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WE ARE INDORSED.

The following letters explain themselves:

You are right—exactly right—in your utterances against the gamblers and their abettors, both private and official. The defamations of wicked writings will harm neither yourself nor your paper. You will find a prompt and decided vindication at the hands of the church and the conservative element of society.
 W. F. EASTLING.

Mr. Editor—I am delighted with your manner of dealing with Mayor Fulton and the News. By the way, I do not think the News is getting any credit to itself by the position it assumes in the affair. The News may not think so, but if we are to judge by what the people say, it will tell on its subscription list. The people do not want a paper that is willing to array itself against right and reason; such a course may gain them popularity with a certain ring; but they will lose in the end. I am glad to see that you are meeting with encouragement from every quarter. May heaven speed you in your efforts to arouse the people and the press to a sense of their duties as regards these terrible evils. You are not only arousing the people of God; but everywhere the ADVOCATE goes it is carrying with it a powerful influence; and preachers are raising their voices, denouncing the same terrible evils that you have so successfully attacked. The secular press is paid to keep silent; but our preachers and the religious press can cry out against these abominations in our land.
 J. B. WILLIAMSON.

MEXIA.—Old Uncle Neal McGuyre has just left my house for his home in Davilla. He stopped with me on his way from the Northwest Texas Conference, and was quite ill for a week or more. While with me he read your reply to your Mayor and was so delighted that he made me promise to express his thanks to you for your manly fight against sin in high places. You also have my regards and all the support I am able to give. Keep on your mantle of charity; your blade keen, and probe to the very root of the disease. This, I think, you are doing, as your patient is beginning to squirm; but if he will hold still and act the man a little while it will soon be over, as the most severe operation, I think, has been performed. Uncle Neal McGuyre has been in the ministry since 1819; how it seems to please him for his "boy preachers" to present a bold front against sin. God bless you, Brother John! you have a heavy task, but you are equal to it; for your weapon (the truth) is mighty and you are sure to conquer if you but act David-like in the fight. Today (29) cold norther; threatening snow.
 R. LONG.

Emphatic Indorsement.

CROCKETT, Nov. 22, 1875.
 I write from an irresistible impulse that rises in admiration of the course you have been taking towards the suppression of vice and the establishment of a virtuous reign throughout the borders of our great State, which has lived and labored quite long enough under the opprobrium of sin and the contempt of all good men. Your sledge-hammer blows upon the gamblers of Galveston are just the thing. Keep up the contest and do not grow weary with your well doing. You have surely gone to the root of the evil, and have laid the burden of the blame upon the proper shoulders. We have laws in Texas against gambling, and they should be enforced. When the official servants of the people fail in their duty in this respect, they ought to be cudgelled into it. Your Mayor is evidently the wrong man for the head of a city like Galveston—a city in which every true Texan should feel a pride; but since it has passed into the control of gamblers and those who countenance them in their hellish work, I can assure you it has become a stench in the nostrils

of every honest man in the State. Go on with your work; we are praying for you, and we know that victory is waiting to perch herself upon your banners. Clean out the cesspools in the metropolis, and then cast your eyes towards the interior and give us the benefit of a few good blows from your strong right arm, and I am sure that Texas will be morally and socially improved by your efforts. All along the lines of railroads we are cursed with gambling and gamblers. The railroad hands can not pitch a camp without opening a faro bank, and thus day by day, and night by night the sin goes on, and the hard-earned wages of the laboring classes are being swallowed up by this monstrous glutton whom the devil seems to have turned loose upon us for the purpose of devouring our country. Our county officers need a few blows from your bludgeon as much as do your municipal magnates who have done so little to win your respect, and absolutely nothing that entitles them to your support any longer in the positions to which you have elevated them. Let the good men and true of Texas stand together, hand to hand, and shoulder to shoulder, and make a "long pull and a strong pull" for virtuous officials; and the day will soon dawn upon our State when crime and criminals will hang their guilty heads and seek some more congenial clime in which to prosecute the unholy work of ruining morals and damning immortal souls. It must be the work of the God-fearing and God-serving masses to redeem this corrupt age of the world. Politicians are failures in this enterprise. They promise everything, but accomplish nothing that tends to the elevation of society and the development and protection of its moral features. They are backed always by a powerful agent that wields a mighty influence in shaping and controlling the color and complexion of our public affairs. They are the pets of a paid press that measures out its promises and commendations in proportion to the amount of financial pap it receives. There was a time in the history of our country when the press was a great and mighty engine of good to the masses, but that day has passed and gone. The purity of public opinion went with it, and since money has become the great criterion by which personal integrity, moral worth and social culture is measured, the secular press has become the champion of the plunderers who are destroying the prosperity of the country. One copy of the ADVOCATE is worth more in a community than all the secular journals in the State combined; and I long for the time to come when it will supplant those mendacious sheets that tell all about their enterprise, but preserve a significant silence respecting their villainies. If it is any comfort to you to know that friendly eyes are following you in your crusade against crimes, and that pious hearts are lifted up for the success of your mission, I beg to tell you that such is the case. You are on the right track now; and if you would have the ADVOCATE become what it ought to be, don't turn back. Yours, X.

A revengeful youth the other day gave it as his opinion, that the reason why a boy don't love his elder sister is because every time she expects her because she corners him up with a basket of soap suds and a scrubbing brush, and goes through him as though he had no more feeling than an old brass kettle. In giving geography lessons down East, a teacher asked a boy what State he lived in, and was amused at the reply, drawn through the boy's nose "A state of sin and misery."

A schoolmaster asked one of his fair pupils, "Can you decline a kiss?" Dropping a perplexed courtesy she readily replied, "Yes, sir but I don't like to."

A Kansas girl says that nothing makes her so mad as to have a grasshopper crawl up and down her back just as her lover has come to the proposing points.

"Is Mr. Brown a man of means?" inquired a lady visitor of Aunt Betsy. "Yes, I should think he was," replied Aunt Betsy, "as everybody says he's the meanest man in town."

"John Henry," said his wife with a stony severity, "I saw you coming out of a saloon this afternoon." "Well, madam," replied the obdurate John, "you wouldn't have me stay in there would you?"

The record of every human life may be summed up in the words: "I wish I had and I wish I hadn't."

About the most forlorn and dismal thing in life is a high hat just sat on.

A dyspeptic's motto—"If I kneed not my stomach, it will soon need not me."

PIESTORRAFT

Mr. Arthur Day's Experience as a Teacher in the Public School of Newtown, Connecticut.

Mr. Editor—As an attentive reader of your articles on "ROMANISM," I forward you the following from the New York Observer. Your readers will see by it how the priests do things up in Connecticut, and they may thus learn just how they would do the same things in Galveston, and in every city and town in Texas, if they had the power.
 Yours, READER.

[Having seen the following remarkable narrative of priestly outrage published in the Sun, we sent it to Newtown, Connecticut, for positive testimony to its truthfulness. We have received it back again, with the assurance that the facts are accurately stated. Let it be read, and then let us see what we are coming to.—Editors of the New York Observer.]

Newtown, Connecticut, has a very large Catholic population, and though the Protestants are slightly in the majority, they are chiefly old settlers; and of the forty-seven children attending school thirty are Catholics. About two years ago, the Rev. Father McCartin went from New Haven to Newtown, and there found a Catholic teacher taking charge of the school. That was satisfactory to Father McCartin. Monday, October 11, was the first day of the current term, and Arthur Day, Jr., son of a New Haven Baptist minister, took charge of the school. On Wednesday, October 13, the school bell rang at the usual hour, and after the children had assembled, Father McCartin entered and saluted Mr. Day. The teacher invited him to take his seat, but the clergyman declined and sat down among the children. Mr. Day read a portion of the Scriptures, and was about to begin the repetition of the Lord's prayer; but Father McCartin interrupted him to ask by what authority he read the Bible in a public school.

