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North vs. South.

Northern Civilization and Radicalism vs. Southern Barbarism and Conservatism.

BY H. M. BOOTH.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST SERIAL

Mr. Editor: Your correspondent forwards to you for the exercise of your discretion in publishing, a communication forwarded last year to the New Orleans Advocate for publication, as its circulation was in his native State, among his old friends and associates, where he was most forcibly impressed with the flaming philanthropy and the pretentious claim of a superior civilization introduced in the South by its propagandists from the North.

These representative men from the North have been the indices of the presumptions, prevalent dogmatism that arrogates all the intelligence, morality, and religion held in monopoly for the benefit of the rest of mankind, and no castigation, however terrific, can disturb the vain conceit. This conceit was very harmless, only provoking the ridicule and contempt of the conservative masses, until it was embodied in a raging fanaticism that furiously assailed and overrode all the restraints of constitutional law, sweeping away in its wild fury every barrier interposed to check its mad progress.

As he assigned two reasons for the rejection, which it may be best to state as explanatory of the situation, I will proceed to do so: Their serial character as not affording the editor the opportunity of forming his judgment of the whole before publication; and secondly, the allusion to the Beecher-Tilton scandal suit, "the ventilation of which he considered unadvisable."

That these reasons may not prejudice their publication by yourself, I take the liberty of stating that the design of the writer of these serials is to contrast the two civilizations, North and South, as illustrated by their representative men, especially that of the North; as the vaunted boast was made that Northern civilization was to inoculate Southern barbarism.

THE VIRUS OF THIS CIVILIZATION WAS FELT IN ITS INTENSIFIED ACTION THROUGHOUT OUR WHOLE MATERIAL SYSTEM, AND WE HAVE EXPERIENCED ITS RESULTS. WHETHER FOR THE COUNTERACTION OF THE DREAD MALARIA SOUGHT TO BE AVERTED BY THE INOCULATION IS BEING DEVELOPED.

FIRST ARTICLE.

The developments anterior to, and during the war and since, clearly demonstrate two civilizations characteristic of their origin North and South. The one, bigoted, intolerant, radical, persecuting, of which the Puritans were the representatives; and the other, liberal, catholic, conservative, gallant—of which the cavaliers were the representatives. These different civilizations have ever antagonized each other. The one, pretentious, illiberal, and dogmatic, has sought to lord it over the other by claiming superior illumination of the intellectual and moral forces. The other, fully cognizant of equal, if not superior, mental and moral illumination, and a much broader catholicity and conservatism, has intensely resisted the pretentious claim of a vaunted superiority that sought to dominate by dogmatism. This conflict of the two civilizations antedated by several decades the final great conflict that deluged the land in blood. The writer has thought for some time that he would give expression to some of the developments of this vaunted superior civilization of the North as it has been exhibited to his knowledge and observation in the last decade.

He has had special opportunities of forming a judgment, as its manifestations were vividly and impressively presented to his conception. In his early ministry he was associated with a Northern Methodist minister, who, true to his superior civilization and enlightenment, assumed to be its exponent among outside

barbarians, and in the magnitude of his pretensions rendered himself offensively ridiculous to his charge, a cultivated and refined community, and left in disgust for his Northern home. And his is but a specimen case of many Northern men who come to the South as evangelists of a higher civilization and presumptuously expect, in their self-confident conceit, to eradicate the darkness of barbarism with their effulgent light, little dreaming that they were read by the intuitions of men who, of equal learning, had a much clearer insight of character; before whose keen perception their stood revealed. These Northern exponents and propagandists of a higher civilization and culture have always been understood in the South and estimated at their value—far below their own estimate.

These representative men from the North have been the indices of the presumptions, prevalent dogmatism that arrogates all the intelligence, morality, and religion held in monopoly for the benefit of the rest of mankind, and no castigation, however terrific, can disturb the vain conceit. This conceit was very harmless, only provoking the ridicule and contempt of the conservative masses, until it was embodied in a raging fanaticism that furiously assailed and overrode all the restraints of constitutional law, sweeping away in its wild fury every barrier interposed to check its mad progress. In politics, in religion, the same contempt and utter disregard for all the restraints of law—human and Divine—characterized the furious onslaught upon the rights of others, and only allegiance held to a higher law: the dictations of a frenzied, reckless fanaticism; the impersonation of an evil and hateful passion as ever raged in the human breast, and wrought its hellish work, making man a fiend. This contest between Northern radicalism and Southern conservatism was long and fierce, culminating in the overthrow of the constitution in church and state. To mark some of its developments and results, and the spirit and character of some of its exponents and propagandists as occurring in the experience of your correspondent, and coming under his own observation, will be the object of a few serial numbers that the writer has been awaiting the denouement of the great scandal suit to furnish the ADVOCATE, which suit throws such a flood of light upon the animus which inflamed the chief actors in the desolation and ruin of our sunny land.

MISSION ASSESSMENT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.—The Mission Board of the Texas conference having overlooked the assessment to the different districts of the missionary money to be raised by the conference, at the suggestion of several members, we offer the following assessment, subject to the approval, of course, of those concerned.

The Texas conference was assessed by the board at Nashville for foreign missions, \$1,800; amount appropriated to the domestic missions in the conference, \$1,200. Total \$3,000.

We suggest the following assessment:

Galveston district, \$800, Chapel Hill district \$800, Austin district \$700, Huntsville district \$500; Columbus district \$200. Total, \$3000.

J. G. JOHNS, Sec'y Board.

Circumstances recently occurring have caused many bad men to leave Nueces county for the other side of the Rio Grande. No outrages reported since about that time.

The Kauffman flouring mills turn out 100 sacks of flour daily.

The Bible Revision Committee, at its recent meeting at New York, stated that they were now at work on the Psalms.

Only one hundred and fifty of the thirteen thousand Baptist ministers in this country are in favor of open communion.

Texas Matters.

CORN is selling in Washington county at fifty cents per bushel. Farmers busy replanting.

THERE is a camel ranch in Travis county. They thrive well with but little care.

THE Texas veterans are to meet in Austin the 21st of April.

CORN is \$1 per bushel and bacon 20 cents per pound in Williamson county.

THE grange store at Weatherford is in operation.

THE work on the International beyond Rockdale is moving ahead.

THE acreage of small grain in Kaufman county is estimated to be three times what it was last season.

THEY are talking of building an elevator at Terrell. The town is filling up daily with new comers.

THE News Boy calls attention of immigrants to Jasper county. It is well watered, well timbered, and offers cheap lands.

MR. RICHARDSON, of Henderson county, on the 15th, killed a grey eagle which measured seven feet and two inches from tip to tip of his wings.

THERE was snow at various points of our State last week, and some damage done to early crops. Planting over will soon rectify the drawback.

HOG cholera has been at work in Houston county.

THE damage to fruit throughout the State by last week's cold weather was not as great as was feared.

THE stands of early corn in Hill county were but slightly injured.

DENISON now claims five thousand inhabitants.

THE La Grange Record says that town is improving. It thinks the farmers will have to plant over.

ENNIS has shipped 4500 bales of cotton this season.

AGRICULTURAL implements by the car load pass over the Central Texas farmers.

Snow fell in Ennis Sunday week two inches in depth.

THE Dallas grain elevator and cotton compress is under course of construction. Capt. W. J. Clark is President of the company. The main building is 42x70 in size, with engine room 20x42 in size, with a forty horse power engine to drive the machinery. In connection with the elevator will be a corn-crushing and steam corn sheller.

