

Texas Christian Advocate

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THE STAR ABOVE THE MANGER.

One night, while lowly shepherds swains Their noisy charge attended, A light burst over Judean plains, Unutterably splendid.

PREACHERS AS LAND AGENTS.

At the late session of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in New York city, the following resolution passed...

Conference, and pounce on it, while you leave this thing just as it is everywhere else? It is unjust, and I protest against it.

A CHOSEN VESSEL.

The above was the theme chosen by Bishop McTear for the funeral sermon of his deceased colleague, Bishop Marvin. It was from the text: "Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

The Boston University. A writer in the Christian Union, speaking of "Boston Notions," has the following: A little further on the same street, I came to a modest sign announcing the presence of the "offices of the Boston University."

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To sell the Patent Improved EYE CUPS. Guaranteed to be the best paying business offered to agents by any house. An easy and pleasant employment.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC.

I have devoted twenty years of patient study to the liver and its relation to the human body in search of a remedy which would restore it, when diseased, to its normal condition.

TO CAUTION THE PUBLIC.

Be careful of the name. Beware of cheap imitations. The Genuine Tutt's Pills. WABASH STATION, ILL., Oct. 24, 1876.

HOUSEKEEPING. SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR READERS. SPECIAL CALL. AGENTS WANTED

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION A WEEKLY PAPER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE FAMILY.

It aims to be a favorite in every family—looked for eagerly by the young folks, and read with interest by the older. Its purpose is to interest while it amuses; to be judicious, practical, sensible, and to have really permanent worth, while it attracts for the hour.

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COLEMAN'S LATEST IMPROVED CORN MILLS. VICTORIOUS at every Fair from New York State to Texas, over thirty-three different competitors during the past twenty-six years.

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Church News and Views.

Article discussing the Spanish government's prohibition of public Protestant worship and the impact on Protestants in the region.

Article about the venerable City Road Chapel of London, celebrating its centenary and the role of Methodism.

Article mentioning Mrs. Caroline A. Merrill, a Protestant, and her association with the anti-confessional memorial.

Article about the anti-confessional memorial to the Queen of England, noting the number of signatures.

Article discussing the society of Friends and their attention to Sunday-schools, mentioning a national biennial conference.

Article about Bishop O'Connor, formerly of the Roman Catholic diocese of Pittsburgh, and his role in the Roman Catholic Seminary.

Article discussing a Roman Catholic paper's stance on boarding and five-day schools among the Indians.

Article discussing an exchange of views on the 'prevention of crime' and the role of the courts and liquor sellers.

Article discussing the Methodist Mission Committee's session and the appropriation of funds for the coming year.

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Church Notices.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Church notices for the North Texas Conference, including dates and locations for various sessions.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Church notices for the Dallas District, including dates and locations for various sessions.

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Church notices for the Paris District, including dates and locations for various sessions.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Church notices for the St. Louis District, including dates and locations for various sessions.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Church notices for the West Texas Conference, including dates and locations for various sessions.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Church notices for the North Texas Conference, including dates and locations for various sessions.

TO THE LADIES.

Advertisement for ladies' clothing and accessories, including patterns and fabrics.

New and Wonderful!

Advertisement for a new invention, 'The Wilson Mending Attachment', claiming to be a discovery of twenty years ago.

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ALBERT HANFORD'S TEXAS STATE REGISTER For 1878.

Advertisement for Albert Hanford's Texas State Register for 1878, mentioning its value and availability.

Marble! Marble!

Advertisement for marble products, mentioning various types and their uses in construction and art.

FROMMERS TRADE BOOK BINDERY

Advertisement for Frommers Trade Book Bindery, mentioning their services and location.

BLANK BOOK MANUFACTORY

Advertisement for Blank Book Manufactory, mentioning their products and services.

ON SUNDAYS

Advertisement for services on Sundays, mentioning various religious and community events.

THE CENTRAL ROUTE!

Advertisement for the Central Route, mentioning its benefits and services.

