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Explanatory.

Our church, Wesley Chapel, is divided, or rather was divided, as all names now on the roll are for the East Texas Conference. Thirty-one members transferred their names to the church at Will's Point, on account of the territory being given to the East Texas Conference from the North Texas Conference. I see a communication in the ADVOCATE of November the 8th, from our pastor, Bro. H. M. Booth. I think and know he does the brethren an injustice (the brethren who transferred their names to Will's Point). I cannot believe Bro. Booth thought of the construction that could be placed on part of his letter. I am truly sorry he worded it as he did. While these brethren did not aid by their presence or materially, yet I cannot believe they were antagonistic or hostile to the interest of the church or circuit. They are men of strong piety and are among the best citizens of the county, but they prefer belonging to the North Texas Conference. I have conversed with them a great deal in regard to our church troubles, and I assure you they regret it as much as any one does, yet they feel aggrieved at the action of the General Conference, and more especially at East Texas Conference, but as to being antagonistic to the conference, I think Bro Booth is honestly mistaken about that. I am fully aware of the fact that Bro. Booth was very poorly paid this year, because there was much confusion until very recently that it was impossible to collect anything. Bro. Booth says it was hostility to the ministers. I have never heard a harmful word spoken of Bro. Booth so far as he individually was concerned. Have often heard it said by the brethren so far as Bro. Booth was concerned they thought well of him, but they were not pleased at the East Texas Conference, not antagonistic to it though. It would appear from Bro. Booth's letter that they are not as conscientious in their position now as they were at first. I believe them to be as honest and conscientious now as at any time. I think it nothing but due these brethren that this letter should be written. I have not seen any of them since I received my paper, neither do I write this at their request. I do not believe Bro. Booth intended any wrong in his letter, and think he is conscientious in his belief, but I know he is mistaken.

We have had short crops and a great scarcity of water and consequently we are not in the best of spirits. We of Prairieville circuit are looking forward with a great deal of anxiety to know who our next preacher will be. We read the ADVOCATE with pleasure and are proud to see that you are so strongly in favor of the Sunday law, and in fact all that is good. May the ADVOCATE ever prosper is the wish of yours truly.

E. L. BARBOUFF.

A MISS HATTIE JONES, at Oswego, New York, in a somnambulistic state, arose from her bed at night, walked to the river, sat down on the bank and was knocked into the water by the bow of a passing canal boat and drowned. She was the accomplished daughter of the wealthiest people in the town.

EX-GOVERNOR BALDWIN is said to be a prominent possibility as successor to Senator Chandler, deceased.

THE THEOLOGICAL AND HOMILETIC MONTHLY.

The November number is at hand; and after a careful reading of all it contains, we pronounce it a decided improvement upon any of its predecessors which have passed under our eye. Its table of contents will arrest the attention of the thoughtful reader; the more so if he be a preacher. Here it is:

1. The Scriptural Form of Christ's Humanity, by Rev. Sam'l Kepler, Baltimore, Md.
2. Faith Lessons—Their Bearing upon our Destiny, by John Morton, Esq.
3. Qualifications for the Gospel Ministry, Lutheran Quarterly.
4. Conservatism, by Rev. John E. Edwards, D.D., Richmond, Va.
5. Ordination.
6. Choice of Topics.
7. Trinitarianism, by Rev. Dr. Winfield.
8. The Sabbath Day, by Rev. J. T. Whitley, Richmond, Va.
9. Elisha and the Children of Bethel, by Dr. Deems.
10. Editorial, Miscellany, etc.

This monthly of eighty-nine pages is well gotten up. The mechanical execution is good, and it is published and edited by Rev. R. N. Sledd, D.D., Richmond, Va.; \$2.50 per annum. The first five articles are on topics of great interest to preachers, and to others as well, who seek knowledge on the higher levels of religious thought. There are some suggestions and animadversions in the fourth article—by Dr. Edwards—which address themselves with much force to the law-makers and future guardians of Methodism. He animadverts with telling force on two things, which he considers errors—grave errors—in Methodist law. First: In that that the general rules have been made part and parcel of the constitution of the church. He assumes that Mr. Wesley drew up these rules, not for a church, but for societies; that Methodism had not taken on itself the functions of a church; that it existed only as religious societies. He doubts if the phrase in the general rules—"all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in His written word"—can be sustained by the facts. That the rules are good and ought to be preserved, but not as part of its constitution. After criticizing what he calls "the arbitrary limitation of the pastorate"—to four years—he refers to "the law which disallows the ordination of a preacher, on trial in a conference, to the order of deacon until he has spent two years in the ministry." This is a grave subject, and deserves to be elaborated and ventilated far beyond the brief space given it by Dr. Edwards in his admirable article in the *Monthly*; but our space will not allow it now and here. We reserve it for a future article, with two remarks: First—That according to our understanding of the gospel commission, it carries with it, and has incorporated in it, the authority to baptize. Second—No man can be a pastor under the disability of no authority to baptize and receive converts into the church. The logical conclusion must be that the law should be changed in one of two respects: First—To hinge ordination on qualification, not on time; or secondly—make every licentiate a helper, not a pastor. The church in Texas has suffered under this disability in her ministry to an extent which will never be known in time.

