

Texas Christian Advocate

Immortality.

The soul asks no leave to be. It is here; the supreme fact of all I know. Death creates no presumption of its extinction, except on premises that they would deny its existence here.

Let me be frank with myself. I am not very anxious for it, and contemplate my own lot in this vast universe with invincible sangfroid. It is no consideration of my own destiny that kindles a powerful hope.

METHODIST REVIVALS.—I have often noticed, within the last few years, a great change in the language used by our preachers in reporting to the Advocate the revivals in their charges.

A demonstration? No. An argument? No. A ground of fixed conviction? No. Yet, for all that, a ground of hope to one, at least, of the myriad tossed and tired minds that have put out to sea on the vast ocean of modern thought.

"THE pastor is the earthly head of the church. The Sunday school work is a department of church work. A teacher is, therefore, an assistant of the pastor, and ought to plan and co-work with him.

Help for China.

The Chinese famine has one bright feature. It has opened streams of beneficence that continue to flow in among the suffering people with increasing brightness and fulness.

An Arizona Incident.

An interesting story comes from Arizona. Kellogg and Carter owned a mining claim, and foolishly quarreled about it. Kellogg was a man of few words; "light and free was his touch upon his revolver."

Whatever else may be done, or left undone, on the Lord's day, this should be the rule everywhere. The father of the family, as the priest of the family, should gather about him and take with him to the church all the members of his family, whom, during the week, he has been instructing and leading in worship.

A WOMAN who made immense wealth and lasting infamy by murdering unborn infants committed suicide early Monday morning in this city.

A monument to Baron DeKalb at Annapolis is proposed.

Courtesy.

Probably nineteen-twentieths of the happiness you will ever have you will get at home. Some of you will get pleasure in other places and some of you will get delight in the church; but happiness you will only find at home.

Which is Best?

Prince Gortschakoff, the Premier, never uses wine or tobacco, and is vigorous at the age of 78. Dr. Cuyler said recently, that he had only lost two Sabbaths during that time by ill health.

It may be set down as a positive fact, says the Churchman, that if the children of Churchmen go to Sunday-school, instead of to the church, the Sunday-school is an evil, and ought to be abandoned. We are sorry to say that in many a congregation the parents, as they go to church, meet their children on their way home from Sunday-school.

"THAT YOUNG MAN DRINKS."—How ominous that sentence falls! How we pause in conversation and ejaculate: "It's a pity!" How the mother hopes he will not drink when he grows older; how his sisters persuade themselves that it is only a few wild oats he is sowing!

NEGATIVE CHRISTIANS.—It would be a poor system of moral government which was made up merely of negations and prohibitions. And so he would be a poor Christian whose religion had nothing of a positive element.

Full Confession.

Let us encourage ourselves in the Lord our God; encourage ourselves in His compassion. He will not shut up His tender mercies, in anger, but will shut up anger in His tender mercies; for His compassions fail not.

WE are living under a system that is gradually concentrating the wealth of the country in the hands of a few men to the detriment of the people at large. Statistics are at hand to prove this. A paper read recently before the Social Science Association, in Boston, shows that the debt of 130 cities in the United States was \$221,312,000 in 1866, and \$614,378,663 in 1876.

WE have only opportunity to say a word in these columns about the fifty-ninth annual report of the Methodist Missionary Society, which is just out. It is nearly 20 pages larger than the report of last year, consisting of just 200 pages.

"Every time I pass a drinking saloon I feel as if I must cheer off as from a gate to hell," remarked a distinguished U. S. army officer the other day.

Church Notices.

- NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—SECOND ROUND. Victoria Peak mission, May 4, 5, Henriette and Cambridge, May 11, 12, West Fork, May 18, 19. W. H. MOSS, P. E.

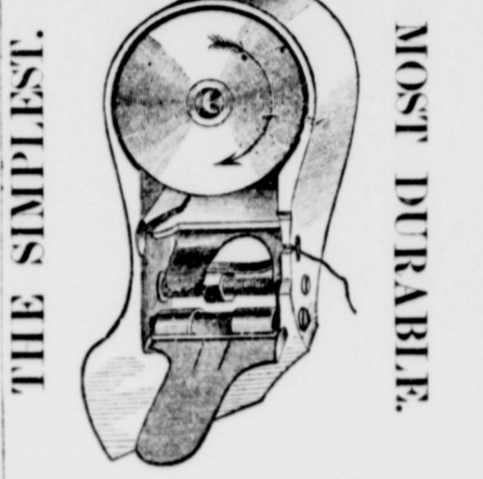
- AUSTIN DISTRICT.—SECOND ROUND. Cedar Creek, at Cedar Creek, May 4, 5, Eastrop, at Eastrop, May 11, 12, Lagrange, May 18, 19, Elgin circuit, at McAdoo, May 25, 26, Austin and South mission, June 1, 2, District stewards please meet at Burdett's April 13. District Conference will meet at Elgin June 21, at 9 A. M. J. W. WHIPPLE, P. E.

