 29, 30. Marlin cir., at Marlin, Nov. 6, 7. Waco city mis., at Waco, Nov. 13, 14. W. G. CONNOR, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Caddo grove, at Welburns, Sept. 4. Grandbury, at Grandbury, Sept. 11. Ardmore, at Ardmore, Sept. 18, 19. Fort Worth sta., Sept. 25. Weatherford sta., Oct. 2. Weatherford cir., at Spring Creek, Oct. 8. Cleburne sta., Oct. 16. Cleburne cir., at Cleburne, Oct. 17. Cartersville cir., and Springtown mis., at Cartersville, Oct. 24. Alvaredo, at Grandview, Oct. 31. Mansfield, at Bowman's, Nov. 7. T. W. HINES, P. E.

WAXAHACHE DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Chambers' Creek cir., at Smith's Chapel, Sept. 11, 12. Lancaster cir., at Wesley Chapel, Sept. 18, 19. Milford cir., at Milford, Sept. 25, 26. Chestfield cir., at Long Prairie, Oct. 2, 3. People's cir., at Berlin, Oct. 9, 10. Hillsboro cir., at Lebanon, Oct. 16, 17. Waxahatchie sta., at Waxahatchie, Oct. 23, 24. Waxahatchie cir., at Lebanon, Oct. 30, 31. Ennis cir., at Ennis, Nov. 6, 7. I hope to have full reports. Recording Stewards are therefore requested to ponder well Discipline Chapter 2, Sec. 15, answer to Question 8, page 197. A. DAVIS, P. E.

BEAUMONT DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Trout Creek, at Trout Creek, Sept. 19. Jasper cir., at Jasper camp-ground, a camp-meeting, Sept. 23. Woodville cir., and Village Creek mis., conjointly, Oct. 3. Wolf Creek cir., at Spargerville, Oct. 10. Newton, at Parr's camp-ground, Oct. 17. The District Conference meets at the same place on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 11 o'clock. A sermon, on the subject of "Infant Church Membership," by H. C. Armstrong, on Sabbath, Oct. 17, at 10 o'clock. Beaumont and Orange, at Orange, Oct. 24. Liberty cir., at Liberty, Oct. 31. F. M. SPOWALL, P. E.

GALVESTON DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

St. John's Church, at Galveston, Aug. 21, 22. Cedar Bayou, at Cedar Bayou, Aug. 28, 29. Washington Street, at Houston, Sept. 4, 5. Velasco cir., at Hoskins' Chapel, a camp-meeting, Sept. 11, 12. I. G. JOHN, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Cold Springs cir., Aug. 21, 22. Bryan sta., Aug. 28, 29. Ardmore, Sept. 4, 5. The District Conference will convene at Willis on the 22d of July. Opening sermon by Rev. F. T. Mitchell, at 11 A. M. J. M. WESSON, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

Centerville cir., Pleasant Ridge, Aug. 22. Redland cir., at Spring Creek, Aug. 29. Marshall, at Marshall, Aug. 29. Marshall, June 1, 1875. JEFFERSON DIST.—THIRD ROUND. Soda Lake cir., at Trinity Chapel, Aug. 15. Linden cir., Aug. 22. Mt. Pleasant cir., at Mt. Vernon, Aug. 29. Jno. H. McLEAN, P. E.

DALLAS DIST.—FOURTH ROUND.

Bethel cir., August 14, 15. Trinity cir., Aug. 28, 29. Dallas cir., 5th Saturday and Sunday in August. Dallas cir., Sept. 4, 5. Denton cir., Sept. 18, 19. Grapevine cir., Sept. 25, 26. Decatur cir., Oct. 2, 3. Dallas mis., Oct. 9, 10. Dallas sta., Oct. 16, 17. We call special attention to the following prescribed duty of a Presiding Elder: "To prepare the Fourth quarterly Conference full statistics from every charge, to be reported at the Annual Conference, in case a preacher in charge fails to make his report." The brethren will please have their reports ready for us. W. F. EASTERLING, P. E.

PALESTINE DIST.—THIRD ROUND.

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Starrville Circuit.

As I have not sent you any items from the Starrville circuit, I will write you briefly. The drought has greatly injured the crop in the bounds of my circuit...

The district conference for Marshall District was held in the bounds of my circuit at Overton, beginning on the 9th of July. We had a very pleasant and profitable session.

