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

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By action of the Joint Board of Publication the following able corps of Associate Editors were elected. Each will write over the last initial of his name. The dagger (†) distinguishes the articles to which it is appended from those of either the Editor or his Associates:

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WENDELL PHILLIPS is trying to get up another war against the defunct slavery of the South, and Dr. Mallalieu, of the New England Conference, is impatient to have some of the ex-slave holders hung. They are determined that the present generation shall fight over the battles of former days. We suggest that their virtuous indignation shall waste some of its energy on the records in the history of some of their ancestry, who fitted out the slavers from New England ports and peopled this continent with the descendants of the sons of Ham. Possibly their own genealogical record might furnish some startling revelations. If they will fulminate a few resolutions against the intolerance of the inquisition and then hunt up, in modern times, illustrations of its malignant spirit, they might find material nearer home than is usually agreeable to minds of genuine Pharisaical mold.

MISS ANNA DICKINSON, having left the platform for the stage, is pronounced a failure in this new role by the secular press of New York. This excites her temper, and she gives them a piece of her mind. The reputation of the lecturer is often the purchase of liberal newspaper puff, and it has been intimated that Miss Dickinson is largely indebted hitherto to the forbearance of the press, which, if unable to say a good word of a woman who had presented herself before the public in even a singular attitude, has the chivalry to be silent respecting her defects. In the lecture field, Miss Dickinson found her leading competitors in the opposite sex, and whatever might be their estimate of her abilities, they could generously be silent. On the stage, her rivals were found in other actresses, and here, being measured by her capacity, she found her level.

We often hear the dancing-school justified on the ground that it is a "school for good breeding." We heard this offered when the teacher was an ignorant colored man, whose only qualification for his "professorship" was his knowledge of the steps, or the skill with which he could "rosin his bow," or a Frenchman whose bad English floated on a breath reeking with the odor of garlic and cheap wine. We will accept, however, the sincerity of the motive of the parents in desiring their children to be refined, even while we wonder at their selection of teachers; but we wish to suggest to those persons whose manners receive such special training, that when they are the guests with a party which meets at the houses of members of any church who conscientiously disapprove of dancing, it is a gross violation of good breeding to ask them to lay aside their religious convictions and permit a dance in their house. It is simply a rude and impertinent demand that other people shall sacrifice their religious convictions just to please a thoughtless crowd.

Fifty wheat-producing counties in Texas, with one-fifth of their area planted in wheat, will make, at fifteen bushels to the acre, 86,000,000 bushels of grain. Texas flour is attracting much attention in South America, and direct shipments are to be increased.

## RAISE YOUR OWN SUPPLIES.

A State is retarded in its growth as long as it is compelled to depend on importations to supply the necessities of life. So long as a farming country like Texas fails to produce its flour and corn and bacon, its wealth is drained to meet these imperative demands. The excess of its productions in other directions is depleted by the purchase of these necessities. Its real advance dates from the year when its productions supply its demand.

Precisely by the same rule we mark the growth of the church. When it is able to grow its own preachers, it begins to keep pace with the advance of the State in other departments of usefulness. It then rises to the level that enables it to discharge the great duty of the church—the supply of its own people, with the Word of Life; and the next step will be to answer the Macedonian cry, and begin aggressive movements in the "regions beyond."

We must also grow our own teachers and schools. So long as we must import our teachers we are in our minority; the educational interests of our people are under the guardianship of others. Our children are an educational missionary field. We must surrender their character and future to the impress of influences which are the growth of other surroundings. Not until we meet this demand will there be that development which reveals a unity, a consistency, a combination of forces which will prepare us for the work which is expanding in our great and growing commonwealth.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. P. H. Fullenwider came to Texas in 1833 or 1834, and during the latter year preached in various localities. In 1838, Rev. Hugh Wilson organized a church at San Augustine. Rev. John McCulloch organized one in Galveston and, assisted by Rev. Daniel Baker, held a sacramental meeting, probably the first on the Island; and Rev. Wm. Y. Allen organized a church in Houston; April 3, 1840, the Brazos Presbytery met at Gay Hill. Two new Presbyteries were formed in 1850, and a Synod organized at Austin in 1851. The following ministers have died: 1848, John Limber; 1853, L. S. Gibson; 1856, Jerome Twichell, lost at sea; 1857, Dr. Daniel Baker; 1865, Thomas Castleton; 1868, Hugh Wilson; 1870, John McCulloch; 1871, Rufus W. Baylie; 1873, Wm. C. Blair, who organized the church in Victoria in 1840.

We watched a man plowing in the early spring. We followed him, forrow after furrow, and we found nothing but the rank, damp soil. There was no corn nor cotton in the track traced by his implement of toil. But we did not say that man's labor was a failure. We watched the sower who followed in the path of the plowman. He dropped seed carefully chosen, in the open furrow. The next morning we looked, but nothing was visible but the rough ground which the plowshare had disturbed. But we did not say the task of the sower was in vain. We waited. Many things in this life must be taken on trust. Nature does not always deal in cash. Spring departed, and the farmer toiled amid the growing weeds and rank grass. Summer was passed with its burning sun and washing rains, and the farmer toiled on. Autumn came, and with it the harvest. Preacher, break the ground—but the harvest is not yet. Sow the seed—the harvest is still unseen. Cultivate the soil, but bear in mind the harvest comes in Autumn.

## (Communicated.) Work the Battery.

As we entered Derbe and Lystra, our eyes fell upon this question published in the ADVOCATE: "Shall we spike the guns?" Nothing is more effective in warfare for the purpose of finding masked positions than a good battery well manned and vigorously worked. Our warfare is spiritual. It is "against the rulers of the (moral) darkness of this world." We have as fine a corps de armee in Texas as ever fought for any part of Inmanuel's land. We have a battery too—a real six-gun battery—to do the long-range work. No place, from the State house to the street bar-room, is exempt from its fire. It reaches the heights beyond the charge of infantry, or the dash of cavalry. Shall we not look for a "good fight?" Bro. W. L. Harris, of McLennan, says "turn the battery to McLennan county." He says they "need a broadside." Mr. Editor, one shot will do. Let us point the gun. We point it through the office of the Waco Examiner and Patron. Our shot is a spherical case, and is intended to burst inside of the "Lone Star Distillery" just beyond. The Examiner is a moral fraud. Pretending to work for the good of religious Patrons as well as all others, it is encouraging vice and crime. This correspondent is a Patron, but he would not have the Examiner in his house. This paper says of the distillery: "It will be able to turn out thirty barrels of whisky a day!" which it will require 4,800 men and boys to "turn in." Again: "in the manufacture of thirty barrels of whisky from four to five hundred bushels of grain will be used"—(destroyed). Listen how deliberately it rejoices in the ruin of those interests it professes to guard:

"The enterprise is one of great importance, and we are glad to see it in good hands and rapidly approaching successful consummation."