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Advertisement for the Houston & Texas Central Railway, mentioning its routes and services.

INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD

Advertisement for the International & Great Northern Railroad, mentioning its routes and services.

LONE STAR ROUTE.

Advertisement for the Lone Star Route, mentioning its services and routes.

THE EXPRESS TRAIN

Advertisement for the Express Train, mentioning its speed and services.

LEE, McBRIDE & CO.

Advertisement for Lee, McBride & Co., mentioning their products and services.

RICE & BAULARD.

Advertisement for Rice & Baulard, mentioning their products and services.

GALVESTON AND NEW YORK

Advertisement for Galveston and New York, mentioning their shipping services.

All Points West.

Advertisement for All Points West, mentioning their shipping and travel services.

TICKETS FOR SALE

Advertisement for tickets for sale, mentioning various routes and destinations.

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Associate Editors.

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.

- R. S. Finley..... East Texas Conference
W. G. Connor, D. D..... N.W. Texas Conference
W. C. Haislip..... North Texas Conference
R. T. Nabors..... Texas Conference

TEXAS CONFERENCE.—This body is now in session here and working harmoniously. The congregations of St. James and St. Johns churches gave the conference a reception on Wednesday night. It was an occasion of pleasure to all.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.—Our brethren of this conference will soon have a full report of its proceedings from Brother Turner, the secretary; and an article is also promised from our associate, Dr. Finley. We, therefore, insert only the appointments this week.

REV. A. C. ALLEN, D. D.—By some oversight in taking down the appointments the name of Rev. A. C. Allen, D. D., of the Northwest Texas Conference, did not appear in any of the published minutes. He was granted a supernumerary relation and his name should have appeared in that connection. The oversight was doubtless undesigned.

We note the fact that the police in Palestine are enforcing the law of the land against gambling. They took charge, a few days ago, of some twenty-five or thirty of the gentry. They evidently intend to break up the illegal and demoralizing business in that region. What is it that prevents the police in other towns and cities from enforcing the laws? Are the gamblers more shrewd, or the police more stupid, than in Palestine? Or is it because other towns have more respectable gamblers or more unfaithful officers?

HON. ERASTUS BROOKS says that in New York the highest average of dependence in that State is found in rural districts. This is a surprise to many, as it has been supposed that the large cities furnished the largest proportion of paupers. It ought to be a cause of congratulation to the people in Texas that pauperism is almost unknown in the agricultural portions of the land. Sick and death of husbands and fathers may bring the widow or helpless orphan to want, but it is rarely the case that honest industry finds itself at the point of beggary in our favored state.

"Why does the church forbid dancing?" Because religion will not abide in a soul which cherishes its love for worldly amusements. On this point the experience of earnest and devout Christians is uniform and exact. As long as they are in the enjoyment of religion they have no desire to frequent such places. As religion dies in their heart, the desire for these pleasures revives. A vitiated appetite loathes solid, wholesome food and so a heart which is only partially healed of its spiritual maladies is ever turning with longing looks to the vanities it has left behind. When the children of Israel became weary with the long journey which led them to the land of promise, they hungered for the flesh pots of Egypt.

A NEW YORK dispatch of this week states that last Sunday was the most quiet Sabbath that city has enjoyed for many years. The number of arrests was unusually small; but few intoxicated persons were seen on the streets, and law-abiding citizens were not outraged by the sights and sounds which the free use of liquor occasions along the pavements women and children must pass on their way to the house of worship. The cause of this remarkable change is found in the enforcement of the prohibitory Sunday liquor law. The arrest of nearly a thousand liquor dealers was suggestive to those individuals that their interests were not superior to law. All good citizens approve the law and applaud the officers who have firmly discharged their duty.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Among the many legacies we have received from our English forefathers, there are few more characteristic and more highly prized than the celebration of Christmas. Whether we regard it in the light of a religious festival, or of a social holiday, it is surrounded by memories and colored by associations which deeply affect the heart, both to faith and thanksgiving. It is to be regretted, of course, that with the majority of those who enjoy this day of social relaxation, that its sacred origin and character are ignored, and that license too often usurps the place of sober-minded rejoicing. But we are thankful that weary men and women, everywhere and of all conditions, are exempted by a sacred custom from the burden of the daily yoke—that the temples and stalls of Mammon are closed cheerfully for at least one day in the year—that Christian custom has settled it in the heart even of the unbelieving and the anti-Christian to be cordial, merciful and generous upon the day consecrated to the memory of the Divine Incarnation.