I continued the meeting three days after adjournment of the conference, had several conversions and one accession to the church.

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The first Sunday in August I preached to a very large audience at Starrville the funeral of our departed Bro. Dan. Barcroft, who for 50 years had been a faithful member of our church...

On last Saturday I commenced a meeting at Red Spring. The first invitation, thirteen penitents came forward for prayer. The meeting gradually increased in interest up to Monday afternoon, when there were about twenty seekers at the altar and the church in harness.

On Tuesday I was forced to leave, being nearly blind with sore eyes, and give the meeting into the hands of our good local brother, Albert Little.

The Union Spring Camp-meeting (hitherto published as Starrville Camp-meeting) changed from second Sunday in September to Friday before the second Sunday in October.

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Selections.

UTILITY OF MIDDLE MEN.—The Boston Globe has the following remarks upon the utility of middle men, which contains a good deal of truth: "The class of business men known as commission merchants, brokers, etc., are at times esteemed as drones in the hive of industry."

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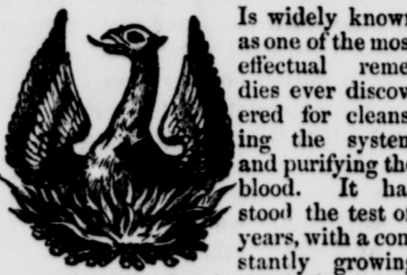
SUNSHINE VS. DOLLARS.—Is it worth while to take all the sunshine out of life for the sake of a few miserable dollars? Meat and groceries and coal and clothing and necessities are not all of life.

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Selections.

A RECENT DISCOVERY AT POMPEII.—The Pungolo of Naples reports an interesting discovery at Pompeii, consisting of a number of wooden tablets with writings. They were found carefully arranged in an ivory box. The backs of the tablets are smooth and unwritten upon, and their faces, upon which the writing is found, are surrounded with a kind of frame or border. They are either separate, or tied together, book-shape, with twine in bundles of three or four. On the tablets thus bound together the writing is almost always in ink; but the characters on the single ones, which had been covered with wax has disappeared as the sharp point of the style has cut into the wood beneath. The separate tablets contain receipts for payments of money, and bear the consular date, with the name of the day and the month, and the amount paid. On the outside of the centre tablet of those bound in book form is written an index of the names contained in the volume. It is entitled perscriptio, and is followed with a name in the genitive or dative. The tablets are evidently accounts, and from the way in which they are kept there can be no doubt that the spot where they were found was the site of a Roman banker's house. They were discovered in excellent condition, though the damp to which they had been exposed has rendered them very fragile. Those bound together are in the best state of preservation. Signor Fiorelli has given an account of the discovery to the Archaeological Academy of Naples, and it is expected that it will throw much light upon the conduct of business transactions under the empire.—Pall Mall Gazette.

NEED OF CAREFULNESS IN OLD AGE.—An old man is like an old wagon with light loading and careful usage it will last for years; but one heavy load or sudden strain will break it, and ruin it forever. Many people reach the age of fifty, sixty, or even seventy, measurably free from most of the pains and infirmities of age, cheery in heart and sound in health, ripe in wisdom and experience, with sympathies meliorated by age, and with reasonable prospects and opportunities for continued usefulness in the world for a considerable time. Let such persons be thankful, and let them also be careful. An old constitution is like an old bone—broken with ease, mended with difficulty. A young tree bends to the gale, an old one snaps and falls before the blast. A single hard lift; an hour of heating work; an evening of exposure to rain or damp; a severe chill; an excess of food; the unusual indulgence of any appetite or passion; a sudden fit of anger; an improper dose of medicine—any of these, or other similar things, may cut off a valuable life in an hour, and leave the fair hopes of usefulness and enjoyment but a shapeless wreck.

TALENT AND TACT.—Talent, it has been said, knows what to do, tact knows how to do it; talent is wealth, tact is ready money; talent has many compliments from the bench, tact touches the fees of the client; talent makes the world wonder that it gets on so fast, while tact excites astonishment that it gets on so fast. Tact makes no noise; it takes all hints, and, by keeping its eye on the weathercock, is able to take advantage of every wind. This promptness in seizing an opportunity, and diligence in following it up, is scarcely less valuable than industry. Instances might be given indefinitely of the results that have followed the immediate utilizing of and accidental discovery in mathematical demonstration, in chemical analysis, in mechanical invention, and in manufacturing operations.