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To Subscribers to Minutes. It may be possible that some of the preachers have not received the Minutes subscribed for.

EDIGRAPHS.

We met at Liberty Hill some friends with whom we worshiped in other days. John Bryson and family still live on the land they settled twenty-five years ago...

heritage, and one day, as the Church of God shall gather around the throne, he will look over a broad moral and spiritual inheritance made his forever by a title direct from the Father and Savior of the redeemed.

There were Indians in this region when we passed through it seventeen years ago; and that camp-meeting at Bear Creek was rudely broken up by one of their forays. The incident will be remembered by many of the older settlers.

Thanks to the generous co-operation of the citizens of Georgetown with the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern University, we found the Regent domiciled in his own house.

The University is making the regular and satisfactory progress that has marked its history since its foundation. Robust, cheerful, moral and studious young men, of whom both the Faculty and citizens speak in complimentary terms, are gathered within its walls.

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Some men say their prayers under the conviction that God hears and will answer them. Bro. Morland was one of these men. When the trailers returned to our camp, they told him the Indians passed out near his field, and that his herd of horses, which ranged on that ridge and were his chief support, were gone.

As at Florence, Liberty Hill and Bagdad, we found the good people at Georgetown jubilant over the result of the late contest for prohibition. All bear witness to the improvement in good order since the law went into effect.

A ride of eight or ten miles across the divide between the South Gabriel and Brushy, and our eyes rested on the Bagdad Valley. It

presented a scene of quiet beauty and rural prosperity, on which the eye lingers with delight. Though only a few miles from the dividing ridge from which one can look across on the Colorado Mountains, yet this elevated region presents the appearance of a valley, diversified with graceful undulations, reposing serenely within the circle of the hills which border it on every side.

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Bishop McKendree, on one occasion, was called upon for an exposition of the text, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." His reply was prompt and characteristic. "Never swim a creek or

climb a mountain until you come to it." All day as we swept swiftly from Round Rock to Palestine, we were thinking of the transition from social and fraternal intercourse with brethren in Georgetown to the cheerless comforts of a hotel.

We Methodist preachers have a hard time. We ought to be sorry for ourselves. We never knew one to get rich by preaching. A bare support is all we expect. But we meet a cordial welcome from brethren who are in heartfelt sympathy with our employment.

We preached in the hall of the University at Georgetown on Friday night, and the Sunday morning following we were talking to the Sunday-school at Palestine. St. Paul crossed the sea in slow sailing vessels, and often climbed the steep of Asia Minor on foot.

Bro. E. F. Boone, pastor of our church, made us pay for our excellent keeping in his hospitable town by preaching twice. Thirteen sermons in eighteen days, and many miles of travel to fill up the intervals, recalled the "days of other years."

Revs. John Haynes and John Lovejoy, aged respectively seventy-eight and eighty-two, recently preached sermons at Denton, Texas. One is a Presbyterian and the other a Methodist.

Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

BY R. M. MOORE.

SECOND QUARTER—FIFTH LESSON, May 5th, 1878. Jer. LI, 1-11: The captivity of Judah. Zedekiah, King of Judah; Nebuchadnezzar, King of Assyria; Pharaoh Hophra (The Apis of the Greeks), King of Egypt.

Zedekiah was the twentieth and last King of Judah. He reigned 11 years. Nebuchadnezzar had previously captured the kingdom and pillaged it. He had taken ten thousand prisoners to Babylon.

V. 1. Zedekiah—This name was given him by Nebuchadnezzar. His original name was Mattaniah. He was twenty-one years old when he became king.

V. 2. And he did evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. Like Jehoiakim he reigned 11 years, and like him, too, he rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar.

V. 3. "For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till He had cast them out from His presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the King of Babylon."

V. 4. "And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, came, he and his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about."

V. 5. "So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of Zedekiah, almost two years. Zedekiah and his princess knew that success was life and defeat death."

V. 6. "And in the fourth month (eleventh year), in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land."

V. 7. "Then the city was broken up (broken into), and all the men of war (the army) fled, and went forth by night (hoping to escape detection), by way of the gate between the two walls (the gate of the fountain), which was by the King's garden (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about); and they went by the way of the plain."

V. 8. But the army of the Chaldeans (Assyrians) pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plain of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him.

Zedekiah before his eyes." He thus extinguished that dynasty and tortured the father at the same time by compelling him to witness the slaughter of his princes and his own sons as the last objects of sight.