Mr. Day replied he was authorized by the Board of Education to open the school as he had done, and the priest said there was no law to support him in such a course. Hot words followed, and Mr. Day says that Father McCartin called him a liar twice. Finally, the clergyman addressed himself to the Roman Catholic children, and desired them to pay no attention to the Scriptures if the teacher should read them in future, but to go on with their studies, adding that if Mr. Day should punish them he would expect them to complain to him. He then went out, and Mr. Day followed him to the door and told him he was master of the school, and he intended to carry it out as he had been authorized to do, and would not permit any interference.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

The clergyman replied contemptuously, and Mr. Day, going back to his desk, repeated the Lord's prayer as usual. Later in the day he spoke to members of the Board of Education and to several other influential men of the district, and was encouraged to read the Scriptures and repeat the Lord's prayer on opening the school. In the evening he called upon Father McCartin and told him what had been said in relation to the reading of the Bible. The father, Mr. Day says, seemed to acquiesce, and said he would not interfere again. There was no further trouble that week, and on Saturday, October 16, the Board of Education passed the following:

Resolved, That it is perfectly proper for any teacher of public school in this town to open school by reading the Bible without note or comment, and to preserve order while exercising such right. Any interference therewith would be an intrusion.

On Friday, Oct. 22, when Mr. Day was about to open school, he noticed that the shutters had been opened in the night by cutting away the fastenings, and that the Bible had been stolen from his desk. He sent to his house, procured another book, and read a portion of Scripture as usual. That evening the leaves of the stolen Bible were found scattered along the road.

On Monday last a climax was reached. When Mr. Day arrived

at the school-house he noticed that the children in the playground were not playing together as usual. The Catholics had separated from the Protestants and were playing alone. When they entered the school-house the former at once began to study, paying no attention to the Scripture which Mr. Day was reading. The teacher desired them to lay aside their books, and they asked leave to withdraw. Mr. Day told them they could go if they wished, but that all who remained must attend to the opening services. All the Catholic children then went out, and the school was opened in the ordinary way.

A TUSSELE.

Soon afterward Father McCartin entered with the Catholic children. After they had taken their seats, he told them, as before, that when the Bible was read in their hearing they must pay no attention to it, but go on with their studies. Mr. Day said he would not allow any man to interfere with the conduct of the school as authorized by the Board of Education; therefore, he desired Father McCartin to go out of the room. The Father continued to speak to the children without seeming to hear the teacher. Then Mr. Day approached him and said if he did not withdraw he would eject him forcibly.

Father McCartin is a large, powerful Irishman, about 35 years of age; Mr. Day a somewhat delicate and comparatively small New Englander, much younger. Hence, when the priest defied the teacher to lay hands upon him, few of the students doubted what the results of a personal encounter would be. Nothing daunted by the physical advantages of his opponent, however, Mr. Day proceeded to put his threat into execution.

Father McCartin struck at his assailant as he approached, but dexterously stopping the blow, Mr. Day closed with him. A vigorous scuffle ensued in the school-room, the children looking on appalled, the schoolmaster forced the priest toward the door, and with a sudden and unexpected exertion of strength thrust him down the steps.

The spectacle of the fallen clergyman demoralized the children of both persuasions. The door was occupied by the combatants; so, taking the only means of egress left to them, they escaped through the windows and fled to their homes.

RENEWING THE STRUGGLE.

But Father McCartin was not conquered. He arose infuriated, and again attacked the teacher. The latter thrust him back, and at that moment several stalwart supporters of the clergyman arrived with the evident intention of wreaking vengeance upon Mr. Day. The teacher was in a critical position; but he was not discouraged. He told them that he had only asserted his undoubted right, and that they would get into trouble if they molested him. In short, he "held the foe in play" until a party of his own friends arrived. Then the combat was with some difficulty prevented from becoming general. At last the rival factions dispersed; but the school was closed that day, for the children could not be induced to return.

On Tuesday morning a mob collected around the school house, and at first hindered Mr. Day from opening it. Mr. Diteman, the school "committee," seeing the state of affairs, went to look for the sheriff. In his absence, Mr. Day opened the door and called the children in. He proceeded to open the school by reading the Bible, and insisted on every one laying aside books and attending. The demonstration from the people outside then became so threatening that the clerk of the district, chief officer in the absence of the "committee," ordered the teacher to allow the Catholic children to pursue their studies while the Bible was being read. Mr. Day had no choice but to obey. On Tuesday night, while Mr. Day was making some purchases in a store in Newtown a mob of young men and boys collected outside and insulted him. They were driven away; but while Mr. Day was on his way home, he was made a target for a volley of stones.

Talleyrand once complained that the English had thirty-nine religions and only one sauce, which evoked the retort from a witty Englishman, "And the French have thirty-nine sauces and no religion."

Appointments of the East Texas Conference.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.....	R. S. Fisher, P. E.....
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Harrison.....	A. M. Box.....
Hallville.....	L. Hooper.....
Elysian Fields.....	J. C. Crossen.....
Elysian Fields.....	J. R. Middleton, supply.....
Henderson & Overton.....	J. S. Mathis.....
Hollywell circuit.....	J. B. Bell.....
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Troppe.....	R. P. Rogers.....
Trout.....	S. K. Stovall, supply.....
Tyler circuit.....	A. Little, supply.....
Lattisa.....	J. M. Blanton.....
PALESTINE DISTRICT.....	John Adams, P. E.....
Nechesville.....	R. F. Boone.....
Kickapoo.....	S. Daniel Weaver.....
Kickapoo.....	W. A. Moore.....
Albion.....	C. H. Smith.....
Trinity mission.....	R. R. Zuckery, supply.....
Mont Enterprise.....	S. W. Turner.....
Bank and Jacksonville.....	J. W. Johnson.....
Cherokee.....	J. P. Henderson.....
Palmetto circuit.....	M. H. Jones.....
Crockett and Augusta.....	D. P. Cullin.....
Crockett circuit.....	One to be supplied.....
Crockett circuit.....	W. N. Bonner, supply.....
Remington.....	J. C. Woolam.....
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Milam.....	L. M. Fowler.....
Shelby.....	J. M. Mills.....
Liberty.....	J. B. Wages.....
Mont Enterprise.....	M. D. Donahue.....
Douglas mission.....	J. T. Smith.....
Melrose.....	J. N. Bridges.....
Lydia Flat.....	D. S. Watkins.....
Lydia Flat.....	J. W. Overall, supply.....
Shook's Bluff.....	W. D. Lewis, supply.....
Homer.....	R. Mentice.....
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Carthage circuit.....	B. A. Thomasson.....
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Liberty.....	J. R. D. Taylor.....
Liberty.....	W. C. Walker.....
Hardin mission.....	R. M. Kirby.....
Liberty.....	M. H. Jones.....
Moscow.....	One to be supplied.....
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Jasper.....	R. C. Armstrong.....
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PATENTS.

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169,763. Cotton-Presses. L. S. Bearce, Houston. [Filed Nov. 2, 1875.]—The toggle-jointed levers are arranged to admit of a "diamond shape" by their hanging on an upper joint or pivot, and connected at their lower point likewise by a single pivot. The knuckle-piece, to which the lower arms are thus pivoted, has guide-rods attached thereto, and sliding in upper cross-piece of the frame.

169,742. Machines for Binding Grain. Argyle W. Tucker, Waxahachie, assignor to himself and L. J. Stroop, same place. [Filed Feb. 13, 1875.]—The straw from which the band is made is carried in a receptacle for that purpose, and is drawn therefrom by a reciprocating clamp, in sufficient quantity to bind a gavel which is dropped upon it from the elevator.

