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SATURDAY NIGHT.

Another week has ended. Another Sabbath morning is about to dawn upon the earth. The heavy shadows of another Saturday night have fallen upon the world and we think and dream of the days that are gone. How many of us can turn to bright pages upon which we have written the record of good deeds we have performed during the ending week? How many of us have planted another mile stone along the rugged route of life that leads us onward into the deep shades of the great unknown country to which we all are traveling; and which may, hereafter, warn other travelers, wearied and worn out with the labors of life, that we have passed along this road; that we have triumphed over the trials that beset it and have pressed on all undaunted to wear the crown won by heroic persistency in the practice of virtuous deeds? To-morrow will be the day set apart by the Almighty for rest; a day consecrated to Himself which should neither be desecrated by servile works nor profaned by unholy practices. How many of us will it find with hearts "void of offence towards man," ready to render unto God the homage which is His due? Are our robes all white with purity? Is there no blot or stain of sin on the souls we offer to God in humble adoration as we draw near to His temple to worship at His shrine? These are thoughts that belong to every heart; thoughts that should occupy every honest, determined mind that wishes to win those prizes that make up the glory of salvation as it is in Christ Jesus. Alas! but few of us are ready to answer these questions that struggle to rise in our hearts; but which are too often stifled as impertinent intruders upon the serenity of our lives. Are there no wolves in sheep's clothing in our midst? Are those aged, earnest worshippers who sit just beneath the preacher, with eyes and ears given to him and to every word he utters, in apparent forgetfulness of all things save the glory of God, all that their radiant faces would indicate? Are their minds really with their God, or are they wandering away through the complicated intricacies of some grand financial scheme that will add more gold to their heaps of wealth, and thus increase the importance and influence of the positions they fill in the social and business circles in which they move? Is there no murmuring echo of want sounding in their ears, and no thoughts filling up empty caverns of their hearts in which the want they have occasioned some lone widow, or entailed upon the destiny of some poor orphaned child, are told and retold in strains of saddest sorrow? Are they ready for the final trump, and have they their lamps ready trimmed to light up the pathway that leads to life everlasting? Are those younger and less demonstrative members of the fold all that they appear to be? Are there no covetous desires, inordinate passions and baneful thoughts rushing through their souls? and are they free from sin and prepared to meet the great issues that are to make up the terrors of the "last day?" Let no man turn from these suggestions; but let every one turn them into his own soul—for so long as the germ of a single sin is in it they are pertinent to our spiritual wants. † † †

THE WACO TRAGEDY.

A Duel at Four Feet—One Contestant Falls.

Is Whiskey or the Secular Press Responsible?

The secular press throughout the State is greatly agitated over the tragedy that occurred at Waco the past week. Two young men fight a duel! They stand but four feet apart! One falls dead, and the other flies from the consequences of his bloody deed! They had always been on the best of terms. What then caused this desperate deed? Alas, the closing words of the brief telegraphic recital of the bloody affair explains it: "They had been drinking." The following are the comments of the *Houston Telegraph*:

"The terrible affair occurring at Waco, an account of which came to us by telegram, is greatly to be deplored, and we hope its perusal by young men everywhere may induce salutary reflection. Two friends, upon slight provocation, stand four feet apart, and with deadly weapons seek to slay each other. One falls never to rise again, and the other would probably have been as well if not better off if he had not survived his companion. What did it? What does most of the murdering and fighting, and brawling in the land? What destroys our young men, and brings ruin and desolation to the hearth stones of so many families in America? Whisky. And it was that which caused the death of the young man at Waco, and filled with remorse the friend who took his life. These lessons are continually being taught, and yet they seem to have no perceptible effect upon the young men of the country. There is scarcely a town in Texas that has not some excellent young men in temper and disposition, until they are under the influence of drink, and then they are lost to all reason and propriety. Yet, knowing this, they continue to drink, and thus it is we are called upon so often to record the fact that another man has been murdered."

Other secular journals of the State also charge whiskey as the responsible agency in this sad event.

The *Galveston News*, however, has a theory at variance with its contemporaries. It, in a measure, exonerates whiskey, and traces the responsibility to the "state of society" that considers as among its respectable young men those who are habitués of bar-rooms, etc.

We cannot refrain from a few reflections at this point—because there is a chance, while the feelings of our brother journalists are thus wrought up, that we may influence them to adopt the law of preventive rather than indulge regrets over results.

It is a sad comment on the journalism of Texas that such heart-rending scenes as the one recorded are necessary to wring a protest from them against the domination of the demon, alcohol! What an influence for good could such papers as the *Houston Telegraph*, *Galveston News* and *Waco Examiner*, (each a loud protestor in this case) exercise if they would, under all circumstances, unequivocally condemn the whiskey-gambling influences of today; influences that superinduce such a "state of society" that respectable young men—young men of good families—resort to pistol and knife to adjust the most trivial differences. Every day we see recitals in the columns of the secular press of "fatal affrays"—published as mere matters of news! No comment! No condemnation! Only a few days since, we read in the *Galveston News* of a duel between a Galvestonian and an Austin man. Men of good families, forsooth! and acting in a manner to disgrace modern civilization—if there is a modern civilization. The names of the men are in every mouth! Even the children of Galveston are familiar

with all the circumstances of the duel—and yet we hear of no arrests; we see no strictures in the columns of the *News*. Had one fallen in the affray, that paper would doubtless have been burdened with a moral homily, and mournful regrets pathetically expressed! When in the past we have appealed to the secular press to aid us in our efforts to bring about a different state of things, the response has been: that it is not their province to regulate community morals or exercise censorship over society! If, brother journalists; you will not condemn these outrages in terms that will compel legislative preventive, we protest against your imposing upon the credulity of readers by useless—perhaps, deceitful—regrets over deeds that are brought about by the influence of whiskey-sellers, gamblers, horse-racers, etc.

It is yet fresh in the minds of our readers that we recently published a series of articles in the *Advocate* against the gamblers and whiskey-vendors of Galveston. We appealed to the *Galveston News* to co-operate with us. It not only refused its protests and its great influence in this behalf, but actually came to the defense of these Galveston festers. Thus it is the gamblers of Galveston rule it. They ply their thievish, villain-making vocations in the broad, open light of day! they erect spacious and costly establishments, and neglect no charms that entice and ruin their unsuspecting victims! they make and unmake mayors and chiefs—especially chiefs! they sit, bare-faced, in our council-chambers, and shape the polity of our municipal government! they are the received equals of our leading commercial and social lights—and yet are ruining, damning the young men of this beautiful isle! are preparing them to settle trivial matters by the knife-pistol process! and have reduced Galveston society to that state which makes a gambler and whisky-sot respectable! When death and ruin result, the secular press will rise *en masse*—to do what? why, to regret it! If there is an influence in Texas that is more than whisky responsible for this state of morals—(rather, in many cases, want of morals), it is the secular press—for by silence it permits whisky and gambling to do their taleful missions.

We ask in the name of society! in the name of peace! in the name of weeping mothers! of starving orphans! that this poison, whisky, be expunged; and that gamblers be tabooed as society evils! We ask in a greater name—in the name of religion! and in the name of religion's God. *Will the secular press speak out!* † † †

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.—The Reformed Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, about a year ago had five members. It now has eighty.... A lady of Beverly, New Jersey, Sarah L. Scott, recently deceased, bequeathed all her property for the establishment of a Reformed Episcopal Church.... The seven colored Episcopal Churches in South Carolina which recently joined the Reformed Church, represent a membership of some six hundred and thirty members.

NORTHERN METHODISM.—A new Methodist Church has been built in Salt Lake city. It is a handsome structure, and will seat one thousand persons without crowding.... The Germany and Switzerland Conference held its session at Wurtemberg. Bishop Simpson presiding; seven preachers were admitted on trial, also two for the Italian work. Two were admitted into full connection.

"ANGLICAN CHURCHMAN."

His protest—His Geographical Education, etc.

A Ramble among the faults of the "Texas Catholic"

A recent issue of the politico-religious journal known as the *Texas Catholic* contains a most puerile letter of protest against the cartoons of Nast in *Harper's Weekly*. The editor of that sheet, who by the way is a man of some sense, certainly did not notice the over-sanguine and erroneous document, or he never would have permitted its appearance in a new-born journal—especially so soon after he had taken the Rev. Mr. Culbertson to task for a few grammatical errors.

This obsequious protestor says: "May one who is a Protestant" (?) (We take the liberty to question the truth of the statement that the writer is a Protestant—* * *) "claim the privilege of his faith to protest against the many indecent caricatures of the Catholic Church which are published in *Harper's* and especially of one in the number for August 28th, which is an unfair, unjust and disrespectful portrait of his personal friend the archbishop of Cincinnati." Again, he eulogizes John Purcell, his personal friend, and says: "I have more than twenty years regarded him as more like the apostle whom the Lord loved than any other man I ever met." Then, after affirming that he differs from the Rev. Mr. Purcell upon public schools, he says: "I can call to mind a visit that I once made in his company to that which I believe to be the best young ladies' college in America. It is somewhere in Boone county, Ohio, though its name and location have passed from my memory. I never can forget the elegance of manners and the evidences of culture that the religious ladies having charge of it displayed. It seemed to me—for I was younger then than I am now—that they united the learning of blue-stockings with the grace of Princesses. I know that there is no purer patriot on American soil, nor any man who would sooner shed his blood for civil liberty, than John Purcell. It grieves even Protestants to see him misrepresented or treated with disrespect." John Purcell may be all that the parasitical contributor represents him to be; he must have tact and talent, or he would not be an archbishop in the Romish Church. But if he is "a friend to civil liberty," history will bear us out in saying that he is "training with the wrong squad." The *Harper's* (excepting the "outrage mill" department) operate their paper as effectively as possible against the sworn enemies of freedom of religion, the press and speech; and only such Protestants as "Anglican Churchmen" are at war with it on the score of Catholic caricature. They are so well aware of the tendencies of the Romish enemy to culture a civilization that they must cease to be Protestants when they espouse her wickedly insinuating cause.

