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THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM.

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THE CHILD JESUS. -AND AS-

Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

BY R. M. MOORE. See, the night watches wane. And the Day Star appears, And the long winter's reign

Has completed his years; And the nations are restless; they toss in their

And they dream of a promise; the promise re And they hear a refrain In the temple on high; To the LAMB that was slain,

And the spirit is nigh; And they scale a new Babel, and bow there in And they climb the bright ladder that Jacob

And a perfume is sweet From a censer unseen :

The ATONEMENT complete And no veil is between: For the princeliest Priest of the promise has

As the eyes for the blind, and the tongue for the

'Tis a dream, and is gone. And their spirits sink low : They had hoped in the dawn Their Redeemer to know:

And they sigh on in darkness, and pray for the When their SHILOR shall come in His kingly

There are voices abroad, Which the heart only hears:

There are visions of God, As the visions of Seers: And they long and they listen for a Speaker un-

But they long and they listen, for a veil's

But the air is astir, As if cloven by wing And the wings are awhir With a weird like ring: And the ages are breathless, they listen intent

As they walk in the twilight with silent lament. How they long for the light They had seen in their dreams.

In the long winter's night, For the glory that beams In the temple of Life, with a Priest from on

There revealing the spirit, unveiling the sky. And the blood in their veins,

Is a torrent of fire, In their hearts, in their brains And, with burning desire, They would tear down the veil in the temple of Into Egypt they see with the Bethlehem King.

And would soar up to God from their torturing

Now the world is in pain. And it whispers in sighs, And the tear stains remain.

and it shudders with dread, in its terrible fears, At its travail of darkness, its travail of tears. Lo! the world is aglow With a glory new born,

And its sorrowful eyes,

And the shadows, once low Are all tinted with morn ; For the promises made in a future sublime Are in travail for birth in the fulness of time.

For the promise to Eve, Thro' the centuries taught,

That her seed would relieve From the ruin she wrought. Like the olive is budding with tokens of spring. And the nations are waiting the wonderful KING. On the hills of the East

Lie the shepherds in dreams, And, in fancy, they feast By their murmuring streams, When a song fills the air, like the pæan of dawn, And the shepherds awake, and the darkness is

And the welkin's afire, And there's One like a king With an angelic choir. And they list as they sing ; It is dawn, it is dawn; let the nations all sing;

For the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a King." And the prophets of morn, In their wonder, ask where Is the King that is born

Of the Jews, to declare A new Kingdom of Peace? And the angels all That "the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a King."

See His Star in the West, With its rainbow of fire As it harbingers rest, And a life that is higher. It is dawn; it is dawn! How the angels all sing:

For the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a Kind." On the mountains they sing, Let us haste evermore Give us speed, give us wing,

Till we bow and adore, Till we echo the song, which the angels now For the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

But the Edomite King. In his palace, is wild At the tidings they bring

Of the Bethlehem CHILD; But he feigns to adore, as the Magians sing, From the Manger of Bethlehem cometh a KING

All the populace shouts With a frenzy of joy, While the Pharisee scouts At the Bethlehem Boy. But he feigns to adore, as the Magians sing, Prom the Manger of Bethlehem cometh a King.

And then Herod, in fear Bids the prophets explain All the prophecies clear, Of the coming King's reign: From Ephrata they say, while the Magians sing, From Ephrata or Bethlehem cometh the KING.

To Ephrata of old. Make ye haste, till ye see The Messias foretold. And then hasten to me would worship Him, too; still the Magians

From the Manger of Bethlehem cometh the

Now they hasten to seek. In Ephrata once more. The young mother so meek And her BABE to adore And they seek, and they find, and they worship and sing.

But the Star is on fire. As it heralds the King. While an angelic choir

While the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the

Touches notes that will ring Thro' the ages to come, as the angels all sing, That the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a King. Let the nations have peace,

And their good will abound: Let their garners increase, And their anthems resound ; Let them shout to the dawn, as the angels all

For the Manger of Bethlehem cradles a KING. How the mother's deep bliss Doubly sweetens their joy. As she presses a kiss

On her wonderful Boy : And then "glory to God in the highest," all As the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the KING

> From on high comes a voice, From the Evergreen shore, Let the angels rejoice,

And then "glory to God in the highest," all sing. As the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the KING With their frankincense sweet,

And their myrrh for a King, And the gifts that are meet For their mission they bring, And then " glory to God in the highest," all sing. As the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the King,

The redemption of man

Thro' the travail of Earth, By an Infinite plan, And a mystical birth, Is the song of the ages, which the nations now

As the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the KING An aureola bright Lights the scene with a blaze Of a heavenly light,

While they worship and praise; And the centuries shout, and the ages all sing As the Manger at Bethlehem cracles the KING. Let the mountains bow down And the ocean be still;

As they proffer a crown, And acknowledge His will; As the Manger of Bethlehem cradles the KING

Now the Maji return. Without tidings to him; For the tyrant would learn,

But to slaughter their KING. List, the songs of the mountains, they shout, and they sing;

But in Rama, the wail

Of her Rachels is loud, As each, frantic and pale, Is bewailing a shroud; Ay, for Herod is wild, but the echoes still ring,

Into Egypt they fice with the Bethlehem KING. He had spared not his own, In his merciless wrath; Wife and children are strewn

In his murderous path. He is blind in his rage, but sweet zephyrs now Into Egypt they flee with the Bethlehem King.

On the walls of his fate. A handwriting appears: In his blasphemous hate He is stricken in years; He is dead, he is dead; and the angels all sing, Out of Fgypt they come with the Bethlehem

Archelaus, the son, Would his father repeat : So Judea they shun For a safer retreat. And in Nazareth haste, while the angels still

sing.

Out of Galilee cometh a Savior and KING Like the flowers He grew, Shedding glory around; To His mission so true,

His Hosannahs resound, And the nations awake, and thus sorrowing

Out of Galilee cometh the Savior and KING. See the Carpenter's son,

As He toils for His bread Yet this wonderful One Will awaken the dead. Let the poor and the needy in sorrow all sing. Out of Galilee cometh the Savior and KING.

Oh! the wonderful Child, With a mission so high. And a spirit so mild, Born to suffer, to die! As a Lamb for the slaughter, the prophets now

From the wine-press of Bozrah there cometh a KING. An obedient Son. He can never forget That His work must be done.

Tho' His time is not yet. But His mission begins as the echoes still ring, Out of Galilee cometh a Savior and King, In an angry debate,

The Chief Rabbins demand To know which is the great, The absorbing command; But they can not agree, then the augels all sing, Unto Zion now cometh the Savior and KING,

But a child at, their feet, Then inspires them with aws With an answer complete, That, to love, is the law,

Both to God and to man, and the Rabbins all Let Mount Zion behold her Savior and KING,

All these sayings are hid In the mother's deep heart But their wonders forbid

That she ever impart. To the world her estate, but the angels all That the Virgin's dear Son is Redeemer and

In the wilderness vast, There's a trumpet-like sound Lo! the darkness is past. The Messias is found; He is treading the earth; let the nations all sing-And hosannahs proclaim Him Redeemer and

By the Jordan He stands; The forcrunner proclaims, But obeys His command,

While his words are as flames. Lo, the voice, and the dove, and the angels all 'Tis the Son, 'tis the Son, the Redeemer and

KING. On a mountain, the world In review, is aglow With its banner unfurled; But He conquers His foe

The Deceiver is hushed, and the angels all sing. The Messias has come as a conquering KING. In the temple are seen, Those who barter for gain ;

But he scourges it clean Of that horrible stain: As He scourges them hence, lo! the angels all

Let the ages adore Him. Redeemer and KING There's a funeral train : And a sigh in the air

For the widow of Nain Is in deepest despair; But He speaks, and her son is alive, and all sin

There's a storm in the sky, And a storm on the sea, But " fear not, it is I, Calms the wild Galilee; And its waves are asleep, as the angels stil

That the earth and the sea know their Maste On the Gadarene shore. Here the devils exclaim:

Get Thee hence," we implore: For we know Thee by name, Nor torment us before, that the angels all sing.

The five thousand with bread, While the remnant exceeds Far the loaves that were fed. these thousands adore and they joyfull

In the desert, He feeds

Let the hungry behold their Redeemer as

To the mountain He hies With His favorite three. And unfolds to their eyes Of His glories to be. With Elias and Moses the happy three sing.

See the glorified Son, our Redeemer and KING Now, His sorrow is deep. As he stands by the grave

Of a loved one asleep, Whom He came there to save. But dead Lazarus lives, and the people all sing. Let us bow and adore our Redeemer and KING.

There's a fig tree that's green To His hungering eyes; But no fruit can be seen And he speaks and it dies!

What a lesson to man! and the angels still sin That all nature must own Him Creator an KING.

See Judea's alive. A tumultuous throng And her prophets revive To re-echo the song, With hosannahs and branches of palm to they bring

Him to Zion, their Ruler, Redeemer and Ki For the city He weeps, As He sees her distress Her proud temple in heaps,

With no prophet to bless, He is weeping alone, but the angels all sing, Let Jerusalem own her Redeemer and KING.

It is night; He's alone; The hosal nahs are hushed In the garden, a groan; But He sinks; He is crushed With the sins of the world, while the angel

still sing. From the wine-press of Bozrah there cometh a KING. In the darkness they come.

With a kiss to betray: As a Lamb, He is dumb At their pompous array. And they mock and they smite, but the angels still sing.

From the wine-press of Bozrah there cometh a Lo! the Judge of the world, By his creature arraigned!

While its venom is hurled At His mercy disdained, He is mocked with a crown, but the angels all

That the scoffers must bow to the crucified Kine How they clamor for blood, With a vindictive hate,

As did they of the flood At their impending fate, And the creature condemns, while the angels

That the scoffers must bow to the crucified KING He consents to the crime, And then washes his hands! But the waters of time

Will all fail his demands; The incarnadine stain to the creature will cling When the crucified comes as a conquering KING.

And the rabble is fierce, As He hangs on the tree; And the soldiery pierce Him in wantoning glee; He in agony cries, as the angels all sing, From the cross He will come as a conquering KING.

And the temple is rent, And the veil is withdrawn; For to us He was sent To reusher the dawn

Of the Day-spring of Life, and the archangels And, in cestacy, hail Him Redeemer and KING.

And the Earth, with a groan Now is reeling in space, At his heart rending moan. His "Eloi, Eloi," the archangels sing, And in eestacy, hail Him Redeemer and KING

And the graves yield their dead The grim Monster retires At Immanuel's tread. The Earth groans to its center, the archangels

The Redeemer expires

Let the universe welcome the conquering KING He is lying in state,

In the tomb of the just. While His angels await, To awaken their trust: And Eternity shouts, and the archangels sing. Let the universe welcome the conquering KING.

Now the gates are ajar, In the city above, As His angels unbar Them by whispering love. Hell and death overcome, and the archangels

As He comes from the tomb as the conquering KING SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

So flows the "Tide of Time." No ebb. Onward forever, bearing temple of God? us all, with a steadily accelerating movement, to the sea that hath no God will destroy; for the temple point, we designate that power as shores. Thus, Time is always be- of God is holy, which temple ye coming Eternity. From that shore- are." less sea no returning currents bring us tidings of "being," or of the conditions in which it exists. We can not stop and stand still to conand what we are to be. So much, assuredly, we know, as was said in That our leader is chained by the Nazarene the terse language of John C. Cal-

> Our work in this world is known life in this world. and estimated in the next. The To this class, apart from His

"Identities never cease; Intelligences never

interests of Eternity. mean to write a homily, to indite rine. reflex from another life-people gladly. who know the certainty of the ter- Perhaps we had these especially

certainty of a future.

Spiritual." Have we given to the dary line of 'natural," which is the "earthly," fellows?

are not in that category. The AD- Roman Empire. VOCATE has decidedly its secular But, just where Reason ends and side. It is our business to be a Faith begins, this great class of our sentinel, within our limitations, fellow-men comes to a halt. Scoutover the physical, material and ing infidelity in any gross or bold moral well-being of men, as over sense, they fear superstition. Al-

'good seed of the kingdom," even are at this point as doubting as if sown, will take root in a human Thomas. For this large class we body that is polluted by destroying feel at this season of "re-newing" vices, or in a mind corrupted by a profound, an affectionate solicivicious imaginations. Such seed tude, They compose the great will, probably, share the fate of company of the unenlisted, from that which was sown among stones, whom Christianity must recruit. or by the way side, or it will be For a time the ADVOCATE meets choked by the tares.

lence which beat the money-chang- their power to reason, and their ers out of the Temple may have own realization of that reason has been intended as a lesson, not only limitations, we cannot help asking to the people of that time, but to them, from the very logic of their people of all time, to teach them position, have they not to admit that the "House of God," whether that there must be beyond the animate or inanimate, whether domain of thought, of demonstrabuilded or created, shall not be a tion of brain and human organism, "den of thieves," or an abode of some power to take the helm at the impurities. Paul says:

Know ye not that ye are the the shoreless sea of

the gospel commends it even to an assent not reached by any doubters. There is a large class of purely mental process. To it we thinking and questioning people, turn; on it we lean for the voyage template upon the resistless stream; who are not religious in our sense that hath no end. We do so, betherefore, let us seriously ponder, of the word, who yet sit reverently cause we do not, cannot, believe on the passage, where, and when, at the feet of the Divine Master, that the Creator, when one set of and listen with throbbing hearts forces are for us exhausted or useand renewing life to His clear, less, will leave us adrift anypractical and authoritative expo- where in mists and darkness. sitions of human duty, in whatever | We invite our "thinking" and appertains directly to our daily "reasoning" friends to the example

results of that work must cling to Divine character, Jesus of Nazareth furnished to us by the season now us, in some form or another, until is greater than all the Gamaliels of otherwise divinely ordered. It is theology, or of philosophy. From folly to deny that, in the beyond, Confucius to Plato, from Plato to the high responsibilities of Time Emerson, no intellect, however Of course everything that we are merged in the imperishable great, however purified, almost have here said to an especial class On this subject we do not here to these as does the humble Naza- own

a sermen, or to suggest disputa- The common people heard Him and knowledge men appear to be tion. We are speaking as to think- gladly; and while this large class held to an accountability by the ing and sensible people-people to which we refer is not exactly divine as well as by human govwho, whether religious or not in that of the "common people" of ernment. Professing more than our sense of the word, yet recognize that day, or in the sense of the those to whom we have referred, obligations that belong essentially text, yet they are like unto them the season in which we are is doubly to this life, whatever may be their in the fact that they hear Him impressive to the Christian.

mination of our earthly existence, in mind while writing this article. and the possibility and the proba- To them the New Year must be We held our first quarterly conbility, if not to them, the equal singularly suggestive. They are county, on Saturday and Sunday, thinkers rather than believers; embracing the first Sabbath in The departure of the Old Year, they are reasoners. They ask for December, 1878. On our arrival the incoming of the New Year, is a truth some sort of mathematical at Breekenridge, we discovered time to invite thinking people or other demonstration. They there had been several good houses especially to profitable retrospect. look for causes. They contemplate place. The town and county are What have we done the last twelve mutations as material rather than worthy their names. We found the months, even in a material or spiritual. They come up with good Rev. W. M. Goode, preacher in moral point of view, to improve our morals, clear intellects and honest charge, at his post; well received, own conditions or those of the world? Have we caused two "seen" is lost in the "unseen." and doing a good work, talking for the ADVOCATE. You may look for a good report from Breckenridge blades of grass to grow where one There they reach the limit of the this year .- J. G. WARREN. grew before? Have we rendered domain of intellectual investigais bound and governed by organ- 9.—I am in charge of a very imfairly unto Casar the things that tion. They discover that thought First the Natural; then the ism. They are then at the bouncounty is a beautiful country, rich,

FAITH. the material, the temperance, prob- New Year after New Year they would do well to come to this ity and industry which is its due? have made the same journey to the country. The Clear Fork of the Have we thus, by obedience to the same end. Good people, they are laws of mortal life, increased the seeking the truth. They are a clever and sociable. We hope to fitness of our bodies to be the majority in the civilization. They have a good time. Pray for us. temple of the soul-the immortal out-number those of us, who are Bro. Warren, the presiding elder, is life? All powers that we possess professing Christians, by vast mul- with us, preaching with power and of body and mind are a loan for titudes. They are in concord with HARRISON. "increase" by proper use. Have us a long way on our Christian we folded these in a napkin and path. They accept the Savior as a laid them away in safety and ease, prophet. They bonor him as a all of our itinerants, especially of beyond the range of the activities martyr. They love him for the the Texas Conference: You rewhich would give to the capital so blessed humanity which permeated member the confusion about the which would give to the capital so blessed humanity which permeated advanced to us a large "interest," all His life and His teaching. They last year. This can be easily remnot only for ourselves but for our accept the Christian ethics. They edied: At the next conference, let believe also, as fully as we do, that each preacher write on the envel-We dwell upon this matter be- He lived, and ministered, and died ope containing his conference cause it is a common mistake into in Judea. They say frankly that money, and all other envelopes havwhich even good people fall: that there is as much evidence of all of a religious newspaper has to deal that as there is that the Emperor ficit. —. Give his circuit and only, or almost exclusively, with Tiberius, under whom Jesus was name.-F. L. ALLEN.

distinctively religious subjects. We crucified, lived and reigned in the

though prone, and in some degree It may be safely doubted, if the pre-ordained to discipleship, they them on their own ground. Ad-The rather uncharacteristic vio- mitting their integrity of purpose, junction of the Tide of Time with

"If any man defile the temple, On our ground, from our stand-

which is defined as the assent of The wonderful common sense of the understanding to any truth;

TIDE OF TIME

Put off the old, put on the new.

Ring out the false, ring in the true sanctified by shining virtues, speaks applies with tenfold force to our BELIEVERS.

In the ratio of their profession

LET US IMPROVE IT.

Albany, Texas, December 9 .ference at Breckenridge, Stephens erected since our last visit to that

FORT GRIFFIN, TEXAS, December healthy and well watered. Persons wishing homes in Northwest Texas Brazos is a beautiful stream, valleys rich, grass good, cattle fat, people

LAGRANGE, TEXAS, Dec. 12.—To

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For the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE THE SHEPHERDS VISION.

BY JULIA PHIFER TRUITT.

The silence of the night, with dreams of dawn Rests far and near on fair Judea's plains; O'er all the land such breathless s.illness reigns, Or does it feel the presence, near and strong Scarce can the watchful shepherds catch the

Of some faint breeze, that ever and anon, Along the dreaming valleys falls and floats, And of the cedars sings, on mighty Lebanon. The wandering breeze! It comes with such

faint breath. As scarce would stir the Temple's holy vail: Such fluttering breath, as, when the cheek

grows pale. Might faintly move the pallid lips of death. Why do the shepherds listen when 'tis gone, And strive to catch the far-off song it sings? Surely the music of its waving wings,

Is only of the trees on mighty Lebanon. Lo, how their hearts stand still! Some far-off

Too far for earth to hear, too high and holy, High as the burning stars, and pure and clear Drifts down across the starry spaces slowly, Too far, too pure, for sinful earth to hear! What it may be they know not-if a song From some fair world to mortal man unknown, Some realm of blissful song, whose notes have

From that horizon dim, and touched our ow Or if a sound of harp-notes from the far Grand realms of day where God and Heaven

Or if the clash of wings along the spaces Where all the glorious throngs of Heaven fly The shepherds can not know, but to the sky They raise with silent awe their longing faces. It seems a song of Heaven-not such as sang

The cherubim above that first fair garden, Not such as mournfully and faintly rang Around the gate where stood the stately warden, From whose great sword such fiery splendors

Not such as followed, too, with tearful taces, Lost exiles fleeing to the desert places. such song has sweeter and more glorious seem

Than man e'er dreamed of in divinest dreaming Lo. through the sound a light is slowly falling-A light that grows until the stars are dim, While falls, far-off and faint, the mystic hymn That ever through the radiance is calling, And they who watch that radiance expanding Until it fills the darkness of the skies, With awe and wonder raise their longing eyes, And there, behold. God's mighty angel standing. Such radiance from Heaven still clings to him, That all their wistful hearts are heavenward

The wakened lands rejoice, but now with

shadows dim Such joy of Heaven still fills his glorious eyes, That to their own some sudden tears arise: Swift tears for earth's long agony and waiting. And for the peace and rest of Heaven's creating. Such music from the heavenly courts has rung Through all the listening years since Time was

His harp-strings quiver still, with echoing joy

When all the heavens open, and there rings The harmony of Day, with the new light it

List to the song, oh earth, from Heaven calling! List to the song, ye nations, earthward fall-

Rejoice! That unto you a Son is born.