The New York American Stationer says: An esteemed correspondent writes very pertinently from a Southern city some observations which might be made of not a few other places within our knowledge: "There is but a little real active life in the trade, compared with what is due the merits of it. Enterprise seems dead with our local dealers, and they want 'pushing up' in the interest of the trade. The majority of stores have boys of no knowledge or discrimination (lacking age to qualify them, if not knowledge) to wait on customers, and never get any new article, or if they do, attention is not called to them, but a customer is simply served with articles called for from the most convenient shelf," &c. If the shoe fits many, we are not to blame.

Omnibus.

"I WOULD rather," said Cato, "that people should inquire why no statue was erected to me than why I had one."

REMEMBER that man's religion is worth little or nothing which has no dwelling-place but in his brain.

COLERIDGE says that good prose is proper words in proper places—poetry the best words in the best places.

SUCCESS is full of promise till men get it, and then it is always a last year's nest from which the bird has flown.

BEWARE of biting jests; the more truth they carry with them the greater wounds they give, the greater smarts they cause, and the greater scars they leave behind them.

In dealing with the drunkards, I would advise those working with them to not stop with getting them to sign the pledge, but to follow them until they are sure their lives are full.

NOTHING is so contagious as enthusiasm; it is the real allegory of the tale of Orpheus; it moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victory without it.

It was a practical old farmer, shaking hands at the church-door with a transcendental preacher who had been talking from "Feed my Lambs": "That was very good text. But you put the hay so high in the rack that the lambs couldn't reach it, nor the old sheep either."

THERE is seldom a line of glory written upon the earth's face but a line of suffering runs parallel with it; and they that read the lustrous syllables of the one, and stop not to decipher the spotted and worn inscription of the other, get the lesser half of the lesson earth has to give.

A MAN of piety may be lodged in the rudest cottage, and his occupation may be to sweep the street, yet let him so sweep a street that, through the honest and diligent doing of his duty God is glorified, and men are led to speak and think better of religion, and he forms a link between earth and heaven.

ANGUISH is so alien to man's spirit that there can be nothing which is more difficult to will than contrition. Therefore God is good enough to afflict us, that our hearts, being brought low enough to feed on sorrow, may the more easily sorrow for sin unto repentance.—Guesses at Truth.

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WHEN does a man have to keep his word? When no one will take it.

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Is what vehicle did the man ride who was driven frantic?

A LITTLE maiden spelled from an illustrated page "D-o-g, dog; c-a-t, cat"; and then, turning the leaf and taking punctuation for illustration, continued: "W-h-a-t; button hole."

It is carrying two lengths of stove-pipe with two elbows at opposite angles through a narrow hall and up a carpeted stair without dropping soot or knocking off the plaster that is filling our lunatic asylums.

THE Louisville Courier-Journal, in reply to the pathetic question of a woman, "How shall I keep my husband at home in the evening?" says it can be done easily enough by opening a first-class beer garden in the back yard.

ONE of the college newspaper exchanges says that a clergyman of a certain church, on a recent occasion discovered after beginning the service that he had forgotten his notes. As it was too late to send for them, he said to his audience, by way of apology, that this morning he should have to depend upon the Lord for what he might say, but in the afternoon he would come better prepared.

"Is there some leader here for me?" inquired a German at the general delivery window of the post-office yesterday, says the Detroit Free Press. "No, none here," was the reply. "Vhell, dot is queer," he continued, getting his head into the window; "my neighbor gets sometimes three letters in one day, and I get none. I bays more daxes as he does, und I haf never got one leader yet. How comes dose dings? aint it?"

A SHOPKEEPER purchased of an Irish woman a quantity of butter, the lumps of which, intended for pounds, he weighed in the balance and found wanting. "Shure it's your own fault if they are light," said Biddy, in reply to the complaints of the buyer; "it's your own fault, sir; for wasn't it with a pound of your own soap I bought here myself that I weighed them?" The shopkeeper had nothing more to say on that subject.

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WEEKLY REVIEW.