But, we ask, could "Anglican Churchmen"—notwithstanding, his confession of being younger twenty years ago than now—or any man not a hopeless idiot, so far forget a college that thus interested him in the enviable company of a priest of renown, where those of rare culture combined with profound learning taught young and pretty ladies—as not to remember the name of the college and its exact location in Boone county, Ohio? This "college yarn" is rather improbable; your correspondent does not profess infallibility, but it is his humble opinion that there is not, nor never was a Boone county

in Ohio; and if our whilom juvenile "Anglican" does not get his friends to declare that there is—and that it is an infallible truth—reasonable men will conclude that he is a fraud and, therefore, not a Protestant; and that he never knew John Purcell, (unless as his lackey), and that his protest—to use modern slang—is *too thin*. Your correspondent can not forego the remark that his ignorance is in strange contrast to the profundity, prolixity and *easy style* of the San Antonio correspondent to the *Catholic*—so noted for brevity indeed, that he would have written the history of Tom Green county if he had not been telegraphed to come home and save the city. But it is on a par with a journal that criticises ignorance in others and writes of the arrival of an old "curtailed steamboat" as the "United States man-of-war, Rio Bravo." There is marine knowledge for you. * * *

The Outlook.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.—The following is addressed by J. B. McFerrin and D. C. Kelley, to the preachers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: "As the Conference season approaches we feel much concern as to the missionary collections. The drafts in aid of our missionaries have been issued and must be met, or our brethren will suffer, the cause be injured, and our church suffer reproach. Let each preacher see to it that a full collection be taken. The assessments are very small, made so because of the stringency of the times; but now that the crops are good, and prospects encouraging, it would be lamentable if we fall below what we have appropriated. Let every member, young or old, rich and poor contribute to the cause. Let no charge allow itself to report to the Conference a deficit. Work in time. Do your best, and you will succeed.... Mr. Owen Hoyt of New York, has given \$2,000 for a memorial window in the Wesley Monumental Church, at Savannah, Ga.... A recent number of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of Chicago, contained twelve articles on the election of Presiding Elders.... Rev. C. D. Foss, D.D., accepts the office of President of the Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut.... The *Western Methodist* brings us cheering news respecting the revivals in the North Mississippi, Little Rock and Arkansas Conferences.

EPISCOPAL.—The Bishop of London having forbidden the use of the "wafer" at the sacrament at St. Albans, the congregation adjourned to another church, where they celebrated the communion in the way the bishop condemned. His lordship then forbid the curates of St. Alban from officiating in any other churches in his diocese.... The new Episcopal diocese of Southern Ohio contains 1 bishop, 38 presbyters, 44 parishes, 4,171 communicants, 353 Sunday-school teachers, 3,189 Sunday-school scholars.... Rev. Henry Reed a prominent Episcopal rector of Philadelphia, was drowned Aug. 23.... The presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church has called a special meeting of the House of Bishops at Grace Church, New York, to elect missionary bishops for Africa and China, and to receive the report of the Mexican Commission.

PRESBYTERIAN.—The Presbyterian Church received on profession of faith last year 32,059.... Last year the Presbyterians received forty-nine ministers from other denominations, or nearly one-third as many as were ordained during the

year.... The great Presbyterian council will meet in its next session in Edinburgh. America will have 126 delegates, Great Britain 82, and the rest of the world 82.

BAPTIST.—The Baptists have been holding a camp-meeting at Martha's Vineyard, and are so pleased with the result that they now propose to secure permanent grounds there for future meetings.

OLD CATHOLICS.—The *Dusseldorf* correspondent of the *London Guardian* under date of July 17th, says: "Bishop Runkins has confirmed eighty-three children in the Palatinate, and seventy in three towns in Westphalia, within the last three weeks. He is now to proceed to Baden for a similar purpose." The Bishop recently said that if fifty to one hundred priests were to place themselves at his disposal, he could find them places within three months. Another priest from Tyrol, a Franciscan, has just joined the Old Catholics, and has undertaken a Baden parish.... American churchmen through a letter to Bishop Kerfoot were invited to attend the Old Catholic Congress in Baden, the 20th ult.... About three thousand members were represented at a meeting recently held in Naples, which constituted itself a church under the name of the "Italian National Catholic Church." This is the form the Old Catholic movement is taking in Italy.

CATHOLIC.—Ex-Father Gerde-man thinks the strength of the Catholic Church in this country is largely over-estimated. Five millions he says would cover all the men, women and children in all the States. He estimates their loss each generation to be seventy nine per cent. of the boys and twenty-five of the girls.

JEWISH.—Sir Moses Montifore, the Jewish philanthropist at the age of ninety-one has gone to Jerusalem to see what can be done for the relief of the Hebrews in that city. He was received with enthusiasm. Twenty thousand people blocked the streets as he left the synagogue, all anxious to honor the benefactor of their race. He says the Israelites in Palestine are anxious to engage in any employment that may be offered for their support.... The *Jewish Messenger* proposes that the American Hebrews celebrate the centennial with efforts towards a heartier co-operation between their different organizations. It suggests a Pan-Judaic convention, "not to convert the world to a narrow circle, but to demonstrate the vitality, the dignity, the essential power of the Jewish race and faith, and to devise measures for preserving historical Judaism." The civil and religious freedom of the Jews the world over is proposed as another object to be accomplished.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The Kentucky Education Society has kept nineteen young men at College the past year.... Parker Pittsburly is said to have stated that on a visit to the West he found the Free Religious Organizations to be either declining or to have disappeared altogether.... In Salt Lake city the Methodists number 65; Episcopalians 120; Presbyterians 60; Congregational 20.... A night school for the benefit of the Chinese in New York city has been started. Several Chinamen are attending one of the Sunday-schools of the city missions.... The Centennial Committee of the Wennebrennarians purpose publishing 50,000 copies of a pamphlet descriptive of the rise, progress, faith and practice of their church, for distribution during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

REMEMBER the premiums.

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The Family Circle.

THE MIRACLE AT NAIN.

This evening, at the gate of Nain, a crowd of people gathered...

A Right-Hand Servant

Asa and Ira were brothers, whose farms lay side by side.

"Do you see," said Asa, "what a hold the weeds are taking?"

"Well, well, we must be resigned," said Ira.

"I can only be resigned to what I cannot help," said Asa.

"The army worm is in the neighborhood," said Asa.

"Ah!" exclaimed Ira, "it will surely destroy what the weeds have not choked out."

"But Asa replied, 'I pray every morning for strength to do the work of the day.'"

"Do you see, Ira?" said Asa, another morning, "the river is rising, and our farms will be overflowed."

"Alas, it is a judgment upon us for our sins; and what can we do?" said Ira in despair.

"There are no judgments so severe as those which our own sins bring upon us," said Asa.

"There is one consolation," said he, "my children at least are left me."

But while Asa's sons grew up strong and virtuous men, among Ira's there was a drunkard, a gambler, and a suicide.

"The ways of the Lord are not equal," said Ira to his brother.

"Why are you always prospering, while I am afflicted and disgraced?"

"I only know this," replied Asa, "that heaven always helped me to meet my children's faults as I met the weeds, the caterpillars, and the flood; and I never send a petition upward without making Toi, my right-hand servant, the messenger of my prayer. Work and Pray."

PROMISES VERIFIED.—The promise "For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways" is verified, in this true incident: "I want to go to No. 77 P—street. Will you let me off so I can reach it the shortest way?"

The speaker was a young girl, and she was addressing the conductor of a street-car, who replied pleasantly: "Yes, Miss, we cross P—street; I'll remember and let you out at the corner, then you'll have only the length of one block to walk."

"Is it far?" she asked.

"No—not very far."

It was just at nightfall of a winter day. The car was crowded—and constantly stopping to let one off or take on another—so that progress was slow and Addie Haring peered anxiously out into the twilight, and whispered to herself, "Dear, dear, if I knew the way I could walk faster than we are moving. I almost wish I had staid in New York," and she tapped her foot and made little bobbing movements of her head and shoulders, as if to relieve her excited nerves.

She was not used to traveling alone—even so short a journey as from New York to Brooklyn. She had been visiting in New York and was now on her way to spend a day or two with friends in the other city. Her uncle had driven her to the Ferry and left her saying:

"Now you'll be all right. I'd go over with you, if it were not for this meeting, but you can't have any trouble."

"Can't I?" she repeated to herself, "I'd be sure to if I could!"

The car dragged along at snail's pace, so she thought, but at length to her relief she heard—

"P—street!" and as handed her out the man said, "Seventy-seven is down that way—this is 106, so you see it isn't far off."

"Thank you!" said Addie going quickly in the direction indicated. It had grown so dark that she could not see the numbers without ascending the steps. When she thought she had gone far enough she stopped to look at a number. It was 111! Utterly amazed she went forward, tried another—then went back—crossed and re-crossed—and it seemed to her that the numbers had been playing "puss in the corner," and each one sat down in his neighbor's front door—all but 77, which seemed to have no abiding-place whatever. People began to look curiously at her. Some loafish-looking young men passing, peered at her, and she fancied that one of them was about to speak to her. Completely bewildered, she stood there in the deepening night upon the steps of a handsome house—the number of which could never have been neighbor to 77.

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In her excited and bewildered state the thought of seeking a hotel unattended only added to her terror. She was lost in a great city and in telling the story she said, "I'd rather be lost in the woods, ten times over. Never in my life did I have such a sense of loneliness and utter desolation. Of course there were half a dozen things I might have done, but I was too excited to think; but I'll tell you what I did do. I prayed. Standing there on that door-step, I prayed as I never prayed before in all my life. I tell you, Faye, I just laid hold of the promises."

While she still waited—not knowing as yet which way to turn, a boy came along, just a common-looking sort of a boy, and Addie ran down the steps and asked him—"Can you tell me if there is any number 77 on this street?"

He looked at her curiously as he answered, "Why, that's Dr. Palmer's old number. Is that the place you're looking for?"

"Yes! yes! I want to go to Dr. Palmer's. I've been looking all up and down the street."

"Well, you see," said the boy, "they've been putting up new numbers to-day and only got partly done. That's mixed things. The street got too long at both ends," he added, laughing. "Dr. Palmer's is right across here, I'll just go with you and see you in."

"Thank you," said Addie, joyfully; and in a whisper, "Thank God!"

The boy rang the bell and Addie said to the servant who opened the door, "I want to see Mrs. Palmer or Miss Florence."