Rodrigo Borgia, Pope Alexander VI. Nineteenth Century.

The life, the actions, and the character of this Pope will ever remain a moral problem. It must be remembered that he was Pope. He was not merely an almost incredibly wicked man, but he claimed to be the vicar of God. Apart even from the darkest crime which stains his infamous memory, his life was a long breach of the commandments which say, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Alexander VI. is, perhaps, the greatest and the foulest criminal in history; and he is, furthermore, an occupant of the chair of St. Peter, the infallible pontiff of a church which claims to be connected with Christianity. Alexander did not hate or condemn the world; he was no titanic skeptic or

atheist, whose profound unbelief in divinity and raging scorn of humanity led him to despise heaven and defy hell. No, he believed—in his way; but he could turn from incest, from adultery, from murder, to worship the Virgin, to perform mass, to fulfill any of the highest and most mystical functions of sacerdotal sacredness. He was nearly always successful; he was invariably happy. In him were blended materialism and superstition. He touches humanity chiefly in his love for his children, but is otherwise as inhuman as he is undivine. It would almost seem as if some demon had, in mockery of men, created a being who should thrive through unrepented wickedness, and who—as the profoundest effort of most devilish satire, should be placed on high in the then chief office of Christendom, and be worshipped by millions as the infallible representative on earth of the all-wise, all-merciful, omniscient, and eternal God.

The Cost of Rum.

The arithmetic has been exhausted to compute the destructive cost and countless ills of intoxicating liquor. Liquors, by most skillful, careful, statisticians, appear credulity. They reveal an enormity almost beyond the reach of most daring imagination. When considered calmly, the wonder is not that prosperity is retarded, socialism is spreading with alarming rapidity, factories are hushing their spindles, and labor strikes and riots occur, but that we have a national, social existence. How this exhaustive drain upon the industrial, economical resources of a people can be suffered, and yet live as a nation, is the miracle of political history. But, startling as is the truth, without color or exaggeration, it fails to arouse fear of quicken energy. The spirit of reformation, in all our Southwestern country, seems to be dead beyond hope or power of speedy resurrection. We have yielded to the inevitable, and given consent to be dominated by the devil and his minions. In all our towns and cities the rum-power holds undisputed sway. They elect our officers and administer our laws. They shape the moral sentiment of communities, and dictate the course of priest and people. They inspire our patriotism and control our legislation. Courageous, conscientious manhood has surrendered its royal colors. Against this galling tyranny over truth, good morals and social life, a voice is rarely lifted, a word scarcely spoken. If, perchance, here and there, some one who loves truth rather than error, Christ more than a besotted, besmirched Caesar, ventures to utter a feeble protest or prayer for relief, the whole rum-power turns loose the dogs of war, and tear him to atoms for the delectation of their bloated dupes and disciples. In Louisiana they have said to constitution and law-makers: "We are the party in power; before our scepter you must bow." In Mississippi they have said: "Yes, you have laws in your interest on the statute-books, but they are a dead letter; their administration is in our hands. We make and unmake politicians. No man holds office but by our consent, and to subserve our ends." So, upon us, have been riveted the chains of a debasing servitude. Figures no longer alarm us. Murders, by liquor, only annoy, because of their monotonous frequency. Asylums and hospitals crowded with the wretched victims of rum, and maintained at large expense, only give opportunity to indulge our benevolence. The millions thus squandered, enough to expel forever from our shores the cry of "hard times," so that its feeblest echoes will never be heard again, is now simply estimated as a part of our necessary annual expenses.

When we consider all this, and then the apathy of the church and Christian conscience, we ask, vainly: Where is the spirit of reformation? Where is the faith and heroism of John Knox, and Martin Luther, and John Wesley? With every suggestion of special effort at emancipation from this world have Egyptian bondage, we are told "there is no hope; effort is utterly useless; we had as well submit and quietly endure what we can not cure." Thus we are slumbering on arms that ought to be gleaming in the fore-front of battle, and winning conquests over the powers of darkness. May Heaven avenge the

church, and make every pulpit a throne of thunder, and every Christian a plumed and armored foe of intemperance and the rum-power. The above is by way of preface to the following suggestive figures taken from an interesting article in the *Christianity Work*, which we republish with hope, but "little faith."