A Child is given ! And all the East is flushed with radiant morn. Rejoice that God hath left His throne in Heaven. Rejoice, ye mourners, for a lost creation ;

For Christ the Lamb hath come-a glorious con Rejoice! Be glad, ye nations, for the wondrous Child Low in the manger laid! Bow low before that infant, discrowned head Bring all your gifts, ye sick and sin defiled ;

Bring all the glory of your future years; Bring contrite hearts and penitential tears. Be glad, ye grand angelic throng.

For that the Son hath stood, the Lamb appointed. For that the Lord hath sent His own anointed Peace to the nations! Shout the wondrous

story! Glory to God! Yea, to the Highest, glory!

As though a vail were suddenly withdrawn, The light grows brighter with a mystic dawn, And lo, the shepherds, dumb with wonder,

Their wistful eyes to where the light is drifting. see all the spaces filled with white wings flash-

In music sweeter than the world e'er knew; While in one mighty chorus still they sing The heavenly song that praised the Lamb appointed.

And God that earthward sent His own anointed And all Judea's hills and valleys ring With long reverberations of the story Still echoing, "Glory to the Highest, glory

Far lifted into space the vision fades, Yet still the shepherds catch the light flashing

From myriad angel-wings, and through the There fall faint echoes of the cymbals clashing. And fainter songs of glory high and clear. What heavenly song the angel-throng are sing-

They can not know. Too fine for mortal ear, The song is lifted from the hands out-reaching And praying lips and wistful eyes beseeching. Yet still some high, clear notes come downward

drifting. As falls a lark's song from the dim blue spaces-

Some words the shepherds know, their spirits to the parlor. lifting Toward the singers in their dwelling-places. One angel-voice sings clear above the throng.

Of that grand hope to man in Eden given. And one sends down to earth and up to Heaven. A song of Shiloh come, a grand and lofty song. One calls Him Counselor and Prince of Peace, And sings of man redeemed, once sin defiled, And of the Sacrifice for man's release; And one keeps singing, "Oh, the Child, the Child."

Far lifted into space, the vision fades, And o'er the kneeling shepherds' awe struck

The radiance darkens fast, and fall the shade That nightly reign along the dewy glades. And fill the brightness of the starry spaces. Far in the East, the grey of early dawn Steals up the sky, where stars are fading slowly;

A fitful, wandering breeze comes, breathin lowly-

A breeze that scarce could stir the Temple vail Or move the silent lips when death comes still

Oh, shepherds, can ye hear the song it sings? Has it a sound of harp-chords musical, And mystic silvery notes that float and fall, Or thrilling rush of flashing angel-wings? Of that grand host but now to Heaven gone-Or echoes it alone the murmuring song, Caught from the cedar-trees of stately Lebanon

Nay, not of Lebanon's old cedar-trees-No song of earth is on the wandering breeze. But down the vales and o'er the mountains wild, The shepherds, journeying down to Bethlehem, Hear all the music that it sings to them, And all its song is, "Oh, the Child, the Child!

Lo, ye who journey down to Bethlehem, Hear yet the song the angels sung to them. Bow low before that infant, discrowned head, Low in the manger laid, With offerings of all your future years,

With contrite hearts and penitential tears. [For the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE NETTIE'S CHRISTMAS.

BY MARY HUNT M'CALEB.

Nettie Moulton sat before the fire

her you would go and sit up; they bed; she is not here." until morning."

slippers; you know they must be feelings as she went. sent to the shoemaker's to-morrow

morning." At that moment Ella Courtney, her tenderly on her breast. Nettie's cousin, came into the room, and Nettie appealed to her to do the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her mother that Cousin Ella one standard on the errand of mercy in her stead. cross as can be, and I just do hope the errand of mercy in her stead.

am going to the dining at Col. my little girl if she is naughty."

ter," said Mrs. Moulton, quietly; mother; "now cuddle down by "your brother will not mind waiting for his new slippers, I am sure." "I don't see how He can love

Lo, there has dawned for thee a time of hoping, terday by going to read to old Mrs. . Harris.

fingers while Mrs. Moulton drew him over to her cousin Ella. the reading table near the fire and This evening he tried to walk off the flush of triumph mount into tal and fadeless radiance only to be which, like the excitement caused her basket.

the evening.

"Why, the way you make Nettie arms and stood her on her feet, and hear the melody of harp strings clashing go out, and ruin her health, and asking if she was hurt. "No sir," his thoughts wandered to a girlish the precious jewel with an everlasting blue, ing hold, riveted to our souls by in the gymnasium others succumb give up all her pleasure for a lot she answered, looking up, and he sick child, her joy would have been the hand of God himself.

of low-born beggars."

rate, I shall not do so.' She rose and went down stairs her street and number. smiled, but said nothing.

wealthy. Making her home in her to go out to-night, I hope!" uncle's family, she had ample "Yes, and at once too. There is a

the piano, and, after playing a few Come, come, I am in earnest, Tom. snatches of melody, she left the Let's be off. instrument, and, throwing herself "Do let a fellow get into his over- ble as she returned home the The bright sun of God's mercy a little attention to method would in a large easy chair before the coat," laughed the other, and they next morning, and ask her for for us has not been dimmed by render And from the distant bill-tops, far withdrawn, grate, she murmured softly to her- went out together.

self: "I would be a simpleton to In a small house, close to the of which had become essential to Our little ones have been left smil-

her spring up, glance hastily in the Jennie came gently in, fearing to Christian charity had won his their households, and the patter of long mirror, then drop gracefully disturb the baby. "Where is the heart, and what bright visions he childish feet has died away in the again into her seat, as Mr. Louis doctor?" asked the mother. he has been seated a few moments answered the child in a whisper, radiance of her smile upon it. fortless from the fresh mounds he asked for Miss Moulton.

such pleasant company, to spend- springing up to open the door.

when he learned that Nettie was and tenderly in spite of her youth. down to his office. out for the evening.

in her little room, warming her all her powers of fascination dainty feet and tossing about in for his entertainment, and she was upon him. in her little room, warming her all her powers of lasemation dainty feet, and tossing about in for his entertainment, and she was dainty feet, and tossing about in really vexed when he bade her "Miss Nettie," he said in surprise, not long, however, before the truth away, the grass will spring over "To-morrow will be Christmaseve," she said to herself, "and papa's slippers are all nicely finished.

She went up-stairs dissatisfied and cross, and rudely pa's slippers are all nicely finished.

She went up-stairs dissatisfied and cross, and rudely pushed aside Nettie's little sister, in the fresh graves and time will she she had gone to dawn upon her, and she almost wished she had gone to dawn upon her, and she almost wished she had gone to soothe, if not entirely heal, the nurse "that beggar brat" instead of Nettie. If I only had Charley's done, now, who stood shivering at the head of the stairs, asking why sister Nettie

tle sick child to-night and I told ly, "nor do I care. Go back to effect of the remedies applied, and herself.

"O, mamma! why not let Ella go, ran down the hall to her mother's shook her head as she thanked him, stairs as she was going to show her I am just trying to finish Charley's door, sobbing out her wounded saying, "she would be needed durgift to her mother. "He said he

"Go and sit up with that dying she will never get married." child to-night!" exclaimed Ella, "Hush, my baby," replied her

what is the song. oh shepherds, that he sings? Earth, that was long amid the shadows groping.

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"Nettie Moulton will make

"Not 'lost,' my child," said her When Louis Cleveland left Ella said Cleveland, warmly. mother, "surely a day spent in Courtney that evening he was in charitable work for a poor, old, no pleasant frame of mind. He blind woman, can not be called a loss."

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| Man example of mind of mind of mind of mind of mind example of m "You are right, mamma," re- and strange interest. She was so given me such a hope, nor, indeed, bright light with its rosy, dimpled it be "put upon," as the unselfish plied Nettie, blushing under her mother's rebuking glance, "and I will be ready in five minutes to go to the sick baby."

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notice in the slightest degree. She was frank, bright and affable to hours away in Colonel Belton's willingly into the shadow when we sight of a clever boy who is being After she had gone, Ella sat in him always, but never for an in- spacious parlors. Ella Courtney have reached our maturer years. trained for competition is truly a

little girl who was hurrying past of accompanying her.

"They are God's own poor, my child," was the reply, "and I think you are mistaken about Nettie's health. She can endure far more tor," said the child. "I went to the content of the conte than you can, and never suffers Dr. Thornton, but he said he would and his whole nature bowed in

"Well, I have no taste for those sobbed bitterly. "Give me your prize she so coveted.

niece of Mr. Moulton, and had a pretty little income of her own, though she was by no means rising and offering his hand. "Not

her nature her easy-tempered uncle me to see it. I expect they are her.'

give up the dinner and dance for street, an anxious group gathered his happiness. While Ella was ing and rosy in our arms while so that beggar brat. Why, Louis about a sick child. The mother sleeping off the fatiguing effects of many mothers in other cities sit Cleveland will be my escort to-seemed paralyzed with grief and sat the dance, Louis walked slowly with tearful eyes and grief-sticken morrow, and he is the greatest by the window looking for the re- homeward with Nettie in the early hearts beside desolated firesides catch in the place. Nettie may do turn of her little girl, whom she had Christmas sunlight, and told the whence the cold, still forms of as she likes, I shall look out for sent out in the winter night, in old, old tale that is ever new. Nettie their children have been borne myself." The sound of the door-bell made The door opened softly and little he told her how her sweet and childhood is no longer heard in

Cleveland was announced. After "Dr. Thornton would not come," she would only bend the rare bands have turned away com-"O, Nettie has gone off on a run home and say he would bring she had promised him the Christ-paritable errand as usual," she a doctor himself, and he gave me mas gift he asked. charitable errand as usual," she a doctor himself, and he gave me mas gift he asked.

Ella laughed and talked, using he entered and encountered the creased when, at the Christmas seemed for a season to have faded

fear the little thing will not live She closed the door of her own before leaving to ask if Nettie would gave you that doll, Effie?" asked love and those who love us. room and the tearful little pleader allow him to see her home, but she Ella, stopping the child on the eelings as she went.

Mrs. Moulton, hearing her cries, tending to stay."

Ing the night, and had come in- was going to be my brother Louis, tending to stay."

Dr. Blakely and then he would give me lots of to be overworked as the heart. took her in her arms and hushed promised to call again in the morn- pretty things. Arn't you glad?" When every other part of the body

the direction of his office.

man. I tell you, Blakely, there is fully in public, if she wore them dinner. A telegram arrives, and Page's to-morrow, and the dance at Mrs. Belton's to-morrow night. I can't wear myself out."

Then you must go, my daugh"Yes, dear," answered her "Yes, dear," answered her "Then you must go, my daugh"Then you must go, my daugh"Yes, dear," answered her "Yes, dear," answered her "Then you must go, my daugh"Then you must go, my daugh"Yes, dear," answered her "Yes, dear," answered her "Then you must go, my daugh"Yes, dear," answered her this one."

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"Certainly not," replied the other, wife. and I am surprised to find even

man she marries very happy if she

" And you hope to be that happy

the easy chair she had left, and stant seeming to appropriate his shone the bright, particular star Yet how very few in seeking the sad one. The precocious, coached-played with the rings on her visits to herself, tacitly turning of that galaxy of loveliness. Ra-brighter side of life's pathway, turn up children are never well. Their opened some little rolls of work in his disappointment, and as he her temples as she entered the found in the love of Jesus Christ by strong drink, in older children, passed along the brilliantly lighted room on the arm of Louis Cleve- crucified. Let us become as that looks like health, but has no re-"You are a strange woman, streets he scarcely noticed the land. She felt joyously happy that little child with the sunbeam: hum-lation to it; in a word, the intemanty," she said, as she watched crowd that swept by. In his abthe lady sorting out her work for straction he almost overturned a and had thanked her for the honor need be, to seek after the holy light ing and breaking their young

saw that her eyes were full of tears. less complete. Louis was very

a child's pleasure."

means to dress herself handsomely, and, being somewhat self-willed in street, and I want you to come with clined, I can scarcely understand while Death held his relentless necessary difficulties. Regular men-

resolved to waylay Nettie if possi- the land. a Christmas gift, the possession any cloud of death and the grave. Journal,

replied laughing. "She has some this, mamma!" and she dropped a Louis called again before noon, side the cold, still forms of those very curious ideas. Now, I infinitely prefer this warm parlor and "There they are now!" she cried, Nettie's father. They were a long with manly tenderness. Death has time alone in the library, and Ella waved his sceptre abroad and the ing the night in a wretched hovel, Two gentlemen came in together wondered what it was all about, green earth opened her breast, in nursing a cross child, with chickenpox or some other horrid disease."
He smiled politely, but his face apparently insensible, in the arms daughter, as he left her with Louis ness has been parylized, trade alwore a look of disappointment of a young girl who held it bravely near the parlor door before going most strangled by the cruel grasp

Louis Cleveland lifted his eyes as Her surprise and curiosity in- bright hues of hope and prosperity

Dr. Blakely examined the little Charlie's slippers were finished pathy the sorrow-stricken mournthe stairs, asking why sister Nettie patient, pronounced it to be in a in time with Mrs. Moulton's help, ers in other cities, let us not forget "Nettie," said her mother, opening the door, "old Mrs. Martin has come for some one to go to her litcome for some one to go to her lit-

then rose to go. Louis bent down "What did he whisper when he in happiness and peace those we ing, and once more the two friends Ella made no reply, and Effic told sleeps, it keeps on its perpetual her mother that Cousin Ella wasn't motion. Every increased effort or

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with one of those terrible headaches that rack your brain so fear-fully. I think God will take care of her as long as she is working for Him."

Dr. Inoriton, but he said he would and mis whole hattle bowd in reverence to the noble girl whom he had met in the house of poverty and sorrow. The task that Ella had sorrow. The task that Ella had shunned, fearing to lose his favor, was winning for Nettie the very form of induced heart disvise heads and over what number of the world in general seems which the world in general seems within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! How many and varied have been the scenes through which we all have passed, and over what number of within the past twelve months! "Well, I have no taste for those solbed bitterly. "Give me your self-sacrificing labors, I must confess, and I do not think God requires young girls to give up all pleasure in life to waste their young."

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| Doctor | Doct Mrs. Moulton "Come, Tom, old fellow, you are nothing."

Mettie to stay with him, she gave up the party, and is sitting up there again to-night."

Moulton was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan who was an old college chum of was the orphan was miled, but said nothing.

Ella Courtney was the orphan who was an old college chum of his as he walked into his office.

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Was dead," he said to Dr. Blakely, again to-night."

over new-made graves and breaking hearts. The pulse of gratitude the rusults." But, indeed, it is not his office. must have a warm heart in her beats strongly in the breast of our by overwork so much as by worry little body, to sacrifice so much for Island City when we reflect that it and anxiety that our hearts are "I don't know," replied Ella; midst of so many who were trem- exercise is healthy, unless it be seldom interfered with her plans. very poor and you will have a Louis did not make any reply, South, Galveston lay calmly tran- troducing into it some variety.' To-night she seated herself at chance to do an act of charity, and they reached home in silence, quil on the bosom of the sea, un- Business and professional men when he bid her good-night. He touched by the withering blight of wear out their hearts by acquiring

had dreamed of his own future, if eternal stillness of death. Hus-"but a kind gentleman told me to They reached home at last, and of earth that covered loved and of the hand of pestilence, and the to spare our homes, and preserve

Hearts Overworked.

No organ in the body is so liable

"You know Miss Moulton, then," glad one bit about the doll, and action demands from the heart more force. A man runs to catch Before the next Christmas Nettie a train, and his heart beats audibly. child to-night!" exclaimed Ella, "Hush, my baby," replied her why I would not do it for this room full of gold! I should have the nightmare for a week. Beside the next Christmas Nettle was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the loveliest characters I have ever the nightmare for a week. Beside the nightmare for a week. Beside the next Christmas Nettle was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the loveliest characters I have ever the nightmare for a week. Beside the next Christmas Nettle was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned the lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned that way of any one. It is until the loveliest characters I have ever met. A truly refined Christian wonther was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned that way of any one. It is until the loveliest characters I have ever met. A truly refined Christian wonther was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned that way of any one. It is until the lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned that way of any one. It is until the lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, while Ella still adorned that way of any one. It is until the lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. She is one of the lovel, was happily wedded to the man her father's house. The lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. The lovel was happily wedded to the man her father's house. Effie to grow up before he takes a ing or emptiness as it is called. The healthy action of all the mem-bers of our frame depends upon the supply of blood received from "Nettie Moulton will make the CATCHING THE SUNSHINE. the central fountain. When the heart's action is arrested, the stom-A little child, scarcely able to ach, which requires from it a large creep, made its way across the car- supply of blood, becomes enfeebled pet, to where a bright flake of gol- The brain, also waiting for the blood, diant in youth and beauty, she felt with all their hearts to that immor- mental excitement keeps up a flush, of faith and truth, and, unlike every hearts. If in the school-room "How am I strange, my dear?" him. He caught the child in his Had she known how many times earthly effulgence, we may clasp some hearts are broken from mento physical strain. "It is no object of mine," says Dr. Richardson, "to ponderous wheel of time has made which the world in general seems berless hearts the shadows of death | ease of which I am now speaking, has pleased God to spare us in the disorganized. "Laborious mental carnival in nearly every city in the tal labor is best carried on by inhabits of express-train haste, which

unnecessary.—Chamber's

indeed meager. This is attributed by our church to a modification of the control in money matters at this time; and also to a disposition on the part of individuals to hold fast are sent. Some of us lay members all they get. Cotton is our only erop in this section of country that we can dispose of for money, and it is so low now that money is searce indeed. A great many individuals (and members of the church, too) consider the preacher to send to that circle in of secondary importance. After they have disposed of their of the church, too) consider the preacher to send to that a members to take a drive for recreation, as she never needs any; never think of offering your conveyance to visit you, or any one else. Such and comfort to the poor, the humble, and ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and she ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and she ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and she ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and she ought to be kept at home working for the children. Should she, in the practice of an old bonnet, and she ought to be kept at home working for the church, too) consider the practice of an old offering your conveyance to visit you, or any one else. Such and comfort to the poor, the humble and the "Tis the trial or the hardship that are sent. Some of us lay members a very heavy burden upon you to visit you, or any one else. Such and comfort to the poor, the humble of offering your conveyance to visit you, or any one else. Such and comfort to the poor, the humble, and out the trial can the trial can the visit you, or any one else. Such and comfort to the poor, the humble, and out the trial can the clurch. Should make the rest would and she ought to be kept at home working for the church. The Bible is full to the church was a very he claim of secondary importance. After they have disposed of their crops and supplied all their imaginary necessities, then, if they have anything left, they are willing to give something to the preacher; otherwise they are not. This state of things ought not so to be. The membership ought to be more thoroughly educated in the importance of supporting the ministers alive. It seems to your humble writer that a membership ought to be more thoroughly educated in the importance of supporting the ministers alive. It seems to your humble writer that a membership ought to be more thoroughly educated in the importance of supporting the ministers alive. It seems to your far he will have a place, and by remaining in the dead, and hunt up the children and provide means to keep in option of the provide means to keep in option of the provided the provided means to keep in option of the provided the provided means to keep in option of the provided means to keep in opt portance of supporting the ministry. Then it would be an easy matter for a steward to approach a brother and ask him for money for the preacher. At the present crisis, he is afraid of having his feelings harrowed by a rough, blunt refusal. Hence the arduous task for stewards to present the preacher's claims. God speed the time when this state of affairs will undergo a radical change; when every member of the church of Christ will deem it a heaven-bought privilege to help support the gospel—E. J.