Can anything be cooler, or more indicative of moral stultification not to say obliquity? Why is the Examiner "glad of it?" He says it will do much to build up Waco. What a fall, my countrymen! Will the enterprising people of Waco endure this graceless insult to their efforts to make their city a railroad as well as an educational center? Thoughtlessly the Examiner said "its influence will be felt throughout Texas." Alas! alas!!! it will, and on into eternity also. How ghastly the Examiner's smiles appear in the light of these considerations. The section of which Waco is the commercial centre is also pronounced blessed upon account of its capacity to destroy one hundred and fifty thousand bushels of its surplus grain. All this time widows and orphans cry to heaven for bread, while cattle low about the lanes as they are perishing before the blasts of winter. Nine thousand barrels of whisky against all this destruction, misery and desolation. Look at its economy. This grain would feed twenty-five thousand school children, twelve thousand working men, three thousand work horses; or would produce two million pounds of pork worth seven cents per pound. This would cultivate ninety thousand acres of Waco's best country, producing at least fifty thousand bales of cotton and worth in real at least the produce of twenty-five thousand acres. He is willing to exchange any of these sources of wealth for nine thousand barrels of stuff which would kill eighteen thousand men while the pork alone would feed five thousand. Eighteen thousand drunkards annually all over Texas! McLennan and the whole surrounding country filled with grog shops. The police and tax of Waco and McLennan will each have to be doubled. Patrons look at this and then remember when renewing your subscription, that the Examiner says he is "glad of it." He says too that it will make a "home market for surplus grain." What sort of a market where a distillery conscience "bears" and "coons" at will and no man can say "what doest thou?" If the Examiner is to give tone to the Order, why sell it out to the lowest bidder and buy a pitch fork or a gourd violin to set the music and play "organ" with for the patrons. "By this craft," said this sorry Demetrius, "we expect to have our wealth." To it we look for our city and country's hope and prosperity. Railroads have ceased to console us, so we

must look well to our jugs and junk bottles. If Waco is going to allow the Examiner to lay a whisky barrel as the corner stone of her future, then she had better close up business and become a wayside station. With it she may become a beautiful city—a veritable white sepulchre without, but within full of rottenness and dead men's bones. Let there be a coffin manufactory started opposite the distillery. Just on the next corner start a house to manufacture shrouds, widows' weeds and mourning goods. For every barrel of whisky, three coffins; for each coffin, two shrouds and a hundred yards of mourning goods.

What a glorious era of prosperity is dawning upon Waco city! Strike a new coat-of-arms: let it display a coffin, a spade, a death's-head, and in the place of immortal evergreen, a sprig of poison oak or henbane as an appropriate reminder of the living (?) principle, the motive power, of the new era of progress. Then, in twenty years, the cries of woe will reach the heavens in such volumes that even atoning blood can not appease. Then, some day, while Waco is "planting, and building, and marrying, and giving in marriage," "the Son of man will come"—not in the clouds of heaven—but in the terrible and unrelaxing grip of awful retribution. Will Waco say, this "blood be on us and our children?" Remember Israel famishing because of innocent blood. Remember Israel in captivity for the same cause. Behold Israel destroyed because of innocent blood. Should that awful visitant from God—yellow fever—sweep Waco into the graveyard, many would wonder: "Why is this?" Could an old prophet then appear as Nathan unto David, he would say to them: "Thus saith the Lord: because ye took not the evil out of the land, but destroyed my people; therefore, I have done this in your midst, that ye may tremble at my power." Desolations are said to be wrought by the Lord for retribution and discipline. The fall of Babylon, as related with tremendous power and scenic effect, would be an excellent subject for reflection among city builders. "Let no man take thy crown" is as applicable to municipalities as to individuals. To trifle with the laws which crown us with glorious success, and follow only that course which brings disaster inevitable, is the madness of folly. Brother Examiner and Patron, as a Patron, as a Christian, we ask you, in the light of these facts and principles: *Are you still "glad of it?"* Mr. Editor, continue to work the battery; heat the balls red-hot; fill the guns to the muzzle with canister. May it, like the English battery at Sevastopol, blow up the Redan and batter down the Malakoff, and at the last gain entire ascendancy over all the ramparts of Satan until not a servant of his shall even dare to show his head.

THEOPHILUS LUKE, M. D.  
PAINEVILLE, APRIL, 1877.

(Communicated.)  
BOXVILLE, LAVACA COUNTY.—The outlook, religiously speaking, is promising. Farming interests fair. Grasshoppers are in abundance, but in some localities they are leaving slowly; they are doing some damage to cotton crops in some portions of the prairie regions.

N. W. KEITH.

A San Saba man lost nine hundred head of sheep by a recent flood which occurred in Falls Creek. The sheep were penned near the creek and the overflow coming suddenly drowned them all.

(Communicated.)  
ELMO CIRCUIT, May 1.—The second quarterly meeting for this circuit embraced the 28th and 29th of April. Our presiding elder, Bro. L. P. Lively, was present. The past quarter has been one of some religious prosperity: we organized one Sunday-school and one prayer-meeting, had twelve accessions to the church. We have nine appointments, all of which are largely attended. We look forward with interest hoping (by the grace of God) to have many souls saved this year. We have been engaged in a meeting for several nights in succession; the people labor during the day and go to church at night. Interest seems to be increasing; ten penitents at the altar last night, May 2.—Revival still increasing in power

and interest: last night the altar was crowded with penitents, had five conversions, four joined the church; congregations large and increasing, in spite of short nights and hard work.—H. W. HAWKINS.

## (Communicated.) "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

With much interest I have been reading the late editorials and other articles in the ADVOCATE upon "local option" and "whisky" while the above text has long been ringing in my ears in connection with the temperance cause. I am persuaded however that if "local option" is carried at all in our country, it must be by overcoming a large element that would be influenced, not to say wielded, by a few in a fierce struggle against it. I therefore take this method of inviting every minister of Christ and friend of temperance in the county to give an expression of opinion (by correspondence with me or otherwise) as to the best method of organizing and agitating the question in order to move in formidable force against liquor, that dreadful bane of the human soul, mind and body. I would respectfully suggest the formation of Local Option societies wherever practicable from which delegates shall be sent to a county convention to arrange for placing the subject properly before the people. In another paper I propose to place before your readers a few applications of the above text to the christian and rum-seller in reference to the subject at issue. Hoping that these suggestions may culminate under God's direction in some permanent plan for the adoption of local option, I close.

P. D. L. HILLIARD,  
GAY HILL, WASHINGTON CO., APRIL 25.

I have addressed these lines to the ADVOCATE, dear Editor, as the leader in the cause, but hope the Brethren Banner, Baptist Herald, and other papers friendly to temperance and circulated in the country will be pleased to copy.

## Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions.

The annual meeting of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, took place on the 4th of May, and continued in session Saturday and Monday. We had an interesting, important and profitable occasion. The meeting was cheered by the presence of all the bishops, except Bishop Marvin, who is on his Eastern tour. We had also the presence of Dr. Burkhead, of North Carolina, and Dr. Winfield, of Little Rock. Dr. Potter, of Georgia, was also in the city, but we regret to say that he was taken suddenly sick, and was not able to meet the Board. We rejoice that he has been restored to a comfortable state of health.

The collections for Foreign Missions for the past eleven months reached about \$60,000—the full amount to be reported June 1, 1877, which is the beginning of our fiscal year.

The Board appropriated for the year ensuing—that is, from June 1, 1877, to June 1, 1878, \$78,662. This was divided as follows:

1. China, Conditioned on sending two missionaries to China,.....	\$10,000
2. City of Mexico,.....	4,250
This is to be doubled provided a suitable superintendent be sent out.....	6,750
3. Mexican work, For general work,.....	6,000
For building,.....	1,000
4. Indian Missions,.....	10,000
\$500 of this amount is to be applied to aid in building a church in Muskogee, Creek Nation, and \$25 to aid repairing Schon Chapel, Cherokee Nation.	
5. German Mission Conference,.....	5,000
6. Baltimore and Virginia German Mission,.....	250
This is in addition to \$500 authorized at the May meeting, 1876. The appropriation begins March, 1877.	
7. Western Conference, General work,.....	2,500
Wyanotte Church,.....	400
8. Denver, Colorado portion of the work of which \$500 is to be applied to paying church debt at Pueblo,.....	3,000
Montana portion, conditioned as the Bishop understands,.....	8,500
9. Pacific, aid of completing churches, and paying debts on those involved:.....	
Woodbridge,.....	200
Fresno,.....	250
Stockton,.....	800
Yuba City,.....	250
Chico,.....	250
Elmira,.....	250
Merced,.....	250
10. Columbia, General Work,.....	6,000
To Prescott Church, Arizona,.....	500
To Junction City Church,.....	500
11. Los Angeles, General Work,.....	3,000
To Gandulpe Church, Cal.,.....	500
12. Florida,.....	3,500
13. Brazil,.....	1,500
Conditioned on sending an additional missionary,.....	1,750
14. Echota Indian Mission, Hoiston,.....	500
15. Three Mexican students at Vanderbilt,.....	480
16. Mexican border work, for newly employed preachers, from June 1, 77, till the meeting of the next West Texas Conference,.....	820
17. Additional traveling expenses of Bishop Marvin in his Eastern tour,.....	5,000
18. Secretary's salary,.....	3,000
19. For traveling expenses, printing and contingencies,.....	2,000
Total,.....	\$78,662

This sum is divided and assessed as follows:

## ASSESSMENTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, MADE AT THE MAY MEETING, 1877.

Baltimore Conference,.....	\$5,625
Virginia Conference,.....	6,220
Western Virginia Conference,.....	1,940
North Carolina Conference,.....	2,240
South Carolina Conference,.....	2,910
North Georgia Conference,.....	5,620
South Georgia Conference,.....	4,160
Florida Conference,.....	800
Alabama Conference,.....	4,720
North Alabama Conference,.....	3,750
Louisiana Conference,.....	3,320
Mississippi Conference,.....	3,540
North Mississippi Conference,.....	3,540
Memphis Conference,.....	2,590
Holston Conference,.....	2,900
Tennessee Conference,.....	6,800
Kentucky Conference,.....	4,100
Louisville Conference,.....	5,000
Denver Conference,.....	298
St. Louis Conference,.....	2,280
Southwest Missouri Conference,.....	2,590
Missouri Conference,.....	4,370
Western Conference,.....	416
Little Rock Conference,.....	1,250
Arkansas Conference,.....	1,250
White River Conference,.....	1,250
Indian Mission, Conference,.....	104
Texas Conference,.....	1,840
North Texas Conference,.....	1,870
East Texas Conference,.....	1,460
Northwest Texas Conference,.....	1,840
West Texas Conference,.....	1,040
Columbia Conference,.....	298
Los Angeles Conference,.....	1,040
Pacific Conference,.....	625
Illinois Conference,.....	1,040
German Mission Conference,.....	420
Total,.....	\$100,000

## CHURCHES.

The Board adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in all cases the money appropriated by the Board shall be conditioned on satisfactory information that the title of the property is secure, and that the payment of the appropriation made by the Board will relieve the property of all incumbrances of debt up to the point of occupancy. The drafts for the appropriations to churches are to be drawn by the secretary, when the above conditions are complied with.

Resolved, That the money must, in every case, be used for the specific purpose to which it has been appropriated, and not, as in the case of Bro. Mays, of the Columbia Conference, to the purchase of other property, though the speculation may seem to be a good one.

DEATH OF REV. W. H. FLEMING, D. D. The following minute was placed on record on the journal of the Board:

It is with profound regret that the Board of Missions has learned our honored friend and brother, the Rev. W. H. Fleming, D. D., of the South Carolina Conference, and a representative of that conference on the Board, has recently departed this life. In his death, the cause of missions has lost a firm, able, and life-long friend, and this Board a highly valuable member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this expression of the sorrow felt by this Board, on account of Bro. Fleming's death, be spread on the minutes, and a copy be furnished by the secretary to the family of our deceased friend.

W. M. WIGHTMAN,  
S. L. BURKHEAD.

The Rev. D. C. Kelley, D. D., was re-elected Associate Missionary Secretary.

James W. Manier, Esq., was elected Treasurer.

The Rev. H. A. C. Walker, D. D., was elected a manager to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. Fleming.

The Board was encouraged by the belief that the spirit of missions is on the increase in the bounds of our church.

The Board adjourned on Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock.

J. B. M'FERRIN, secretary.

## (Communicated.)

HELENA, May 1.—Helena circuit is being greatly blessed. The Lord has given a lovely spring, accompanied with an abundance of rain, and consequently with a beautiful and bountiful supply of grass, with many lovely flowers, excellent gardens, and a prospect for crop, such as we have not had for quite a number of years. The hoppers have not visited us, and our fruitage has had only to step forth from its winter retreat and quietly to rejoice in the genial rays of our Southern spring sunshine. Our "Father He hath done all things well" we have done all things poorly. We have made efforts for a revival; but the result measured by the divine willingness and ability has been very humiliating: a few subscribers to the ADVOCATE; a few members received; a few excluded; others reprieved, and on acknowledgment were restored; some books sold for Publishing House; a little money collected for the same, together with a small remittance; some improvements of but little note on the parsonage and some payments on an old debt.—W. G. COCKE.

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CHAPTER VI.