THE Sna complains of the amount of corn and bacon imported into Cass county. Less cotton more corn would improve the finances of the people.

THE postmaster at Indianola has been notified by the Postmaster General that on the 31st of this month the present mail service will be discontinued and steamers put in place to make three trips a week to Corpus Christi, and two trips a week to Brownsville. Mr. Reside, of Philadelphia, Pa., is the new mail contractor.

MORE corn and cotton have been planted this year than any former year in Cameron county. The success of the cotton-worm destroyer makes the farmers consider cotton nearly a sure thing.

BETWEEN 7000 and 8000 head of cattle have left Gohad county this season for the Kansas market.

GRASS is fine in Hood county. New farms are being opened by new comers.

THE farmers of Johnson county are investing freely in reapers and mowers, and from the appearance of the wheat all will be needed. Corn in that region has averaged yearly about 30 cents per bushel. The population of the county is about 18,000; that of Cleburne, the county seat, about 2000. The price of unimproved land varies from \$3 to \$10 per acre.

SHEEP shearing in Nueces county will begin early in April. Buyers are coming in, good sales have been made.

THE new bridge across the San Antonio river at Helena will soon be completed.

News.

SCHENCK has been before the Committee on Foreign Relations, and claims that he had bought and paid for shares in the Emma Mine, believing it to be a good investment, and holds the shares at a loss.

THE post-trader investigation continues. Evidences of rascality and bribery thicken as the investigation proceeds. It approaches men in the highest position.

THE Senate in executive session spent on the 28th three hours on Dana's case. It is thought he will be rejected by thirteen votes.

ENGLAND delays the extradition of Winslow on technical grounds.

ACTION in the Senate on the Southern Pacific Road has been postponed for two weeks.

MORTON is getting moderate on the Mississippi investigation resolution. Mr. Christiancy offered a substitute; which Mr. Morton accepted. It proposes a committee of five to investigate the alleged acts of violence and intimidation in Mississippi, and to report what further legislation is needed to secure the colored citizens the free enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

ON the 24th, Judge Willie and Col Thrasher, of Galveston, presented the claims of Galveston harbor before members of the House Committee on Commerce, to which was referred the bill to make appropriations for the improvement of rivers and harbors. Judge Reagan is a member of the committee, and has given the matter special attention, in which he is seconded by the entire delegation. It is thought an appropriation of \$200,000 will be secured for work on the outer bar, besides appropriations for the inner bar and other Texas improvements.

AN irregularity of \$600,000 in public printing is developing.

DEFICIENCIES by the agents of the Freedman's Bureau robbery amount to \$800,000.

THE evidence of Marsh and wife and others show that nearly every trading post paid tribute to some friend of Belknap or Senator Harlan's assessments, for political purposes.

A BILL for counting the electoral vote, providing that when the two houses disagree regarding a State the vote shall not be counted, passed the Senate. Thurman, the only Democrat who voted for it, moved a reconsideration, in hopes a better result might be reached.

THE new Secretary of War considers the restoration of army headquarters in Washington important.

THE investigations into the frauds, bribes, and other rascalities in Washington City, make people suspicious of all Government officials.

THE special committee on Mexican border affairs have agreed to report a joint resolution, authorizing and directing the President to send to each two regiments of 1,200 men each to the Rio Grande, and he is instructed also, to order the commander of United States troops on the Rio Grande, whenever it is necessary to punish cattle thieves and murderers and to recover stolen property, to cross the Rio Grande.

A FIGHT occurred near Fort Larime recently between some Indians and miners. Indians stole stock; miners attacked the Indians, losing one man and killing thirteen Indians.

THE rush to the Black Hills is undiminished.

ON the 21st inst., two schooners were wrecked off Hatteras; two men lost. Another vessel was disabled and drifted out of sight.

FOURTEEN vessels were lost off Provincetown, Mass., on the 21st inst. The severest gale for years.

SIX vessels on shore at same date at Portsmouth, N. H.

THE flood, March 28th, in Worcester, Mass., damaged property to the amount of \$500,000, and caused the loss of four lives.

THE Mississippi, March 26th, was 4 feet 4 inches above danger line at Cairo, and had reached it at Helena.

HEAVY floods at Norwich, Conn., March 27th. Loss several hundred thousand dollars. Some lives lost.

ON Clear River, R. I., loss \$200,000, with heavy damages in other parts of the State.

AT Lawrence, Mass., over 5000 operatives are idle on account of the flood.

Outlook.

THE only result, according to the Russian Imperial Gazette, which has followed the hostile attitude of the Pope and his priests toward the Greek Church has been the fact that twenty-four preachers, twenty-six priests, and fifty thousand laity, which have voluntarily re-entered the Greek Church.

THE Theological Hall Missionary Society, composed of the United Presbyterian students of Scotland, last year contributed \$7,980 to the Jamaica jubilee fund for the training of native ministers. This year a fund is being raised for the establishment of a church and school in Cesaria.

SINCE Bishop Tuttle, of the Episcopal Church, went to Utah, the work has increased from one church and twenty six communicants to five churches, ten clergymen, five candidates and postulants, 402 communicants and contributions for church purposes \$102,412 51.

THERE are seventeen periodicals published in the United States in the interest of the Young Men's Christian Association.

THE report of Episcopal churches shows a decrease of three thousand communicants and four thousand confirmations.

IRISH statistics show that there has been a slight decrease in the Catholic population, and a slight increase among Presbyterians and Episcopalians since 1861.

THE Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, of which Rev. John Hall is pastor, contributed \$30,000 at the annual collection for Domestic Missions, and \$34,500 for Foreign Missions.

THE aggressive and persecuting spirit of the Romish hierarchy in Canada has resulted in the formation of a Protestant Defensive Alliance.

IN the United States there are 69,871 Sunday-schools, with 753,000 teachers, and 5,790,683 scholars.

THE American Bible Society has supplied sixty railroads with over 3000 Bibles this year.

THE Lucknow Witness tells how the Prince of Wales went to a pig-sticking, at which Lord Carrington got his collar bone broken, and the Prince speared one pig, and then danced at the ball that night, and yet people are perplexed to see where the Prince is doing missionary work, as the good Archbishop predicted before the Government paid the expenses of this trip.

THE Indiana State Board of Agriculture has passed the following: "The sale of narcotics, including malt vinous liquors, shall be absolutely prohibited in the fair grounds during the State Fair and Exposition."

BISHOPS MARVIN, McTyeire and Duggitt attended the Centennial of North Carolina Methodism, at Raleigh, commencing 21st of March.

THE Catholic prisoners in the Connecticut State prison have mass celebrated for their special benefit in the prison, and are not required to be present at the Protestant services.

THE subscription to the Pope, inaugurated in France some time since, amounts to 125,000 francs.

DURING the past four years the Presbyterian Synod of Texas has increased from 41 ministers to 66, and from 79 to 112 churches. During the past nine months its increase

ONE HUNDRED of the one hundred and twenty six students at New College, Edinburgh, are studying for the ministry of the Free Church of Scotland.

THE Western Episcopal Bishops are to hold their third meeting at Racine, Wisconsin, to take measures for the establishment of a church university in the West.

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Tommy's Supper

Tommy lay on the sofa in mamma's room in a neat little nest of shawls and pillows. His face was pretty red, and his eyes looked queer, and he could not have on boots or go out to play with the nice little boys across the street.