But Florence heard the voice and coming to meet her friend, dragged her into the parlor, saying,

"Dear child! I've been so worried about you, fearing you'd get lost or meet some dreadful fate. It is so dark—weren't you frightened?"

"No—not after I remembered."

"Remembered what?"

"The promises," said Addie, sadly. Then she told her story.

"But child," said Florence, "Suppose you hadn't prayed. Don't you think you'd have found the way all the same? It was the boy, after all, that brought you to the door."

"Do you suppose that every boy in the city knows where Dr. Palmer lives?" asked Addie. "Did that particular boy just happen to come along at that moment, and did I happen to ask him instead of some other one of the throng? Or was it God's way of keeping his promises?"

THE WORST OF IT.—"Do you want little any berries, ma'am?" said a little boy to a lady one day. The lady told him she would like some, and taking the pail from him she stepped into the house. He did not follow, but remained behind, whistling to some canaries hanging in their cage on the side of the porch.

"Why do you not come in and see if I measure your berries right?" she said; "how do you know but I may cheat you?" "I am not afraid, ma'am; you would get the worst of it."

"Get the worst of it?" said she; "what do you mean?" "Why, ma'am, I would only lose my berries and you would be stealing;—don't you think you would get the worst of it?"

A MINISTER of West Anstruther, Scotland, appealed to Sir Robert Anstruther, who was an extensive land-owner in that parish, to assist in placing a stove in the church, which he said the congregation found very cold. "Could, sir, could?" Sir Robert exclaimed. "Then warm them with your doctrine, sir. John Knox never asked for a stove in his kirk."

SONG OF THE KETTLE: the dull-simmer.

REMEMBER the premiums.

Ephesus. The Boston Advertiser says: It is just twelve years since the trustees of the British Museum inaugurated the researches at Ephesus which six years later culminated in the discovery of the Temple of Diana—one of the so-called seven wonders of the world.

A firman was obtained from the Turkish government, and Mr. John T. Wood of London, was selected to superintend the excavations. The choice of Mr. Wood, an architect by profession, was most happy, and there have been great results from the wisdom of the selection made by the trustees.

For eleven years the investigations continued, and were brought to an end, we are told, through motives of economy on the part of the British government. Not, however, fortunately, before some of the discovered relics were safely placed within the walls of the British Museum. Before Mr. Wood began his work, little was known definitely of Ephesus—one of the seven churches—and in its day a city magnificent in all its parts.

The date of the founding of the city was about 1043 B. C. It was the ancient capital of Ionia, and was celebrated for its splendor. The first prominent result of Mr. Wood's work was the discovery of a beautiful building, fifty feet in diameter, having sixteen columns, standing in the middle of a quadrangle, believed to be the tomb of St. Luke, as a most reliable historian has stated that the apostle was buried at Ephesus. In 1866, the exploration of the Great Theater was commenced. This vast edifice was found to be 495 feet in diameter, and Mr. Wood calculates that it was capable of holding 24,500 persons. On the last day of the year 1869, Mr. Wood came upon the pavement of the Temple of Diana, some 20 feet below the present surface, outside the precincts of the ancient city. At a gate of entrance two roads were found to diverge, one of which had deep ruts of chariot wheels, by following which the temple was reached. Pliny gave the dimensions of the temple as 125 feet long by 220 feet wide, but Mr. Wood found these were the dimensions of the lowest step of the base on which the building stood, the actual dimensions of the temple itself being 308x163 feet. Ctesiphon is named as the chief architect, and Pliny says there were 127 columns, 60 feet high, of Parian marble, furnished by so many kings. Mr. Wood found the altar in its proper position, and a sculptured figure of Diana was discovered. A vast block of marble, about 11 tons in weight, part of the frieze of the temple, elaborately sculptured with a representation of the ninth labor of Hercules, was among the "treasure trove," and may be seen, together with every other morsel of the sculpture, at the British Museum. Mr. Wood found evidence in the relics that the temple was adorned with gold and rich coloring. The discovery of a limekiln on the lower step of the platform, and a large heap of marble chips, is suggestive as to what became of the missing part of the edifices.

"In our day-schools we demand trained teachers. Why should we not demand the same in our Sunday-schools? Are souls more easily managed than brains? These questions, which in this case are put by a Maine pastor, have been asked repeatedly from one quarter and another, and plans have been proposed for training teachers. Reference was made to this subject last week, and it is worth careful consideration, since it involves the whole question of Sunday-school instruction. Right here we have but a word to say, and that is that the Sunday-school teacher must necessarily have different qualifications from the day-school teacher, which could not be acquired satisfactorily through any training system. The latter is supposed to see to it that pupils learn and master certain prescribed studies, and beyond that his or her function ceases. The Sunday-school teachers, on the other hand, are called on primarily to exert a personal influence upon their scholars. There is or ought to be a more intercourse between the two, the teacher showing sympathy, love and tender solicitude for the scholar, and the scholar, in turn, accepting these expressions in a right spirit. Let us not forget that the Sunday-school teacher is a moral and spiritual teacher and so far fills a sphere which the day-school teacher cannot to any extent. The question, then, turns as to whether perfect Sunday-school teachers can be trained up, and whether normal classes can necessarily turn out apt sympathetic, character-moulding leaders for our classes. Are they not rather rare persons, who are to be sought out in our congregations and urged to take hold of the Sunday-school?"

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Correspondence

LOCKHART.—I am, with the blessing of God, permitted to report another victory over the powers of darkness. I began the labors of a protracted meeting four miles east of Lockhart, on Friday night, the 27th of August, and concluded them on the night of the 31st, with eleven or twelve conversions and twelve accessions to the church.

Your articles on the popular vices of the day have already done immense good, and I do hope you will continue to expostulate with, and warn the church with reference to these things. I hope you will give the practice of gambling at fairs a round or two before you stop.

Go on in your good work and the ADVOCATE will become a great power for good. Indeed it is already great. Make it greater!—Jno. B. DENTON.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.—I closed a protracted meeting last Sunday night (15th of August) at Wheatville, which lasted about twelve days, and which resulted in some good. There were two conversions and two accessions to the church.

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THE DECAY OF BADEN.—The French press noted with satisfaction that Baden, that once brilliant watering place, is now a gloomy and well-nigh deserted place. The hotels, once full of aristocratic and fashionable celebrities of Europe, are empty; and the promenades and establishments which were wont to resound from morning to night with the accents of the most polished language in the world, now feebly echo nothing but dull grunts of a few heavy Germans.

BALOONS BY MAIL.—The new postal-law presents many curious, comical features along with the annoying ones. A Boston man who had suffered somewhat in various ways from the complicated changes, recently visited the Postmaster and asked him how much merchandise he could send in one parcel.

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remained in that vicinity ever since. She has been a member of the M. E. Church, South, near fifty years; she was the first Methodist that ever lived in San Antonio; and the first to entertain and sympathize with the itinerant ministers who visited that frontier field of labor. Every Methodist preacher that has labored in San Antonio will remember Aunt Martha, as she was familiarly called by everybody. She was never ashamed, under any circumstances, to own her dying Lord.

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I. G. JOHN, D.D., Editor.
GENERAL TRAVELING AGENT,
REV. WM. McK. GILLUM.

BRO. R. H. NEELY writes Aug. 23: "I am with Bro. W. B. Swafford, in a glorious revival."

BRO. O. A. FISHER writes Sept. 2: "I hope to send you some more subscribers as soon as the cotton brings in the money."

BRO. J. P. MUSSETT writes from Mansfield, Sept. 1: "We love the ADVOCATE, and I have pressed its claim faithfully. I hope in the next two months to send a number of subscribers."

An old veteran in the ministry (whose name we would give but for fear of offending him) writes as follows from Waxahachie, August 27: "I received a few lines from you some time since sending my account—not as a dun, as you stated, but for correction, if any was needed. * * * I am harder pressed to live and support my family than I ever have been in my life. I have served the church of my choice for more than forty years, and now, when I am old and gray-headed, the church leaves me and my family to eat bread by the sweat of the brow or starve. I would have written before this, but have been sick, and am not able to write even now. I will try and send you some subscribers soon."

No comment is needed on the above. But we tremble at the responsibility incurred by those who thus neglect the noble men that have served them so long and so faithfully!

THE Northwestern Christian Advocate in speaking of the invitation of Mr. Davis to address the citizens of Illinois at the Winnebago county Agricultural fair, says: "It is right and proper to promote peace between the people of the two sections; but it is too much to ask our people to listen to a speech from the cold-blooded, cruel, vindictive, savage head of the rebellion." If the promoters of peace rely on such papers as the Northwestern Advocate, the day of genuine fraternity is far off. With the exception of the Inter-Ocean we know of no secular paper of the North that exceeds the Northwestern in its intense hate for the South.

So careful were Moody and Sankey that no argument should exist against their work on the ground that they were making it a source of financial profit, that they did not even retain the copyright of their hymn book, but directed that it should be used for the spread of the gospel. Yet some papers insist they were on a money making expedition. This complaint is a stale one, yet no doubt it will find willing hearers as long as the world stands.

THE TIME TO WORK.

Bro. John Adams, presiding elder of Palestine District, says in a private letter from Nechesville, Sept. 3: "There have been several gracious revivals in this district during the third round of quarterly meetings. Our people love the ADVOCATE more and more; and now that a reasonable good cotton crop is certain, I think we will be able to procure many subscribers. Now is the time to increase the circulation of the ADVOCATE. If every presiding elder in Texas would bring the claims of our paper before the quarterly conference during the fourth round, what a grand roll of subscribers might be sent up. This I intend to do, Deo volente."

It is our desire to largely increase the amount of reading matter in the ADVOCATE in January 1876, and to materially improve it in other respects. Prospects for it look gloomy enough now—as we do not intend to make any advance we can not sustain. We earnestly second the suggestion of Bro. Adams that agents work during flush times.

WHOLESALE SINNING

A writer in the Pacific reports a steady depreciation of the moral grade of the mining towns of California and Nevada. This is traced, not to their business or their associations, but to the condition of living enforced by the mine owners. He says: "The whole mining organization in Nevada, with rare exceptions, involves the direct ignoring and violating the christian Sabbath; and that also with rare exceptions, not a man is employed who will not either habitually labor on the Sabbath as any other day or else hold himself ready to do so when called upon." The result is, christian men who have a conscientious regard for the Sabbath are driven from the mines. This statement accords with the experience of every christian country. The neglect of the Sabbath is ever accompanied by the moral degeneration of the people.