169,789. Bale-Ties. Simeon N. Drake, Galveston. [Filed July 13, 1875.]—The bale-tie having the shoulder near each end of the hoop and on a line with the slots whereby each face of the slots rests against the corresponding shoulder of the opposite end, the ends being on the inside, forming a double lock and brace, as specified, and for the purpose set forth.

169,754. Screw-Propulsion. J. E. Wilson, Brazoria. [Filed Oct. 15, 1875.]

169,799. Plows. Irvin Freeman, Corpus Christi. [Filed Sept. 11, 1875.]

PASSING EVENTS.

Philadelphia has twice the debt that rests on the city of London. This shows how much livelier people are on this side of the Atlantic. The damage caused by the recent high tide on the river Thames is estimated at over five million dollars. The tide on the Texas coast is not the only one this season. A firm of Paris merchants recently failed with liabilities amounting to over five million dollars. It is this case it is a matter of comfort that the chief loss rested on rich people who can indulge in such expensive luxuries. A Roman Catholic clergyman in France refused to chant the prayer for the perpetuity and success of the Republic on the 7th of Nov., as requested by the French Minister of Public Worship. One distiller in St. Louis testified that his house had paid the ring

\$75,000 in fourteen months. This ring includes important Washington officials. There are now 100,000 Mormons in Utah. It is said that we have in America one lawyer to every 879 inhabitants, while in Prussia they manage to live in comparative peace with the aid of one lawyer to every 1200 inhabitants. The city of Jerusalem is now lighted with kerosene oil from the United States. It is now estimated that the population of the United States is upwards of 46,000,000. The report that "Brick" Pomeroy has become bankrupt is denied. It is said only one poet—Walt Whitman—witnessed the unveiling of the monument of Edgar Allen Poe. The rest sent in their excuses. The German Government has commenced proceedings against the Arch Bishop of Cologne and the Bishop of Treves with a view to their deposition. Over one hundred priests and nine canons, of Rhineland, have given in their adherence to the ecclesiastical laws.

A RUNAWAY MILL.—Even more terrible than the stoppage of a mill, by which hundreds of hands are thrown out of employment, is the case of a mill the machinery of which cannot be stopped, and from which the work people fly for their lives, expecting every moment that the building will come tumbling about their ears. An occurrence of this nature occurred on Monday at a cotton mill at Bollington, near Macclesfield. The machinery suddenly bolted like a runaway horse, and caused a general panic. It appears that from some cause "not at present thoroughly understood" the steam from the boilers overcame the control of the governors of the engine, and the machinery began in consequence to move at such a speed that the minders threw their mules out of gear, and by so doing precipitated the catastrophe they were trying to avoid. The rapid revolutions of the engine caused the fly-wheel to break in pieces, and one huge fragment dashed upwards through the floor of a grinding room above, and then through the roof, coming down again through another portion of the roof. The other segments of the wheel were hurled through the walls, and altogether the building was wrecked to such an extent that the walls in some parts fell in, and the room above and the roof were demolished. A complete stampede took place among the hands, who number about one hundred and fifty, and they rushed out of the room in the wildest confusion. Happily, no lives were lost.—Pall Mall Gazette.

WALT WHITMAN.—Here, in this high capital, there was once a colossal mind; an old and an honorable man, with a soul as grand as Homer's—the Milton of America. He walked these streets for years, a plain, brave, old man, who was kind even to your dogs. He had done great service, in a humble way, in the army; he had written great books, which had been translated in all tongues and read in every land save his own. In consideration thereof, he was given a little place under the Government, where he could barely earn bread enough for himself and his old mother. He went up and down, at work here for years. You mocked at him when you saw him. At last, stricken with palsy, he left the place, leaning upon his staff, to go away and die. I saw him but the other day, dying, destitute. Grand old Walt Whitman! Even now he looks like a Titan god! Don't tell me that a man gives all his youth and all his years in the pursuit of art, enduring poverty in the face of scorn, for nothing. That man shall live! He shall live when you mighty dome of your Capitol no longer lifts its rounded shoulders against the circle of time. No, no! We laugh too much. We laugh at each other; we laugh at art; we laugh at men whom we have placed in exalted positions. We caricature great and good men, and disgrace only ourselves. We laugh at old men and old women. If ever I grow old I shall go to Europe, that I may be respected in my age. We laugh at religion and we laugh at love. There is no reverence in us; we are a race of clowns.—Joachim Miller.

REMEMBER THE PREMIUM.

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The Family Circle.

"WHAT IS FOR JESUS' SAKE?"—Willie joined the infant class. There were twenty-three little boys and girls in it. And what a nice teacher they had! She was so good, and loved them so much. Willie was a little bashful at first; but he soon got over it.

When his teacher asked him if he knew a verse, he stood up just as the others had done; and though he trembled a little, he said it so that all could hear him. This is the verse:

"Jesus loves me; this I know;
 For the Bible tells me so,
 Little ones to him belong;
 They are weak, but he is strong."

A few weeks after this, when Willie had gone to bed, and said his, "Now I lay me down to sleep," ending with the line, "And this I hug for Jesus' sake," he asked his mother:

"What is for Jesus' sake?"

His mother said, "Suppose I should ask papa to do something for your sake, what would I mean?"

"Would it be to do it to please me?"

"Yes, papa loves you, and loves to make you happy; and even things that he likes to do, he likes better to do when he knows you will be happy. If I ask papa to do something for me, he loves to do it; but I can see how his face brightens if I say it will please Willie, too."

"Yes, mamma."

"Now, God loves you, and loves to do you good. He loves Jesus, who spent His life in trying to make everybody know about Him, and was crucified that He might draw people to Him, and save them from doing wrong, and being unhappy. Jesus loves you now just as He loved the little children when He was on the earth, and loves to have the Heavenly Father bless you; and the Heavenly Father loves to bless you, and loves to bless you, too, for dear Jesus' sake."—*The Day-spring.*

THE DRUNKARD'S PATH.—One fine summer evening as the sun was dropping into the west, a man was seen trying to make his way through lanes and cross roads which lead to his village home. I say "trying;" because although he knew the way perfectly, and had traveled it, man and boy, for the last thirty years, yet that night he was confused and bewildered. Do you ask, "By what?" His flushed face and unsteady gait told the sad tale—Drink. Utterly puzzled, he called out with an oath to a passer-by, "I've lost my way; where am I going?" "To hell!" was the answer, sadly and quietly given. A savage glare instantly sparkled in the drunkard's eyes; but after a moment or two, with a groan, he murmured, "I think I am."

"Come with me," said the other, kindly; "I'll take you home."

The next day came; the fumes of the liquor had passed away; but the two words by which his friend had answered him were striving in his heart. The arrow of conviction, launched by the Spirit's power, had struck home. "To hell! Yes, 'tis true, I'm going straight to hell, and I know it. O God, save me."

That man faced about; he was going straight to hell, as he said. But he truly repented of his sin, sought pardon and peace through Christ, and set himself on the way towards life.

"PLEASE SEE TO ME?"—The family were gathered around the evening meal, happily exchanging in social chit-chat, the news of the day. The various dishes had been served, and all seemed well supplied, as they entered heartily into the enjoyment of the past. At the farther side of the table sat a child, the pet and darling of the household. Her plate before her was empty. In the hum and interest of the conversation, she had been overlooked and her plate unsupplied. She had waited patiently, as she had been taught, until her elders had been served; but when she saw her turn passed by unnoticed, and all the others about her enjoying the supper, her heart began to swell, and with eyes full of unshed tears, she cried:

"O, papa, please see to me."

