

Christian Advocate GALVESTON, TEXAS, FEB. 3, 1877.

The Palm and the Cedar.

The distinguishing features of the palm tree can easily be given in a short description. It is found where moisture is present. It flourishes most in proportion to the cultivation bestowed upon it.

The distinctive peculiarities of the cedar may, in the same popular, unscientific way, be given in a few words. This is a tree of the mountains, as the palm is a tree of the plains.

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The Lady Who Retused Washington.

The eldest sister of Miss Mary Cary had married George William Fairfax, at whose house he was on a visit, when she captivated a young man, who paid her his addresses. His affection, however, was not returned and the offer of his hand was rejected by Miss Cary.

Beware of Convents.

Our Protestant people who put their daughters in convents or Romish schools may take warning from a case just now exciting great interest in France. Miss M. J. is an English orphan of nineteen. On

the death of her Protestant parents she was placed under the guardianship of her stepmother. She is heir to a fortune of about £30,000, which she cannot claim before coming of age. In the event of her death before attaining the age of twenty-one, the fortune goes to the said stepmother.

WHAT MEN ARE AT THEIR BEST.—Dr. Beard states that from an analysis of the lives of a thousand representative men in all the great branches of the human family, he made the discovery that the golden decade was between forty and fifty; the brazen between twenty and thirty; the iron between fifty and sixty.

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also; and dolls, such funny ones!—not elegant wax affairs like yours, with real hair, blue eyes that go to sleep, and dainty dresses that will come off. No, they take a bit of cloth, roll it up tightly into a bundle, and put charcoal marks for the eyes, nose and mouth. Not very pretty dolls, you see, but they love them, and pet them and talk to them just as you do, and seem to enjoy them just as much, and seem to please more, for they have so few pleasant things in their lives.

MARSHALL DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Harrison cir, Feb 17, 18, at Willey's chapel. Starrville cir, Feb 24, 25, at Antioch. Larissa cir, March 3, 4, at county line.

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CHAPPELL HILL DIST.—1st ROUND. Travis, at Travis, Feb 17, 18. Washington and Independence, at Independence, Feb 24, 25.

PALESTINE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Crockett and Augusta, Feb 10, 11. Rusk and Jacksonville, Feb 17, 18. Ruskapoo cir, at Salem, Feb 24, 25.

AUSTIN DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Caldwell, at Caldwell, March 3, 4. Birch Creek mission, at Birch Creek, March 10, 11.

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BEAUMONT DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Jasper cir, at Peachtree, Feb 24 Sunday. Woodville cir, at Mount Zion, Feb 24 Sunday.

COLUMBUS DIS.—FIRST ROUND. Navidad cir, Feb 17, 18. Platonia cir, Feb 24, 25. LaGrange cir, March 3, 4.

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COMANCHE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Plum Creek mis, at Williamson's, Feb 17, 18. Hamilton mis, at Evergreen, Feb 24, 25.

GEORGETOWN DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Blackland cir, Feb 11. Sugar Leaf cir, Feb 25.

GALVESTON DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Galveston, St James, Feb 10, 11. Hockley cir, Hockley Feb 17, 18.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Mineola cir, Union Ridge Feb 17, 18. Sulphur mis, Wisdom S H Feb 24, 25.

GAINESVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Cambridge miss, Feb 11. Henrietta miss, Feb 15.

CORSICANA DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Mexia circuit at Bethel, Feb 17, 18. The district stewards, G B Jester, W R Metton, S B Jetton, G W Owen, J T Clower, A J Wynn, J J Long, J K Boykin, and J D Clark, will please meet me at Cotton Gin on Saturday, February 10, 1877, at one o'clock P. M.

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Courtney and Plantersville, at Courtney, Feb 17, 18. The district stewards will please meet with the Huntsville Quarterly Conference, Dec 22.

Notice. Bishop D. S. Doggett has appointed the Rev. J. C. A. Bridges presiding elder of the San Augustine District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Rev. J. R. Ballamy.

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