Newton.

Wettern and by remaining in the dead, and hunt up the children and provide means to keep in operation all the dead, and hunt up the children and provide means to keep in operation all the affairs of the church, and if need be, without the aid of the members, as they have to work all the week and are quite tired on Sunday. And then you should all their shade them in, the members after the call the affairs of the church of Christ will deem it a heaven-bought privilege to help support the gospel—E. J.

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SEGUIN, TEXAS, Dec. 7.- I notice a communication, written from Seguin, in the ADVOCATE of Nov. 30. Being a citizen of Seguin, I note its progression will apply to the Methodist Church in general, and to the one at our city in particular. We one at our city in particular. We regulations of our faith before we their union Sunday-school. cle." Now, with some denomination, the group composing this of Graham is clearly some denomination of Graham is clearly some denominati "circle," have each a voice in se- near four hundred. The members ence. lecting the Moses whose arms they are willing to hold up. But when the "circle" becomes Methodist, we

sermon of our little boy on Sat- and then find that one of their own to pencilings. urday, and on Sunday that of Bro. midst has a ring in the nose of Lentz. Bro. Wages was in feeble one of these officials, and that they health himself; was present, how- are so stupid as to be led by him, was reported by the preacher successful corruption to which we pastor.

a good country, and a very rapidly visiting, as the people will be too Should your son or daughter growing tree, thereby send its roots growing town. I have entered up- busy most of the time to receive marry, do not invite your pastor to deeper and firmer into the earth. on my second year at Graham, and him; neither does it matter about perform the ceremony, for he is So the rough discipline of child-

contents with some degree of inter-est. The writer's thought is good; ference (Nov. 14) I have visited syllabub about them; they will be tance lends enchantment, you know. hood. The struggles and conflicts all the better for that. Tell him Your preacher will appreciate such to overcome the hard conditions Graham, in which was to be found exactly how he shall preach, and courtesy, and has no need of the of poverty expand the intellect and church, Houston, December 30, at 7 P. M.
B. D. DASHIEL, P. E. to the point; language cutting, forcible, well edged, practical, applicable. The piece is prompted experience of the point; language cutting, forcible, well edged, practical, and how long, and how he shall preach, and how long, and how he shall act, and furnish a moral discipline necestary to form strong and useful extravagant salary. How pleasant sary to form strong and useful from a sense of duty. This gives an additional force. The writer's longing to any church. Everybody

serned. To illustrate the point in ganized in the academy and has things, it would be very unpopular assent or silence. When an unmost unfriendly and rugged condiquestion let us make a few words been in successful operation ever for him to touch upon these topics, favorable rumor is started by the tions. from the writer the subject of com- since. Now, there are two good especially as some of the old mem- world, or any designing person, to There are persons who have Galveston..... ment: "If in every pastoral charge church buildings in town. The bers encourage them. Say to him injure his usefulness, do not tell drunk so deeply of the spirit of Jethe entire membership were to form a circle around their minister, church, 24x48, on Elm street, a very large liquor dealer, and a nice bor and whisper it all around under wrongs inflicted. One of the leshold up his hands by encouraging desirable location. Here the union family who are spiritualists, and a the semblance of profound secrecy; sons taught in His sermon on the words, and pledge him their sym- Sunday-school is still carried on. wealthy infidel who attends your maybe he will hear of it when Mount, is that of submitting to pathy, prayer and hearty co-opera- The Methodists have a nice and church, and sometimes gives you a every one else has, or when the wrongs for His sake, showing that Every one must see the substantial brick church on the lift in raising money; and he must minds of the community have it is better to suffer than to resist. power with which such an action corner of 3d and Cherry streets, a be careful not to preach about libeen poisoned against him. Be The wisdom of this lesson is seen the community have it is better to suffer than to resist.

The old Established and Reliable would clothe the ministration of thigh, dry and beautiful ground. the word of God. But to the "cir-Here'the Methodist Sunday-school, delity, but he may preach against to him that may arise from any cessful way of conquering, as those

concede the power of sending the Aid Society regularly organized, ing others, get angry towards him you sleep on; that you do not ex- a like sentiment when he said, preacher as resting with the bishop with President, Secretary, Treas- and declare you will not give a pect to be any better; and that "Lord, lay not this sin to their Agent for Keep's Celebrated Shirts, and presiding elders. When this urer, etc., and conduct their dollar towards his support; and, you joined the church before he charge." If one can patiently subis agreed to, harmony will exist; affairs on business principles. Inthe church will array itself in a deed they have made a grand sucsuch a course. Should he intimate opposition to the efforts for a revival, person or in reputation, he gains a solid phalanx; its movements will cess of everything they have under- that your course is not altogether for fear you may be converted, or great victory over self, and sails Good heavy Knit Undershirts, 55 cents. Best

How to Treat Your Pastor.

It is somewhat surprising that him to call again.

They have already furnished a guardians of the church, string in our beloved Advocate from this vicinity, so I thought I would try and write you, to lety out, to A. Bridges, was unable to attend on account of severe illness. It was indeed a sad disappointment. When a congregation of brethren put their trust in the religious dishemast of the was to have preached the funeral development. He was to have preached the funeral cretion of these superintendents, round, and then we will refer you pastoral visit, treat him as you LIFE'S DISCIPLINE. would a stranger making a fash-

Saturday. At 3 o'clock P. M. conference convened; Bro. Wages in the chair. We had a very quiet, nice, and peaceable session. The spiritual condition of the church spiritual con to be good; but sorry to say have ever been subjected. This On his first appearance meet tend all the meetings, and act on front. Many who have been through life, and catch his courage that you the financial condition was other- method of requesting has ever been him with indifference, and assure all committees, and be a general the deep waters testify that they may realize his triumphant joy as wise. The financial reports were practiced by our church to a mod- him he was not the one you ex- servant for all the church. If you have found blessings there. This he contemplates his departure from

in the work assigned him. Should amplar was a prayer for his ene-

preacher. And then she must at the noble are ever coming to the Paul's unselfish though suffering

would simply state that we have matters but little about pastoral take any pleasure in such things. ter." The winds that shake the Houston et, at Washington street, Dec 28, 29 I must say that I rejoice to be here. his sermons, so they be very short home folks; but send off and invite hood and youth often prepares the Since my return from con- and frothy, and have a little of the a minister from a distance-'tis dis- way for the sterner realities of manidea as to the elements of religious seems to be in good spirits, and the sleepers in Zion, as they are quite pastor may propose to collect we would flee away, are often the

At our last annual conference one at our city in particular. We feel the necessity of a unity of action—the vital ingredient to progression in anything—especially do we feel its indispensability to spiritual progression. However, I appointment eight miles distant on the progression in the progression in the progression. However, I appointment eight miles distant on the progression. However, I appointment eight miles distant on the progression. However, I appointment eight miles distant on the progression in the progressi itual progression. However, I appointment eight miles distant on they desire during divine service, prehend the brother, or sister, (as the Brazos, constituted a work. for all the young people control There is one thing you must not fail in the development of human nathe case may be) did not touch the Then there was not a church-house their parents, and to cross the to do, as it may make your pastor ture for a higher life, here and hereroot of the matter. In spiritual in Graham. All denominations young self-importants would be to more useful to you and the com- after? May it not be an honor He discipline it is required that we adhere, rigidly, to the rules and worship and the place for holding then, too, some who are members should he be severely criticised by capable of coping with such diffiregulations of our faith before we can expect a unity of action from those not more immediately continued in the content of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, one of the children are very fond of the childr

come. But when in the serenity For the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. of old age we consider what workers of good these burdens have been, disciplining our minds, strengthenionable call, and avoid, as much "The poor ye have always with ing our hearts, and purifying our as possible, conversation on religious topics; this may encourage sacrilege to ask why? O no, the struments in this life, and fitter for ever, but not able to preach. Bro. her or it, can strict morality de-G. W. Langley preached for us on mand their support in any sense? the heavenly home, we would not, so much appreciation of Should your preacher have a plified to be effective. And where if we could, change God's way of the heavenly home, we would not, should your preacher have a plified to be effective. And where if we could, change God's way of the heavenly home, we would not, should your preacher have a plified to be effective. Saturday. At 3 o'clock P. M. con- Would it not be asking them to preachers—men sent of God to wife, consider her a fifth wheel to do we find the most unselfish, hedealing with us or erase one cloud

Matagorda, at Caney chapel, Jan 11, 12 Velasco, at Island chapel, January 18, 19 St Johns, Galveston, Jan 25, 26 St James, Galveston, Jan 25, 26 St James, Garveston, Jan 25, 26 Cedar Bayou, Feb 1, 2 Cedar Creek mission, at Cedar Bayou, Feb 1, 2 Richmond, February 8, 9 Eagle Lake, at Quinan, Feb 15, 16 San Felipe, at Asbury chapel, Feb 22, 23 The district stewards will meet in Shearn

Independence and Burton, at Burton, Jan 5, 6 Brenham station, January 12, 13 Travis circuit, January 19, 20 Chappell Hill station, January 26, 27 Hempstead, February 2, 3 Bryan et and Welbourn mis, Feb 9, 10

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The old Established and Reliable Photographers of Texas, Are still at their old stand, 174 Tremont Street. of the church are very fond of any one, but especially by persons culties? Truly, if we overcome, friends and patrons. All kinds of pictures exe-

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be focal, agressive, powerful. However, suppose in the "circle" there is a brother, or sister, of local infinishing and furnishing of our finishing and furnis

SUNDRIES.

Artificial teeth are made from paper in Berlin.

ants of foreign birth.

The religious press of England are discussing the question, "Ought clergymen to wear moustaches?"

del's skull for scientific purposes, but the Berlin judges declined to accede to his request.

estine before the end of the sum- their libraries.

aire druggist, Powell, of Philadel- was baptized by a Moravian mis- struments of labor, handy brushes, phia or preparing for entrance to phia, is buried is constantly watch- sionary. Now there are 22,130 ed by guards employed by the connected with the mission. widow to prevent any desecration of the remains.

Forty conspicous socialist leaders man parliament.

Recent arrests at Rome have led to the discovery of important papers, detailing the ramifications of the international society, and an alleged fear for the murder of all the kings of Europe.

to buy up all the liquor-saloons prayers. within its boundaries at a cost of about £1,000,000, close up some of correspond with each other anthem, and run the rest under carefully-digested regulations.

Suit for \$400,000 damages has ment.

The Chicago Public Library, with its 60,000 volumes, has a larger circulation than any other in the Italy, with twenty-four scholars, arate times were they defrauded of present Methodism. Of the 233 country with one exception. It has a large collection of German, Rev. G. David Turin, of the Wal-French, Dutch, Norse, Swedish and Bohemian books.

The Bavarian authorities have asked the opinions of the Israelites, Catholic and Protestant congregations and the Board of Health on the subject of permissive cremation under the following contingences:

After battles, during epidemics, The Bavarian authorities have for the conveyance of remains to distant parts, where the soil is unsuitable for burial purposes.

According to the report of the chief of German police service, it would appear that attempts upon the lives of the Emperor of Germany, the King of Italy and the King of Spain, as well as the successful and unsuccessful attempts at assassination of police officials in Russia, are the work of an organization which has its ramifications extending practically all over the world. Even some political murders in South America are said to be traced to the same source. The men employed to commit murders are not at all aware that they are tools of a powerful organization which employs them, but when, as in Russia, women are made the assassins, they are intrusted with more accurate knowledge.

prelates died last week, Bishop the Middle and Western States, was the first Bishop of Irish birth raised to the Cardinalate since the Dublin.

shams and tricks and capers, and the plainest theologians are fairly introduced remains intact outside the building that credit to Congregationalism." Anglo-Saxon, but with an intensity into the sound doctrine of Christ on the west .- Good Words. of purpose and with a burning zeal for the salvation of sinners, such as must result in great gain for the churches. His work in Pittsburgh has been thorough, wise, and eminently practical. He is or Church, in England. This makes or Church, in England. This makes or Church in England in Society, arrived in passing bell was still retained in fore within the memory of man; toils.

MISSIONARY.

Mrs. Ingalls writes from Thongzai that there are now 350 churches in Burmah, and nine-tenths of Tennessee will repudiate her the work is done by native preach- an inch and a half in length, given

been translated into Hebrew by and my own eyes saw it-an ex-Minnesota has 270,000 inhabit- Prof. Delitsch, of Leipsic, for the ample of pluck and perseverance benefit of the Jews of Germany, Russia and Poland.

Several natives of Fiji and Samoa have been recently sent by the Methodists as missionaries and Professor Virchow asked for Hoe- teachers to three islands in the South Pacific.

The Synod of Otago, New Zea-Lieut. Kitchener, of the English land, reports in January of this year 90 Sabbath schools under its Exploring Expedition, hopes to care, having 605 teachers, 6,578 finish the survey of Northern Palscholars, and 10,911 volumes in

The grave in which the million- convert in Surinam, Dutch Guiana, ornamented? These were his in- Divinity School at West Philadel-

deputies of the people in the Ger- of great help in his future work in with his strong legs upward, push-

Rev. J. B. Vinton, of Burmah, (now hind legs so high that he fairly Birmingham, Eng., has decided charges on the answers to our now ceased pushing; came out and

The Baptist churches in China in China, three in California and clasped around and his pincers The English Wesleyan Methodists been brought against Gen. Sherri- Oregon, and one each in Demerara dan by a gentleman of Louisiana, and Siam, making in all twentyplantation by Sherridan when he was in command of that depart- was 187, 15 died, 38 were excluded, who was dispossessed of a sugar five churches, with 1,502 commuand 2 restored.

> densian Church, who gives Bible him to his quarters. blessed more and more.'

beginning of modern missions the there is a sure supply of food. Bible has been translated into 212 languages, spoken by 850,000,000 human beings, and distributed at until the missionaries created it.

ence in Plainfield, N. J., 250 dele-

crucified."

church eight.

The Grave Diggers.

BY MARY ESTHER MILLER.

Two black, red-spotted beetles, the task to bury a snake, twenty-A new testament has recently one inches long. Well they did it, to higher creatures than they. First they dug out the soil, enough to admit the huge bulk; but they did not calculate perfectly, for the thick head still showed. Over this they strewed soil enough to hide It was in this state when I first saw it. To try their powers, I drew the snake out in a straight line, his head lopping over a tuft of grass. There was at first no sign of life. Perhaps the toilers were in despair. gan Dix, receives a like sum as rec-I waited. Presently up popped a tor. black head, ornamented with red There are at present four colored A century ago the first negro antennae. But why should I say students either in the Episcopal place. He grasped the body near ward to missionary labor in Africa. Rev. S. J. Smith, of Bangkok, the tail with a strong pull. It was ing against the mass above, he in this country). "The trouble is, stood on his head, the knobby exwe are not willing to pay express tremity was hoisted visibly. He he reached his hole. His mate here nually. According to the letters joined him, pulling at the tail end, which will not be completed for while he, further out, with his legs some years. helping, tugged at his work. I formed in 1872 a denominational watched the industrious creatures insurance company with a capital for a half hour. The tail was then of \$125,000. Nearly two-thirds of

quired of us, unaided by anything The secretary of the English outside ourselves. The object of

Bethabara.

The tradition which fixes the the rate of nearly twelve every site now generally shown as that minute. It will not be long before of our Lord's baptism can be traced the Bible will be published in back to the fourth century, but and congregational expenses. every language on earth. All this like nearly all other ecclesiastical has been done by missionaries. traditions connected with Pales-Thirty-nine of the languages re- tine, it is not known at an earlier ferred to never had a written form date, nor are there any indications adelphia, \$3 11. Presbytery of of the reason which led to its beof the reason which led to its being chosen by the fourth-century Christians, for the name Bethabara is not found in the neighborhood.

New York, \$12 per communicant; Baltimore, \$10 77, Cincinnati, \$4-82; Philadelphia, \$4 56. The Seventh-Day Baptists re- Christians, for the name Bethabara cently held their annual Confer- is not found in the neighborhood. The site is shown at the main Jorgates having been in attendance. dan ford, east of Jericho, and the Reports were presented from the place is not improbably that at Southeastern, the Eastern, the Cen- which the children of Israel crossed tral, the Western and the North- the river, when first entering the western Associations, which em- promised land under Joshua. The Two eminent Roman Catholic brace churches in New England, scene annually presented, when the desk in the chapet. the Greek and Latin pilgrims come Rosencrans of Ohio, and Cardinal and in Virginia. Besides these down from Jerusalem to dip in Cullen, of Dublin, When Pius IX there were reports from the Sunday lordan, has often been described. The river is about 20 to 30 yards was Rector of the Irish College in and the Missionary Societies. The wide at the bend where the ford is Rome. He was the only one of Sunday-school Society reported an found; on the west there is an the Rectors of the College who was active and successful year. There open shingly beach, on the east a allowed to remain in the city. In had been an increase in the num-a critical moment he placed the ber of churches, and there was a north of the ford, on the right an age which has seen the conver-Propaganda and the Roman Col- larger aggregate membership than bank, is a clump of very ancient sion of the Sandwich Islands, lege under the protection of the ever before. Ten new shools were tamarisks of usual size, and little Madagascar, of the South Sea, of American flag. In June, 1866, he was created Cardinal. In the Council of the Vatican, Cardinal Cullen was conspicuous as an advocate of Papal infallibility. He was the first Picker of Light beight. The new shools were the protection of the South Sea, of the South Sea, of the Teloogoos, and the Karens, of the Teloogoos, and the Karens, of the Teloogoos, and the Whole number 84, with 7,018 grims' feet through the underwood between the trunks. This spot, of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope wished to externate the Karens, of the Teloogoos, and the Karens, of the Teloogoos, and the Karens, of the Teloogoos, and the Karens, of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the doors of the Pope's temporal power, and the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the designs on it depicted the bugs, which has seen the designs on it depicted the bugs. The property of the Karens, The M. E. Conference in Ger- Beth Hoglah), is the only place for an age which encourages despair Reformation, and the first Cardinal many and Switzerland reports thir- many miles where the brink of the of the ultimate victory of Chrisamong the countless priests edu- teen special collections, besides river can be reached. Above and tianity over the world. cated in the College of the Propa-ganda. His efforts in behalf of Evangelical Germany, together in a jungle of tamarisk and willow, educational schemes were unceaseing; to him is owing the foundation of the Catholic Heigen for foreign religions and the control of the Catholic Heigen for foreign religions and the control of the Catholic Heigen for foreign religions and the catholic Heigen foreign religions and t tion of the Catholic University of pounds for foreign missions, and a the pilgrim's bathing place is an gregational church alone has colmuch larger sum on the "inner old crusading monastery in ruins, ored children in its Sabbath school of men, as it did in the reign of men to teach them. A catechist The Pittsburgh Recorder says of the Pittsburgh Recorder says o Mr. Whittle's labors in that city: are they laboring in vain at home, called St John on Jordan, and even but one church in the Capital of passing bell for poore people, un-"The services of Mr. Whittle and if we can accept, even with con- as early as 530 A. D. a monastery the United States over the portals less for an honest householder, for instruction. So it is. The his coadjutor in our city have been very successful. He is a true evanwork is growing, and the great beautiful inscription: "Freedom to dren, maydes, journeymen, apneed is of faithful, pious men to go gelist. He works in perfect harmony with the pastors. He brings no eccentricities; he despises all the German universities." Dr. grims. To this monastery Justinall the German universities." Dr. grims. To this monastery Justin- gational: and wherever I go I give the subject, thinks the bell was

ton, N. J., for a time.