The father, hurt at the thought of his own neglect, and eager to repair the wrong done his darling, lavished upon her a flow of loving words, assuring her of his unintentional neglect, and hastened to lead her plate with the choicest his table could afford.

Like children, we sit at our Father's board. Day by day He supplies our wants. Does He ever

seem to forget us? With a heart a thousand times fuller of love than any earthly parent's, surely we need but to remind Him with our appealing confidence, like that of the little child, to touch the spring of His love and sympathy, and open the hand which gives us day by day our daily bread.—*Christian at Work.*

AFTER THE BATTLE.—"Chaplain," said a young soldier, with a perplexed look in his pure, finely, intelligent face, "Chaplain, it is a hard thing to live a Christian life in a camp. Every night when I kneel down in the barracks to pray the boys raise a great laugh, and sometimes throw things at me, so I get no peace. What ought I to do?"

The chaplain was an easy-going man, holding his position for pay, with but little conscience for his duties and responsibilities.

"Why, my dear fellow, I would go to bed without kneeling down to be insulted, and then I would lift up my heart secretly to God."

The young man seemed to wish to press the subject further, but hesitated. The answer was not satisfactory. It did not meet his views of duty. It was evident that a conflict was going on in his mind. He turned away slowly, saying, "I will try it, chaplain." A week passed, and the two men met again. "Well," said the chaplain, referring to the subject of the last interview, "how have you succeeded?"

"I tried your plan for a few days; but it gave me no comfort. It seemed like refusing to perform a duty, and, therefore, like denying Christ. I feel that my religion to me is more than anything else, and that more depends upon it. Christ is really dearer to me than any earthly thing. I could not take a false position, so I returned to my old way of praying."

"Do the boys annoy you now?"

"No, chaplain. They did the first night. The next night Frank came and knelt down beside me, and laid his hand on my shoulder. You know I love Frank. It touched me to the heart, and I trembled. When I arose, he locked his arm in mine, and said: 'I wish you would pray for me.' Last night all of the boys knelt down with Frank and me. I think I did right chaplain."

It was after the battle. The mountains rose dark in the distance, and the silver bow of September's moon was mirrored on the Tennessee. Dark forms flitted hither and thither over the field, gently taking up the wounded and bearing them away. A voice said feebly:

"Chaplain!"

"Frank!"

"I am dying—you know Charley—tell him—"

"Well?"

"Tell him—Charley is a Christian, you know—"

"Yes."

"Tell him I am glad that this did not happen two weeks ago. He will understand."—*Youths' Companion.*

SELECTIONS.

AN ECCENTRIC NOBLEMAN.—The Duke of Portland is the most eccentric of noblemen. So far as society is concerned he is dead to the world. He surrounds himself with an atmosphere of mystery, which no one, peer or commoner, is permitted to penetrate. Even his own solicitors, the managers of his enormous estates, are never allowed an interview. Five years ago the Duke's annual income was upward of £300,000, and since that time it has very considerably increased. His Grace has never been married, and has little or no faith in woman-kind. His ruling passion is architecture. He is forever putting up new structures on his estate, and constantly employs something like 1500 workmen—masons, smiths and joiners. The old Abbey of Wald-deck, where he constantly resides, is approached by subterranean passages only. There are more than fifteen miles of tunnelling leading to it. When the Duke appears in London, it is under a hat of unusual height, and a long, old-fashioned wig reaching to his shoulders. Wet or fine, he never stirs out without an umbrella, and his trousers are invariably tied up below the knees with a piece of common twine. He never answers a letter, and although a member of four London Clubs—Boodle's, Brook's, the Traveler's and Whites—he never goes near them.

A HORRIBLE STORY.—We have heard of a very distressing accident occurring in Jackson county, West Virginia. It was a "house raising." As is customary on such occasions, chickens had been killed by chopping off their heads. Two little sons of the owner of the house to be raised saw the chickens thus guillotined, and during the day concluded to repeat the operation. It was just at a time when the men were lifting a heavy log into its place,

The father, who was holding one end of the log, casting his eye toward the little fellows, one of whom had an axe raised to sever the neck of his brother, let go of the log to save the boy, and it fell, killing six men, two instantly and the others living only a few hours. The axe fell before the father could reach the scene, severing the neck of his son. Thus were seven persons hurled into eternity in a twinkling.—*Middleport (O.) News.*

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Obituaries.

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BRO. JOHN S. GILLET says: "In a few days I expect to turn out in the interest of the paper. I am glad to say I can recommend the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Expect to hear from me."

In settlements at Conference it was not by some understood that they were entitled to reserve commission on all subscribers (over five) sent us—five entitling each preacher to the ADVOCATE. In cases where the settlements were in full, we will credit the account with commission—subject to order.

NOTICE.—Sickness in the family of the editor prevented his attendance at the session of the East Texas Conference. We learn from Bishop Pierce, now in the city, that our reports, bills and communications failed to reach Carthage prior to adjournment. This we regret. Absence of the editor will also account for the appointments, as published elsewhere, not being accompanied by the postoffices of the preachers. This will prove a serious inconvenience. If possible, we trust the Secretary will yet forward them to us. We trust some brother will call at the postoffice at Carthage and re-mail the letters and other documents to Galveston. The Bishop assures us that the action and spirit of the Conference toward the ADVOCATE were as cordial as its best friend could desire.

TO AGENTS—IMPORTANT.

We are sending the ADVOCATE to several hundred agents. We send it free of charge to all who act as agents and send us subscribers. Those who fail to act as agents and send no subscribers, we expect to send us one-half the subscription price. This is certainly all that can be asked of us. Each paper costs us \$2.50 per annum, and when we send it to the preacher at half price, we do it at our loss. We wish, however, to be clearly understood. If a preacher fails to send us subscribers, we expect him to pay us the half price. This is little enough for us to ask. It requires labor and money to get out the paper; it requires efficient work on the part of our active agents to circulate and thus sustain it. Those who will do nothing for its support, certainly should not expect the paper for nothing. Notwithstanding this rule, we have a large number of names on our list who neither send subscribers or pay for the paper. They are a burden to the enterprise. We must insist on the rule. We wish every preacher to have the paper. We want the paper to be worthy of the church it represents. We want the aid of every preacher in making it such a paper. As our circulation enlarges we will add improvements. Will every preacher aid us? It ought to be in the home of every Methodist. Will each one make a vigorous effort to reach this result.

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BISHOP PIERCE reached Galveston, December 1st, after a hard travel from Carthage. He is now presiding over the German Mission Conference in this city. We are glad to see that the incessant travel, preaching, and Conference work has made but slight impression on his vigorous frame. It is expected that he will preach next Sunday morning at St. John's, and at night at St. James. Next week he will meet the Texas Conference at Brenham.

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ANOTHER CHAPTER.

Letter of Mayor Fulton to City Attorney Willie.

The Same Which Called Forth the Opinion on the Gambling Question.

The question having been asked among lawyers and others, why was not the letter of Mayor Fulton to Attorney Willie, calling for the latter's opinion as to the duty of the police force in suppressing gambling-houses published, the *News* requested a copy of the letter from the Mayor, who kindly sent it, accompanied by the

FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION:

GALVESTON, Nov. 27, 1875.
Eds. *News*—In accordance with your request, I send you enclosed a copy of the letter I sent to Hon. A. H. Willie, City Attorney, which elicited the legal opinion already published by the *News* on the subject of gambling.

His opinion, substance of which is still fresh, I presume, in the minds of the people, bore me out in what I expressed in my letter was my construction of the law. And I therefore feel that every liberal minded person, whether saint or sinner, will hold me and the Police Department guiltless of the imputation of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, that I (or any person connected with the police force) is the "hiring of gamblers;" at least when to go beyond what we had done was to exceed our lawful authority.