Having given the origin of the red race and that of the white, the giving of the origin of the black is now in order. Noah had three sons, whom he philosophically called Shem, Japheth, Ham.

That Ham was black and the father of the black race as depicted, there is abundant evidence, clear and decisive, which will now be produced in impressive and consecutive order.

Egyptian word Kem, we believe to be the Egyptian equivalent of Ham, and which, as an adjective, signifies black, probably implying warmth (it ought to be swarthy) as well as blackness.

II Chronicles xiv, 9-12: "And there came out against them (Asa and his army) Zerah, the Ethiopian (Cushi), with an host of a thousand and, and three hundred chariots; but the Lord smote the Ethiopians (Cushim—black men), and the Ethiopians (Cushim) fled."

Why do people so frequently say to Dr. Pierce, "I suppose your Golden Medical Discovery cures everything?" Because it has been the practice of knavish charlatans to manufacture worthless nostrums and attempt to dupe the ignorant and credulous by recommending them to cure every form of disease.

We have stated that Cushim is the specific Hebrew word for negroes, and have given an example; and we have also stated that it denotes those pertaining to them of mixed blood, a plain example of which will now be given: Numbers, xii: 1: "And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian (Cushith) woman whom he had married, for he had taken an Ethiopian (Cushith) woman."

Mitrayim—that is, a descendant of Mitzrayim, a son of Ham, the first of the black race by a miracle. In a word, she was an Egyptian negroess.

In closing the chapter we must be allowed to say that the doctrine "of a distinct creation of the black type" is not entitled to the merit of an ingenious conceit, and for so writing we refer the reader to the facts and considerations there embodied.

JAMES L. CHAPMAN. Come now and let us reason together.

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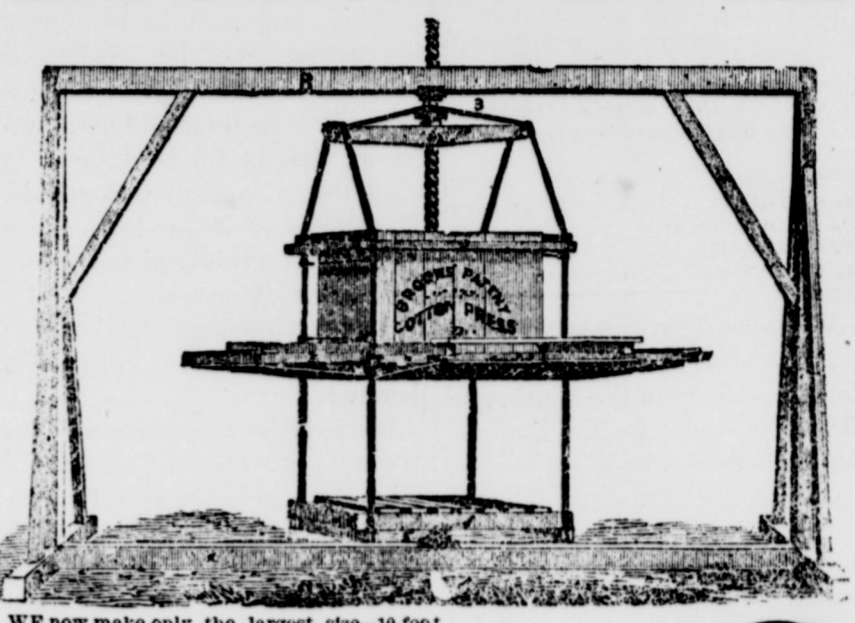
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SOME FACTS.

Any one can understand that while two kegs of nails may be of equal size, the one which contains shingle nails will have a great many more in it than a keg of twenty-pennies. The same rule applies to papers. The number of words in a column is decreased by the increase of the size of the letter. In one column of small type, such as that in which our Obituaries, and Religious News, on fifth page, appears, there is three or four times the reading matter that is found in a column of the same length in larger type. When a paper would increase its reading matter it reduces the size of its type. Of course, the increase adds to the cost, but it makes the paper so much the more valuable to its readers. Judged by these tokens, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is giving as large, if not a larger, amount of reading matter as the largest religious paper in the South.

We cannot serve two masters. All admit this saying of the wisest of teachers. What then? God and mammon present their respective claims. What shall we do? Serve neither? Then we must get out of existence. The answer is found in the choice of one or the other. Serve God and make mammon your servant. It or you must rule, while God rules no matter which prevails. Money is a bad master but a good servant. Will we rule or serve?

It is said that dog-fanciers, when looking for a fleet greyhound, never select a well-formed, handsomely-shaped puppy. They find more promise in the awkward, loose-jointed and clumsy ones. We mention this fact for the comfort of those among our readers whose children are not reported in the papers on account of their extraordinary precocity. It is a great mistake when parents insist on the maturity of adult character in boys and girls. The world can not get along without children. They are the raw material out of which men and women are made.

When a Brahmin is invested with his office, a fire is kindled to consume his offering, and it then becomes his duty to keep that fire burning till the day of his death. In the family of Krishna-Chandra-Roy this fire has been burning for three score and ten years. All other interests must yield to this obligation; but as they esteem their salvation the reward, the fires are never permitted to go out. The happiness of each home demands that the fires of affection should never go out. The claims of Christ require that the flames of devotion should ceaselessly burn.

Ox the river Thames one sees, in almost every sweep of the river, a short mast, or the funnel of a steamer, rising above the surface of the tide, with a green flag attached, on which the single word, "Wreck" is inscribed. Every boat steers clear of that green flag. If over the grave of every drunkard, debauchee, or gambler the word "wreck" were written, what solemn warnings would come back to the living from the abodes of the dead.

We are glad to record that our editorial last week, headed, "The News Caught Napping," had at least an apparent effect. The News did not answer it; it feared to attempt so rash a thing. There now appears, however, at the head of its first column, on the first page of that paper, the following significant notice:

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.  
No manuscript not published will be returned from this office, or held subject to order of person sending it. Rejected manuscripts are burned.

Had this rule only been in force previously, the ADVOCATE could never have published the little history of the News' preference for a scurrilous Catholic over a Protestant divine; or that of the laughable indorsements on Prof. Ditzler's article, to-wit: First—prompted by the true animus of the News: "TIME TO SUPPRESS DITZLER." Second—prompted by a rare effort to be polite: "Crowded out until out of date."

In Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana forty Roman Catholic schools have recently been opened. Rome never slumbers over her interests. She is laying a broad and deep foundation for future influence on this continent.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

The Sunday-school Convention which meets this week in Sherman under the auspices of the North Texas Conference is one of the most important movements projected by our church this year. The time has come when each conference should not only hold its Sunday-school convention and survey its field and develop new plans for its cultivation, but when a State Convention, in which the representative Sunday-schoolmen from each conference may assemble for mutual council and encouragement, should be inaugurated. These annual meetings of the pastors and Sunday-school workers are valuable, not only because they afford an opportunity for an interchange of opinion and experience in the Sunday-school work, but they impart deeper enthusiasm to all engaged in this Christ-like enterprise, which, in turn, gives a fresh impulse to the movement in every portion of the church. These conventions also reveal to the church, both at home and abroad, what Texas Methodism is accomplishing in this field. We confess to a sensation of weariness at the complacent and persistent representation of Texas as missionary ground in this, as well as other departments of church enterprise. Our church has had preachers in this field since the earliest days of Texas history. The Sunday-school work dates its beginning with the early movement of our missionaries in the Texas Republic. The work has grown up with the church. We have had access to the best Sunday-school literature known in the world; we have read the same lessons from the Bible; we have access to the same books of reference, and we sing the same songs which are found or heard in the oldest portions of the land. We have Sunday-school workers, not only raised up among us, but others, who have been trained to their work from every State in the Union, and some who have learned their lessons in Sunday-schools which were established in Great Britain in the earliest days of the Sunday-school movement in the United Kingdom. We have schools in our State which, in point of wise management, careful instruction, evangelical spirit and good singing, will compare well with any either North or South. Our church in towns and cities will not suffer by comparison with the Sunday-school work in the older States; and in rural districts it is not very far behind other agricultural regions. In addition to these facts, our Sunday-school workers are more familiar with the wants and characteristics of our field than strangers possibly can be. But up to this time each school has been isolated from the surrounding field. Each pastorate, each district, and each conference has been, to a long degree, ignorant of the Sunday-school work in other parts of our great field. There is strength in union. We should join hands with each other. By holding these annual meetings, in which we can compare notes and offer the suggestions learned from practical experience in the work at home, we can enlarge our ideas and give a new impetus to this movement in our State.

The policy of our church in seeking to retain its children under its own charge is both sound wisdom and good religion. We must provide them with our own literature deeply imbued with our scriptural theology. We must train them under teachers who at once understand the doctrines and comprehend the mission of our church, and then while our contributions in coming generations to other churches may be diminished, our own church will gather its lambs into its own fold and share in future the reward which must follow faithfulness to the command of Christ respecting these members of his flock.

We hope the Sunday-school Convention at Sherman will take

steps looking to a convention in our State in which the six conferences shall be represented. We invite the attention of the Sunday-school Convention of the North-west Texas Conference to this suggestion. District conferences all over the State may find it worthy of special discussion and report. Let Texas Methodism assume entire charge, with a full consciousness of its responsibilities, of its own children. We can not afford to neglect them, nor to commit them to other hands.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.—As early as 1825 Elder Joseph Bays of the Baptist Church preached at the house of Moses Shipman on the Brazos, and in 1829 Elder Thomas Hanks preached at the same place. A church was organized in East Texas in 1833. In 1837 Elder Z. N. Morrill (who is still living) organized a church in Washington. In 1838, Elder Isaac Reed organized Union Church near Nacogdoches; and in 1839 churches were constituted at Independence, at Travis and at Plain Grove. The Union Association was formed at Travis Oct. 8th, 1840. Elder Huckins organized the church in Galveston in 1840, and in Houston the next year. Elder Morrill organized the church in Gonzales in 1841. In 1843 the Sabine Association was formed, five churches being represented, and the same year the Borden Church was formed in Harrison county by elder Samuel Herrin.

Baylor University was chartered in 1844. In 1847 Soda Lake Association was formed and the next year those of Trinity river and Red River; while the State Convention was organized at Anderson. In 1853 there were eleven associations of the regular Baptists (and three anti-mission) one hundred and fifty churches and about ten thousand members. In 1868 the general association was formed in North Texas. The following among other Baptist preachers have died in Texas: In 1847 Wm. M. Tryon, of yellow fever in Houston; 1854 Thos. Chilton in Huntsville; 1858 J. B. Stiteler; 1865 Michael Ross; 1867 Noah Hill and S. G. O'Brian; 1868 D. B. Morrill; 1873 R. E. B. Baylor; 1875 R. N. Talaifero, Austin.

THE public mind since the St. Louis tragedy is going through a spasm of interest on the importance of fire escapes. And there is a cause. If people will permit hotel-keepers to crowd them up into the sixth and seventh story of a building which they reach through a labyrinth of halls and stairways, which bewilder their brain in broad day light, they must prepare themselves every now and then to be burned or smoked to death like rats in their holes. The interest in this hotel building fire escape reform will die out in time to make way for another railroad bridge horror, and then they will start a reform along the railroad track. So long as the traveling public submit, houses and bridges will be built for profit rather than security. We doubt whether these reforms will be completed in this generation.—The most of us will die before it is ended, and as we have to travel, cross bridges, sleep in these fire traps, we had better provide ourselves with another "fire escape" which we may need sadly—no difference by what process our bodies are hurled into the grave. When a man is ready for the disaster of time and the realities of eternity he can "say his prayers and go ahead."

A GREAT battle was won. The men who went into the engagement were not all who were on the muster roll. Some of those who had enlisted had been shot as deserters or drummed out of the camp as cowards. The church will subdue the world; the "word of God will accomplish that whereunto it hath been sent." If one man deserts his post, God can raise up another. Though the victory is sure neither you nor I, though on the muster roll of the church, may be crowned victors on the judgment day.

THE BEST POLICE.

Educated christian sentiment is the best police. Your craftiest legislation, without its support, will ever be circumvented by rogues and desperadoes. With its support the haughtiest head must bow to Mr. Constable and the obscurest justice of the peace becomes *sanctissimus iudex*! Oh, that our people were wise; that they understood this rudiment of civilization! If we had a thousand tongues we would unceasingly proclaim: Educate your children! educate your children! ye blind parents who lament every day that the shadow of crime lies upon our noble land! Educate the young men and the maidens who are to take the place of us middle-aged and evanishing apologists of enlightenment! Educate them to be more knowing and more wise than their fathers are. Send them to the church-school, everywhere and under all circumstances. Let them breathe the atmosphere of the Bible, of immortality, of heaven; at least one day out of seven. Surround them with all the blandishments of sacred love, that their impulsive hearts may drink in first and most powerfully draughts from the undefiled well of christian principle. Make them fall in love, when their hearts are fresh and buoyant, with *Christ* the Divine ideal of all that is heroic and beautiful! Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, let these drops, falling from a fountain as high and holy as heaven, fall upon their plastic souls, and the next generation will be a better and a grander one than this!

Then, send them to the day school, and keep them there.—Suffer no frivolous idea of petty fashion, prejudice or false economy to defraud your beloved children of their birthright! Are they not born in a free land? Are they not heirs of the magnificent heritage won by their heroic grandfathers? Let no "pent up Utica control their powers." We are absolutely free, and our sons and daughters should be prepared by every possible means in our power to assume this heirship according to the limits only of individual constitution. The father who suffers his child to grow up in ignorance and vulgarity at the present day does a wicked and unnatural thing.