But the fourth day he was better, and the doctor said: "Well Tommy, to-night I guess you may have a nice little supper."

Tommy wondered all the afternoon what it was going to be, until five o'clock Bridget brought it up. First, there was a tea tray with a white napkin on top. Then there was a morsel of brown buttered toast on a tiny china plate.

Now, wasn't that a feast fit for a fairy prince? But the moment Tommy saw it, he hid his face in the pillows and snarled out, "I want roast beef, and radishes, and plum pudding."

Bridget patted his head and told him how bad all these things were for a little sickly boy, and tried to explain everything in her pleasant Irish way.

Sister Helen was in the parlor playing duets with her friend Miss Fannie, papa was down town in his office, and mamma was out shopping, with her kid gloves on.

As soon as she could, mamma came home, and hurried right up stairs to see how her little boy was. As she opened the door there was the back of a curly head among the pillows, and a nice little supper near the sofa.

When she saw that, mamma seemed to understand all about it, for she sat right down in her rocking chair and commenced pulling off her gloves, very slowly, talking all the time to herself something like this:

"Let me see! The first thing I saw this afternoon was a little robin with brown wings and red breast, and he was eating his supper. He did not have currant jelly in a glass tumbler. Oh, no! Instead, he was swallowing a little brown, ugly worm.

"And I went along a little farther and I saw a horse tied near the side-walk with his head deep in a bag. And what was there in the bag? Not toast, or oranges, and sugar, but dry oats. That was the horse's supper, and he seemed so busy eating it that I never stopped to ask him if he wanted anything else."

"Then when I had finished my shopping I went into the bakery to get the bread for tea. Just as I was coming out of the door with the nice, warm bundle in my arm, I saw a boy with his face close to the window. He had no shoes on his feet, and his cap was torn, and he looked in the window with such hungry eyes that I asked him if he saw anything he wanted.

"And didn't you give him anything?" said Tommy, sitting upright on the sofa, with two big tears on his cheeks.

"Yes dear," said mamma, "but Tommy, when I gave the little boy a loaf of plain bread without any butter, he never asked me for the beautiful frosted cake, or the shiny buns, or the pink and white ice-cream, but said thank you, and looked a great deal happier than another little boy I know who can have jelly and oranges and cake for his supper."

"I think I'd like my supper now, please," said Tommy, as if he had not known who that little boy was. But I must tell you that when Bridget came up for the tray, there was nothing left on it but a pile of dishes and two little crumbs.—Alice Farrar.

Plants should be watered with rain water in the morning or at evening. The leaves of plants should not be sprinkled with water when the sun is shining hot upon them. If rain water cannot be had well water can be used by exposing it to the air for a day or two.

A DYING CHILD'S MESSAGE.

Speaking to parents, Mr. Moody, the evangelist, related an incident of a precious word of a dying child.

There was a man living in New York city, an Elder of one of the Presbyterian churches there. His little boy had been sick for some time, but he had not considered it dangerous. He came home one day and found his wife in great trouble. When he came into the house he found her weeping:

"What is troubling you?" he asked.

"Why," said she, "there has been a great change in our boy since you left this morning. I am afraid he is dying; I wish you would go in and see him, and if he is tell him so.

The father went in and took his seat at the head of the bed; he placed his hands on the forehead of the little boy, and he could see that death was stealing over him. He said to his boy—

"My son do you know that you are dying?"

The little fellow looked surprised and said—

"Am I father; is this death that I feel?"

"Yes, my son, you are dying."

"Shall I die to-day?"

"Yes, you cannot live until to-night."

And the little boy smiled and said—

"I will be with Jesus to-night, won't I?"

"Yes, my son, you will be with the Savior to-night."

And the father turned away to conceal a tear; and when the little fellow saw the tears falling down his father's cheeks, he said—

"Don't you weep for me, father; when I get to heaven, I will go right straight to Jesus and tell him that ever since I could remember you tried to lead me to him."

A CHINAMAN'S FORBEARANCE.

We clip the following touching incident from a recent California daily:

A Chinaman had sat down his basket to rest himself near the corner of Mason street. Three well-dressed boys, aged from twelve to fifteen years came along on their way to school.

They each stole what vegetables they could take conveniently in their hands—principally tomatoes—ran off a short distance, and pelted the Chinaman, besmearing his clothing and damaging his little stock.

A gentleman went up to the Chinaman, and said to him: "Why do you stand still and permit such a thing? Why do you not throw one of those rocks and punish the young rascals?" What was the reply of this heathen? "Me no punishee him now, bym by we allee go up there (pointing heavenward); God punishee him for me allee same." Astonished at the reply, the gentleman asked "John" where he learned that.

"O me go Sunday school and mission school. Good teacher-man show me how I makee good man."

A MODEL REPUBLIC.—Americans are in the habit of looking upon Switzerland as famous for its sturdy maintenance of Republicanism, though for centuries surrounded by monarchical countries.

But some customs have survived from the dark ages to our own day, which, in their barbarism, are quite inconsistent with modern ideas of human rights. In some parts of Switzerland they have no poor-houses nor orphan asylums, but old poor people and young orphaned children are actually sold in the market place at public auction to those who will take them for the lowest compensation—the old during the remainder of their life, and the young during minority. Such a sale has recently taken place, and all Europe is astonished that such cruel treatment of the poor unfortunates and helpless is possible in a civilized country, and in this age of enlightenment.

Gain in Cattle.—It takes 11 pounds of milk to add 1 pound of live weight to a calf, and an ox that weighs 1,300 pounds will consume 22 pounds of hay in 24 hours to keep from losing weight. If he is to fatten he must have just twice that amount, when he will gain 2 pounds a day. This is 1 pound of live weight to 11 pounds good hay. To obtain 50 cents a hundred for his hay, a farmer must sell fat steers at \$5.50 per hundred pounds.

Asparagus should not be allowed to ripen its seed, but the stalks cut down as soon as seed balls begin to turn, and a heavy coat of manure, with a liberal sprinkling of salt, scattered over the bed.

Madagascar

Six years ago the reigning Queen of Madagascar declared definitely and officially against idolatry, and in favour of Christianity. An earlier turning to Christian faith, by a previous sovereign, had been followed by a persecution; and under the present queen and her principal advisers the secret Christian element has come to the light, and is becoming so strong as to give good promise of permanence. The Malagasy are a Malay people inhabiting the whole island, and probably amounting to about 2,500,000 people, divided into three principal tribes; of these about 1,700,000 are under the dominion of this queen, while the others are still pagan independent tribes. The Christianization of the island has been chiefly carried on under the auspices of the London Missionary Society, and that body, when the queen took so important a step as the one already spoken of, thought the occasion urgent enough to call for a special mission. Accordingly Dr. Mullens and another gentleman and his wife were sent. They have taken pains to make geographical surveys to the utmost of their opportunity, and to collect as much reliable information as they could; and this is all given to the public in a simple and straight-forward way. Those who hesitate to rejoice to see all the growing civilization of the country centring round a specific creed, will at least agree that there is something noble in the spectacle of a government which, hampered by treaty engagements with France, and compelled to admit French spirits on its shores, levies its duties in kind, and at once publicly pours the contents of each tenth barrel into the sea.—Westminster Review.