Religious Intelligence.

Church Extension Society has assisted 2,354 churches.

Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, Paul's has set many pens going about 65, died suddenly at the St. campanology and the history of Charles Hotel, New Orleans, rebells. Of late years many new cently.

Chicago, Mrs. Jennie Fowler Will- the country, notably at Worcester ing, pastor, reports twenty-five con- and Bradford, where all day long versions within the last few weeks, and revival efforts continue there. General John A. Dix receives a salary of \$10,000 as comptroller of Trinity church corporation, New York, and his son, Rev. Dr. Mor-

which he carried in that convenient to it. All of these are looking for-

who has returned to his mission, ineffectual. He came out a little raised for the Protestant newspaper

The final revision of the New Testament by the American and English revisers will be finished in the Old Testament, the revision of

branches of Methodism.

a general oversight of its spiritual Old Pear Tree" says that this beetle Second Presbyterian church, burn till the middle of next day,

Baptist Missionary Society, in a the Necrophori is to have a place for completing the translation of ing in England, when on their way recent speech, said that since the of deposit for their eggs where the Bible into the Russian verna- to Scotland, should make a point Dundee, Scotland, had a fondness by the Czar and the Church.

.The Average Gifts of the Presbyterian Church to all benevolent causes, outside of pastors' salaries amount to \$2 14 per member. The Synod of New York gives per member \$6 68; Baltimore, \$4 30; Phil-

The committee to erect memorial tablets in honor of deceased Princeton Theological Seminary Professors, has agreed upon the number, the style and the location. There will be three, to be erected in the recess behind the desk in the chapel. bear the name of three Alexanders -one will have the name of Dr. Miller and his son-in-law, Dr. John Breckinridge, and the other that of Dr. Hodge.

The Watchman says: "It is a

not believe in insurance of any ceased, on which account it was a missionary meeting that the The Misses Woolston, ladies who kind. At their late meeting in sometimes called the soul bell. Church had done more during the Rev. Nicholas R. Toke has been have made such a good record in Cooperstown, Pa., they reaffirmed John Timbs gravely states that last nine years for the cause of recently consecrated to the Bishop- the China service of the Woman's their position against insurance "when Sir Walter Scott was writing Christian missions at home and dained to this mission where he the number of bishops in that make their headquarters at Tren- rule. The penalty for taking out many of the villages in Scotland." and this he took to be a proof of an insurance policy is expulsion. Poor Timbs, he gathered together real life at the heart.

BELLS.

Since its organization the M. E. How They Have Figured in History. Museum, but he knew little or Right Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, The new peal of bells. at St. sets of chimes have been hung in Emmanuel Methodist Church, old and modern towers all over they hammer out, in staccato monotony, hymns and ballad tunes

least town in the Netherlands is choicest young men in one of our universities offered to go as missionaries to the heathen," says by a cotemporary "reminiscencer," night when, as the monks were densian Church, who gives Bible him to his quarters.

branches of Methodism.

by lightning. All night the flames branches of the raged, and the fire did not cease to Emperor Alexander has issued a manifesto thanking the Holy Synod the cathedral." Americans travelist honestly thinks. and war. The ceremony of blessing the new bells of St. Paul's has did nothing else for several hours. called forth some semi-religious protests. English Christians have been asked if we have returned to the habits of paganism, since the Bishop of London has held a ser-Bishop has felt called upon to reuse might be blessed to the well-being of mankind. In the Romish Church they used to baptize their der, and was greatly influenced by know whether the practice obtains now. In 1816 the great bell of Notro Daws and the great bell of which a monograph on the "Christian Doctrine of Sin," a sixth edition of Notre Dame was christened Duke which appeared during the present of Angouleme. At little Danarow, in the fair English county of Angell, the person who absconded Michael and St. John, as long ago as man Palace Car company, was idenby their Christian names. There of descriptive circulars and photowas a silver bell sold at the famous graphs. The circular was transla-Strawberry Hill sale, with Walpole's treasures. It belonged to Pope Clement VII, and was known defaulter, was distributed by thouboring Ain Hajilah—the ancient the herald of the cross, should be minate. One of the most melancholy wherever located. incidents of the daily life of old English towns and villages is "the passing bell," which in old days the American Board this encourag-

nothing of the English provinces except from books. "The Passing Bell" is not a carefully cherished institution in the country, but in and a native of Virginia, aged and many tongues wagging about many old towns the curfew bell is rung as regularly as in the days when its summons was a sad reality. At Durham it is religiously rung at 9 o'clock, and it is called 'Bow Bell." At Chesterfield, in Derbyshire, it peals out every night as vigorously as it ever did. It is also rung at Lincoln and at inumerable. St. Paul's is now to York. It would make a curious have its chimes, and some of the book if some one would collect toadjacent residents don't seem to day the existing customs and care for this addition to the other practices of England. Few people noises of the city. Critics, anti- in London know that t e pagan quarians and others have discov- habit of homage to the fountain ered that we are sill behind all or spring still obtains in this Europe in this matter of bells, although we possessed bells as early as any other nation. Turkutel, Abbot of England, cast bells here possessed by where the author of Adam Bodo was been at this country. Only this very year I was invited to be present at one of these festivals, observed at a village close by where the author of Adam Bodo was been at this country. nearly 1,000 years ago. Yet the Bede was born. They are called least town in the Netherlands is "Well Dressings." Flora is liter-A capital of \$26,000 has been said to have a larger belfry, a finer ally invoked to decorate the haunt peal, and better ringers than any of the goddess of spring. When I has made three sets of matrices, way, looked around, deliberated, soon to be established in France. city in England. Durham and was a boy in that same Old World of Berlin have been ordered to and had three handsome fonts of then, getting under the snake, jerk-Publication will be delayed until Lincoln have fine peals of bells. I county of Derbyshire, the common leave the city. Two of them are Siamese type cast, which will be ed himself over on his back and the secured capitai shall reach \$40,when I used to write the leaders as in the Roman Catholic days. A memorial statue of the late of a weekly newspaper to the tune They had contracted it into "By "Lately twenty-seven of the worked himself along the entire Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod is to be of the Bath chimes in "the leddy!" The Saxons used to eat fermetty, a porridge made of corn. Lincolnshire was the scene of their last stand against the Normans. I hammered out every hour, varied have lived in Lincolnshire; the by "Auld Lang Syne," and "God most popular dish in out-of-the-way agricultural districts is still fer-I think I would rather write to the metty. There is a piece of Wales way of the body of the snake till published soon after, in advance of strains of "Nancy Lee," which come which was once colonized by the the Lord Mayor's carriage threads as like their ancestors as if the its way through the London crowd. Flemings had only recently disap-It was my lot to live for some time | peared; and the Danes may almost under the shadow of Durham still be said to have representatives Cathedral. "On the eve of the on the northern coast of England. It is a strange old land, this little Island of Britain. I could take the choristers, in their fluttering you to ancient corners of it where robes, used to mount the old the habits and customs and man-Cathedral tower and chant from ners of the people are as old-fashand a half they had accomplished Of the 1,833 Sunday Schools in its heights a solemn Te Deum. For ioned as their churches, whose Miss Ronzone, at last accounts, their task, and the body of the had re-opened her school in Milan, snake filled the hole. Five sephalf of the whole department, re-kept green the memory of that mariner when Columbus went out to discover America.

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PERSONAL.

George Henry Lewes, the eminent writer, and husband of George

The late Rev. George Gilfillan, of cular, after twenty years of labor. of stopping en route at Durham. This is the first translation approved It is one of the most picturesque lock, and probably did more work. cities in the world, and its history of that kind than any other minisis full of the romance of monkery ter of his time; he used to set apart

> Dr. Julius Muller, Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology in the University of Halle, died in that city, after a short illness, on vice to "bless the bells." The September 27, in the 78th year of his age. He was a younger brother ply in the Times, and he points out of the great archeologist and histothat the meaning of the ceremony rian, Karl Otfried Muller. He was of prayer is that the bells in their originally designed for the legal bells and anoint them. I don't him. His most important work is

> Essex, the bells were baptized St. with so much money from the Pull-1510, and they are still spoken of tified and caught through the use

Mr. James E. Tracy writes to It is stated that out of one hun- was taking wing, but which now sion, India: "In several villages begins its mournful music imme- new congregations are offering diately after death. The bell rings themselves for instruction. They for nearly all classes and conditions come faster, indeed, than I can get "that clerks ring no more than the village four miles from Essaly

The Bishops of the Irish Church originally rung to drive away any do not consider that disestablishdemon that might seek to take ment has injured that body. The The Evangelical Mennonites do possession of the soul of the de- Bishop of Ossory recently said at

Cexas Christian Advocate

TEXAS ITEMS.

Local option was defeated in Clay county.

The Texas Legislature assembles January 14.

two hundred pupils.

Twenty-three thousand dollars

Out of the number of Texas editors who ran for office at the and he a cross-roads justice of the

season as high as 40,000 bales.

balance of the year will swell the open schools, and to disseminate emies of God, they bring the law

beast chained in public, thus caused the mutilation of a child. A citizens, however, to render futile that your beloved children read the mutilation of a child. A citizens, however, to render futile the efforts of the impious people boy six years old, and before it by making it an inviolable law to by making it was rescued it was wretchedly man- keep themselves and their children these men, for they are excom- Wheelock ct, 2d Sab in Feb

Mr. W. P. Sides made one acreand a half of land yield six hundred which abounded in sanctity, and circulated in Leon, a city of 120,milford cir. at Salem, Dec 28, 29
milford cir. at Salem, Dec 28, 29
milford cir. at Rice, Jan 4, 5
milford cir. at fore it was cold, for 50 cents per gallon. Joshua Halman has about Catholic schools in which their Juarez, an old and a bold soldier 400 gallons of choice syrup for sale children could receive instruction of the cross, who is also a promi-

wheat in different portions of the county is up and looking finely. about to be opened, in sufficient and saving the souls of these peo-The prospect is good for a fair crop. numbers to meet every educational ple. Several cases in the courts against want. They were aware that the Mexico, Nov. 15, 1878. parties for attempting to release a enemy of the Catholic faith, takperson under arrest. New residences are going up in many parts of the city. There is not a vacant residence in Corsicana at this time. During this week we have met several persons who have searched the eral persons who have searched the enemy of the Cathonic latth, taking advantage of the poverty which at present afflicted the people, were employing every artifice, and scattering gold in profusion, in order to fill their schools and conventions of the Cathonic latth, taking advantage of the poverty which at present afflicted the people, were employing every artifice, and scattering gold in profusion, in order to fill their schools and conventions. of the city. There is not a vacant residence in Corsicana at this time. During this week we have met several persons who have searched the city for a dwelling and failed to find a house for rent. New houses are going up in all parts of the city, yet the immigration is increasing too fast for present rental accommodations."

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—Third Round. Atlanta ct. fifth Sunday in December soda Lake ct, first Sunday in January Queen City ct, second Sunday in January Texarkana mission, third Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in March Coffeeville ct, second Sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, first sunday in February Mount Pleasant ct, first Sunday in January Jefferson station, fi

000. Maj. Nance himself has some er to make short work with all who 10,000 bushels of wheat stored in it, and various other parties have also large quantities, yet there is room for more. The mill is run on The mill is run on the first things to disappear. Abundant proof can be given that the first things to disappear. Abundant proof can be given that the first sunday in December at 2 o'clock P. M. O. A. Fisher, P. E. room for more. The mill is run on what is called the new process, by which the yield is increased and which the yield is increased and the flour made livelier, stronger the flour made livelier, stronger the flour made livelier, stronger the flour made livelier is the stronger that the proof can be given the proof can be given that the proof can be given that the proof can be given that the p Republic of Mexico, that we are and whiter."

Our Schools in Mexico.

strongly opposed by these in our mission work, and that a special warfare is carried on against our schools as one of the most efficient means of spreading Protestantism and scriptural holiness throughout the land. The following is an extract from "A PIOUS ADDRESS that a tract from "A PIOUS ADDR porate bonds.

The Rockport Transcript says:
A glorious frost, attended with ice, cheered the hearts of our people Wednesday morning.

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Total this policy are to be clearly seen on every hand. If, then, it is important and even necessary to sustain good schools, in order to the greatest success in the work of the greatest success in the work of the church in the United States, much and young are in our mission fields, where both old and young are in need of intellectual, moral and religious training. The general government of the Republic of Mexico is, to the extent of its ability, encouraging the education of its people; but its schools, private the role of the greatest success in the work of the church in the Wolland States, much as a heading.

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Live Oak mission, January 4, 5, 1879

Savior on the cross, surrounded by the dath the pocuration of the procuration of the greatest success in the above lines as a heading.

Omitting the picture and the poeture and the poeture following are some of the dehard of families ! great is the acre that a very great influence over the masses is secured by those who educate the children. So the Romanists are struggling hard to re-It now transpires that the law manists are struggling hard to re- of Jesus Christ. in this State against bribery in tain this element of power in their elections is a nullity, because the elections is a nullity, because the church, and show their displeasure ents and children! awake, young some of the farmers in Young county have raised a second crop of corn this year, some of which will make thirty bushels to the acre.

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Some of the farmers in Young good Protestant school, though they will not consent themselves to attend a protestant Church. They fear nothing more than our schools, not only because of the from the devil himself.

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The Courier reports: There has been shipped from Sherman to date this year twenty-four thousand bales of cotton. The average price per bale is \$39, making a total of \$936,000. The shipments for the balance of the year will swell the gled and one of its eyes was torn from any contact with heresy. Why should they have any desire the sockets.

Keep themselves and their clinder. The church."

In the church with the church of the ch

Bread bought at such a price killed The San Marcos Free Press is jubilant over the prospects of Hays county. It says: "For years we have not seen so much building and other improvements in our town as at present. Major Nance's new mill and gin is run by a Bookwalter engine, and is very complete. It is three stories high, and cost altogether between \$25,000 and \$30,-000. Mai. Nance himself has some The San Marcos Free Press is jubi- the soul, and brought down the

The McKinney public school has mending and establishing institu- families: that every day they shall a daily attendance of more than tions of learning throughout her warn their children not to believe the

Twenty-three thousand dollars is annually sent off from Austin from this policy are to be clearly savior on the cross, surrounded by porate bonds.

be had. The benefits resulting in poetry, with a picture of the Savior on the cross, surrounded by seen on every hand. If, then, it is

Railroad bonds will enable the management to complete 100 miles of the road.

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Out of the number of True and public, are largely under the control of the Romish Church, and poisoned with the bitter prejudices of that church. The pertinacity with which the adult population cling to these prejudices, instilled into their minds and hearts from the youth of the republic, deceiving the result to our holy religion, and make them to know what are the pretensions of the enemies of our Catholic Church, such as Protest-ants, Masons, heretics, and all other of the impious, for they are cling to these prejudices, instilled into their minds and hearts from the youth of the republic, deceiving the results of their duty to our holy religion, and make them to know what are the control of the Romish Church, and pretensions of the enemies of our Catholic Church, such as Protest-ants, Masons, heretics, and all other of the impious, for they are their duty to our holy religion, and make them to know what are the control of the enemies of our Catholic Church, such as Protest-ants, Masons, heretics, and all other of the impious, for they are their duty to our holy religion, and make them to know what are the control of the enemies of our Catholic Church, such as Protest-ants, Masons, heretics, and all other of the impious, for they are forced to the region and public, are largely under the control of the Romish Church, and pretensions of the enemies of our Catholic Church, such as Protest-ants, Masons, heretics, and all other of the impious, for they are forced to the results of the results. Bistract Plex Royal Catholic Church, and protection out of the control of the results of the result into their minds and hearts from the youth of the republic, deceiving early youth, proves to the Roman- the children, implanting in their late election only one was elected, and he a cross-roads justice of the

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schools, not only because of the different and better moral training which they afford, but also because they are according to their merits, is claimed that Philadelphia coal can be sold in Dallas cheaper than the coal brought from the mines in the Indian Territory.

The Brenham Banner says: Over 20,000 bales of cotton have already been received in Brenham since the first of September. More than 2,000 tales were received last week. Some well-informed buyers estimate the receipts of the entire season as high as 40,000 bales.

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balance of the year will swell the grand total to a sum considerably above one million dollars.

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The Canton Chronicle tells us: to attend the temples of innovators, a ridiculous description of one of Mr. W. P. Sides made one acre and a half of land yield six hundred which abounded in sanctity, and circulated in Leon, a city of 120,do gallons of choice syrup for sale of his own make. He has already sold about 1100 gallons. Quite a number of immigrants have come into our county this fall.

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Hallettsville et, Jan 4
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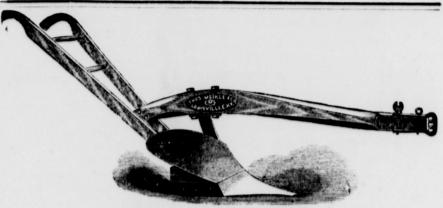
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J. G. Warren.

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Kerrville ct, 5th Sab in Dec
Junction and Menard mis, 1st Sab in Jan
Broda and Mason mis, 2d Sab in Jan
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District stewards will please meet at Benton
Saturday before the 3d Sunday in Dec.
WALTER T. THORNBERRY, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND, Cartersville ct, at Goshen, December 21 and 22, Jacksboro and Centre Station, at Centre, Dec. 28 and 29. Jacksboro Mission, at Centre, Dec. 28 and 29.

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Graham Station, January 4 and 5.
Weatherford Station, January 11 and 12.
Actor ct, at Acton, January 18 and 19.
Lake City et, at Pleasant Grove, Jan. 25 and 26.
Springtown ct, at Annis Chapel, Feb. 1 and 2.
Eldorado et, at Garrett's Creek, Feb. 8 and 9.
Weatherford ct, at Spring Creek, Feb. 15 and 16.
Christian Mission, at Salt Hill, Feb. 22 and 23.
The district stewards will please meet me at the Methodist Church in weatherford, Jan 8th, 11 a. m.
W. PRICE, P. E.
P. S.—My address is Weatherford, Parker county, Texas.



