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HORN HILL, Limestone Co., Aug. 27.—M. K. Little closed last night an excellent meeting in the new church house with a number of conversions and accessions. Wells going dry and a general distress for water. Health good.—R. H. H. BURNETT.

CENTER POINT, Kerr Co., Aug. 29.—Camp-meeting just closed on the Medina. The church revived; 12 souls happily converted; eight accessions to the church; several baptized. I am grateful for ministerial aid, especially to the local brethren of Kerrville circuit.—J. H. TUCKER.

RANDOLPH, Houston Co., Aug. 29.—The people of our county are healthy. Crops are very light on account of the long drouth. No rain yet. Farmers will soon have all their cotton out. Corn-gathering the order of the day. A young men's prayer-meeting at Fairview church, which is progressing finely.—T. I. SURREFIELD.

CALEDONIA, Rusk Co., Aug. 29.—Bro. Hall still carrying on his meeting at this place. Eight accessions to the church and the church greatly revived. Fine weather, and crops short. It takes short crops and hard times to make people religious. Your paper well received and I think your number will be increased before our meeting closes.—T. S. GARRISON.

PLEASANT VALLEY, Dallas Co., Aug. 28.—I have just closed a protracted meeting at this place, which lasted one week and two days, resulting in 61 conversions and 50 accessions to the M. E. Church, South. Nearly all who were converted were persons that had homes in the community. The church is alive and active. I never saw a people work better in all my life.—CHAS. B. FLADGER.

WINCHESTER, Fayette Co., Aug. 24.—Our new church at this place is rapidly approaching completion. It seems to add new life to the town. Learn the brethren are pressing church building at Alum Creek. This has been a gracious year, the Lord has visited us with out-pourings of his spirit at every meeting we have held. Will write report of our camp-meeting at this place soon. Help us praise the Lord.—M. S. HOTCHKISS.

CAMPMEETING NOTICE.—We propose to hold a camp-meeting at Pleasant Grove church, about 12 miles west of Boston, and 5 miles east of Dalby Springs, commencing on Friday night before the first Sunday in October. The meeting is to be held on the self-supporting plan. Our ministerial brethren are cordially invited to attend and assist. Will Brothers McKenzie and A. C. McDougal please come; also Bro. L. F. Palmer. All ministers who come will be provided for. Come, brethren, and help.—W. W. HORNER.

VAN ALSTYNE, Grayson Co., Aug. 23.—A protracted meeting at the Wilson school-house, four miles northwest of this place, closed last night, after ten days' services, conducted by Bro. T. B. Lane, local preacher, assisted by Bros. Briggs, Renno and McKinney, local preachers, and one night by Bro. Rodgers, Cumberland Presbyterian. The lady of all churches also gave much interest. Results: 42 conversions, 25 accessions, 24 baptisms—20 adults and 4 infants. The health remarkably good. Corn and cotton about a half crop. Weather very dry, water being scarce.—LITTLE.

MADISONVILLE, Aug. 27.—Just returned from the second camp-meeting held on the Centerville circuit in the present month. About one thousand persons on the ground Sunday, 24th, and some sixty tents. About thirty conversions and twenty additions. Bro. Truitt has wrought well on this circuit. The zeal of the brethren on the Centerville circuit in holding camp-meetings has moved some of the friends on this work to have one. Hope to make it a success.—G. S. SANDEL.

NEWTON Co., Aug. 29.—I have just closed my fifth meeting. The church somewhat revived, with five accessions and one conversion. For the want of ministerial aid had to close too soon. At all but one place, and from now until camp-meeting—which embraces 4th Sunday in October, commencing Thursday before—my time will be occupied in holding protracted meetings. 22d inst., had a bad storm from the northeast, doing much damage to crops, and crops short at that.—E. T. BRASHER.

MILAM, Sabine Co., Aug. 27.—The protracted meeting at Wright's Chapel began last Sunday and closed last night. There were 5 or 6 conversions and 10 additions. Some backsliders were reclaimed and the church was greatly revived. A heavy and destructive wind, attended by a copious rain, visited this country on the 22d and 23d inst. Corn was blown down; cotton was beaten out of the bolls into the ground and considerably injured. Last Saturday I saw a sea gull which doubtless was driven from the gulf. Hope the Island city escaped unhurt.—G. D. WILSON.

CONCRETE, Dewitt Co., Aug. 25.—Concrete has been softened with copious showers of divine grace, brought down by a united effort of all the churches represented here. Thirty-nine professed saving faith in Christ. My people are pleased with the Sunday law. Some of the bar-keepers are exercised a little, owing to the hope of their gain having departed. That person or paper that does not respect the law of God nor the country in which they exist, should not be respected nor supported.—J. W. VEST.

BRECKENRIDGE, Stevens County, Aug. 20.—Warm and dry. Had a fine rain a few weeks ago, but this fearfully hot weather has exhausted all the moisture out of the ground. Quarterly meeting still in progress and success is attending it. Rev. Bro. Price preached some fine sermons. Bros. Warren and Aikin are doing efficient work. God be praised for communion with Methodist preachers. We were made sad by hearing of Bro. Hines being so feeble. No man is loved more in this county than T. W. Hines. Judge Veal's wife joined the church last night.—W. M. GOODE.

PITTSVILLE, Ft. Bend Co., Aug. 28.—We have just closed our rounds of meetings. San Felipe circuit is advancing. 16 additions and others to be received. Bro. Cravens with us, and in 17 days preached 20 sermons. He seemed to retain his strength without abatement to the end. He did good work and the brethren showed their appreciation by bearing his expenses and putting something in his pocket besides. We hope to keep the impulse that the church has received going and that much more good will yet be done. Religion and the Advocate are both getting more popular.—J. H. CHAMBLISS.

HALLETSVILLE, Lavaca Co., Aug. 26.—We are having some good times on the Lavaca River Mission. On July 31st commenced a meet-at Old Hope which lasted until the next Thursday night. Church revived, 13 conversions and 7 accessions. Bros. Grace and Rainey were with me. On 7th of Aug., at Sardinia, had 7 conversions and 7 accessions. Organized a church with 11 members on 3rd Sabbath at Navidad. Received 2 by ritual and one whose name had been lost from the roll for several years. Bro. M. A. Black, of Texana circuit, was with me Tuesday and Wednesday. During these meetings 6 children were baptized. We have had good rains; grass fine and growing. Cotton blooming and belling, and with a late fall we will make one-third of a crop. Corn about half of a crop. Prospect of an abundant mast.—A. G. NOLAN.

GRAND VIEW, Johnson Co., Aug. 27.—We report a gracious revival of religion in Grand View commenced. Seven conversions last night and one this morning, two before, making ten in all. Many penitents at the altar, and general seriousness throughout. Our night congregations are overwhelmingly large. We are in the midst of a fearful drouth again, water failing everywhere.—W. R. D. STOCKTON.

AUBURN, Ellis Co., Aug. 29.—Auburn is a little town situated a few hundred yards from the Ellis and Johnson counties line, on the north fork of Chamber's creek and the driest place you ever saw. No rain to do much good here since the 5th of May. Cattle suffering terribly on account of water. Cotton picking in full blast, crops light, though better right in this neighborhood than at other places. A great many people out of employment.—JAMES ROGERS.

LOYAL VALLEY, Mason Co., Aug. 29.—The law-abiding people of this part of the State endorse the Sunday law. However, there are a few *Sanballats* and *Tobias* in our midst whose howlings have only served to awaken God's people here to a proper appreciation of its beneficial effect. We expected a good meeting at Loyal Valley last week, but was sadly disappointed. Bro. Potter was expected, but did not come. Bro. Waller preached on Sunday and Sunday night.—JOHN W. HUNTER.

TEXARKANA, Bowie Co., Aug. 30.—I have just closed a most profitable meeting at Kingsville, one of the three appointments in Texarkana mission. Result: Entire church revived, eight of whom were, for the first time, permitted to "taste and see the Lord is good," and 30 others converted, 24 of whom united with the church. Incidents: During the meeting, 15 persons, in answer to prayer, were converted in an instant. Three young husbands and their wives embraced Christ, and, arm-in-arm, were baptized. A new church edifice is to be built.—D. F. FULLER.

COLD SPRINGS, San Jacinto Co., Aug. 29.—Now you want facts—here they are, and we defy the State to beat it. Little Helen Hill at Camilla, is just six years old, has finished the fifth reader, is now in history; has finished the spelling book, and is half through the dictionary; can tell you the capitals of all the countries of Europe; can go to the globe and show you where Bro. Allen is in China, and the exact route, from all our missions fields to Galveston; and has since the first of Jan. read from Matthew to 2d Timothy in the New Testament; goes to Sunday-school every Sunday, and reads the Advocate regularly. Is there another six year old girl or boy in Texas who can beat that? "If so let them now speak."—I. Z. T. MORRIS.

OIL SPRINGS, Indian Nation Aug. 24.—As I never have seen any thing from these parts, I thought I would drop you a few lines. I am attending these springs for my health. There is fine water here for a great many diseases. The water is strong sulphur and oil, the oil being as black as tar, and runs out with the water and floats on the top. A half-breed Indian, "Bob Love," owns the springs. We have to pay him fifty cents for the privilege of using the water. A man has the same right here as a citizen, with a permit, as long as he wishes to use the water. There is a good field in this part for a missionary. The citizens are mostly whites up and down the river. These springs are about twenty miles from Gainesville.—W. A. PATTERSON.

GOOD WATER, Ala., Aug. 26.—My dear father, Aaron Spivy, of Coosa county, Ala., was taken seriously ill the 22d of July, and suffered much, yet uncomplainingly till the morning of the 14th of August, about sunrise, he breathed his last. He was perfectly resigned to the will of the Lord, willing to live or die as God saw best. He had the very best medical attention, yet he failed. He was eighty years old. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, when he was only ten years old. While he was dying he exhorted the unconverted around him to live right and meet him in heaven. Religion with my dear father was a principle. Oh! how we miss him; yet we thank God for the hope of a reunion in heaven. Pray for us.—BETTIE SPIVY.

MAPLE SPRINGS, Aug. 28.—A good meeting at Wayland railroad company; eight converted; still they come. Many converts this year on the Wayland circuit. People like the Advocate. Good news; God is with us.—L. G. COLEMAN.

COMANCHE, Comanche Co., Aug. 25.—We are going to have a self-supporting camp-meeting on the Sabinal circuit, near Bro. Ferguson's, on Austin branch, commencing on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September. All are invited. We have an arbor large and long.—LEONARD WINDSOR.

RUSK COUNTY, Aug. 29.—I have held several protracted meetings in connection with the local brethren on my work, which have resulted in much good. Sinners were awakened; mourners happily converted, and the church greatly revived, and a goodly number received into the church. So we can truly say the Lord is with us.—SAMUEL WEAVER.

GIDDINGS, Lee Co., Sept. 2.—An interesting protracted meeting was conducted at Early chapel, August 16th to August 24th. Four members were received by baptism, and there were nine accessions by renewal of membership and otherwise. The pastor was assisted at different times by Bros. Pursuer and John Porter, local preachers, and Bro. J. C. S. Baird. Our meeting at Early chapel has furnished an occasion of profound gratitude to Him who is the giver of "every good and perfect gift."—P. B. SAFFOLD.

WEATHERFORD, Parker Co., Aug. 25.—Would it not be well to distinguish between that portion of the secular press which is battling against law and order and that which is so nobly defending the Sunday law? The *Cleburne Chronicle* says at that place the law is cheerfully obeyed, and sets forth, in an editorial, that the law has been enacted not to aid the church but for the protection and peace of the State and the improvement of the health and morals of its citizens.—OSCAR HIGHTOWER.

LAPSUS NATURE.—Two Physiological Wonders.—1. In Bowie county, Texas, resides a worthy young man, whose heart has been from birth located on the right side. He is robust in constitution, and has never experienced the least inconvenience from the unnatural location of the most vital organ of physical life. He is a member of the society at Kingsville, having been recently converted.

2. Little Aaron Smith, of Queen City, Cass county, Texas, is perfect in all his physique, except he has no arms, having been born armless. He is ten years old, and is quite intelligent. He writes well, holding the pen between the great and second toes. He can pick an article from the ground with his toes, toss it up, catch it in his mouth, and then drop it into his pocket in but little more time than one would require who has hands and arms. Viewing him, one would think that his arms had merely been amputated at the shoulder joints.—D. F. FULLER.

WEST FALLS, Falls Co., Aug. 28.—We are in the midst of a glorious revival on the West Falls circuit. Have just closed a meeting of eight days' continuance, resulting in 47 accessions to the church and fully that number of conversions; many backsliders reclaimed, and the church abundantly blessed; more than 20 baptized with water, and very many with the Holy Ghost. It was truly good to be there; the power of God was manifested on the congregation in a wonderful manner from time to time. The good work still goes on. Bro. C. S. McCarver has added 195 to the church this year. Has another camp-meeting to commence tomorrow night, and expects happy results. It is very dry in this part of the country. Have had no rain to do much good since the 5th of May. Corn was entirely destroyed by the hail, and cotton is very sorry. Water and grass scarce. Times are very gloomy indeed; but no doubt it is all for the best, and may be the means of the salvation of sinners.—J. W. WALKUP.

COLTHARP, Houston Co., August. Our community is enjoying uninterrupted good health, so far as we know. Two negro women were

murdered on the 11th inst. by an unknown hand. Their bodies were found on a public highway near Coltharp, brutally mangled, but not dead. One died the same night; the other the next morning. No clue to the murderer yet. The opposers of the Sunday law are too far in the minority to raise a very distressing howl, but are rather submissive. We are heartily in sympathy with the Advocate in its war on vice. Our Sabbath-schools seem to be prospering; prayer-meetings tolerably well attended. Class-meetings have some attention, though too much overlooked. Occasionally we find a young men's prayer-meeting in the country; and where this is the case its effects are visible. Local preachers are at their posts, and aid their pastors to the best of their ability; and every part of the machinery of Methodism is working harmoniously once more in this country. God grant that it may continue till all are converted and become members of the church.—G. Y. CHAMBLISS.

HOMER, Angelina Co., Aug. 28.—We have just closed our eighth protracted meeting. It was held at Ryan's chapel. We have a new house at this place 30x40 feet. There is another one at Wallis chapel, which will be ready for our protracted meeting, 36x40 feet. There were twelve additions to the church at Ryan's chapel, twelve conversions and a general peace making among the brethren. We had help from R. Menefee, W. C. Warner, L. M. Barnes and our P. E., Bro. Morse. Our third quarterly meeting commences Saturday. During this quarter there have been two hundred and sixty-two accessions to the church; two hundred and forty-five conversions; fifty-four children baptized; Conference and bishop claims met. My congregations are very large, with splendid order.—J. M. BOND.