There has been a decided improvement in the jobbing trade at this point during the past week in nearly all branches, both through the presence of buyers from the interior and the receipt of orders. This, of course, has had an exhilarating effect upon our mercantile community, and a much better feeling exists in business circles than was previously apparent. While, as above stated, an improvement is visible there is yet hardly what might be called an active trade, and it is yet somewhat early to expect it, as in the absence of a free circulation of money in the interior, most of the purchases must necessarily be upon credit, though some advances are now being made by commission merchants to interior merchants and planters. As week after week passes without material injury to the growing crops, the prospects for an abundant yield correspondingly increase; which tends to add to the general buoyant feeling. There are of course influences arising from the financial condition at other points which must necessarily have some bearing upon the amount of business that will be effected in this State during the fall and winter season—the principal being such as will affect prices for our great staple, cotton.

Notwithstanding these, we consider the outlook generally much more favorable than it was twelve months since, as trade has settled down to a more solid and less speculative basis than formerly. There continue to be moderate receipts of grain, though business has not as yet assumed anything like ample proportions; and we do not look for a heavy trade to be done in this direction the present season, but we believe that by the opening of the next season such arrangements will have been made as will result in the shipment of the bulk of the surplus crop of Texas to this market. Illegitimate influences have been brought to bear upon the Galveston grain market in favor of St. Louis that have diverted the greater part of Texas shipments to that point. It is to be hoped however that our merchants here will so ventilate the matter as to counteract the influence. The cotton market is naturally quiet at this season, old cotton being mainly all in and disposed of, while it is yet too soon for new cotton to come forward to any extent. The wool market is also in an entirely nominal condition, it being too early for receipts of the fall clip. In hides there is about an average summer business doing, though receipts of these are naturally light. Values in the general market exhibit few changes of importance, though there has been a further upward tendency in bagging and one or two classes of hog products. The health of the city and State was never better for the season than at the present time, no signs of anything like contagious or epidemic disease having appeared in any section. For particulars in reference to values we refer to our tables and prices current.

MONETARY.

The demand for money on real estate security has been light, and there has been no change in the rate, which ranges from 10 to 12 per cent. for long or shorter time. Bankers and brokers continue to afford accommodations to customers at 12 per cent, as occasion requires. There has been rather more inquiry from the interior for money; the requirements of planters for the purpose of paying pickers continue to increase, and commission merchants have advanced more freely, though the tendency is still to great conservatism in this direction.

GOLD—Closed in New York this evening at 113½. The rate here closes at 113½ buying, and 114½ selling.

SILVER—Rates at the close are 108½@109½ buying and selling.

EXCHANGE—Rates continue firm and generally unchanged.

Table with columns for Commercial, BANKERS, and various exchange rates for Sterling, New York, and New Orleans.

FREIGHTS.

Table with columns for RAIL and STEAM, listing freight rates for Liverpool, Bremen, Havre, and other ports.

COTTON.

This week we have to note a further decrease in the receipts at the ports, they having been 1,496 bales, against 1,503 bales last week, and 4,861 bales this week last year. The falling off for the season has been thus far 302,631 bales, the total receipts having been 3,465,432 bales; against 3,768,063 bales last year.

GALVESTON MARKET.

The inquiries in this direction continue to be merely nominal, the stock of unsold cotton on hand being now very light with almost entirely nominal receipts. The only demand at present is for Northern markets, as foreign buyers are not operating to any noticeable extent. Sales sum up 248 bales, against 180 bales last week. Prices have remained generally steady though exhibiting signs of further weakness consequent upon a similar condition in other markets. There have been some further receipts of new cotton during the week, but probably there will but little come to hand for some time to come, as the picking season is but just commencing in the most favored localities. The market closed quiet, and easy at the following comparative figures:

Table comparing market figures for To-night and Last Friday, including Low Ordinary, Good Ordinary, and Middling.

Table titled 'GALVESTON STATEMENT' showing various statistics for the year, including receipts, exports, and total values.

Table with columns 'This Yester-' and 'Last Friday's', showing stock levels for various commodities.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—6 DAYS.

Table showing consolidated report for 6 days, including Receipts, Exports, and other metrics.

Visible supply, according to "Financial and Commercial Chronicle": Aug. 12, 1874... 2,240,356; Aug. 13, 1875... 2,125,297.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The market closes firm at the following comparative quotations: This Week, Last Week. Ordinary... 11½; Good Ordinary... 12; Low Middling... 13; Middling... 14.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The market closed quiet at following comparative quotations: This week, Last week. Ordinary... 11½; Good Ordinary... 13; Low Middling... 14; Middling... 14½.

FUTURES.

Table showing futures market data for various months from Jan. to Dec., including prices for different grades of cotton.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

SPOTS.