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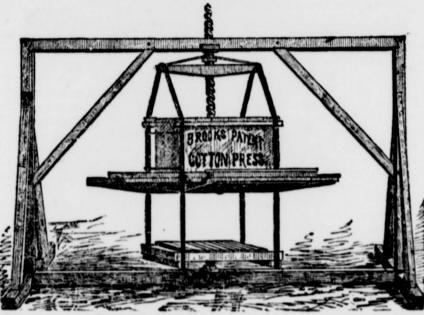
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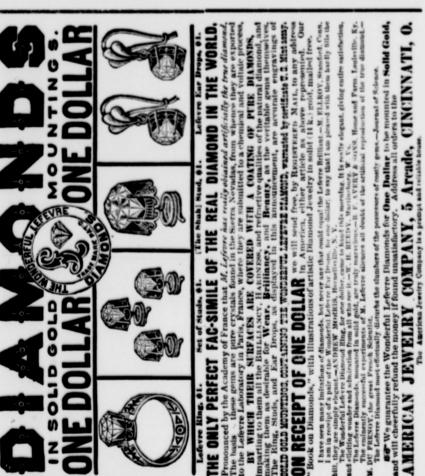
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has two letters from California; one a certain party for a large lot of from Bishop Wightman, and the damaged beans. The beans were of Atlanta—the same who delivered the address of welcome to our late out upon the upper floor of the building occupied by the firm. the address of welcome to our late Men were employed to turn them disasters, it is in some degree a nese, Judge Jackson says: "Verily with a solution of soda, so as to taught a lesson thereby. The noble hath God joined Asia and America improve their appearance and ren- example of courage and duty extogether, and the Chinese are lot of first quality of beans were already been commented upon. Americans among the Chinese. beans were first put into the barthe self-sacrifices of this noble let no man put asunder.' Let the American government beware how filled with the poor ones; after this the good ones again put on the top, American government beware how and the barrels headed up for sale. It seems he fastened a life-belt they stop Chinese immigration to The employer marked the bar- around his waist, and seizing hold (and I say it also without a shadow America, unless China again build rels, "Beans, 1." The clerk seeing of a plank, as the vessel sank be- of disrespect) is also comparatively her wall of exclusion and shut out this, said: the light of Christianity just beginning to illumin that immense em- right to mark those beans 'A 1?" pire. We must not mock God by sending missionaries to China, and at the same time prevent the Chinese from flocking to our mission- barreling and heading went on. among them in San Francisco and put on the market for sale. Speci- on board the ill-fated Pomerania. persons who sit around me, the Pacific States, and teach the mens of the best quality were heathen there the same law of love shown in the office to buyers. bring them to the Cross."

the Mission to the Chinese, sus- to the clerk : tained by the M. E. Church in that city. Of this Mission and its Su- beans shown me are of the first perintendent, Bishop Wightman quality, and it is impossible to pur-

missionary to China, and was now offer them; there is something in charge of the Chinese Mission wrong here. Tell me, are these in charge of the Chinese Mission wrong here. Tell me, are these school of the M. E. Church, I rebeans the same quality throughout some particular stroke of genius, in his long and eventful life he ence, and particularly myself, with an address on that subject. This The clerk now found himself in cepted an invitation which he gave will? me, to go to the Mission House on Washington street, and make personal inspection for my own satisfaction; and then allow him to show not want them," and he left. me over China-town. Accordingly, The clerk entered the the day after adjournment, accomwent to the large and well furnished beans? Mission House of which the Doc- He said, "No, sir." tor has charge. The basement is

one of the young Chinese preaches was called in and seated at the origin in and seated at the origin in and seated in the origin of some method of recouple," said a wag was clearly the proposed of the phonored that young man, our tongue and then in Chinese. The whole performance was creditable. Every night in the week, there is held a successful to be a danger, has just been most terrible of the proposed in the proposed proposed in the control of the proposed in the control of the proposed in the proposed was called in and seated at the or- safe in his custody. They respect- of some method of rescuing life gan; then all sang hymns, first in ed, they honored that young man. from a danger which ought not to don't you see that they are dyeing

Telling the Truth.

A young man who was in the employ of a large commission firm in New York city during the late The Wesleyan Christian Advocate civil war was sent to negotiate with other from Judge James Jackson, purchased, delivered, and spread

"Do you thlnk, sir, that it is "Are you the head of this firm?"

aries in our own homes. Rather When all was ready, the beans let us multiply the missionaries (many hundreds of barrels) were were not used, at least not by many

we would extend over their native At length a shrewd purchaser homes in China. But more of this came in (no man so sharp in busiwhen I show the readers of the ness but he will often meet his Wesleyan in another letter, China equal), examined the sample in town and the Chinese in America, the office, inquired the price, and under stateroom bunks, or in halfand the noble Christian men and then wished to see the stock in hidden lockers, nestling under the women among them who are labor- bulk. The clerk was ordered to go ship's side. They are difficult to ing, despite many obstacles, to with the buyer to the upper loft, get at, and hard to manage even in attained his great pre-eminence? and show him the stock.

Among the visitors introduced to the conference in San Francisco, was Dr. Gibson, Superintendent of the sample. The buyer then said

"Young man, the samples of chase such beans anywhere in the "Learning that he had been a market for the price at which you quested him to favor the Confer- the entire barrel as they appear on

he did, with straight-forward earn-estness and telling effect. I was so "Shall I lie for my employer, as much interested in the subject as he undoubtedly means I shall, or he presented it, that I gladly ac-shall I tell the truth, come what

> He decided for truth and said : "No, sir, they are not."
> "Then," said the customer, "I do

The clerk entered the office. panied by brother Chamberlain, I "Did you sell that man those

"Why not?"

were so amazed that we forgot tery-I asked him, perhaps inadwhat we were waiting for, and vertently, and as an English went back and kindled the fire Churchman might naturally ask with a corn-cob and a pint of ker- 'By whom was this cemetery conosene.—Burlington Hawkeye.

Life-Preservers and their Uses.

Notwithstanding the dreadful God, John Wesley. General Conference. Of the Chi- over and over, to sprinkle them consolation to know that man is Whom God hath joined together, rels, then the barrels were nearly officer. The manner in which he The employer retorted sharply: fact shows that if life-preservers Penn, and by other illustrious had been used on this occasion, The clerk said no more. The nearly all if not all the passengers ciety since his departure; but it is

> Vessels are supposed to be supplied with these useful articles, and generally there are a quntity on board. Seldom, however, are they taken advantage of. The preservers are usually packed away out of sight quiet moments. We have seen men of immense intellects wrestling with the blocks of cork and the canvas straps that compose this the vindication of the character of wonderful engine. In time of danger, when almost every exertion of the frightened sea traveler must be devoted to getting on deck before the vessel goes down, there is no man so wise as to know how to get hold of the preserver; if, his hand really alights upon the bundle of cork, he bounces up the gang-way with it, and, in his excitement, pitches it into the In he goes after it, and that's the last of him.

The whole arrangement is wrong. The life-belts should be hung in the most conspicuous parts of the genius for Godliness.' ship, in every stateroom, along the sides of the dining saloon and smoke room. They should be within the easy reach of all; should be placarded in large letters should be placarded in large letters and directions for use should be ination's present condition: 4,907 is the duty of the shipowner to see that all this is done. The pas-

England. The founder of the English Baptists is comparatively unknown. The founder of the English Congregationalists (and I say founder of English Unitarianism neath the waves, floated about upon obscure; the founder of the Society the surface of the quiet sea until of Friends, George Fox, has been rescued by a passing steamer. This superseded in celebrity by William Friends who have risen in that soand crew might have been saved. no disrespect to the great society It is evident that life-preservers of Methodists, it is no disrespect to the eminent and revered to say that no one has risen in the to say that no one has risen in the Methodist Society equal to their founder, John Wesley. It is this which makes his character and which makes his fortunes so fervently interesting to the whole Christian world.

"And let me ask in what particular it is that John Wesley has attained his great pre-eminence?"

"MHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom and providence, to remove by death our beloved brother, Rev. G. W. Lentz; therefore, be it Resolved. By the Quarterly Conference of Pine Hill circuit, San Augustine district, East Texas Conference, M. E. Church, South, in conference of the dispensation of Divine Providence, believing that our loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved. That by the death of Bro. Lentz the community has lost one of its roost worthy members, a true Christian, a good man, and a faithful minister of the gospel, whom to know

First of all, which is to all reflecting persons specially interesting, is, if you will allow me to say so, the vindication of the character of the much-despised eighteenth century. I know not whether in America, but certainly in England, it has been the habit of our time to it has been the habit of our time to disparage altogether the religious genius of the last century. John Wesley, if any person of the last

Presbyterian Church for the last seven years, shows the following facts in connection with that denomination's present condition: 4,907 ministers, 21 dismissed this year, 5,269 churches, an increase over the facts of the posted everywhere in full view. It ministers, 21 dismissed this year, last year of 116; communicants,

knowledge of a language full of new the her husband that the sitting-room thoughts; in a word, the germs of a higher civilization."

In which self in instead, the least question with the sitting and the cemetery adjoining in the answered, with a jump: "Little in if he wanted to get up now, we old man who showed me the cemetery adjoining in the least question and the cemetery ad

Obituaries.

vertently, and as an English Churchman might naturally ask—
By whom was this cemetery consecrated?' and he answered, 'It was consecrated by the bones of that holy man, that holy servant of God, John Wesley.'

"And first of all, may I venture to say that in claiming him as your founder, you enjoy a peculiar privilege among the various communions which have from time to time broken off or at least varied from the communion of the Church of England. The founder of the England. Partition of the Church of England. The founder of the England. The founder of the England. Partition of the Church of Lancette and the county, Missouri, October 14, 1836; removed to Texas, January 1, 1852; She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in '54; was united in marriage to Harmon Newman, July 28, 1858; departed this life in Dallas county, October 24, 1878. She was an exemplary Christian, a gentle and benign companion, a kind and affectionate mother. Being cognizant that she must soon take her exit, she called her family to the bedside to give them her parting counsel. She spoke in a calm and tranquil manner, admonishing her children to be obedient and kind, and to attend Sunday-school. Bidding all adieu, she spoke of the angels watching and waiting to bear her away. Her testimony was bright and counting that all was well. She was willing to go; to enter the tomb; saying; "Since Jesus has laid there. I dread not the gloom." Gone to the Christian's rest; the saint's delight—a home prepared for all,—J. M. Lanceton.

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in his long and eventful life he covered almost the whole of those hundred years. In that century there was a capability of a religious character such as even few century there was a capability of a religious character such as even few centuries had been capable of producing. He had, as has been well said by one I will call the first of modern English critics—he had a genius for Godliness."

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The continue of the c In that perfectness, much roughted that that perfectness, much roughted and friction would be avoided. But no. They are hoping and praying for the coming of a many who has the taste and judgment to appreciate their peculiar notions. We will have gained much when our people come to believe that the preacher has some originality, and having devoted his life to the study of the science of "running a church," may be a very competent person to define the rights, privileges and duties of all. The 10th chapter of the Acts is a vigorous protrayal of moral homogeneous ness. Peter but acted as every faithful Methodist preacher does. He accepted the Providential indications, and made this boast: "Therefore came I unto you, without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for." When the time came for the latity side of this possals: "Therefore came I unto you, without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for." When the time came for the latity side of this possals: "Therefore came I unto you, without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for." When the time came for the latity side of this possals: "Therefore came I unto you, without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for." When the time came for the latity side of this question to be heard, Cornelius, representing every loyal congregation, said: "Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now, therefore, are we all her present before God, to hear all things that are commanded the of God.

Thank God! one preacher found one congregation ready for his measurement and any limitations or restrictions. The work of the confidence o In the third watch of the night, also, drunkenness does its worst. The drinking will be respectable at 8 o'clock in the evening, a little flushed at 9 talkative and garrulous at 10, at 11 blasphemous, at 12 the hat falls off, at 1 the man falls to the floor asking for more drink. Strewn through the drinking saloons of the city, fathers, bushands, sons as good as you are by nature, perhaps better. In the high circles of society it is hushed up. A merchant prince, if he gets noisy and uncontrollable, is taken by his fellow-revelers, who try to get him to bed, or take him home, where he falls flat in the entry. Do not wake up the children. They have had disgrace enough. Do not let them know it. Hush it up. But sometimes it cannot be hushed up, when the rum touches the brain and the man becomes thoroughly frenzied, as when one came home, having been absent for some time and during his absence his wife had died, and

up, when the rum touches the brain and the man becomes thoroughly frenzied, as when one came home, having been absent for some time and during his absence his wife had died, and she lay in the next room prepared for the obsequies, and he went in and dragged her by the locks and shook her out of the shroud, and pitched her out of the window. Oh! when rum touches the brain you cannot hush it up. My friends, you see all around about you the need that something radical be done. You do not see the worst. In the midnight meetings in London a great multitude have been saved. We want a few hundred Christian men and women to come down from the highest circles of society to toil amid these wandering and destitute ones, and kindle up a light in the dark alley, even the gladness of heaven. Do not go wrapped in your fine furs and from your well-filled tables with the idea that pious talk is going to stop the gnawing of an empty stomach, or to warm stockingless feet. Take bread, take ratinent, take medicine as well as take prayer. There is a great deal of common sense in what the poor woman said to the city missionary when he was telling her how she ought to love God and serve Him. "Oh!" she said, "if you were as poor and cold as I am, and as hungry, you would think of nothing else." A great deal of what is called Christian work goes for nothing for the simple reason it is not practical; as after the battle of Antietam a man got out of an ambulance with a bag of tracts, and he went distributing the tracts, and George Stuart, one of the best Christian men in this country, said to him: "What are you distributing tracts for now? There are three thousand men bleeding to death. Bind up their wounds, and then distributing the tracts," We want more common sense in Christian work taking the bread of this life in one hand, and the bread of the next life in the other hand. No such inapt work as that done by the Christian nam who, during the last war, went into a hospital with tracts, and coming to the bed of a man, both whose legs had we become exceeding small magnitudes, together with our calling so at once to the dust.

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We are in receipt of the follow-

Mr. Editor.-The enclosed circular was picked up in the street in this place and handed to me the whisky dealers are endeavoring to do. They may, before we are aware of it, rush through

the parties concerned the benefit of an advertisement free of charge:

TO SALOON MEN.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, Nov. 30, 1878 SHERMAN, TEXAS, NOV. 30, 1878.

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Texas, Send money by draft, postoffice order, or reg-istered letter, to Britton & Dicks, Sherman

You are also urged to use your influence with to are also arged to use your induced with the Repri sentatives from your county to bring about this reduction of tax. Please remit the amount you will give at once to the above ad-dress, as we have no time to lose. Yours truly, RICHARD WALSH, Sherman,

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By publishing this circular we relieve the "Ex-member of the Legislature," who is "well acqainted with the ins and outs of legislahis business known when he reaches Austin. He will represent the gambling and whisky ring in the of the State.

"Of course the work can not be done without considerable expense." Mark that down. In the slang of the gambler, the Ex-member must be able to "grease the Legislature are not all fools. They know the value of a vote in such a case as this. It will be worth a great deal to the saloon men to have this measure put through. Some of these legislators may be so mercenary as to expect a consideration for their votes. They are not all saints. The Ex-member, knowing the "ins and outs of legislation," must be prepared to adjust this difficulty, even if it be the cause of considerable expense.

Then some men have a troublesome habit of raising questions of conscience on such occasions. They believe whisky is a curse and sumbling a crime, and the adjustment of some men's consciences to a square vote in favor of the saloon man may be expensive. The Ex-member must be ready for all such exigencies.

Then again the vote may be unpopular with the constituency of these legislators. They have been sent there to make wise and righteous laws for the benefit of the people, and it may prove an ugly or our sons.

Texas Christian Advocate campaign document at the next election to have some rival candidate point to a vote which was in the interest of a business which all good men pronounce an unmiti-Texas number several thousand,

will assemble next month in Aus-Please use it. The people should know what hands; and if it is proven that authority. may, before we are aware of it, rush through the Legislature the bill they propose to have gambling and whisky ring, the completion of the work of creation. "My Lord of Misrule, whose duty abundant food crop ever raised, and a plenting the balance and found wanting." Many of it was to make diversions, by act-Here is the circular. We give may be pronounced on them as orated the singular deliverance of mas season. This excited the results, coupled with general good health and of the gambling fraternity had been broken as proposed in the season. question, the inquiry, "How much history. have an ugly look when men pre- in connection with the events at- to eternally abominate them."

men of Texas. It might be of in- of the Holy Ghost. our State legislature.

It would be well for the men of honor in the Senate and Lower House to resent, as it deserves, this effort to control their votes. Such a document is an impeachment of the integrity of that body. It is an intimation that votes in that assembly are for sale. Is this so?

As an organized movement is on foot to change our laws respecting tion," of the necessity of making an evil which is sapping the defenses with which society seeks to guard itself against-one of the most pernicious evils of our daylobby of the House and Senate it is the duty of all good men to chamber with means at command combine to resist it. No man has to attempt to control the legislation | the right to remain neutral when the best interests of society are endangered. The saloon and the gambling-hells are to-day the centers of nearly all the vicious influence in the land. They breed more brawls and lead to more bloodshed wheels of justice." Members of the than any other evil that infests society. Nine-tenths of the lawlessness which brings a blot on the good name of Texas must be traced to the drinking saloons and gambling-hells with which our State is cursed. An expensive police and costly courts of justice are chiefly occupied in checking crimes which find their origin in the bottle or in exclusive of the Feast of Asses, morality and the parents of poverty and broken hearts. Not satisfied with the work they are doing, they purpose asking our legislature, with money in hand, to back their demands to withdraw existing restrictions on their Satanic business and enlarge immensely their sphere of evil. Let the people speak out, and let these men know that no amount of money can purchase the endorsement by the people of Texas of a vice fraught only with evil to society. When vice becomes boldly aggressive, it is time for good men to act. Let the serpent be crushed before its coils are

around us and its fangs have fast

ned on our fathers, our brothers.

CHRISTMAS.

BY H. S. T.

gated evil. Men are not willing to light of its early dawn streaks the encounter such possibilities for horizon in the far distant Orient it festival of St. Stephen was fixed To every suggestion of improvement or amenothing. The Ex-member must will be greeted with ringing of for the 26th; that of St. John, lioration by the more sanguine, there have not the vilest liquors were sold at penny prices to the vilest liquors were sold at pen go with the sinews of war at his bells and other demonstrations of Apostle and Evangelist on the nothing but evil in the signs of the times. The command. As the saloon men of delight. From thousands of altars number several thousand, and as every gambler is interested and as every gambler is interested. and as every gambler is interested the orisons of the devout worship- ary 1, was the festival of the Circumstance of Christ; and the general health, or, if otherwise, would unfavor. the gay operatic performances, where virtuous cumcision of Christ; and the gay operatic performances, where virtuous cumcision of Christ; and the gay operatic performances, where virtuous cumcision of Christ; and the gay operatic performances, where virtuous cumcision of Christ; and the gay operatic performances, where virtuous cumcision of Christ; and the gay operatic performances is the gay operatic performances. in the movement, there is but little ers of the True God and our Epiphany on January 5th, which doubt about a very liberal provision Saviour Jesus Christ. As the day closed the Christmas festivities. being made to meet the "consider- advances the great continents of able expense" of this undertaking. Asia and Africa will become reso-Having furnished gratuitously nant with the grand hallelujahs. this information for the benefit of Europe will take up the joyous all concerned, it may not be out of strain. It will be wafted across the way to add a word to the legis- the Atlantic; when America, from Jupiter, found in the Roman ing, then-in fact, beneficial-having arrived lators, voters, and lovers of law and the Arctic regions of the North to Pantheon, by replacing the head at such a turn in the road of life, to glance back- all over the State came to its rescue, and order, respecting this daring pro- the straits of Terra del Fuego, will with one of a Christian pattern, ward over the traveled highway and endeavor A GREAT MANY of our subscribers posal to subsidize the legislation of join in the chorus, sending the will notice on the direction slip the State in the interest of a busipasted on the Advacate containing to the State in the interest of a busipasted on the Advacate containing to the State in the interest of a busipasted on the Advacate containing to the State in the interest of a busipessimistic philosophers whose prophecies of the pessimistic philosophers whose prophecies of the municipal officers then in power were pasted on the Advocate, containing ness which is blighting thousands golden shores of the Occident—and Among the rude and uncultivated This backward glance may also serve to show also date of expiration of subscrip- of homes and blasting the character thence it will roll on through the masses, these observances were intion, that theirs will expire Jan- ters of multitudes of the young islands of the Pacific and back to congruously mingled with those of mate many of our so-called successes with their its starting point, having girdled We suggest to the legislators who the earth with its glad hosannahs. abuses were pointed out and confeatures, still the year now closing will be FESTIVALS.

tin that possibly the eyes of their Great events are commemoconstituents may be upon their rated, first by monuments, count of their stewardship. They February, and our annual thanks-

they acted in the interests of the The Sabbath commemorates the men who have shown themselves their race from destruction in special condemnation of the Puriof the fact stated in the circular, mind the giving of the law on mas Lords of Misrule, together ness for the future. that money is needed and is being Sinai; and other feasts commem-raised to control legislation on this crated, other events in Jewish Christman disorders now in use raised to control legislation on this orated other events in Jewish Christmas disorders now in use stores of corn, wheat, sugar, syrup, pork and

commanding their votes?" may first "Holy Days" observed, were pare their ballots at the next electrending the death and resurrection of Christ. The Holy Communion,

The actual time of Christ's birth the world." vote for an iniquitous measure in is unknown, and will, probably, ancient writers widely disagree mas festivities in the Roman and birth. This uncertainty, probably, of sweetmeats, toys and other pres-His history: His showing to the appointed. Magi; His circumcision; His first miracle, etc. Perhaps, during the third century, the festival of the nativity began to be celebrated; but it was not until the fourth His precious blood whose birth we day on the 25th of December.

centuries there was a growing the awful sanctions of eternal retendency to multiply feasts and wards and punishments. holy days, commemorating some incidents in the life of Christ, or the angels to the shepherds: "Be-His apostles and martyrs. The hold! I bring you glad tidings of American Roman Catholic Church great joy, which shall be unto all now has in its calendar, twenty- people. four movable and two hundred games of chance. They are foes to condemned by the Council of

The Church of England has ten movable feasts, and twenty-four immoveable. Among the Wesleyans in Great Britain, and the Methodists in the United States, the Christmas and Easter festivals are generally the jubilee was to the Jews when The Lutheran and observed. Greek churches observe also the leading church festivals. CHRISTMAS BEGINS THE ECCLESIAS

The entire Christian church having agreed to the time for com memorating the nativity, the 25th of December soon became the most important of all Christian festivals; and was regarded as the beginning of the ecclesiastical year Four preceeding Sundays were observed as Advent Sundays. This vas a period of penitence in which

dressed to the multitudes, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is

HEATHENISH ABUSES.