GRAPEVINE, Tarrant Co., August 26.—While God seems to have been so mercifully lavish of His blessings this year upon our State, we rejoice to know that we have not been left out, notwithstanding our great unworthiness. Our camp-meeting, appointed to embrace the second Sunday in this month, is just closed, and our hearts bound with gladness, when (worn and fatigued as we are) we sit down and contemplate the glorious results. Result: 115 conversions; 80 accessions to the church; 36 adult and ten infant baptisms; raised about \$250 to pay for a magnificent shingled arbor that our people had built in the center of a 30-acre plat of ground, owned as a camp-ground by the M. E. Church, South, of Grapevine circuit. We acknowledge the assistance of Bro. Gatewood for two or three days, and Bro. M. H. Wells, and some noble local brethren, to whose faithful labors the church is largely indebted for the result.—L. M. WHITE.

LULING, Caldwell Co., August 28.—I have just closed a protracted meeting, four miles from Luling, on West Fork creek, with the following results: Fifty converted, thirty-four additions to the church—two by letter from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; thirty-two by ritual and baptism—fourteen of the number by immersion; seven children baptized; backsliders reclaimed and the church greatly revived. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Glory be to His name! Bro. B. Harris, preacher in charge of the Lockhart circuit, preached for us one time, with his usual ability—his sermons having great effect. We are under obligations to Bros. Brown and England for valuable services rendered the last few days of the meeting. We closed the meeting with many penitents at the altar. I have never before witnessed such powerful displays of God's divine grace. The old, the young, and the middle-aged—all alike—sought and found pardoning mercy. To God be all the glory.—P. P. JONES.

WILLIS, Montgomery Co., Aug. 30.—On Wednesday last we closed a meeting at Pleasant Grove (Collard chapel) five miles from Willis, which continued twelve days, having service mostly at night. Result: sixteen conversions and sixteen additions to the church; baptized ten adults and five infants. A gentleman and his wife professed conversion one night, and on the next they brought their children,

and all were received into the church. This was apostolic. Had the aid of Bro. F. M. McCurdy, L. E. The community is greatly indebted to Bro. McCurdy, who labors to the extent of his physical ability, for a prosperous church and a successful Sunday-school. The Sunday law is observed in Willis, and merchants and clerks are glad to avail themselves of its benefits. Have not heard a word against its observance, but some censures of certain papers for opposing the law. We are much pleased with Prof. Moore's comments on Sunday school lessons. They are plain, concise and to the point. We like them better than any that we have seen. They are of great service to Sunday-school teachers. The "application is an excellent feature. Our new church at Willis is not yet quite ready for dedication. We need seats and lamps. Will not some one make us a present of a Bible and hymn-book for the pulpit, and some one gladden our hearts by presenting us with a communion service? We owe nothing on the building, and we hope to succeed in completing it soon.—J. M. PUGH.

THE TEXAS SECULAR PAPERS VS. THE SUNDAY LAW.—It is truly sad to see how many of our secular papers "curse the Sunday law" and the "Sixteenth Legislature." Do they not know that in doing this they are indirectly cursing Almighty God? The Sixteenth Legislature did not create the Sunday law; they only recognized in part the law already in existence. The Sunday law is God's law, and is as old as the world. Christ tells us, Mark ii: 28, that it was "made for man"—that is, for all mankind. It was made before the birth of the first child of Adam and Eve; made to commemorate creation; and is not, therefore, sectarian, Jewish or Puritanical, nor is it repealable. As long as there is a Creator or creation to be remembered, it will be in full force and virtue. The meaning and purposes of the law appear in Exodus, xvi: 22, 30 and xx: 8, and xxxi: 13-17; where we have the awful penalty by which the observance of the law is enforced. See all the places referred to in the margin. See Numbers, 15, etc. The seventy years captivity in Babylon was largely for Sabbath-breaking. See at the end of 2d Chronicles and Nehemiah 13. Read Ezekiel 20; Isa. 56 and 58; Jeremiah 17th, 21 to the end. God changes not. His law is perfect. It is not in the power of man to change it. He holds nations as well as individuals accountable to him for the violation of it. "The Sabbath-breaker shall surely be put to death." For this sin their nation (the Jews) was nearly cut off. A remnant went into captivity, and after 70 years a small remnant returned—about 24,000, instead of 600,000 families, which came out of Egypt! Let us take warning by what they suffered. Let every one carefully consult all the passages referred to.—O. FISHER.

ROCK HILL, Collin Co., Aug. 26.—The meeting at Bethel, on Bethel circuit, North Texas Conference, is still in progress. We went to church last night and the night before, expecting to close the meeting, but such was the display of God's power in and out of the church that we concluded just to "stand still and see the salvation of God." We have not as much material as is found in other places, nevertheless some fifty-seven persons have professed religion. The church is greatly revived, and is now taking a higher stand in Christianity than ever before.—G. S. CHATEWOOD.

HARRISON COUNTY, Aug. 28.—My work, Harrison circuit, lies in the eastern part of the county. The only objection I have heard urged against the Sunday law is that the penalty is not severe enough. Even the colored people, I am informed, would almost unanimously support it if it were left to a vote of the people. The penalty for violating the law of the Sabbath used to be death. If the next session of the Legislature touch the present law at all, let it be to increase the penalty.—LACY BOONE.

We invite special attention to the article entitled "The Anti-Sunday Law—Ingersolism." It is from the pen of one of the leading lawyers of our State. Its utterances will command the thought of all right-minded men.

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News and Secular.

ST. LOUIS LETTER.

The Drummer's Tax—Merchants Arriving—Rev. Dr. McAnally—The Preachers Returning—The Kansas Exodus—A Cold Wave.

The merchants of this city are still exercised over the drummers' tax in Texas, and some of them openly assert that Galveston merchants secured the passage of the law to "horn off" competition from merchants in this city and elsewhere.

MERCHANTS ARRIVING.

Merchants are pouring into St. Louis pretty lively now to buy their fall stocks. Near 200 arrived from Arkansas Thursday by an excursion train over the Iron Mountain, and they are now coming by every train every day from different States and towns.

REV. DR. McANALLY.

On the first of September (Sunday) Rev. Dr. McAnally, the talented editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and pastor of South St. Louis M. E. Church, South, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the ministry.

THE PREACHERS RETURNING.

It is a fact universally acknowledged here and throughout the North, West and East, that preachers, like other people, can be overworked, and that a little rest now and then is not only beneficial to them but necessary.

days and hot month of August; let them not, I say, envy their brethren of this and other more favored cities the "soft places" in the ministry.

If your correspondent can do anything to do away with the custom of the overtaxed preacher riding on horseback to see a sick sister who is suffering with the toothache or the measles, he will gladly do it.

THE EXODUS TO KANSAS.

Your correspondent on Tuesday interviewed several colored men who, with one hundred or more of their race, were returning from Kansas to their homes in Mississippi.

A COLD WAVE.

Last week we had a cold wave from ice-bound regions that was decidedly bracing, and which reminded all that fall is approaching.

A PLAGUE HAS APPEARED AT KIERMORLAN, ON THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

A plague has appeared at Kiermorlan, on the Turkish frontier. The destitution in the west of Ireland amounts almost to a famine.

A TREATY IS BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN RUSSIA AND SIAM.

A treaty is being negotiated between Russia and Siam. Persia is threatened with a drouth. Should the fears be realized, there will be fearful distress.

THE MARRIAGE OF ALFONSO, KING OF SPAIN, WILL TAKE PLACE IN MADRID AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE MOURNING OF THE INFANTA MARIA DEL PILAR.

The marriage of Alfonso, King of Spain, will take place in Madrid at the expiration of the mourning of the Infanta Maria del Pilar.

ADVICES WHICH REACH US AS WE GO TO PRESS STATE THAT KALLOCH IS OUT OF DANGER.

Advices which reach us as we go to press state that Kalloch is out of danger. The bullet grazed but did not penetrate the lung.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS QUARANTINED AGAINST ALL PORTS IN THE SOUTHERN STATES OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Spanish Government has quarantined against all ports in the Southern States of North America. There was a demonstration this week of 2,000 unemployed laborers in Glasgow. The world is in a ferment.

CROWDED MEETINGS ARE STILL BEING HELD IN SHEFFIELD, AND OTHER POINTS IN ENGLAND TO CONSULT ON PLANS FOR THE PROMOTION OF EMIGRATION FROM ENGLAND TO AMERICA.

Crowded meetings are still being held in Sheffield, and other points in England to consult on plans for the promotion of emigration from England to America.

CONTRACTS ARE AT THE POINT OF BEING CLOSED BETWEEN AMERICAN FIRMS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CRUISERS TO COST IN THE AGGREGATE 25,000,000 RUBLES.

Contracts are at the point of being closed between American firms and the government of Russia for the construction of cruisers to cost in the aggregate 25,000,000 rubles.

The Belgian bishops have assumed a position so extreme and violent in asserting their authority that even the Vatican has taken alarm and is seeking to restrain them.

The miseries of the Christians in Janina are becoming so great, owing to the intolerance of their persecutors, that the Greek committee sent to investigate the matter report them on the eve of an outbreak.

A MAN from Texas by the name of James Wright is reported in the Chicago Times to have shot himself and may possibly die. What a catalogue of suicides have recorded their verdict against liquor.

THE Zulu war cost England about \$22,200,000. The death of the Prince Imperial will render this conflict with the savages memorable. Its influence on the destiny of Europe can hardly be estimated.

The military tribunal of Odessa has sentenced five more Nihilists to the gallows, and twenty more were sentenced to long terms in prison. If the Czar does not look out he will have a heavy crop of dragon's teeth, which his successor may reap.

It is expected that four Cardinals will be created at the consistory in September. The Pope expects to induce several governments to prevent any judicial recognitions of the old Catholics.

An Atlanta telegram states that various Mormon communities of Georgia are preparing to emigrate to Utah. A great many leading Mormons are preparing to migrate. Their absence from any land is a blessing to it. They are moving in the wrong direction; Turkey is their true destination.

Jerome Napoleon has issued a manifesto stating that personally he opposes a coup d'etat, but believes firmly in the restoration of the empire by the reaction of public opinion caused by the violence of the radicals. He is not prepared to hasten its restoration by any plot against the lawful government.

In addition to the army the Minister of Finance informs the Porte that a half million of Musselmans refugees have to be maintained and that a financial catastrophe is inevitable. A reduction of the army must follow. Everything indicates that the Turkish power is going to pieces, or in prophetic language: "The Euphrates is drying up."

SAN FRANCISCO is in a state of great excitement over the contest between the Workingmen's party and the opposite organization for the municipal offices. In the heat of the canvass bitter recriminations passed between Kalloch, one of the leaders of the Workingmen, and two brothers of the opposite party by the name of DeYoung. Harsh reflections were made against the mother of the DeYongs on the one side and the father of Kalloch on the other. One of the DeYongs sought Kalloch and shot him from off a hack without warning. Kalloch's wounds are dangerous if not fatal. The police and the military were required to protect DeYoung from the workingmen, who were resolved to revenge their leader's blood. Dennis Kearney made a speech to the immense mob, who were on the verge of violence, and succeeded in dispersing them without any outbreak. Much anxiety is felt as to the result. Several leading clergymen, in their pulpits on the 24th, condemned as cowardly the assault on Kalloch, and set it down as an evidence of social demoralization and a low state of civilization.

WE see in the papers the question of the hours which the laborers shall be required to labor during the day is exciting agitation in certain localities. If legislation may interpose between the laborer and the employer, so far as to determine the hours which shall be considered a day's work, may it not also determine what shall be a legal week's work. We suggest to the laboring men of Texas that the Sunday law is designed to secure them one day for rest in seven. The law enacted on Sinai was in the interest of the sons of toil.

THE FEVER.—On the 25th the wife of Gen. Hood died in New Orleans of the yellow fever. Gen. Hood's residence is on the same square as that of Berkson's, whose son died of the fever July 31st. Since the above was received, the report that Mrs. Hood died of the yellow fever is denied. She was buried the 25th. The fever still spreads at Memphis. On the 26th nine new cases—four white and five colored were reported. Six deaths the same date. At a conference between the superintendent of quarantine and representatives of the colored churches it was agreed to close up all churches.

The Howard Association of Memphis on the 24th sent a nurse to White Station, Tennessee, ten miles east on the Charleston road, to take charge of a negro who has the fever. On the 24th there were 34 cases reported, of whom 14 were colored. All are well cared for.

A YOUNG elephant was recently brought into the Court of Exchange in London. He was accused of frightening a horse, and thereby damaging a young lady contained in the carriage attached thereto; but his mild and playful behavior in court, where he amused himself by picking hats off the table, convinced everybody that he did not mean to do it, and the case was compromised.

A VERY remarkable fish was captured at Mackinaw, Michigan, July 21, by Mr. O. Blossom. It was about ten feet in length, and its weight is estimated at about four hundred pounds. It is perfectly transparent, and the action of the heart and other functional organs can be plainly seen. Altogether, it is a very remarkable specimen of the finny tribe, and is well worthy the attention of scientists and naturalists. Mr. Blossom will arrange a tank containing alcohol in order to preserve it.

MR. GRUDE, a maker of wax images in New York, has constructed what is claimed to be the largest globe in the world, showing the ranges of mountains and other peculiarities of the surface of the earth in relief. Its diameter is four feet and about one inch, the scale being one in 10,000,000. The globe is made of wood. The relief is formed by wax. Mr. Grude has been two years in perfecting his globe, and Chief-Justice Daly and other geographers have lately been giving attention to it.

MR. ARCHIBALD FORBES, the war correspondent of the London Daily News, has been distinguishing himself again by accomplishing the difficult ride of eighty-five miles in fifteen hours, and transmitting the first dispatches of the battle of Ulundi. This was a more enterprising journalistic feat even than the carrying tidings of the repulse of the Turkish attack on Shipka Pass, and outstripping the Czar's aides-de-camp. The proprietors of the News will probably continue to consider Mr. Forbes' services worth having, even if they do have to pay him a five-thousand-dollar retaining fee.

A PAPER last year was signed by the leading surgeons and physicians of the City of New York, in which they say: "We are of the opinion that the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is productive of a large amount of physical disease; that it entails diseased appetites upon offspring, that it is a cause of a large percentage of the crime and pauperism of our cities and country. We would welcome any judicious and effective legislation—State or national—which should seek to confine the traffic of alcohol to the legitimate purpose of medical and other sciences, art and mechanism."

WE have just been reading of a certain banker noted for his hardness in financial operations, yet possessed of a grim sort of wit. A young man of the flash order entered one day and in a confident tone asked a loan of five hundred dollars. "What security can you give?" "I am ample security myself," was the haughty reply. "All right," said the banker as he threw open the lid of a large iron chest, "get in." The young man, staggered by the cool request, asked his meaning. "Here is where I keep all my securities; get in." The loan was not accepted.

AS we read the story we thought the devil carried on his business by a like rule. His loans must be secured and he will take soul and body and hold them fast till the last farthing is paid.