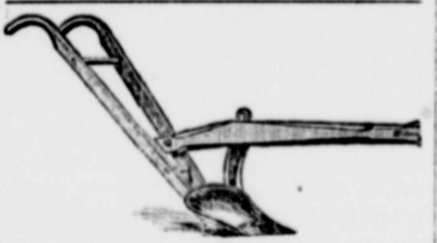
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"People won't patronize art nowadays," said a disgusted artist, as he left the picture sale; "they throw away their money on bread and butter."

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Obituaries.

THOMPSON.—Our son, A. C. Thompson, born in Cherokee county, Texas, Aug. 20, 1852; embraced Christ five years ago; lived with the Bible in his hands...

BRATTON.—Died suddenly at his residence near Rose, February 20, 1876, Judge C. W. Bratton, who was born in Tennessee, March 8, 1812.

Warren.—The subject of this notice, Minnie L. Warren, was the eldest daughter of Frank A. and Mary G. Warren. She was born on the 17th day of September, 1854...

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BRENNET.—Died in Cleburne, Thursday, March 9, 1876, Mary Brennet, only child of Rev. R. H. and Sue E. Brennet, aged 11 months and 10 days...

CAMPBELL.—Departed this life, February 18, 1876, after an illness of two days, Mrs. Campbell, wife of Joseph Campbell, of Harrisburg, Mo. Mrs. Alice Campbell was born in the village of Larissa, Greece...

AN ANCIENT CAT.—Hanover, New Hampshire, has lost its pet cat, Jamie Woodman. He was a cultivated cat, and had reached the age of seventeen years...

A SMALL WATCH.—There is a watch in a Swiss museum only three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, inserted in the top of a pencil-case. Its little dial indicates not only hours, minutes and seconds, but also the days of the month...

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GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 1, '76

A TRUE STORY.

In another column the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is presented. Some may think that their work is of but small importance. In our judgment it is difficult to over estimate its value. One special work in which they are engaged is to meet young men coming to our city, and guard them as far as possible from the dangers of city life. Let us tell a story, and a true one: Some years ago we were holding meeting at the request of the pastor of the young men's weekly prayer meeting, in old Ryland Chapel. One night we noticed in the rear of the house a young man who was a stranger to the company; at the close of the meeting we followed him to the street, and by a few kind words gained his confidence. He was the son of a poor mother, in a distant city; had come to our State hoping to find business that would enable him to support his widowed mother. He had in his old home been a professor of religion, but in our city he found himself a stranger. He was hunting business, was willing to work, but had failed to find it. His boarding house was a lonesome place. Cheap boarding houses in large towns have but few home comforts. His nights hung heavily on his hands. His room had in it a bed; that was all. The sitting room of his boarding house had a bar, where whiskey was sold. It was made uncomfortable by the crowd who congregated there every night. The tempter was active, but the christian world was doing but little for his safety. For many nights, repelled by his dreary boarding house, he had sought the streets, and as the liquor saloon and gambling den offered many temptations, he had yielded, and was fast drifting to ruin. One night the voice of a hymn he had heard in other days attracted his attention, and he ventured into our little company. For two weeks he was with us at our weekly prayer meetings, still hunting employment. There came a message that he was sick; we found him at the boarding house, with his last dollar spent. The landlord would no longer keep him and he was glad to go to the hospital. In a few days the physician told us there was no hope for him. We bore him the awful tidings. He met it with a smile. "Write to my mother that the religion that has been her comfort for years sustained her boy in his last hours. Thank God, that I found in this wicked city, the Savior whom I had accepted in another land. Tell my mother when you write to her that I died in the path of her Savior." We knelt by that young man's cot in the ward of the hospital, and as we prayed we felt the angels were around us. The next morning as we hastened to see him again we met the hearse bearing his body to the tomb. We have never ceased to thank God that we held that meeting in old Ryland Chapel; that we followed him that night, and talked to him about the Savior, and that we were permitted to kneel by his hard cot in that hospital, and hear that last message to his poor mother.

Every week, young men come to our city. The drinking saloon, the gambling hell, the dram-house and the club-room with their brilliant gaslights and sparkling wines and smiling syrens are waiting to welcome them into the very gates of hell! What is the church of Christ doing?

We are grateful that a movement has been projected which offers an asylum to strangers visiting our cities. A room with comfortable seats, tables covered with attractive yet instructive

literature has been opened, and kind friends will meet the stranger and give him a helping hand. God bless our Young Men's Christian Associations and aid their efforts to save the sons of praying parents, who seek their fortunes with the throng which walk the streets of our cities. Houston has one in successful operation. Let young men seek these halls and share the benefits Christian sympathy has provided for the stranger.

Are the churches and the public sustaining these institutions? They commend themselves to the liberality of all good people. Let funds be supplied which will enable them to meet all the demands made upon them.

Impostor!!!

There is another call for Rev. S. Annear, of whose unsavory behavior at Cincinnati, and in many places West so much has been said in various secular papers. He is as hard a case to dispose of as Rev. J. E. Bell. As Dr. Jeffrey succeeded in converting him by "the logic of scripture," from the liberality of Wesleyan Methodism to close communionism, and all in one interview; and had him inducted into the Baptist ministry "by recognition" instead of reordination, would he not be so kind as to persuade him to take a "new departure," and leave us?

We copy the above from the *Journal and Messenger*, a Baptist paper published in Cincinnati, for the purpose of directing especial attention to the so-called Rev. S. Annear. He visited Galveston in February, with letters commending him as a Baptist minister, literary and temperance lecturer, and above all, an ex-missionary to western Africa. Remaining in this city nearly two weeks, his conduct was such as to place him below the standard of common decency, to say nothing of Christian and ministerial character. He left upon the revelation of his guilt, without attempting to vindicate himself, promising to write. Since his departure we have heard nothing personally from him. For the sake of our religion and the purity of our Christian households, we warn all communities against said Annear, and publish him as an impostor, a blackguard and a cheat. He may be easily known. He is a man about 50 years of age, medium height, heavy built, and in a good state of preservation. He wears a heavy beard and mustache, tinged with grey, and always upon his face a heavy pair of gold spectacles. He is an Englishman, and claims to have been a missionary of the English Wesleyan body. He is a man of talent, a fluent speaker, and interesting talker to children. He lectures on Africa, on Temperance, and on "Talk and Talkers," and is calculated to deceive. He will, in all probability, avoid cities and large towns, and ply his vocation in comparatively obscure places. He left here for New Orleans, but did not stop there, and will make his way, doubtless, into the interior of some of the adjacent States. We learn that he was known in Omaha as a Methodist minister by the name of Boyklyn. Ministers and churches will do well to receive this warning, and if such a man presents himself to at once treat him as a wolf in sheep's clothing.

WM. HOWARD,
Pastor 1st Baptist Church,
R. F. BUNTING,
Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church.
GALVESTON, March 19, '76.

THE papers are making a note of the fact that the daughters of Sir Edward Thornton, the English minister at Washington, walk the streets of that city wearing thick soled shoes, unpinned-backed dresses, and heavy old-fashioned cloaks. In other words they were dressed neatly and comfortably without waiting to consult the latest fashions. Our hat is off. We consider Sir Edward a sensible man, and lady Thornton a sensible woman, and their daughters sensible girls. All of them are sensible. We wish we could say as much of all who walk our streets.

THERE is a Bible in the University of Göttingen written on two thousand four hundred and seventy-six palm leaves.

WHO IS IN FAULT?