You will discover that many expressions occur in my letter to Judge Willie which were in my "card" on the same subject.

The reason of this is that I first thought of publishing in answer to the strictures of the ADVOCATE, only my letter to him, and his opinion, as a vindication of my official action. And when I abandoned this idea I made use of some expressions, fresh upon my mind, from having written the letter referred to in the "card" on the same subject. Yours truly, R. L. FULTON.

LETTER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Hon. A. H. Willie, City Attorney:
Dear Sir—You are aware, I presume, that many charges and insinuations, unsupported by evidence, have been made against the police department of the city government, upon the alleged ground that it had failed in its duty in suppressing the vice of gambling in Galveston.

The press has indulged in the most acrimonious criticisms in regard to the matter, but owing to the unworthy source from whence such criticisms came, I considered it beneath the dignity of those connected with the city government to take notice of the same.

But the religious press—and notably the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE—appears to have taken the matter especially in hand, and "out-herods Herod" in its denunciation of the police force generally, and of myself in particular, because all the gambling establishments in the city have not been broken up during my incumbency in office.

So grave are the charges and insinuations that have been made against me by the ADVOCATE (a so-called religious journal) and one supposed to speak the truth) in this regard, I can not in justice to myself, and the Police Department generally, remain any longer silent.

As ex-officio Chief of Police I have given such instructions to the officers of that department as I deemed lawful, just and safe—to the city, themselves and the public. The policemen have been instructed that, while on duty they were not permitted to quit their "beats" (that portion of the street they were sent to patrol) unless called away by the signal of another officer, and they were also instructed not to enter any kind of establishment, while on duty, (except when sent on special duty to keep order) unless they were called upon by the proprietor of such establishment to arrest a disorderly person, or unless of their own knowledge they were satisfied that there were such disorder, tumult and noise as to disturb the peace of the neighborhood. And, further, they had no right, with the above exceptions, to enter the premises of any citizen to make an arrest, unless complaint had been made and a warrant issued, and they were specially instructed to serve such warrant and make such arrest.

It may be that I have erred in my construction of the city and State laws in regard to this matter, and consequently failed to give proper instructions to the officers under my charge; and it is for the purpose of informing myself fully upon this subject that I take the liberty of requesting of you a written opinion, defining the powers, privileges and duties of officers of the Police Department, for my future guidance. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, R. L. FULTON, Mayor.

The above, which appeared in the Galveston *News* of Nov. 28th, has been handed us by Mayor Fulton with the request that we publish it in the ADVOCATE. He also requests that we re-insert the following, which is the concluding paragraph in the opinion of the City Attorney:

In cases of misdemeanor other than such as amount to a breach of the peace—and gambling is not one of the latter class—he has no authority to enter a house to make an arrest without a warrant regularly issued.

We have complied with these requests cheerfully. We have no controversy with Capt. Fulton outside of his official position. Our personal relations have ever been cordial and friendly. We are dealing with the officer alone. His duties belong to the public and are open to the judgment of the humblest citizen. In our efforts to unmask an evil that has fastened itself on the vitals of society, we are compelled to arraign the police, to criticize the opinion of expounders of the law, or to denounce the law itself as an

egregious blunder, we must do so even if individuals are disturbed or the bonds of friendship broken.

In the *News* of the 26th ult. an article appears under the head of "Mayor Fulton and the Religious Press," which calls for the above letters, and possibly was in part the occasion of their publication.

It is evidently written from a legal standpoint and presents the questions at issue in a strong and forcible light. It shows that others with myself do not regard the opinion of the City Attorney a vindication of the Mayor in failing to enforce the city ordinances against the palatial gambling halls. We quote from that article as follows:

"You assume that an appeal to the city ordinances has been hurtful to the attack of the ADVOCATE. Query—In order to be sure that your conclusion is correct, it would be necessary to know

THE PARTICULAR QUESTION OR QUESTIONS AND THEIR EXACT TERMS.

which Mayor Fulton propounded to Judge Willie. The Mayor says: "I concluded to address a communication to the Hon. A. H. Willie, City Attorney, and learn from him, officially, whether or not, as ex-officio Chief of Police, I had done all that I could lawfully do in regard to the suppression of the evil complained of by the ADVOCATE." It is presumable that Mayor Fulton stated in that communication what instructions he had given to the police force under his command in the premises, for he says that Willie's response "proves conclusively that the instructions given to the police force in regard to gambling and other establishments of the kind, were strictly in accordance with the laws of the city and State." The attorney's reply admits that the Mayor's instructions were "substantially correct," and goes on to say, "a policeman has no right to enter a house for the purpose of making an arrest without a warrant, except in cases of, etc." This response

WOULD HAVE BEEN A FIT ANSWER TO THE QUESTION,

makedly stated: "Has a policeman without a warrant the right to enter houses for the purpose of making arrests, upon the mere report that gambling is being carried on therein?" But suppose the Mayor's question propounded to the City Attorney to have been in this form, who can tell what response it might have called forth, viz: "Is it the duty of the Chief of Police, and other officers and members of the city police, to enter each and every coffee-house, grog-shop, tipping-house, tavern, inn or any other public house within the limits of the city, in order to take cognizance of all offenses and disorders committed therein, and report the same to the Mayor?" It is very easy to see that entering a house for the purpose of making an arrest, is one thing; and entering the same house for the purposes mentioned in article 251 of city ordinances,

IS A VERY DIFFERENT THING.

Judge Willie says they can not, under the law, enter a house for the purpose of making an arrest, except in given cases which he cites. This avoids the issue entirely. The ordinances of the city treat all manner of gambling in any sort of "public house" or "public place" as an offense. They define the keeping of any description of gaming table, or other instrument used in gambling, as an offense—kept in any place whatsoever. It is perceived at once that the policeman is not compelled to enter places for the purpose of making arrests without a warrant. He must, however, enter these public places and houses and see the offense therein committed and report them to the Mayor, who, if he chooses, can issue his warrant for the arrest of the owners of and parties interested in all manner of tables, etc., kept for gaming purposes, and for all persons playing any game or betting at any of these tables, etc.; and then

THE POLICEMAN MAY ENTER WITH A WARRANT.

And Judge Willie's card says nothing to the contrary. Again it is reasonable to suppose that the owners of these tables, etc., kept for gaming purposes, live somewhere, or at some time walk out on the street, where they may be seen and arrested without any policeman entering a house for the purpose of making an arrest—at all—they having entered on the rounds of their duty and found out the parties, etc. I am aware that there will arise the usual questions and controversies as to what constitutes a "public house," or a "public place," but if a noted and well known gambling resort is not a public place, what does it lack of being an "out-house," seeing it is not a dwelling or place of any legitimate business?

AND THERE ARE DECISIONS IN THE LAW BOOKS

familiar to Judge Willie, and to every lawyer, which affirm that a house might be private for one use or in one sense, and public at the same time. All of us are not persuaded that the Mayor has the law on his side, but that he has used some adroitness in putting his questions to the City Attorney, and the Attorney is too good a judge to indulge in dicta, but keeps himself in his decision duly to the case made by the questions.—QUERY.