AFTER talking the other day with a leading member of the "Anti-Puritan Sunday Law Association" about the right of the law to restrain a man's appetite one day in the week, by compelling the saloon keepers to close their doors on Sunday, we turned a neighboring corner and heard a yell, and looking, saw the half-clad form of a drunken negro woman turned out on the street. Mothers hastened to the doors and called their children from the side-walk. It was a case of temporary insanity. The lunatic is placed in the asylum; and if a police officer had happened along when that yell started the neighborhood, he would have taken the drunken wretch to the lock-up. We have freedom with a vengeance. Men turn out from the saloons men who for the time are as dangerous as any lunatic who ever struggled in a strait-jacket—who make the side-walks of our cities and towns dangerous to the wives and children of the citizens.

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A WATCH is a necessity to almost every man. We do not confess to any great admiration for the plan adopted by many of investing large amounts in elegantly ornamented and beautified gold watches. True, if one have a surplus of cash, such investment may not be objectionable; or, if one desire to give to a friend such a token of regard, it may be a praiseworthy act; yet we hold that for all practical purposes a good silver watch answers every demand. A chance to get one for the small sum of eighteen dollars is now presented. Particulars in advertisement elsewhere of W. Kendrick & Son. This advertisement is sent us under responsible endorsement, and we recommend those in need of such goods to correspond with Kendrick & Son, of Louisville, Ky.

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HONEST RIDGE, Limestone Co., Aug. 27.—Good meeting here. Some fifteen conversions. Six additions to the church. Thirteen baptisms. Weather dry. Grass scarce and stock water almost gone and stock suffering greatly.—R. H. H. BURNETT.

HONEY GROVE, Aug. 24.—We have recently had a gracious revival. Just closed our camp-meeting—65 conversions. Up to this time we have had 126 conversions on this circuit. The principal of our school, Bro. Clarke, is valuable not only in the school room, but in protracted and camp-meetings. Our school opens the 1st of September.—J. B. HARRIS.

WESTERN TEXAS, Aug. 26.—Our camp-meeting in connection with the fourth quarterly meeting for Honey Creek circuit is just closed. We counted 100 conversions and believe there were several more. There were 64 accessions to the church, which make 133 accessions to the church in the last two months. There were three collections taken at the camp-meeting; for the Bible cause, conference claimants and missions. They aggregate \$107.—H. H. SULLIVAN.

RICE, Navarro Co., Aug. 25.—Mr. John Carrol, of Long Prairie, Navarro Co., presented me with quite a curiosity: a calf with 18 horns. It is nearly two years old; appears to be in good health, though a little lean and small of its age. The horns are from 4 to 10 inches long. Shaped like the horns used by the Hebrews to blow down the walls of Jericho, (crooked horns, very). It feeds on its knees—don't mean the thing eats its knees, but grazes kneeling.—STUMP ASHBY.

McMULLEN, Bell Co., Aug. 22.—We have just closed quite an interesting meeting at County Line church. The church was greatly revived and several cases of lukewarmness that had become chronic were cured by the re-application of the blood of Christ. There were between 15 and 20 conversions and 10 accessions to the church. Bro. Hilliard, of the Baptist, and Bro. Self, of the C. P. Church, did us faithful service. Owing to illness I have not been able to do much work for a month.—J. FARMER.

HOMER, Aug. 25.—We are having unprecedented revivals all over our circuit. Our pastor, J. M. Bond, and corps are working with a faith and zeal that laughs at the opposition of his Satanic majesty. Plenty of rain at last. Health good. Our new court house and jail is being rapidly built. It will reflect credit upon our county. Other new buildings going up, adding much to the appearance of our town. Law and order prevail and peace and quietude reign in our midst. The Sunday law approved and respected by all with whom I have conversed, our saloon keeper not excepted. We glory in the manhood of our ADVOCATE.—JAS. A. ABBEY.

CENTERVILLE, Leon Co., Aug. 26.—Our second camp-meeting on Centerville circuit began August 20th near Patrick's lake and closed Monday morning Aug. 25th. Result: thirty-four conversions and fifteen accessions to the church. Bro. G. S. Sandel, of the Texas Conference, assisted me throughout the meeting, and with the exception of the local preachers on my work, I had no other help. But the Lord was with us, and the church was greatly revived and strengthened. My protracted meeting at Redland has been deferred until the quarterly meeting, including the 12th of October.—J. M. TRUITT.

SANTA CLARA, Cal. Aug. 20.—California has a world-wide influence. Her gold mines, wonderful mountains, fertile valleys and variety of climate, like a magnet, have attracted men from all climes. The best and the worst of earth can be found here. Every shade of religious opinion and every form of unbelief prosper here, side by side. It has been said, "Californians are picked men." I suppose Texas to be more like California than any other land. These two stars, Texas and California, are destined to rise to the zenith side by side. Let the church be wise in occupying fully these lands of promise.—M. C. FIELD.

ROCKDALE, Milam Co., Aug. 27.—Rev. G. Washington Baines, Jr., pastor of the first Baptist Church in this city, writes to the Texas Baptist Herald about "Maj. Penn on the Gabriel" (Capt. Jack in the lava beds) and proceeds to think very hard of me for having camp-meeting at same time. Says he told me positively when the Major would commence—the which he didn't do, but told me positively

that he didn't know whether it would be the 10th or 25th of July, but rather thought it would be the 10th. And then the meeting began the 26th; and his riverance says I knew the date, for he told me. George Washington, Jr., has certainly lost his little hatchet, for I discover that when he "barks up the wrong tree" he won't say "you know I can't * * * * father; I did it with my hatchet," but cries out "that Methodist preacher was to blame for it all." Without a decided change for the worse I think I'll live until next spring.—JOHN CHAMBERS SPRIGG BAIRD.

MOUNTAIN CITY, Hays Co., Aug. 24.—At Mountain City camp-meeting, held near Mountain City, beginning July 24th and ending Aug. 3d, we had Revs. Sam. P. Wright, John S. Gillett, Thomas Garrett, W. L. Murray, Revs. Roach and Renick, of C. P. church, and Revs. Swank and Allison, of the local ranks.

Difficulties.—No water fit to use near the camp-ground, but the good people soon overcame this difficulty. A large wooden cistern was procured and water hauled and put into it for the use of the encampment. Thus there was no spring for the young people to congregate around during services.

Results: The people heard the word gladly. 32 professed conversion and 13 joined our branch of the church, and, no doubt, others will. Others will join the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. The C. P. brethren labored with us zealously and the Lord blessed them and theirs. Nine of those who professed conversion are men who are heads of families.

The ministers who labored here will always have the gratitude of those for whom they labored, and we hope will reap a rich reward when the Master shall say, "It is enough!"—C. M. CARPENTER.

GROESBEEK, Limestone Co., Aug. 27.—In response to my solicitation for contributions to purchase a Bible for the blind girl converted at Centerville camp-meeting, Bros. E. D. Ogburn, of Tyler, and C. R. King, of Brownwood, have sent me 25c. each. I trust others may respond, and that I may be able shortly to make the purchaser for her. Address, R. H. H. BURNETT, Groesbeek, Limestone county.

GEORGETOWN CIRCUIT, Aug. 20. Died, in peace with God and all men, on the 19th instant, at his residence, near Live Oak church, Judge D. S. Cook. A faithful Christian, a good worker in Sunday-school, and a successful steward, is gone from the church above. No one but God knows how much he will be missed.—SAM'L MORRIS.

MARTINSVILLE, Nacogdoches Co., Aug. 30.—I have just returned to Nacogdoches county from my circuit, Shelby, where I held two meetings; one at Newborn, where we had ten conversions up to Friday night. I had to leave Saturday to hold a meeting at another place, and left the local brethren to continue. I cannot give the final results. There were four accessions and the church revived.—J. N. BRIDGES.

GRANBURY, Hood Co., Aug. 26. For about six weeks our pastor, Bro. J. M. Jones, has been engaged in protracted meetings, and the results are 64 conversions and many accessions. His last meeting was at Thorp's Springs, a place noted for its opposition to altar exercises. Still his success was great; 12 being happily converted, one of whom had vainly trusted in immersion. Now she rejoices in a Savior's love. The prospects for "Granbury High School" good. Crops short; dry.—J. SHIRLEY.

GOSHEN, Henderson Co., Aug. 23. Am yet at work for the ADVOCATE, and a more general revival. Have had some good meetings; others to be held soon; one camp-meeting at which we expect a glorious time. Will all the brethren pray for us, and as many as can come and assist us religiously. Trinity circuit is still on rising ground. Financially, under par. Hope to come up all right. Weather dry; no rain for three months. Some appearance of rain, however, this morning. A little boy, in the vicinity of Goshen, was thrown from his horse yesterday and is reported dying.—J. R. D. TAYLOR.

MEYERSVILLE, Goliad Co., Aug. 27.—After a long and severe spell of sickness, I am again, by the blessing of God, able to write a pen. I want to say, through the ADVOCATE, for the information of my friends, and especially for those inquiring about my health, that I am improving slowly. Hope to be able to continue my labors after another week, though my lungs are still weak. I had typhoid fever, attended with con-

gestion of the lungs, and was very near at death's door; but I was then able to realize the infinite value of the Christian religion, as the fear of death was removed, and I felt an assurance that death would only be a transfer from a state of suffering to one of eternal joy and rest; but the Lord, in mercy, saw fit to raise me up again, for which I feel thankful, and I intend to try to be more devoted and consistent in His service than ever before. Brethren of the West Texas Conference, pray for me.—J. F. DENTON.

LINN FLAT, Nacogdoches Co., Aug. 24.—I move, if I can get a second, that every preacher of the five Texas Conferences be requested—first, to preach a sermon at all his appointments on the Sabbath and its institutions; second, that we discourage our people from patronizing those papers that are striving to prejudice the people against the Sunday law. Some appearance of rain here now. Am still at work in protracted meetings. A man quarreling with his neighbor yesterday fell dead.—J. F. SMITH.

DEKALB, Bowie Co., Aug. 24.—I have been looking over the postals to-day. Glad to learn that many souls have changed from darkness to the marvelous light of our blessed Lord and Savior. Our third quarterly meeting was held at DeKalb the fourth Sunday in July. Our presiding elder was with us. Brother Horner continued the meeting until Thursday. Church revived. One profession, three added to the M. E. Church, South. I would like to hear from Bro. R. N. Brown.—J. LEE.

RANDOLPH, Houston Co., Aug. 23. Health good. Fine rain last night; fell slow; came from the northwest; made one think of the September storm that you on Galveston island remember so well. Rain is good, but we have other and more grateful reflections for you. We are Christians. Shall we blush at the high avowal. Let a life of piety reply. Oh, how it reconciles us to the afflictions of life. Amid all the blendings of good and evil here on earth, may we not forget the stay of our hopes and the songs of our pilgrimage. I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.—J. A. BRASHER.

CHEROKEE COUNTY, Aug. 21.—In your issue of Aug. 9 I notice an account of two "brag" babies—one weighing 29 pounds at the age of nine months, the other weighing 15 pounds at one month old, and at two months weighed 19 pounds. I have a grandson that weighed at nine months old 44 pounds; he will be seven years old the 28th of next September, and weighed 102 pounds last month. We have had a severe drouth in the southeast part of Cherokee county. Crops are ruined. We have had but one season of rain since April. Vegetation of all kinds is dying for want of it.—J. F. AUSTIN.

Missionary self-sustaining camp-meeting at Edgewood, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, ten miles east of Wills Point, to be held embracing the fourth Sunday in September, commencing the Thursday night before. All the earnest workers contiguous and of easy access by railroad, both ministers and laymen, of both conferences (north and east), whose hearts flame with the love of God and souls, are pressing invited to blend their efforts at this interesting point—the railroad center of an extensive region of country, famous in the past for the reign of whisky and all its concomitant evils, desecration of the Sabbath, crime and general demoralization, now developing in physical, intellectual and moral improvement. A fine, beautiful country, with all the elements of progress; and a noble, generous and hospitable people with the aspirations and struggles for a higher spiritual life. Come one—come all—Christian philanthropists, with the supplies of camp life for yourselves and friends; and let these people realize, in their primitive state and susceptibility, in a high degree, of receiving the impress of the evangelizing forces of the gospel; such a demonstration of its power as shall determine their religious character for all time. It is expected to make arrangements for the entertainment in the usual way—the eating and sleeping of those otherwise unprovided for at a self-sustaining camp-meeting.—H. M. BOOTH.

ENNIS, Ellis Co., Aug. 25.—We closed our camp-meeting at Ennis last night, which resulted in one hundred and five conversions and eighty-nine additions; and the church was harmonized and built up. God be praised! We have a good church house in process of construction. I go home this evening sick and worn out. Pray for us.—R. C. ARMSTRONG.

MARYSVILLE, Cooke Co., Aug. 24. Have just closed a very interesting meeting at Mountain creek, resulting in twenty-five conversions and twenty-five accessions, four of whom were by letter. This society, which numbered twenty-two at the beginning of the year, now numbers fifty-nine. Our camp-meeting at Scantland's springs, in which Bro. Robbins, of Gainesville circuit, joined, resulted in fifteen conversions; a meeting at Camp creek, in about ten conversions. Most of these conversions were in the church. I acknowledge kindly assistance of Revs. I. P. Smith, J. B. Smith, Angler and Garrett. Our local preachers, Wm. McCarty, J. W. Milburn and J. S. Milburn, have rendered valuable assistance. Crops here are short.—W. W. BRIDWELL.

MONTAGUE, Montague Co., Aug. 25.—Our meeting closed last night on Dye's creek. Thirty accessions, and twelve adult and fourteen infant baptisms. The meeting was well attended and a deep interest manifested on the part of the sinners. Methodism is planted here in the midst of a strong Campbellite element; three or four Campbellite preachers in this neighborhood and a strong church, yet all these were baptized by the Apostolic mode, affusion, (I think).—S. CRUTCHFIELD.

MOUNTAIN CITY, Hays Co., Aug. 22.—We had glorious camp-meeting at Round bottom near this place, commencing the 24th of July and held until the 4th of Aug. Bro. Sam P. Wright, of Waco, was with us and preached with great power. Bros. Gillett, Garrett, Murry and Killough gave sermon after sermon with power and the Holy Ghost. The various denominations of the neighborhood gave a helping hand, and the result was a glorious revival * * * Aug. 26.—Col. John Bunton was buried yesterday. He was one of the pioneers of Texas. A good citizen, a kind neighbor is gone to his long home. We need rain; no water for stock. The Hays county Sunday-school convention meets near Mountain City on next Saturday and Sunday. Our prayer-meeting is well attended. Health is good. The church was greatly revived by our camp-meeting at Round Bottom.—W.