V. 11. He then put out the king's eyes, bound him with chains, took him to Babylon and thrust him into a prison, where he died. This was a common method of torture among heathen nations in those days.

APPLICATION.

1. From Zedekiah we may learn what a fearful crime weakness may sometimes become.

2. We may learn further how potent for evil an evil example may be.

3. God is angry with the wicked every day, and the wicked are in continued rebellion against Him.

4. Sinners learn only from experience, but often learn too late to escape the consequences of their sins.

5. Judgments are often slow, but surer than Nebuchadnezzar's legions.

6. And when these judgments cannot appeal to our reason, they will to our physical nature, to hunger and thirst.

7. When sin becomes incurable, God has recourse to desperate remedies. The long delayed punishment comes at last.

8. God uses wicked instruments as His whips. Zedekiah, first false to God, was then false to man, and now he and his people are reaping a harvest of bitter experience.

9. Who can escape the judgments of God. They who sin must suffer.

10. First he sees his own sons suffer for his own sins. The well posted physician knows that sons and daughters suffer death to-day for the sins of their fathers.

11. Blind and chained in his prison he ever sees his sons as he saw them last in the agonies of death. And so it is with the sinner when trouble comes upon him: his crimes are ever before him. And as he lingers in his prison house of clay, how his dark deeds come trooping up the pathway of memory, and then, as it were, pass on to confront him in judgment!

(Communicated.)

ANOTHER SAN JACINTO VETERAN GONE.—William Gorham died at his residence in Fayette county, Texas, March 24th, 1878, aged 80 years and 7 days. He was born in New Haven, Conn., March 17th, 1798. He received his business training at a mercantile house in New York City. In 1824 and 1825 he taught school at Leakesville, in Green county, Mississippi. He was the first district clerk of Green county, Mississippi, after it was organized, in 1824 or 1825. He came to Texas in February, 1831. Taught school awhile on the lower San Bernard; then at the town of Bastrop. He was teaching school in Harrisburg neighborhood, some twelve or fifteen miles above the town of Bastrop, at the time that Willbarger was shot, scalped and left for dead by the Indians. He was in the battle of San Jacinto, and before and after the battle of San Jacinto he was in several Indian expeditions. He has been a citizen of Fayette county for the past thirty years.

JOHN Y. CISWELL.

Sunday, October 20, and Monday, October 21, of this year, have been set apart in the Church of England as days of special prayer for Sunday schools. The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his approval of such a selection in these terms: "Not only will the observance of a special day in each year serve to organize scattered efforts, and to encourage us in the face of difficulty, but it seems also to be our bounden duty to unite before God in thankful acknowledgment of His blessing vouchsafed of late years to this special work."

Although the appropriation for the expense of observing the transit of Mercury next month is meagre, it may enable the astronomers of the Naval Observatory to do their share of the work efficiently.

Missionaries write from Brazil that under the new Liberal Ministry the whole country is open to the preaching of the Gospel, and everywhere audiences can be obtained to listen to the preacher. The additions to the Presbyterian missions for the past year were 120.

The Flatonia Argus says that town is growing rapidly.

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The editor of the ADVOCATE, Dr. John, left the 24th inst., for the seat of the General Conference. The preachers should make a note of the fact that we will publish a full copy of the General Conference proceedings. Now is the time to get subscribers.

News of the Week.

Washington. A bill has been reported by the Senate Finance Committee providing for the resumption of specie payment. It provides that United States notes shall be received in payment of United States bonds and for duties on imports.

The Eastern Question.

On the 16th, in the Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote said the situation is anxious, but nothing has occurred to aggravate it or to diminish the hope of a satisfactory arrangement.

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Texas Christian Advocate

GENERAL GRANT is enjoying the scenery around Jerusalem.—Exchange. Mark Twain tells a pathetic story about weeping over that imagined was the grave of his departed ancestor—Mr. Adam. Would it be appropriate for Gen. Grant, in remembrance of some "kindred spirit," to drop a sympathizing tear somewhere in the neighborhood of Jerusalem? We suggest Mr. Ahab or Madame Jezebel.

REMEMBER that the only salvation now for the South is the uprooting of the spirit of caste, and the opening to the black man as well as to the white any career for which he possesses the necessary fitness.—Northwestern Christian Advocate. You seem to look entirely on "the dark side of the question," when talking about the South. Perhaps you expect to attempt to force your way into the best society when you come down South, and want it sufficiently polluted in advance. We think you will be disappointed.

(Communicated.) HOUSTON, April 21, 1878.—I have received the following for expenses of General Conference delegates: Chero, no name, \$1.00; San Antonio, \$1.15; A. H. Sutherland, \$1.06; Rev. J. G. Walker, \$8.20; Rev. L. Kingsbury, \$5.25; total, \$16.70.—H. S. TRILL.