It appears from the letter of Mayor Fulton asking the opinion of the City Attorney that "Query" hit the case precisely. The City Attorney very prudently kept himself in his decision to the case made in the questions. These questions are so shaped (whether designedly or not) that they furnish a plea for the non-enforcement of the city ordinances against gambling, but do not invite information respecting the course to be pursued in order to enforce them. He does not inquire whether it is the duty of the police to enter a coffee-house, tavern, saloon or other public house to take cognizance of all offenses

and disorders committed therein and report to his chief; but simply whether the police have the right to enter to make an arrest. He does not ask whether with a warrant the officer may enter such a house and make an arrest, but whether he can do so without a warrant. He does not inquire whether it is his own duty to see that the laws are enforced, and furnish warrants to make such arrests; but simply what is the duty of a police officer in the absence of a warrant. The ordinances of the city make gambling of any kind an "offense." According to the instructions given, the police are not permitted to enter these establishments where this "offense" is committed to make an arrest only on the call of the proprietors of these establishments or in case of an actual disturbance. This is certainly a very nice arrangement for the gamblers; for it constitutes the police the guardians of the gambling establishments. These establishments are known to every man in the city who will take the trouble to inquire. Their locations can be pointed out by any boot-black. Their games are matters of town talk. Men may be enticed into them, may get drunk, be fleeced out of their last dollar; but the city guardians are not permitted to interpose unless the poor wretch who has lost his money shall, in his drunkenness or desperation, "raise a disturbance;" and then the city police, in answer to the call of the proprietors of these establishments, must enter and arrest—it may be—not the man who has done the wrong, but the man on whom the wrong has been inflicted. If this is not the practical result of these "instructions," we cannot understand the English language. And yet the Galveston *News* says Mayor Fulton has the law on his side. If this be the law, then the law is a farce. It protects the offender; it makes the police connive at the offense; and when there is a row in the gambling hell, compels the police to respond to the call of the proprietor, that the business of the establishment may go on undisturbed. If there are laws against gambling, there is a way by which they may be enforced. Our city police have demonstrated the fact by the arrest and punishment of one class. If the law was made to be enforced, and means are at the command of the police and they fail to do their duty, we pronounce the police a fraud.

The fact that these laws have been a dead-letter so long, does not justify their continued neglect. The press, the pulpit, public opinion and the officers of the law have been silent long enough.

ONE OF OUR WANTS.

Physical causes often influence spiritual life. The houses in which we worship not only affect our devotions but leave their impressions on our lives. A people who are content to worship God in log cabins while living themselves in ceiled houses, will not likely have enlarged views of Christian obligations, and will do but little for the extension of the kingdom of Christ. Whenever the zeal of the church finds expression in liberal efforts to provide for the religious wants of their immediate community, an awakening interest will be manifest respecting the cause of Christ; Sunday-schools will be organized and both old and young begin to display an intelligent interest in the aggressive movements of the church. In searching for the cause of the decline of class-meetings, we will find that want of suitable houses of worship, under our own control, ranks among the chief. For a time the log school-house met all the demands of the community. The Methodist preacher often had the entire field, and he could hold his meetings with all their peculiarities without colliding with the appointments or rights of other people. The church however failed to keep pace with the growth of the community; and, after a time, the pressure of other interests or organizations compelled the Methodist church to contract its operations or to find for itself a new place of wor-

ship where all its movements would be untrammelled. Want of intelligent religious zeal shaping itself into houses of worship to meet this demand has done much to modify and dwarf the church. It had not sufficient room in these partnership houses to expand as the country improved. It was its duty to grow naturally with the material growth of the country. Its own membership was increasing; its field was extending, and it could no more move freely and work vigorously in the contracted houses built in former days, than its grown up sons and daughters could sleep in the cradles that rocked them in infancy; or appear abroad decently and comfortably in the garments that covered them in childhood. Clinging to these old houses when their growing wants demanded larger ones dwarfed their growth.

The Methodists welcomed other denominations to their houses of worship, and when the growing community called for a new building, in their liberality helped these later and weaker churches to build new and handsome houses and contentedly remained in the old ones. Or, on occasions, they abandoned the old one together and the Methodists, though able to build a church that would meet their own wants, were persuaded to go into a partnership arrangement. These union houses have been powerful agents in modifying our economy. The old freedom is lost in them. The interests and prejudices of others have to be consulted and old usages have to be laid aside or adjusted to new associations. People who could once get happy with genuine heartiness at a class or prayer-meeting never could reach that point until a powerful revival swept away their fears and impelled them to praise God in the presence of all the people. Class-meetings were soon found inconvenient and, with these other compromises followed until the characteristics of Methodism, which were the out-growth of its Providential history, disappeared in this effort to grow up distinct in the midst of other people.

The same influence operates injuriously to-day, in contracting our church movements in other directions. Our Sunday-school work is largely behind what it should be. We are not taking care of the children of our own people. Other churches are making the Sunday-school an aggressive agent for the extension of Christianity beyond their own borders; while we, in many places, lean on others to secure the partial instruction of our children. The want of houses of our own explains this state of affairs. Societies large enough and rich enough to build comfortable houses of worship are content to have places in union meeting-houses. A union school follows, which draws out a neglected life between two indifferent churches, where each might have a flourishing school under its charge.

A race of church building preachers is the want of our church. Men who can comprehend the want and bring out of the pockets of a reluctant people the means to supply it, is the pressing demand. The interests of our children urge the call.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

In the last issue of the "Texas Catholic" we notice the report of a lecture by one Father Henning, copied from the St. Louis *Watchman*. The subject is "The persecution of the Catholic Church;" and from a perusal of the lecture, we find that it is the Roman Catholic Church in the United States which is about to be persecuted.

From Father Henning's lecture as reported we conclude that he is a pious priest; but not at all a well informed man. To suppose that he is well informed as to the principles and purposes of the mass of citizens outside of his communion, touching liberty of conscience and freedom of worship, would be equivalent to supposing him capable of deceiving his co-religionists, which we are loth to believe. No man need fear persecution on in this country simply on account of his religious belief, unless—which may God forbid—the Church of

Rome regain here what she has lost everywhere else—her temporal power. Father Henning, therefore, in his zeal, which is not at all according to knowledge, we are happy to say has simply put the saddle on the wrong horse. Considering the greatest amount of religious freedom compatible with the principles and nature of our government, which Roman Catholics in common with all other citizens possess—and, if they will, may continue to enjoy—it would appear strange to hear complaints of persecution from that quarter, did we not know their origin and motive: They are merely echoes from the Vatican prolonged for the purpose of placing the Roman Catholic element in this country in direct antagonism to its government and institutions. They mean that the Church of Rome here shall assume toward the State the same attitude which it occupies in Italy. There, "when the Pope speaks of the liberation of the Church, he means merely this: that it is to set its foot on the neck of every other power; and when he speaks of peace in Italy, he means the overthrow of established order." Intemperance of language is the invariable concomitant of an intolerant spirit; therefore, we are not surprised that the Papal hierarchy from the Pontifex Maximus down to the humblest *scrivener* of modern Rome require to be constantly reminded of the injunction: *facete linguas*.

Having no desire gratuitously to animalvert on its doctrines, or call in question its legitimate practices, we shall not condescend to wrangle about them, or to bandy epithets with their advocates. But we will not permit the Church of Rome (unchallenged) to take advantage of civil and religious liberty—which we prize and it detests; to sow the seeds of that unhallowed union of church and state in this country from which it has reaped so fearful a harvest of social discord and sanguinary strife elsewhere throughout the world.

It boasts of the fact that what it has been, it is now and will continue to be. To understand the full import of that boast, what it implies as well as what it asserts, it is necessary to know truly what, summing up its whole career, the Church of Rome has been; knowledge which the impartial student of history shudders to remember and regrets to impart—not merely as utterly incompatible with the spirit of Christianity; but as degrading to human nature: Take, for example, the sixteenth century—which witnessed the culmination of the fatal power that the Church of Rome acquired through accepting the bribe which Christ spurned—"the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them." Read the atrocities which disgrace nearly every page of its annals, with reference to which the Church of Rome, as *particeps criminis*, can truly say: "quaque ipse miserima vidi, et quorum magna pars fui." Would it be strange—nay, would it not be just—that if, disregarding the warning given to her supposititious founder, she took the sword of temporal power, even in defense of the Gospel, she should ultimately perish by it? As Dante says:

"The Church of Rome, Mixing two governments that ill assort, Hath missed her footing, fallen into the mire, And there herself and burden much defiled."