We do not know positively that President Grant said—but somebody says he did, just after the Belknap disgrace—that "he never would have another man in his Cabinet who was not a millionaire;" implying that no man can live in Washington in the style that society requires of him on the salary paid by the Government. We are told that Gen. Sherman left Washington on that account. Now that the corruption is being uncovered, everybody about there claims to have known there was rottenness some where, because the style of living could not be maintained on the salaries the officials received. So universal seems to be the official rascality that papers intimate that if the fallen Secretary had not become frightened and blubbered out his confession that his guilt would not have been proven, and possibly it would have been condemned. It is the extravagance of Washington life that justifies delinquencies in the eyes of the multitude. Who is to blame for this state of things? If men are weak and women false, who must bear away as a scapegoat their sin into the wilderness of forgetfulness? It is the law of God that each one should bear his own burden. The prevalence of iniquity does not justify its indulgence. The glory of a virtuous life is enhanced by the difficulties which surround it. In these days, when the glimmer of gold blinds the eye to the enormity of moral obliquity, it is more needed that men and women should resist the evil influences around them. If honesty in national centers has departed, a general cleaning out is required for the good of the nation. From the lowest to the highest position in the land moral character must be held at a higher premium than a long purse or a brilliant intellect. We blame the corrupt officials, but those who place them in position and wink at their rascality are at fault. Is he an honest man? must be the first question men must answer. Fidelity to party, no matter how consummate a scoundrel has become the banner bearer, must be abandoned for fidelity to principle. It is easy to talk in this way, but how are we to reach it. The conviction of Belknap will not cure the evil. A few public men sacrificed just now at the shrine of popular indignation will not purify the moral atmosphere. It is only done when society purifies itself. These corrupt men are the spawn of the corrupt society around them.

The extravagance of Washington is the real cause of the nation's disgrace; and that extravagance must be made disgraceful. Diamonds flashing on the bosom of wife or daughter of men who entered office with a moderate estate, must be regarded as the badge of dishonor. Balls and entertainments which rival the gorgeous revels of royalty, must be considered a proclamation of rascality. Silks and satins sprinkled with jewels which have cost a Prince's ransom must be considered proof that the husband or father is a thief. Houses more costly in all their appointments than the palaces of King's, must be regarded as abundant proof that the man who draws a salary that would not pay for the furniture in their parlors, has been betraying trusts which he has sworn to guard. When, by the universal verdict of public opinion, the brand of deep disgrace is placed on all those excesses in Washington life, and the office-seeker and the office-holder will promptly adjust themselves to the authoritative mandate of public opinion, and men who are willing to adapt their living to the salaries the nation gives them will perform faithfully the important duties intrusted to their charge. As long as the simple-hearted tax-payers and voters stand in gaping astonishment and admiration in the presence of this saturnalia of official extravagance, the work of rascality will go on.

THE ONE TO BLAME.

A friend of the Editor of the *ADVOCATE* recently informed him that a policeman had complained, with no little bitterness, respecting our arraignment of the Galveston police for neglect of duty, in failing to report the gambling hells of our city, or to make arrests when gambling is known by them to be going on in these establishments. The policeman, he said, obeyed the order of his chief and he thought it hard to be censured for not doing what under his instructions he could not do.

Our friend of the police condemned us without cause. It was the man or the men who failed to give the officer the proper instructions respecting his duty that we arraigned as guilty of official unfaithfulness. If the proper officer would read the laws, and perform his duty, we doubt whether there is a policeman in Galveston who would not promptly obey the instructions. The fact that our city is cursed with these gambling hells is not because the law is insufficient or defective. It is not because the policeman on his beat is unfaithful to his trust. His hands are tied by the instructions he has received from the ex-officio of police. If the duty of that officer were discharged, and the instructions given were in accordance with the plain letter of the law, the gambling hells of Galveston would cease to poison its moral atmosphere.

THE GATES OF HELL.

We feel again called upon to denounce in the bitter language of Christian indignation the variety shows which make night hideous with their bacchanalian orgies. It would be pleasant to know whether the police ever report the doings of these institutions to His Honor, or whether he, like an innocent lamb, is kept in profound ignorance of the vile exposures that are therein nightly made. It is a shame to speak of the things that are therein done. But information has recently come to us that we feel in conscience bound to communicate. A young member of the church, from a rural neighborhood in the interior, visited Galveston. He went to the house of a relative who is a God-fearing, Christian gentleman. Happening one evening to observe some young city acquaintances taking his nephew into one of these places, he followed to observe the denouement and protect the young man from the temptation. The scene as he describes it is too revoltingly vile for credibility. The young men were seated at a table, to which beer was taken; and there they sat and drank with a female whose filthy jokes and exposed person were offensive to common decency. Bad as all this was, there was another feature still more disgusting: It was a so-called representation of living statuary, which, simply translated, meant the undraped exhibition of a woman whose person was the last in the world which an artist would select for a model. This exhibition is as much in violation of law as it is of decency and if His Honor means to execute the law; if he means to regard his oath of office; if he means to perform the duties for which he was elected, he will immediately prosecute it so that the indecent exhibition may no longer seduce innocent young men to a life of sin, wickedness, and death. He knows his duty but does not dare do it!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.— We must ask the indulgence of our correspondents. Although we concede a major part of our space to them, yet we are over-run. We want, if possible, to give all a hearing; and in order so to do, are compelled in many cases to materially condense communications.

METHODISM is making great progress in Canada. The papers are full of revival reports.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

First Convention of the Kind Ever Held in Texas.

The convention of Christian workers, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held in the hall of the Association at Houston, beginning March 24, 1876. Messrs. Hall and Cree, evangelists, were present, together with thirty or forty delegates from different parts of the State. The convention was organized by the election of a president, two vice-presidents, and two secretaries. Reports from the different associations in Texas were then read, showing that this work, beginning but a short time ago, was spreading with encouraging success over our State. The reports of the associations in Galveston and Houston were especially interesting, showing that, under the very shadows of the stronghold of sin in these two cities, bright and warm and welcome halls were erected as places of refuge to the tempted. Large crowds of ladies and gentlemen attended these meetings, and they were so conducted as to be specially interesting. Such a religious feeling has not been awakened in Houston for a number of years. These laymen and preachers came down under the pressure of the importance of the work, and they have got their hearts on fire from the altar of God, and the heat is radiating throughout this city, and will radiate in all parts of Texas where they go. Rev. Mr. Hall says that is what we need—heat, not light—just at this time. A great deal of this heat was generated in discussing the topic: "how to reach the masses of our people with the gospel?" The best answer we heard to this subject was from Rev. Dr. Howard, of Galveston. He said individual effort for individual souls was the true method, and the only successful one. The next topic that followed this was: "How to conduct open-air meetings?" and after an interesting discussion, it was proposed that the Convention adjourn to the market house, and carry the theories advanced into execution. The proposition was received enthusiastically. Quite a number of ladies attended, and by the time a few hymns were sung, 400 or 500 people had gathered, to whom the simple story of the cross was told, and many eyes, unused to the tear of repentance, became moist and watery as their hearts responded to the love of Jesus.

At 8 o'clock on Friday night Shearn Church was packed with people, and a deep spiritual power rested upon the audience.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

There was a larger attendance upon the Convention than on the preceding day. The main feature of this day's discussion was: "How to develop the lay piety of the church?" Rev. Mr. Morris, pastor of Washington Street Church, opened this discussion with a very fine and practical speech. There were a great many theories on the subject, as there have been all the time; but the question is not which is the best theory, but how to get the laity to work. We confess that we have ourselves failed so signally in this respect that we leave our theory in the back-ground.