(Communicated.) COMANCHE, April 10, 1878.—We had a soul-stirring revival last Saturday and Sunday on Indian Creek, at Brother Gravis' quarterly meeting on his first round; he has had good meetings all around the district. Just had a fine rain; wheat looks fine. We love the ADVOCATE, but the people are poor and money scarce.—M. O. COCKER.

(Communicated.) COMANCHE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Comanche staff, April 13, 14, 15. Hamilton circuit at Willow Springs, April 20, 21. Plum Creek mission, at Sardis, April 27, 28. Lampasas circuit, at Mountain Church, May 4, 5. Barnett circuit, at Barnett, May 11, 12. Rockvale circuit at Walnut Creek, May 18, 19. Llano mission, at Mountain Valley, May 25, 26. San Saba circuit, at Rock Shoals, June 1, 2. Mountain mission, at Rock Shoals, June 8, 9. Comanche circuit, at Ebenezer, June 15, 16. Brownwood circuit, at Gay Creek, June 22, 23. PETER W. GRAYSON, P. E.

(Communicated.) THE ANNUAL meeting of Trinity Church Guild, Galveston, was held Sunday evening, April 14, with the following result: J. P. Evans re-elected; President; J. F. Roeck (re-elected), Vice-President; Emil Neumann (re-elected), Secretary and Treasurer. The annual report of receipts and disbursements, for the year ending April 6, 1878, exhibits the following: Total receipts from all sources, \$1333 17. Disbursements—Printing, stationery, and postage, \$35 99; fuel (wood and coal) for beneficiaries, \$19 50; rent paid, for beneficiaries, \$165; groceries and provisions, for beneficiaries, \$24 25; transportation, for beneficiaries, \$14 75; sundry items, board, lodging, medical, clothing, etc., for beneficiaries, \$10; burial expenses of indigents, \$28; mission, rent, books, etc., \$57 55; disbursed as per pastor's report, \$233 12; disbursed as per Sisterhood's report, \$150 30; total disbursed, \$1225 47; balance cash on hand, \$107 70; grand total, \$1333 17.

(Communicated.) EMIL NEUMANN, Sec. and Treas. J. F. ROECK, Chm. of Finance Com.

Liberty Hill Circuit—Dr. John's Visit—Resolutions, etc.

Our second Quarterly Conference just over. Had a good meeting on Saturday, but the heavy rain prevented our gathering on the Sabbath. Brother Stanford, our Presiding Elder, was at his post in due time, looking after all the interests of the church. We were happily surprised to find Doctor John seated near the stand, when we entered the church on Saturday morning. The Doctor's visit to us has been delightful and profitable. Socially, he is so pleasant and entertaining. As a preacher, his sermons were clear, spiritual and instructive. As the friend and Editor of the ADVOCATE, we think he has no equal. He is all alive to the interests of the paper, to the publishers and readers of the ADVOCATE.

We all, as Methodists, want the paper, and many of our people are preparing to take it who have been indifferent heretofore. The Doctor's visit to our country will do a great good in increasing the circulation of the paper. We hope he will come to us again, soon. May heaven bless him personally, his family and his labors for the cause of God, generally.

The following resolutions will explain themselves:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the visit of the Rev. E. G. John, D. D., Editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, to our Quarterly Conference, and hereby pledge him a hearty co-operation in his work and labor of love.

WHEREAS, The Rev. T. M. Price, Local Elder of the Liberty Hill Circuit, Georgetown District, Northwest Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, has applied for a certificate, and made known to us his intention to move out of the bounds of this circuit; therefore,

Resolved, By this Quarterly Conference, that we regret to learn of his intention to move out of our midst, as he has long been a member of this Quarterly Conference, and has ever been a very zealous, efficient and faithful minister of the gospel.

Resolved, That we pray the great Head of the church to bless him and his family, and make them a blessing to the church wherever their lots may be cast.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Quarterly Conference, and a copy be sent to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication.

J. K. LANE, P. C. J. A. B. WHITTENBERG, L. D. LIBERTY HILL, WILLIAMSON CO., TEX., April 9.

More About the Pennington Church—The Original Agreement—An End of the Controversy.

I now present through the columns of the ADVOCATE to the public the original agreement or contract in the matter of building the Pennington Church. Now, the instrument does not mention, "State and county," but it mentions Mr. James Northworthy and Tyler Prairie (in Houston and Trinity counties), Texas. The names on the instrument will further identify it as the instrument upon the strength of which the money was raised to build the old church at Pennington; and the land in like manner was decided for the same purpose, and the house was built. Here is the instrument; read it for yourselves.