The comparative closing quotations are: This Week, Last Week. Middling Uplands 7 1-16d; Orleans... 7 3-8d.

ARRIVALS.

The closing figures received by cable are (basis Middling not below Low Middling): September and October not below Low Middling 7 1-16d; New crop shipment 7 3-16d.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations not applicable to small orders, but represent cash prices for large lots.

Ac-Handles—per doz.

No. 1, 82 50@2 75 No. 2, 81 85; No. 2 [N] 81 65.

Bacon—Supply in first hands small market dull. We quote: Clear sides, 15½¢; clear rib, 15½¢; shoulders 10½¢; breakfast bacon 15¢.

Bagging—Firm and advanced.—Domestic—heavy, @10½¢ yard; light from store, 15½¢; India, 11½¢ in bales.

Bran—Is dull and unchanged @10¢ 140 per 100 pounds. Job lots, Texas 90¢ per 100 pounds by the Car load.

Beans—Prices are steady at 25¢ 26¢, for prime yellow, with light receipts and not much inquiry.

Belling, Rubber—Sold according to list, with 20¢ cent. off.

Butter—Stock heavy and demand light for all grades; prices easy as quoted, choice 34¢@36¢; fair 29¢@31¢; ordinary 24¢@26¢. Western and Kansas City, choice 28¢@31¢; Medium 24¢@26¢; Ordinary 20¢; Texas 15¢@17¢.

Brooms—\$3 00@4 50 per dozen.

Candles—Quiet but steady favorite brands 16¢.

Candy—Light demand; assorted stick 15¢@16¢; fancy 20¢@25¢; rock 23¢@25¢; cream 25¢@26¢; gum-drops 30¢@35¢; maple sugar 25¢@30¢.

Coffee—Stocks in importer's hands 300. First hand quotations are firm at Fair 19¢, Good 20¢, Prime 20½¢, Choice 21¢. Dealers are selling from store about 1c advance on these figures for ordinary order lots.

Can Goods—Per dozen cans: Peaches, 2 lb, 82 50@2 55; strawberries, 2 lb, 82 50@2 60; pine apples, 2 lb, 82 40@2 50; damsons 82 50; oysters, 2 lb full weight, 81 75@2 00; 1 lb full weight, 81 10; corn, 2 lb, 82 25@2 50; tomatoes, 2 lb, 81 40@1 50.

Cheese—Western factory nominal English dairy 18¢.

Corn—Moderate supply; prices easy at 75¢ @80¢ for Texas in round lots; Western \$1 00@1 12¢. From store, Texas 90¢@1 00.

Corn Meal—Fair supply. Selling at \$4 85@4 90 in job lots. From store 85¢.

Crackers—In fair demand. Soda 5½¢; cream and ginger 10½¢.

Castings—Hollow ware, etc., 6¢ and iron, 5¢.

COFFEE-MILLS—Per dozen, Parker's No. 50, 85; No. 60, 86; No. 70, 87.50, with ten per cent. discount.

CHAINS—Trace, per pair, 6¢, 10, 13, 66¢; 64, 10, 2, 76¢; 64, 10, 1, 50¢; 0 12¢ @ 1 lb.

Drugs—Acid Citric \$1 40; acetic 16¢; tartaric 66¢; oxalic 23¢; sulphuric in carboys 4½¢; C. P. 40¢; Aloes cap. 10¢; alcohol 82¢ alum 5¢; ammonia aqua 3½¢, 10¢; ammonia spiritus arom. 48¢; arsenic common powdered 74¢; Bismuth, subnitrate, 82 25; Blue Vitrol 15¢. Borax refined 28¢. Caustic, lunar, pure 81 15; Chloroform 81 10; Copperas 3¢; Calomel, English, 82 75; American 82; stock \$1 60. Cinnamon bark 35¢@60¢. Cream Tartar, pure, 48¢@50¢; grocery 25¢@40¢. Chloral hydrate 25¢@28¢. Morphine, sulph. 86 25; Logwood extract 18¢. Gum annise extract 34¢. Gum catnip 35¢. Gum opium \$10. Hops (1873) 35¢@40¢. Quinine 82 60.

Eggs—Easy, at 16¢@20¢ per dozen packed in vent boxes.