RUM VS. EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.	
Schools in the United States.....	141,629
Teachers.....	221,042
Pupils.....	7,209,908
Annual expense for education.....	\$95,492,726
RUM.	
Retail liquor-sellers in the United States.....	166,000
Cost of liquor in States and Territories in 1878.....	\$715,575,000
RECAPITULATION.	
Rum.....	\$715,575,000
Education.....	\$95,492,726
Rum over education.....	\$620,082,274
RUM VS. RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES.	
Religion.	
Clergy in the United States.....	83,677
Sunday-schools in the United States.....	6,619,034
Total contributed for the support of religion.....	\$47,636,455
RUM.	
Retail liquor-sellers in the United States.....	166,000
Men and women in the United States who drink liquor.....	18,000,000
Number per annum killed by rum.....	60,000
Rum retained in 1878 in the United States.....	\$715,575,000
Total contributed for the support of religion.....	\$47,636,455
Rum over religion.....	\$667,938,545
RECAPITULATION.	
Religion—annual expense each person.....	\$1 11
Education—annual expense each person.....	2 92
Rum—annual—expense each person.....	17 90
RUM VS. NECESSARIES OF LIFE.	
Total invested in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors in the United States.....	\$200,000,000
Total crop wheat, rye, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and potatoes in the United States in 1877.....	1,111,820,575
Rum over all.....	\$88,179,425
C. B. G.—(New Orleans Advocate.)	

OUR SENIOR BISHOP.—Sixty-one years ago Robert Paine, a youth in feeble health, was admitted into the traveling connection in the Tennessee Conference. Fifty-nine years ago he was stationed at Murfreesboro, then captain of the State, and elected a chaplain of the legislature. Thirty-three years ago he was elected one of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He recently presided over the sixty-sixth session of the Tennessee Conference, which met at Murfreesboro, where he filled his first station. In a brief address to the conference the venerable bishop said: "I live in the favor of God and do my duty; as to the future I know not, nor do I have much care. I have no fear of death; all is bright beyond. As I grow older my heart becomes mellow and I have more charity, more love than ever before. I have as clear a conception of duty as I ever had in my life. While feeble in body I am young in heart and spirit. The shadows I trust that are falling about me are not falling on my mind and heart. Am glad I gave my youth to religion and life to the church. I would not exchange places with the Emperor of all the Russias."

A converted Catholic priest, Rev. T. A. Vaudry, at a recent meeting of the Presbytery of New Orleans, made a statement of a plan for organizing a movement in favor of what is called the *Old Catholics* in that city. He defined the movement as an effort to remove abuses which have been imported into the creed and practice of the primitive church, and it will endeavor to secure: 1. Rejection of the new dogmas of the infallibility of the Pope and the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin; 2. Rejection of auricular confession; 3. Rejection of paid masses for the living and the dead; 4. Rejection of Mariolatry; 5. Rejection of the compulsory celibacy of the priesthood; 6. Rejection of the materialism of the Mass; 7. Rejection of the persecuting spirit of the church; 8. Reading of the Bible, and all religious services, in the vernacular tongue.

The liquor dealers of Dallas are combining to resist the enforcement of the Sunday law. Let the fact be kept before all law-abiding people that resistance to this law is confined to this special line of business. There are no combinations formed by others. The dry goods merchant, the provision merchant, the farmer, the mechanic, the clerk and the laborer welcome a day of rest. The liquor dealer resists the law. The morals of society, the peace and good order of the community, the happiness of homes, the safety of our young men, are nothing to them, provided they can make money. Shall society sacrifice its best interests to enrich the rum-seller?

In the last address which the venerable Dr. Duval made, in the presence of his brethren, of the

West Texas Conference, he cautioned them against long talks after the sermon. Such talks distracted attention from the sermon, and wearied the congregation. It is equally unprofitable to give out a long string of appointments, in many of which, the audience feels not the slightest interest.

SIXTEEN CHILDREN ROASTED.—In the burning of the large candy and cracker factory at Kansas City November 7, sixteen children, employees, lost their lives.

A FACT.—You may meet with twenty men in the day who stutter, but you never heard of a woman who had an impediment in her speech.