It is not strange that at a period when the name of a heathen godshould incorporate Heathenish feasts of their ancestors. These with nothing at its opening to indicate special

diversions. In the court of Henry with dances, masks, mummeries,

TRULY OBSERVED.

Notwithstanding these abuses, measure which is to be carried the annual feast was the Easter through the legislature by the festival. Pentecost was observed through the legislature by the festival. Pentecost was observed Christ's nativity, because on this much if not all of our repinings and lead to the terest to the people to know how TIME OF CHRIST'S BIRTH UNKNOWN. Virgin Mary for the salvation of

the pleasing features of the Christprevented the early observance of ents for the little ones, with which

IMPROVEMENT OF THE OCCASION. In entering upon this festive season let us not forget that we are Christians, and that our Christian privileges were the purchase of century that the whole Christian celebrate. Let us be serious and world united in celebrating that devout, remembering that the one revelation which Christ made to During that and the subsequent of personal accountability under

The normal spirit of Christianity was embodied in the message of

That is the best church or Chrisand twenty-four immovable feasts fullest measure and exhibits in its tian society which develops in the -holy days and saints' days. This broadest sense the true Christian spirit—" Peace on earth, and good will to men."

Let us be joyful, and let it be emphatically a religious joy. Let poor and needy.

To us let it be such a season as impoverished families, long exiled. returned with joy to their ancestral homes; when even slaves work garlands of flowers; when liberal presents were sent to the sick and unfortunate; when injuries were orgiven, difficulties healed, and the whole population joined in oyful songs.

Let us be joyful, thankful, grateul to the Divine Redeemer. But et our joy be chastened, and halowed by the thought, so overvhelming, so transcendently rand-"That Christ Jesus came the language was constantly ad Into the world to save sinners."

BACKWARD-FORWARD.

Every year since the notable one of panic, at hand." The evening of the 24th some five seasons ago, the country has witnessed was a vigil; the church immita- a steady, sometimes gradual, ofttimes rapid, de- high places." The attacks were made all along This is the festival of humanity ting the shepherds who watched cline in all species of values, until the question the lines of sin, and the strongholds in which —the jubilee of the world. As the light of its core and the she devil had fixed his dominions were carried in every instance. But the signs of the times the signs of the times again and again recurred: When will the she devil had fixed his dominions were carried in every instance. But the signs of the times mas festival lasted a week—in shall the bottom be reached, and the good old indicate that he is again established in his old

ably affect the maturing of our various products. To all or either of these were to be added numerous possible contingencies, more or less unfortunate, growing out of a State election

In a few days-scarcely a fortnight-and the current year will have rolled into the limbo of dess was given to the festival which the past, leaving behind, to most of us, little commemorated the resurrection save added experiences, which shall continue of Christ; and when a statue of as memories, more or less pleasant o, sad, to rereceived the name of St. Peter, to note our general progress, spite of anticipated cessfully with the devil was to "fight him with lions in the path; to review the predictions of fire." The conflict lasted for many months. the Bacchanalian and Saturnalian mate many of our so-called successes with their final results.

demned by bishops and councils. marked in our annals as the year of super-Chrysostom, the golden-mouthed, abundance-the one of extraordinary crops and and the Council of Laodicea espe- our common country; and reference will be pecially, protested against the made to it as the turning point when our people acts, and their votes on this ques- and secondly, by festivals recur- amalgamation of Christian wor- came up out of the era of hard times, failure and tion may pass under the rigid ring at stated periods. We have ship with Jewish and Heathen discomfiture. At no time in the past have we scrutiny of an outraged people our prominent national festivals rites and admonishing the faithful seen such a general outcome as the result of agricultural and pastoral labor; never béfore such when they return to give an ac- on the fourth of July, the 22d of of the dangerous tendencies of bursting graneries, crowded cotton marts or burdened factories. True, the latter may have Our English ancestors were car- temporarily over-produced, and thus felt stagmay be required to show clean giving, appointed by executive ried away with these Heathenish nation, but the round of trade will soon be complete, and they feel all the force of tremendous harvests. Confining our attention to Texas VII there was an officer called alone, we find, in addition to the cheapest, most official power with which they were clothed, judgment of an indignant people To the Jews the Passover commeming the clown during the Christ- of the cotton crop of our whole country! These entire immunity during the year from infectious and at the election they beheld in the scarcity diseases, should cause the hearts of all to glad. of the votes they received the contempt in unfaithful to their trust. In view Egypt. The Pentecost called to tans. Mr. Prynne says: "Our Christ- den over present conditions and evoke hopeful-And yet-and yet we are not happy! Says the

with the Christians, were derived beef, and more distant ones with finest cotton, of the expense was incurred in Among the early Christians, the from the Roman Saturnalia and when the prices offered for these commodities Bacchanalian festivals, which scarcely pay a profit on the labor expended in should cause all pious Christians producing them? It had been better that crops were forthcoming, in order to the increase rect reasoning at first thought, but a little paper and gold, while all values are at their lowest. A comparison of former years' prices. The giving of presents, especially operating alike upon seller and buyer, will show always remain unknown. Different to children, has long been one of decided gains by the seller of to-day in spite of as to the month, and even the Greek Churches. St. Nicholas, of change than when he received better prices for season, of the year; and every Myra, is revered as the special the articles we have enumerated. The gain in month of the year has been fixed patron of children. He delights in this respect applies also to almost all realty, as the one which gave the Savior surprising them by descending the which, having approximated to the same "bedchimney with a bountiful supply chimney with a bountiful supply in other words, for less produce than at any time

These reflections tend to the conviction that Christmas. In the second century he fills their stockings. The chil- the past period of declines has reached a termia feast was celebrated, called dren have corrupted this name to nation; that we have been brought to a period the Epiphany - commemorating Santa Claus; and his visit is anticipated with infinite delight by reduced by the sure criterion of sound consider Christ's manifestations in the flesh. the little ones of the Christian ation, and we may safely feel confident of the This represented several events in household. Let them never be dis- ground under us while preparing for another year's labor and fruit.

Gratefully accepting the past good, then let us walk into the New Year with all brightening prospects prompting us to hopeful auguries, while urging forth our best efforts toward the accomplishment of happiest results.

Praise God for wheat, so white and sweet, of which we make our bread! Praise God for yellow corn, with which His wait ing world is fed!

Praise God for fish, and flesh, and fowl, He gave to man for food! humanity announced the doctrine Praise God for every creature which He made and called it good! Praise God for Winter's store of ice! Praise God

for Summer's heat! Praise God for fruit-tree bearing seedit is for meat!

Praise God His children all to their daily bread!

Received from W. G. Holmes, Chicago, Ill., "Select Notes on the International Sabbath-School Lessons" for 1879, by the Rev. F. N. and M. A. Peloubet. These notes seem to be judicious and accurate, and are compiled from our best commenus also make others joyful, by a tories, especially from Congregaliberal sending of portions to the tional and Presbyterian authors; and yet we have seen nothing of a sectarian coloring. All teachers of classes in Sabbath-schools and students desiring more assistance than is usually found in the welly and monthly publications will a work like this invaluable.

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HAVE WE ADVANCED IN MORALS !

It is a little more than three years since the ADVOCATE began its crusade against "vice in quarters, thus necessitating the old battles to be variety halls, with their disgusting displays and blooming into beautiful womanhood, were con gregated to witness the latest styles of tempering the most revolting presentations, to refined minde and cultured feelings, on to the gilded temples of sin, where rich and poor vied with each other in contributing the fruits of their industry to the remorseless greed of the god of chance.

A few timid Christians thought that the Ap-VOCATE was too severe, too rough, in the argunents employed and too loose in the phraseology it used while waging this warfare, but true men accepted the fact that the way to contend sucassailed with satire, with ridicule, and with legal arguments and religious truths they could not answer nor withstand. The people read the ADVOCATE, and they yielded to its supplications to give to virtue one chance to assert its influence over the destiny of this place, and to the God of Hosts some recognition of the fact that His blessings were not entirely lost upon them.

The Galveston News, the most powerful secular journal in the State, unable longer to remain silent in a conflict where the appeals of the ADVOCATE had startled the masses into a re alization of the fact that a great war was being waged, sent its reporters into the dens of the gamblers of this city, and through their pencilings gave publicity to the sights and scenes that were encountered in these horrible places where youths are trained for ruin, and where husbands and fathers have been bankrupted on the turn of a card. The period for the election of a new corps of city officials came round, and by common con-ent those who had disgraced the them aspired to re-election; but the influence which they were held by the people.

A general caucus for a good man to fill the mayor's chair was had. Many men were discussed for the position. The Galveston News sent a reporter to each aspirant, and asked if he would put an end to the gambling hells of this city in the event of his election. One of them replied: "If I am elected I will observe my oath of office and enforce the laws.

Has this promise been kept? The oath of ofwere poorer, that less of these desirable articles | fice was taken, but has it been respected? There has never been a day, or a nigh, since his term of values in consequence. This seems cor. of office began, when the Mayor could not have caused the arrest of every gambler in this place. We suggest that it will be well recalled His death, His body given Christians of every age have en- ports best with our general good and improve- geants and two-thirds of the police who have reflection will show that the ample supply com- His chief of police, the deputy chief, the serto record the votes and speeches of for them; the Sabbath commem- tered into the true Christian spirit. ment, to say nothing of the wider diffusion of served during his administration can not and will all the members who favor this orated His resurrection, of which The apostolic constitutions direct comfort among less favored peoples. But there not say that they could not have closed these

election, and it would be well for all lovers of money contributed by the saloon to keep in remembrance the giving day an unexpected blessing was most hopeful views of the future. We allude to law and order to give notice that they will acgiven to men, in that the Word of the increased purchasing power of money decept no more promises unless they be carried God, Jesus Chvist, was born of the rived from present marketings; to the fact that into effect. They should grant to the incoming to-day there is practically no difference between official no respite from their demand for an en forcement of the laws, and particularly those laws that are intended to shield society from a fearful curse, and guard the unsuspecting from the wiles of sharpers, as pitiless in their pursuit as the wolf on the track of its prey.

GAMBLING A BREEDER OF CRIME.

Galveston boasts of possessing about twelve gambling houses. The most frequented or fashionable of these are on Market street, between Twenty-second and Tremont. One vies with the Cotton Exchange in its architectural grandeur, while its internal appointments excel in splendor some of the rooms of that kingly mart of trade. There is not an official in the city, county, or State-whose duties are confined to Galveston-who does not know where these 'hells" are as well as he knows the location of his own residence. Many of these same officials-unless stupid, blind or drunk-are as familiar with the inside of every gambling-hell in the city as they are with the inside of their own houses. The curse inflicted upon this community by the open conduct of these places can not be estimated in dollars and cents. They debauch the young and keep in pauperism the old; they fleece the stranger who visits our city and is se duced into them by well-dressed cappers; they support in insolent idleness an army of well dressed white and black sharpers. So public and shameless has their conduct become that one side of our principal retail street is shunned by females as though that part of the city were afflicted by leprosy.

Crime is bred in these pestilential filth-beds Lately a man visited Galveston to buy supplies. He was ignorant of the character of the hell he was being led into; but once there, he lost the money he had brought to pay for his goods, and, in the effort to win back, forged a draft for \$400 on one of our cotton merchants. The proprietor of the hell did not place the forger, his dupe, in the clutches of the law; he was too sharp for that. He went quietly to the firm and asked if Mr. A. had any funds there on deposit. Being answered in the negative, he tore up the draft, swallowed his loss, and said nothing. He knew what a prosecution of Mr. A. for forgery would lead to. This is only one of a dozen instances we might give of cunning on the part of the proprietors of these pit-falls, and of the consequent ruin, occasionally ending in the death of the victim.

We have a District Attorney, who is paid a salary and gets fees for doing his duty. Is the suppression of these houses not his imperative and sworn duty? Every Justice of the Peace has taken an oath to execute the laws; but we find on reading the reports of these courts that major this and colonel that was employed by the State of Texas to prosecute some poor colored woman for abusing her neighbor. The justice pockets his costs, while he sits serenely the justice's chair with his back to violations liw daily occurring that sap the moral dation of society and make criminals by he hundred. How long will our courts of jus ice be seenes where solemn farces are enacted?

In view of the fact that this is the season in which everybody desires to enjoy a little recre ation, the proprietors have issued an extra size aper in the hope that their readers will take he big effort thus made, and by dividing it by wo consider that they have received two numsee this, that the minbe issued at an early
lige,
H. V. Philpott, Secy.

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OUR POSTAL CARDS.

ALBANY, TEXAS, Dec. 9 .- Albany is the county seat of Sackelford the beautiful vales of North Hub- and elsewhere? ard. It is a rich, fertile country, kind. We held the first quarterly visited some gambling hell? conference here on the 7th and 8th; had a pleasant time. The preacher in charge, Bro. Harrison, was well received; I think will do Its Facilities for Trade and its Ada good work. Made a talk for our beloved ADVOCATE last night. You chall hear from us after this year. Pray for us.—J. G. WARREN.

IREDELL, TEXAS, Dec. 11.-I am on my work, laboring for the salvation of sinners. Find many clever ing to erect a parsonage at Iredell. Think we will succeed. You will the ADVOCATE; hope to be able to MARION MILLS.

GONZALES, TEXAS, Dec. 10.-I got home from conference and found wife and one child sick; was attacked myself next day; two or three days after, another was taken ill; so we mother). Though she had been sinkare working good for us, then we are growing rich.-W. H. H. Biggs.

preacher a hearty welcome, which placed upon the bosom of the sea. made us feel at home among them.

So far but little has been done to secure new

inson was found dead in bed yes. city it is believed is almost incalculable.

attendance of official brethren were made available. dawning on the circuit. We are large and prosperous city. trying to put the ADVOCATE in every Methodist family on the cir-

where you stand .- ATTICUS.

ly meeting was held on the 7th could with one local preacher and Rainy Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. One joined by certifiсате.-Е. Н. Нолвкоок.

BLANCO CITY, TEXAS, December 16.—One horse-thief caught and lodged in jail on the 14th instant. The officers of the law are in search among the cities of the South. of others supposed to be in the country .- J. C. C. BLACK.

How many humble homes in this large city would have been bright, cheerful, and full of sunshine, had it not been for the uncontrollable desire of the father, husband or brother, (whose mission it was to protect them), to gamble? These broad and glaring doors of ruin are ever open; and the gilded hells are ever yawning for new victims to satisfy the cravings of its insatiate appetite; and yet we have a Christian (?) mayor and an able and efficient police (?)

How many poor families of the honest and misguided workingmen will go without their county, and is situated in one of prevalence of the gambling hells in Galveston

How many poor little girls will go to bed His chastening hand over some and to spare and Albany is a beautiful, pleasant cheerless, hungry and disappointed on Christtown; inhabitants intelligent and | mas night because their "Santa Claus" had

GALVESTON.

vancement in Business.

General Review of the Public Enterprises that Flourish in it.

For several years past there has been an impeople on the circuit. Some warm-hearted Christians. We are workthroughout the State against the commercial prosperity of this city. It is true that, with the completion of railroad lines bringing certain please change my office from Glen-rose to Iredell. I am working for nection with St. Louis, and the great cities of the North and East, some falling off in the amount! send a list of subscribers; would was without a competitor was appreciable; but of trade that was enjoyed by Galveston when it love to see it in every family .-- withal not a single substantial house has falled. nor have their proprietors been attracted by the fortunes beyond the business they have built up in this city.

COTTON BUSINESS. The facilities for handling the staple products that are now established here will compare favorably with those of any city along the southern coast. In handling, storing, compressing had a sad time for two or three and shipping cotton particularly, Galveston weeks. Our health was not re- ranks among the first. There is press-room and gained before we were shocked by press-power enough to store and prepare for the death of Mrs. Bell (my wife's shipment every bale of cotton that is raised in the State, there being no less than six well or-

The facilities for shipping will be greatly increased as the work of improving the harbor progresses. In this undertaking the strong arm GONZALES, TEXAS, Dec. 11.-First of the government, with its skilled engineers and quarterly meeting just over. Bro. unlimited resources, is daily at work, and the Fisher, our presiding elder, was reports that are made from time to time give the plished in the mission upon which its weekly street between Market and Department of the work it has account of the work it has a count of the work it has with us, full of missionary fire and there will be a channel to this port across the the general good of the church. bars that have so long obstructed navigation The people gave their new (old) that will float the grandest armadas that can be

This is our third year in this charge, highways of travel to the interior, the carrying and we sincerely hope it may be business being confined to the Galveston, Housour most successful one. Please ton and Henderson Railroad, which connects change my Advocate to Rancho, with the railway systems of the State that cen- editing, select and popular contributors, and phatically pronounce your "Eupion" Oil far Hope to send you a good list of tre at Houston. The recent action of the stock-holders of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railsubscribers ere long.—W. H. H. holders of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Rail-panton ha Galveston capitalists, and which it is conceded will result in passing the title to them, it is be-BREMOND, TEXAS, Dec. 14.-Wal- lieved will add greatly to the rapidity with ter Milner, the man stabbed in an which its northern extension will be made. The road is completed to Richmond already, and is affray here on the 7th, died the in a condition to make arrangements with the 13th. The man who did the cut- sunset Road so as to give that line a terminus ting has not been arrested to date. at this place. When it is completed to Belton, An infant child of Mr. Bland Rob- the impetus it will afford to the traffic of this

terday morning. A wedding in Immediately after the suspension of quaran the M. E. Church, South, on Thurs- tine at this port, during the present cotton seaday. Six deaths (five adults) and son, there was a greater number of foreign three weddings within our corpo- steamships afloat in Galveston Bay than rate limits for the six days last was ever known before. At no time since the cotton season was duly opened has there been past. The college building belong- a lack of tonnage in this port, and the heavy conference. Bro. Cox and a full most matured plans of competition can not be solid houses of Galveston.

elder, is alive to all the interests of indicate that this piace is fully abreast with all directors of others, are seeking an institution of the church, and certainly has a the improvements that have been made in instruction, to the advertisement of the Southers. Preparations are being made st. Mary's Hospital are large, substantial structures, fitted up in accordance with the latest religious tone that pervades the very atmosphere to build a first-class church at models that are used for the comfort of the sick of this college, recommends the Southwestern portion of the work is fully worthy of its val-Cameron. We are looking for an and the alleviation of pain. Nearly all of the to every Texan as the proper educational instiadvance movement on the Cameron different religious denominations have their tution to which the Texan youth should be sent. circuit. Brethren are cheerful and temples of worship-the most of them being of temples of worship—the most of them being of brick, and possessing all of the exterior and inhappy, and a new era seems to be terior attractions usually to be expected in a preciate the feelings of a man who, having toiled

THE COTTON EXCHANGE. This new and elegant structure, which is de-

over any of the others. THE FUTURE OUT LOOK.

wholesale houses in the South, conducted by solvent men, who do business according to those who were burnt out by the great configgration of June, 1877, have rebuilt, for the accommodation of their business, handsomer and larger structures than those they had the misfortune to lose. These mammoth establishments are all filled with goods that are sold at the lowest market rates: and were the people of the interior to manifest a little more concern in developing the importance of the only metropolis that exists within the confines of their commonwealth, the time would speedily arrive when New Orleans would have to contend against a powerful rival for the first honors among the cities of the South.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

As we are about to enter upon the duties of a new year, it is eminently proper that we should a new year, it is eminent .81 50 our presiding elder. The cause of wholesale houses in the South, conducted by who desire to supply themselves with any of the his absence, sickness. We held the solvent men, who do business according to quarterly conference as best we of those who were burnt out by the great concould be done by sending to the greater disone steward. We preached Satur- commodation of their business, handsomer and day and Sunday at 11 o'clock; Bro. larger structures than those they had the mis-

new year, it is eminently proper that we should pause and take a retrospective glance at the past in order that we may profit by the mistakes we have committed as well as the successes we have experienced. The year just ending has filled out its mission of both happiness and woe. It has completed its bitter memories to be cherished by those who have suffered, as well as the pleasures that will sparkle among the fond recollections of those who have rejoiced.

