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## From our letters we learn that

From our letters we learn that a number of revivals are in pros
pect in Texas during the next pect in Texa
IT is a fact worth pondering that the conversions are by far smaller in number in eities,
pared with rural district pared with rural districts.
Five miles of railroad have
been completed in China. The been completed in China. The
highway of, commerce is the path of the gospel.
If you want ich church to co lapse, introduce into it modorate
ness and philosophy; let it ness and philosophy; let it be It had as well be heathen.
Judge lawrence of Olio in the Northern Methodist con ference, made a speech on the
5th "in the interest of the Re5 th "in the interest of the Re
publican Party." It is sufficien to remark
destion worth pondering is: By what influence can the turt evil be stopped. Every issue of
the daill press gives detailed the daily press gives detailed
accounts of racing at all points of the compass. Time quo
are as common as cotton.

Keep out of debt! kecp out of debt! keef out of debs! is the
admonition of Bishop Marvin to admonition of Bishop Marvin to
the young men of the country Wear patches seven deep-but keep out of debt. Live on corn bread and water-but keep out
of debt! Starve-but keep out of debt! It is an casy country
live in with industry payments.
In answer to inquiries we would state that the editor did
not visit Nashville as anticipanot visit Nashville as anticipa
ted. Recent illness having taken ted. Recent illness having taken
him from his work, he found so him from his work, he found sond he felt it his duty to forego that pleasure of the visit, feeling as
sured that those who have our mission interests in charge will manage them wisely and that his absence will atfect in no
interests of the church.
"How shall IT act religron?
asks a yonng convert. There are many ways. Here is one: G yourself into the alleys, and outand see in what squalor and mis-
ery poor people live; creep about among the seenes of misery and filth -otimes crime-and won-
der that such a state of things can exist-but stop not with
wondering. Do something to lessen,
things.
The flowers of oratory, image and similes, of too many preach
ers have a stereotyped appear ance, and do not impress one with the idea that they proceed warm and burning from a heart glow-
ing with zeal. This is especially ing with zeal. This is especially
so with those preachers who are so with those preachers who an
assigned to fastidions city con gregations. Every sentence
constructed with a nicety gestive of rhetorical rather tha gestive of rital effect.
The press is a great power for good or evil. In one case it gives the mind useful and moral pab vancing the canse of Gor ad

he secular press of to-day.

## ONE WEAK SPOT

 The dam of a reservoir which sapplied pow in Eastern State short time since gave way aut the column of water like a solid wall swept down the valley,bearing devastation in its path In a few hours the wheels of the factories were still," men by the hundred were thrown out of em ployment, lives were lost, and muddy desolation occupied the bright gardeus, and beautifu fields with a happy populatio had bees seen the day be
fore. A paper reporting the catas-
trophe says: "Except one weak spot, its strength was ample to
meet all possible demands upou it." "One weak spot" was sufficient to ensure this disaster. "One weak spot" has brought lesolation unto many a huma
life. A young man, genial, gen erous and high-toned had one
fault. He was easily intluenced fault. He was easily influenced
by his surroundings. At home by his surroundings. At hons
amid happy associations, with pious parents, thoughtful elde brothers and pure-minded sisters he was all that a parent's heart
desired. There were wild young desired. There were wild young
men at college and he fell into their bad ways. The ceity wa aequaintances shared in them without stint. For a time h strength grew weaker until his nobler qualities were obscured
and he went with them down the pathway trodden by "fas oung men."
He was a
He was a kind husband and weak spot." He loved the wine and children, the horror with which he recoiled from the abys to which he was drawing, were
not sufficient to meet the demands made upon him;and home, with it with their wreck the suin of once happy life.
His prospects in business wer his employers. During business
D hours he was attentive to the
luties of his position, but he wh passionately fond of the drama. ronger astes instead of being refine with enjoyment, grew coarser
amid the surronndings of the amid the surronndings of th theatre. The saloon was near
hand. The tragedy was follow hand. The tragedy was followed
by the farce; the ballet dancer appeared on the stage, and the manager played skillfully up on the prurient nature of the throng, were presented; then fol lowed the oyster-supper, the win cap, the card table. Then the kinraugssions called for hotter was neglected for pleasure
was Dangerous pleasures were costly be gratified, and step by step he lescends until he finds it impos. sible to check his headlon
course. The barriers were bro ken down by the rush of the wa