A WRITER in the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, Northern, expresses great fear lest his church should be swallowed up by the Church, South. Let him dismiss his fears. Our church is no whale to swallow *Jonahs*.

The postmasters in some of the leading cities have been instructed not to rent boxes to lottery companies, and not to mail circulars from lottery companies. Now let them refuse to circulate through the mail newspapers that advertise lotteries.

The Presiding Elder question is being extensively ventilated in the North, in view of the approaching session of their General Conference. Two modifications are suggested. One party proposes to give the elders pastoral charges, as in England, where they are merely chairman of districts. Another party wants the elders elected to their office, to continue for a definite period.

Would it not be well to have the directions to boards of finance, in an annual conference, so changed as to read, "to distribute the funds for superannuates according to claims and necessities," understanding that "claims" are estimated according to the number of years the claimant served in the active ministry? The M. E. Church, we believe, distributes its fund by such a rule, and an effort was made at one of our General Conferences to adopt it, but it failed for want of time.

He who desires the office of a bishop desires a good thing. So evidently think our Protestant Episcopal brethren, when a popular diocese is vacant. At the late convention of the Northern New Jersey Diocese, now vacant, there were no less than nineteen candidates. The High Church candidate, Dr. Starkey, was elected on the seventh ballot. Among the candidates we see the name of Bishop Elliott, of San Antonio, who received seven clerical and five lay votes on the first ballot.

The summary substitution of Dr. Summers for Dr. Hinton, as editor of our *Quarterly Review*, by the committee of ten, was a surprise to the church; and it seems was not highly relished by the friends of the late editor. Dr. Haygood, of the *Wesleyan*, says: "Hinton has thousands of friends who feel deeply wounded at the turn which has been given to affairs." Haygood also intimates that success in the *Review* enterprise can only be assured when the managers are able to pay liberally for such articles as are desired for its pages.

In the Normal Institute at Huntsville there are seventy-four State students, including thirty-four girls. Besides these there are numerous applications from others, not State students, but the terms upon which such can be received have not as yet been published. The State students have their board, books, and tuition free. Professor Smith has taken the place made vacant by the death of Professor Mallon. The State and the Peabody fund conjointly bear the expense of this institution.

Know and improve every talent to the utmost, whether in preaching, writing, speaking, or acting. I feel convinced that every man has given him of God much more than he has any idea of, and that he can help on the world's work more than he knows of. What we want is the single eye that will see what our work is, the humility to accept it, however lowly, the faith to do it for God, the perseverance to go on till death.—Norman Macleod.

The number of students in the Agricultural College at Bryan, has fallen off from about 300, two years ago, to 135. This is the result of an unfortunate squabble in the faculty. It is costing considerable to feed this State elephant—and it is unkind in the animal to become fractious, factious and unmanageable.

WHITNEY is the name of a new town on the Waco extension of the Texas Central Railroad. It is in Hill county, thirty-two miles North of West from Waco, five miles East of the Brazos river and twelve miles Southwest of Hillsborough.

Our Postal Cards.

TEXANA, JACKSON CO., Nov. 12.—A postal in the ADVOCATE of Nov. 8th, signed Jake Jones, gives George Menefee the credit of presenting to Texana a parsonage and one year's supply for the preacher. This is a mistake which I think ought to be corrected. George Menefee got up the subscription and collected the money and paid liberally himself to the parsonage fund. I was one of the building committee, but to say that the parsonage was a present from him would detract from the liberality of the citizens of Texana circuit, who acted nobly in this matter, and with a liberality unprecedented. We know not Jake Jones.—JOHN S. MENEFEE.

DODD CITY CIRCUIT, FANNIN CO., Nov. 14.—A light rain to-day; needed very badly; people have been buying water here. The brethren seem very much pleased with the return of their preacher. Dodd City is a promising little town located on the Texas and Pacific railroad with about five hundred inhabitants; good land and refined society; school of seventy-five pupils. All things moving along delightfully.—J. A. ALLISON.

NAVIDAD, JACKSON COUNTY, Nov. 14.—Dear Uncle John: I am a stranger to you, but I read the ADVOCATE and form my opinion of you from that. I am thirteen years old; have been to school and can read and write. A nice Bible was given me by my teacher for industry. We have no school in our neighborhood. We need immigration; too thinly settled to have good schools. Yet Bro. Black says he would not advise any one to come to this county. He says when it is well it takes two horses to pull a buggy, and if they are ponies, you will have to hitch on two more to carry the man. Well, that would depend upon the size of the man. Uncle John, there are giants in these days. If Bro. Black sees the man, now I would think it would take four additional ponies to get him out of a mud hole. Bro. Black has a large heart, too, and is always ready for every good work. Uncle John, I am surprised and grieved to see so much opposition to the Sunday-law. Do we not violate the commandment when we wander to the vice of strangers? If they wish to make "our God" let them come, and if they will come compel them to obey our laws. From your little friend, QUINCY DICKIE.