In other States a great scourge has been visited upon homes that are draped in mourning, and left some vacant chair that will keep its company with the vacant places that can never be filled in the hearts of the mourners. It was God's work. Why He has seen proper to extend others from the justness of His divine decrees, is something that belongs to the Infinite alone. The sad experiences that have shrouded so many homes in the great cities that lie within the valley of the Mississippi, teach their lessons to us, as well as to those who have suffered, and the end of God's will can be attained in no way that will be more acceptable to Him than by improving the remainder of our lives so as to meet at any time whatever visitation He may see proper to send upon us.

We of Texas have been spared, have been blessed, have prospered. It is eminently just, then, that we should inquire of ourselves, what have we to offer in return for the favors we have enjoyed at the hands of the great Giver? In the political outlook there is but little in

sight that is calculated to inspire a bright hope that, as a nation, we are advancing upon purer ways and into practices that conform more closely to the teachings that are contained in the Divine law.

Financial failures have followed from the extravagant habits and reckless calculations of those who were entrusted with the hard earnings of many who now mourn over the losses they have sustained.

Frauds are still practiced in high places, and political power, with the attending attractions of excessive perquisites, continue to be the superior advantages of other places to seek their highest object to which the ambitious and learned men of the land are disposed to make the goal of their desires.

for renewed efforts in the warfare it continues oil lamps, is a question that has elicited considto wage with virtue. The red hand of the mur- erable discussion. Some held that it is because every day some new victim is added to the list gas; others that, though the burners may have of those who have fallen through the madden- been lit but a few hours during the month, a bill ing effects of strong drink and the exciting is rendered for the same round sum as though scenes that surround the card-table.

visits will be made.

A merry, happy Christmas to all its readers, SUBSCRIBERS desiring a change in the direc- Messrs, Wm. Hendley & Co.:

change may be made.

sprightly, entertaining reading, the Youth's Companion has no superior among the Youth's pub-

Among the advertisements in this issue is one of a colored man, who applies for a school. We crystal; will not soil the finest linen, and furhave known him for several years, during which time he has filled positions of trust and responsibility. We cordially commend him to any community in need of a colored teacher. He will be found fully competent.

We have received an invitation to attend the fair to be given by the Hebrew lanies, assisted by ladies of other denominations, to be held from December 23 to 26 inclusive, at 121 and 123 Tremont street. Members of the corps editorial are not generally the most liberal-financiallyof patrons to places of this kind; but if we do not go to buy, yet we may go to see-the fair.

day by day through youth and manhood to collect around him the comforts of life, and to "lay by" a sufficiency for his wants when hoary

GUADALUPE Co., TEXAS, Dec. 13. hundred and fifty prisoners, without giving to By the advertisement of G.T. Lathrop, of New Sandies Mission.—Our first quarter- any cell the slightest advantage or desirability Orleans, we are informed that he keeps all of the Church, South, constantly on hand. This inand 8th, without the presence of In this city are to be found some of the largest formation will prove valuable to those Texaus

application of the knowledge thus acquired to the administration of remedies for the human form divine have marked this age more strengly than that of any preceding it. One of the remedies that is most strongly recommended, and by the most reliable persons, is the Holman Liver Pad, the advertisement of which appears in this issue. Can this pad accomplish the results that are claimed for it, certainly then it will prove a most valuable prophylactic to disease. The managers for this efty are Messer. disease. The managers for this city are Messrs. Taylor & Pozzoni, who will give personal attention to all applicants.

A PHYSICIAN of our acquaintance, when re monstrated with by a friend for spending so much of his valuable time in the alleviation of suffering humanity, while he was blessed with so few of this world's goods, replied that such things troubled him not; to do good while he lived, and leave behind the results of his research and labors, that coming generations might profit thereby, was his ambition. There is a firm in this city who, when they have finished their labors and passed to their reward, will have left on innumerable people the impress their good work, who, in turn, will pronounce them Blessings indeed. It is a pleasure to visit the art gallery of S. T. Blessing & Bro., so near are its appointments. See advertisement.

Amono the articles of furniture for the house hold that, when good, produces entire satisfaction, and when defective, is productive of great annovance, the stove stands proudly pre-eminent. The ingenuity of man has been put to a severe test to so improve the cooking stove, that no more shall heavy underdone bread or poorly cooked meat be attributed to the defects of the kitchen stove. With honest, manly business emulation, the different houses engaged in the that stove which will fill the requirements of the cook and housekeeper. That one firm, at least, has succeeded in this effort, is evident from the advertisement of that energetic house, P. II. Hennessy & Co., to whose advertisement we would refer our readers. Messrs, Hennessy & Co. also keep on hand an excellent stock o general hardware fitted for the houshold.

JUST why the principal retail dealers on Mar-Vice is still in existence, and calls loudly ket street, as well as some of our large wholeupon those who are pledged to its destruction sale houses, have discarded gas and substituted the lights had burned continually. Be this as it But, with all, some good has been accomplish- may, certain it is that the gas company has lost mother). Though she had been sinking under the withering touch of consumption for many years, yet it was a great shock. If afflictions a great shock. If afflictions the state, there being no less than six well or ganized cotton press companies which have been gained; but the care good has been accomplished, some advantages over the focs of the human heart and soul have been gained; but the enemy is still in sight and must be met. Now is the chinery used in the work of compressing cotton.

HARDOR WORKS. is still in sight and must be met. Now is the time for the good resolves to be made, and the future will show to us the fidelity with which their execution has been carried into effect.

The Advocate renews its pledges to remain in the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field and to strengthen its resources of power the field to a dread of its use. But since the introduction, in its buildings and routine, is entirely distinct from Southwestern University.

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The best of advantages—literary, plished in the mission upon which its weekly street, between Market and Postoflice, will repay any one.

"GALVESTON, 1878. tion of the Advocate will always state the name | Gentlemen-For some time past we have of the postoffice to which the paper is then sent, been using in our dwellings and offices your as well as the one to which it is desired the "Euplen" Oil, and with much pleasure do we above any other burning fluid now in use. We THE YOUTH'S COMPANION. - For judicious have in turn used them all, and do now emsuperior to any of them in quality, economy and safety. From practical, thorough tests, we know it to be perfectly non-explosive. It burns without smoke or offensive odor; is clear as nishes a light of great brilliance. Its cleanliness, purity, and perfect safety, strongly commend its use to all desiring a brilliant and

economical light. Respectfully, Capt. Chas. Fowler, Sidney Scudder. Harry West. Geo, H. Sweet, Jack Redmond, J. G. Hurd. J. J. Lewis,

R. Jamison, W. F. Beers, Sec'y Union Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

Among the books of the useful, instructive sort that are annually presented for the approval of the public, "Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms" seems, from the examina-Among the very oldest of the business houses tion that we have given it, to be among the recently, but was extinguished. the factors of this city, have already been noticed and discussed by shippers in other cities ness of selling crockery glassware. Chiral many factors are already been many search have been engaged in the business of selling crockery glassware. Chiral many factors are five from the sceker after knowledge; and from "Penticed and discussed by shippers in other cities ness of selling crockery glassware. Chiral many factors are five from the sceker after knowledge; and from "Penticed and discussed by shippers in other cities ness of selling crockery glassware. Chiral many factors are five from the sceker after knowledge; and from "Penticed and discussed by shippers in other cities ness of selling crockery glassware. who have far greater obstacles to contend with etc. Always up to the times, and selecting their lections from the Poets," the closing heading, is in getting their consignments afloat on the sea, stock with rare judgment, both as to taste and replete with suggestive titles. Turning to the CAMERON, TEXAS, Dec. 10.-We and this fact has been accepted as an omen to the wants of their customers, the Mesrs, articles themselves, we find so much instructive have just held our first quarterly favorable to Galveston, and against which the Crawford stand in the very front rank of the and entertaining matter that we are loth to put the book away. Whether it be the parliamentary rules that govern regularly organized meetings, WE would cail the attention of those who, tabulated statistics of a vast range of subjects, present. Bro. Cox, the presiding The public buildings of Galveston certainly either for themselves or as the guardians and legal forms for men of business, the rules of 'etiquette," or a "dictionary of synonomous words," each conveys a vast fund of informatact of infusing that spirit to othbook contains some 350 pages. The mechanical uable contents. Address A. Philo, Galveston.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

December 14-5 J Newton-communication This new and elegant structure, which is decidly the finest edified in the State, is not ges shall have crept upon him, finds some morning that the results of his life's labors have been in a sew and stadily admired by the hundreds of visitors who are welcomed within its walls. The exterior of the building presents some thing that may be studied by those who admired the hardy of your readers approve your persistent refusal to allow our church paper to become a Police Gazette. Let the weekly visits of our church organ come ladened with the gems of virtuous thought, but never with the loathesome failth of a moral scavenger cart, "unfit to be unloaded in the family circle." You are right, Stand fast; be firm where you stand,—Atticus.

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obitnary..... H S P Ashby..... Jas A Walkup..... B F Gassaway..... G W Swoilord..... T R Atkins— will change. December 17—W H H Biggs..... G W Owens... Jas G Walker—subscriber.... J B Beaumont—will have attention..... John S Browne... T W Rogers —promptness you shall have.... B D Dashiel— appointments.

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HANNA-STORY-At the parsonage, Seguin Texas. December 12, 1878, by the Rev. W. J Joyce, William Hanna and Miss Annie Story. HIPPER-SMITH-At the residence of Weston Smith, in Bexar county, December 10, 1878, by Rev. John W. DeVilbiss, Mr. James H. Hipper and Miss Susie E. Smith. All of Bexar county.

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"O, mamma!" exclaimed Hattie Rogers, as she bounded into her dollars; and he says it will buy sewing. me a real gold watch.

"So it will, my dear," replied her mother, taking the roll of bills from her daughter's hand, and counting it out on her lap. Hattie's black eyes sparkled with delight, and behind her and looked at the crisp up the front walk. "Look, mamnotes as her mother spread one ma, the board says eight dollars after another in her hands.

"Will you go with me right mean?" away, mamma, to get it? I saw Jenny Taylor with such a lovely mother, wondering why Hattie was little watch only yesterday, and did so wish for one like it; and now I can have my wish. Oh! I minded her mother of the permis- place, in such an advertisement that might be traced over the long Borden, John H. Money and Moses do love Uncle Aleck!"

Her mother consenting, they were soon ready for their walk to liked. the jewelry store, where Hattie expected to find her beautiful watch. She almost danced along the street, and her cheeks and eyes were bright with happy excitement. you do no harm with it. and her little toes looked blue and cold from her ragged shoes.

"Shall we go and see this little girl's mother, Hattie?" said Mrs. Rogers, "or are you too impatient down street. for your watch to allow you to wait

"For the loving Savior's sake, come with me, dear, sweet lady, pleaded the child, and Hattie turned willingly away from the and, clinging to her mother's hand, stove you gave me from the old stamped upon her dignity and she followed the little girl through the streets, and then down a dark, machine is so pretty. Then these fought for and struggled over, so residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Captain Chriesman professed remiserable alley, until she stopped two old bedsteads I found in the cherished in the innermost recesses Coke Thomson, in Burleson county, ligion and united with the Methodat the door of a dilapidated tene- garret look almost new since Han- of the national heart, so boasted November 21, 1878, in the 86th year ist Church, of which he continued ment house, and, lifting the latch, nah cleaned them for me. These and proclaimed to the world; of his age. entered the narrow doorway. Up mattresses and pillows Cousin where do we set up her image and While yet in his youth, Mr. In 1844 he removed to Burleson two flights of rickety steps, they Emma sent me are just the thing. worship it to-day without the Chriesman removed to Kentucky, county and opened a plantation House. Send for Price List to

At length she stopped at a door of a small back room, and ushered Hattie and her mother into a miserHattie and her mother into a miserRogers, smiling on her child's into our very life as an American law, to the province of Texas, felt by her aged father, though he able, fireless apartment, where a delight pale, thin woman lay on a pile of straw and rags in one corner of the les. But Uncle Aleck sent them, image is almost obscured, and all permit issued by Austin to his columnst remarkable constitution, and room. Two small children were you know-that is, the groceries," shivering close beside her, and the and she peeped into a tiny closet whole group wore the aspect of by the chimney, where the box had abject starvation and wretchedness. been put.

Mrs. Rogers inquired kindly tears as she listened.

and his wife found it hard to find the absolute necessaries for him and his children during a long ill
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To describe the average and his children during a ness that ended in his death and her utter desolation. Then fatigue and exposure exhausted her bad things went to worse, until real good she had accomplished. starvation was upon them, and

the widow's "o'er true tale," and rocking chair, that Hattie declared placing some money in little Nelly's she was almost well already. hand, she bade the child go at hand and left the place.

The little girl was very quiet Puss?" he said to Hattie, after they coveted watch, when Hattie turged he asked. away, saying:

buy a watch with that money now, fortable; and I think," she added, I did not know until to-day that any "God is better pleased than if I one could be so poor and wretched had bought a watch for myself." as little Nelly's mother. May I

can give me your decision."

some needles. The machines all the real good of others. For Texas Christian Advocate. looked new and pretty, and Hattie suddenly remembered that one of them would make a nice Christmas present for Nelly's mother. She said nothing, however, but turned the matter over in her wise little head as she walked home. mother's sitting room, "only look Mrs. Rogers noticed a cottage "for long since for the benefit of mis- wasted fortunes and ruined lives, confirmed. Captain Chriesman's at the great roll of money Uncle rent," and called Hattie's attention sions. In summing up the result not alone upon drunkenness in its experience as a government sur-Aleck gave me to buy Christmas to it, as it had recently been occuthings with! A whole hundred pied by a woman who did their

"Let us go in, mamma," urged Hattie, stopping at the tiny gate. "For what, my daughter?" asked the mother.

"O just to look at it; I love these tiny little houses; they always per month. What does per month Texas."

so interested in the little cottage.

"You are sure you meant it, mamma?" she asked, leaning on her mother's shoulder. "Certainly, my daughter; so

Her eyes were red with weeping, dear?" said Mrs. Rogers, when the missionary collection of the rity, too far to be reached by aught province. At the breaking out of the Hattie once more tied on her hat before going out again.

the little girl, as she hurried off

were brilliant with delight.

"Isn't it just splendid, mamma!" bright jewels in the shop window, she exclaimed; "that tiny little age of the Goddess, with "saloon" followed on, and Hattie shivered Then the table and chairs, and mockery of some such imprint as and thence to Missouri, where he on the Yegua creek. There Mrs.

"So I did, and the box of grocer-

Hattie's bright eyes filled with the little stove, Hattie begged her mother to let her have the carriage an empty show. The father's health had failed, at once and go for Nelly's mother,

To describe the surprise and de light of the poor family when they ready it has contributed to evil the Southern Confederacy, and learned of the nice home awaiting influences. Already it has been again under the American Union. out either meat or bread. The strength, and disease at last de- them would be impossible. Hattie found in trembling hands, and has Flatboats were secured and the trusty rifle of Captain C. soon proprived her of the power to labor any longer for her support. From pleasure she had given and the unquenchable fire. And behold, it fall of 1821, but the river freezing son. Truly a link that connected 275 in FINE STATE of CULTIVATION

She and Nelly made tea for them she sent little Nelly out to beg for all, and Mrs. Winter, Nelly's mother, looked so much improved Mrs. Rogers was much moved by in health, as she leaned back in the

It was quite dark when Hattie away. once and procure food and fire for and her mother reached home on her mother. Then, promising to Christmas-eve, and Uncle Aleck see her again, she took Hattie's stood on the steps awaiting them. "So you gave up your watch,

"No indeed, Uncle, for I made

"I think so, too, my darling,"

look at them, and then we will go ing its contents, when a small, deeper before he is aware, and will bacon up Red River to Alexandria. A CHANCE TO GET THAT BOOK!

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BY JULIA PHIPHER TRUITT. In a certain town, within the limits of the Northwest Texas Con-Just before reaching their own door ference, a collection was made not attracted attention. It was a silver

Northwest Texas Conference; and but the loving-kindness and ten- revolution he joined the company to assist in proclaiming, among the der mercy of a merciful God. "O, very sure, mamma," uttered darkened nations, the glorious gos-

pel of the Son of God. not know-but there it stood, ing her for its own! grimly suggestive-the proud im-

returned home, they stopped at an uncle's heart to make our little of old, when the fourth that young men left in charge of the

Advertisements like this are the or destroyed. most widely spread of which our In 1823 Capt. Chriesman assisted nation can boast. Can we wonder in making a crop at what is now that it finds its way into our mis- known as the Clay Place, near Insionary collections, when it is in dependence, Washington county. 123 so many other places and in such In the summer of 1823 Stephen Protean forms? Not alone upon F. Austin returned from the City of . Box 5283. the reeling drunkards that stagger Mexico with his authority to plant down our streets, not alone upon a colony and issue land titles fully afterwards, a coin was found that more degraded form, you may read veyor in Missouri pointed him out this same legend. We look around as the most suitable person for surhalf-dollar, issued in 1875-with its on the many places where it is veyor of the new colony, and he eagle, its thirteen stars, and its image of Liberty bright and new. But where it can not be seen. It is visually bright and new. But where it can not be seen. It is visually bright and new. But where it can not be seen. It is visually bright and new. But where it can not be seen. It is visually bright and new. But was at once appointed. On the Consignments solicited. Consignments solicit another stamp was upon it, not ible upon individuals, and States was run. It was a league survey designed by the government; a and Nations; it is branded on our for Josiah H. Bell, six miles below CHAS, H. LEE, Leon Co. Leon Co. stamp that this same just and consistent government would disclaim laws, and on many of their executive the town of Washington, on the Brazos river. Mr. Bell subsequentshe clasped her dimpled hands look so cosy," said Hattie, running having anything to do with. Deep professional men, on the bench and ly lifted his location and removed into one side were imprinted the bar, on our representatives at home to Brazoria county, and the Cates words, "J. L. Barnes' Saloon, Bryan and abroad; yea, there are tradi- family settled upon the first league tions that assert it is sometimes surveyed, the same upon which the It was an eminently suggestive in the halls of Congress, and in the venerable "Uncle Amos Cates" half-dollar that might have set even | mature deliberations and wise con- now lives. Chriesman's assistant the American government to thinking. There was something striking. There was something striking. Clusions of that dignified assembly, surveyors were, in Austin's colony: as well as in the decisions of the Ross Alley, Bartlett Sims, Seth In-The next morning Hattie re- ingly incongruous, in the first Presidential chair. It is the legend gram, William Selkirk, Thomas H. sion she had given to her to spend finding its way into a missionary records of our police courts and cummings. In Robertson's colony: her hundred dollars just as she collection. And then the coin itself over the door of every common jail Frank W. Johnson (still living) had passed through some vicissi- and every penitentiary-over the and William Moore. tudes as strange as any that fall to gibbet with its quivering victim, In 1825 Captain Chriesman marthe lot of mortals. From the price and over the midnight murder and paid into the money drawer of a the wayside assassination. It is Hope. There was no priest at the For sale by

> On thee it is branded, thou fore San Antonio; but was sent as boasted Liberty of the nineteenth a courier to San Felipe, and was The word "saloon" was stamped century! Read the truth grimly thus absent when the city was cap-The day before Christmas Hattie directly over the figure of the God- written on the coin, ye men with tured. So during the subsequent and her mother stood together in the little house with only three small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and Hattie's eyes or with intentional sarcasm, we do small rooms, and the small rooms are small rooms.