Support your schools then; make them fit for the highest patronage. Insist that none but the best teachers shall handle and control the immortal spirits of your own flesh and blood. Be ashamed to grudge full pay for good work in such a paramount business. We say, *paramount*; for, so help us heaven, we do honestly believe the moulding and developing the souls of our children in the daily school to be a business *paramount* to any and every other employment. The truth of this may be proved by the supposition of its negation: blot out schools—stop the wheels of education—and the man who does not see barbarism and degradation staring society in the face is himself a barbarian and degraded in mind!

Our State has passed stringent laws against dueling. The principal or accessory in a duel is declared unfit to hold any position of trust or responsibility. Therefore not many duels are now fought. But the passion of gentlemanly revenge repressed, bursts out in the brutal explosion of the concealed pistol and flashes from the blade of the assassin! Therefore the law denounces the carrying of concealed weapons and threatens the severest penalty upon the cowardly ruffian.

But lo! the assassin, the brutal homicide finds a sanctuary, in which, safe ensconced, he bids defiance to the constitution of Texas, and all the threats of law! That sanctuary is *public sentiment*. The pistol will never cease its fiendish work, the knife will never be abhorred as a weapon fit only for the vilest scum of humanity, un-

til public sentiment becomes regenerated by Bible teaching and systematic education.

The pulpit may plead: men will not go within gunshot of the pulpit. The law may fulminate: criminals make their peace with the criminal interpreters of law! and thus it will continue until our boys—our bright, ambitious lads now spelling out their rights in the Bible and drawing in their inspiration from the study of science and literature, shall step upon the stage and knock up the muzzles of these pistols forever, and shall bury these murderous blades where Roderick Dhu buried his.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

It appears from the political summary for the week that matters are progressing as sharply as circumstances will permit in the Turkish embroglio.

Russia has had a splendid initial success and then a temporary check before the renowned walls of Kars.

Late intelligence indicate that the Russians will push on beyond Kars, leaving a sufficient force to employ any sortie of that garrison, and are aiming with a grim resolution at cutting their way to the Bosphorus.

On the Danube matters are about balanced. The Russians have been badly beaten in an attempt at crossing; but have succeeded in sending to the bottom a first-class iron-clad.

The attitude of the various powers continues still unsteady. England is rent between the government and Gladstone parties, and it can not be safely predicted yet what will be the outcome of the agitation. Most probably she will preserve a quasi neutrality until the end draws on, when she will very decidedly interpose in an *anti-Russian*, if not *philo-Turkish* spirit, and will defend Constantinople to the last.

Austria is in the unenviable position of the ass between the two bundles of hay—or rather of the maid between the two stools—if she does not take her position quickly, she may find herself landed with a shock upon the earth.

France pooh-poohs! the whole matter and grows rich; Germany gnaws its nails and looks on with grim humor. But, alas! all these variant elements mean bloodshed and murder in the end, unless it shall please the Mighty Lord to intervene and bring order out of chaos.

SAN FRANCISCO papers mention costly buildings going up in that city as the homes of its millionaires. Leland Stanford has expended \$2,000,000 on his residence; Charles Crocker's home has cost \$2,300,000; and that of Mark Hopkins will cost, when completed, \$3,000,000. We baptized a man in the hospital last week, a few minutes after his body had been tapped for the dropsy, and who never expects to leave that cot where he was lying until borne to the graveyard. He gave us good reason to believe that he was heir to a mansion in the city of God, and with it to an inheritance "incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." Taking a calm, dispassionate view of things below and above, the pauper on earth is richer than any California millionaire, and he holds his estate by a better title.

A SHORT time since a Protestant congregation of four hundred at Jueves Santo, Spain, was interrupted while at worship by two armed policemen, who ordered the preacher to stop his sermon and dismiss the congregation. The Bishop of Cadiz had complained that, although the doors were closed, the preacher's voice could be heard in the street; therefore the service was a public manifestation and consequently a violation of the law. There was a time when Christianity had to go down into the catacombs under the city of Rome to worship God. Is Catholicism more tolerant than Pagan Rome?

MEN who work in powder factories have to be careful that there are no nails in their shoes; nor should they enter with a knife in their pocket. Nothing combustible is allowed about their person; no thing that might by any possibility produce an explosion. They handle the materials with extreme care. They must not let them fall: the jar might produce a spark, and one spark may explode the largest magazine. They must be careful of friction: it might produce a flash insensible to the eye, yet enough to lift the house from its foundation. A single careless act may hurl all the workmen into destruction. So men ought to live amid the mighty moral forces which are lifting them to heaven or sending them to perdition. A word, a look, an act is often fraught with eternal consequences.

An Egyptian goddess was borne through the land on an ass and all the people bowed before it. It was the goddess however they worshiped and not the ass. Men in these days are less wise. The Creator is forgotten in their devout worship of the gifts with which the world is filled. They worship the creation losing sight of the creator.

SOLOMON said of the honors, and wealth, and pleasure of earth that "all was vanity," but he reserved his decision until after he had tried them. So with the rest of mankind. The experience of those who have gone before them is without value. Each man must inflate the bubble and see it vanish before he is convinced. The trouble is, he commits his soul to the bubble.

The Bonham News is of a thoroughly practical turn of mind. Some one has sent it a copy of the Texas Christian Advocate, with a request to copy a two column article on the question whether Christ remained three days in the grave. The News declines for two reasons: First, it is not a theological paper. Second, the abstract question treated in this article, so far as it can see, is of no practical importance whatever to any human being. The News can conceive of no circumstance under which it is essentially necessary to know the precise time the Savior remained in the tomb.—*Galvestonian*.

The above is evidently a romance—to call it by the mildest name. We are of opinion that no such article ever appeared in the ADVOCATE.

(Communicated.)

Tobacco and Church Finance

In these days of financial pressure in the church, while we are having line upon line here a little and there a great deal, I wish to point the church to the subject of tobacco as connected with church finance. I believe it is estimated that we have about fifty thousand Methodists in Texas. It is safe to say that ten thousand of that number use tobacco. They use about fifteen dollars worth each, yearly, which makes the enormous sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Now the question forces itself on my mind at least: Has this vast sum of the Lord's money, be it more or less, been properly applied and are the results satisfactory? Think of the half-paid printers—think of the missionary cause—think of our gasping Publishing House, and then think of this vast sum that has been sacrificed to a tyrannical, morbid appetite! I believe the Jewish law said nothing about tithes of tobacco. The Scribes and Pharisees tithed all manner herbs—Mr. Somers says pot herbs is the proper reading of the original. This may include tobacco, if a pipe is a pot. Our venerable father, in his valuable essays on the tithe laws, failed, as I believe, to give us his views on tithes of tobacco. He may have considered it one of the necessities of life and therefore included in the pastor's living. I think there are but few tobacco users who use the weed fairly and squarely on its true merits. The greater number have a little matter to settle with conscience. It this settlement the astonishing fact is revealed that tobacco rivals the most popular patent medicine in being a panacea for nearly all the ills flesh is subject to. How far the arrangement is satisfactory on the part of conscience I am not able to say. Perhaps the narcotic properties of the weed lulls this troublesome companion to sleep for a time at least.