MOUNTAIN CITY CIRCUIT, Hays Co., Aug. 25.—On this circuit, up to date, there have been 60 conversions and 50 accessions to the church. Doubtless the work is unusually genuine and important. Thanks to brethren for help. I awake to a fact: By neglecting the children, a demand is created which can never be met. I have seen the most extraordinary effort on the part of the people of God attended by the most extraordinary influences of the Spirit, brought to bear for the salvation of souls; some of whom remain unconvinced of their lost condition; while others, though convinced, are unmoved; and others still, though yielding to conviction, are unsaved; and no doubt many of each class will finally be lost, because they have grown and are growing old and hard in sin from neglect in childhood. Lo, I turn to the children.—W. H. KILLOUGH.

RED OAK, Ellis Co., Aug. 18.—I want to tell you, dear Uncle John, that I am through my Bible and now am going to read through the Testament. I gave my missionary money to Bro. Owens to send to you, and I want to tell you that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned my sins since that time, and very graciously blessed my soul, and I have joined the M. E. Church and now ask an interest in your prayers that I may still keep on working for the Lord all the rest of my life. I know that my pastor, Bro. Owens, will pray for me. God bless him. I hope some day I will see you. Send me your picture.—ERNEST ANGLIN.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. BY R. M. MOORE.

THIRD QUARTER—ELEVENTH LESSON—Sept. 14, 1879.

1 Tim. vi. 6-10; The Christian in the World; Time—A. D. 67 or 68; Place—Somewhere in Macedonia; Ruler—Nero, Emperor of Rome; Gessus Florus, Governor of Judea; and Agrippa II, King of Galilee and Perea.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John xvii: 16.

Timothy, or Timotheus, is likely a Greek translation of the Hebrew name, which means God-fearing. His father was a Greek, but his mother, Eunice, was a Jewess. His birth-place was Lystra, of Lyconia. To his pious mother and grandmother, Lois, he was greatly indebted for that education which fitted him for his mission, under his world-famed father in the gospel, who found him at his native city on his second great missionary tour through Asia and Europe. Saul selected him as an attendant instead of John Mark, who was a favorite with Peter, as Timothy was a favorite with him. Silas had become Paul's coequal in place of Barnabas. He had been "well reported of by the brethren." He was with Paul in all his journey, as recorded from the 16th chapter of "Acts," or in the Book of Wonders, as we heard an able divine term the records of Luke, and yet he was completely sheltered from mention by his youth. He was selected by Paul as a resident Bishop at Ephesus, and was honored again and again by being spoken of highly by him in his letters. From his prison in Rome he wrote his beloved Philippians that he hoped soon to send Timothy unto them, and then adds: "I have no man likeminded"—of such even balance of mind, as likeminded should be translated. It was Timothy's privilege, as an invited guest, to be present at Paul's martyrdom, and to hear his dying testimony. And it was to Timothy he wrote his grand words: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." Paul seems to have designed, after much advice to his beloved son in the verses of this lesson, to warn the church through him of covetousness, a besetting sin of the Ephesians, and then to advise both Timothy and the church how to live in a wicked and covetous world. And as such, it is a lesson to us how to witness a good confession amid the sins that surround us.

V. 6. "But godliness with contentment is a great gain." In the preceding verse, Paul quotes the claim of men of "corrupt minds" that "gain is godliness." Hence he introduces his statement of the truth, and begins it with "but," whereby he admits there is truth in the statement, but not in the sense in which it is made. He thereupon proceeds to show that the gain referred to does not consist in an outward form, but in an inward state of soul, or that the gain is not of the material, but of a spiritual nature. "Godliness," godliness, or pure worship of God; "contentment," a sufficiency, a satisfied heart, either with its lot or its allowance. There is not contentment except in God.

V. 7. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out." "For" assigns reasons why gain is not the supreme end of good; that ends with the world, and beyond it, it is worthless. Paul's statement is that we must enter eternity as naked of this world's goods as we enter it.

V. 8. "And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." "Food," nourishment for the body; "raiment," covering for the body; "let us be therewith content," should be, "we will be satisfied by these."

V. 9. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition." "But" assigns a third reason for contentment; "they that will be rich," they whose aim in life is to be rich; "fall into temptation and a snare," because their eyes take no heed to the way they go, but are fixed on the goal of riches; "foolish and hurtful," thoughtless and weakening; "drown men," submerge men; "destruction and perdition" mark the stages of ruin that await those that fix their hearts on riches.

V. 10. "For the love of money is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." The words here translated "love of money," is one word in Greek,

and means silver-loving, or money-loving. Again, the word rendered "root" is without an article; and the word rendered "often" means many, though its general meaning is all. The rendering of this clause is as follows: "For avarice is a root (source) of all (many) evils." The word "evil" should be plural; "which" refers to "money," "coveted after;" longed for; "erred from;" wandered from; "the faith;" the faith of the gospel; "pierced themselves through;" transfigured themselves; "with many sorrows;" with many pangs, poignant arrows of remorse.

V. 11. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, meekness." "But" is here used to contrast the path of safety and life with the ruinous road to death, just described; "thou, O man of God," is Paul's high estimate of Timothy, a title by which he was afterwards well known, as the old prophets had been known in times past. "Flee these things;" shun the destruction pointed out that began in the greed of gain, that led its victims along a road lined with pitfalls and beset with snares, the devil's traps. He must flee avarice, but "follow" or cultivate "righteousness"—justice; "godliness;" godlikeness, or pure love to God; "faith;" a trust in God; "love;" love to God and man; "patience;" a calm endurance of all trials and temptations; "meekness;" a calm endurance of all over-bearing acts of others, especially of those who have gained unjust wealth.

V. 12. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." The Christian's life here, as elsewhere, is compared to a battle against sin and Satan, and such it is, except that the weapons are all spiritual. "Fight the good fight of faith;" live a pure life of faith in Christ; "lay hold on eternal life;" seize as victor his crown, eternal life, not at death, but now; "whereunto thou art also called;" for which thou art called; "professed a good profession;" confessed a good confession; "many witnesses;" all the friends and enemies of God.

V. 13. "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Jesus Christ, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession." "I give thee charge;" a solemn command; "in the sight of God;" with God as a witness; "quickeneth all things;" imparts life to all things, or causes all things to live; "before" not in the Greek and unnecessary; "Jesus Christ;" another witness, who made a good confession before Pilate, viz.: that His kingdom was not of this world.

V. 14. "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." "That thou keep;" that thou preserve by watching; "this commandment;" the commandment or injunction; no this in the Greek; a general commandment; "without spot;" spotless; "unrebukable;" blameless; "until the appearing of;" until the coming of. It was a general belief then that Christ was to come soon as the judge of the earth.

V. 15. "Which in His times He shall show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords;" "which" refers to Christ's coming; "in His times;" in His own time, meaning a time unknown to man; "shall show;" shall make manifest; "who is," an interpolation; "the blessed and only Potentate;" the happy and sole sovereign; King of kings and Lord of lords; the king of those who reign, and master of those who bear rule.

V. 16. "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen." "Who alone hath immortality;" God, as He has it, not from another's will, but from His own essence; "dwelling in the light;" inhabits unapproachable light; "whom no man hath seen or can see;" the invisible, concealed with light, not by darkness; "to whom be honor and power;" to whom is or belongeth honor and eternal force.

APPLICATION.

6. Paul emphasizes the fact that Godliness is gain, when it bears the fruit of contentment. That godliness that is without this fruit is spurious, and the gain therefrom is a fraud. There are some who use the church as a means of gain, but they lack the Pauline brand as the counterfeit lacks the true metal.

7. While we cannot carry away with us our worldly goods, we can take with us what is a thousandfold more important, our good deeds and our love to God.

8. True contentment does not consist in indolent ease. We must be content with what we have not as well as with what we have. It

is proper enough to "be diligent in business," so long as we are fervent in the spirit. Food and raiment cover the most of real wants.

9. How fearfully beset with death is the path of him who would be rich. If, in his reckless strides he does not plunge head long to ruin, he is only to meet greater dangers, if he succeeds; manifold are the snares that Satan has hidden along his gilded pathway, and not one in a thousand runs the devil's gauntlet and escapes.

10. The song of riches is the siren against which every Christian should close his ears. It lures us from the path of truth; closes our eyes to dangers; but only to pierce us with unrelieved torture in the end, when it is too late to retrace our steps.

11. There is a volume of meaning in that fearful word "flee." There is no time to parley. To do so is to die. The floods of destruction are loose; and there is barely time to escape. In fleeing death follow or pursue life. Our only safety is to pursue the nobler and higher purposes that are to guide us to heaven.

12. Eternal life is a prize offered to each, but it must be seized

A New Idea.

I will give you a novel idea, among many others, constituting the ridiculous arraignment of all Pedobaptist churches, which I heard not long ago, by one claimed to be among the standard authorities in that sect of religionists who have patented the plan of raising and cultivating a spiritual growth by irrigation. My experience has hitherto been very unsuccessful in attempting to bring up and cultivate the good seed which have been sown in the soil of my heart, in keeping down the tares and thistles with which I have always had to contend, and I was told that this man, as one of the most able investigators of this profound subject, could teach me how to drown them out—(I suppose on the same principle of flooding certain kinds of agricultural produce in order to destroy the foul growth)—that he could show me how it was that by one act of immersion this could be done, as it contained every virtue, and performed all of the purposes which must be accomplished by the most constant application of labor, patience, diligence, and watchfulness, according to any other plan of spiritual cultivation. I wanted to become acquainted with the art; so hearing that this very learned advocate of this kind of doctrine would preach upon the subject in our little town at a certain time, I was induced to join in attendance upon one of his lectures. I listened for some time and waited in vain to receive any acquisitions of instruction concerning his short method. He seemed as though he could not get over his animosity for all who pursued a different course of cultivation—as if they were all his enemies. He appeared to believe that his doctrine would never be duly appreciated until the reputation of his church, in point of numbers, was made equal to that of his opponents—and this he was endeavoring with all his might to achieve—not by building up the former, but by pulling down the latter upon a level with it. Many of the objections which he urged against other denominations were nothing more than I have often heard before, but the new idea that he advanced, to which I call the attention of your readers, was the view which he took of the office of D.D., stating with a great deal of gravity that they were brought into requisition by the diseased condition of the religion in the churches to which they belong. This thought would not have been such a mental curiosity to me had it not come from one whose immense store of knowledge, from what I had heard, I was sure, contained at least a little general information. Our distinguished friend has certainly never consulted Webster's dictionary to learn the definition of the term, "doctor;" he has certainly never extended his classic tours to the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, Harvard, Yale, the Universities of Virginia, or any other institution of learning where all of the branches of education are carried on, and examined their records to learn anything about the history of the degree of D.D., for he would certainly have found it recorded there as conferred upon thousands as a term of distinction, showing whether the bearer is learned in medicine, law, philosophy, divinity, or whatever it may be, and surely the faculties of all these institutions were not suffering with this chronic infection of fanatical superstition. They are not supposed to be the judges of the spiritual condition of a country, nor of denomination necessities, etc., but simply of the degree of merit to which any one deserving this title may have attained. This great Solomon the second is the only human divine

possessing that supernatural power which enables any one to feel the spiritual pulsations of the heart, and know whether they are pure or contaminated, whether or not it needs spiritual physic. Manifesting as he did so many symptoms of spiritual distemper, indicating in every conceivable manner, a perfect destitution of charity, that vital principle, without which the word of God declares all religion to be unsound, forcing this conviction with revolting reality upon the minds of all of his unprejudiced hearers, by making the whole air of that sacred sanctuary in which he stood dense with the din of denunciation, relentlessly hurled at all who were not willing to lave with him in the liquid lore, in order to pass through the ordeal of purification. While contemplating the condition of his spiritual character from the foregoing considerations with envy, selfishness and bigotry, so plainly predominating, it occurred to my mind that there could be a no more fit subject for a moral hospital, a more spiritually afflicted invalid; (which he thinks possible in other religious families) and if the D.D.'s served in the capacity in which he introduces them, I think it would be well for some of them to tap his swollen system and let out some of the water which has collected about his heart and bloated his whole body, and inject a little genuine charitable religion, he would then, no doubt, be in much better spiritual health. Though as I have no experience in theological or medical jurisprudence, I will not assume the responsibility of recommending any course of treatment for him as his is rather a complicated case, but as water seems to have settled about his heart and puffed him more than anything else, very likely if some D.D. would thoroughly diagnose his disease he would pronounce it to be a plain case of spiritual dropsy. In further derision of the title D.D., he stated that the degree was once offered to him and he refused to accept. Now, isn't it vain for him to pretend to an intelligent people that he has not the strongest ambition for titular distinction as a teacher of divinity (alias, a doctor of divinity) when he proves himself, both by his words and actions, to be a beggar for a higher office than is to be found in the whole theological nomenclature?—as he asks the whole religious world to let him do their thinking. To call him the Christian church, to the exclusion of all others as such, and regard his ministerial corps as the infallible expounders of the Scriptures. He ought to have informed his audience by what authority this degree was offered him, whether by Harvard, Yale, or any university which had the power of conferring it. Until this problem is solved, we will be of the opinion that in the community where this degree was offered him the water must have been deeper than the standard of theology.

A READER.

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SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Mountain City cir. at Science Hall, Sept. 13, 14. Lockhart cir. at West Fork, Sept. 20, 21. Seguin sta. Sept. 27, 28. San Marcos sta. Oct. 4, 5. Gonzales cir. at Gonzales, Oct. 11, 12. O. A. FISHER, P. E.

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PALESTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Trinity cir. at Meredith's chapel, Sept. 13, 14. Camp-meetings will be held in connection with the quarterly conferences of Kickapoo, Athens and Trinity circuits. JNO. ADAMS, P. E.

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CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Caldwell, at Yellow Prairie, Sept. 13, 14. Lexington mis. at Tait's school-house, Sept. 20, 21. Giddings and Cedar Creek, at Early chapel, September 27, 28. District conference at Chappell Hill, Thursday, July 31, at 9 o'clock a. m. The preachers of the different churches will please send the names of the delegates, elect to Bro. K. Alexander, Chapell Hill, Texas. Please be prompt to do this, brethren. T. W. ROGERS, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Columbus mis. at Crasco, Sept. 13, 14. Columbus sta. at Alletton, Sept. 20, 21. Brethren will note changes in time of holding several quarterly conferences and govern themselves accordingly. E. S. SMITH, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. San Felipe, Sept. 13, 14. The District Conference will meet in St. John's Church, Galveston, July 23, at 9 o'clock. A. M. Pastors will please forward names of lay delegates to Rev. A. E. Goodwyn, Galveston, Tex. B. D. DASHIELL, P. E.

