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LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Moody and Sankey Revival.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1875.

Mr. Editor—The meetings conducted by Messrs. Moody and Sankey began in Philadelphia on Sunday, Nov. 21st. Although the secular press has given full reports, to the extent of several columns daily, a letter giving some information in regard to the movement, and the preparation for it, may not be uninteresting to your readers.

Some weeks ago it was decided to invite Messrs. Moody and Sankey to Philadelphia, and a committee of fifteen ministers, representing all the evangelical denominations of the city, was appointed to arrange for their coming. This committee organized by electing Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., of the Episcopal Church, Chairman, and Rev. C. P. Mason, of the Reformed Church, as Secretary. The Ministers' Committee then appointed a committee of thirteen prominent and well known business gentlemen of the various denominations to conduct the business arrangements for the meeting. This committee elected Mr. George H. Stuart Chairman, Mr. John R. Whitney Treasurer, and Mr. Thomas K. Cree Secretary. The committee at once proceeded to business. They secured the old freight depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., Thirteenth and Market Streets, which extends from Market Street back to an alley 373 feet, and from Thirteenth to Juniper Street 250 feet. About two hundred workmen were at once set to work making the necessary changes, and in three weeks the building was ready for occupancy. The main audience room, is seated with 8,904 chairs. At the back end, is the speaker's platform, rising in tiers, with 1,304 making a total seating capacity of 10,208. Two-thirds way forward the floor gradually rises to the front of the hall, giving every one in the audience the opportunity to see and hear the speaker. Although a very large audience hall, its acoustic properties are such that the speaker is readily heard in any part of it. In addition to the main audience hall there are three large inquiry rooms; these, with the committee rooms, are provided with 752 chairs, making a total seating capacity of 10,960 chairs in the building. There is a vestibule, thirty-three feet wide, around three sides of the building, from which there is egress by ten large doors opening upon Market, Thirteenth, and Juniper Streets.

The three large doors opening from Market Street, with the vestibule thirty-three feet wide, running the width of the building will be the main place of entrance, and the four large doors opening into the main aisles, running the length of the hall, will be the doors of admission to it. There are four cross aisles six to eight feet wide, and four main aisles eight to ten feet wide, as well as a wide aisle running clear around the audience room. The building is heated by steam supplied by a hundred horse power boiler. It is lighted by eleven reflectors down the center of the hall, and sixty rings, and a series of parallel jets running around the building, making in all about 1,000 burners. Daylight is admitted, and abundant facilities for ventilation is obtained by a series of skylights in the roof. A telegraph from the speaker's platform is carried to the assistant chief usher's platform at front of the hall, and connects with the wires to the central city station. A corps of two hundred Christian men has volunteered and are acting as ushers to seat the public. A choir of five hundred voices under the leadership of Mr. Sankey con-

duct the services of song. A class of three hundred Christian workers, selected by the ministers from all the churches of the city for services in the inquiry rooms has been trained by the Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., of the Episcopal Church, Rev. R. M. Hatfield, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. P. Breed, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Wheaton Smith, D. D., of the Baptist Church. The ministers and Christian people of the city of all denominations are heartily in sympathy with the work and have rendered every assistance in preparing for and conducting it. The cost of all the immense preparations will be about (\$25,000) twenty-five thousand dollars, and it is expected from present indications that no call for contributions will have to be made, but that the money will be the spontaneous gift of those in sympathy with the movement. Gospel Hymns, the new book arranged by Messrs. Bliss and Sankey, is used in the meetings. The authors' royalty on this book instead of going to Messrs. Bliss and Sankey is paid to committee, consisting of Messrs. Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia; John V. Farwell, of Chicago; and Wm. E. Dodge, Jr., of New York, to be devoted to Christian work. The royalty of Moody and Sankey's Hymn Book in Great Britain amounted to over \$31,000. Messrs. Moody and Sankey refused to receive any of the money, and the London committee sent the money to Mr. Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, who applied it to religious work in America.

The following synopsis of the life of Messrs. Moody and Sankey may prove of interest:
 Mr. D. L. Moody was born in Northfield, Massachusetts, in 1837. His parents were Unitarians, but going to Boston when eighteen years of age he entered Dr. Kirk's Congregational Church, where he was converted and shortly afterward united with that church. In 1856 he removed to Chicago, and obtained a position as salesman in a shoe store. He at once got into Christian work and soon organized the North Market Hall Mission Sunday school in one of the most destitute and forbidding parts of the city. So successfully was he in his Christian enterprises that he gave up his situation, and since that time he has given all his time and energy to Christian work. He has never asked for or received any salary for his work, trusting to the Lord for the supply of his daily wants. Mr. Moody was elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and has been a prominent worker in that organization. To his efforts the Young Men's Christian Association of Chicago owed its building, one of the first in the country. In 1871 his house, and church, and the Association building, as well as the houses of most of those connected with his mission, were destroyed in the great fire. At once he went to work relieving the wants of the needy, and a large sum of money was raised by his effort after the excitement all over the country incident to the fire had subsided. The Christian activity now so marked over all the West and Northwest, is largely due to the influence of Mr. Moody.

Mr. Ira D. Sankey was born in Edinburg, Penn., in 1840. He was converted and united with the church when quite young. His first Christian effort was singing in connection with church and Sunday school work. Removing to New Castle, he engaged in Association work, and was elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association of that place. Attending a Christian Association Convention of the State of Pennsylvania, his clear, ringing voice won the hearts of the delegates, and resulted in his making a tour of visitation to the Associations of the State. Shortly afterward he attended an International Convention of Christian Associations, at Indianapolis, where Mr. Moody heard him singing at an open-air meeting, and arranged with him to go to Chicago and assist him in his association mission work, and since that time the two have always gone together one singing while the other preached the Gospel. Mr. Sankey's voice is a full, soft baritone one, improved by careful training. He is simple in his style, free from all attempt at display or effort, and by their sweetness and pathos his songs are irresistible.

In June, 1873, Messrs. Moody and Sankey landed in England; after visiting two or three places with indifferent success, they began a series of meetings in New Castle, which was so marked in its result that invitations began to come in from all parts of Great Britain. They next visited Edinburgh, Scotland, where they were most cordially received by the ministers and Christian people, and a series of meetings were begun, which was without a precedent; thousands were converted, and meetings at all hours of the day were crowded, and in single meeting in the open air it was estimated there was an audience of thirty thousand present. During the winter and the following summer, with like result, they visited Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin and Liverpool, and finally spent some four months in London, when the immense halls in four sections of that city, arranged or built especially for the purpose, were found inadequate to accommodate the great crowds who flocked to attend the meetings. The number of persons converted cannot be estimated, but some idea of the extent and permanency of the work may be formed from the following incidents:

At a meeting held in Glasgow four weeks ago, to celebrate the anniversary of their visit to that city, on a gloomy day, the Crystal Palace, seating six thousand people, was crowded all day and a second meeting was organized, and thousands were turned away unable to get into either meeting. Rev. Dr. Wallace, of the United Presbyterian Church, in a public address, a year after their visit, said, as a result of it, seven thousand have been added to the churches in Glasgow alone, and that in the Evangelists' rooms were recorded the names of three thousand families in Walford (a neglected section of the city) asking that a missionary be sent to visit and have religious conversation with them. In Liverpool it is also stated that, (omitting all aged people, children and women) three thousand active young men have been added to the workers in the various churches. Like reports come from Edinburg, Dublin, London, and other points.

The meetings in Brooklyn were a grand success. They were attended at all hours of the day and evening, and the work among young men, now in progress, promise much good. Christians have been revived and many have been converted.