A similar condition obtains all over our land in connection with other enterprises. It has been often remarked that a very small percentage of the employees on railroads are religious men. The proportion is smaller than in almost any other line of business. There is a cause for this. The business is not, in itself, demoralizing. It is an honest, honorable, calling. The temptations to which they are exposed, which may tend to make men forgetful of their religious obligations, are not greater than those which are encountered in other vocations of life. We must trace the fact to the same cause. Our railroad corporations are wholesale Sabbath breaking institutions. Their presidents and directors may be very consistent members of the different churches, but they do not hesitate to disregard the command of the God they worship, and publicly and continually violate the law which consecrates the Sabbath as a holy day. If a man has scruples which will not permit him to work on Sunday, he is excluded by his own convictions from their employment. The conductor, the engineer, the fireman, the brakeman must be at their post Sunday morning and work as on other days or forfeit their situation. They are not only compelled to participate in the violation of the law of the Sabbath, but are cut off from all the privileges of the house of God. This life has a demoralizing influence on their piety. A life in which the sanctity of the Sabbath is ignored, and in which the individual is deprived of all religious associations must tend to the development and establishment of an irreligious character. Its influence on young men is most disastrous. When for months the Sabbath is spent amid the clangor and confusion of depots and crowded cars, where business moves on with a rush as on other days, where the language of profanity is heard on every hand, can not but blunt the religious convictions of even those who have been raised under the best religious influences. The result is, many quietly retire to other employment where they will not be forced to surrender every religious privilege and weekly violate the command of God, while others less scrupulous fill their places. Capital, by thus arraying itself against christian morality, makes itself a foe to christianity and a curse to the entire land.

GEN. B. F. BUTLER said in an address at the O'Connell celebration: "There are more children born of Irish mothers in the State of Massachusetts each year than are born of any other nationality." The fact that New England would be depopulated were it not for foreign importations has caused serious perplexity to some of its most thoughtful citizens. The men are leaving as fast as they can. From present tokens the Yankee and the Indian are destined to become extinct.

BRO. C. H. ELLIS writes from Waxahachie: "I regret not to be able to cheer you with a good list of subscribers to our excellent ADVOCATE. I hope to give satisfaction at the close of the year. With this exception Waxahachie circuit is doing very well."

ARE BLUNDERS CRIMES?

"It was a mistake of the druggist." He put morphine instead of quinine in the prescription. It was a careless act, but it proved a fatal one. The white powders looked alike. The nurse could not distinguish by sight—nor the patient by taste. The dose was small. It was measured on the blade of a knife. It was given to preserve life, but it wrought death. "A mistake!" Napoleon the First was not altogether wrong when he classed blunders with crimes. In some matters no one can be justified in making a mistake. When life is involved, it is the business of the druggist to keep awake.

What about those blunders parents and guardians make in the training of their children? What about the lessons the teachers are imparting to the child? What about the doctrines preached to the congregations? Are we dealing in truth or error? The consequences which may follow might make us pause, ere careless words are uttered which may influence life and destiny. What about our actions? No harm in it! So the white powder looked when it lay on the white paper, but it was the messenger of death. The man or woman who speaks or acts thoughtlessly is as guilty as that careless druggist. No harm you say has followed yet. It may happen to-morrow!

It is well for people occasionally to learn what others think about them. The Catholic of the 20th gives its opinion of Methodist preachers. Here it is:

"So far as the intelligence of their clergy is concerned, about the only thing that is required of them is a digestive system sufficient to appropriate the nutritious properties of a yellow-legged chicken, and brains enough to ride a piebald pony. Not one in ten of the chronic circuit riders who 'rush in where angels dare to tread' can tell the difference between the 'old ship of Zion' and a dredge-boat! And such men, without education, without vocation, and almost brainless, are sent out to enlighten their hearers upon questions in which immortal souls are involved—with no other guide to direct them than a first-class appetite and a degree of constitutional laziness that marks a proverbial characteristic in the gentry of this ilk."

We fear the liver of the Catholic is in bad condition, or that something has put it out of temper. We will suggest that when one makes such broad assertions about others, people will ask whether he knows what he is talking about, or whether it will be common-sense to believe what he says.

PEOPLE are often misjudged. A preacher was on a certain occasion accused of extravagance because his daughter, who had just made her appearance in society, was tastefully dressed. The materials were costly. The unkind criticism reached the ears of the father and mother and hurt them deeply. After a time those who thus criticised learned that the dress was made from one given the mother by her father in her girlhood. She had left a homewhere ease and comfort abundant to share the lot of the preacher. Thoughtful and economical, nothing had been wasted in later days. Her patient skillful hand had changed and trimmed the carefully preserved dress for her daughter. Her prudence had been made the occasion of a charge of wastefulness.

Could we unveil the privacy of many a preacher's home, we would see evidence of a patient endurance of trial and poverty which rival a heroism which an apostle would have honored. The heart of the husband would have failed years ago, but the brave wife sustained him; and in the book which never fails to enter every deed and never blunders in its record, the story of his usefulness will be linked with the story of his her faithfulness.

THE Russian Government manifests uneasiness respecting the growth of socialist conspiracies in the empire. They are under the control of recent organizations. When freedom of thought is suppressed by the government it will find vent in secret organizations which are more dangerous than a free press.

SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

MASKED KU-KLUX have been making matters more exciting than agreeable to the law abiding citizenry of Floyd county, Iowa. The ringleader and a part of the gang have been arrested. The astonishing part of the affair is that the perpetrators were not Southern men, and their victims were white.

If a few colored people can be imported into Southern Illinois, the attention of the Inter-Ocean will possibly be directed to the disorders in its own State. The solicitude that it displays for the peace of the South would be a comfort but for the fact that lack of brains or honesty prevents it telling the truth when the Southern people are involved.

THE efforts of the citizens in the turbulent counties of Southern Illinois are about to prove successful in putting down the desperadoes. These affairs have proved a great annoyance to the Ultra sectional papers of the North, as they took the wind very effectually out of their sails with respect to the Southern outrage business.

THE Central Advocate, the Northern Methodist paper published at St. Louis, announces that after having once inserted a special notice of church work it will be considered an advertisement, and every subsequent notice must be paid for as such. This one item will answer many questions some people ask respecting the assumed superior management of Northern church papers. They make the people and preachers pay for the work that is done. The above item is a sample. Suppose after the first insertion of a presiding elder's appointment, we were to send a bill for each subsequent insertion. The account would be sent back with the request that said elder's paper be stopped. So with other items we could name. We have no complaint to make. We do all this cheerfully. It is one of the objects for which the paper is published; yet we do think that some of those for whom we thus labor might render some slight return—at least say a good word for the paper occasionally.

REV. EPHRAIM THERIEN, a Roman Catholic priest, has been admitted into the Protestant Episcopal Church in Indiana, as a deacon, without re-ordination—as his ordination by a Catholic bishop is considered valid. Had he come from the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational or any other Protestant church re-ordination would have been required. From this we infer that the Episcopal Church holds itself united by closer bonds to the Church of Rome, than to the Protestant churches.

DOMESTIC NEWS

TEXAS.—Lieut. D. W. Roberts, commanding Company D of the frontier battalion, reports that he struck an Indian trail on the 20th of August; followed it four days; overtook the Indians on the Staked Plains; killed one and wounded another; recaptured twenty-three horses they had stolen in Mason county, and recaptured an American boy about fourteen years old. The boy imparts valuable information respecting the whereabouts and operations of other Indians. These were Lipanes. The resignation of Judge Devine has been received by Gov. Coke. The Constitutional Convention met in Austin on the 6th. Gen. Whitfield elected temporary chairman; Capt. W. C. Walsh temporary Secretary. Seventy members answered the roll call. In the afternoon 81 answered their names. Judge Moore, of the Supreme Bench, administered the oath to the members. E. B. Pickett was elected President of the Convention. Major W. L. Chalmers was elected Secretary and J. A. Owens Sergeant-at-Arms. On the 2d, at La Reforma, in the jurisdiction of San Fernando, Mexico, a part of the customhouse officers were attacked by a party of contrabandists. On the night of the 1st, on the San Fernando road to Matamoros, eight men, mounted and armed, attacked and captured a train of carts with hides, under the charge of six men. A Chicago telegram of Sept. 5th says:

Mrs. E. B. Norton, wife of the editor of the Dallas Intelligencer, (with the Texas excursionists) while standing by a train of cars was accidentally thrown under one of them, the wheels of which passed over her arm, cutting it off above the elbow. Mrs. Norton is in a very precarious condition, having received internal injuries which it is feared will prove fatal.

GENERAL NEWS.—Advices from Lima state that the greatest honors were paid by the Peruvian Government to the deceased at the funeral of Admiral Collins. Two boys at Patterson, N. J., were playing soldiers with two guns they found in a closet, and the elder, aged twelve, presented the gun, not thinking it loaded, at his brother aged, nine years, and shot him dead. A private dispatch received at New York announces the signing of a treaty of peace by the commander of the Columbian forces and commander of the forces of the Insurgent coast States. Particulars were received September 4th, in Denver, of the engagement between Gardner and Gerrett party, of Hayden's survey, and a band of Sierra La Salle Utes, near the line between Colorado and Utah, and also near the line of New Mexico. The fight lasted twenty-one hours, and resulted in the loss to the whites of all their baggage and nearly all their provisions. They escaped without other injury. A petition for the pardon of Stokes has been sent to Gov. Tilden. Returns from California indicate the election of the Democratic State ticket. The laying of the Direct United States cable has been completed, and messages transmitted to and from the London office. Ex-Judge Morris, Tilton's counsel, is preparing the papers for the second trial against Beecher. It is expected that the trial will open the latter part of this month. A disease similar to the old epizootic has broken out among the cattle of Rochester and vicinity of New York. Four hundred have died in two weeks.