No one undervalues the blessed Sabbath because its holy hours are spent by many in frivolity, gambling and debauchery; so, no one should conceive a prejudice against the immemorial custom of celebrating the anniversary of the Savior's birth because the wicked profane it, the thoughtless abuse it, and even Christians often misuse it. No deeper principle can control a human being to bless God; no tenderer memory—save those of Gethsemane and Calvary—can more softly pull our heartstrings than the principle of belief in the Almighty veiled in human flesh, than the memory of the manger of Bethlehem!

It is curious to note how the celebration of Christmas has always been one of the most conspicuous marks of Southern social and religious life, in contradistinction from that of our Northern friends.

The great social day, en famille, at the North, is Thanksgiving Day. Then the fatted calf is Americanized by the fattest turkey, and pumpkin pies become poetized by the characteristics of Arabian salt.

New Year's Day has of late grown into the day of fashionable sociability and jollity. Then it is that Boston, New York and Philadelphia booze heavily between the magic hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P. M.; then it is that a thousand Grecs, relieved by a background of sparkling decanters, entice the youthful Ulysses of the day to taste their potion—and rival the Homeric pigs!

We are told, however, by those en rapport with Northern society, that for some time past the custom of celebrating Christmas, both religiously and socially, has been steadily growing in favor with our brethren on the other side of Mason and Dixon's line. The strictness of the Puritan tradition has gradually worn away and at the present time the descendants of Cotton Mather, as well as the successors of Peter Stuyvesant and William Penn, vie with the posterity of the Cavalier and the Huguenot in embalming the paramount memories connected with the 25th of December in the historic life of the people.

For our part, we rejoice that this is so. The day is distinctively and eminently a Christian festival.

Whether consciously or unconsciously observed, it is well that the people—yea, all the people—should on that day of sacred and joyful significance rest from their labor; that they should rejoice—even if it be merely as proselytes of the gate—rejoice, if they be not able in adoring love, yet with that humane philanthropy which is a faint shadow of the Divine benevolence of Him whose birth is celebrated. No Jew or infidel need be ashamed for the nonce to indulge in those warm and affectionate sentiments naturally evoked by the recurrence of that pearl of days which enshrines the Godlike thought of universal good will, of gentleness and grace!

But Christians should arise on

that blessed morn with a new song stirring in their hearts and rippling over their lips. The hand which God has filled should be stretched out in simplicity to share its blessings with the poor and friendless; and while light and joy should be in every house, the soul of every believer in Immanuel—God-with-us—should swell with devout thanksgiving to our Lord and with the tenderest love to every one for whom Christ was born to die!

OUR MEXICAN MISSION.

We learn from the Western Methodist that Bishop Keener has appointed Rev. W. M. Patterson, of the Memphis Conference, superintendent of the Southern Methodist Mission in the city of Mexico. He leaves with his family for his field some time in January. The Methodist speaks highly of the rare qualifications of Bro. Patterson and his accomplished wife for this important work. No mission field opens to Protestant Christianity better prospects of success than that one our church is endeavoring to supply in Mexico. The people are weary of a corrupt priesthood. Their exactions have absorbed a large portion of the wealth of the land, and the impure lives of the priests have lost to their church the confidence and affections of the people. They are eager for the Bible and a pure Christianity.