The meetings in Philadelphia began on Sunday morning, November 21, at 8 o'clock. It was a cold, winter morning, the rain pouring in torrents for an hour before the opening of the service. At 8 o'clock when the doors were closed, there were from eight to nine thousand persons in the audience. In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, a damp, disagreeable day, an hour before the time of beginning the services, the Hall was packed, there being fully twelve thousand people in the audience, and it is estimated twenty thousands persons were turned away unable to obtain admittance. The morning prayer-meeting, from 8 to 9 o'clock, was opened in The Chambers Presbyterian Church, accommodating some two thousand people, but after three days the number in attendance was so great that it had to be moved to the Hall. The first morning in the Hall some six thousand persons were present. After Thursday the morning meeting will be held daily at 12 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock. On Thanksgiving evening the service was announced for 7½ o'clock. At 2 o'clock the people began to gather about the building, and by 5 o'clock thousands were waiting to obtain admission. At 6 o'clock the house was crowded, fully twelve thousand persons being present, and the doors were closed shutting out most of the ministers, a large part of the choir, and many representatives of the press. On last Sunday the 8 o'clock service was for Christian workers, admitted by ticket, which were given free to those applying for them. By noon, Saturday, all the tickets were given out, and many were thus prevented from attending. This talk to Christians was the most impressive Mr. Moody had so far given. It was on "Love and Sympathy," and many times during the sermon there was hardly a person in the vast audience who was not affected to tears. This ser-

vice closed the special sermons to Christians. For a week he preached, talked to, and exhorted Christians to more consecration and earnestness, and the result of the first week's work will be felt during the continuance of the meetings.

Sunday afternoon the services for the impenitent were begun. At 3 o'clock, an hour before the time of service, the doors were closed, shutting in eleven or twelve thousand women (no men being admitted), and shutting out large numbers of women who vainly sought admittance. Such an assemblage was never before in this country gathered under one roof, and the sight of so vast an audience of women, as in rows they stretched from side to side away to the back end of the Hall was a scene hard to picture.

Mr. Moody preached from John, 31 chapter, 7th verse, "Ye must be born again." It was his first sermon here to those out of Christ, and it was an earnest and effective sermon on regeneration, the necessity for a new birth. He refuted the various excuses, answered the false reasoning, and then boldly stated he could not reason out regeneration, that it was a revelation, and one could only understand it by accepting the new birth as a God-given gift, a new creation. The sermon was full of beautiful imagery, touching incidents, pathos, and eloquence, and yet a statement of facts none could question, put in a terse, blunt way, that would make a lasting impression. Mr. Sankey never sang with more sweetness, and as the soft notes of the Ninety and Nine passed from row to row, penetrating in their fullness and sweetness every corner of the vast audience room, multitudes wept, scarcely knowing why. Mr. Moody requested those not Christians wishing to be prayed for to rise. Fully five hundred accepted the invitation. Those who arose were requested to go to the inquiry rooms before the audience was dismissed, and a wave of people moved toward them from all parts of the house. In the inquiry rooms Messrs. Moody and Sankey, assisted by ministers and Christian workers, were engaged in pointing inquirers to Christ, and many who went in weeping penitents went away rejoicing in a sense of pardoned sins.

At 7½ o'clock the service was for men only, and at that hour an audience of ten thousand men, mostly young men, were assembled. Mr. Moody repeated the sermon of the afternoon with increased earnestness a power.

He carried with him the hearts of the listeners, and a more attentive and quiet audience never sat listening to the Gospel. Mr. Sankey sang the "Prodigal Child," and other most impressive pieces. When the invitation was given for those not Christians wishing to be prayed for to arise, hundreds stood up, and subsequently went into the inquiry rooms. A nine o'clock meeting for young men has been held every evening in the Arch Street M. E. Church, and the house has been full. So many requests for prayer are presented every evening that all who wish cannot be heard, and large numbers, as many as forty at an evening, of those out of Christ have stood up to be prayed for. These are afterwards talked with privately, and many have been hopefully converted. A woman's meeting is held every day at 9 o'clock A. M., and a fathers' meeting each evening at 9 P. M. Monday morning prayer-meeting was given to requests for prayer and reports of the work. Some fifty or more requests were presented, embracing a large number of all classes and condition of people.

Glowing reports were brought in from all the meetings, as well as by pastors from their churches and from the neighboring towns. The work is assuming proportions far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine, and we are in the midst of a great revival which we hope will sweep over all the land. The class of people at the meetings yesterday afternoon and evening was largely those unaccustomed to church going, and the impression made was on this account the more marked. The meetings for this week will be the same as last week, and as soon as Mr. Moody has recovered from the fatigue of his exhausting work in Brooklyn he will begin an afternoon service.

Excursions are arranged for from all parts of the State, and ministers are coming in in large numbers to attend the meeting. T. K. C.

"A New Departure"

Mr. Editor—Under the above head Rev. Oscar M. Addison of the Northwest Conference, a brother whom I have known and loved from his youth, has, in the ADVOCATE of November 13, offered some strictures on an article of mine published in a previous number of the ADVOCATE in regard to the practice of immersion for Gospel baptism, and the right, and even duty, of a Methodist preacher to refuse to administer it. This he thinks "a new departure," and a dangerous error, and a violation of our ordination vow.

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 contend for. Is that a new departure? But, while we, as a church, believe and proclaim to the world that affusion, and that alone, is the Scriptural mode of baptism, we allow of, and even command immersion "if he, the candidate, desires it!"

Do not this a bold departure from the Divine rule? On what authority? Simply the desire of a candidate for membership in the church? Is not this setting aside the Word of God that we may keep our own traditions? Brother Addison does not pretend that the Scriptures teach, or authorize, immersion for baptism. If they do not (and that is the opinion of all our standard authors, from Mr. Wesley down), is it not clearly adding to the Word of God, when we admit immersion into Christ's religion? Does not Brother Addison know that that is strictly forbidden under the most awful penalty? "If any man shall add unto these things, which are written in this book, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book." Is Brother Addison willing to take the risk for the sake of a doubtful convert? I am not. Instead, therefore, of making "a new departure," I am earnestly, in the name of God, calling my brethren back to the "old paths, where is the good way, that we may all walk therein and find rest unto our souls."

But Brother Addison thinks this an "intolerant assumption" that will drive back "the dawning light of Christian liberty;" by which he means that some of the immersionists are advocating "free communion." Can such an end justify us in departing from a plain Scriptural rule? Brother Addison is mistaken. Our administration of immersion, simply as a matter of accommodation, when we claim no Scriptural authority for it, but condemn it in our standard writings and in our public ministrations, places us in the awkward and unenviable position of "time servers." It exhibits, on our part, a striking disregard of Divine authority. This has always done us more harm than good. Besides, by so doing we have often introduced into the church a disturbing element. Immersion is opposed to infant baptism, which is an article of our religion; immersion is not. They who hold to immersion are opposed to infant baptism, and have, therefore, no right in the church according to our articles of religion. They are always a disturbing element. But Brother Addison thinks I violate my ordination vow! Let him take his Discipline and read carefully the vow of an elder and show me wherein I have violated it. It is in humble obedience to that sacred vow "to oppose and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word," that I have preached and written what I have for the last fifty years and more. See the whole vow in the Discipline, pages 263 and 270. But you promised to "obey your chief ministers and to submit to their Godly judgment." All true enough; but "their Godly judgments" have long since decided that there is no authority in the Scriptures for the practice of immersion. And they have decided also, that the "Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrine required of necessity for salvation," and they required me to "teach nothing but that which you (I) may be per-

suaded may be concluded and proved by the Scriptures." All this rules out immersion as an intruder into the house of God. If our "chief ministers" have, after condemning it in all our standard works—as Brother Addison knows they have—allowed it a place in brackets in our Ritual, I cannot feel myself bound by their inconsistency. When the conflict is between mere church legislation and the plain, acknowledged word of God, I have no hesitation in deciding, "The traditions (rules) of the elders" must always yield to the Word of God.

I have made no innovation into our church creed; stated no new doctrine or article of faith. I have only defended our creed as it is; and that our creed—the Word of God—should purify and regulate our Ritual let us be consistent with ourselves. Let our creed and Ritual harmonize.