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SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

A leading member of the Catholic Church in Galveston has handed us an extract from the Dublin Nation, showing the benefits which have followed the enforcement of the Sunday law in Ireland. The Nation is the leading Catholic and Irish national paper and has held this position in Ireland for forty years. It represents authoritatively Irish sentiment on the Sabbath question. We give an extract from the Nation, which demonstrates the large reduction of crime which has followed the enforcement of the Sunday law in Ireland:

"The returned moved for by The O'Conor Don showing the arrests for Sunday drunkenness for two periods of six months, one period being before and the other since the coming into operation of the Sunday Closing Act, exhibits some really remarkable and most cheering results. The number of arrests during the six months of open public houses in 1877-8 ran up to the large and anything but creditable figure of 2,364; while during the six months of Sunday closing in 1878-9 the arrests fell to 797. Nor is the large falling off in the total even the most noticeable feature, or the one from which the most certain conclusions can be drawn; for the fall is distributed, though not in equal proportions, over every district in Ireland. Thus the Sunday opening figure for the East Riding of Cork was 204, against a Sunday closing one of 101; the West Riding of the same county shows 65 against 31; and the diminution of drunkenness in these two districts, though more than one-half, is among the lightest fruits of the Sunday Closing Act. A glance at some of the figures will demonstrate this. Fermanagh fell from 26 to 4; Kildare from 77 to 9; Longford county from 66 to 5; Meath from 62 to 15; Queen's county from 49 to 7; South Riding of Tipperary from 109 to 21; Westmeath from 78 to 16; Wicklow from 38 to 6; and so on. The beneficial result of partial Sunday closing in the exempted cities are hardly less striking."

So remarkable is the argument furnished by these figures that there is but small probability that the Emerald Isle will go back on the Sunday law.

We commend them to the consideration of both the Irish and American citizens in Texas. That whisky is the most fruitful cause of crime no thoughtful man will question. That Sunday has been the day when the saloons have sold the largest amount of liquor, and hence have sown their largest crop of crime, is a fact patent to every intelligent citizen. Will our people submit to the dictation of the saloon-keepers, and by smiting down the Sunday law expose our youth to this moral pestilence on the Sabbath day more disastrous in its results than the dreaded Southern epidemic?

We have to go abroad to learn the news. The Christian Union has this notice of that little collection of daft and deluded men about Corsicana:

"There is a new sect in Texas. It is called 'The Tabernacle of the Coming Lord,' and has grown out of a series of protracted meetings under the direction of a Presbyterian minister, named Groves, who believes himself specially inspired to interpret the Book of Revelation. He has been joined by another minister of the same denomination, named Goodnight. The creed of the sect has been only partially revealed as yet, but great prominence is given to an impending conflict between Protestantism and Catholicism, which is to be immediately followed by the end of the world. Gen. Grant fills a large place in the prophetic dispensation about to open. He is to be re-elected in 1880, proclaim himself dictator, establish his power by a civil war, invade Europe and subdue it by installments. Pride will then impel him to claim divine honors, a terrible judgment will answer his blasphemous demands, the world will end, and the members of the new church will ascend triumphantly into heaven. Messrs. Groves and Goodnight have been deposed by the Presbytery, but they are making numerous converts."

ONE of the best Sunday-school superintendents in the State says: "Next Sunday I shall mention your ADVOCATE upon the fifty cent proposition to my Sunday-school, and endeavor to press the importance of subscribing at once. The lessons upon the International series are alone worth the money." Let other superintendents take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

The Anti-Sunday Law—Ingersolism.

The demoralizing influences of Ingersolism have not been confined to the cities where he gave utterance to his fearful heresies. His heterodox absurdities have been seized upon by sensational newspapers and heralded to the four winds till they have spread over the country like the march of a blighting, blasting and withering contagion, contaminating the moral atmosphere in every section and demoralizing thousands of the more susceptible and unthinking. As a consequence of such teachings, we find the secular press of Texas, with strange unanimity, seizing the occasion of an unwise amendment to our Sunday-law not to work for or induce such amendments as would be wise and proper; but to demand the absolute and unconditional repeal of all statutes on that subject; and the onslaught is so fierce as to alarm the friends of law and order, and arouse them to action in defense of the good name and fame of the State, and of the good people who have made it their home. Paragraph writers for sensational newspapers seem to forget that the greatest, wisest and best men, in all civilized countries, have long regarded the Christian Bible, with its sublime teachings, as the basis not only of our advancing civilization, but as the great foundation stone on which are firmly built all the constitutions and laws of the most civilized states and nations. In England and America the decalogue which institutes the Sabbath as a day of rest and commands that it shall be kept holy, is everywhere regarded as of binding obligation. It enters into and pervades the spirit and genius of the institutions of both countries; and in these wise provisions is manifest the profound wisdom of the great and good men who placed the two governments on such firm foundations and erected thereon such solid superstructures. Can the heterodox follies of Ingersolism unshrink our faith in the great truths on which our institutions and laws are founded and cause us, as degenerate sons, to undo all they have so wisely done for us? Limited indeed must be the observation, and profitless the experience of these anti-Sunday writers. What countries of all the earth stand pre-eminently above all others in the character of their institutions, constitutions and laws? In what country is life, property and rights most secure? In what countries are the prospects of permanent, good government and perpetuity of institutions most flattering? All must answer England and America. Why? Because they are founded on the eternal truths of the Christian Bible, and their laws are intended to conform to its requirements. France and Spain lie side by side with England. Mexico lies adjacent to the United States. Which have the best governments? France has long been, as Ingersol is, a victim to infidelity. Spain and Mexico have scarcely tolerated the Bible, while they have ignored its authority. They have constantly profaned the Sabbath as our anti-Sunday law men would see it done here. Are they more happy and free, more enlightened, more secure in life, liberty and property than we are? Would you exchange governments with them to-day? Rome, once the proud mistress of the world, became licentious, and she soon fell a victim to her own follies. May we not profit by her example? Russia and Prussia, seeing the benign influences of the good moral teachings of the Bible, are not only becoming more tolerant of religious liberty, but they are upholding the institutions of the Christian religion. King William, on his throne, took occasion, lately, to recommend the teachings of the Bible to his subjects. But Young America is tired of the holy Sabbath. Its observance whenever and wherever enjoined is a tax upon his liberty. Its restraints, however good and wholesome, however necessary for the good of society, interfere with his habits and check him in the gratification of his false and vitiated appetites. His passions must be gratified and his tastes satiated. What cares he for the proprieties of life? What if he is dragging down into degradation, misery and ruin an affectionate and trusting wife, with tender, innocent and helpless children? Let the Sabbath be profaned; let morality sink and be swallowed up in revelry and dissipation; and let there be a bedlam on earth—what matters it? The anti-Sunday law writers seem to have dipped their fragile pens into the bitter gall of enmity to Puritanism. True the Puritans pushed their fanaticism too far in punishing persons supposed to be witches. But there errors were of the head, not of the heart; and but for such errors, in a few instances, their virtues would shine to-day with a luster brighter than any of ours who sit so mercilessly in

judgment on their actions. If we knew well their history, we would find in them a devotion to principle that enabled them to make any sacrifice rather than do what their consciences dictated should not be done. How flippantly these anti-Sunday law paragraph writers charge hypocrisy and puritanism on the churches and their ministers who advocate the Sunday law. What impudence! Young fledgling of the quill, backed only by the foreign and the reckless elements of society, those mainly whose God is their lusts, attack, as fanatics, not only the churches, but the greatest and best men of the age in all civilized countries. Not only so, but they attack the Bible with all its sublime teachings, and would overthrow the principles upon which our government is established. Washington, Franklin, and all the sages of the past, were fanatics, in the estimation of these modern sages of the quill, because they based the institutions of this country on the Bible; and in all their acts in framing the constitutions and laws never failed to acknowledge its high and binding authority. Shame on such ignorance and impudence! Suppose you repeal the Sunday law and allow all business avocations to be followed on that sacred day. In ears polite how would the chimings of Sabbath bells accord with the rumbling of drays and carts; the sound of hammers and axes; the keen cracking of the whip or the fiercer blasts of the steam whistle? saloons all wide open with tempting signs in front to draw in the thoughtless and heedless? Would drunken revelry accord and harmonize with solemn tones of the church organs or the voices of the choir? Are good morals of any value to society? How would such things affect our morals? Would good citizens from other States seek homes in Texas if on coming here they should see the holy Sabbath thus openly profaned? How many of the best people here would abandon their homes and leave the State forever, if the legislature should be so foolish as to heed the crazy advice of these thoughtless scribblers. They must be thoughtless; for, if they would think seriously one moment, they could not fail to see the folly of their course. But they will not be heeded. Infidelity and Ingersolism are not yet so well planted in this State as to lead public opinion to such fatal extremes. The thinking writers of better principles; the pulpits all over the State; the assemblies of the churches; and these backed and sustained by the farmers of the State, will speak in thunder tones and repel this infidel onslaught.

J. M. THOMASSON. FORT WORTH, TEXAS, AUG. 23d, 1879. LETTER FROM TENNESSEE.

Through the kindness of Rev. J. G. Warren, presiding elder of the Breckenridge District, Northwest Texas Conference, I have the pleasure of reading your very excellent paper, and am greatly edified by perusing its interesting columns. I knew but little of your conferences, territory, boundaries or preachers until I began to read your paper, from which I have learned a great deal about you in many particulars. First, I have learned that you have a vast country in acreage, which, when developed socially, financially and religiously, will be undoubtedly a great country. Secondly, I am impressed with the fact that God has an army of men in that field who will, by His blessing, plant the "Banner of the Cross" upon every one of

"Those grassy hills, those glittering dells, Proudly ramparted"—by sin and Satan!

and from the postal columns of your paper I rejoice to know that those grand moral heroes, "through His abounding grace," have already stormed many of the citadels of sin and captured many of Satan's allies and co-workers, and I sometimes find myself almost begrudging those men of God some of the many sheaves they will have at the last day. Just here allow me to make some expression of the interest I take in reading the postals from the preachers, and I will also say that I am often amused as well as interested. I am amused at the queer names of places from which they write, e.g., one brother writes from "Jim Ned;" another from "Linn Flat;" another from "Lazy Hollow," and, to "cap the climax," another writes from "Somewhere in Texas;" and often while reading the postals from the brethren I find myself wondering how those names originated, and I was really anxious to know where the brother from "Somewhere" had got to. The facts and figures set forth by the preachers in their postals are of great interest to me, for the reason that I there have the means of obtaining a knowledge of the religious, social, financial and political status of the country as seen by different persons from different standpoints and under different

circumstances. From the figures given in the ADVOCATE of the 16th inst., I see that 747 were converted to God and many of the brethren did not give the net result of their meetings. This alone should cause them to thank God and take courage. From those postals I am impressed with the idea that you may take all the honors bestowed upon Napoleon, Lee, Grant, Clay, Calhoun and Webster and bind the whole together in one gorgeous, glorious tiara and it will shine with but a faint lustre when compared to the honors due one of your Texas frontier Methodist preachers. God, since the days of the disciples, has never raised up a grander set of men to bless the world than the itinerant preachers in your five Texas conferences, and with what proud consciousness will they stand forth at the last day literally burdened with sheaves for the Master, and with what joyous pleasure will He say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thy Master's joy." From Mrs. Howell's letter in the ADVOCATE of August 16th, I learn that my much esteemed friend and brother, W. H. Hughes, P. E. of Dallas District, is magnifying his office. Buck is popular in his old mother (Tenn.) conference, and we rejoice to hear of his usefulness and success in the Master's cause; and while speaking of offices being magnified by men, I am free to confess that, from my way of thinking, the editor to a considerable extent magnifies his office. I have read with great interest accounts of "On our circuit," and it has occurred to me that "our circuit" was no small affair. Then, sir, when you are dealing those herculean blows in the interest of the church and against "sin in high places," I feel like taking off my panama and saying three cheers for the Texas editor who has the moral courage to do his duty.

All is lovely at the Methodist hub. That grand old Ajax of Southern Methodism, Dr. McFerrin, and his Book Committee, composed of self-sacrificing Christian gentlemen are working manfully and successfully in the great interests of our common cause, and my candid opinion is that Mr. Hayes' cabinet is not composed of better legal talent and more financial ability than the church has called to the aid of Dr. McFerrin; and with such men engaged in such a cause success is sure. Bluejeans Fitzgerald is making a paper that is adapting itself to the masses of our people, while Dr. Cunningham is sending forth to the children of the church monthly batches of reading matter that cannot be excelled. The Vanderbilt has been for two months gathering strength for a grander flight of usefulness, commencing the first of September. Dr. Summers, in whom is centered both godliness and wisdom, is at the head of the Biblical Department, and is prepared to give the theologues a cordial reception and thorough sifting the coming session. Your readers are already aware of the fact that Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt has generously contributed, recently, \$100,000 to be used in erecting new buildings for a gymnasium, civil engineering and practical science and for the accommodation of the theological students, which generous benefaction brings Southern Methodism under still greater obligations to the Vanderbilt family.

We have recently had to bow with reverence to the Great Head of the Church, who in His wise Providence has taken from among us Mrs. Martha A. Young, the wife of our much esteemed brother, Dr. R. A. Young, who has the prayers and sympathies of his brethren. I will close. God bless you and the Texas preachers. J. G. BOTTON. NASHVILLE, TENN., AUG. 29, '79.

Bituminous Coal of Texas.

BY S. B. BUCKLEY, A. M., PH. D. The carboniferous or bituminous coal formation of Texas extends from the Red river, in Clay and Wichita counties, southward through Young, Stephens, Eastland, Brown, San Saba counties to Llano county. The counties adjoining these on the west also belong largely to the carboniferous age. South of the San Saba river the carboniferous rocks prevail only to a small extent, the prevailing rocks being of an older age in which no profitable beds of coal were found.

More than forty years ago the coal beds in the vicinity of Fort Belknap, in Young county, were said to belong to the carboniferous rocks, by Maroon and other geologists, and subsequently the coal was largely used by the officers and men of the port. Only beds near the surface have as yet been worked throughout this large coal field; and these beds have been worked merely to supply the wants of blacksmiths scattered throughout that region. Most of the coal used in Europe and America is obtained at a con-

siderable depth beneath the surface, going in some instances in England 1500 feet deep and in the United States several hundred feet. The best and most productive coal beds in Illinois are at depths varying from 300 to 570 feet—a coal bed 7 feet thick being found at the depth of 569 feet at Centralia in that State.

Deep borings for coal have not been made in the coal measures of Northwestern Texas. Certainly the known beds of from two to five feet thickness promise well and make it pretty certain that Texas has inexhaustible beds of coal—good bituminous coal.

The extent of our coal measures is unknown. The writer having only passed over a portion of them from the Red river southward through Llano, in 1874, when engaged in the geological survey. Previous to this it was not known that the carboniferous or coal bearing rocks extended much further south than Young county.

The coal joined with the iron of this region has a vast amount of undeveloped wealth.