A FARMER in Kentucky appropriates the yearly products of one acre of land in purchasing reading matter for his family. It is a wise investment and not an extravagant one. Without claiming to be a prophet, we can predict with confidence that the sons raised in that family will hold influential positions in society. They may not go to Congress, and in this they will be in company with a great many sensible people, but they will be known for their intelligence and will be ranked accordingly. Let each family try it. Ten, twenty or forty dollars judiciously invested in books or papers may be worth to your sons or daughters a great deal more than their share in your estate when you die.

A CORRESPONDENT of a leading journal writes from the seat of the Eastern war, that the neglect of the Turks for their wounded ranks them with the most degraded savages. He visited one of their hospitals and was almost stifled by the foul odors arising from the festering and uncaressed wounds of the wretched men. Chambers, stairs and halls were crammed with men suffering, mangled by bullet or sabre, or dying with disease, and wallowing in their filth. The element of human sympathy seems to have died out of the Moslem heart, and they not only riot in the slaughter of their foes, but have no pity for the sufferings of their friends.

MR. COOK, the Boston lecturer, recently stated that a grey headed infidel remarked to him a few days since that the only light he ever got from Paine's Age of Reason was when he threw it into the fire. There is truth in the sarcasm couched in the infidel's assertion. Infidelity may strive to put out the light of the gospel, but it offers no beacon to supply its place. Man wants a religion which will support him in life and cheer him in death. In answer to Ingersoll's challenge, the New York Observer proved that Paine died the death of a wretched, drunken sot. He may not have abandoned his infidelity, but it furnished no light for the dark valley he was called to enter.

JUDGE DAVIS, of New York, in a late charge to a grand jury said: "Twenty years of judicial life have taught me that more than seven-eighths of the crime of personal violence are traced to the use of intoxicating liquors." The reports of every police court in the land will confirm the truth of the assertion; and yet law-abiding citizens, who never mingle in drunken carousals or brutal affrays, remain silent while the liquor dealer is fomenting brawls and murder, and filling the prisons with wretched criminals.

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That was the answer given by a preacher at one of our recent conferences to the question calling for a report of the amount his circuit had paid him for his services this year. "But that did not include the barrels of flour, bacon, corn and clothing furnished his family," said one who heard this statement. "It included everything," was the reply of one who was posted. "The supplies furnished him were charged against him on the steward's account."

How did the man and his family live? We doubt whether the preacher could answer this question. It would be a long story. It would tell of days when the coarsest and scantiest fare covered his table; of nights when the wife bowed patiently over worn and threadbare garments, and darned and mended as long as any possible service could be worked out of them. We do not record the case to censure the stewards or to berate the church who listened to his ministrations. Possibly they gave according to their ability. We name it in honor of the preachers in Texas who, in these days when men are eagerly entering the paths to wealth that our rich and growing land opens on every side, cheerfully accept a life of poverty that they may win souls to Christ. Like Abraham, when he went out from the land of his fathers, they know not what awaits them the coming year; but they are sure of one thing: they have a message to dying men, and by the help of the Master it is their purpose to deliver it.

MR. PATTERSON may deserve to go to the penitentiary, for aught of my actual knowledge to the contrary; but of this I am certain, he will not go alone if every Senator of the United States who bought his seat in the Senate accompanies him. If he is a money-changer, drive out Patterson from the temple of the people; only drive out with him the rest of the money-changers. Then possibly the majority might again shift places.

We clip the above from the New York Independent. It is from the pen of Mary Clemmer, who wields one of unusual power, and whose lobby life at Washington has given her an inside look on the corruptions of our national capital. It is a melancholy revelation, and yet it bears no surprise to the mind of the intelligent reader. If Senator Patterson soiled his hands with bribes, he was seated by the representative vote of a great party, and one who ought to know, and whose sympathies are with the party which recently denounced the South Carolina Senator for his lack of loyalty to party, tells them through the public press that they are no better than this man, who is seated in the highest assembly of the land with charges hanging over him which may send him to the felon's cell. If this statement be true, there is a demand for a day of fasting and prayer in the place of the day of thanksgiving and prayer. If the highest seats of honor in the land are commodities which may be bought in the market, the people would do wisely to call on heaven for help.