A brief glance at the history of this whole affair may not be out of place here. Brother Addison, and all others, will please recollect that during the "Dark Ages" immersion of the naked body, as baptism, came into the church and prevailed so that it became established and was enforced by civil authority until after the Reformation, when the Bible was restored to use and put into the hands of all as "the only rule of their faith and practice." From that time sprinkling in baptism rapidly returned and spread and generally prevailed. In the Church of England immersion was retained up to the time of Mr. Wesley, who received "orders" as a clergyman under that rule. Mr. Wesley, therefore, practiced immersion in his younger days, "because the Rubric of his church required it;" believing at the same time, that sprinkling was Scriptural. After he was baptized with the Holy Ghost he felt it his duty to depart in some things from the established order of his church, which he did slowly and cautiously. In his notes on the New Testament (Rom. vi, 4,) he thinks "the ancient mode of baptism by immersion" is referred to. But before his death he wrote: "There is no positive proof of immersion in the Scriptures, but very probable proof of the contrary." (See his works.) Mr. Watson, still advancing into clearer light, wrote "There can be but one right way, and that is affusion." From that time on to the present men have been raised up in Methodism who have written largely to establish, or rather re-establish the good old Bible rule on the subject of baptizing. By these means, under God, we have gotten clear of the foul thing except that little bracketed pet—or if he shall desire it, shall immerse him in water." We think we now have light enough to enable us to dismiss the intruder altogether and at once. There has been some effort made to get the action of the General Conference upon it, but other matters deemed of more importance have kept it still in abeyance. It is to be hoped that this thing will not be suffered to much longer disgrace the pages of our otherwise beautiful Ritual. I hope these remarks will set me right before my good brother, Addison, and all others concerned. For further information on any part of this subject I respectfully refer Brother A. and all others to my published work, entitled: "The Christian Sacraments, and History of Immersion," which has received the endorsement and commendation of our highest church authorities. I will send the book to any address, postpaid, on receipt of two dollars and twenty-five cents, currency. O. FISHER.

We reproduce on our third page an able discourse. It was delivered by R. F. Bunting, D. D., of this city. And is published by special request.

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The Family Circle.

Willie's Lesson.

"Now, Willie," said Mrs. Brooks as she put an ample turnover, two doughnuts, a biscuit, and a rosy apple into his bright tin dinner-pail, "be sure and stop at grandma's and get that bottle of goose-oil she promised me. You had better stop on your way to school, and take it with you; then you will be quite sure of it. Now, do not forget, dear; for baby seemed croupy last night, and as your papa is away, I could not get the doctor, if he was taken sick in the night, and I do not know what I should do without the goose-oil."

"I'll be sure to remember," said Willie, kissing his mother good-bye, and hurrying off to walk with Joe Adams, who was just coming down the road.

"Halloo, Willie!" said Joe, as he caught up with him. "I guess if we hurry a little we shall have time for a game of ball on the green, before the bell rings. See the new ball Uncle Harry sent me from Boston. Isn't it a beauty? Won't the fellows envy me, though?"

Willie was very much interested in the ball, and fairly ached to have a game with it, but he said:

"I guess I can't play."

"Why not?" said Joe.

"Well, I have got to go down the lane, to grandma's, of an errand, and shan't have time."

"Pooh," said Joe; "let the errand go until we come home. It will keep, won't it?"

"Yes," said Willie, "but I am afraid I shall forget it."

"O, no, you won't; I will remind you of it. Come along!"

Willie's conscience gave a twinge, as he said:

"Well, I guess I'll let it be until I go home."

Willie had his game of ball. After school, just as the boys came out of the school-house, Farmer Jones came along with his hay-rig, and offered to take the boys home. They were glad enough to save a mile and a half of walk, and jumped in without hesitation. Neither Joe nor Willie had a thought of the errand to be done. Another game of ball when they got home was all they thought of.

"Willie," said his mother, as she was taking the baby up stairs, "what did you do with the goose-oil?"

"O, mamma, I forgot all about it."

"Didn't you stop at grandma's on your way to school, as you promised?"

"No; Joe Adams wanted me to play ball, and I didn't have time."

"Well, Willie, you may put up your story book, and go to bed. I am much grieved that I can't trust my little boy."

That night Willie was awakened by his mother at his bedside, shaking him. It was nearly midnight.

"Quick, Willie! Get up and stay with baby, while I run to the neighbors for help! I fear he will die!"

O, how Willie shuddered and trembled when he heard this! And what a fearful time that was, that he spent with his little brother. Fortunately as Mrs. Brooks was on the way to the nearest neighbor, a mile distant, the doctor overtook her, on his way home, and, as it was a bright moonlight night, recognized her, and returned with her in time to save the poor little baby.

Willie never forgot the lesson he had learned, and ever after kept his word to his mother.—Zion's Herald.

Brought into Sunday-School.

We were all seated round the fire-side, one long winter's eve, when little eight-year-old Edward asked his "Uncle Edgar" to tell "us children a nice story."

"Well, dears, what shall I tell you about? A wild bear story? or such a story as you read in your Sunday-school books?"

"Oh, if you please, Uncle," said young Miss Minnie, seated right by his knee, "tell us a Sunday-school story. The other night you said you had a real nice story to tell us sometime about how you got a little toy to come to Sunday-school when you were superintendent."

"By the way," observed Uncle, "I believe I did tell you I would relate to you that story;" and, putting another stick of wood on the fire, and telling them all to be still as mice, he began:

"Well, when I was superintendent of Gale's Hall Sunday-school, about two years ago, I succeeded in bringing into our school a great many little boys and girls who happened to be roaming about the streets on Sunday mornings."

"One bright, sun-shiny Sabbath morn, as I was on my way to Sabbath-school, I stopped and heard what proved to be a boy's voice, hallooing, 'here's your morning paper—Daily Herald.' I knew, right off, he was a newsboy."

"Our town, which was just beginning to be called a city, had one daily paper. Four or five newsboys were hired to carry the paper to the subscribers' houses. Each had a certain district, or route, but this boy, who I could now see coming up the street towards me, was evidently not one of those newsboys, for they are not allowed to sell papers—only to deliver them. This boy as he stopped at a little white house on the corner, cried, 'only two cents a copy!' but the gentleman refused to buy one on Sunday and so the little fellow came towards me with a laugh, thinking maybe I would buy one."

"No," said I, "not on the Sabbath." I then asked him if he did not know it was wrong to sell papers, or anything else, on Sunday; to which he replied he supposed it was, but that he had to support his mother."

"I then inquired why he took Sunday to sell papers—why he did not sell them on week-days. And he replied:

"You see, on the other days folks go to town, and they can buy 'em down there cheaper; but on Sunday folks don't go to town, and I can make piles of money sellin' 'em to 'em."

"I again told him it was wrong, and he became deeply convinced of the fact, and promised he wouldn't sell any more."

"But," said he, "what am I going to do to help my mother?"

"Well, if you'll not sell any more papers, and come along with me to Sunday-school, I will give you a place in my store." He seemed to be over-glad at my proposition, and, looking into his carrying bag, he exclaimed:

"Hello! I've got three more papers left. What shall I do with them?"

"I took them, and told him I would pay him for them to-morrow."

"Off we put for the Sabbath-school, and arrived just five minutes late; but the time had not been wasted, for I had brought one more scholar in."

"Johnny Ware (for that was his name) seemed greatly pleased with the school, and when the basket was passed around to take up the children's missionary collection Johnny walked up to me and said he was going to put his money in the collection."

"I asked him if he had any more at home, and he said he had; and his thirty-five cents were given to the heathen. Afterwards he said he intended to give his whole soul and riches to the Lord."

"Well, dears, the next morning Johnny Ware was at my store, promptly at seven o'clock. He liked his work, and after he became older supported his mother very comfortably with his earnings."

"Johnny Ware is now an honest Christian gentleman, loved and respected by all; and the other day as I was going to church, he and I met on the same spot where, twenty years ago, as he informed me, he came up to me and hallooed in my hearing, 'here's your morning paper—only two cents a copy!'"

Selections.

OPIMUM BULLETS.—Cheating is not confined to any particular race. In a package of opium that had not been opened since it left the shores of the Levant, received at a drug store in Alexandria, Va., there was found a collection of old bullets and rocks, which had been paid for at the rate of \$8.75 a pound.

FISH AND BRAINS.—Those persons who began to eat large quantities of fish a few years ago, and have kept up the practice ever since without having experienced the desired increase of intellectual capacity, may thank the New Orleans Republican for this explanation: "Unless a man has brains, it is useless for him to eat brain food. It has never been claimed for fish that it creates; it only strengthens the brain."

BIRD EXPRESS FROM EUROPE.—An Ocean Humming bird, of great docility, intelligence and spirit, has been found in Iceland, which flies at a meteor-like speed of 150 miles an hour, and is able to find its home, over sea and land, from any part of the habitable world. A pair of these birds, a few days ago, brought dispatches from Paris to a lonely spot, congenial to their nature, in a wild and rocky part of Kent, within 10 miles of London, in 1 1/2 hours. Press carrier pigeons took the dispatch on to the city, the whole distance from Paris to London, by actual mode of conveyance, being done in 1 1/2 hours! If the experiments at present being made in training and educating them continue successful, it is hoped by next summer to establish a daily miniature ocean mail between America and Europe, the whole distance to be traversed between sunrise in one hemisphere and sunset in the other.—London Live Stock Journal.