$\qquad$ spent it was the custom of th family to pass the evenings such amusements. No harm that you say: A card party wa
often seen in the parlor when in often seen in the parlor when in
timate friends shared the genia hospitalities of his father's house No gaming was permitted; his ather held that vice in abhor play. He enters on the active duties of life and mingles in the in a large city. His nights drag heavily on his hands when the
business of the day is over. drifts with his new associates drifts with his new associates
into the amusements around them. Many of them startle him, as they were under the ban of
parental displeasure in his early
home; but he goes with the home; but he goes with the
crowd; he can indulge his tond-
ness for the card table and keep within sate limits. Cigars for
wiss the the company, an oyster stew, the
cast of a dice, are the ouly cast of a dice, are the only
takes and they add zest to the play. How easy is the descent play. How easy is the descent
into the gates of hell. The passion strengthen. It is his ouly "weak spot," but the waters are olume. He learned his firs home life; he graduates in the home hie; he
gambler's hell.

## "One weak spot." There lies

 danger in every life. Let it
## AN EXPERIMENT

## "I attended a prayer-meetin

 he other night, and I sawmoth playing around the flame oth playing a
round and andight. As it wheeled, its wing often swept the edge of the blaz burning jet and scorched an dying it fell to the floor. I wa
ike that, playing over the tires of sin, and drawing nearer and nearer my perdition, but thank
God I was arrested before it was cod I was arrested before it was
hoo late, and I now rejoice that I have found the Savior:" hee attend the noon-day
prayer at the Y. M. C. A. roou when we can gain time, and the
other day we were more than re other day we were more than re
paid for going where we heard in sabstance the above testinony from a young man in the rough
garb of a sailor, a long-shoreman. garb of a sailor, a long-shoreman.
His words were unhesitating and is manners simple and carnes He had no thought of the force was presenting. He gave the thought in plain and almost bro ken words as it came to his ow less by the spirit of God hat
wounded him deeply. The wounded him deeply. The
thoughtless moth seeking its own coughtless moth seeking its ow
nin was so like himself that made him recoil with shuddder gh from the firey abyss
which he had been sporting. How many are like that youn spirit of God has awakened heir danger, pointing thealin the cross were uttered, how man

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We saw the following ineident
oing the rounds of the press oing the rounds of the press,
but did not publish it as we might have been accused of casting covert slander upon Bishop Ha
ven, whose bitterness toward
the Southern whites hat leared him to people in this re gion. As it appears in the Ne
Vork Christian Adcocate we pr sume it is true. It is sharp and
picy, but we confess it is lestimony from the sick -room a Christian as we would not wis Christian as we would not wish
burden of the cross, the nails,
whom respecting any minister
the spear, and a sepulcher were
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 Savior's love. Our Leader wears them as the tokens of that r demption He was providing for
a world which rejected Him. His fotlowers follow in His steps, and often share His sufferings. When
they stand before His throne these trials will be accepted as Christ, and tokens of their der tion to those for which that
vior died. The sears they will
then bear will be more honorable tha
That is what a great many peo ple thought when they learned
that Gilbert Haven was elevated the Episcopacy.
Sabbath Desecration.-The ay is violation of the Lord's fil rate. Especially in cities this the case. Base ball, horse racing, beer gardens, etc., the churches. It is an evil that mells rank to heaven. Where is the remedy? We believe it lies
mainly with the parents. Preachars may preach; writers write ecturers lecture; and with bad the young men of to-
reached. Parent ponsibility is great.

## IT WAS MERITED

number of our exchanges quote, in complaining tones, the
strictures on the secular press strictures on the secular press
which appeared in our columns from the pen of Rev. J. Ditzler. While there are many noble ex. ceptions, set the spirit of the arerage secular paper justifies tained. The animus of the pub lishers and the irreligions princi ples of the editors, crop out in
every column. No opportunity to cast reflections on evangelical Christianity is neglected. Re-
ligion is ridiculed, piety aricatured, devotion is burlesqued suspicion of evil against a minis ter or prominent member of an proof more positive with then real in their readiness to report
 The press is a power, and those ho use it must consent to be Men who, for the sake of saying
a sharp thing or to fill up a col umn while the printer calls for copy or who answer their owi moral interest by engaging in covert assaults on religion, mus
remember that those things the trifle with or assail are sacred in the esteem of other people; and
when they outrage the religious convictions of people fully wise as they are, they must expect specting thein plain terms r course. If they are not willing flings against religion, let them exclude them from their columns Men love their party, but whe the organ of that party is em gloyed in undermining their relithat they honor their religion principles more devontly tha
they love their political faith.

## CHRISTIANS' REWARD.

After the discovery of the New King was brought home in chains The captain of the ship honoring
the worth and services of the discoverer, offered to remove the chains while the vessel was at
sea, and render his voyage as pleasant as possible. Columbus but these chains are the you of my services to my King, and grave."
Such are the rewards the world, for whose welfare for the bors. It was the return the Mas ter received from the world He came to releem. 1 crown orns, the soldier's lash, the the tokens of this world's regard.