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Southern Ballads.

THE GRAY PICKET. BY SEBASTIAN.

What means you picket on that rock? The foe is gone, the vale is still; Two days ago the battle's shock Shuddered along this glen and hill—

Mark you, my friend, the signs of war? Across this slope rolled down the charge; You cliff shows many an iron scar, And blood has stained the every marge.

'Tis strange he does not seem to hark The ring of rock and iron shoes; 'Tis passing strange he does not mark Our scabbard's gleam, or ever lose His trim, asleep on crag so stark!

In wrath I sealed the beetling crag, All smooth with slippy, silvery sheet; With furious tug I strained to drag My panting to the gray man's feet.

The gray man sat all cased in ice A stony, gloomy, glassy, sphinx; His fingers, like an iron vice, Gripped stock and clamped the barrel rings.

The blood ran swiftly to my heart; Breathless, I knelt and gazed, and gazed; I could not stir nor hand nor part, But knelt before him, thrilled, amazed.

Downward I slipped from rock to rock, And by the gray man's horrid stare; My comrade flushed to see the shock In my tell-tale face and air!

Headlong we galloped down the dale— And as we climbed th' opposing hill, We paused to watch the veering gale, And note the picket sitting still.

The stinking sun through cloud racks pale, Shot forth a slanting, ruddy bill— It struck the gray man's mail! Transfigured by the beam he shone A glittering spire of rainbow light;

General Church News. The Church in Texas. CORRECTION DESIRED.—At the bottom of the list of quarterly conferences for Waco District, instead of "conference, June 8, in Waco," it should be "District Conference, June 8, in Waco,"—W. G. CONSON.

CORISCANA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Cordena station, May 20. Dresden circuit, at Dresden, June 2. Mt. Calm circuit, at Pleasant Hill, June 9.

GRANBURY DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Palo Pinto circuit, 5th Sabbath in May Sabana mission, 1st Sabbath in June Stephenville circuit, 2nd Sabbath in June Eastland mission, 3rd Sabbath in June Granbury circuit, 4th Sabbath in June Clifton mission, 1st Sabbath in June Iredd circuit, 2nd Sabbath in July Gatesville circuit, 3rd Sabbath in July Meridian circuit, 4th Sabbath in July Paluxy circuit, 5th Sabbath in July Jonesboro circuit, 1st Sabbath in August.

Once every month the pastor, P. R. Howard, preaches a sermon to the children in the First Baptist Church in Galveston.

The Presbyterian in his study proposes the use of the telephone in Baptist churches so that one preacher, in his study for instance, could have wires reaching to a dozen churches and preach to them all at once. This to secure a cheap gospel.

The American Bible Society will soon place Bibles on the passenger and caboose cars of the H. & T. C. Railway.

Elder Z. N. Morrell, the veteran Baptist, attended the Convention in New Orleans, Dr. Crane of Independence, was one of the Vice-Presidents.

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Bible Society in Texas. Rev. W. B. Rankin, superintendent of the American Bible Society, with headquarters at Austin, gives the result of Bible work in Texas, for the month of April, as follows: Auxiliary societies held annual meetings, showing as the result from sales of the Bible and collections—Fannin county, sales \$75, collections \$120; Harris county, sales \$200, collections \$300; Waco Bible society, sales \$100, collections \$150; Lamar county, sales \$38, collections \$22.50; Parker county, sales \$28, collections \$45. There were others, but no reports from them. Lamar county society employed Rev. J. H. Shaw to canvass and supply its field. The auxiliary societies of the counties of Grayson and Tarrant, having become disorganized, were revived with hopeful prospects; contributions from the former \$30, the latter \$12. Five Bible colporteurs report for April: Families visited 104, found destitute of the Scriptures 225; supplied 139; number of volumes sold \$77, value \$60; number of volumes donated 114, value \$45.70; contributions received \$7.40. Pulpit Bibles were given to two mission churches, and three Sunday-schools aided. Grants of Bibles were made by the parent society as follows: To Rev. M. C. Carson, to canvass and supply the city of Denison, 30 volumes; to Gleboe county Bible Society, \$15.50, in books; to Seguin Bible Society \$100 in books to aid in the supply of its field. The superintendent in supervising his work, traveled 1443 miles, visited 12 counties, wrote 35 official letters and delivered eight addresses.

Relief of Publishing House. At the latest reports, the Texas Conferences have contributed as follows: WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Uvalde sta. (in part), by Rev. J. F. Denton, \$25. EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Carthage et., by Rev. J. R. Wages, \$3.00. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Fort Worth et., by Rev. J. C. Canfield, \$5.85. Weatherford et., by Rev. A. D. Cassell, 10.00. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. Rockwall et., by Rev. M. C. Simpson, \$2.50. Bonham et., (additional), by Rev. G. W. Elder, \$4.00. Trinity et., by Rev. J. S. Ashby, \$4.00. Pleasant Grove et., by Rev. J. L. Angell, 6.00. Coffeeville et., by Rev. J. C. Smith, 1.25.

Missionary Collections.—Brother harmony for Foreign Missions on hand, will please forward immediately to James W. Mauler, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn., or to any of our undersigned, who will have their collections will do us a great favor by their immediate action. The drafts are coming in, and must be met. Prompt remittance is solicited. J. B. McFERRIN, Secy. Mission Room, May 10, 1877.

At Utah, it is feared, leading saints will be presented for bigamy, and the Mormons are arming for forcible resistance.

As Congress failed to make an appropriation for the army, enlistment of war has discontinued. The secretary of war has ordered 2500 enlisted men discharged between the 1st and 15th of July, in order that reserved pay and allowances may be paid from the current year's appropriations. The disbursements amount to about \$900,000.

The Centennial Commission has paid back to the United States \$1,000,000. The disbursements advanced by Congress for the great Exposition.

Letters Received. May 19—G. W. Lentz—of course your paper will be continued... S. J. Hawkins... N. T. Burk... \$2.50... D. P. Cullen—what do you mean by this "dog's trouble L. W. C.?"... D. M. Proctor... A. G. Nolen... R. M. Powers... \$2.50... T. W. Stone... W. T. S. is not debiting anything on our books. If he is due anything, it must be to the agent who last sent his subscription... Wiley & Porter—\$12.50—delay immaterial... J. M. Mills... Jno. Johnson.