JUNE 24, 1859. We, the undersigned, propose to build a church to be situated between Mr. James Northworthy and the east end of Tyler Prairie—and said church to be open and free for all denominations to preach in, provided it does not conflict with the appointments of the regular organized denominations. And the amount subscribed for the aforesaid church to be paid on completion of said church, and the building of said church shall be left for the committee appointed to decide where and how said church should be built.

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Wm. M. Taylor..... 2.40
W. H. Edwards..... 1.25

THE STATE OF TEXAS, HOUSTON COUNTY, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the date, plan and specification of the subscription list to build a certain church on Tyler Prairie; also, a true and correct copy of the list of contributors to said church-house with the several amounts annexed after each of their names. To all of which I hereby certify by setting my hand officially at my office in the town of Lovelady, with seal of my office, this 10th day of April, 1878. C. M. MONDAY, J. P. Precinct No. 4. Houston county.

Now, what has the Baptist Herald to say to this? Is it just as that paper expected? Did this man Henderson merely want to get up a favor for his own benefit? Did this fellow Henderson merely raise this row for spite, and will he yet dare to take issue with Mr. Wilmer in the matter of the Pennington Church? Well, I am done with this matter, unless some unforeseen cause will again force me to take it up. I thank the ADVOCATE for its patience in this whole matter. There is, no doubt, but great good will come out of the publication of these facts—which were unknown to many. Let us hope the good will counterbalance the evils of this unpleasant controversy. J. F. HENDERSON.

(LOVELADY, April 16, 1878. From the Southern Christian Advocate.) Dr. Arthur Edwards' War Whoop.

Not one man in a thousand can get mad and talk sense; perhaps not one man in ten thousand can get mad and talk justly. We are persuaded that the editor of the Northwestern Advocate, in his issue of April 10, was too angry to be either wise or just. We would grieve to think him capable of some utterances in that issue in his sober moments. For he is gifted and, for the most part, good, as we believe.

The Richmond Christian Advocate made some sharp comments upon the broadsides fired into the Southern Publishing House Claim by a number of "official papers," "yonder"—to borrow one of Dr. Edwards' words. The Richmond's criticism stirs up the Northwestern into unwanted heat. We are not about to enter the lists to defend the brilliant Richmond editor—he can take care of himself. Dr. Edwards fires his shot at the whole Southern Church. In view of this we take leave to say that the Doctor has behaved in a very unseemly way. We don't imagine that he will thank us for our opinions; we are not writing for thanks. We fear we can do him very little good; his heart seems to be hardened against us "miserable sinners" of the South. We are very sorry the Doctor is in a such a state of mind, for he edits ably a great paper—a paper we always read.

The editor of the Richmond intimated that the charge that our Publishing House claim was "brazen, fraudulent" (with many other such epithets), was not very "fraternal." The Northwestern comes to the new attack as follows:

"This is not the first time it has been proposed that we pay roundly for fraternity. When Dr. Clark asked for Northern dollars to erect a Southern Church in Savannah, he cited fraternity; when Dr. Harrison came to Chicago for money to finish the Southern Church in Atlanta, he said he gave us a chance to show our fraternity." So, too, Dr. Mitchell, when he came for his Texan school; and so now, payment of that claim is a similar test. Indeed, we can have all the fraternity we are willing to pay for."

Such a putting of the case does very great injustice to the worthy ministers whose names Dr. Edwards has introduced into his diatribe. As to Dr. Clark's visit North, we know that many general persons did respond to his appeal, because they recognized the intrinsic merits of his cause, and because they wished to "show their fraternity." As to Dr. Harrison's visit to Chicago, Dr. Edwards forgets. It is one of the infelicities of passion, that it often impairs the memory. Soon after Dr. Harrison's visit to Chicago, the Northwestern contained an elegantly written editorial, explaining the fact that Dr. Harrison received nothing in Chicago by the statement that he did not ask for anything. The Northwestern stated the case with admirable tact and delicacy. Dr. H., according to this paper, did not ask for money, because he would not seem to be selling fraternity; and Chicago Methodism felt itself stepped from giving unasked, lest it be suspected of trying to buy fraternity!

Why, last year, Dr. Edwards explained the lack of gifts in connection with polite criticism of Dr. H., for not asking. His recent deliverance is, to say the least of it, not a polite criticism. We hope Dr. Edwards cannot perpetrate an uglier inuendo than that contained in the last sentence quoted above.

When the doctor returns to his attack upon the Publishing House claim, he is immense. Hear him: "The Southern Church, as a church (italics his), outlawed Union men, aided the Confederacy, and impeded the Union cause." We cannot do justice to such an astounding statement without seeming to be impolite. It is painful to write the word—the one word—that fitly characterizes it. We will not. But we will venture to say, there are other infelicities about anger besides the inability to speak rationally or justly. It is notorious that there is not a single fact of history to justify such a statement as the sentence quoted above contains. Dr. Edwards is not ignorant; we do not believe he is a bad man; but he is a mad man.