THE English people have contributed three million of dollars for the relief of the sufferers of the famine in India. Will infidelity ponder this fact? Deeds of charity are the badge of Christian lands. Amid the ruins of all the great cities which Pagan antiquity built we find the evidences of temples of idolatry and the palaces of kings, but not in one do we find the inscription: "This was built for the relief of human suffering." We find there spacious amphitheatres where man and beast were slaughtered for the amusement of the multitude, but no evidence that a home for the blind or the maimed, or a hospital for the sick, was ever built. It was the works and example of Christ that opened to the human mind the thought that we should live for others as well as for ourselves. One province in China may be starving and the next one, though abounding in plenty, never thinks of sending relief. Is the religion of Christ a "vain thing?"

EUROPEAN NEWS.

It is a matter of congratulation to every lover of free institutions as well as of peace, that President McMahon has yielded to the entreaties of his old and well-tried friends of the Right, and has given to M. Dufaure once more carte blanche to make up a ministry from the Moderate Left.

In carrying out his directions Dufaure has shown great discretion and has placed on the slate names of acceptability to all parties having the good of their country at heart. The nomination of M. Waddington as foreign minister is especially regarded with approbation since that gentleman is not only a man of sterling ability, but is also regarded as one of the staunchest conservatives in France. Should the Marshal make no further factious opposition, the immediate peace and prosperity of the French Republic may be considered as virtually secured.

The news from Rome informs us of the continued life of the Pope, and even of his unexpected convalescence. Apart from the ecclesiastical and political significance of this fact, its personal character is extraordinary. Within the past few years the Pontiff has been regarded in articulo mortis on various occasions, and each time has he rallied, like our own Alexander Stephens, whom he resembles in his magnificent vitality, to confound the wire-pulling of the conclave, and to disappoint the expectations of the political lookers on in the Eternal City, gathered together like eagles from the various courts waiting for the death feast.

Pio Nono seems to enjoy his repeated quasi resurrections, and in spite of the ill-concealed chagrin of both friends and foes, continues to hold on to the keys of St. Peter indefinitely.

"Man proposes but God disposes."

THE TURCO-RUSSIAN WAR.

Since the fall of Plevna nothing of importance has taken place in the field. The Russians are elated above measure, and the Turks correspondingly depressed. The Sultan, while expressing his inflexible determination of fighting to the bitter end, nevertheless takes care to have every diplomatic resource put in action to obtain the interference of the great powers in the interests of peace. So far these efforts have met with no success; Germany coldly declines; Italy and France are too busy at home; Austria vigorously suppresses the Hungarian outbreaks of Anti-Russian feeling; and England, left alone, seems to have no stomach for the herculean task.

The papers are filled with extended accounts of the memorable sortie of Osman Pasha. All sides unite in ascribing the utmost heroism to the Turkish troops in that desperate and fatal attempt to cut through the lines of their gigantic adversary. The Czar himself visited his illustrious and wounded prisoner, and returned his sword as a token of admiration for his heroism. Seven Pashas and about 40,000 men have fallen into the Russian hands, and matters are esteemed so prosperously established for his ultimate success, that the Czar is about to return to St. Petersburg.

DRUNKENNESS in the army has become so prevalent that Gen. Sherman has been compelled to rebuke it in a recent order. The officers who have been corrected and dismissed have hitherto been reinstated by the Presidential pardon. Gen. Sherman states that in the future this clemency will be more judiciously exercised, and the offenders will suffer the consequences of their indiscretions. Drunkenness has long been considered a gentlemanly vice, but there is evidently a change coming over public sentiment.

MEX often complain that women spend so much time and money in putting a rosy complexion on their dimpled cheeks. They forget that many a man spends much more in putting a like color on his nose.