It is a fine land of mountains, hills and valleys, forming landscapes of charming scenery. Lands rich, mostly prairie, clothed with luxuriant native grasses, forming a combination well suited for agriculture and manufactures, and capable of sustaining a large population. It abounds in springs and never-failing streams, and, above all, it is remarkably healthy.

AUSTIN, AUG. 30, 1879.

GEN. HOOD died at his home, in New Orleans August, 30th. His health had been much shattered of late, and financial reverses and the loss his wife by yellow fever depressed him, and no doubt prepared the way for the yellow scourge to accomplish its fatal work. It is stated that he had but slight hope of his recovery after he was taken. He watched the progress of the disease with military coolness, and spoke of the varying symptoms in military parlance. Noting a slight change for the better, he remarked to his physician: "We may yet dislodge the enemy." Their hopes were in vain; and the chieftain who had escaped on many a bloody field went down before the plague. Many of his comrades in Texas will feel sad when they hear of the death of their old commander. Later news announces the death of a daughter, which makes three who have been taken by the destroyer.

This year will be memorable in the annals of Texas Methodism, on account of the revivals which have visited every section of our State. Other churches have shared in this gracious influence; but the M. E. Church, South, has been specially favored. Several hundred conversions have been reported in each issue of the ADVOCATE for weeks past. There has been a corresponding increase in the church. All the interests of the church are responding to the revival influence at work in the church. We trust this year our missionary assessment will be met in every charge. Can we present a more acceptable thank-offering to God for these wonderful displays of his grace which are now being poured out on the church?

"Shall we whose souls are lighted By wisdom from on high, Shall we to men benighted The lamp of life deny?"

THE extraordinary increase of the ADVOCATE subscription during the season of drouth and short crops, which have been the portion of Texas this year, is no doubt the result of the revivals which have visited every conference and district in the State. This is a healthy indication. We have no doubt this renewal of religious zeal and accession of membership will give a fresh impulse to every department of church enterprise. We rejoice that the ADVOCATE is recognized as a co-worker in this gracious work. We would gladly cooperate with each pastor in his great work of disciplining and developing the great army of recruits which will this year be added to the church of Christ. Will every preacher aid us in securing a place for the ADVOCATE in the homes of all the new accessions to the church?

REV. J. D. SHAW spent several days with us at the camp-meeting, and rendered most efficient service. All were delighted with his helpful efforts, while he proved himself a first-rate "altar worker."

REV. P. E. NICHOLSON, of the Texas Conference, made many friends at the seaside camp-ground. His sermons and work in the altar and prayer-meetings added largely to the interest and profit of the meeting.

ENGLISH guns have been placed in position in Tangier by English officers, who are constructing fortified barracks for the use of troops from the East Indies.

WE have an old friend who insists that when an infuriated person reaches the highest point of anger and consequent raving, he ceases to provoke, and simply becomes funny. We think Dr. Fowler of the New York Advocate has reached the funny point. As a remedy for the disturbances about Vicksburg the irate doctor says:

"In the presence of such facts, it is appropriate to ask what the National Government is for? When a despotism thus types under the national flag, is it not the duty of the general government to quarantine it and use disinfectants? Saltpeter, sulphur and charcoal properly mixed and applied, make a very good fumigant. The specific is hemp. If the hemp crop had not been short in '65, and the National Board had not been too busy to import a good article, we would not now have to fight these maladies."

WHEN Bro. J. D. Shaw, of Waco, who was with us at the camp-meeting at the fair grounds, Galveston, was parting with the congregation, he asked permission to make a proposition to the membership and young converts, which we desire to commend to the entire church. It was that all would unite in the pledge to read one chapter in the Bible every day. Could the entire Methodist Church in Texas be induced to unite in that pledge what a wonderful addition would be made to the intelligent activities of the church. A minister who travels extensively carries with him on the cars a copy of the Gospel of St. John. He has been reading it for several months and still finds in it fresh fountains of living water.

THE advocates of Congregationalism are just now very much exercised over the unpleasant fact that of one thousand eight hundred and six actual pastors, only nine hundred and ten have been regularly installed. The Christian Union suggests that the reason is, that in that church whenever a minister becomes the settled pastor of a congregation he must pass a new examination, and that by men, his juniors in age and his inferiors in knowledge and experience. And then many of these examiners have a hobby. A shibboleth of party which the candidate must be able to pronounce with exact emphasis. It is no wonder that so many sensitive and sensible men decline the ordeal, and act from year to year simply as a supply.

WITH the avalanche of revivals now pouring upon our columns we must plead with brethren that condensation is absolutely important. If each one were to write one page of foolscap there would not be room in the ADVOCATE for any thing else. Brethren, condense. Give us the results. Send the number of conversions and accessions. Many interesting incidents transpire on the camp-ground and many a powerful sermon is preached, but all the story will be told until we get to heaven. No single newspaper can bear its weight. Use the postal cards and all can have a hearing.

THE total net profits of the New York Methodist Book Concern, since the great fire which consumed it in 1836—forty-two years ago—is \$2,120,893.00. In its general catalogue there are about two thousand bound volumes, and one thousand two hundred and thirty-one in the Sunday-school list. In New York thirteen periodicals are issued. The Advocate has a circulation of sixty thousand weekly. The aggregate circulation of six Sunday-school publications is one million eight hundred and twenty thousand. So says Dr. Hunt, one of the book agents.

GALVESTON, Galveston Co., Sept. 2.—Owing to fears respecting the weather the camp-meeting on the Fair Grounds closed last Sunday, and the services were resumed on Monday night in St. John's church. Both churches participate in the work. Some twenty-five conversions have been reported and the church much revived. The preachers are weary, but going on with the work. The tenters have been so much pleased with their camp-meeting experience that they propose making the Seaside Camp-meeting a permanent institution. —G. B. J.

OF course our readers will understand that the delay in the arrival of last week's ADVOCATE was the result of the quarantine Houston established against Galveston. The paper was in the mails on time. These interruptions are not only annoying to the subscribers but a serious injury to the publishers. The firmness of the Government and the action of the United States officials we trust have settled this question, so that no local interests of any town or city can again needlessly disturb the business of an entire State.

THE emancipation of the Jews under the Berlin treaty in Roumania is meeting influential opposition. The people oppose it. Let the Jews, when persecuted in the East, seek a refuge in the West.

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This plan will also relieve the regular secretaries from a difficult and burdensome task; and secure uniformity in the style of the work.

IREDELL, Bosque Co.—A general gloom rests upon our people, because of the shortness of our crop.

The most of us are in debt, with but little prospect of extricating ourselves therefrom.

We hoped that the rain of a week or two ago would help the cotton considerably, but without another shower pretty soon it will be of little advantage.

Bro. Mills is holding meetings in different parts of his work with good success.

The one on the Brazos, at Andrew chapel, was the best I have attended in Texas.

—T. A. PHILLIPS.

MOSS BLUFF, Liberty Co., Aug. 26.—This postal writer is well pleased with the course being pursued by the ADVOCATE on the Sunday law question.

It seems that this anti-religious, anti-moral, anti-human and anti-everything-else that is good principle is dying hard, but the fiercer the throes the sooner the death, when we hope Sunday everywhere in Texas will be regarded as the Christian Sabbath, the good have peace and security and the whisky Sabbath breaking element given a back seat.

Give 'em fits! I believe corn crops in this county are about an average, cotton more. General health good for the season of the year.

Religion low, money scarce. Expect to re-affiliate with E. T. Conference at its next session.—R. M. BAKER.

AUSTIN, Travis Co., Aug. 28.—

On the 22d Bunk Ake, colored, was executed for his crimes.

On the 21st I called on him in the prison, and earnestly offered him the gospel, which he would not accept.

I did not go to see him executed, but thousands did, and many from a distance.

At 3 p. m. the mercury stood at 105 in the shade.

Last Sunday, 105. At 2 p. m., same day, preached to the Swedes.

It was a gracious time. Since then, Dr. Graham, and old and much respected physician and citizen, has passed away.

He was a Presbyterian, and was ready. So may we all be when the time comes.—O. FISHER.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

August 21—Subscribers: R. J. Perry, R. W. Rylander, J. D. Shaw, W. J. McAnally, S. Crutchfield, J. S. Clower, R. E. Basie, C. A. Walker, H. H. Vaughan, H. A. Bourland, J. L. Lemons, F. A. Allen, W. R. Campbell, A. L. P. Green, B. Harris, G. H. Phair, E. R. Barcus, L. P. Smith, M. Langston, S. H. Williams, A. Alexander, J. M. Truitt, A. C. Moyer, W. W. Horner, J. M. Pugh, Lacy Boone, J. F. Henderson, E. G. Duval, J. M. Wesson.

For publication: John R. Allen, W. D. Wells, F. A. Rosser, T. A. P. Green, J. J. Thomason, G. Onderdonk, G. H. Phair, Ernest Angell, Wm. Vaughan, C. W. Gregory, J. S. Clower, I. S. Ashburn, J. Vaughan, Z. Parker, W. L. Andrews, A. D. Parks.

August 22—Subscribers: R. G. Rainey, D. T. Booth, J. G. Walker.

For publication: S. B. Bush, J. M. Binkley, J. H. Trimble, G. T. Freeman, W. A. McAnally, L. A. Morrison (we will certainly publish the article, and thank you for it).

Miscellaneous: T. T. Booth, "against the law."

August 23—For publication: A. H. Sutherland, W. G. Connor, J. D. Shaw, J. S. Clower, Mrs. M. L. Lessemie, I. M. Onnis (25), L. A. Morrison, S. S. McCarter, R. F. Beasley, S. S. Scott, W. G. Nelms, S. H. Renfro, D. J. Martin, W. Wootton, A. Davis, J. W. Dickinson, T. J. Thomason, C. H. Smith, Davis, R. H. Adair.

Subscribers: W. H. Sanders, W. R. Stockton, Mrs. R. M. Williams, W. C. Agee, Stump Ashby, J. M. Wesson (20), J. B. Harris (31), Mrs. M. E. Ireland (26), J. O. Edmundson (25c), F. A. Meahan (31), C. W. Fisher (31), T. R. Bonner (31), J. C. Friend (31), W. Shapard, Jane Morris (30c), J. G. Walker, W. W. Bridwell, E. M. Sweet, A. J. Potter, R. Alexander, W. Wootton, J. K. Lane, W. G. Nelms (have not computed; were sent to the proposition—but think it a good one), Thos. Stank, Thos. Wilson, L. P. Smith (3 lists), D. M. Clower, H. S. Thrall, O. Fisher (no back numbers), W. J. Joyce, M. A. Black, Mrs. J. F. Cox, A. Davis, J. M. Pugh, R. G. Sewell, O. A. Fisher, A. Brown, W. G. Nelms, C. Stephenson.

Miscellaneous: J. E. Walker, J. O. T. Gillet, change; J. T. K. Gore, Mrs. L. A. Padillo.

August 24—For publication: J. J. Canafax, W. J. McAnally, J. W. Pearson, J. L. Lemons, M. C. Fields, J. M. Crowder, W. H. Moore, E. P. Rogers, J. F. Henderson, L. M. Fowler, James W. Lively.

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Miscellaneous: W. S. May, will attend to it; D. M. Proctor, change.

August 25—For publication: G. S. Gatewood, G. D. Wilson, S. Crutchfield, M. L. Langford, W. J. McAnally, D. Morse.

Subscribers: E. F. Collins, Chas. E. Lamb, G. D. Wilson, A. H. Sutherland, Alanson Brown, C. W. Thomas, J. W. Vest, S. Crutchfield, B. T. Hays, J. C. Stephan, John C. Black.

August 27—For publication: R. M. Moore, Thos. Wilson (3), J. S. Gillet, E. L. Armstrong (2), I. S. Ashburn, E. G. Duval, T. F. Dimmitt, A. M. Dechman, J. M. Bond, Hattie Kaufmann, J. R. Crowder, S. & C. Clark, W. A. Patterson, R. W. Thompson, W. Bryson, P. J. Browning, et al.

Subscribers: J. S. Gillet, J. F. Pollin, G. W. Swafford, W. T. Burk, W. G. Coe (sorry we have no back numbers), A. Little, J. C. Crowder, H. Phillipot, T. A. Garrison, J. M. Jones, Sam C. Vaughan, S. J. Franks, Fred F. Wilson, W. K. Turner, et al.

Miscellaneous: J. L. Renshaw, change; T. G. Gilman, we have your address as Fairfield, and register was sent there; L. A. Padillo, change; T. J. K. Gore, correction.

August 29—For publication: M. S. Hotchkiss, J. B. Harris, J. Farmer, M. C. Field, J. N. Bridges, J. R. Taylor, Samuel Morris, J. J. Shirley, R. H. Burnett (2), J. M. Truitt, H. H. Sullivan, W. M. Wesson, Stump Ashby, J. C. Baird (we are success fully built-dressed), R. M. Moore, W. H. Killough, J. F. Henderson, W. A. Patterson, R. W. Thompson.

Subscribers: R. F. Beasley, W. W. Bridwell, J. W. Johnson (Minutes sent; N. B. ordered), G. S. Sander, W. L. Harris, John B. Denton, E. P. Smith, J. McCarver, T. F. Dimmitt, L. C. Cross, J. A. Shaw, J. Farmer, J. N. Bridges, B. Phillips (think will adopt that plan), J. R. Taylor, R. H. Burnett, J. M. Bond, Hattie Kaufmann, J. R. Crowder, G. Sewell, L. M. Fowler, Julia Phifer (Truitt (2 lists), J. G. Walker, J. P. Truitt (31); now, that is first-class work, H. Armstrong (25c), J. M. Jones, S. & C. Clark (25.50), J. G. Walker.

Miscellaneous: J. S. Adams, stopping paper; S. Crutchfield, shall be attended to; J. G. Jones has forwarded your postal to Publishing House for answer; J. C. Stephan, will do so; E. C. Finley, well.

September 1—Publication: J. M. Bond, H. S. Thrall, P. P. Jones, R. M. Moore, J. Leslie, G. F. Chambliss, J. R. Kimbrough, G. S. Gatewood, J. W. Kelly, T. J. Strublefield, J. H. Tucker, all right; C. B. Frazier, R. M. Moore, J. M. Pugh, D. F. Fuller, 2; B. Kavanaugh, O. A. Fisher.

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Miscellaneous: H. E. McCulloch, change; J. H. Collard, Jr., you'll have to give the P. T. fits about it; E. Street, unanswered letter; S. & C. Clark, all personal matter for Dr. J., answered by him; name of H. W. Mason without name of agent sending.

September 2—Subscribers: R. N. Brown, J. W. Kizlar, J. E. Walker, O. P. Thomas, H. A. Bourland, W. W. Bridwell, I. Z. Morris, W. W. Horner, J. H. Tucker, W. H. Carr, J. H. Tucker.

Miscellaneous: J. S. Burnett, B. J. Grace, change; O. P. Thomas, will stop, W. C. Blair.