When an angry man begins to say ugly things he never knows where he will stop. If he is not a preacher, or a good Christian, he is apt to swear. A brilliant editor can do his swearing rhetorically. His vocabulary is not limited to the slang of the streets; he can swear under cover of a figure of speech. The Doctor invents a form for the occasion thus: "The nation does not owe that Book Concern a single cent, but if any compensation is to be made, we suggest that John Sherman give our fraternal friends an order on Dives!" (Exclamation point ours.)

We regret to see the growing disrespect of several of our Northern Methodist exchanges for the National Administration. Not long ago one of them met a sensational report that President Hayes contemplated resigning, by asking in an altogether contemptuous and disloyal way, "Who cares?"

And now the Northwestern insults the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury. It would be bad enough to make such suggestions to an individual, but when they are offered to a Republican member of a Republican President's Cabinet, it is unbearable. Does the Northwestern mean to intimate that the Secretary of the Treasury has a bank account in that region where Dives is? It is incredible that Mr. Sherman should take such risks with the people's money. Forty Herring's safes would not suffice to protect the precious greenbacks, gold, silver, nickel, and copper coins. Besides, an order on Dives would do us no manner of good. We have no dealings with "his set," and we could not, under any circumstances, present the check. We will let the Publishing House go down first. And if we were to present Mr. Sherman's order we could not collect it. In the first place, our excellent Government has no sub-treasury there. If it had, we should be turned off, for we are unknown at that counter, and could not be "identified." A "letter of introduction" from Dr. Edwards, even, would not answer.

The fact is, the Doctor is "making game" of us. Had he been "Col." Ingersoll and not Dr. Edwards, instead of this euphemism about John Sherman's giving us "an order on Dives," he would have said, "Let John Sherman tell them to go to ——" But we don't intend to go, Doctor.

But the Doctor is not happy after this warm reference. He is uneasy. He gives expression to his anxieties: "Our only fear is that the Senate will have demagogues enough to barely pass the bill. We hope Northern Legislatures will table every Senator who thus sacrifices the people's money to pay those without whose aid the rebellion would never have come. The Methodist secession of 1844 made the rebellion of 1860 possible." Now, Doctor, that is not very polite in an "official journal" after CAPE MAY.

The Doctor grows more desperate as he hears the conclusion of his editorial. He actually threatens to "bulldoze" the Southern General Conference. He says: "We will send down special marked copies of the Northwestern to the Southern General Conference, and if Richmond asks it—will go down, too, and make them a speech in proof that no Methodist 'fraternity' is worth having or living, unless it rests on other than a specie basis."

We implore the Doctor to reconsider this cruel purpose. Don't send us "special marked copies" to Atlanta. And don't "come down to make us a speech"—in the temper of your editorial. If you were to go to talking about "Dives" in such fashion as you write, you would shock our General Conference in a very painful manner. We are not used to hearing preachers take on so. And if you were to go on in such a fashion, some evangelical and courageous brother might get right up and tell you that you are "in the gall of bitterness," and advise you to "go up to be prayed for" the first opportunity. But if you will come when you get sweetened into a good "fraternal" humor again, we will be ever so glad to see you, and will promise not to ask you for a single dollar.

The Doctor winds up with a war-whoop that must strike terror into all Congressmen who meditate the justice of paying the Southern Church for the use of property that was not "contraband of war" and that was never "confiscated." He cries out: "Shame on the Congress that passes such a bill, and shame on the 'mushy Methodist' that favors it. That door once opened, our national debt will be doubled. Treason will never be made odious while the nation entertains the thought of paying enemies for their rebellion." Dear Dr. Edwards, excuse us for suggesting that we ask pay for the use of the Publishing House. As to "pay for our rebellion," you have your ideas slightly confused. It is we poor Southerners who have paid for it already. And you should not seek to induce the "Government" at Washington to treat us—"as a Church"—as enemies. Readers must not conclude that the editorial we have noticed is a fair representation of Dr. Edwards' normal mental or emotional condition. There must be—to borrow Huxley's conception—"some morbid viscus" that is responsible. It is our desire for real fraternity that has induced the present article. We want to insist that our readers and our brethren of the M. E. Church, South, must not do our brethren "yonder" the injustice of concluding that Dr. Edwards represents their fraternity. And of the Doctor himself we have great hopes. If he will only get into a good humor and come to see us, we will try to convince him of the error of his ways, and send him home laden with blessings—a wiser and a better man. Oxford, Georgia. H.

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Texas Items.