WASHINGTON.—The Indians in Southern Colorado have manifested an unfriendly spirit for some time, owing to the fact that so many persons are attracted to their country by the San Juan mines, and earnestly protest against the encroachment upon their territory. This is what led to the attack on Prof. Hayden's party, which is making a geological survey of the Colorado. The Board of Engineers examining Capt. Eads' plans for opening the mouth of the Mississippi, are still a work. It was decided that the east jetty should overlap the west at least 300 feet, and that 1000 feet was the desirable distance to leave between the artificial walls. The length of the east jetty will be 1270 feet. Dr. Linderman, director of the mint, reports to the Treasury Department that he has left San Francisco for Washington, and will stop at Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and Cincinnati, to determine the site for a United States mint to be located in the Mississippi Valley, in accordance with the provision of the act of Congress at its late session.

THE papers are making considerable parade over the fact that Gen. Grant attended an important Sunday-school convention in New York. In doing so he showed good taste. It is to be regretted that often public men do not follow the example. The flourish of trumpets, however, with which the affair is presented smacks so much of todysism or of a desire to use the event for party purpose that the papers are beginning to burlesque the affair. One tells of a fervent Methodist leader calling out in prayer meeting, "Will Gen. Grant's nephew please lead in prayer." We wish christian people would show less silliness.

THE Christian Union is puzzled over the fact that the familiar head line "Disorder in Louisiana" should always appear about three months before the election. Others have noticed this fact. It is a periodical infliction which freaks out in a certain class of newspapers about the time they open an exciting canvass and prevails as an epidemic until the election is over.

PASSING EVENTS.

The Osage Indians are in comfortable circumstances. The United States holds in trust for them \$1,000,000, being the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Southern Kansas. It is said that Chicago is the third city in the United States in the amount of tea imported direct from China. New York last year imported 32,944 pounds; San Francisco, 21,708 and Chicago 16,234. A small wool len factory has been discovered among the ruins of Pompeii. Several machines for carding and weaving wool with several charred fragments of tapestry were found. The last orange crop of Louisiana yielded, it is said, a net profit of \$810,000. It is the custom to sell the fruit on the trees at \$10 per thousand—the buyer doing the picking. The locust has appeared in Eastern Switzerland, damaging severely the grain crops. Capital punishment in Zanzibar is inflicted by the use of the bow-string. A female rope-dancer in Sheffield, England, recently fell eighty feet from the rope to the ground, and was taken up dead. The elephants of South Africa sometimes eat freely of the fruit of the Umgnan tree, which makes them drunk. Their huge antics and odd noises would be a novelty for a first-class human drunkard. The remains of Caesar's camp on Winebledon commons, England, one of the most interesting relics of the Roman invasion, are being destroyed to make room for streets and houses. An American traveler states that Queer Anne's statue, which stands in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, had its nose broken off a century ago by a lunatic, and has not been restored. It is rumored that King Alfonso is to marry the eldest daughter of the Duke de Montpensier this fall; that if Don Carlos does not prevent it. A man is said to be on exhibition in London by the name of John Hanema, whose height is six inches less than Tom Thumb's. He is thirty-six years old, and weighs twenty-six pounds. The Shah of Persia has presented a copy of the "Diary" he wrote during his tour through Europe. It is a manuscript of 208 pages bound in velvet and encrusted with diamonds. A valuable book. The San Francisco School Board after a long controversy has abolished the system of separate schools for white and colored children, and opened them to whites, negroes, Chinese and Indians, and every nation on the earth. A tornado about four hundred feet wide recently passed over the Northwestern part of Philadelphia, unroofing houses, tearing up fences. Strangely, no lives were lost. It is reported that the aggregate of the policies on the life of ex-President Johnson amounted to \$350,000. It is announced that the subscriptions raised throughout Germany to indemnify the Prussian priests for their withdrawal amounted to \$350,000, being only one-half the amount of the same withdrawn. In Burmah the floods have caused great damage to the rice fields. Three towns in Russia were recently destroyed by fire. England has put Gibraltar in an admirable condition for defensive warfare. Seven hundred cannon are mounted; seven thousand men garrison the rock, and seven years' provisions are kept constantly on hand. Cholera, which has been prevailing in Syria, is abating. At Damascus and Antioch there have been many deaths. A young girl named Emily Campbell at Spring Lake, Michigan, fell under a train and six cars passed over her without inflicting any injury. She had the presence of mind to lie perfectly still between the ties. The foot and mouth disease has broken out among the cattle of Dorsetshire, England, where upwards of 12,000 animals are affected by it. The Treasury Department has evidence which leads to the belief that the whisky ring has decided on desperate means to prevent exposure of their rascalities. One of the detectives who knows more than they are willing to have divulged was murderously assaulted by their tools a short time ago in Chicago.

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NORTHERN papers speak of the operations of the Ku-Klux in Illinois and Indiana. Speaking of their operations in New Haven and Crawford county in the latter State, the Religious Telescope says: "Their doings are horrible!"

THE President of the University of Vermont "rises to explain" why his institution was not represented at the Saratoga boat races, and intimates that he considers it an indignity that "high born Universities" should be invited to "expose their muscles in public, like gladiators in the amphitheater, for Mrs. Bionessy and other high bred (?) dames to bet on."

MR. SHEARMAN, the legal friend of Mr. Beecher, is doing that gentleman no kindness by his lectures on the great scandal which he has been delivering in England. He asserted in explanation of certain matters that it was the custom of the clergymen of his country to kiss the female members of their congregations. Quite a number of American ministers have come out in English journals indignantly denouncing the statement.

The third wife of the Khedive of Egypt lately established a free school for girls. She bought a large house in a thickly populated locality near the dancing dervishes; enlarged it and turned it over to the education department which supervises the school, the lady defraying the whole cost of maintenance.

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We append the General Recapitulation of the Minutes. They would have been published earlier but were unavoidably delayed by pressure of other matter.

Table with columns for Conferences, Travelling Preachers, Local Preachers, White Members, Colored Members, Indian Members, Total Members, Increase, Decrease, Infants Baptized, Adults Baptized, Sunday-schools, Sunday-school Teachers, Sunday-school Scholars, Collection for Conf. Chalmers, Collection for Missions.

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JEFFERSON DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Coffeyville, at Hawkins' camp-ground, Sept. 4, 5.

GALVESTON DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Columbia and Brazoria, at Brazoria, Sept. 18, 19.

PALESTINE DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. The camp-meeting to be held at Anderson camp-ground, will embrace the third Sabbath in September (9th).

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Huntsville, at Huntsville, Sept. 25, 26.

MARSHALL DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Knoxville, at Good Springs, Oct. 3.

BELTON DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Deer Creek, at Cedar Springs, Sept. 11.

STEPHENVILLE DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, Sept. 11, 12.

COMANCHE DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Cowhouse, camp-meeting, at Bennett's San-Saba, at Lower Cherokee camp-ground, Sept. 25, 26.

WACO DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Waco, at Waco, Sept. 11, 12.

Notice.

The candidates for admission on trial in the West Texas Conference will please meet the committee on Tuesday, Oct. 19th, at 9 A. M., at the Methodist Church in San Antonio.

Northwest Texas Conference. The Northwest Texas Conference will convene in Corsicana November 10, 1875.

San Gabriel Circuit Camp-Meeting. The San Gabriel Circuit Camp-Meeting will be held at Sanders' Chapel, eight miles north of Rockdale, embracing the second Sabbath in October (6th).

Change of Time. The camp-meeting for Walnut Creek, six miles north of Austin, heretofore published for September 9th, will not come off until about the first week in October.

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

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 30, 1875.

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 Palestine, on the east side of the creek, at a lake called the Boon Lake, commencing on Thursday, September 22.

Camp-Meeting. The camp-meeting for the Moscow circuit will be held at Moscow, embracing the fourth Sabbath in September, commencing Thursday, September 23, 1875.

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.

DALLAS DIST.—FOURTH QUARTER. Deaton, at Deaton, Sept. 15, 19.

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Correspondence.

The Idea of God, Etc.

An article which appeared some weeks since in your paper, from the pen of an anonymous author, expresses great surprise that some of our leading correspondents do not hasten to expose the heresy of Dr. Bledsoe, which he sees so clearly cropping out in Mr. Bledsoe's last article in his Review on the subject heading this article.

After giving the article under consideration a candid reading, I am prepared to express my astonishment at the obtuseness of your correspondent's mind, which prevents his perception of the author's intention; and I am the more surprised to find some of our reputed theologians expressing a fear that Dr. B. is turning Presbyterian.

It is not my purpose to enter the field of discussion—as a detendant of Dr. Bledsoe, in particular; for he needs no assistance, I presume, from so obscure a quarter as I occupy—but I must be permitted to express my appreciation of the man who can dare to meet these important issues upon the broad platform of unvarnished truth without any attempt to rob what may be termed hard scriptures of their full force, and of their proper position in the chain of Divine revelation.

The article under review, as I read it, taken in connection with its series, places God in an independent position as to man's salvation, and his acts in uniform consistency with our highest notions of benevolence, which are borrowed from the essential nature of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures—love—love supreme—love operating—love immutable—love's eternal decrees expressing. It also places man in an independent relation to these divine revelations as to their saving effects upon himself as an individual, as expressed by the Savior: "This is the condemnation: that light is come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil."

It argues the harmony of the divine attributes as displayed in the gospel of the grace of God; and yet he is not guilty of the folly which appears in the logic of so many others—of either repudiating the foreknowledge of God or his eternal, unchangeable purpose; or charging the Almighty with inconsistency or capriciousness, etc. I hold that we can not consistently deny that God's knowledge and purposes are eternal, universal, and even more definite than we can possibly conceive. The atoms and the spheres are alike before his gaze, and "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Further—I see no inconsistency in the idea that grace may be withheld under certain circumstances in mercy, or bestowed in other than the saving power for the same reason—and all this done by the Father of mercies in perfect conformity with the attributes of justice, and without any interference with the independent freedom of the persons as to their moral actions.

It may be difficult for us to understand why copious showers of rain are often poured out on barren, rough mountains, while the cultivated plains are left dry and parched. Still we should no more question the wisdom and goodness of the Divine Providence, than if it were, according to our own mind. "His ways are not as our ways, nor our thoughts as His thoughts." Will not the Judge of all the earth do right? No dispensation of Providence can ever contravene the eternal purpose of his infinite love.