Fish—Mackerel, barrels No. 2, 81 50 @13; half-barrels No. 1, 87 50@8; No. 2, 86 50@7; kits No. 1, 81 90@2 10; No. 2, 81 50@1 60; herrings, Dutch, 82 15@2 40 per keg; dried No. 1, 80¢@90¢; No. 2, 60¢@65¢ per box; codfish, quarter-boxes, 82¢@2 10 half-boxes 83 50@3 75; 100 lb boxes 74¢ per pound.

Flour—Sales have been a trifle larger with prices about steady. Stocks are ample. Trade extra 87 75¢ @ 90¢; choice extra 8 75¢ @ 90¢. Job lots, Texas, in barrels 88 60.

Fruit—Dried—Raisins layers per box 83 25@83 50; figs per lb 15¢@20¢; prunes, fine French, nominal; currants, Zante, per pound 10¢@12¢; apples per lb, 9¢@10¢; Dates 12¢; almonds, soft 24¢@26¢; shell, 23¢@25¢; hard shell 23¢@25¢; filberts 15¢; pecans none; Brazil nuts 15¢.

Fruit—Fresh—Lemons in fair supply. Sicily \$14 00@15 00; Apples, supply small. Western, 86 50@87 00. Northern, nominal. Oranges, Louisiana and Mexican, nominal. Sicily 4 00@4 50 per box. Havana 89 00@10 00 per barrel. Coconuts, per 100 85 50@86 00. Peaches, small 1 00@1 50 per bushel. Choice 2 50@3 50 per Bushel.

Glass Goods—Per dozen, in cases—Pickles per gallon, 85 25@85 50; half-gallon 83 65@83 75; quarts 82 65@2 75; pints 81 40@1 50.

Hams—Steady. Choice sugar cured, 15¢@16¢; 2d quality, 13¢@14¢.

Hay—Is in ample supply and fair, active. Western, \$30 00@32 00 per ton; choice Timothy, Northern 82 30@23 50. Supply ample.

Hides—Moderately active and slightly higher. We quote, dry flint, selected a 17¢; kips and calves 4 00; as they run, 13 14¢; wet salted, selected, 7¢; as they run, 6¢; butcher's green, 6 7¢; dry salted are sold as dry flint with allowance for salt; glue stock 5 25¢.

Hardware—Axes per dozen: Collins Kentucky light \$12; medium \$12 50; heavy \$15 50.

Hoes—Per dozen, planter A B No. 0, 87; No. 1, 87 50; No. 2, 88; No. 3, 88 50; H B No. 0, 86 50; No. 1, 87; No. 2, 87 50; No. 3, 88.

Iron—Per pound, common bar, 4½¢@5¢; band, 6¢@6½¢; hoop, 7¢@8¢; sheet, common, 7¢; R. G., 8¢; galv., 17¢; Russia, 30¢; imitation Russia, 22¢; plow blades, 64¢; nail rods, 10¢; axes, 8½¢@9½¢; horse-shoes, Burden's, 87 25¢@7 50; mule-shoes, 88 00.

Leather—Best Louisville and Cincinnati Oak Sole Leather, 42¢ @ 43¢; do second quality 40¢; do. fair saddle skirting 44¢; do. oak harness leather 41¢; do. second grade do. 38¢; do. black bridle do. 50¢; do. fair bridle do. 55¢.

Lard—Market quiet and firm Tierces, 15½¢; kegs, 16¢.

Lumber—The demand is fair, and stocks ample. Rough yellow pine, 82¢; second quality, 80¢; dressed weatherboards, 85¢@28, surfaced boards

\$25@28; ceiling, \$20@25; flooring, \$25@30; cypress lumber by the cargo, \$25@30; ash, \$40; shingles, \$4@5 by small lots; \$3@3 50 by cargo lots.

Lime, Cement, Etc.—In limited demand. Austin lime, 82 25 per barrel; Alabama 82 50; cement, 82 25@2 75; plaster, Paris, \$4 00@85; laths, \$4@4 50 per M.

Meat-Cutters—Per dozen. Woodruff's, No. 100, \$15; No. 150, \$18.

Molasses.—Supply fair; demand good, selling 65¢; prime, and 70 for choice per gallon, barrels, half barrels 5c. advance, 10c. advance. Job lots kegs 60 @ 65c.; for barrels.

Nails—Are unchanged. Quotations are as follows: 10d to 60d, 83 75; 8d, 84 00; 6d, 84 25; 4d and 5d, 84 75. Flooring, casing and boxing, 75c. advance on above. Finishing \$1 advance.