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Gaith. Public officers ( in this city) oflicers (especially this church, and bestow the pub lic money on its institutions that conduct is an outrage . Suc ligion; it is opposed to the first principles of gool and honest government. It is a wrong that we protest against, but which preventing, for the members of the Council, we believe, are
afraid to record their sotes gainst this influence.
Mutation is the tromble with America. We have had the inauguration of reform after reform ion of law after law, system afte system, measure after measure until good men have sickened o politics, and the rule (and ruin of the country has been turned over to men in whom corruption,
ignorance, ambition and love of ignorance, ambition and love of
adventure are equally blended. adventure are equally blended.
Hence the ideas advanced by Dr.
Haygod Hence the ideas advanced by Dr.
Haygood in our issue of May 6 Haygood in our issue
are worth pondering.
a OATHOLIO TRIOK The Sisters of Charity are de-

BIGOTRY, INTOLERANOE AND SU PERSTITION.
Rarely have we had occasion to observe such an evidence o hgotry, intolerance and super titiou as that exhibited by : feaw days since :
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A French gentleman, who is a devont catholic, having beel
blessed with an heir, prepared to messed with an heir, prepared t he church in the baptism of th faut. For witnesses he had se ected two lighly respectable riends, both born catholics and belonging to the chureh-although ne was a Mason; the other is : Cooks and restanranteurs.
The priest who was invited to erform the rite refused to pro ced when these gentlemen pre wint at the font. To the Mason objected that the church uni rmly placed all th hat distinguished fraternity on sure. This act of intolerance i, o common that it does not excite surprise. But the objection to the other gentleman was this: The receipts which remained over from an entertainment of his so-ciety-the fragments of their cast-were gathered and given to the Bayland orphans. For the first time in all our lives have we heard that it was a sin to feen have we known one professing to have received peculiar grace by direct succession from Apostolic


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|  | Italy at the Centennial will make a spleadid display, especially in the arts. She will send 200 pieces of statuary, and hundreds of paintinge. <br> The Italian Government has promised $\$ 10,000$ a year toward the erection of a building in Rome to be used for an annual extibition or works of living Italian artists, and a movement is on foot to secure the success of the scheme. |  |  |  |  |
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|  | and the jury gave Mr. Madan \$15. |  |  |  |  |
|  | tion to smart children is, that when |  |  |  |  |
|  | they commence having whiskers they leave off having brains. Boys that are philosophers at six years ofage are generally blockheads at age are generally blockheads atwenty-one. By forcing children you get so much into their heads that get so much into thethey become cracked. |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | GROCERS, commission merchants, Agents tor the most popular brands of FAMILYFLOUR. Houston April $22-3-\mathrm{m}$ <br> LANE \& BODLEY, Manufacturers of <br> Plantation Machinery For Saw Mulk, Grist Mills, Cot on Gins, sugar Mills, etc. Sed for our lilustrated catalague. |  |
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|  | As an evidence of hard times it may be mentioned that a young man in this state wrote to everybank in Detroit offering to "be your kasheer for $\$ 20$ per month and board;" andgive him a place. | LAWYER'S BRIEFS! so Cents per page socents SHAW \& BLAYLOCK, cheapest job pristers in texas. 130 strand. gatuetton. |  |  |  |
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|  | lating greenback, and the entire breed have been notorious inflation ists ever since the flood. |  |  |  |  |

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mont Hotel in this city. Messrs. Burnett \& Kilpatrick are the con

Tue running of the Central Railwill be done about the 5 th of August next, and the extension of the
Morgan Steamship Line to Sims Sayou, which will ionn before the
pencion of the Houston Direct Navigation Company. In fact, the boat in that line may be laid up even be-
ore the above named date, as, from present appearances the railroad will
be sutficient for transportation. We find the following in
ake Charles, Louisiana, Echo: The members and friends of the sincere thanks to the kind friend
in Galveston for the amount donated in Galveston for the amount donsted
for the church at Lake Charles, as
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he New York Methodist Ministers Me New York Methodist Ministers
Association a committee was ap. ing on the depsirability of using un-
fermented wine in communion, in Clace of fermented, now in use.
Chicago, Leavenworth, Kansas west were lately visited by a tor-
ado which did much damage. The ado which did much damage. The of a mill
$\$ 25,000$.
Pesach N. Rubenstein, the con-
lewned murderer of Sarah Alexander, died on May 9 at ten o'clock in his cell at Raymond street jail,
Brooklyn. The cause of his death wility should be arrested and tried bility should be
for this murder
Piper, the convicted murderer in
Boston, has made a confession in
which he admits that he killed not
oaly Mabel Young, but also Bridget <br> \section*{Landergan, a girl whom he was <br> \section*{Landergan, a girl whom he was <br> suspected of having killed two years
ago, and that he was the one who
assailed Mary Tynan, January 1st,}