The open-air services at the market house were attended by at least 800 people, and we have reason to know that several were convicted of sin.

At 8 P. M. the Presbyterian Church was full of people. Rev. Mr. Hall conducted a Bible-reading, by drawing passages from the scriptures, the contrast between Christians and sinners. It was very impressive, and at the close thirty or forty persons stood up for prayers.

SUNDAY.

At 4 P. M., there was a united mass meeting at the Opera House, which was packed and jammed from pit to dome. A large number were unable to get even standing room. The services were earnest, deeply interesting, and impressive. The Spirit of the living God seemed to hold them under the spell of his influence. The crowd was so great that it was necessary to adjourn

down stairs under the broad canopy of Heaven—God's own temple. Here the vast multitude was addressed by laymen who spoke under the unction of the Holy One.

Again at night the Opera House was crowded, every available space being utilized. This was the "farewell meeting" of the Convention. Several delegates expressed themselves stirred with a determination to go to their homes and try to infuse into their respective communities the interest which had been developed in them during this meeting. Messrs. Cree and Hall closed the meeting with earnest and impassioned appeals to the young men and business men of this city to throw the weight of their influence in favor of God and religion. Many of our most prominent lawyers and merchants were present, and seemed to be deeply impressed with the services.

Messrs. Hall and Cree go from this point to San Antonio, and thence to several of the more prominent places of Texas. The meetings which they have inaugurated in Houston will be continued by the pastors and Christian workers of the Young Men's Christian Association. Great good has already been done, and greater things are expected.

RELIGIOUS ECCLAT.

"If a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing he deceiveth himself."

Not long ago a very prominent and influential member of the Methodist Church somewhere in Texas was seen at, and taking active part in, a public ball, and when asked by a man of the world what he was doing there, replied: "I am here to give eclat to the institution." We wonder if this good brother remembered that while he may have been adding splendor to that institution by his presence there, that he was also bringing reproach upon the cause of Christ; and at the same time making himself a stumbling-block to some who were religiously inclined? The fearful truth is clearly defined in the Bible that we are either for the Lord or against Him; that there is no such thing as neutrality upon this subject; that there is no treaty between the Lord and Satan; therefore the ball room is either the Lord's or Satan's. The devil tells us there is no harm in it. But the Bible also tells us that there is no truth in the wicked one; and if God's words be true the title to public balls is established. Every individual who becomes a member of the Methodist Church voluntarily takes upon himself or herself the vow, that by God's grace he or she will abstain from these things. When one is drawn into the courts of the land, and swears to tell the truth and then prevaricates, or if you please, does not tell the truth, of what offense is he guilty, and how is he estimated in his community? If an individual present himself at the altar of God, and then and there in the presence of the church, the preacher, Almighty God and His holy angels, taketh upon himself the vow that he must take before he can become a member of the church, and he does it without force of arms, or anything else except his own free will; and then heedlessly and publicly and boldly violates that vow though he may give a little more character to the devil thereby, what shall we call it? The Lord is no respecter of persons, and why should our church be? It does seem that our discipline should be brought into requisition upon these points, and that members should be dealt with according to their deserts, whether they be influential or not, and whether they pay their hundreds to the support of the church, or whether they pay nothing at all. Our church should not suffer for the sake of money or influence, and so long as these elements are looked up to and taken in preference to true religion and worth, we fear that our religious prosperity will not be marked. We had better offend the member than to offend the Lord. As suggested in our issue last week, let us take off our gloves and go to work as our duty demands, and the Lord requires that we should do. Neither money, influence, nor high worldly standing, but character and character alone, will be able to stand in the final reckoning.

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NOTICE.

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GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.

The century that closes on the fourth of July next has not only witnessed great revolutions in the form and genius of civil government, but it has produced revolutionary changes equally as remarkable and salutary in the economy and government of the church.

When Methodism was first introduced into this country in 1766, ten years before the Declaration of Independence, it had only time to adjust itself to the new order of things about to be established, and to place itself in a favorable position to enter and occupy the vantage ground as soon as in the providence of God the great and effectual door was opened before it.

Here my old minutes fail me for 30 years. In 1821 we had four western conferences, with their members as follows: Ohio, 31,178, Missouri, including Illinois, Indiana and Arkansas, 7,458, Tennessee, including Kentucky, 31,559; Mississippi, including Alabama and Louisiana, 4,147. Making in all 80,942. In the United States in 1821, the whole number was 281,146. We pass over the next ten years and note the numbers for 1831. We now have eight conferences in the west, with members in each as follows: Pittsburg, 24,164—128 preachers; Ohio, 40,646—120 preachers; Missouri, 5,205—28 preachers; Illinois, 24,448—82 preachers; Kentucky, 27,686—93 preachers; Tennessee, 27,087—107 preachers; Holston, 21,522—57 preachers; Mississippi, 19,255—62 preachers. The whole amounting to 190,014 members, 647 preachers and 24 superannuated. The whole number in the United States in 1831 was 513,114 members, 1,876 traveling preachers and 134 superannuated.

From the foregoing statement of the progress of the church in its rapid increase in strength and members, we may be satisfied to wind up the statistical account by a reference to the present state of Methodism in the United States and other countries at the close of this century.

In 1874, (the latest dates at hand) there were in the Methodist Episcopal Church (north), 13 bishops, 80 annual conferences, 10,845 traveling and 12,706 local preachers, 1,563,521 members and probationers. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, there are 7 bishops, 37 annual conferences, 3,134 traveling and 5,344 local preachers, and 700,000 members.

The Protestant Methodist Church organized in 1830, has 20 annual conferences and 65,000 members. The Methodist Church, (a division of the Protestants, separated in 1858) had in 1874, 28 annual conferences, 924 preachers and 65,000 members.

The Wesleyan Methodist, (Orang Scott's party, in New York, organized in 1843), has 16 annual conferences, 250 preachers and 20,000 members.

ing policy of the skillful superintendents, no part of our country was permitted long to remain without the word of life from a living and self-sacrificing ministry. As we are more interested in the introduction of the itinerant ministry in the western country than in other parts, I shall chiefly confine my remarks to the west, as my limits will not admit of a wider range in this article.

The first itinerant ministers sent out into Kentucky, the first settled part, in 1786, were Benjamin Ogden and James How, from the Baltimore conference; but there is no account of any organized church, or the report of any membership until 1787, when we find James How as P. E.; Thomas Williamson, Willson See and Benjamin Ogden were sent out and the report of members for that year was 90. In 1788, there were 8 preachers, and the work was divided into three circuits, with F. Poythress as P. E. viz: Lexington circuit, Thos. Williamson, Peter Massie, B. Snelling; Cumberland circuit, B. Combs, Barnabas McHenry; Danville circuit, William See. Jas. How also appears as an elder. The membership reported for this year was 479 whites and 64 colored. In 1789 the same preachers appear again, except B. Ogden, with two additions—S. Brooks and Jos. Harley, and the report of members from three circuits is 1037 whites and 51 colored. In 1790, there were five circuits in the district, with 12 preachers—H. Birchett, David Haggard, S. Tucker and J. Sillard, as new members. The report for this year from the whole district was 1265 whites and 107 colored. In 1791, the same men appear on the district, with the addition of J. Tatman. The report this year from the district is 1459 whites and 94 colored. There was also reported three new works, in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia, of 774 whites and 10 colored members, making in the whole, at that date, 2,357. A part of the work, called "Cumberland circuit," in Kentucky, extended into the state of Tennessee, as early as 1787.