Austin Gazette: Never in the history of the oldest farmers of Texas has there been as fine a prospect for crops as now. The heavy winter rains and moderate spring showers have given extraordinary facilities for the planting and growth of crops.

Buffalo Advance: Corn in this county is worth from forty to fifty cents a bushel; pork only five cents per pound, and an abundance of both commodities. Lands and provisions are as cheap as can be expected; the people are clever and sociable. Corn and vegetables are up and ready to be worked over.

The sheep near Taylorsville are making ready for shearing. It is said there are more sheep within a circuit of ten miles of that place than in any other section of its size in the State.

Jefferson has just had its municipal election. The number of votes cast was 656. Ward Taylor, editor of the Jimplicite, was elected mayor.

Goliad Guard: This year has been an experimental year with many of our farmers in the sowing of small grain, and particularly so in the wheat culture, and at the present time the prospect could not be more flattering in the finest wheat growing country in the world than they have at present. The majority of farmers procure what is known as the Nicaragua wheat.

Denison Herald: Farmers are about through planting corn. Early planted corn is coming up nicely. Every variety of fruit is in full bloom and promises a fine crop. The acreage of cotton planted is not so large as last year. The acreage of corn planted is very large.

Paris North Texan: With the large acreage in corn and wheat that this country already has, no fears of starvation need be entertained. Our farmers will have plenty and to spare.

Advertiser: Fresh country bacon is being sold in Bastrop as low as from six to eight cents, hams from eight to ten cents, very near one-half what it commanded this time last year.

The East Texas Patron, in an interesting description of Houston county, states that one-tenth of the 678,000 acres of that county is under cultivation. The uplands, as well as bottom lands, are fertile. It produces wheat in high perfection. Apples are cultivated with much success. Grapes, native and cultivated, are a decided success. It is well imbered, both for building and fencing purposes.

Longview will need about a million of bricks this season for building purposes. Dr. Park, of Waco, has a peach tree covered with blossoms that exactly resemble a full blown rose, each leaf exquisitely formed, each bloom being as large as a silver dollar.

Mr. G. W. Willis, of Morris county, has planted seven acres of ribbon cane. If the season is favorable, he will make 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of syrup.

Seguin Times, March 23: The Haven colonists, located near our city, have fine crops of wheat, corn, oats, etc., growing. They will be eating new potatoes and vegetables of all kinds in a few days of their own raising. The farming in winter is new business to them, but they like it and appear contented.

The Corpus Christi Gazette is delighted with the aspect and prospect of spring in that region. The early rains have brought out the grass and put the ground in a fine condition for farming. The corn is two feet high; garden vegetables are superabundant; and the cultivators of the soil are more hopeful and confident of good crops than they have been for twenty-five years.

Goliad correspondence Victoria Advocate: Mr. Robert Tate, a farmer living on Mr. W. A. Pettus' farm, about twelve miles above here on the river, has about fifteen acres of wheat sown, which is beginning to head. Wheat appears to grow remarkably well in this section. I have noticed several small patches about town which were growing finely.

Waco Telephone: Mr. J. W. Mann, of East Waco, is the owner of a fine Durham cow, four years old, which has displayed commendable promptness in contributing her mite to the advancement of the cattle interests of this section. When only one year old this ambitious animal gave birth to a healthy, well-developed calf; each year later she repeated the experiment, and Sunday last she clapped the climax by giving birth to two healthy, well-formed calves, one male and one female, that are both doing well.

J. M. C. Jesse, a farmer living about twelve miles north of Montague town, brought us a small branch broken from one of his peach trees, containing twenty-five little peaches, twelve of which were double. Mr. Jesse says several of his trees bear this variety. He reports his wheat and oats still looking promising, though beginning to suffer for the want of rain.—Montague Northwest.

Goliad Guard: Elder Bush was in town this week; and in conversation with him, he informed us that his corn crop is now receiving its third plowing, and his wheat and oats are far advanced and promise a heavy yield. He is of the opinion that the idea of this not being a good farming country is a false one.

Waco Telephone: Bud Patterson brought the Telephone yesterday a bunch of wheat cut from one of his father's (Mr. James Patterson) plantation, about ten miles from Waco. The stalks are nearly four feet high, strong, thrifty, and the heads well developed. Mr. Patterson says that if this wheat sustains no drawback he will commence cutting it about the middle of May, which is unusually early.

Mr. H. K. Given, of Chicago, who is stopping in the city, came into the Tribune office the other day with a branch of mulberry tree in his hand on which the berries were almost ripe. He seemed to think this something wonderful for the first of April. He also spoke of gathering ripe strawberries last week. This is common enough with us, but doubtless is surprising to people from the North. Mr. Given is highly pleased with Orange, and we think will finally conclude to locate here. One thing is certain, the longer anyone remains in this city, the better he likes the place and the people.—Orange Tribune.