God is not capricious! When in the ante-eternity, so to speak, the infinite mind, like a shoreless sea of crystal glory resting in the base of infinity, supported by the everlasting arms, conceived the purpose of creation and traveled in the strength of omnipotence, bringing forth the mighty universe—every part of it reflected the image of its glorious sovereign. So man in his turn was made in the likeness of his image, and was very good. This image was lost by sin, and can only be restored by holiness, for which God has graciously provided in Jesus Christ according to his eternal purpose.

Let all read and understand that, however much grace and mercy may be displayed in man's behalf, according to the eternal decree of God "without holiness no man shall see the Lord." The words of angels, which were steadfast, the thundering tones from Sinai's smoking summit, and the Elohi from the cross with united testimony proclaim God's eternal abhorrence of sin. Would we know of the doctrine? Then let us learn to do his will.

W. R. D. STOCKTON.

REMEMBER the premiums.

Jottings by the Way.

On Saturday morning, 21st, I left home to fill a list of appointments that had been made for temperance lectures—preaching at the Central R. R. from Van Alstyne to Denison and also down the trans-Continental to Honey Grove. At Rockwall we stopped and spent the Sabbath with Brother T. E. Sherwood, preached in the new M. E. Church which was just finished. This is the fourth protracted meeting held by Bro. Sherwood on this work, resulting in the aggregate of about one hundred conversion and as many accessions. Bro. S. is doing a noble work and God is blessing him; he will build up Methodism where ever he goes and will leave his work in good shape.

The meeting will be protracted until next Sabbath, at which time Bro. Binkly will preach the dedicatory sermon.

We left on Monday morning; after a seventeen miles drive with our young friend P. Chisholm who held the lines, we arrived at Plano, where we took up the train for Van Alstyne, the place where we expected to lecture; but owing to a protracted meeting in the neighborhood we did not lecture, but come on to Sherman where we are now enjoying the kind hospitalities of our old friend and Brother J. M. Binkly, pastor of the church at this place. Right here let me say to all his numerous friends and brethren in Texas: * * * * *

Although he has passed through a trying ordeal, he has had the support and commendation of the entire community as well as the church. All wonder at the calmness and serenity that rest upon him. Though chastened and scourged as he has been in the last twelve months, he is to-day more popular than ever in his own county, where the people know all about him, which is the best evidence of the correctness of his course. May God bless him and afford him grace to help him in this time of need is our prayer.

There seems to be a revival in all the section of country that we have visited, and from all accounts there will be a great ingathering of souls into the church this year.

With the finest crop that Texas ever raised, and her bright future, together with the religious awakening that seems to pervade the whole State, she certainly presents a very interesting field to the immigrant.

We visited Denison for the first time; lectured on temperance; organized a degree temple, and left the lodge at that place in a good condition. Denison is truly a fast place: with five or six thousand inhabitants, four churches, and a school-house, worth \$50,000, and other buildings that would be a credit to my place. She certainly has a bright future. But with all these advantages there is one blot on her fair name, and that is her whisky shops. Of all the towns on the Texas Central, for the number of inhabitants and age, I believe that Denison takes the lead. What a work here for the temperance people. May they be able for the great work.

But one thing can be truthfully said about Denison; that it is one of the liveliest towns in Texas—more get up—more life and energy. Why they gave inducements for the first bale of new cotton such as no other town gave, and the result was that she received the first bale from Hunt county, hauled fifty miles across a railroad; right by Sherman and Bonham. It brought twenty-seven cents at auction—besides the \$50.00 premium. And now, in conclusion of this hastily written letter, let me say that the lookout was never more favorable for the Church. Times are comparatively easy, and surely we will hear a good report from the North Texas Conference this fall.—A. B. JOHNSON.

LATER.—Rockwall, August 30th:—Bro. Binkly dedicated the church yesterday; raised enough money in a few minutes to pay for a bell, and soon will be heard the sound of the church bell in the town of Rockwall calling willing worshippers to the house of God. Bro. B. preached on the peculiarities of Methodism. Made some pertinent and proper remarks, too, in referring to some things that has been charged against the Methodist Church, that it was a hierarchy, and that the Bishop rode the annual conference, the presiding elder rode the quarterly conferences, and the preacher in charge rode the people. All this he showed to be libelous and false—as have been proved a hundred times before. The church is out of debt and the people are happy. Revival still goes on.

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God gives feed to every bird, but He does not bring it to the nest; in like manner He gives us our daily bread but by means of our daily work.

WAXAHACHIE CIRCUIT.—With devout gratitude to God, I send you good news from this interesting and important field "now written before of the good work at Sardis and the opening of an interesting meeting at Reagor's Chapel. The meeting at the last named place continued for thirteen days and nights. Between twenty five and thirty professed a saving faith in Jesus; the most of whom have, or will join our church. The membership was greatly revived and strengthened. A debt of about \$475.00 on their beautiful chapel was raised by a collection in cash and notes. Bro. J. H. Campbell and M. B. Johnson, local, and F. P. Ray, supernumerary, added greatly to the interest of the meeting. Bro. R. H. H. Burnett, of Fort Worth station, preached us one sermon which resulted in great good. Our good brother was suffering much from an inflamed eye, and also from general feebleness. May the good Lord bless and preserve him.

At Lebanon Bro. C. H. Baker conducted an interesting meeting alone, while I was detained by the special interest at Reagor's Chapel. This meeting resulted in the happy conversion of a few souls and the reviving and strengthening of the membership. Bro. B. is an efficient preacher at home; contributes liberally of his means to the support of his pastor, and aids very extensively in protracted meetings. Such local preachers are a blessing to the church. God bless them and increase the number.

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In many respects this was a remarkable meeting. From a human standpoint, everything seemed to be against us. But thanks to God who always causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus. He seemed specially near. Between eighty and one hundred professed faith in Christ and rejoiced in his love; fifty-three joined our church. Bros. G. skill, P. C., on the Ennis circuit; J. Hunt, supernumerary, member of the Little Rock Conference, Arkansas; Wm. W. Caulder, L. E. Grandberry, Texas, rendered valuable service. Father Jacob Mathews, an honored veteran layman, encouraged us by his fatherly admonitions and earnest prayers. The preaching was simple, plain and practical. The every-day duties of christianity were repeatedly urged, especially, the duties of family and private prayer. Such preaching is a blessing to any people. Thanks to these faithful men of God. Many prayers from grateful hearts will ascend for the divine benediction upon them.

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EXPECT HIM.—"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Oh! do we think of that enough? Jesus is there, in the Sabbath-school. It cannot be otherwise. We cannot see him or hear him speak, yet his word and his promises are there.

QUESTIONS.—Teach much by questions wisely put; for—1st. A question unveils the soul. 2d. Nothing can escape a question. 3d. It reveals decision. A question awakens curiosity, arouses the memory, and leads out into the unknown.

Omibus.

The worst wheel makes the most noise. We rest not when we sleep in death. We need it not.

An egotist is especially hated by all other egotists.

The angel of martyrdom is brother to the angel of victory.

He who often swears distrusts his own word.

If the staff be crooked, the shadow cannot be straight.

The contented man is never poor; the discontented never rich.

We recount the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.

No sophism can argue a man out of what he has experienced within.

If we trust in men more than in God, God shall make our trust our sorrow.

He who has not a good memory should never take upon him the trade of lying.

CHARACTER is the diamond that stretches every other stone.

We are independent, and controlled by nobody; yet there should be a master—ourselves.

A little fire is quickly trodden out; which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench.

We could not be the object of the Father's love, which is from everlasting to everlasting, but as chosen into Christ. He loves us with love perfect and unchangeable, if we fail not.

God's ways seem very slow sometimes. What we would see done waits long for the doing, and we grow impatient. But if we believe in God we should possess our souls in patience. In His own good time every thing will come right.

Farm and Garden.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.—The chopping and grinding of grain to be fed to stock effects a saving of at least 25 per cent. The draining of wet lands adds to their value, by making them produce more and better crops, by producing them earlier, and by improving the health of the neighborhood. To manure or lime-wet lands is to throw manure, lime, and labor away. Shallow plowing operates to impoverish the soil, while decreasing productions. By stabling and shedding stock during the winter, a saving of one-fourth of the food is effected. That is, one-fourth less food is required than if exposed to the inclemency of the weather.

THE farmer who fails to keep a correct account with each lot and crop is very apt to cheat himself. The common earth-worm, though apt to be despised and trodden on, is really a useful creature in its way. Mr. Knapp describes it as the natural manure of the soil, consuming on the surface the softer parts of decayed vegetable matters, and conveying downward the more woody fibers, which there moulder and fertilize. They perforate the earth in all directions, thus rendering it permeable by air and water—both indispensable to vegetable life.

EVERY rural homestead should have a patch in the garden devoted to growing herbs for domestic use. Some kinds are valuable in the kitchen, others for medicines. When they are coming into flower they should be cut and hung in the shade until thoroughly dry, after which they may be put into coarse muslin bags, or closely wrapped in paper, properly labeled, and kept in a suitable place.

CABBAGE WORMS.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune gives the following method of killing off the green cabbage worms: "Dissolve one teaspoonful of saltpetre in a common pailful of warm (not hot) water, and sprinkle the cabbages therewith on the appearance of the worms. Two to three applications will suffice for the season. The water besides acts like a charm in promoting the growth of the plant."

Household.

THE love of a rat for a sleek coat is so great that it is said that if coal-tar is smeared about their holes, they will leave in disgust.

CREAM CORN CAKE.—Three cups of cornmeal, one of flour, two of milk and one of cream, one egg and a teaspoonful of salt. Beat thoroughly. Bake with a quick heat.

CURE FOR FELON.—A poultice of onions, applied morning, noon and night, for three or four days, will cure a felon. No matter how bad the case, splitting the finger will be unnecessary if this poultice is used.

THE following receipt is said to be invaluable for destroying such pests as red ants and other insects: Take six or seven drops of oxalic acid (which is in a liquid state during warm weather), and mix it with a small teacup half full of melted lard, and set this preparation wherever the ants are troublesome, and they will disappear in a short space of time.