Biographical.

world-we acknowledge to our mander of the colony forming on terminated his eventful life.

will be there when the form, as well soon as practicable, Mr. Kincheloe tian. as the spirit of Liberty, shall be hastened forward to New Orleans, CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 9, 1878. gone, and when the eagle and the and employing four or five young thirteen stars shall have been worn men, chartered the schooner "Only Son," to carry the men to the Albert Hanford's Texas State Regis-There have been noble charac- mouth of the Colorado, with seeds ters around us everywhere—characters that had a sterling ring, and were true and pure. But how many a mother weeps, how many a wife is broken-hearted over the planted their first crop on what fulfilled. The word "saloon," with "Kincheloe League." Mr. Chriesall the dangerous influences it em- man, with the families of Kinche-"Oh! no, mamma, I could not four persons so happy and com- bodies, has been stamped upon loe, Rawls and Prewett, left St. many things as well as upon this Louis in a flatboat, February 25, coin. It is over the purity and 1822; but some of the party getting WANTED Agents THE PICTORIAL truth, over the freedom of thought sick, they were detained for a con-and uprightness of action, over the siderable time at New Madrid, as little Nelly's mother. May I do just what I like with my hundred dollars?"

"Certainly, my child, but you had better not decide hastily; you might, when too late, regret the loss of your pretty watch. Let us loss of your pretty watch. Let your loss of your pretty wat

home and to-morrow morning you square case stuck fast in it, and outlive his love of country and his When they reached New Orleans was hard to remove. "What on self-respect, his affection for friends they met Mr. Kincheloe, who again They entered the store, and the jeweler displayed a number of beautiful watches and long, elechartered the "Only Son," Captain gant chains, any one of which ing. At last it was out, and Hattie with a character as genuine as ever mouth of the Colorado on the 9th send us Four Subscribers to the TEXAS could be bought for Hattie's hunscreamed with delight, when she was the silver of this coin; the of June. Another vessel landed Christian Advocate—with the money—\$10.00. dred dollars. She looked on the shining treasures with sparkling eyes, and half decided to buy one; from Uncle Aleck.

| Another vesser landed stamp of another influence than vours is ready for him. We have licensed it in our cities, towns and licensed it in our cities, licensed it in our cities, towns and Mrs. Peyton (afterwards Mrs. Ebthen little Nelly's cold, pinched Then a look of disappointment villages, and it is waiting for him erle), Messrs. Clare, Clopper, and face would come between her and came into her eyes, as she said, "I at every corner. There is no es- others. The goods of both schoonthe tiny watch she held in her have given up nothing for God cape for him, unless your teachings ers were landed and left in charge gloved fingers, and she laid them after all. "Your kind action is and your prayers shall have availed of some young men while the famall down and turned away resonot lost, my child," said her so much that he can pass through lutely. As she and her mother; "but God put it into your the fire unscathed as did the three which had been opened. The satisfaction guaranteed. Address

saloon for so much added shame branded on many a ruined and time in Texas and they were marand disgrace, to the portion given wasted home, and on many a grave ried by bond, before John P. Cole, Then Hattie brought her little the street, a poor little shivering chair and sat down at her feet, and they had a long confidential talk, over which Hattie seemed quite her mother, who lay ill, and for her little brother and sister, for her little brother and sister, the loss of your watch.

Then Hattie brought her little the missionary cause by some earnates the missionary cause such as the missionary cause with the last cause of the missionary cause such as the mission the missionary cause by some earnest man or woman, was such a graveyard. It is branded on many had frequent encounters with the

of Captain James G. Swisher bebeing in the battl f San Jacinto.

was in the Gay Hill neighborhood, Horatio Chriesman was born in near Brenham. During a meeting a steadfast member until his death. BEWARE of BOGUS INSTRUMENTS. and drew her fur cloak closely about her as the cold wind whistled through the open crevices of the building.

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In the table and chars, and mockery of some such imprint as the cold wind whistled this upon it? The saloon has stamped its influence upon our libtrary of speech, liberty of the press, liberty of conscience. Upon our of 1821 he made preparation to much before!"

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"You forget the wood and the cold wind whistled the cold wind white cold wind whistled the cold w "You forgot the wood and the national liberty the stamp sinks remove with a small company, in- appeared in the Advocate about Frommer's Trade Book Bindery people. It is stamped upon our among the first three hundred of still found an excellent home with social life so deeply that even the Austin's colonists. The printed the bereaved family. He had a its beauty marred. Liberty, so onists, was signed by Stephen F. was in ordinary health until at-trons. boasted and proclaimed to the Austin, "civil and military com- tacked with the pneumonia, which

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As soon as everything was ar"saloon" is imprinted upon it the province of Texas, under ships endured by the old pioneer ishing a mockery and boasting of Texas was then under Spanish late Brother Chriesman, informed domination. Captain Chriesman me that while cultivating his corn The Best Teas in the State, Very few years have passed since lived subsequently under the Mex- crop in 1823, he lived several days been given up to evil work. Al- government, with Texas as a State; Mr. Whitesides was absent in Ar- Fine Farm for Sale! has come forth from that evil time, up unusually early, they could not the present generation with the bearing an impress upon it too start until the spring of 1822. Leav- past has been sundered in the death deep to be erased; an impress that ing the main party to follow as of this venerable patriot and Chris-

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GOLDEN TEXT:

And all the people shouted with a great shout, foundation of the house of the Lord was laid .-

We resume in this lesson the history of the Jews-God's chosen people—where we left it in the last esson of the second quarter of last year. It was at this time that those people were first called Jews and their country Judea. They had been carried away captive to Babylon by the great Assyrian monarch, Nebuchadnezzar, during ings. the period included in 614--599 B. C., under their kings, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. They had remained their seventy years in bondage; and Cyrus, urged thereto by Daniel, had issued his decree for their restoration to their kingdom. Besides this, he had restored to them all the treasures taken from their former temple. The Persians, like the Jews, worshipped one God. The other na-Empire were polytheists and base idolaters. The one-God the great reformer of Judea, was in his prime; Pisistratus had just founded his library in Athens; Solon had just endowed Greece with his wisdom; Pythagoras had given her and the world the foundation of mathematics, and Esop given us his incomparable fables; and Tarquin the proud, was just ready to mount the throne of Rome. The world was not dead, and Cyrus was abreast with it. In our last lesson of Old Testament

V. 1. "And when the seventh month was come, and the children as is apparent from the terms, and Jerry," last week shut up and sired for market purposes. The their brethren the Levites." of Israel were in the cities, the the latter part of September or first of October. It was their festival month. In that month they esin it came their atonement day, and feast of thanksgiving. As the journey from Babylon occupied Jews had been about three months 16-19, and also ch. xxv.) Jews had been about three months in their own land getting ready for the events of this lesson; "the people gathered themselves topeople gathered themsel

son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereIsrael, to offer burnt offerings thereon as it is written in the law of the same as it is written in the law of the foundation of the same as it is written in the law of the foundation of the same as it is written in the law of the foundation of the same as it is written in the law of the foundation of the same as it is written in the law of the foundation of the same as it is written in the law of the same as it is written in the same sons; "builded the altar:" the alby Deut. xii: 14, 15. Fresh from their seventy | years of captivity, they hasten as a penitent prodigal nation to confess their sins.

upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those offerings thereon unto the Lord, ern lamentations are always loud ever burnt offerings morning and and shrill. evening." Having cleared away the rubbish, "they set the altar them; and as a defense they raised thousand to flight. an altar to God, as did Jacob when 2. Like Jeshua and Zerubbabel tended a call to the proper man The fall or early winter months

of Tabernacles, as it is written, and foundations. the daily burnt offerings by num- 4. Keep God's ordinances day Professor Burks, the Vice-Regent, lously injures the plants before

of thanksgiving at the close of the have built your church. written:" as the written law re- we build His temple.

new moons, and of all the set feasts cause. Lord; "the continual burnt offerings:" the daily sacrifices mentioned before; "new moons:" the beginning of each month (Num. beginning God.

God, to pay the masons and carpen- wealthy. ters liberally. Their law required

Zedekiah; "twenty years old and

history we had the decree of Cyrus, and in this we have the foundation of the new temple laid.

| Devited Hodses, as Radine | Wice in check by a strong hand. A new comer, therefore, who, following the railroad, declared his define of local option, opened a cidedly superior to that variety, and the new temple laid. nadad:" a third Levitical family, saloon and hung up his sign, "Tom and especially when the fruit is de-

V. 10. "And when the builders people gathered themselves to-gether as one man to Jerusalem."

V. 10. "And when the builders laid the foundation," etc. They had been fully six months, getting "The seventh month:" the seventh had been fully six months getting town arrangements than to our three hundred miles south of me month of the Jewish sacred year- ready, and now they begin; "they set the priests in their apparel with and built by our own citizens, the them on their warmer soils, and trumpets:" for priests' apparel, see depot has been located within a from this fact I am led to believe Ex. xxxix. The trumpets were few steps of our public square. month. In that month they escaped from Egypt. It was in this camps to sound calls; "sons of month their new year began, and camps to sound calls; "sons of the old town and the establishment the old town and the establishment of this variety is Asaph: sons of music, musicians of new business centers. The new productiveness of this variety is descended from Asaph. It is likely other musicians were joined with their interest to cluster near the ity. Small plots with plants placed about four months, the returned them, (see 1 Chron. xiii: 8; xv:

gether as one man," as the Mosaic law required them to do (Deut. xvi: 16); "as one man:" this reis, they sang such songs as the xvi: 16); "as one man:" this reveals clearly a spirit of unanimity sufficient to give new life to any sufficient to give new life to any salms. And as these responsive psalms. And as these responsive possible.

His mercy endured forcer, the over the town are being rapidly occupied by new dwellings, and so Georgetown rapidly grows in grace as the New Rochelle is closely allied to the black-cap in habits of people.

V. 2. "Then stood up Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel, the great shout." A nation praising God in chorus was a grand occation that they had cause to shout.

Moses, the man of God." "Stood of the first house when the founda-Moses, the man of God." "Stood up:" arose; "Jeshua:" Joshua; "his brethren, the priests:" his family of priests. Zerubbabel was the Governor; his title being "Tirshatha," and he was called the son of Shealtiel (Salathiel I, Chron. iii: 17), but in reality he chron. iii: 17), but in reality he chron be an adopt. was his nephew, probably an adopt- ginning of the exile, and the temwas his nephew, probably an adopted son because Shealtiel had no
later." They had tears for the
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will furnish the soap and magrounds, even on warm sandy
will furnish the soap and magrounds, even on warm sandy sons; "builded the altar: the alpast glory, and shouts of joy for the tar of burnt offering, as required past glory, and shouts of joy for the chinery for a laundry, Georgetown soils, and from this fact it can temple soon to rise on the foundations thus laid.

V. 13. "So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout ation to confess their sins.

V. 3. "And they set the altar pon his bases; for fear was upon should with a loud shout, and should with a loud shout with a loud should with a loud countries; and they offered burnt the noise was heard afar off." East-

APPLICATION.

upon h's bases, on its old founda-upon h's bases, on its old founda-tion." "Fear was upon them:" all but omnipotent; when one can of the locomotive whistle. Our worthy of note as any of the other they feared the hostile tribes about choose a thousand, two can put ten numbers are larger than at any twenty or thirty varieties on my

and oil.

offered a free will offering unto the be prompt to lead in God's work. routine, from the University.

xxviii: 11-15); "set feasts:" other 11. There is great inspiration in high commendation of our operafestivals, such as the Passover and a national work where priests and tions by Bishop Keener—a man Pentecost; "consecrated:" set apart; people unite therein as one man. who knows all about what a church "free will offerings:" special offer- 12. This weeping and rejoicing college ought to be-while it has is typical of man's journey of life, largely increased the public confi-V. 6. "From the first day of the sowing and reaping, dancing on the dence and popularity of the Southseventh month began they to offer hill tops for joy, and groping western, has greatly encouraged its burnt offerings unto the Lord. through dark valleys in sorrow. trustees, curators and faculty. We

they began to lay the foundations.
V. 7. "They gave money also unto the mason's," etc., (see Bible.)
A holy zeal inspired all as with a heeded. The indifferent world common impulse, and they did not passes by the suffering widow and hesitate, as is too often the case orphan on the other side as easily tions of the overthrown Assyrian with some who build a house for as it would the well fed and of our land. Some of the

V. 9. "Then stood Jeshua with his sons," etc. Not Jeshua of verse 2, but one of the heads of the two determined to hold the powers of that is now attracting considerable attraction. Levitical houses, as "Kadmiel" was vice in check by a strong hand. A attention. It is a seedling of the departed. So mote it ever be.

morals. The road being owned say that it also succeeds finely with business houses have found it to perhaps its most prominent qualold business stands. In that quar- three and a half feet apart have ter, therefore, property has greatly yielded at the rate of over 600

and numbers. road has made us feel acutely the a cordial reception in the Southern need of the capital, labor and ma- States. washes our northern limits.

previous period. We have ex- grounds. he fled from Esau, and again when he fled from Laban; "offerings morning and evening:" the daily sacrifices (Ex. xxix: 38-42).

2. Like result and zerubbabel tended a call to the proper man to fill an additional chair. The should always be selected at the chairs of History and English Literature will be hereafter disconnected from the chair filled by the be detferred until spring when

It lasted seven days, and during extra services to God to keep us and young ladies' department in the reward. R. H. that period the people dwelt in alive. that period the people dwelt in booths or tabernacles; "as it is b quired (Lev. xxiii: 34-43, and 7. All can aid in God's work; and daughters to educate, has al-Deut. xvi: 13-15); "according to some can build, and others can ready added a number of families custom:" sacrifices mentioned in give; some, money, meat, drink, to our town, and others are arranging to move in. The young ladies' V. 5. "And afterward offered the 8. As all desire an interest in department temporarily occupies continual burnt offering, both of the heaven, so all should aid God's the Presbyterian church, but will shortly occupy our own building. of the Lord that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly Kadmiel and other Levites, should tinct, both in its building and

But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid." They renewed the altar two weeks before unmeasured pleasure.

Life's duties at times make us sad, have got into open sea, God be praised. Let us still have the prayers of God's people.—F. A. Mood. ers of God's people.-F. A. Mood.

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coming into favor in all parts newer kinds have revealed such qualities of real excellence and worship was the tie that bound the Persian to the Jew. But they gave joufully. "Them of Zidon?" a city of the see coest was the submit the above as the cultivation throughout the countries of real excellence and prove so well adapted to general the see coest was the submit the above as the cultivation throughout the countries of real excellence and prove so well adapted to general the see coest was the submit the above as the cultivation throughout the countries of real excellence and prove so well adapted to general the second great as was Cyrus and as wise as he was, Daniel must not be forgotten. This restoration of Israel gotten. This restoration of Israel that was only overthrown by Alexander more than two hundred years afterwards. A glance at the world's fact that it was one of the marked eras of time. Confucius, the great reformer of Index was on the threshold of his fame; Buddha, the great reformer of Index was on the threshold of his fame; Buddha, the great reformer of Index was on the great reformer of Index was of the old varieties of rasp-been a serious obstacle in the way of growing them in the extreme the want of hardiness in plants has been a serious obstacle in the way of growing them in the extreme the want of hardiness of respective very good berries, yet the want of hardiness in plants has been a serious obstacle in the way of growing them in the extreme town. With us, however, it brings the want of hardiness of respective very good berries, yet the want of hardiness of respective of their coming," etc. "Second month:" in April or May of the following year; "began:" began began began the following year; began the following year; "began the following year; began town not far distant from us where the last few years a number of unusually desirable varieties have made their appearance, some from the following year; began town not far distant from us where the last few years a number of unusually desirable varieties have made their appearance, some from the following year; began the following year; began town not far distant from us where the last few years a number of unusually desirable varieties have made their appearance, some from the following year; began the work on the foundation of the tem- and the reaction has set in. As their hardiness, being especially ple; "remnant:" those left after evidence of this, we are nearing to the North, while others the destruction of Jerusalem under completion there a handsome and give promise of proving very de-Zedekiah; "twenty years old and upward:" (1 Chron. xxiii: 24,) and (Num. viii: 24.)

V. 9. "Then stood Jeshua with Round Rock. Sufficiently near to I will limit myself principally to

berries are of a rich red color, of a Our railroad has given no more roundish shape, and of very good

This reminds me that our rail- growth, it will probably meet with

urging Charles to appoint the wed- been enabled to attain the size of 'round and try to supply the wa- red color, and of excellnet quality. will "scuffle 'round and supply probably be safely reccommended the water," for the San Gabriel for planting at the South. I have already mailed quite a number of Our Court House is completed. plants to my correspondences there,

square. For e'egance, I presume Florence, Caroline and Brinkle's it is unsurpasse in our State, not Orangs are beautiful yellow varieexcepting the beautiful structure at ties that combine many good qual-Austin. The Southwestern Unities. Gregg, with its mammoth versity never was as prosperous as black berries, and Reliance, Queen 1. When any people unite as one now. It, too, seems to feel a healthy of the Market and Cuthbert with their

V. 4. "They kept also the feast captivity, build again on your old Regent, who is also professor of avoidable, as the hot weather commendations."

Regent, who is also professor of avoidable, as the hot weather commendations.

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ber, according to the custom as by day as soon as you have raised will assume the duties of this new they are firmly established. Place the duty of every day required." your altar. Do not suppose your school, and the new incumbent the plants 3 or 4 feet apart, enrich "Feast of Tabernacles:" the feast Christian duty complete when you will take the chair of mathematics, the ground well, hoe or cultivate now filled by him. As ordered by frequently during the early Spring, ZEN & TIFT. Cincinnati, O. ingathering of corn, oil and wine. 5. We need "set" occasions for the curators, we opened the normal and delicious berries will soon be R. H. HAINES.

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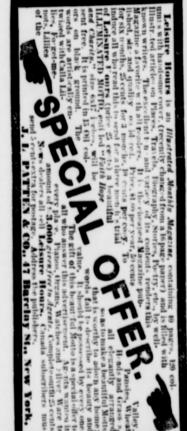
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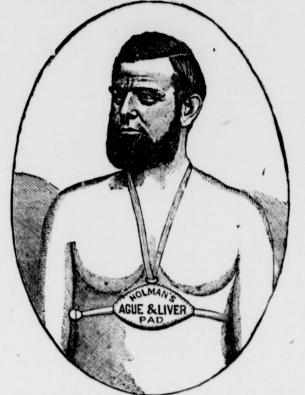
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