May 12—J. Fred. Cox—obituary in another column... G. S. McCarver... Jas. Mackey... W. B. Baskin will publish; he do not like such matters to be published... W. G. Connor... C. H. Ellis... U. B. Phillips... \$2.50... D. F. Fuller... J. W. Finer... \$2.50... W. A. McLean—(with Finer's draft), \$2.50... W. A. Pope—\$2.50... W. G. Connor... John S. McCarver.

May 14—J. K. Lane... Wesley Smith—sorry, too, of your non-success, but appreciate your effort, nevertheless... W. C. Francis—give away the extra numbers until stopped... G. P. Thomas... D. M. Proctor... some agent—sent Geo. C. Shearer's name from Bonham with postoffice order No. 9141... E. B. Zachary—\$2.50... Mary R. Loesche... B. T. Kavanaugh... John W. Bergin... H. Bergin... A. H. Sutherland—it was thought to be for the paper.

April 15—Mrs. E. A. Simmons—\$2.50... Wm. G. Cooke—glad of "the great disposition to favor the ADVOCATE"... H. S. Thrall... T. Wiltworth... W. L. Bidout—\$4.

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At the close of this exercise, the Rev. W. G. Connor, D.D., was introduced as the orator of the day. Hon. R. Q. Mills having been somewhat expected, the Rev. Doctor complained that in a land of such plenty of corn and wheat there should be no Mills; alas! Notwithstanding this wail, Mr. Editor, the Doctor took two stones from an ancient depository and improvising a mill, began grinding in the due and ancient form. "The sound of the grinding was not low," and there was bread in abundance for all present, and baskets of fragments to cast upon the waters. Scientific lore, rhetorical finish and classical allusion; a broad philanthropy; the highest religious fervor and lofty eloquence; each and all paid their full tribute, and lent their charms to the composition of the address. Methodism; its history; its distinctive doctrines of justification and sanctification; its world-wide catholicity; its sacerdotal and ritualistic antagonisms; its efforts in behalf of education, especially of females, of which it is the pioneer, and its missionary, aggressive spirit, each came in for a full share of justly bestowed eulogy. The peroration consisted in a bold and lofty flight of eloquence, the crowning thought of which was that men ought to live and grow old in deeds, rather than to simply exist and breathe through a term of years.

or the "Holy Apostles" organizing a church in their day, that they were actually born in the church, reared in the church, and never were out of the church militant, until death released them for the blessed attainments of the church triumphant in Heaven. The sermon on "Our Faith," in contradistinction to many faiths set forth by men and schools of the land, was certainly a victory on the side of truth that will not be forgotten soon by our people. His vindication of "Infant Church Membership" and "Infant Baptism" will not be lost sight of for some time to come. No sir, not even by the opposers of this doctrine. I shall not attempt to give any of the proof texts or historical references so numerous and so readily quoted by the Doctor. Suffice it to say, the believers in the doctrine felt themselves enlightened and confirmed since Bro. Ditzler's clear and conclusive arguments on the subject. The Church will be glad to know that a work, in many respects entirely new, will be published soon by Dr. Ditzler on this very important subject. Sunday morning and at night (April 22d) we were brought to the consideration of "Infidelity" in its various pretensions and assumptions before the world under the name of "science." Here we were led up to the mount of pure principles, until the impure world seemed actually to be far beneath us, and the sun of righteousness above us pouring forth a flood of light, driving back "the powers of darkness" until "truth," the first grand glorious principle of theology, stood forth pure, heaven born, God-like! "truth" that saves every believing soul of man. All praise and honor and glory be ascribed to the God of truth! "But what," as the preacher said, "has infidelity done for the world of mankind?" It has established no liberal governments, no literary institutions; has deserted its followers; has given happiness to no nation or people, has comforted no parent or child in the hour of death; has in every age of the world done its utmost to destroy the laws of morals; it has entered the family circle and destroyed the most pleasant and most binding obligations; it hates God and Christ; tramples under foot the teaching of the blessed Spirit; in a word, what is it that it has not done to destroy the happiness of the human family? But see! when it finds nothing else that it can prey upon, like the mad adder, it bites itself and writhes and winds its long, slimy, serpentine, snakish self, under the poisonous effects of its own venom, as if already the devils were trying to burn it up. Behold, O man! some of the inducements that the devil and infidels offer you for your money, time, talent and happiness in this world. Who ever, in all the past history of the world, saw a happy infidel? All the avowed infidels I have ever seen or conversed with have exhibited a want of confidence in everything—not only of Christianity, but of their own men and creeds. As Dr. Ditzler showed most conclusively the other night, at Dallas, no two of them are agreed in their own books and papers. The Doctor's sermons and lectures, we think, are just what is needed all over the country just at this time. May the blessing of the Almighty God rest upon the man and the great work he is engaged in! I have not pretended to give the language of the speaker in my remarks, save in one or two short sentences. I have known Dr. Ditzler since the year 1856, and have seen his uniform and faithful Christian deportment before the church and the world. He is to-day one of the most studious and laborious ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and I had liked to have said—of any other church. These remarks are due to the Doctor, and are made without his knowledge. D. M. PROCTOR. GREENVILLE, TEXAS, MAY 1, 1877.

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BY REV. LOVICK PIERCE, D. D. Can Methodism be restored to its primitive, moral system and effectiveness? I answer, yes; but not until it returns to its General Rules as the measure of its moral excellence.

merited the distinction of "Christianity in earnest," it won this fame by its living up to the precepts in duty and the inhibitions of folly and self-indulgence compiled by Mr. Wesley for the disciplinary control of his societies. These rules were adopted by the organizing conference of the M. E. Church in America, in 1784, for the same wise reason.

ever, it would not be done, for we are certain every woman of common sense, even while she indulges in superfluity of dress, does not desire such an inconsistent and unscriptural modification of our General Rules. Still I am willing to see the question tested—because: 1st. It would be repelled by a condemnation that might rekindle the fires afresh. 2d. Because it would compel us to look on our case in its unveiled face.

I, "that was no dog; it was a large wolf!" "Wolf—do you say that was a wolf?" "Certainly it was—nothing else." At this the raw Englishman was alarmed. When he reached Blue River, and rode up to a friend's house, he was so chilled and stiff with cold that he was unable to dismount, and was taken from his horse and carried into the house, and attended to. In relating this story, with much feeling he said: "Ah! I shall never forget that night and shall never neglect another appointment for anything." Such lessons are profitable.

man who puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth. But with these great principles and facts set before us in a thousand ways, and all the time, yet we have ministers and members of our church who throw the full weight of their influence against any reform on this subject, even in the church, and I am very sorry to see my old friend and pupil prominent among them.

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