September 3—For publication: Stump Ashby, W. L. Shaw, Manuel Fisher, J. H. White, J. P. Sneed, T. J. Thomason, P. B. Saffold, Samuel Weaver, O. Fisher, W. A. Brown.

Subscribers—Stump Ashby, W. S. May (30), J. K. Lane, T. P. Smith, P. B. Saffold (hardly think Bro. R. comes under proposition), A. D. Gaskill, J. M. Edmundson, L. P. Palmer, S. W. Turner (35.50), Miscellaneous: W. J. King, change; J. W. Hunter, change; Geo. H. Stovall, change; E. G. Banks, will soon be done; waiting for mail list type; F. Armstrong, will start; Fred F. Wilson, correction; W. R. Manning, 25.

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COTTON.

At New York, the market opened firm and closed firm. Sales to-day 451 bales. Quotations for all grades are as follows:

Ordinary.....10 1/2-10 3/4
Good Ordinary.....11 1/2-11 3/4
Low Middling.....12 1/2-12 3/4
Good Middling.....13 1/2-13 3/4
Middling Fair.....14 1/2-14 3/4
Fair.....15 1/2-15 3/4

At New Orleans, the market is irregular. Sales 475 bales. Quotations are as follows:

Low Ordinary.....10 1/2-10 3/4
Ordinary.....11 1/2-11 3/4
Good Ordinary.....12 1/2-12 3/4
Low Middling.....13 1/2-13 3/4
Good Middling.....14 1/2-14 3/4
Middling Fair.....15 1/2-15 3/4
Fair.....16 1/2-16 3/4

At Liverpool, market for spots opened firm. Quotations are as follows:

Middling Uplands.....6 3/4
Orleans.....9 3/4
The market here opened dull and closed quiet. Quotations are as follows for all grades. Sales, this day 69 bales.

Low Ordinary.....10 1/2-10 3/4
Ordinary.....11 1/2-11 3/4
Good Ordinary.....12 1/2-12 3/4
Low Middling.....13 1/2-13 3/4
Good Middling.....14 1/2-14 3/4
Middling Fair.....15 1/2-15 3/4
Fair.....16 1/2-16 3/4

NET RECEIPTS.

This day.....218
Last day.....126
This season.....2165
Same time last season.....3660
Stock on hand.....4417

WOOL.

Market steady and unchanged.

Eastern, Fine and Medium, 2 1/2-2 3/4 cts.
Western, Fine to Medium.....25 60-28
Improved Mexican.....18 60-20
Mexican.....13 60-15
Burry, 2 1/2-3 cts.

Exchange—Gold and Silver.

Sterling, 60 days.....47 1/2
New York.....48 1/2
New Orleans Sight.....nom
Gold.....100
American silver.....99 1/2

Closing gold rate N. Y.....101
Com'ral Sterling N. Y.....48
Closing gold rate in N. O.....100

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Compiled by Johnson Foster, Live Stock Commission Merchant. MONDAY Sept. 1, 1879.

RECEIPTS—Beaves and cows, 221; Calves and yearlings, 50; Sheep, 201; Hogs, 74.

SALES—Beaves and cows, 214; Calves and Yearlings, 67; Sheep, 358; Hogs, 99.

ON HAND—Beaves and cows, 74; Calves and yearlings, 31; sheep, 329; Hogs, 40.

TOTAL RECEIPTS SINCE JANUARY 1—Beaves and cows, 3532; Calves and yearlings, 648; Sheep 6119; Hogs, 2204.

PRESENT QUOTATIONS.

Beaves and cows, good to choice, 15c @ 20c
Beaves and cows, common and ordinary, 10c @ 15c
Two-year-olds, common 8 00 @ 9 00
Yearlings, common 8 00 @ 9 00
Calves, choice 6 00 @ 7 00
Calves, common 4 00 @ 5 00
Sheep, choice, 10c @ 12c
Sheep, common 8c @ 10c
Horned beefs and cows, choice, 10c @ 12c
Horned beefs and cows, fair to ordinary, 8c @ 10c
Horned beefs and cows, rough 6c @ 8c

REMARKS.

Beaves and cows.—Receipts have been ample to meet the demand of the current week—a fair supply on hand.

Calves.—In fair supply, with advices of full receipts to arrive during the coming week. Sheep.—Butchers well supplied.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

We quote jobbing-house prices for country cuts and toning, liable to ordinary fluctuation.

Rice.....6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Short clear.....6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Clear.....6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Long clear.....6 1/2 to 6 3/4
Shoulders.....5 to 5 1/2
Rice, extra heavy, prime.....8 1/2 to 8 3/4

Bagging.....11 1/2 to 12
Light weight, per yard.....10 1/2 to 11
Heavy weight, per yard.....11 to 12
Rug twine.....12 1/2 to 13

Bran.....78 to 80
From Mill, per 100 lbs.....78 to 80
By the car load.....78 to 80

By the car load.....18 to 19
Prime yellow.....18 to 19
Butter.....20 to 21
Goshen.....18 to 19
New York.....18 to 19

Texas Christian Advocate

Mexican Border Missions.

We wish now to call attention to some of our coast and lower Rio Grande Mexican Missions, which we visited April and May last.

Bro. Trinidad Armendariz is in charge of the San Diego and Precenos Mission. This mission is partly self-supporting. Self-supporting we earnestly desire all our missions to become as soon as possible. But among the principal reasons for a tardy accomplishment of this are the Mexicans generally are very poor, and they have been so imposed upon by the priesthood that they are rather shy of appeals for money in connection with religion. But let the church know that we are doing what we can in this line; and that a constant pressure is being brought upon all our converts of the truth that to give liberally for the spread and support of the gospel is indissolubly connected with the second great commandment of all, and that a failure to comply is evidence incontrovertible that we neither fulfill the first. Bro. Armendariz is the young man about whose ordination there was a good deal of difference at conference. He is now married, and his wife has a primary school in San Diego of thirty-five or forty children, and is doing a good work among them for the gospel. Just such schools are needed in all our missions, where the children of the poor can come and obtain a rudimentary education, and have their tender minds trained in the principles of Christianity. For such a system of schools we are going to labor, and are now in correspondence with the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, which has already made us a handsome contingent appropriation for school purposes. We trust that their continued and generous aid may be secured in behalf of this department of our mission work. Would that the sisters of all our churches would enlist themselves in this organization, for in it are unusual opportunities to do good.

After this we visit the mission at Concepcion, under Bro. Doroteo Garcia, and then once more turn our face toward the Rio Grande. The first day noon finds us in the far-famed Santa Gertrudes ranch, seated at the hospitable table of Capt. Richard King—the cattle king, if not the money king, of Texas. Though not an exile, yet in the absoluteness of possession he is almost another Robinson Crusoe. He quietly sets himself down on a mound that rises out of the vast plains and converts it into the seat of luxury and wealth, and the center of hundreds of thousands of acres of splendid pasture lands, which are all his own; and are now surrounded by fencing of pine lumber and wire, with mesquite or cypress posts.

But here is not our rest; pressing invitations and downy pillows may not prevail while the cloudy pillar lies to the South. Away we roll; night comes on; off the road into the brush to camp; horses fed; bedding out and down, my Mexican companion and I sit down to supper; when, hark! the sound of approaching horses and Mexican voices—lo, there they come! five of them mounted and armed, they stop about seventy yards in consultation, but in so low a voice that their words can not be distinguished. What shall we do? To run would be useless—the only house for leagues is a half mile distant, and they between us and it; fight we can not, for we have not even the little shot-gun, used to kill birds, loaded with buck-shot, besides we are over the dead-line. I notice that my Mexican companion swallows his food with difficulty, expressive, as I thought, of a little anxiety to know what class of his countryman those men represented. And I? well, what I may have thought or felt, we will not inquire; but what I did was to depute my man to go out and learn what might be their pleasure. He returned with the information that four of them were travelers, and the other was a man from the ranch who had come out to show where the grass was. The ominous shrug, and the expressive *quien sabe* denote a room for doubt. Anyhow, one leaves in the direction of the house, and the others dismount, strip their horses, and build a camp-fire, while we proceed to dispose of our dried beef and hard tack, amid draughts of Adam's ale; after which we concluded to make the acquaintance of our neighbors, and so made them a call. Find them more uneasy than myself, not for fear of us, but lest we should take them for bad men, and pass an unhappy night. I told them to be assured that I did not fear them at all; that I was a missionary to the Mexican, and had learned to trust rather than to distrust them; that I was their friend, and had always found them my friends.

They were three brothers and one cousin from Camargo, and all named Garcia. (There are more Garcias among the Mexicans than Smiths and Jones combined among us.) There, around their camp-fire, we preached Jesus to them, and partook of their coffee and *biscochos*. The *biscocho* is a small, hard bread, made of *metate*-ground corn, and which the well-to-do Mexican will hardly travel without; for, besides being very durable, it is of excellent taste and nourishing. The next morning we separated with many a hearty handshake, each one of them carrying an assortment of tracts, and one a Bible he had bought.

That morning we pass a tree on the prairie at which we nooned on a former trip. At that time, as we were driving up to it, out jumped a big wild-cat. Now for our fun! Horses out in a twinkling, each one with his *riata* in hand, leaps astride bare-back, and away we go, until coming up we chase it around and around, and finally succeed in lassoing it—that is, the Mexican, Mexican-like, ropes it first, around the body, and then *we* get down and put our rope over its head! Remounted, we return to camp, with our game between us. I wonder what some of the venerable characters that assemble around the Mission Board would have said could they have seen us then. Imagine I see one of them arise and, adjusting his spectacles for a closer investigation, cries out in the learned tone of Nashville: "Is that a new Mexican convert you are bringing in, Bro. Sutherland?" I reply: "Yes, doctor, walk up and give him the right hand of fellowship!" Don't you reckon that that member of the Board would have advocated a reduction in the appropriation for the conversion of the Mexicans? But our Mexican knew the difference, and was not long in answering in the affirmative the prophet's question as to whether the leopard could change his spots.

We spoke of the dead-line. That very day in the neighborhood, the deputy sheriff of Neuces county was brutally murdered by a Mexican prisoner and his wife, whom he was taking to Corpus, and within the last month in the same vicinity, a German drummer was murdered by his traveling companion. The victims in each instance were Texas boys, and their assassins were foreigners—or from different States—the latter was a New Yorker. But Texas has all the blame to bear, and thus it is with most of the bad character she bears—it is an imposition of people from other parts. They come, perhaps, from New York, to murder our law-abiding citizens who have accumulated a little money; or from "down East" in the person of a politico-ecclesiastical *overseer*, to spy out the land in favor of a political party, and Northern Methodism finding the former "voted out," and the sandy foundations of the latter giving way, without hope of either ever again succeeding to the extent of his wishes, unless a boom can be raised among the many and monied friends of Christianity and civilization "up North," Texas must be painted black—the combination of all the colors of vice. But I suppose it's "any Haven in a storm," or "any Fowler that will bring down the game."

But we write slower than we travel. However, we travel slow from this on for several days—for just here we begin to strike the "sand," which is a little desert that extends from the coast over one hundred miles up the country, being from forty to seventy miles in width. A large part of it is covered with beautiful motts of live-oak, and nearly all of it by a luxuriant growth of grass, on which thousands of cattle and horses are raised. There, like a flash of light, goes the fleet-footed antelope; there bounds away the stately buck; and there hies the wild turkey to its hiding place! Often have we thought that the pine would grow prolifically in this sand—for here all vegetation maintains its verdure longer than anywhere else in the country, and water can be secured most anywhere by digging a few feet.

Sunday morning finds us in the neat Presbyterian church in Brownsville, listening to a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hall. Bro. H. was for several years a missionary in South America, but is now laboring in company with Bro. Graybill, of the Southern Presbyterian, Mexican mission, of this place and Matamoros. We enjoyed the hospitality of these brethren, and of Rev. S. A. Purdie, of the Friend's Mexican mission—the ten days that business detained us—and it was as genuine as a Methodist could render, which is saying all. We must bear witness to the good work these brethren are doing.

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A. H. SUTHERLAND
EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, AUGUST 6, 1879.

The following shows the Bible distribution in Texas by colporteurs of American Bible Society in the month of July, 1879. Days of service, 313; miles traveled on official duty, 4509; families visited by them, 3901; Families found destitute of the Bible, 524; destitute families supplied, 515; destitute individuals supplied in addition, 172; number of books sold, 1716; value of books sold, \$562.76; number of books distributed gratuitously, 340; value of books distributed gratuitously, \$81.66; received from churches and individuals in aid of the Bible cause, \$78.80. The living knowledge of the word of God is our surest defense against all the evils that threaten us in State and in church.

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W. B. RANKIN,
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District Conference of Chappell Hill.
Report of the Committee on Education, adopted by the Chappell Hill District Conference, at Chappell Hill, August 1, 1879.

Education in its broadest and best sense has for its object the formation of character; and as character is everything, education is vital and of the first importance. But in order to the formation of right character, education must be right; and as character is the result of the development and culture of the moral forces of our nature quite as much, if not more than the intellectual, it is criminal to disregard the moral surroundings of the youth of our land in the selection of the seat of learning where they shall receive their training. One of the greatest evils of the age is found in the recklessness with which parents and guardians of youth allow the severance of the moral from the intellectual in the work of education, vainly dreaming that immoral influences are not insidiously or openly biasing the character for evil, while we are neglecting to sow the seeds of virtue, and to surround the growing plant with the most potent ethics which the word of God and Christian example can afford. We can not too openly and persistently oppose the exclusion of the Bible and prayer from the halls of science when our children are daily learning what they will never forget, either to be good and wise, or to be skilled in reckless impiety.

It is not so much for what is taught from the Bible in the school house, or from inducing children to pray, that we object to the exclusion of them, as to the demoralizing effect of the act of excluding those sacred and hallowed influences, thereby teaching children and youth that these are forbidden to have part in their training and in the formation of character. These considerations lead us to commend the schools of the church to the patronage of our people and of all lovers of public virtue. It is with special pride and pleasure that we call attention to the Female College at Chappell Hill, now committed to the care and management

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RESOLUTIONS:
1st. That we commend Chappell Hill Female College, under the Presidency of Judge Onins, to the confidence and patronage of all the people.

2d. That we will do all in our power to uphold this institution, devoted to sanctified learning, and that we will seek to influence our people to patronize it.

Respectfully submitted,
F. T. MITCHELL,
For Committee.

The Educator.