The whole Methodist connection in the United States in 1874, had 2,844,521 members and 27,675 preachers; in Canada, 357,970 members and 4296 preachers; in Europe, 894,137 members and 16,150 preachers; total members 4,076,628, preachers 48,117. Two questions arise in considering the grand results presented in the above figures: 1st. Why does the gospel as preached by the Methodists, under the itinerant system, excel all other churches in the conversion of sinners? 2d. Why does Methodism succeed better in America, than in any other country? Our space is too limited here to give all the reasons, but will briefly hint at a few: 1st. The doctrines of the Methodist church harmonize with God's Word more completely than any other system, and are therefore more divinely blessed. 2d. The command of the Master: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is more fully met and obeyed by the itinerant system than any other. 3d. The free institutions of this country—based upon the nature and wants of man, free and equal—are in harmony with God's will and government. The weights and tyranny of false doctrines, and false government being thrown off—gospel and political truth unite; and free government and free salvation are the results. The itinerant Methodist Episcopal church, and the independence of the United States, rose together. One hundred years ago, kindred in spirit and genius, in their proper spheres—the church, the soul of the State. They now stand together to the admiration of the civil and religious world. Though the British Methodist rose in the eighteenth century, the figures given above all fall within the national century, as those of the last have passed away. God grant that this living working church, with its 50,000 ministers may enter the next century, doubly fitted for the war, and be doubly successful in their great work.

The following statistics, made out by the Rev. L. C. Vass, of North Carolina, found in the St. Louis Christian Advocate, will give a still further view of the advance of Protestant christianity in the United States through the last century: "In 1775 there were in the United States 2,073 Protestant churches, 1,117 ministers, and 71,150 communicants, and our population was 3,000,000. This gives an average of one church to 1,447 people, one minister to 2,683, and one communicant in every 42. To-day, only a short

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KOSSA, March 13, 1876.—Mr. Editor: Again do we feel grateful for your bold attack and exposure of sin in its worst form in the Woodhull affair. The condition of things is truly alarming when decent men and women countenance a woman of her principles. No difference what she may advocate publicly in the South, her doctrines have, long since, been published to the world. It is certainly strange that any article at all was needed in your paper. Our Southern people ought to be too refined, too noble to need warning against such a filthy affair. If we know of a few nice ladies here, the first lecture in your city; but the majority of them fair next morning was to them anything but pleasant. What can we say of the morals of a man that would persuade his wife to attend such a place? And yet, so it was. I see a San Antonio paper offers Woodhull a welcome and a good audience if she will visit that city. Well, the morals of that city have never been regarded as being in an enviable condition; and if newspapers are expected to promote the morals of a community, the people of that city need reform in many ways. Such a paper certainly emits a moral stench in every household where admitted. But the Galveston News is a paradox beyond description. It is now trying to arraign the present administration before the public bar of justice for high crimes and misdemeanors all over our State. No language is too potent for its abuse in this direction, even against the Governor of our State endeavoring to lash him on all sides. Now, in the name of justice and common-sense, where is the consistency of the News? There is scarcely any doubt but that the News to-day is wielding a wider influence for evil than any other paper in the State. Almost any and every kind of floating fifth and corruption that comes along, finds an advocate in the News; if not an advocate, a silent "looker-on" of every form of vice and wickedness, except that for which it can impeach the good name of our Governor. Could the midnight assassin throw a few greenbacks into his pocket, or the thief come up under some specious disguise, would the News fret to such an extent over these things? What is its status just here? Why, sir, you have had it fight most manfully in repudiating the most potent and ruinous sins of your city. These and free-lovers lead to the worst sins that can affect a people. I do not write with a spirit of egotism, but regret. How glad would many hearts be made to see all our secular papers take a bold and decided stand against sin in all its forms. Then we might expect a speedy reformation; thieves and murderers would fly from among us. I am gratified, Mr. Editor, at the thought that there is one paper not afraid to warn the people, not afraid to attack sin, however fortified or disguised, even by the strategy of woman. If, in other cities, the noble sons and fair daughters of Texas are poisoned by Mrs. Woodhull, the alarm was sounded in advance; our glorious ADVOCATE has entered the household, and, like a ministering spirit, opened the foul ulcer and portrayed its contents. God grant that our fair land may acquire a reputation for purity that will successfully debar these pre-gambling sinners from entering it; especially would we ask that the North permit us to run our own machine without its assistance, at least in a moral point of view.—KOSSA.

GALVESTON DISTRICT, March 13.—Mr. Editor: Permit me, through your interesting columns, to give to my friends of "our Zion" the outlook in our field of labor. We, through the mercy of God, have been enabled to attend all the quarterly meetings in the district for the first round. We report in the order in which the works were visited, beginning at Houston, Sherman chapel. This work is served by Rev. E. T. Nabers. We found him at his post, well received and provided for, entering upon his pulpit and pastoral labors with commendable zeal. Every interest of the church is showing evident signs of improvement. The Sunday-school is enlarged; the prayer-meetings are calling out good attendance; congregations, both at 11 and 7:30 o'clock, very full; indeed, many are now in regular attendance upon the word who never worshipped in our church before. Washington street, Rev. I. Z. T. Morris is at work faithfully. His church is embarrassed with debt, but both preacher and members are looking to God for help, believing that a good and extensive revival of religion will enable them to pay out.

RAY MISSION.—This work is served by Rev. J. S. Clower. His circuit was greatly injured by the storm last September. The Midway church was removed from its foundation, Lynchburg washed away, and the farmers greatly damaged by the loss of their fences and stock, yet they are determined to support the gospel and be religious.

VELASCO CIRCUIT. Rev. Bro. Phair is the pastor. In getting to the quarterly meeting I had a run of some 35 or 40 miles on the Columbia railroad; I met by the preacher at the depot, with his faithful mustang, and piloted to the hospitable residence of Bro. Jamison where I was comfortably cared for until next day, and then furnished with a safe-pass to make the trip of 15 miles to Ranch Prairie, the place of our quarterly meeting. I confess I was agreeably disappointed in the people of this section of my work; and you, Mr. Editor, are at fault. I had always heard them spoken of as "cow-boys." I found them cultivated gentlemen and ladies, liberal in their views and contributions for the support of the gospel. Bro. Phair is highly esteemed by his people, and is useful among them. His attentions to our comfort laid us under lasting obligations to him.

COLUMBIA AND BRAZORIA CIRCUIT.—This work is fortunate in having Bro. Williamson for its preacher. This was once a strong hold of Methodism. Here many of our best preachers have labored, but it was sadly ruined by the war and its results; it is, however, beginning to show signs of life. The cause of religion is looking up. The preacher and people are laboring and looking for a glorious revival of religion this year.

GALVESTON, Sr. JOUR'S.—Bro. Shapard, the pastor, is highly acceptable. So far as we could learn, the congregation was never better suited with its preacher. Our services were greatly hindered by a heavy fall of rain; but the official meeting was a cordial and agreeable one. At St. James Dr. I. G. John is demonstrating a fact worth knowing in Methodist circles, viz: that the presiding eldership does not disqualify a preacher for the station work. Now, if some preacher will only demonstrate (nothing less than a demonstration will do) that the station

work does not disqualify for the presiding eldership, what a blessing would result to our itinerancy. What a relief it would be to a district sometimes to have a new man, just from a station with new sermons, new songs, indeed altogether new, to lead the host of Israel; and as to our bishops, how would their hearts rejoice when the discipline compelled them to fill a station with a new preacher to know that there was a man at hand, who was available. The law of demand and supply would then distribute talent so that it would rarely be necessary to go beyond the boundary line of a conference to supply its work. Dr. John is not only well received, but is doing good work in every interest of his charge, as well as rendering important service to the church in conducting the ADVOCATE.