HARD ON BROOKLYN.—A reporter who lives in Brooklyn met Mr. William M. Evarts on Fulton street, New York, the other day. "Well," said Mr. Evarts, "how are things in Brooklyn?" "Dull enough since you left it, Mr. Evarts." "Ah me! it would seem that ere long there would not remain in your city a sufficient number to conduct those to State Prison who ought to be there," said the lawyer, shaking his head significantly as he proceeded on his way.

I do not know of a more beautiful sight on earth than a man who has served his Lord for many years, and who, having grown gray in service, feels that in the order of nature he must soon be called home. He is rejoiced in the first fruits of the Spirit which he has obtained, but he is panting after the full harvest of the Spirit which is guaranteed to him. I think I see him sitting on a jutting crag by the edge of Jordan, listening to the harps on the other side, and waiting till the pitcher shall be broken at the fountain, and the wheel at the cistern, and the spirit shall depart to God who gave it. A wife waiting for a husband's footsteps, a child waiting in the darkness of night till its mother come to give it the evening kiss, are portraits of our waiting. It is pleasant, and a precious thing, to wait and so to hope.—Spurgeon.

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It is common to argue the doctrine of Providence, (a) from the perfection of God; (b) from the dependent nature of his creatures; (c) from the character of the universe; and (d) from the Scriptures of truth.

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Christian Advocate

GALVESTON, TEXAS, DEC. 11, '75.
I. G. JOHN, D.D., Editor.

PERSONAL.—We learn per postal card that Rev. Sam. P. Wright on his return from Conference was attacked by pneumonia. This will account for his failure to answer many communications that have been sent him.

A FUND of fifty thousand dollars has been placed at the disposal of the English Church Missionary Society to be applied toward the Christianization of Africa. This is in answer to the appeal from the center of Africa sent through Stanley the explorer.

DR. McCOSH has invited Moody and Sankey to visit Princeton College. They have accepted and will make the visit during the early part of next term. In announcing this information, Dr. McCosh took occasion to speak, in high terms, of the work done in connection with their labors in Great Britain.

THE rapid increase of English population in India is making the establishment of chaplains and other clergymen of the Church of England a pressing demand. The diocese of Calcutta has two hundred and ninety stations where there are English congregations. The shareholders of some of the Indian railways have raised funds to increase chaplains on the line of their roads. Thus enterprise and civilization act as pioneers of the gospel.

AN exchange mentions the fact as significant that the Quakers have built a meeting-house on the very spot where ninety-four years ago the battle of Guilford Court-house in North Carolina began its bloody work. It is equally significant that the most wonderful inventions of the age consist in powerful guns with which to carry on operations of war. We are not sure but the church and the gun has each its mission.

DR. CUNNINGHAM, says the Nashville Christian Advocate, has been spending some time in Nashville preparing the Sunday-school Budget for January. We hope a sample will be sent to this office. For some cause we have not received our Sunday-school publications from that point for months, and have had to borrow from our children to ascertain what has been coming out from that department. We are awaiting the results of Dr. Cunningham's labors with much interest.

THE papers say one of Mr. Moody's troubles is the propensity to long prayers on the part of his co-workers. We have often noticed this on revival occasions. Some men get down to pray for penitents and can never reach the work before them only by a circuitous route through the heathen world. Others have to pump up a proper amount of fervor before they can get at the cases in hand. Others harrangue the Lord in lengthened periods and seem to expect an answer as the result of their eloquence. Prayer should be as simple and as direct as the Lord's prayer itself.

THE papers tell of a noble deed by a Norwegian sea Captain named Adder Hansen, in the North Sea. His vessel was nearly disabled in a storm, and his crew meeting a fishing smack deserted their commander and left him and his ship to their fate. Alone he set the sails, kept up the light and steered steadily toward the West. Squalls swept across the sea; the cabin was full of water; the lonely seaman more than once fainted from weariness, but for days he held on his course until, at last, he brought his vessel into the harbor, though so completely exhausted that he could hardly hold the helm. Men are brave in groups, but their hearts fail when they must go out alone in danger. Many a young man on the sea of life feels as lonely as that brave sailor. The sea is rough and his path seems lonely; yet two things cheer him: God sees him; there it a port ahead.

VALUE OF "SCRAPS."

If people would only think, they might be led to act. Somebody has been estimating the amount of scraps left at the tables of sixty thousand families in the City of New York, and have reached the conclusion there is enough to feed an equal number of pigs, and from this data he reaches the conclusion that said scraps, properly utilized, would feed nearly all the paupers of that city. That seems to be a round-about way of getting at the thing; but so it is reached we will not grumble. We think the scraps will still be wasted. But it is well to think over the fact that we waste every week enough to make some sufferer happy if he had it. People in Iowa are talking of using corn for fuel because it is cheaper than coal, and yet people in other lands are starving. Turnips are ten cents a bushel in Kansas, and splendid Peach-blow potatoes are sold in Nebraska for four cents a peck, and there are people in our large cities and towns who would be glad to use the sound side of the half rotten ones to keep them and their children from starvation. Another column of the same paper in which we noticed these items tells us that certain mills in New England are about to suspend operations for several months during the winter and the operatives will be out of work and their families out of bread. People are burning corn in one section and people are hungry in another. These facts are so familiar that they sound commonplace. They are so tame that we tire of looking at them in the papers. The story of the cold and hungry women in our over-crowded cities will not produce a sensation worth the name. The corn will be burnt. The excess of potatoes will rot or be used to manure the land, and the people in other places will die of hunger and cold. If people would only think, they might devise means by which the abundance of one section might reach the needy of another.

In a world of so much suffering no one has a right to waste anything that will afford relief. It is not hardheartedness, but sheer thoughtlessness that makes men fail to aid their suffering fellow men. Yet after all is not thoughtlessness a token of an unfeeling heart? We ought to think. It is as much a duty as right acting. If you and I were to think each day, could we not find the way of making some other life happier or better.

BRO. R. S. FINLEY says: "The East Texas Conference did all for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE you could have desired if you had been present. The Secretary will soon forward reports, etc. We are pledged as never before. Be of good courage. You are doing your work well. You have universal approval and general sympathy in your contest with wickedness in high places. You shall hear from me soon on a more enlarged scale."

BRO. S. W. TURNER says: "I value our ADVOCATE above all the Advocate family. We had the most pleasant session of East Texas Conference I ever attended. Bishop Pierce won all hearts. There was good religious feeling and great harmony among the preachers. None have died during the year. God be praised. Twelve were received on trial."

REV. J. T. DAVES passed through on Wednesday, en route for Brenham, to attend the session of the Texas Annual Conference. He brings us most encouraging reports from the Mexican Mission. The work in the City of Mexico is thoroughly organized and moving on well. The stay of Bro. Daves in Texas will be confined to the session of the Conference. He will return at the close of the week to attend his own Conference, which convenes in New Orleans on the 15th inst.

FROM Henry W. Williams, publisher, New York, we are in receipt of a handsome volume, entitled "Household Elegancies." It is replete with valuable suggestions in household art, and tasteful home decorations. We cheerfully commend the work to our readers.

"WATCH."

One dark, stormy night after the September cyclone we were coming down Galveston Bay in an open boat with two friends, both skillful amateur sailors and familiar with the waters across which we were driving. Suddenly the helmsman startled us with the words, "We are right on the track of the two dredge boats which were sunk in the storm. Keep a sharp lookout for them." No need for him to repeat the command or to enforce it by arguments or exhortations. The force of the wind was burying the gunwale of our boat in the waves as it swept through them like a race horse. Each one bent low as he sought to peer through the darkness and spray and guard against the peril in our track. "There it is! right on our line!" shouted the helmsman, and there, in twenty yards of our boat were the massive irons and huge timbers of the partially sunken wreck. We caught our breath with a gasp as our eyes rested a moment on the fearful danger that seemed to rise suddenly out of the boiling waters and then lost it as our boat swept swiftly on its course. "Look out for the next one!" and with bated breath, we watched till sure the danger was far behind.