## ith the intention of killing he

Captain James H. Ure, aged

## sixty-five years, a native of Gla gow, Scotland, and a resident Now Orleans for forty years, di

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armed schooner Tom Toby, in
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1836, during the war between the
Republic of Texas and Mexico. He
was a nephew of Dr. Ure, of Glas-
gow, Scotland, author. of Ure's

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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| First. To procure and encourage the transmission of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, and plants from all sources, both foreign and domestic, for the purpose of testing their merits and general adaption, or for particular localities of this country. <br> Second. To procure, by hybridiz ing and special culture, products of a superior quality to any now exist. <br> ing. <br> Third. To ascertain by experiment the influences of varied culture on products, and the modifications effected by the operations of pruning and other manipulations on trees and fruits. <br> Fourth. To investigate more thoroughly the various maladics and diseases of plants, and the insects that destroy them. <br> Fifth. To provide ample means for thoroughly testing samples of all seeds and other contributions that may be received. 6 . To cultivate specimens of the various hedge plants, and exhibit their availability for that purpose. 7. To cultivate a collection of the best fruit trees and plants, such as grapes, apples, pears, peaches, strawberries, raspberries, currants, ete., so as to compare their respective merits. 8. To plant a collection of choice shrubs adapted for decorating gardens and landscape scenery. 9. To erect glass structures for the two told purpose of affording the necessary facilities for cultivating exotic fruits and plants, and to furnish examples of the best and most economical modes of concen, trating, heating and managing such buildings. <br> The labratory of the chemical division is one of the most complete in the country, and the good fruits of the department experiments and discoveries in agricultural chemistry are already beginning to be acknowledged and practiced in agricultural districts to a very large extent. If a farmer desires an analysis of some soil upon his farm which possesses an objectionable property that it is desirable to neutralize, let let him send a sample to the department and the analysis will be made. If he is the owner of a deposit of peat, or marl, or phosphate, its approximate value will be given him. If there is a stratum of rock upon his land, which he thinks may be made available as a fertilizer for his crops, let him send a sample. But in a larger sense the chemical division can and should benefit the farmer. It can show what kind of soils are best adapted to the production of certain crops; how all crops feed and how they grow ; what | clubs supplied with seeds and plants, besides the vast quantities furished <br> small packages to individuals. Such are some of the objects and achievements of the Farmers' $\mathrm{De}_{\mathrm{e}}$ partment of the government. It has only now entered fairly upon its work of advancing agricultural science and elevating agricultural industry. But it promises glorious results in the near future, from which the "lords of the soil" will be directly and largely benefitted, and the national wealth materially increased. texas. <br> MEXIOAN NEWS. <br> Diaz, with his artillery and in fantry, is retreating to Matamoras, having found it impracticable to ad- vance infantry, owing to scarcity of water. His command has suffered terribly from fatigue and thirst, many of his men perishing by the roadside. He has aiso lost a considerable number by desertion. He leaves his cavalry beiween Cerralvo and Monterey, where he will rejoin them ' With reinforcements. Even with cavalry his advance will be slow; water is only bad at long intervals, and there is no forage in the country, government forces having gathered all they could find. Unless Diaz carries forage with him, his animals will starve on the way. Diaz is still sanguine of success, and his future operations against Monterey will be made entirely with cavalry. He has had no i!ght, as was rumored. <br> News has been received confirmatory of a dispatch from Rio Grande City to day as to the retreat of infantry and artillery of Diaz. It is reported that a cavalry force of government troops is advancing toward Matamoras from Victoria, to interrupt the retreat. Fortifications around Matamoras are being hastily repaired. Assistance has been asked for the protection of life and praperty of American citizens in Matamoras, in case of need. <br> Quintara still holds Nuevo Laredo for the government with 120 well armed men. Forty customhouse guards under Espinosa attacked Mier yesterday, but were repulsed by the revolutionists, the guards losing 2 killed and 6 wounded. Nothing has been heard of the movements of the government forces under Escobedo, as the revolutionists are between him and the Rio Grande, and intercept all communication. They are very reticent, and nothing leaks out as to military |
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texas news.
Waco is talking "street railway."

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Carter, two prominent citizens of
Fairfield, died last week.
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Railroad from Galveston west is Railroad from
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