HARRISBURG AND SANDY POINT CIRCUIT.—Bro. Curtis came to his work promptly, but I am sorry to learn met with no encouragement at Harrisburg, the point at which he proposed to commence his labors. Our quarterly meeting was held at Sandy Point; we organized the work as well as we could; baptized three, took the same number into the church, preached three times, and administered the sacrament. Bro. Curtis is winning golden opinions from the people, where he is becoming known. The people of Harrisburg will be greatly the losers, if they do not secure his services, and rally to his support.

HOCKEY CIRCUIT.—Bro. G. D. Parks supplies this work. This is a new circuit severed from Hempstead circuit at our last conference. The inclemency of the weather almost defeated our meeting; we organized the work however, preached three times, the pastor rendering a like service, administered the holy sacrament to seven communicants and left them with hope of good success at that place.

All the preachers are profoundly in earnest in their work; we are united in our efforts for a general revival of pure religion throughout the entire work. There is a new more than the membership on the district as reported in our quarterly conferences this quarter of twenty-five.

OAKLAND, March 10.—Mr. Editor: I noticed in the Galveston News the following: "One hundred and twenty sinners have joined the Christian Church at Sherman, under the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Sweeney." The News is evidently nearer the truth in that statement than it was when engaged in whitewashing Mrs. Woodhull and her sister. The terms of admission into that organization, are so easy that the wonder is he did not get more than a hundred and twenty in as large a town as Sherman—as a good many of the strict sinners in the land believe, or profess to believe at least, that Jesus Christ is the son of God, which is all that is required in order to immersion, and membership in that body. I honestly believe if all evangelical denominations would cease those "long-winded" controversies with them, by which means alone they are brought into notice, and would preach the Gospel to them just as they do to all other sinners, much more good would be accomplished, and this wretched heresy would die out. It has no vitality, and is kept alive to a great extent, by the excitement consequent upon these public disputations. It seems that some of our great theological doctors cannot behold a dead carcass, but they must cut it up with their instruments and go to dissecting it—no matter how putrid the mass; and what an outcry is raised by the attack is made on this "wind-mill," or rather "water-mill." Then these water-doctors have something of interest to talk about for a while at least, and men who never would have thought about it, conclude they were must be something in it, or it could not attract so much attention. I feel confident that the spread of Campbellism in Sherman is due almost entirely to the debate there last winter between this same Sweeney and Dr. Ditzler, of our church, yet Ditzler made an argument that Campbellism could never answer. Oh, for more Holy Ghost Religion in the church and among the preachers; sufficient to bring down another baptism of fire, that will burn up and drive out all these heresies, and thoroughly vitalize every energy, and sanctify every instrumentality that has for its object the glory of God and the salvation of men. The News man seems to have grown sullen under the castigation you gave him for advertising those detestable Yankee prostitutes, but it is to be hoped he will profit by the lesson, and be more chary of his commendations of vile, abandoned characters in future. It is refreshing truly to hear this political weather-cock becoming irate, and pitching into his editorial brethren, because they dare to intimate a doubt of his political honesty. That, indeed, is a comeliness that no one who reads the News ever suspected him of having, as it is the decision of the public, based upon evidence that is perfectly overwhelming, furnished by his own columns, that his sails are always trimmed to catch every breeze of popular favor, no matter from what quarter it chances to blow. All that is necessary in order to learn which side has, or seems to have the advantage, is to find out the position of the News. I hope while he is learning a little necessary caution, he will acquire a little moral honesty.—I. P. DENTON.

IRIDELL, March 13.—Mr. Editor: I regret to very much that I have not been able to do more for the ADVOCATE than I have. Its value cannot be estimated only by those who take and read it. Our people have many excuses for not taking the ADVOCATE, but I intend to present its worth wherever we go, to such an extent that some at least will subscribe for it, if only to get us to hush. I intend to labor more than ever for it. So look out for a list of subscribers.—N. F. LAW.

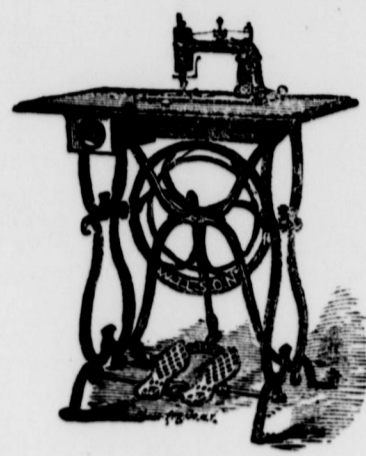
Mr. Editor:—You have fairly taken the starch out of the Woodhull troupe. Astonishing that any Southern audience would give her a hearing, much more, that any respectable newspaper in Texas would endorse her. You have done yourself a lasting credit, and the church a noble service by your prompt and decisive stand against the pernicious heresies of that terrible woman. You are right. Stand your ground in defiance of all opposition. Let no puny threats of violence intimidate you. Truth is mighty and will prevail.—W. C. YOUNG.

Mr. Editor:—Please state in the ADVOCATE that my postoffice will be San Luis, Obispo, California, after this date.—W. MOYR.

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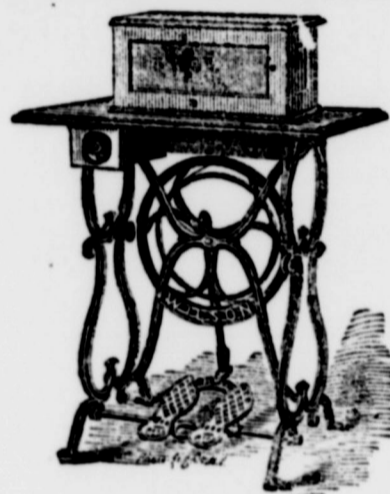
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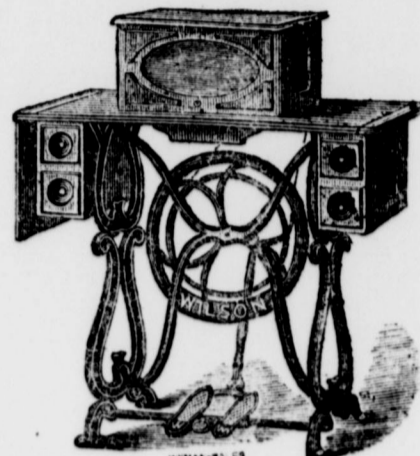
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Editor News-Bay:—Pope said: "An honest man is the noblest work of God." If this be true, and all concede its truth, I believe, then, the men whose names head this article are indeed Nature's noblemen.

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8x10 inches.....	6 00	12 50	20 00	1 50 "
10x12 ".....	7 00	15 00	25 00	2 00 "
11x14 ".....	8 00	18 00	30 00	2 50 "
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14x17 ".....	30 00	27 50	30 00	40 00
18x22 ".....	50 00	32 50	35 00	50 00
22x27 ".....	40 00	45 00	45 00	60 00	75 00
25x30 ".....	50 00	45 00	50 00	75 00	100 00

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