Often since that night we have recalled the chill sense of danger which made the heart stand still as we looked on those jagged timbers and surging waves, and thought what might have been had the steersman veered the slightest pressure of the helm from his course. A crash—a brief struggle—then, possibly, three dead bodies cast up on the shore, and three sorrow-stricken homes, in which loved ones mourned their dead.

How often in this life we almost touch the unseen world and then swing back into the midst of earthly thoughts and cares. A foolish man will push the lesson from his mind—a wise one will ponder it prayerfully.

Driving over the sea of life, other perils threaten us every hour. We may not see them as they rise above the billows, but they lie along each path. Others as wise and strong as we are have gone down. If our barque speeds on in safety, how grateful we should be. And with each memory of danger past, comes up the admonition, "Watch."

A MEMBER of the late editorial excursion party tells us that on his recent visit with others of the party to the Tribune office, New York, instead of receiving the usual courtesies, they were snubbed so decidedly that they left in disgust. This simply shows that the Tribune officers need a new geography. Like many other individuals, they have not yet learned where Texas is located. In the meantime, our friend does not very cordially indorse the many "puffatory" notices of said paper.

NOTICE TO AGENTS.—We learn that some of our agents are conceding their commissions to subscribers—that is: giving them the paper at \$2 25 instead of \$2 50. Though magnanimous in individual cases, when considered in its universal application it will, for obvious reasons, do the enterprise an injury. Agents will therefore please discontinue this practice. The small sum of twenty-five cents on the subscriber given to agents does not more than remunerate them for their stationery, postage and trouble in the premises—and we want them to have it.

BRO. J. M. TRUITT has our thanks for his kind words and substantial aid. If we had such an agent on every work in Texas the ADVOCATE's subscription list would reach fifteen thousand before the end of the year. Bro. T. says, among many other good things: "I expect by the grace of God to do more for the ADVOCATE this year than ever previously—notwithstanding the action at Nashville. Score the gamblers and those that wink at all such crimes. May God bless the ADVOCATE: For our ADVOCATE—first, last, and all the time!"

REMEMBER the premium.

THE DUTY OF METHODISTS.

We do not regard it as the province of a religious journal to fret, and scold, and worry over the ordinary ills which beset life in this earthly existence; but when the time comes for action we do not esteem it as a religious duty to preserve a supine posture; and while everybody and everything around us is moving on and bearing a part in the conflict, that we should remain a passive spectator in the back-ground of danger, or fill the place of a figurehead in every progressive picture that may be presented for the contemplation of the masses. Neither do we respect it as an act of charitable forbearance to keep silence on those subjects that are calculated to affect the welfare of society, when a manly word, boldly spoken, might wound the tender sensibilities of those delicate Christians who fancy that religion can be made to serve purposes equally as practical in the business pursuits of life as it does in the eternal interests that we should lay up for ourselves in those "mansions beyond the skies." In other words, when we find a man becoming a Christian in order to better his moneyed condition and to advance his financial schemes, we believe it to be our duty to cry out against such a creature and to warn those of his hypocrisy whom he would make the dupes of his dissembling.

Too many men fancy that there is business in an "outward show." Too many men would sail into the harbor of prosperity under the colors of the Redeemer, when at heart they little feel that glow of divine love which wells up from the recollections of that grand sacrifice that was made upon Calvary's height, when a God was immolated in order that mankind might find an atonement for the transgressions that had fallen upon the world. The Christian who can stand idly, silently by and see vice raise its rugged head and lead off the young men and young women of the land in its dance of death, and make no effort to stay its work of ruin—simply because he might suffer the loss of a patron in his business—is a thousand-fold meaner than the vilest sinner that openly wages his warfare with the "King of Hosts" and defies all the powers of the "Courts of Heaven."

The Christian who gives his aid to secular considerations in order to advance himself in the accumulation of worldly goods when he could gain as much by patronizing moral institutions, is but half converted and presents the ghastly spectacle of being spiritually dead in order that he may live financially prosperous. How many such Christians have we in Galveston, in Texas; and, in short, scattered all over the broad face of our common country? Alas! too many—too many who think more of themselves than of God; who give more of their thoughts to money and its acquirement than to heaven and its happy surroundings.

Look through the columns of this paper and see the significant absence of names and firms in its advertisements which should appear weekly and yearly with each succeeding issue and volume of their church organ. Go to the temples of worship and watch the Seventh Day Saints who march boldly to the front pews, and whose hearts apparently overflow with the heavenly influences that are invoked upon God's people by the half fed and indifferently clothed teacher in Israel, who is ever ready to labor in God's cause and to wait His mercy in receiving their rewards. Go follow these long-faced gentry into the business walks of life and see how changed are the speaking faces, how hardened are the hearts which you recently beheld all molten with the heat and glow of divine love. This sort of thing is simply religion reduced to a moneyed basis; it is stealing the livery of heaven in which to serve the devil; and instead of commending this sort of sanctified hypocrisy, we deem it better far in us, as a leader and teacher in the spiritual warfare which we

are constantly carrying on with the "devil and his angels," to unmask these "wolves in sheep's clothing," and to expose them in all their shame and nakedness.

Believing this a duty, we warn those of our brethren who are debasing a holy calling, who are prostituting religion in order to make business, that they are in the wrong path and that the sooner they give over sinning, dessembling and hypocrisy, the sooner will they merit and receive the blessings for which they are striving.

NOT AMIABLE.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, North, must muzzle such writers as Bishop Haven, or the Southern people will hold but lightly its pretensions to genuine fraternal feeling.

In the New York Christian Advocate, of November 18th, he gives an account of the dedicatory exercises of the Central Tennessee College at Nashville, and reports with decided relish the following as the utterance of Judge Caldwell, one of the speakers: "He said he gloried in being a member of the Northern Yankee Negro Church. When his rebel enemies taunted him with being a 'negro worshiper,' he retorts: 'How many negro children have you?' The reply is always a dead shot. The Judge is a reserve delegate to the General Conference."

We often meet complaints from the pen of correspondents of Northern Church papers that the preachers sent into the South are viewed with suspicion by its people. Can it be otherwise when one of their chief pastors publishes under his own name such a libel of the Southern people and the Southern Church? The language of Judge Caldwell was coarse and his thoughts were unclean, and by this endorsement of his sentiments by Bishop Haven, he has ranked himself in the same class. That vice is found in the South, no one disputes. It is also found in the North. The brothels of the South receive their largest supplies from Northern cities. Were we to report on Bishop Haven or Judge Caldwell by pointing to the social evil as it is found in their own section and asking them the question what part they had taken in the production of this evil, we would feel ourself soiled by the bare suggestion.

Bishop Haven's mind runs constantly in this line. This insult to the Southern people and the Southern Church recurs continually in his letters. He fondles the thought as though he loved it. We do not defend the vice wherever it is found; but we deny as false the insinuation that it is the peculiar sin of the South. It is legalized in Boston and it is a foul blot on every city in the land. If Bishop Haven honestly thinks it is confined to the South, we might pity his lack of information; but believing he knows better, we must regard such slanders as the utterances of a fanatic, unfit to represent the church in which he ranks as a chief pastor.

MISSIONARY MATTER.

Editor Advocate—I send for publication the missionary assessments, Foreign and Domestic, on the several districts of the North-west Texas Conference. It was made on a basis of forty per cent. for foreign missions:

	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Waco District.....	\$ 450	\$ 300	\$ 750
Georgetown Dist....	450	300	750
Waxahachie Dist....	450	300	750
Corsicana Dist.....	450	300	750
Weatherford Dist..	360	240	600
Stephenville Dist..	216	144	360
Comanche Dist.....	216	144	360
Total.....	\$2,580	\$1,720	\$4,300

I wish to say that I am preparing, at my own expense, quarterly reports which I shall send to missionaries, within a few weeks, to have filled up and returned to me. The Treasurer, Rev. S. P. Wright, and myself, intend to collect, as far as possible, every item of interest relative to the missionary work of our Conference. Brethren, do take your missionary collections, at least, quarterly and remit them promptly to Bro. Wright. Our missionaries will need all the help you can possibly give them.

T. H. B. ANDERSON,
Secretary Board of Missions,
N. W. Texas Con.

Remember the premium.