And there we would willingly leave her to reflect upon what she has long since forgotten: that the mission of the Church of Christ is not to execute Divine vengeance—but to exemplify God's love; to show forth His mercy to mankind; and that the sole test of its authenticity is the test laid down by its Divine head—"by their fruit ye shall know them." But let her not prate of persecution, lest she recall too vividly the remembrance of the fact that all through the centuries which she has blighted by her persecutions and profaned by her idolatries the pathway of the Church of Rome is thickly strewn with the corpses of the victims of her intolerance, and that her garments are stiff with their gore.

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THE PRIMEVAL RACE.

BY MARY L. WILSON SAUNDERS.

After man fell from his state of primeval innocence and lost the image of his Creator, then false standards were erected, separating congenial souls; false theories were advanced, and the world was steeped in falsehood.

Oh, to have been of the grand old race Who lived in the long ago.

When freedom leaped with the antlered stag, With the bounding billows played;

From forest aisle, from tented plain, (God's only churches then),

When stumbers' fetters safely bound The Gent of the mine,

No pitying glance was backward thrown On wretches of cities old.

What kindling thoughts were simply told Beneath the starlit skies,

But the grand old race has passed away To the city'neath the sod,

Correspondence.

Advantages of Church Fellowship.

Mr. Editor—Much has been said and reports have been presented in our District Conferences with reference to the advantages of Church fellowship or social means of grace.

By meeting in a social means of grace with our fellow-Christians who are pilgrims with us to a better country, we become acquainted with each other's joys and sorrows, encouragements and difficulties, dangers and deliverances; and by mutual converse we become mutual blessings.

We find, when meeting with our fellow Christians, that we are meeting with hearts of a kindred feeling, and mingling with spirits of our own nature, enlightened by the same heavenly wisdom, and burning with the same divine love.

We feel that in meeting together the graces of God's Holy Spirit are greatly strengthened in our hearts, and our love to each other burns with greater fervor and intensity.

lessen and die away. The love of God, zeal for his glory, and love for the society of his people, will be found always together.

Again, we are consoled in sorrow, and encouraged in difficulty, by the testimony of others to the mercy of God, who have been in similar circumstances with us, and have felt the same difficulties, and yet have been supported and delivered out of all.

"Jonat."

Mr. Editor—I was both surprised and pained on reading an article in your issue of the 23d of October, over the nom de plume of "Jonat."

That the stewards in our church are without blame, I do not pretend to assert. But to say, as does "Jonat," that "they are, as a class; conscientiously and spiritually, the most slothful, careless and inconsiderate members we have," is, to say the least of it, a very shameful mistake.

But, Mr. Editor, the above quotation is only the starting point in the list of grave charges made by this "censor" of Methodist stewards.

Now, Mr. Editor, who are our stewards, and what are they as a class. In the name of truth and candor, I ask: Are they such men as they are represented to be in this article? Has Bro. "Jonat" indeed drawn a true picture? I say no!

I know that our finances are working badly, and that many of our preachers are not sustained as they should be; but I know further that no class of men in our church lament the existence of such facts more than the stewards.

It is a general rule, though not a universal one, that preachers are appreciated according to their own merits, and those who find such serious grounds of complaint, of a want of appreciation, may, by careful examination, find at least a part of the blame resting upon themselves.

"Jonat."—Who Is He?

He Wrote in the "Advocate" of Oct. 23 About Stewards.

I am glad I don't know him; for, from the way he writes, he is one of that class of preachers whom the bishop has to move every year; for this reason he has no opportunity of saying who shall be his stewards for the next year.

I know it's hard to impose on the "itinerant Methodist preacher" who immolates everything on the altar of duty; who sacrifices every desire to the cause of Christ; who resigns every right and advantage of supporting himself, and spends his time and talent for the good of his charge, because he usually receives a reasonable support; but, when the new preacher comes on the circuit, his previous character follows—has preceded him; or, more than likely, he brings it with him, that he is one of that real itinerant sort who has to be moved every year; that he rides every circuit to death that he is sent to; that he is "agent" for some kind of machinery or musical instrument or book; or he has just bought a home, on credit, and is trying every way to pay for and improve it; or, perhaps, he is one of the kind who thinks his whole duty is performed when he meets his regular appointments, and as soon as he repeats his stale sermon, mounts (his buggy), goes home with the best to-do brother who lives most directly on his road home.

Brother Jonat, read again what you have written and published against stewards, make a close personal examination, and I hazard but little when I assert that you will find "Jonat" the cause of your stewards being so "slothful, careless and inconsiderate" about your finances; you will find that "Jonat" tries to help the stewards too much. The stewards can't keep the members from seeing and feeling that your constant thought and aim is money—in fact, if it were not for the money and good living around with the wealthy brothers and sisters, you would not preach at all.

I have been a steward for several years. During that period the times have really been hard; but I had no trouble in getting quarterage for the preacher in charge who was true to the trust confided, and didn't try to play steward too much. But when the preacher came (they are very scarce in this conference—the Northwestern) who hunted the best stables for his horses and the best beds and tables for himself—who, every round, was sure to call on the steward as he left for home to gather in what quarterage he had on hand—then—then, indeed, was the stewards place unpleasant.

Brother "Jonat" you seem to be "sour" with everybody—local preachers, stewards, lawyers, farmers, merchants—everybody but "Jonat."

Don't you wish there was a "civil or ecclesiastical" statute to force those dried up charges you have left year after year during your "short itinerant career," to pay you?

Unfortunate "Jonat"—during this short career, out of 21 stewards thought—yes, known—to be good men, against whom the quarterly conferences heard no complaint, and found to be efficient by the minister who preceded you and by the one who followed you, only two have had influence enough over the churches they serve to induce them to carry so much dead weight for a whole conference year. Then we must conclude there are two sides to this question.

Your experience, short as it must be, (say three years), is so much worse than hundreds of other Methodist preachers that some of the blame must attach to you. Remember what I tell you, good faithful, pious, working ministers, seldom fail to inspire the same virtues in their official members and a spirit of liberality in the membership, and vice versa—note closely the vice versa.

There is no statute to force the payment of the preacher's salary, but there is one to locate a brother where there is no hope of his ever being efficient.

Now, to the stewards of our church I say, let us resign the positions we hold or fill them faithfully. If the preacher in charge is not efficient, carelessly fails to do his duty, let us prefer charges against him at the first quarterly conference, and not try to worry through with him for the year; let each party per-

form his duty faithfully; let the charge be assessed the exact amount you wish to raise; let that amount be equally divided among the churches; and by them among the members; then, if the preacher is faithful (nearly all are) it matters not what his talents are as a speaker, the quarterage will be cheerfully and promptly paid; the steward's place will then be a pleasant one and you will be pained no more by seeing such pieces published as this and the one "Jonat" wrote.

COLUMBIA AND BRAZORIA.—Mr. Editor—I have been thinking for sometime I would send you a few dots from this quarter, but the truth is, we are such a quiet people here that we have little to write about.

Most of them brought in good reports from their several fields of labor. The outlook before them, in our State, if one may judge from their reports, is quite encouraging. Bishop Holsey was present and presided with much efficiency. Indeed, I confess an agreeable surprise at the efficiency and facility with which the colored people transacted the business of their Conference. Their Bishop seemed perfectly at home in the Episcopal chair, and fully equal to the demands of the occasion.

CANEY.—Mr. Editor—Truly it does our hearts good to hear and know the work of our Master is prospering so abundantly in other portions of his moral vineyard; we, on this work, (the Matagorda mission), too, can say, "The Lord of Hosts is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge!"