Oils.—Lime seed, raw, 95; boiled, \$1 00. Lard, No. 1, \$1 00. N. S. \$1 15 Proctor & Gamble's, \$1 12½. Turpentine, 45c. Kerosine, 24¢@27¢.

Oats—Western selling from store at 70¢@75c. per bushel. Texas, 60¢@64c. Job lots, Texas per car load 55¢@56¢.

Onions—In light supply prices dull and drooping Red Northern 83 25@3 50 @ barrel. Bermuda per box nominal.

Potatoes—Stock light; prices dull; market quiet. Western nominal; Northern nominal; according to quality. New Southern \$1 00 per bushel, \$2 00 per barrel. Sweet potatoes 82 00; per bushel.

Prunes—Deer skins 25¢@27¢; goat skins 20¢ per lb.; sheep skins, full wool, 50¢; half-wool 25¢. shearlings 15¢@20¢, each; wolf skins 25¢@75c, each; dressed deer skins, Indian-tanned, \$1 50@1 75 per pound.

Poultry—Receipts light and prices firmer. Chickens 83 00@3 50 @ dozen. Turkeys quiet; small 88¢@90¢; grown, \$9 50@10 00. Ducks 83 50@4 00 @ doz. Geese 4 50@5 00 Partridges none in market.

Starch—Dealers supply the demand at 5½¢.

Sugar—Market steady for Louisiana and Texas, for which there is a fair demand. Fully fair 9½¢; prime 9½¢@10¢; choice 10½¢; coffee C 10½¢@11c.; coffee B 11c. @—; coffee A 11½¢@11½¢; crushed and powdered 11½¢@12¢; Demerara Choice 11½¢@12c.

Salt—Stock small; prices firm. Coarse from first hands by car load \$1 35 gold; fine \$1 75, gold.

Soy.—In full supply. Olive 7c. for large lots, German olive 6c.; Ordinary orders filled at 7¢.

Staves—Per dozen, iron, \$1 75; plated 82 75 brass 83 75.

Tobacco—Supply ample and prices firm, with upward tendency. We quote: 12 inch extra fine for lbs. 75¢ @ \$1; 11 inch extra fine, 70¢@75¢; 11 inch, fine, 65¢@70¢; 11 inch, fine medium, 60¢ @ 65¢; 11 inch, good medium, 57¢@60¢; 11 inch, good common, 53¢@55¢; twist, all grades, 60¢@80¢; smoking tobacco, 45¢ @ 50¢; snuff, per dozen bottles, \$4 00@4 100; cigars, domestic, per thousand, \$12 @ 100; cigars, imported, per thousand, 85¢@2 50.

Ties—Iron cotton baling ties 5½¢ per pound for Arrow and for Beard.

Tin—In plates, per box, in gold, 1X \$14 50; 1C \$12 50; 1C, beaded, \$11 75 @ 12 30 @ 1 lb.

Tallow—Receipts light; prices steady, good to prime 64¢; for small lots large lots in shipping order 71¢@74¢; common 59 5½¢.

Trine—Cotton baling twine is in ample supply; selling at 17¢ per pound.

Trine—Painted, 3 in 82 25, 8 in 83 25; white pine, 3 in 83; 8 in 84; cedar, 3 in 83 75; 8 in 86 50.

Vinegar—Fair supply and steady at 22¢@40¢, 3 gallon for cider and white. White wine, imported, 65¢.

Woodware—PAILS—Painted, two hoop, 82 10; three hoop 82 40.

Well Buckets—Per dozen, L. S., 86 00 @ 77 00; extra 89 50@11 00.

WHEAT—No. 2 Texas, \$1 35@1 37½ per bushel, by the car load, buyer paying elevator charges.

Life Insurance.

THE DECREASE OF LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

It is the same story everywhere—that hard times and lack of confidence are operating against Life Insurance. In Pennsylvania the decrease in 1874 in the amount insured was nearly \$6,000,000. This lack of confidence, which is a partial cause of the falling off in the Life Insurance business, arises from the non-fulfillment of promises and the wholesale transfers by amalgamations or re-insurance without the consent of policy-holders. Evidently some life companies are killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

The above copied from the Sunday Herald is so truthful we give it a place in our columns.