PEOPLE are beginning to count the cost of the revival meetings under the direction of Moody and Sankey, at Brooklyn and other points. It cost, we are told, twenty thousand dollars to arrange the Brooklyn Rink in order to hold the meetings. Fifty thousand more was the estimate necessary to prepare the Freight Depot in Philadelphia in proper shape to accommodate the multitudes who are gathering there in answer to the call of these evangelists. The Young Men's Christian Association of New York are talking of chartering Barnum's Hippodrome, at the rate of \$1300 per week; and this in addition to the time and labor of a multitude of preachers and laymen. "Why all this waste?"—The question is an old one.

These same parties, who are distressed at the thought that thousands of dollars are expended in one revival effort, forget that more than this amount is spent every week in the theatres of these same cities. More than double that amount is wasted at the drinking saloons. Often as much money as the Brooklyn meetings cost exchanges hands in the gambling halls of that same city. The people dance away thousands of dollars at balls, drink it up in rum and lager beer spend it on dancing girls, waste it on fast horses for men, or fine ribbons for women, and these same papers who are distressed about the cost of these meetings never take it to heart. They ascertain the number of converts and the expense of the meetings; find that so much money was expended for each soul converted, and ask if this is not too expensive! Men pay ten-fold this cost for their own damnation, and but few mourn the fearful waste.—When we learn to measure values by their true standard, the question will not be: "Am I wise in giving hundreds towards the salvation of souls?" but: "Dare I withhold my thousands from these pressing calls?"

Elder T. W. Caskey's Proposition.

Mr. Editor:—I wish you to publish the following proposition: "Brothers Carlton and Burnett: I read with feelings of deep regret the unkind and ill-natured comments of Mr. William Price, copied in your last issue from the Christian Advocate, in reference to the Cleburne debate. Please say to Mr. Price, through your paper, that I will meet him at any time and place of his own choosing and re-discuss the same propositions for not less than eight days, a stenographer to be employed to take down the debates; and we will have it published, so he won't complain of those who tried to do their duty. Please request the Christian Advocate to copy.

"Your brother in Christ,
T. W. CASKEY."

REPLY.

I find the above proposition in the Christian Messenger dated November 17. I have had a very intimate acquaintance with Mr. Caskey in two public discussions. I am not disposed to reflect unjustly upon my opponent. Truth and justice demand, however, that I should notice his proposition in its proper light. By the Campbellite trick—verified in the false report of my speeches by T. R. Burnett, editor and publisher of the so-called Christian Messenger—I suppose Mr. Caskey thinks he is the champion among his water-loving brethren; hence, he is so much elated with his reported success that he now proposes to "re-discuss" the same propositions and have them published. I will further add that my speeches were taken down by the Rev. O. M. Addison, and I am now willing to publish them in connection with Mr. Caskey's speeches as reported and published. Will Mr. Caskey accept this proposition? If he will, then the trick of Mr. Bantam & Co. will be seen just as I have represented it. If he will not accede to this proposition, I will discuss his on condition that he will accept the mode of baptism. He is traveling over the State to enlighten the people with respect to his watery theory of salvation, and if he is not competent to prove that immersion is the only mode of baptism, I would advise the gentleman to retire from the field of conflict without making another proposition. In no instance will I meet Mr. Caskey again unless he is properly endorsed as being every way qualified to discuss the faith of the so-called Christian Church.

Now, if the gentleman will bring up his endorsement all right and will also discuss the mode of baptism, I will select the time and place as he proposes, and then, by having a reliable reporter, the debate can be published without trickery, dishonesty or hypocrisy. W. PRICE.

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Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., occupies our entire eight page today with his various articles. We admit it, because we know the Doctor, and know of his articles. We know him to be a regularly educated physician, whose diploma hangs on the wall of his office, and we know that he has associated with him several of the most eminent practitioners in the country. We know that parties consult him, by mail and in person, from all the States in the Union every day, and that they are fairly and honestly dealt with.

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AN EXPERT.

Dr. Price is well known as an expert in the study of Culinary Chemistry, and all of the manufactures of Steele & Price are the result of his researches. One of these discoveries is the Cream Baking Powder, by the use of which light, sweet biscuits, cakes, etc., at all times are a certainty. The market is flooded with cheap, inferior baking powders, and adulteration is so extensively practiced, that the Cream Baking Powder does the work with two-thirds of the quantity required of any other kind. In view of such cheap impositions, the public are advised to ask for these pure and excellent articles; if they cannot be obtained of one grocer they may be of another. The purer the articles that compose our daily food the better they are for health. Dr. Price's True Flavoring Extracts are really delicious.

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The firm of Wm. Hendly & Co. introduced Pratt's Astral Oil to this State in large quantities about six years ago, and it is a significant fact that since that time there have been fewer accidents from lamp explosions in the State in proportion to population than in any other State in the Union. This is due largely to the fact that the Astral Oil is in general use. No accident has ever been reported where it was used, and, no doubt, it has undergone many tests equally severe as the one described in the communication appended, but which have never been reported. It is only when inferior oils are used that accidents happen, and then the facts become public. The lamp referred to below was taken to the News office, and corroborated in every respect the statements made by Mr. John:

GALVESTON, Dec. 2, 1875.

On last night I put a lamp, filled with Pratt's Astral Oil, in a bedroom, turned the same down low at 7 o'clock, to be used by a visitor. On returning to my home at 11:30 o'clock, I went to his room to see if he was in, and found the oil in said lamp boiling, the chimney broken and covered an eighth of an inch with soot. The lamp (glass) was too hot to handle, yet no explosion occurred, although the heat cracked the lamp, thus proving Pratt's Astral Oil to be thoroughly non-explosive; and I refer parties to our card elsewhere on "Something About Oils."

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Letters Unanswered.

Nov. 26.—W. A. Shook, Jno. Beverly, M. C. Blackburn, Jno. B. Smith, W. C. Blair.

Nov. 29.—A. P. Cox, R. W. Kennon, A. M. Lawrence, A. Davis, J. R. Crowder, J. W. Chalk, Mary E. Meachum, Jno. S. Gillett, J. E. Hopkins, P. W. Graves, E. P. Rogers, J. T. Williams.

Nov. 30.—J. E. Vernon, J. M. Weston.

Dec. 1.—Samuel Morris, J. H. Carr, D. P. Haggard, J. R. Barden, G. W. Graves, R. Long, J. T. Williams, O. Fisher.

Dec. 3.—J. M. Truitt, J. M. Ballou, R. S. Finley, R. C. Armstrong, J. M. Langston, Jno. B. Smith.

Dec. 4.—J. D. Taylor, M. D., Samuel Morris, J. S. Ashburne, M. A. Black, M. F. A. Foster, W. H. H. Biggs.

Dec. 7.—W. Price (2), J. W. Waddell, H. S. Thrall, Jno. B. Smith (quarter ends with December), Jno. Wesley Smith, Jno. B. Denton, H. V. Philpott, H. B. Henry.

Dec. 8.—D. M. Proctor, W. C. Blair, Thos. Reno, L. C. Crouse, D. J. Martin, J. D. Whitehead.

Dec. 9.—J. H. McLean (2), A. M. Fox, H. S. P. Ashley, Jno. P. Cook.

Messrs. A. & S. Levy, proprietors of the popular dry goods establishment, No. 121 Market street, are offering to the public special bargains in dress goods, black alpaca, as they are disposing of their stock in this line at very low prices. Among the varied and elegant assortments of goods in this establishment may be found thousands of things suitable for holiday presents. Messrs. Levy desire to state to our readers that after the 10th inst., any lady purchasing \$10 worth of goods will receive a ticket entitling them to a chance for a \$50 shawl.

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Quarterly Meeting Appointments.

WACO DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Bosqueville cir., Bosqueville, Dec. 11, 12. Waco sta., Dec. 15, 16. Waco cir., Jan. 1, 2. Bremond cir., Kosse, Jan. 8, 9. Marshall sta., Eagle Mills, Jan. 15, 16. Marlin, Jan. 22, 23. Waco City mis., East Waco, Jan. 29, 30. Mount Vernon, Pisgah, Feb. 5, 6. Calvert and Hearne, Calvert, Feb. 12, 13. Owensville cir., Owensville, Feb. 19, 20. Wheelock cir., Wheelock, Feb. 26, 27. The District Stewards will meet at Bremond on Friday, Jan. 7. W. G. CONNOR, P. E.