[For the ADVOCATE.] LINES DEDICATED TO THE UBIQUITOUS NEWSPAPER GRUMBLER.

BY J. S. OLLETT.

Softly, softly, intrude reader; Do not fret. Here are kindly words and phrases, Smoothly set; To instruct you they were written, Don't forget. What avails their earnest labors, Men who write, If their editorial papers, Patrons slight? Join yours efforts to theirs, reader; Strength unite. "But I don't believe their doctrines;" Yet be still. You may silently reject it, If you will; Only do not raise a splutter, Hard to quell. Do not write a hasty letter; In a pet, Else an action so misguided; You'll regret. And if you cannot take the paper, Do not fret. Now, then write a kindly letter, As you may. Enclosing in a neat envelope All the pay. This will cheer their drooping spirits, So they say! DECEMBER 3, 1877.

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NOTICE.—The Southern Review will be issued regularly during the year 1878, there being sufficient material of Dr. Bledsoe's to carry it on for a year.

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HONOR TO DARWIN.

From our exchanges we see that lately the University of Cambridge, England, has conferred the scarlet gown, with the degree of Doctor of Civil Law, upon the author of the theory of evolution.

Infidelity is a kind of necessary moral or immoral epidemic—it must run its course as other diseases; cholera or yellow fever, only to reappear in some other locality under some other conditions.

A minister is in danger of being betrayed into idle habits by a thousand temptations of which other men know nothing. He has not slept well, or he is suffering from a slight attack of indigestion; the morning is fine; there is nothing that absolutely compels him to keep at his desk, and he feels quite at liberty to stroll into the country.

We have no idea, whatever, that sober-sided England has gone mad after the scientific Jack O'Lantern. We imagine that the grand old foundation that was the Alma Mater of Milton, Bacon and Newton, chose rather to confer a merited honor on a man marked by high mental ability, scholarly attainment and a blameless life.

Desultory Habits. Rev. R. W. Dale, in one of his late Yale lectures on preaching, reported in the Independent, says: It is very possible that you may have thought me hard and uncharitable when I said, in the last lecture, that some men fail as preachers through intellectual indolence.

GONZALES, TEXAS, Dec. 3, 1877. I propose to work for the ADVOCATE during this conference year. The TEXAS ADVOCATE is about the best of the Advocate family.—M. A. BLACK.

John Wesley.

A correspondent of the Episcopal Methodist, of Baltimore, relates the following incident in the life of the Rev. John Wesley, which shows the meekness of that good man under abuse and the retribution of Providence upon his persecutors.

"I remember a circumstance that occurred when I was a very young man. It was on a holiday, after coming out from mass, in the chapel of Boyle, as it was customary then, as it is now, to stand in Bridge street and have a chat with the neighbors. At this place there was a hotel, owned by one of the richest men in town; he had two tanneries, several large farms well stocked, together with other property. I saw one John Wesley, a very nice old man, with long, white hair. When he came forward to the part of the street where the crowd was, he got upon a stone outside of the hotel door, that was used for a seat, and commenced preaching to the people. In a few minutes after he had commenced some of the family went up stairs and procured a slop vessel and emptied the contents out of a window on his head. He seemed to take no notice of what was done further than taking out his handkerchief and wiping his head and face. When the people saw what was done, and he took it so patiently, they said it was a shame; and from that time forward they listened to him very attentively during the remainder of his sermon.

"When he had ended his discourse, he turned, and looking at the house, said: 'God forgive you and I forgive you. But I am not sent of God if that family comes to a good end.'" The old man said the prediction of Mr. Wesley proved true. In twelve months after one of the sons was either hanged or hung himself, another came to a violent death and the daughter became a castaway; the father and mother were reduced to extreme want, and not a trace of the family was to be found in about five years' time. This occurred, from the old man's statement, between the years 1780 and 1790.