The office of educating human beings is the noblest on earth. It is more important than that of the statesman. The statesman may set fences round our property and dwellings; but how much more are we indebted to him who calls forth the powers and affections of those for whom our property is earned, and our dwellings are reared, and who renders our children objects of increasing love and respect! We go farther. We maintain that higher ability is required for the office of an educator of the young than for that of a statesman. The highest ability is that which penetrates farthest into human nature, comprehends the mind in all its capacities, traces out the laws of thought and moral action, understands the perfection of human nature and how it may be approached, understands the springs, motives, applications, by which the child is to be raised to the most vigorous and harmonious action of all its faculties, understands its perils, and knows how to blend and modify the influences which outward circumstances exert on the youthful mind. The speculations of statesmen are shallow compared with these. It is the chief function of the statesman to watch over the outward interests of a people,—that of the educator to quicken its soul. The statesman must study and manage the passions and prejudices of the community; the educator must study the essential, the deepest, the loftiest principles of human nature. The statesman works with coarse instruments for coarse ends; the educator is to work by the most refined influences on that delicate, ethereal essence, the immortal soul.

—Channing.

In a speech before the House of Commons, Sheridan, infidel as he was, said: "Although no man can command his convictions, I have ever considered a deliberate disposition to make proselytes an infidelity an unaccountable depravity. Whoever attempts to pluck the belief or the prejudice on this subject, style it as you will, from the bosom of any man, woman or child, commits a brutal outrage, the motives for which I have never been able to trace or conceive."

Conscious that infidelity supplied none of that consolation for which his soul hungered, he was unwilling to rob other hearts of a faith which gave them peace in the midst of life—support in the presence of death. It is indeed a cruel deed to rob a heart of its happiness. If Ingersoll and his compeers had any hope to offer those from whom they pluck that faith on which they have reposed, there might be a plea for the zeal they display. In the judgment of the great English infidel their course is an "unaccountable depravity."

THE "Southern Religious notes," in the last two numbers of the Nashville Christian Advocate are made up mainly of reports of the revival work in Texas, as reported in our "postal column." We are glad to send out such good news, and the church in other sections, we are sure, will rejoice with us. We trust the revival fire will spread throughout the entire church.

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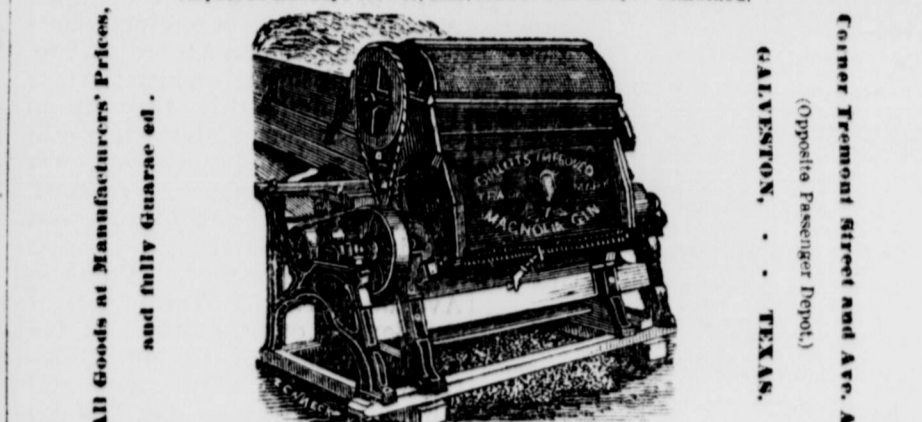
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ST. LOUIS LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) ST. LOUIS, August 30, 1879. The Great Union Depot—Immigration—Missouri's Silver Mines—The Growth of St. Louis—How the Streets Run—Population Half a Million—Temperance and Religious Camp Meetings—Public Free Schools.

The great union depot of this city, into which a dozen different railroads run, is a favorite resort for all who love to gaze upon a world of human beings arriving and departing at different hours of the day and night.

SILVER ORE.

Considerable interest has been awakened here and throughout the State by the discovery of rich silver mines near Frederickstown, Madison county. Fifty wagon loads of the ore, which averages 80 ounces of silver to the ton, was last week transported to a refinery at Cheltenham, and the event was celebrated with a picnic, where there was speaking, music, etc.

GROWTH OF ST. LOUIS.

The growth of this city at this time is marvelous, and the march of improvements is not confined to any part of the city, but is visible everywhere. The retail part of the city is on a march "up town."

ers not acquainted with St. Louis, the "future great," I will say that the numbered streets run parallel with the river and are crossed by those dignified with names. The great bridge faces on Washington Avenue, which is becoming a fashionable and business thoroughfare. The tunnel through which the cars pass goes under this street up to 8th and thence under 8th south about six blocks, where lower ground and the opening is reached, when the track bears to the west and in two blocks the great Union depot is approached.

CAMP MEETINGS.

Dr. Younge, and temperance and religious people generally, will no doubt be interested to know that a grand and successful temperance camp-meeting is being held at Bismark, Kansas, at which Francis Murphy is presiding. Thousands are signing the pledge and great good is being accomplished.

PUBLIC FREE SCHOOLS.

St. Louis has an admirable system of free schools, one of the best in the country, and the teachers and pupils are already preparing for the work of the coming year. There are 95 school houses in the city, all constructed with the most modern improvements and capable of accommodating about 40,000 children.

JONES' COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

As your correspondent passed up Fifth street to-day his eye rested upon the name of Jones. It struck him forcibly that he had heard that name before, and possibly that some of his "sisters, or cousins, or aunts," as Pinafore would have it, had married a man named Jones. He immediately resolved to go up those stairs and "rake up" a relationship with Mr. Jones, and up those broad, long steps he wended his way, soon reaching the extensive quarters of Jones' Commercial College, established about forty-five years ago.

THE IRON MOUNTAIN BRIDGE.

Officials of the Iron Mountain Railroad report that the bridge across the Red river at Fulton Arkansas is being rapidly built. The bridge will be of iron resting on stone piers and its cost will be fully \$1,000,000. Its length will be 712 feet and the draw for the passage of steamers will have a length of 312 feet. The company intend finishing the bridge by January. This

enterprising company proposes to improve its roadbed from this city to Texarkana. Complaints have been made here about the slow time made by both passengers and freight trains between this city and interior Texas towns, but the Iron Mountain and Missouri, Kansas and Texas officials throw the responsibility on the Texas roads. The Texas roads and the people should stir things up at that end. Eighteen miles an hour for passenger trains and ten miles for freight is out of all reason. The express lines in Texas also need a little hard scolding. It costs more to send packages by express to Texas than it does to send them by mail.

NO MORE GAMBLING.

The board of Police Commissioners say there shall be no more gambling in this city after September 1st and the good people hope they will carry out their laudable resolve and stop a wrong that has never been stopped before in this city. All law-abiding, peace-loving people should unite in a war on gambling and whisky-selling, two evils that make government expensive and life, to some extent, unsafe. The Police Commissioner will show neither fear nor favor in applying the order for the effectual closing of all gambling establishments on the first. The public will be anxious and interested spectators. E. H. Q.

The New York Herald, of the 30th ult., has a story of two girls who have been the victims of a padrone who had got them in charge and was living a life of ease on the money they brought him by begging. An investigation revealed the fact that they were a part of a gang of children who have infested the thoroughfares of New York employing the arts of the beggar to support their villainous masters who held them under control. A regular trade has been going with Italy and other European States for the supply of children to be employed in this way. Parents have often parted with their children for pay, knowing they would be devoted to this terrible life. The brutal treatment these unhappy waifs endure at the hands of their taskmasters makes up a story of wrong more painful than can be found in the pages of fiction. The officer who worked up this case and arrested the miscreant who had them in hand told a story of threats, blows and cries that doubtless stealed the hearts of the jury to a proper performance of their duty.

The New York Sun devotes nearly a column of closely printed matter to the details of "a battle of bull dogs," in which an American dog chaws up the champion British dog while for over two hours a vast crowd of brutes, some of whom were dressed like gentlemen, looked on and applauded the revolting scene. This disgraceful scene transpired on Long Island within a few miles of Brooklyn. Thousands of Northern readers, after gloating over this revelation of human degradation in their own region, turned to another page and were horrified by some sensational report from the South.

In one column of the New York Herald we have the story of the ruin of a young lady by a scoundrel, her life of shame and attempted suicide; and then follows the account of the abduction of a girl thirteen years of age and the despair of the family. One event transpires in New York the other in Wisconsin. There is lawlessness in portions of the South, but it fails to rival the North in its record of the most fendish deeds that man can commit.

Two English girls, one eighteen, the other thirteen years of age, recently landed in Salt Lake, having been allured there by the promises of Mormon missionaries. Friendless and homeless, the eldest was persuaded to marry the man where she was stopping—a man sixty-five years of age, with a grown family. The prosecuting attorney was notified, and the poor girl saved from ruin. When will this blot on American civilization be wiped out?

Murders and stealings by tramps are among the prominent items in Northern papers. On the 21st ult., J. W. Cotton, station agent and grocer on the Kansas Pacific Road, was murdered by one of this breed. The tramp called on Mr. Cotton for crackers and cheese, and while Mr. C. was leaning over the barrel to reach the crackers, the tramp struck him on the neck with an ax, nearly severing the head from the body.

A deadly fight occurred the other day near Kansas City. After emptying their revolvers, they clinched and beat each other with their empty pistols till separated. One died on the spot, the other in a few hours. If this had occurred in Texas, what a howl certain Northern papers would have made over it.

On the 2d inst. Col. Jno. S. Ford took charge of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. The new trustees consist of Dr. R. M. Swearingen, Geo. W. Sampson and Rev. Wm. Shapard. A resolution approving all contracts made by Gen. McCulloch, and a vote of thanks to him for making suitable arrangements for carrying on the institution was adopted unanimously.

A terrible storm swept over New Orleans the 1st, and extended as far west as Morgan City. Two steamboats were sunk at the latter place and portions of the shed at Morgan's wharf were blown down. Much damage done to crops on the Teche. At New Orleans the loss from the storm is estimated at \$200,000.

Two hundred and fifty tons of ashes are emptied each day into the New York river and harbor by steamboats, tugs, etc. This indicates the enormous amount of business going on in that port.

A man working on the roof of a church in Buffalo, New York, fell a distance of sixty feet. One of his hips was dislocated, but it is thought he will recover.

A man and a woman were crushed by the rails on the Boston and Albany railroad last week. The woman was deaf and did not hear the whistle.

The Board appointed by Hon. G. W. Jones to examine cadetship candidates for West Point and Annapolis decided in favor of A. G. Thompson for West Point. No choice for Annapolis.

A MEETING between the Czar and the Emperor of Germany will take place shortly at Alexandrow.

PRINCE KORSAKOFF will assume the governorship of Odessa in the place of Gen. Todleben, who will be appointed Governor of Warsaw.

Iron and tin works in Cardiff, which have been in operation since 1749, have been closed, and 1500 workmen paid off. They and their families, numbering in all 6000 souls, are destitute and out of work. What a blessed land we have in Texas, if the people only knew it.

DON CARLOS denies that he has compromised his claims to the throne of Spain. This princely Macawber is "waiting for something to turn up."

An older brother of the Pope (not Cardinal Pecci) died August 29, of apoplexy.

A BROTHER of the Emperor of Morocco has been poisoned.

THE unconstitutional acts of the Bulgarian government are exciting great dissatisfaction. Monster meetings are held to protest against them.

Beaumont District Conference.

As nothing up to the present time has been published relative to the Beaumont District Conference, except what appeared in the Jasper News-Boy, I will furnish a brief sketch of the proceedings for the ADVOCATE. The conference convened on the 27th of June last, at Woodville, in Tyler county. Nine traveling and three local preachers, besides a goodly number of lay delegates, were present to respond at roll call. Every charge was well represented. The proceedings were marked by harmonious action and Christian courtesy.

It was evident that a gradual improvement had resulted from ministerial and co-operative labors of the brethren. In some of the circuits abandoned family altars had been revived and new ones erected.

The attendance on public worship generally good; the Word in many instances had not returned void, but had "accomplished the thing whereunto it was sent." Over 200 accusations to the church were reported. Homer circuit, represented by brother James M. Bond, led the van.

Quite a number of Sunday-schools had been organized and were reported in a healthy condition.

The preachers were well received on their circuits and in their stations, and they commended the people of their charge. Finances were in arrears—not one-fourth of the salaries met. Attention had been given to the collections ordered by our annual conference, with improved progress on former reports.

Some alterations recommended in the plan of the work: such as the forming a mission to include territory heretofore, but not now, occupied by us, where we have a membership needing pastoral oversight. Also, it was thought expedient to have one of the large circuits divided.

Initial steps were taken to procure a lot and build a presiding elder's parsonage at Jasper; it being understood that the work should commence at once. It is to be hoped that it will be in readiness for their next presiding elder to occupy.

Some of the preachers have succeeded in procuring a respectable number of subscribers to our ADVOCATE, while a few others have not. We are at a loss to conceive why all of the charges should not be as well represented in this re-

gard as the foremost, as there is little, if any, difference in the ability to pay for and read it.

I am sorry to note the fact that our ADVOCATES are scarce on this district, and Methodist Disciplines still more so. Seldom do we find them among our members.

Notwithstanding, we have good resolves to offer (you know they cost but little) as you may see by the following, which was passed without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this body, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is one of our best church organs, and has been much enriched in general information by the postal communications. The editorials are of superior merit. The mechanical and business departments reflect credit upon the publishers; we, therefore, cordially recommend it to the church and public generally. That we condemn the acrimonious spirit of personality exhibited by some of its contributors, and recommend that the editorial prerogative be more freely exercised.

A resolution was passed requesting the Rev. E. M. Sweet to furnish a copy of his discourse on the "Scriptural obligations for supporting the ministry," to be forwarded to the ADVOCATE for publication. It was a discourse of merit, exhibiting thought and research, and might be read with much interest and profit by all Christians. As brother S. is a modest man, he may decline furnishing a copy.

The services at our district conference were well attended, both day and night, and as we trust with spiritual profit; the last night especially was a time of deep interest.

The good people of Woodville furnished pleasant homes and sumptuous fare for all in attendance. Their hospitalities and courtesies could not have been excelled. We left with them our warmest thanks, and will cherish them in our memories and prayers.

Delegates elected to our annual conference as follows: Clerical—R. M. Stewart; alternate, Dr. E. P. Angel. Lay—T. J. Carraway, H. Rhodes, B. F. Holt; alternates, Y. W. McNeal, F. P. Crow, R. A. Stewart. The next District Conference to be held at Jasper.

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SLAVERY in Cuba promises to be a subject of interesting international discussion. In 1817 a treaty between England and Spain stipulated the emancipation of slavery within a few years in Spain's possessions on the payment by England to Spain of several millions. The stipulations were observed faithfully by England. The controversy is liable to come up on the charge by England of Spain's violation of the treaty as to Cuba, and demand for restitution. The United States, being contiguous and hence most interested, will be a prominent factor in the controversy, and can but lend its influence adversely to Spain—albeit the existence of slavery in the United States is one among the many reasons why it was impossible for Spain to abolish the institution in her extremely revolutionary colony. Some wiseacres prophesy that this will eventuate in Cuba's annexation by purchase to the United States.

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