MAKSHALL DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Henderson and Overton sta., at Overton, Jan. 1, 2. Tyler cir., at Pleasant Retreat, Jan. 8, 9. Troupe cir., at Troupe, Jan. 15, 16. Starrville cir., at Chappell Hill, Jan. 22, 23. Belleville cir., at Kilgore, Jan. 29, 30. Marshall sta., Feb. 5, 6. Hallville cir., Blalock, Feb. 12, 13. Harrison cir., at Willey's Chapel, Feb. 19, 20. Elysian Fields cir., at Elysian Fields, Feb. 26, 27. Larisa cir., at Larisa, March 4, 5. The District Stewards are notified to be and attend at Overton on Monday, the 1st day of Jan., to adjust the finances of the district for the opening year. The following is a list of the names: J. M. Hall, L. S. Langley, A. G. Tourney, Wm. B. Cooke, A. R. Crow, Josiah P. Reynolds, W. A. Pope, R. W. Hamilton, Benjamin Cole, R. G. Dorrough, R. S. FINLEY, P. E.

COMANCHE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Pilot Point sta., Dec. 26. Denton cir., at Denton, Jan. 2. Saylor cir., at Canan, Jan. 9. Bonham cir., at Bonham, Jan. 16. Pilot Grove cir., at New Prospect, Jan. 23. Dexter cir., at Dexter, Feb. 6. Pilot Point mis., at Oak Grove, Feb. 13. Galveston cir., Feb. 20. J. W. CHALK, P. E.

COMANCHE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Comanche sta., Dec. 15, 16. Hamilton cir., at Hamilton, Dec. 22, 23. Plum Creek mis., at Bellard's Cove, Jan. 1, 2. Lampasas cir., at Bethlehem Church, Jan. 8, 9. Burnett cir., at North Gabriel, Jan. 15, 16. Rockvale cir., at Rockvale, Jan. 22, 23. Fort Mason and Lingo mis., at Lingo, Jan. 29, 30. Sun Saba cir., at Sun Saba, Feb. 5, 6. Brownwood mis., at Jones Chapel, Feb. 12, 13. The District Stewards will please meet me at San Saba on the 12th of February, to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the presiding elder, and to appoint the collections ordered by the Annual Conference for 1876. P. W. GARVIS, P. E.

WAXAHACHE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Waxahachie sta., Jan. 1, 2. Hamilton cir., at Hamilton, Jan. 8, 9. Chaffell cir., Jan. 15, 16. Ennis and Chambers's Creek, at Ennis, Jan. 22, 23. Lancaster cir., at Liberty, Jan. 29, 30. Wesley sta., Feb. 5, 6. Wheeland cir., Feb. 12, 13. Waxahachie cir., at Bethel, Feb. 19, 20. Peoria cir., at Peoria, Feb. 26, 27. Hillsboro and Ash Creek mis., March 4, 5. A. DAVIS, P. E.

FAIRBANKS DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Pottsville cir., Pottsville, Dec. 19. Denton cir., Mt. Tebo, Dec. 26. Carversville cir., White Rock, Jan. 2. Denton cir., Post-Office Grove, Jan. 9. Texarkana mis., Texarkana, Jan. 12. Carversville sta., Carversville, Jan. 16. Sycamore cir., Shady Grove, Jan. 23. Board City cir., Post-Office Road, Jan. 30. Ladonia cir., Mt. Carmel, Feb. 6. Green Grove cir., Lane's Academy, Feb. 13. The District Stewards will meet at Jefferson on Sunday, Dec. 4. JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

JEFFERSON DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Linden cir., Dec. 19, 20. Kellyville cir., Jan. 1, 2. Dargfield cir., Jan. 8, 9. Mount Pleasant cir., Jan. 15, 16. Soda Lake cir., Jan. 22, 23. Atlanta cir., Jan. 29, 30. Sycamore cir., Feb. 5, 6. Gilmer cir., Feb. 12, 13. Longview cir., Feb. 19, 20. The District Stewards will meet at Jefferson on Sunday, Dec. 11, at two o'clock. J. C. SMITH, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Denton, cir., Dec. 19. Decatur cir., Jan. 5. Elizabeth cir., at Bethel, Jan. 12. Mount Pleasant cir., Jan. 15, 16. Herbyville mis., Feb. 6. Marilla cir., Feb. 13. The District Stewards meeting at Gainesville, Dec. 11. W. H. MOSS, P. E.

VICTORIA DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Halverson cir., at Siltson, Dec. 18, 19. Concrete cir., at Concrete, Jan. 1, 2. Siltson cir., at Siltson, Jan. 8, 9. Clinton cir., at Clinton, Jan. 15, 16. Victoria cir., at Victoria, Jan. 22, 23. A. A. KILLGORE, P. E.

STEPHENSVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Tredell cir., Center School-house, Dec. 18, 19. Meridian cir., Mesquite, Dec. 25, 26. Glen Rose cir., Andrew Chapel, Jan. 1, 2. Jonesboro cir., Post-Office Grove, Jan. 8, 9. Eastland mis., Allen's Mill, Jan. 15, 16. Fort Griffin mis., De Graffville, Jan. 22, 23. Palo Pinto cir., Palo Pinto, Jan. 29, 30. Graham mis., Graham City, Feb. 5, 6. Jacksboro cir., Jacksboro, Feb. 12, 13. Black Springs mis., Bethesda, Feb. 19, 20. The District Stewards will please meet me at Stephenville, Dec. 11. J. P. MUSEETT, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FIRST ROUND. White Rock cir., at Harrell's Chapel, Dec. 18, 19. Sulphur Springs sta., Jan. 1, 2. Greenville sta., Jan. 8, 9. Sulphur Hill, Jan. 15, 16. Sulphur Springs cir., Jan. 22, 23. Pittsburg cir., Jan. 29, 30. Wilsboro cir., Feb. 5, 6. Mineola mis., Feb. 12, 13. The District Stewards will please meet at Sulphur Springs, Jan. 1, at ten o'clock A. M. T. E. SHERWOOD, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Blackland mis., Dec. 14. Salado, at Davilla, Dec. 15. Red Land, at Jewett, Feb. 6. Gatesville, at Station Creek, Jan. 8, 9. Belter, Dec. 19, 20. Sugar Loaf, at Benson Creek, Jan. 16. Liberty Hill, at Liberty Hill, Jan. 23. Georgetown, at Georgetown, Jan. 30. Cameron, at Given's Chapel, Jan. 21. Deer Creek, at Powers's Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. The District Stewards will please meet (without fail) at Belton, Dec. 18. W. G. VEAL, P. E.

COHCANA DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Nexia, at Cotton gin, Dec. 12. Dresden, at White's Chapel, Jan. 2. Mount Galia, at Pio Oak, Jan. 9. Grosbeck Central Institute, at Central Institute, Jan. 16. Briston mis., at Burnett's Chapel, Jan. 23. Red Land, at Jewett, Feb. 6. Centerville, at Centerville, Feb. 13. Fairfield, at Fairfield, Feb. 20. Constock sta., Feb. 27. The following are the District Stewards: J. T. Clower, J. T. Boykin, J. J. Long, A. J. Wm. J. D. Clark, S. B. Jettison, G. T. Gosten, W. R. Melton. Stewards for Grosbeck and Thornton Missions unknown. I hope all the district stewards will meet me at Cotton Gin, on Dec. 19. T. W. HINES, P. E.

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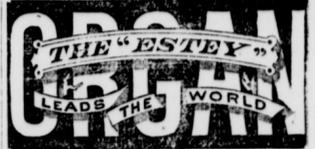
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GALVESTON, TEXAS, DEC. 11, '75.

I. G. JOHN, D.D., Editor.

THE TRUE MISSION.

Oh! that it were my lot to be An angel of light, with liberty To stretch my golden pinions high And brush the stars from off the sky.

And shining like the planet's light, That brightens in the deepening night, That story would to man unfold The riches of His love untold.

Correspondence.

Gambling, Etc.

ANDERSON, TEXAS. Mr. Editor—The writer, in common with many others, has been deeply interested in your conflict with the gamblers and their apologists in Galveston.