Brenham Banner: The County Treasurer of Washington county has resumed specie payment, and is now paying warrants in silver.

Castroville Era: Medina county is the peer of any county in Western Texas for the farmer. If any one doubts this let him come and examine the fine and full grains on stalks of rye and oats, presented us by Mr. Ben Cooley, and raised right here by Mr. Droicourt.

Fort Worth Democrat: The rapidity with which Tarrant county is settling up with good solid enterprising agriculturists astonishes the natives. The county will be able to start a national bank at every cross-roads in ten years.

It is estimated there are more than 9,600,000 acres of cotton lands in Texas. If all of it is ever in cultivation, the crop will be larger than that of the United States at the present time. We raise one-fifth of the whole now, and more than any other State in the Union.—Telegram.

Sherman Register: Frank Greenwald, boss buffalo scalper, is at the Southern Hotel. He registers from "Buffalo Range." He has killed this year 3200 buffaloes and put their hides on the market.

The prospects for an abundant crop of fruit was never better in Texas at this season of the year than at present.

Orange county is ahead of any place we have heard from yet. The people are enjoying that delicious delicacy, ripe plums, early in the season as it is.

From north to south, Texas measures 470 miles; from east to west, 825 miles. This State would make 210 States equal in size to that of Rhode Island.

Texas produces, to the amazement of strangers, as abundant crops of wheat, millet, rye and apples, as corn, cotton and sugar. Apples, peaches, figs and pomegranates are equally abundant when cared for and cultivated.

The crops around Hempstead are unusually forward. The farmers this year are making cotton only a secondary consideration. And, unless this proves an unexceptionally bad year, they expect to make enough and something to spare.

Up to the 27th ultimo, there was shipped, this season, from Waco, by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, 45,073 bales of cotton, and 2,142 bales more still on hand. The receipts reported per day still average 100 bales, and the prospects of 50,000 bales from the station for the season are good.

Gonzales Inquirer: Planting operations are progressing rapidly. The farmers have been enabled to put the soil in much finer condition than usual, and everything indicates that we will have a much better crop this year than ordinarily. All who have sown wheat feel sanguine of a large yield of that grain. We heard one gentleman, who has ten acres in wheat, express a regret that he had not sown forty acres instead.

Linden Star: Of all the Southern States, Texas is by far in the best financial condition of any, so far as State indebtedness is concerned. Her wealth is estimated at the following sum: \$242,850,850, and her debt at \$5,321,900; the percentage is 2.28. No other State makes such a favorable showing as this, and hence she offers the best inducements to immigrants.

Mr. L. Stanley, whose farm is situated three miles north of Weatherford, favored us with some splendid cabbage plants of the large Yorks, and which he planted December 15th, in open air. These plants are 6 inches high, and vigorous and healthy, which we shall put in our "acre farm." Mr. Stanley informs us that he has Irish potatoes already (March 16th) up and four inches high; also watermelon and cucumber plants growing nicely.—Weatherford Times.

A Beaumont gentleman on board the cars the other day intimated that we were rather on the "blow" when speaking of Orange. It has been a long time since the said gentleman was in this city, and if he should visit our town now and see it in its new dress, he would doubtless conclude that we have something to "blow" about. If he would take the trouble to notice he would observe that in nearly every instance where we speak of improvements, etc., we give the name of some citizen as authority; and as a citizen would not fancy being placed in an awkward light before the public, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that our statements are not strictly true. Our motto—and we try to carry it out—is to let no item of local news escape.—Orange Tribune.

The oppressive high tariff rates of the San Antonio Railway are forcing some of our business men to ship and receive goods by way of Austin. Mr. Louis Bergstrom this morning advertises for teams to convey 150,000 pounds of hides to Austin, whence they will be transferred to Northern markets by the International Railway. We understand that several of our merchants will hereafter have their merchandise shipped to Austin and transferred to this place by wagons. Money is saved in this way. The extortionate rates demanded by our railway company are proving a serious drawback to the commercial interests of this city.—San Antonio Express.

A telegram was received Friday morning by Mr. H. D. Mirick, Secretary Red River and Rio Grande Railroad Company, from R. S. Stevens, President of the road, instructing him to direct Mr. Mike Coffey, the contractor for the first twenty miles, to commence work at once. Mr. Coffey, who had anticipated this order, had already commenced work on Thursday afternoon, by having a large force of men cutting away bushes and trees on the right of way, and Friday morning they had commenced the grading. Now, however, he will largely increase his force—which numbered about fifty Friday—and will hurry up the work as fast as possible. The Red River and Rio Grande Railroad is now an established fact.—Denison News.