The flagrant violations of good faith, justice and fair play practised by many Life Insurance companies, have made a distrust and we think with good reason. There are some companies who depend entirely for their assets in contesting claims and making a compromise with the claimants, these assets being published far and wide as a proof of their prosperity. We know of a case in point where a well-known Boston stock broker has been deprived for over a year of his just claim and legal measures have had to be resorted to. Personally, we have little interest, but think the public should be protected and those about insuring should select those companies where in case of death the amount could be promptly paid without cavil.

There are plenty of good companies we suppose, but discretion must be used.—Boston Express.

CAR-LOADS of grain are arriving daily at the Galveston Elevator. Owing to the energy and enterprise displayed by Messrs. Patterson & Lufkin, the managers of the elevator, the receipts of grain at this port are daily increasing, with prospects in view which bid fair to over-reach the most sanguine expectations.

Hard Money.

The Boston Express talks in this fashion about it:

Hard money is what is wanted. It is the great want of the times, and until it is had we shall never have what everybody wants—good times. Inflation is the bane—the lunacy—of our country. Money that is based on paper is of no real value. Every junk store has cords of it, and it is only worth so much per pound. The present dull business of our country has no other foundation than rag money. The more we have of it the poorer we are. Going to market with a bushel basket of bills and returning with a peck of provender, may be a bit of extravagance, but it illustrates a profound fact. Our currency money is no money. It is printed paper with nothing behind it. As a consequence the standard of values is destroyed, labor is demoralized, markets are fictitious, and everything is misplaced. In the meantime our political parties are divided on this question. There should be no division among good and honest men. Any government which bases its finances on paper is as sure to be in trouble as that night succeeds day. It can not be otherwise in the nature of things. The moment we return to hard money, that moment our country will witness a genuine prosperity, and not before. Labor and capital will get their legitimate returns, and as a nation we can see where we are. This cannot be as things are now. The party which raises the banner of inflation is an enemy to the country, and deserves defeat. It will get it. The national government could have put gold and silver into circulation five years ago, and would have done so had it listened to wise counsel and prudent principle. The future of this country depends upon a solid money circulation, and this is simply gold and silver. As a convenience paper is all very well, but it must be redeemable at any moment. Such has not been the case for nearly fifteen years, and for that reason our people have been at a most disastrous disadvantage.

Houses, lands, manufactures, ships, goods, produce and labor have all, within two years, been depreciated from twenty-five to thirty-three per cent., until all business is crippled, all enterprises stopped, and today more than a million of men and women who are willing to work are without employment in the United States. Of course, while this policy continues, no man will begin any new enterprise or make any new production who is not obliged so to do by the necessities of his business relations. Two-thirds of the property in the country is being depreciated to quite thirty-three per cent. in its value, while another third at least is being appreciated at least ten per cent. A man's house has within the last two years depreciated thirty-three per cent. in its exchangeable value; that is, he can sell it for the sum only as compared as two years ago; but the mortgage for greenbacks borrowed upon it has appreciated ten per cent. in comparison with gold. The property grows continually smaller, and the bond and mortgage continually larger.

DOES A CUSTOMER KNOW WHAT HE WANTS!—There is much practical wisdom contained in the following advice to business men from Baldwin's Monthly, whose proprietor owes his success largely to putting just such principles in practice: "Mark out for yourself a straightforward course, having proper respect for the opinions of those whose support you ask, and whose patronage will determine your success in business. Keep in view the intelligence of the community where you are located, rather than fancy there is the least chance for your prosperity if you attempt to play upon the credulity of the public. The cook who makes the bread knows more about the flour she uses than the merchant who sold the nicely graded brand. The man who has bought his own clothes for years knows enough about fabrics and colors to judge for himself, and cannot be easily deceived with textures or their value. A tradesman had better believe his customers do know, than to think they do not. If the dealer be a fair man he will treat all alike, and in no instances practice deception.

PUT YOUR BILLS ON FILE.—A well known publishing house of this city, says the N. Y. Publisher's Weekly, enters protest against the new practice of pay-days, which has become a serious abuse. The theory on which it is built, that a seller is entitled to his money only by the courtesy of the buyer, is quite untenable; and when it comes to pass that one certain day is set apart, so that nothing can be collected except on that individual day, if less reputable houses were concerned in it, it would be called a small dodge. At this rate, bills will soon be payable only on the 31st of the month, and ultimately, we should judge, only on 29th of February.

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