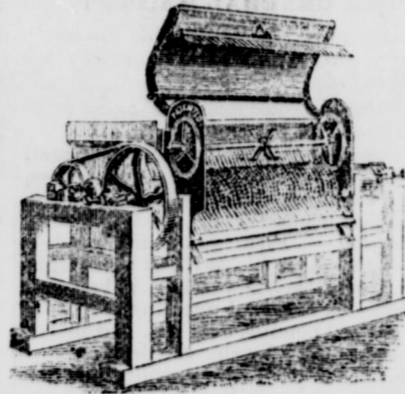
IMPROVEMENT IN CANDLES.—Steep the cotton wick in lime water in which has been dissolved a considerable quantity of nitrate of potassa. By these means a purer flame and superior light are secured, snuffing is rendered unnecessary, and the candles thus treated do not run. The wick must be thoroughly dried before the tallow is put to them.

SLICED TOMATO PICKLES.—To one gallon of sliced tomatoes that are just turning white, and have been scalded in salt and water sufficient to make them a little tender, mix a tablespoonful of ground pepper, one of mace, one of cloves, one of ground mustard, one of cinnamon, four of white mustard seed, two of celery seed or celery salt, one pod of green peppers, four onions chopped fine, half pint of grated horseradish. Mixed together and put a layer of each alternate; add one pound of sugar and cover with vinegar.

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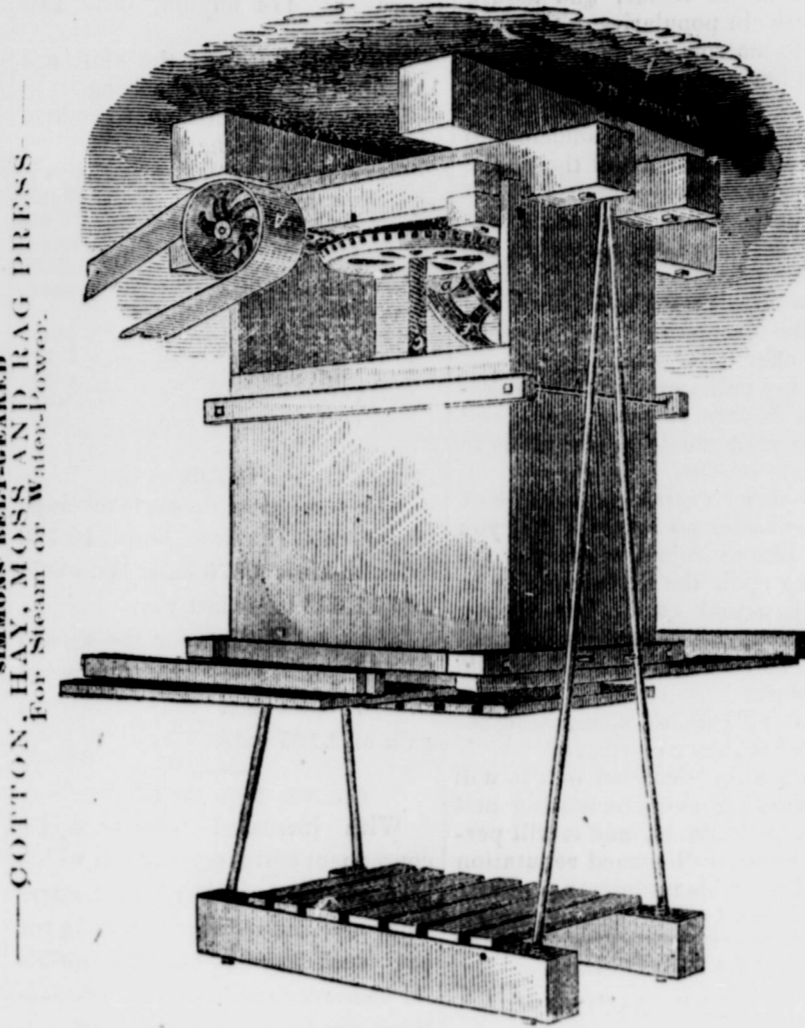
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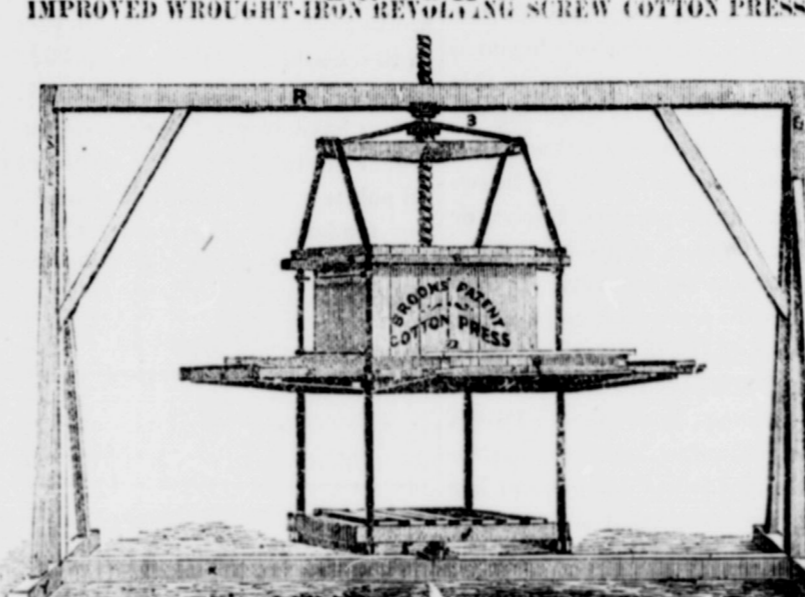
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Christian Advocate

GALVESTON, TEXAS, SEPT. 11, '75

THE failures in England, though less in number than reported in the United States, aggregate a much larger sum. They are estimated at \$110,000,000. The rapid acquisition of enormous fortunes, and the uncertain tenure by which they are held which mark the present age would be a powerful influence on the character of the generation. The eager, restless, speculative spirit receives a check in the sudden change in fortune which hurl the wealthy from their high estate. The lesson these things offer should not be overlooked. There is nothing substantial that is not based on the Rock of Ages.

STR. A. COTTON asserts the practicability of letting the waters of the ocean into the Sahara desert by a bar of sand, only eight miles wide, across the old mouth of the Delta. By this means that waste of sand which is now the hiding place of the predatory bands will be opened to the navies of the world and the distance to the heart of Africa largely reduced. This would incommode the tribes which occasionally traverse those sandy plains, to a considerable extent; but would open the Continent to the civilizing influence of the Christian world. Stranger things have been accomplished these modern days.

A RECENT comparison shows that the twenty largest cities in England with a population of 6,000,000 have an aggregate debt less than that of the city of New York, and that London, with a population of 3,000,000, has a debt less than half as large as that of the city of Philadelphia, which has but one-fifth the population; and about half that of Boston, which has only about one-tenth the population of the English metropolis. We are traveling a rapid rate. Grand improvements and often grand rascalities leave a burden which some one has to bear. We have no royalty to support; but corporations, bonds, taxes, are developing an element which is not favorable to our republican institutions. These enormous debts tell of the vast wealth of the creditors. An aristocracy of wealth is growing up and the bondholder may be king.

THE work of surveying the bottom of the Straits of Dover for the purpose of constructing a tunnel beneath its waters has commenced. The French engineers who are to assist in the sounding left for England August the 18th. These stupendous projects which men are carrying out in the interest of science and commerce are the prophecy of that day when the church is fully aroused respecting the undertaking of the world's conversion. When it goes to work as men do when they would build bridges and dig tunnels, the work will be speedily accomplished.

THE wisdom of the Privy Council of England has been called upon to exhaust itself over the question whether a Wesleyan minister has the right to have Rev. placed on his tombstone. While the church of England is exercising itself on questions of petty bigotry, the country will no doubt continue to examine the question asked by Mr. Gladstone: "Is the establishment worth saving?" Unless it grows wiser, its best friends will abandon the job.

AN artisan, whose wages are proportionate to the perfection of his handicraft, is all attention, especially as his work approaches completion. How much attention, then, should we bestow on our good works, for which we shall be rewarded according to our efforts! How carefully should we guard against any defect in the intention, calculated to mar their perfection! But, above all, how solicitously should we avoid, at the close, anything which might interfere with their perfect finish! Let us never forget the admonition of the Holy Ghost: "Unto the end corrupt not."

ST. IGNATIUS, having been asked to point out the shortest road to perfection, replied: "To hate what the world loves, and to love what the world hates."

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If this plan is carried out, it will guarantee an ever increasing and prosperous business, and it will perpetuate the well-earned reputation of an honorable tradesman.—Baldwin's Monthly.

Commercial

WEEKLY REVIEW.

ADVOCATE OFFICE, Thursday Evening, Sept. 9, 1875.

There has been during the past week a large amount of business transacted in all branches in this city. Very many interior buyers have been in the market and, while but few have laid in heavy stocks, all have purchased more or less of all classes of goods, and the aggregate has been heavy. It may be said with truth that more goods have been sold in this market within the past ten days than ever before in the same space of time. This is truly encouraging, and goes to prove that Galveston has lost none of her prestige as a market, but that while a portion of her former trade has sought other markets, the real cause of the extreme dullness, so recently apparent, has been the lack of funds in the interior, and the extreme spirit of economy practiced by almost the entire population of the State. The purchases recently made have been more with a view of keeping up stocks during the cotton picking season, (as the amount of cash received as yet for the staple by planters has been small) than to laying in for the entire fall and winter business. Therefore while we may look for a temporary falling off in the demand after immediate pressing requirements are supplied; it is evident that the later business will be heavier than at present; though it may not be crowded into so short a space of time. We feel confident, from present indications, that our prognostications of a heavy business will prove correct, and that the incubus which has so long rested upon our mercantile prosperity, will be lifted for some time to come at least. Another evidence of returning prosperity in the State, is the fact that numbers of new business houses are going into operation, while a majority of the old ones have taken hold with renewed vigor after having successfully weathered the storm of financial depression.