Northwest Texas Conference. Whereas the appointments are read separate the special committee on Marvin College too far from each other, and as the chairman of that committee, Rev. J. D. Shaw, was at too great a distance, I hereby, for the good of the Church, in the interests of the college, and after consultation with the presiding elders, make the following appointments: Lancaster circuit, J. D. Shaw; Hillsboro circuit, R. H. Adair; Weatherford station, H. M. Glass.

Obituaries. GILLESPIE.—Virgil H. Gillespie, son of Rev. Dr. C. C. and Zillah R. Gillespie, was born in Dallas county, Arkansas, on the 16th of October, 1854, died of spinal meningitis, in Tarrant county, Texas, Dec. 4, 1877, aged 21 years and four months. The deceased was a student in the Masonic Institute, and contemplated entering a law school the next year. Though his stay on earth was brief, he improved it well. He was no drone in the hive, but a man of many talents. His many heart shrank not where words were unappreciated. He displayed fine oratorical powers, and his first trial speech was: "Should you toll, Make your mark."

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The Children's Corner.

Letter to the Children. DEAR LITTLE COUSINS—I have tried to persuade your Cousin Joe to write to you, but he insists that he is too busy; and as I am afraid you will be disappointed, I will write again. I promised to tell you something of our trip; but fear that what has been new and interesting to me will be old in print. After leaving Texas, the first that I saw worthy of attention, was the beautiful scenery in the Indian Territory. I have read and heard of and seen in paintings autumnal forests, but the brilliant foliage that crowned the blue limestone hills of the "land of the red man" was more beautiful than any painting I have ever seen.

was of his devoted family; my second of the great loss to our church. His oldest daughter said to me twice while I was there: "He is a charming father." Bishop Marvin was a friend of the children; and the Sabbath before he was taken sick he addressed a Sunday-school. His daughters told me that he gave each an allowance of dressing money; and said that they tried to save something out of it to devote to charitable purposes. Persuade your fathers to adopt this plan, and you will learn to be saving; and also feel when you drop your money into the plate that it was yours and that you denied yourself something to give it to God.

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Tampa District.—A A Robinson, P E; Tampa station, J J Sealy; Tampa Bay mission, C A Saunders; Key West, first charge, J C Ley; Sparks' chapel, to be supplied by I A Towers; Cuban mission and school, J C Ley, superintendent, H B Someillau, Aurelio Silvearez; Alafia circuit, W C Jordan; Manatee, E F Gates; Manatee mission, to be supplied by E Glazier; Bartow circuit, E H Giles, S W Carson, sup; Peace Creek circuit, J A Castel; Fort Myers circuit, C E Pelot; Clear Water circuit, G W Mitchell; mission to Seminole Indians, D B Duncan.

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Fashions. This cut shows the new Fall "Bretton Sacque," which seems to be the "Ladies' Choice."

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

When articles are rejected, we must decline to give reasons therefor. AGENTS sending us new subscribers or renewals, will please affix to their signatures the word "Agent."

Please say to the missionaries of the Northwest Texas Conference that the Treasurer finds, upon comparing moneys on hand with the appropriations by the Board, that he will be able to pay 20 per cent. on all drafts, or the first quarter, if only the more nearly will call upon him.

Resolved, That all ministers of the North Texas Conference, who have regular pastoral work, be permitted to enter their children in the District Conference High School, by making the advance payment only.

Editorial reference having been made to a "certain preacher of the North Texas Conference," who had succeeded in "interesting the little folks, on behalf of the heathen," etc., it is suggested an expose of his modus operandi might be of service.

Procure neat missionary cards in sufficient numbers to supply your work. (I have furnished Bros. Shaw & Blaylock form, and from them you can get specimen copies.)

Announce special service (a disciplinary duty, by the way,) for the children. At the closing of said service present the cause of the heathen and wind up by appealing to the children to cultivate a row of cotton 50 or 100 yards in length, the proceeds of which to be equally divided between foreign and domestic missions.

If this plan be adopted by us toward the children three grand and essential results will have been achieved. 1st. The children will be educated to give.