If we are able to interpret correctly the manifest designs and purposes of our Lord's Providence, these people have a grand mission before them, viz: The Evangelization of Africa.

The purpose has been in process of development for the last hundred years; and when they are prepared by education, an acquaintance with civil government and religious training, that purpose will be consummated by a grand charge upon the African shores and population, not with stars and stripes, sword and cannon, but with the sword of the spirit and banner of the cross in the hand of the colored people.

Doctor Henderson thus addressed a little girl: "How do you do, my dear?" "Very well, I thank you," she replied. The visitor then added: "Now, my dear, you must ask me how I do." The child honestly replied, "don't want to know."

COLUMBIA.—Mr. Editor:—Our little town is very quiet; nothing of an exciting nature transpiring. The weather is salubrious and the prospects are very buoyant over the prospects for farming, and are making great preparations. The sugar mills are having plenty of work and are producing a fine quality of sugar.

Colored M. E. Church in America.

Mr. Editor—The East Texas Annual Conference of the Colored M. E. Church in America, convened, and held its sixth annual session in our village (Jacksonville) this last week.

They had the use of our church-house in Jacksonville by the consent of the Trustees and approval of the P. C. They used it; did not abuse it, and returned it in good order.

I, with several other of my friends, heard Bishop Holsey preach at 11 A. M., on Sunday. To say it was a fine effort—a good sermon—would not be telling the half of it.

A very favorable impression for good was made upon the community. The colored people were much edified while Methodism took much deeper root and stronger hold upon their judgment and affections.

It was written by a Mississippi correspondent of the Atlantic Advocate and published:

"Of all the dark deeds that ever stained the fair escutcheon of Christianity, the act of the church, South, in setting their colored members up for themselves was the darkest;" but after witnessing the proceedings of their Conference, and hearing the sermons of their Bishop, we think that no impartial observer would be able to see wherein its darkness consisted.

Every assistance that we, as ministers and a church, can render the colored church in our midst will be a contribution to this grand purpose of our Lord's Providence.

May the Lord continue to bless and direct them for his glory, is our prayer. Yours, etc., E. P. ROGERS.

BRAZOS COUNTY.—Mr. Editor—Through your columns permit me to record the goodness of God as manifested in saving power through Christ Jesus to the church in Bryan city. Assisted by Rev. A. E. Goodwyn, of Shreveport, La.; we held a meeting of twelve days, during which eight or ten professed pardon and seven were added to the church. We suspended services for the space of two weeks (except our usual appointments). We resumed services again November 7th, and the church co-operated zealously. The following Sabbath, nineteen were received into our Zion by ritual, one by letter—eight of them receiving holy baptism at the altar before their admission into the church. Last Sabbath I baptized a young man by immersion. Many of the converts of our meeting are young men of promise, and young ladies of influence. The church is revived and strengthened, souls saved, and God's name praised. Some of our converts have not yet joined any church. The increase is from God. To Him be all the glory.—N. A. CRAVENS

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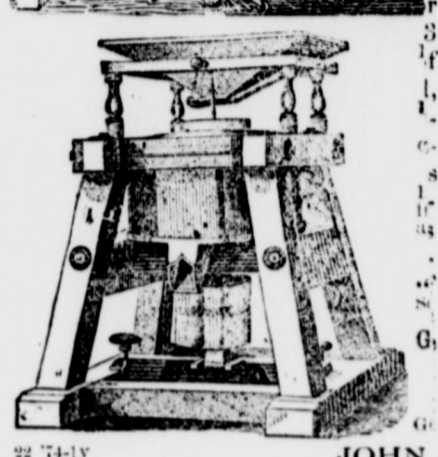
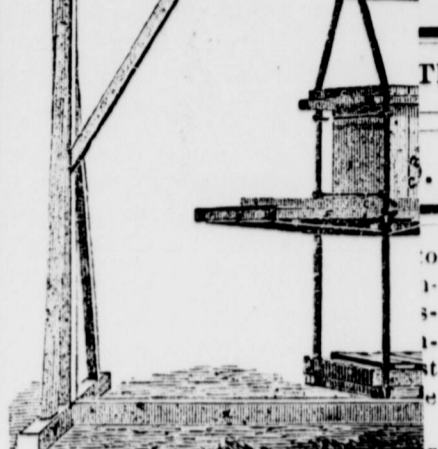
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I have no unkind word to say to Brother Addison, but desire, by the help of God, to lead him, and all others who are willing, into a clearer light. First: I take Brother Addison's confession: "We believe that affusion is the Scriptural mode of baptism." That is the very thing and the only thing I contented with in my article.

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We refer our readers to the card in another column of Messrs. Lane & Bodley, manufacturers of machinery in Cincinnati, Ohio, in which they propose to send an illustrated catalogue and price list of their manufactures.

SEE advertisement and learn in what manner you can get a portrait of Longfellow free of cost.

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We call attention to the Texas Medical College and Hospital. The regular course of lectures in this institution have begun. We are pleased to see a very considerable increase in the number of the class over that of last session.

JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of this old and reliable Agricultural and Grange paper that appears in another column. It has been published in St. Louis for a great number of years and is a leading paper of its class in the Southwest.

THE card of C. H. Ruff, a well known lumber dealer in this city, appears in another column. For many years Mr. Ruff has supplied a large number of the builders in this and neighboring sections with lumber of every description.

GARDENING FOR PLEASURE.—Many of our readers no doubt already have the works on gardening, written by the senior member of the firm of Peter Henderson & Co., Seedsman and Florists, 35 Cortlandt street, New York.

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WEEKLY REVIEW.

The inclement weather during the last week of November was the cause of a light trade with our wholesale houses; but with the incoming of the new month and fairer weather, the prospects are brightening and cheering for large orders from the country merchants in anticipation of a large holiday trade in notions, etc.

MONETARY. GOLD.—Closed in New York this evening at 115 1/2. The rate here closes at 115 buying, and 115 1/2 selling.

SILVER.—Rates at the close are 109 1/2 @ 110 1/2 buying and selling.

EXCHANGE.—Rates continue firm and generally unchanged.

Table with columns: COMMERCIAL, BANKERS, FREIGHTS. Lists various goods and their prices.

Table with columns: COTTON. Lists cotton grades and prices.

Table with columns: GALVESTON STATEMENT. Lists various goods and their prices.

Table with columns: CONSOLIDATED REPORT—7 DAYS. Lists receipts and exports.

Table with columns: NEW ORLEANS MARKET. Lists market prices.

Table with columns: NEW YORK MARKET. Lists market prices.

Table with columns: THE LIVERPOOL MARKET. Lists market prices.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

SPOTS.

The comparative closing quotations are: This Week. Last Week. Middling Uplands 6 7-8d. 6 7-8d. Orleans 7 3-10d @ 7 1-4d.

FUTURES.

Table with columns: This market closed firm as follows: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

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

Le-Handles—per doz., No. 1, \$2 15 @ 2 75. No. 2, \$1 85; No. 2 (N) \$1 65. Bacon—Supply in first hands ample.

Can Goods—Per dozen cans: Peaches, 2 lb, \$2 00 @ 2 25; strawberries, 2 lb, \$2 00 @ 2 25.

COFFEE—MILLS—Per dozen, Parker's No. 50, \$5; No. 60, \$6; No. 70, \$7.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 Texas, nominal at \$1 35 @ 1 37 per bushel, by the car load, lower paying elevator charges.

MR. EUGENE STOCK, of London, advises teachers to be constantly thinking upon the lesson, even when about the ordinary toils of the week.

I TAKE CARE OF MY LAMBS.—A gentleman in England was walking over his farm with a friend, exhibiting his crops, herds of cattle, and flocks of sheep.

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