Gambling, in some form, seems to be a besetting sin of fallen humanity. At times it presents itself in such an insidious form as to deceive the "very elect."

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Truth is omnipotent. A few smooth pebble stones of gospel truth will prove an over-match for the Goliaths of sin and wickedness.

Obituaries. MEACHUM.—Died suddenly, of congestion, Oct. 2th, 1875, in Anderson, Texas, William Gideon, only son of W. W. and Mary E. Meachum, aged ten months.

The Secular Press vs. Morals.

Mr. Editor—The thought must occur to every candid reader why it is that the secular press of our country seem to be arrayed against morals, or why do they so promptly resist every effort of the religious press to check the prominent evils of this age.

many of them are men of fair talent. The truth is, they prefer to pander to the influence of many, than make any effort to save my son or yours, or their own, from the ruinous dens of our cities.

And these sparkling drinks are, in this age, so drugged that if he can be induced to swallow one drink, he is gone—is soon crazy and an easy prey to all the sharks that thirst for his flesh.

AN excellent, well recommended pickle for curing hams is made of one and a half pounds of salt, half a pound of sugar, half an ounce of saltpeter, and half an ounce of potash.

IF the chimney glass of a lamp be cut with a diamond on the convex side, it will never crack, as the incision affords room for expansion produced by the heat, and the glass, after it is cool returns to its original shape, with only a scratch visible where the cut is made.

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Household.

A GOOD way to clean black kid gloves is to take a teaspoonful of salad oil, drop a few drops of ink in it, and rub it over the gloves with the tip of a feather; then let them dry in the sun.

A TABLESPOONFUL of niter (per gallon of milk) dissolved in as much water as it will take, and put in the pail before milking, will lessen the taste of turnips or other vegetables in the milk.

WATER containing lime compounds—very common in country wells—may be rendered fit for use, for many purposes in the arts, by the addition of a little chloride of ammonium.

PICTURE frames and glasses are preserved from flies by painting them with a brush dipped into a mixture made by boiling three or four onions in a pint of water.

WATERED milk is liable to produce typhoid fever, the water used in the process not being of the most wholesome character. Another very prolific source of disease is the supplying of swill-milk.

PIE plates that have been used much for baking, are apt to impart an unpleasant taste to the pies, which is owing to the lard and butter of the crust soaking into them and becoming rancid.

FOR cleaning carpets: To one gallon of water add two tablespoonfuls of spirits of hartshorn. Ring out cotton flannel cloths in this mixture, and rub the carpet with the damp cloth. See that the cloth is not too wet, and dry the carpet with a dry cloth.

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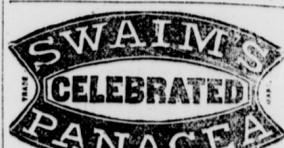
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Waste Basket.

SPIRIT of the press—cider. BLUNT men are generally sharp. A SEEDY occupation—The florist. CARPETS are bought by the yard and worn by the foot.

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Why do honest ducks dip their heads under water? To liquidate their little bills.

WHAT is the difference between a belle and a burglar? The belle carries false locks, and the burglar false keys.

A MILWAUKEE editor has had returned to him a book borrowed twenty-seven years ago, and begins to have hopes of humanity after all.

In Providence and Worcester the price of milk has gone up two cents a quart for the winter, but our excellent system of water works enables milkmen here to retail at the old rates.—Norwich Bulletin.

A MILKMAN was awoke by a wag in the night with the announcement that his best cow was choking. He forthwith jumped up to save the life of his best animal, when, lo! he found a turnip stuck in the mouth of the pump.

"I NEVER get mad at a fool," was the cutting remark of a man who fancied himself affronted by another. "That accounts for your always being on such amicable terms with yourself," was the rejoinder.

WHEN a stranger asked a Detroit girl, whom he met at a party, if she was married, she promptly replied: "Not quite; but I've sued three or four chaps for breach of promise."

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An Indian espied a window full of wigs; and pointing to the owner, he said: "Ugh! Him great man—big brave—take heap scalps!"

At a circus, while the rope-walker was going through his performance, a boy about twelve years old turned to an acquaintance of the same age, and remarked: "Tom, don't you wish you could do that?"

"Yes I do," sadly replied Tom; "but my folks make me go to school and are determined that I shan't never be nobody."

Farm and Garden.

HORSES' HOOFs.—To prevent horses' feet from scaling or cracking in summer, and enabling the shoes to be carried a longer time without injury, the French practice is to coat the hoofs once a week with ointment composed of equal proportions of soft fat, yellow wax, linseed oil, Venice turpentine, and Norway tar. The wax is melted separately before mixing.

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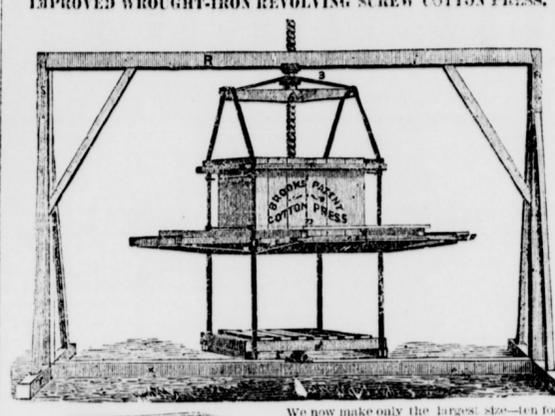
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APPOINTMENTS OF THE GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

BISHOP PIERCE, PRESIDING.

This Conference closed its session on Sunday night, Dec. 6th. Peace and good will prevailed, and the brethren are buoyant with hope for the future.

Bishop Pierce presided over the Conference with his usual urbanity, and has won the affection of all the German brethren.

The publishing interests of our church were not neglected. The Christian Advocate at Nashville, and the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were especially recommended to the patronage of our brethren.

The services on Sunday were as follows: Bishop Pierce preached at St. James in the morning, and ordained the deacons after service.

Table with columns: WORK, NAME, POSTOFFICE. Lists various locations like Houston District, Galveston, Bellville, etc., and their respective names and post offices.

ATTENTION is respectfully called to the new advertisement of Messrs. Wm. Hendley & Co., State Agents for Pratt's Celebrated Astral Oil.

We call the attention of our readers to the card of H. J. Beebe, of this city, dealer in molasses, syrups, goshen and western butter.

THE PARLOR BOOK STORE having been relieved of all miscellaneous goods will be devoted exclusively to books, stationery and such goods as belong to that line.

RICE AND BAULARD.—The card of this firm has been so long in the columns of the ADVOCATE that our readers are doubtless familiar with the merits of the establishment as ourselves.

NOTICE to the city public and people in the interior: Subscribe to your papers and magazines through J. D. Sawyer, Lightning News Dealer, where you can do as well, (and in many cases better).

THE RAYMOND HOUSE.—This favorite resort of the traveling public is on Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The present proprietor, Capt. J. H. Sterritt, was up to a few months since, the Superintendent of the Houston Navigation Co.'s line of steamers.

GENERAL NEWS.

TEXAS ITEMS.—On Dec. 4, that section in the vicinity of the Brazos river was visited by the heaviest rain storm ever known in that neighborhood—over twelve inches precipitation in half a day.

CRIME AND CASUALTIES.—An Englishman cut off his wife's head with an axe, and mortally wounded his step-daughter and another woman with a large hammer, at Cleveland, Ohio, on the 3d.

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR.—The statue of William the Conqueror has just been unveiled at Fataise on the Norman coast, and much has been said in honor of that illustrious warrior, whose memory time has endeared to France.

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WEEKLY REVIEW.

As predicted in our last report, the fair weather has had favorable effect on the whole trade of our city, and merchants seem well pleased with the trade of the past week, although the business was done mainly by orders.

MONETARY.

GOLD.—Closed in New York this evening at 114 1/2. The rate here closes at 114 1/2 buying, and 115 1/2 selling.

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

EXCHANGE.—Rates continue firm and generally unchanged.

COMMERCIAL.—Sterling 60 days. nom New York Sight Currency 1/2 dis

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FREIGHTS.

Liverpool direct. 11-32d 7-16d Via New York. 11-32d 7-16d Bremen. 11-32d 7-16d

Butter.—Stock ample and demand better for all grades; prices easy as quoted, choice 31 1/2-32 1/2; fair 28-30 1/2

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