As yet there has been little foreign movement in cotton; but coastwise shipments have been quite liberal, and as stocks gradually accumulate the opportunities for selections for foreign shipments will increase. The staple of the cotton received thus far is decidedly better than that of last year, and, as a rule, the entire classification is considerably higher. The weather has thus far been exceedingly favorable, both to the development of the crop and to picking operations. The general health of the city and State at large has also been most excellent. There is a moderate movement in grain still going on, mainly however in oats, which meet ready sale. A vessel is now loading wheat at the elevator for Liverpool, and will take the first cargo ever shipped in bulk from this port. The tendency of values has been to shrinkage in most leading commodities, though fluctuations have not been heavy. Taking the week as a whole, we have no cause to complain in any direction.

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SILVER—Rates at the close are 111 @112 buying and selling.

EXCHANGE—Rates continue firm and generally unchanged.

Table with columns for 'COMMERCIAL' and 'BANKERS' listing various financial instruments and their rates.

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NEW YORK MARKET.

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FUTURES.

This market closed steady as follows: This week. Last week. Jan., 13; Feb., 13-16; March, 13-32; April, 13-5; May, 13-32; June, 14-14; July, 14-5-32; August, 14-5-16; Sept., 13-5-16; Oct., 13-3-13; Nov., 12-29-32; Dec., 12-15-15.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The closing figures received by cable are (basis Middling not below Low Middling): Sept. delivery 6 7-8d.; Oct. and Nov. shipment 6 7-8d.; Oct. and Nov. shipment 6 15-16d.; Nov. and Dec. shipment, 6 15-16d.; Dec. and Jan. shipment, 6 15-16d.

SPOTS.

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

THE GENERAL MARKET.

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

Ac-Handles—per doz., No. 1, \$2 50 @ 2 75 No. 2, \$1 85; No. 2 [N] \$1 65.

Bacon—Supply in first hands small market dull. We quote Clear sides, 14c; clear rib, nom.; shoulders 10c; breakfast bacon 18c.

Bagging—Firm and advanced. Domestic—heavy, @ 16 1/2 yard; light from store, 15 1/2; India, 12 1/2 in bales.

Bran—Is dull and unchanged \$1 30 @ 140 per 100 pounds. Job lots, Texas 90c. per 100 pounds by the Car load.

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

Belted Rubber—Sold according to list, with 20 p cent. off.

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

Brooms—\$3 00 @ 4 50 per dozen.

Candles—Quiet but steady favorite brands 16c.

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

Coffee—No stock in importer's hands. First hand quotations are firm at Fair 20, Good 20 1/2, Prime 21, Choice 21 1/2. Dealers are selling from store about 3c advance on these figures for ordinary order lots.

Can Goods—Per dozen cans: Peaches, 2 lb, \$2 50 @ 2 55; strawberries, 2 lb, \$2 50 @ 2 60; pine apples, 2 lb, \$2 40 @ 2 50; damsons \$2 35; oysters, 2 lb full weight, \$1 75 @ 2 00; 1 lb full weight, \$1 10; corn, 2 lb, \$2 25 @ 2 50; tomatoes, 2 lb, \$1 40 @ 1 50.

Cheese—Western factory nominal English dairy 18c.

Corn—Moderate supply; prices easy at 75 @ 80c for Texas in round lots; Western \$1 10 @ 1 12c. from store, Texas 90 @ 1 00.

Corn Meal—Fair supply. Selling at \$4 85 @ 4 90 in job lots. From store \$5.

Crackers—In fair demand. Soda 5c; cream and ginger 10c.

Castings—Hollow ware, etc., 6c; sad irons, 5c.

COFFEE-MILLS—Per dozen, Parker's No. 50, \$6; No. 60, \$6; No. 70, \$7.50, with ten per cent. discount.

CHAINS—Trace, per pair, 6 1/2, 10, x3 6c; 6 1/2, 10, 2, 7 1/2; 6 1/2, 10, 1, 8 1/2; 6 1/2, 10, 2, 7 1/2.

Drugs—Acid Citric \$1 40; acetic 16c; tartaric 6c; oxalic 2c; sulphuric in carboys 4c; C. P. 40c; Aloes cap. 10c; alcohol \$2; alum 5c; ammonia aqua 3 1/2; 10c; ammonia spirits arom. 45c arsenic common powdered 7 1/2c. Bismuth, sub-nitrate, \$2 25. Blue Vitrol 15c. Borax refined 25c. Caustic, lunar, pure \$1 15; Chloroform \$1 10. Copperas 3c. Calomel, English, \$2 75; American \$2; cream \$1 60. Cinnamon bark 35 @ 60c. Stock Tartar, pure, 4 @ 50c; grocery 25 @ 40c. Chloral hydrate 25 @ 28c. Morphine, sulph, \$6 25. Logwood extract 18c. Gum assafetida 34c. Gum camphor 35. Gum opium \$10. Hops (573) 35 @ 40c. Quinine \$2 00.

Eggs—Easy, at 25 @ 27 1/2 per dozen based on patent boxes. Bay and Island 30c.

Fish—Mackerel, barrels No. 2, \$12 50 @ 13; half-barrels No. 1, \$7 50 @ 8; No. 2, \$6 50 @ 7; kits No. 1 \$1 90 @ 2 10; No. 2, \$1 50 @ 1 60; herrings, Dutch, \$2 15 @ 2 40 per keg; dried No. 1 80 @ 90; No. 2 60 @ 65 per box; codfish, quarter-boxes, \$2 @ 2 10 half-boxes \$3 50 @ 3 75; 100 lb boxes 7 1/2c. per pound.

Flour—Sales have been a trifle larger with prices drooping. Stocks are ample. Treble extra \$7 75 @ 8 00; choice \$9 00 @ 10 00.

Fruit—Dried—Raisins: layers per box \$3 25 @ \$3 50; figs per lb 15 @ 20c; prunes, fine French, none; currants, Zante, per pound 10 @ 12c; apples per lb, 9 @ 10c; Dates 12c; almonds, soft 24 @ 26c; shell, 23 @ 25c; hard shell 23 @ 25c filberts 15c; pecans none; Brazil nuts 15c.

Fruit—Fresh—Lemons in fair supply. Sicily \$1 00 @ 1 10; Apples, supply small. Western, \$3 65 @ 4 25. Northern, nominal. Oranges, Louisiana and Mexican, nominal. Sicily 4 00 @ 4 50 per box. Havana \$9 00 @ 10 00 per barrel, Cocoanuts, per 100 \$5 50 @ 6 00. Peaches, Scarce at 3 00 @ 4 00 per Bushel. Boxes 7 1/2c @ 1 00.

Glass Goods—Per dozen, in cases—Pickles per gallon, \$5 25 @ 5 50; half-gallon \$3 65 @ 3 75; quarts \$2 65 @ 2 75; pints \$1 40 @ 1 50.

Hams—Steady. Choice sugar-cured, 15 @ 16c; 2d quality, 13 @ 13 1/2c.

Hog—Is in ample supply and fairly active. Western, none in market. Northern \$30 @ 32 50. Texas 1 @ 1 1/2c. per pound. Millet 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2c. per pound.

Hides—Moderately active and slightly firmer. We quote, dry flint, selected @ 17 1/2c. Kips and calves 1/2 off; as they run, 13 @ 15c; wet salted, selected, 8 1/2c; as they run, 7 1/2c; butcher's green, 7 1/2c; dry salted are sold as dry flint with allowance for salt; glue stock 5 @ 5 1/2c.

Meat-Cutters—Per dozen. Woodruff's, No. 100, \$15; No. 150, \$18. Molasses.—Supply fair; demand good, selling 65c; 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, \$3 75; 8d, \$4 00; 6d, \$4 25; 4d and 5d, \$4 75. Flooring, casing and boxing, 75c advance on above. Finishing \$1 advance.

Oils.—Limeoil, raw, 35; boiled, \$1 00. Lard, No. 1, \$1 00. W. S. \$1 15. Proctor & Gamble's, \$1 12 1/2. Turpentine, 45c. Kerosine, 24 @ 27c.

Oats—Western selling from store at 70 @ 75c. per bushel. Texas, 55 @ 60c. Job lots, Texas per car load sacked 50c.

Onions—In light supply prices firm and easier Western \$3 00 @ 3 25 per barrel. Bermuda per box nominal.

Potatoes—Stock fair; prices dull; market quiet. Western nominal; Northern nominal; according to quality. New Southern \$2 75 @ 3 00 per barrel. Sweet potatoes \$2 00; per bushel.

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

Poultry—Receipts light and prices firmer. Chickens \$3 00 @ 3 50 per dozen. Turkeys quiet; small \$2 @ 3 00; grown, \$3 50 @ \$4 00. Ducks \$3 50 @ 4 00 per doz. Geese 4 50 @ 5 00. Partridges—none in market.

Starch—Dealers supply the demand at 5 1/2c.

Sugar—Market steady for Louisiana and Texas, for which there is a fair demand. Fully fair 9c; prime 9 1/2 @ 10c.; choice 10 1/2; coffee C 10 1/2 @ 11c.; coffee B 11c.—; coffee A 11 1/2 @ 11 1/2; crushed and powdered 11 1/2 @ 12 1/2; Demerara Choice 11 1/2 @ 12c.

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

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

Silver—Per dozen, iron, \$1 75; plated \$2 75 brass \$3 75.

Tobacco—Supply ample and prices firm, with upward tendency. We quote: 12 inch, extra fine for lbs. 75c @ \$1; 11 inch extra fine, 70 @ 75c.; 11 inch, fine, 65 @ 70c.; 11 inch, fine medium, 60 @ 65c.; 11 inch, good medium, 57 @ 60c.; 11 inch, good common, 53 @ 56c.; twist, all grades, 60 @ 65c.; smoking tobacco, 45 @ 55c.; snuff, per dozen bottles, \$1 00 @ 1 13; cigars, domestic, per thousand, \$12 @ 100; cigars, imported, per thousand, \$95 @ 250.

Ties—Iron cotton baling ties 5c. per pound for Arrow and for Beard.

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

Tallow—Receipts light; prices steady, good to prime 6 @ 6 1/2c.; for small lots large lots in shipping order 7 1/2 @ 7 1/2c.; common 5 @ 5 1/2c.

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

Wool.—Spring clip, free of burrs—Medium 26 @ 28c.; very long and bright 29 @ 31c. Mexican 17 @ 21c. market fairly active. Sales this week nominal.

Zinc—In gold, per pound—Pig, none in market; sheet 11c.

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