The undersigned having been appointed a committee by the North Texas Conference, to act conjointly with similar committees, appointed by the other Texas Conferences, to collect "material for a History of Methodism in Texas," would respectfully and earnestly request the preachers and members within the bounds of our conference to aid in this important undertaking.

War is pre-eminently a relic of barbarism, and, as such, is certainly behind the civilization of the present age. To the enlightened humanitarian the very word is the embodiment of all that is written as horrible.

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To aid in the speedy realization of these objects, the association constituted the undersigned an executive committee, whose powers and duties are prescribed in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the executive committee is charged with the duty of taking such measures as they may deem proper for raising a sufficient sum of money for carrying out the objects of this association.

Now, while this spontaneous movement in honor of Bishop Marvin should have naturally originated in St. Louis, the place of his residence and death, and the scene of his long pastoral services, and could not have been judiciously postponed until the meeting of the Annual Conference, next fall, we are in no wise unmindful of his exalted confectional relation to the Church, and of the right of the whole Church, as well as that of his friends and admirers, equally with us, to unite in offering a tribute of affection to one who was honored and beloved wherever known.

With the view, therefore, of reaching the members of the entire church, we have issued to the pastors this circular letter, setting forth the nature and objects of the "Marvin Memorial Association," and asking their earnest co-operation in obtaining contributions for so laudable a purpose.

To facilitate this work of love, suitable persons will be appointed in each Conference, who shall have charge of the enterprise in their respective sections, and from whom all necessary information may be obtained, and to whom all remittances should be made, to be forwarded to the General Treasurer of the Association, Samuel Cupples, St. Louis, Mo.

All contributions will be credited to the Conferences within the limits of which they may be made. The Executive Committee, in committing this delicate undertaking to the snitten and bereaved church, would affectionately suggest the necessity of speedy and generous action.

Let our love for our deceased brother and superintendent be shown by our prompt liberality; and to the General Conference, which meets in Atlanta in May next, let it be announced that the honored grave of Bishop Marvin has been appropriately marked, and his crushed and broken-hearted family have been provided with a home.

- REV. J. W. LEWIS, president. DR. S. T. NEWMAN, vice-pres. SAMUEL CUPPLES, treasurer. REV. J. E. GODFREY, secretary.

The association also issues the following address to the Sunday-schools of the church:

An association under the above title has been organized for the purpose of raising funds to erect a monument over the grave of Bishop Marvin, and to procure a home for his family. All persons contributing any sum for this purpose become thereby members of the association.

It is desired that remittances and accurate lists of contributors be forwarded to Samuel Cupples, Treasurer of the association, St. Louis, Mo., through the agents appointed for the several conferences, whose names will be announced through our church papers. These lists will be deposited in the Monument.

This offering of gratitude and love to a faithful servant of the church should be generously and promptly made. The following named persons have been selected to take special

charge of the movement in their several localities. They will please give the matter their personal attention, and, by correspondence and otherwise, elicit a general interest in the noble work. Much depends on the promptness and energy with which these representatives press the objects of the Association upon the attention of the church within their limits.

Harvest Home—Sermon by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage.

Mr. Talmage's text was taken from John, xv. 1—"My father is the husbandman." Will it not be proper if I preach a harvest sermon? said Mr. Talmage.

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minister in New York the other day preached a sermon calculated to set denominations of Christians to quarreling; he was sowing nettles. The Lord Jesus Christ, nineteen hundred years ago, planted one red seed of doctrine. It grew into a large plant; on one side all the churches of christendom, and on the other all the free governments of the earth, and after awhile on the top shall bloom the flower of the millennium.

It was not in cruelty, not in wrath. That the reaper came that day: It was an angel visited the earth And took the flowers away.

So may it be with us when our work is all done and our tears all ended. Dear Lord, give us sleep! One more thought presents itself—the garnering. O, my friends, it may be a very hard pull, our getting to heaven; but those sheaves are bound to go in, the Lord of the harvest has promised.

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