ARLINGTON, TARRANT CO., November 17.—This is our third year of this work. One hundred and sixty-seven accessions were reported for the year. Our several societies are as nearly perfect in their organizations as is possible; class meetings with class-leaders; prayer-meetings with an attending membership; church conferences with church-secretaries, and held once a quarter at least. A recording steward with a quarterly conference record, and stewards that look carefully after the table of the preacher and the table of the Lord; in fact we are trying to be what we claim to be—Methodists. Method system, order, organization is what we need—not numbers, but power. There are no two greater auxiliaries than the Sunday-school and the ADVOCATE to the re-education of this desired end. Through the energy of Bro. Tims, a local preacher, and the liberality of Mr. Wyatt, we have built one church, and hope this year to build two more.—J. T. L. ANNIS.

GONZALES, Nov. 17.—Hard times here and worse coming, if they get here. Water scarce, weather dry, grass short, acres gone up, hogs poor, corn worth one dollar per bushel, and they say money is scarce. That may be true in this place, but there is plenty of the stuff on the Concrete circuit, judging from the liberal assessment to the preachers by the stewards.—A. A. KILGOSH.

CLEAR BAYOU, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, Nov. 14, 1879.—Everything looking prosperous; prayer-meetings well attended; four Sunday schools well attended; congregations good; conference collections and bishops' fund up; missionary collections going on hopefully. Mr. Ben Fisher and wife met with a sad bereavement last Sunday. They were at church, with their children in good health; the youngest, a beautiful child, whom I baptized, was taken sick Sunday evening and died that night. May they meet their child.—S. H. BROWN.

BENTON CITY, ATASCOSA COUNTY, Nov. 12, 1879.—Reached my work last week. Went to work visiting my members and hunting up those still holding their letters. Result at my first appointment received two by letter. With but little trouble during first day's visiting, secured two new subscribers and one renewal.—J. C. RUSSELL.

[That is the way to work. Our young men make our very best agents. We often wish they were in our first-class stations.—Ed.]

JONESBORO, N. C., Nov. 12, 1879.—I have been reading your valuable paper, sent to me by some unknown friend in Texas, for the last few months, and I am much pleased with your zephyrus and independence as an editor, combating with wickedness in high places as well as low; dealing death blows to grog-shops, sabbath-breakers, and to all evil-doers, in your maintenance of the Sunday law, which will do much to improve the morals of your country—a thing to which the people of the old States are anxiously looking, and are delighted with every move in that direction; for ere long Texas is to be the home of many of our children. So I will say, for one in the old North State, as Wellington said to his veterans at Waterloo: "Stand firm and the victory is yours." I must confess (after reading your paper, seeing its make-up, management and ability, that we are a set of old fogies in the old States, wrapped up in our little self-importance, thinking we are the people and the church, etc.—E. R. PARTRIDGE.

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DALLAS, Dallas Co., November 14.—Fifth rain to day. Lectured at Willis Point, 12th; sixty-two members in the council. Lectured 12th in Forney precinct at Elm council; prohibition a grand success there.—YOUNG.

BELTON, Bell Co., Nov. 12.—The other night an old gentleman, in giving his experience for membership in the Baptist Church, stated that he was converted fifty years ago, and had lived a consistent Christian life ever since. The strange thing is that he had never made known his profession of faith.—J. S. CLOWEE.

AT HOME, November 14.—Thanks! The brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference, together with other friends and brethren of Fort Worth, will please accept my hearty thanks for \$39.35, raised at our conference at Fort Worth, to aid in defraying my expenses to my work in Oregon. May God reward them "in that day."—H. B. SWAFFORD.

MASON, Mason Co., Nov. 5.—Arrived on this circuit November 1st; preached twice on the 2d to large and attentive congregations. Met with a cordial reception from both Northern and Southern Methodists. Much obliged to Bishop McTear for the appointment. We had the pleasure of riding with Dr. John from Harwood to Lockhart, where we heard him preach, and bless our editor and our new circuit.—GEO. T. FREEMAN.

SPRING HILL, Tyler Co., November 11.—We have just closed a ten days' meeting at this appointment on Bro. Kirby's work. He was assisted by Bros. Dawson, Graves, and Childers of Robertson county. There were eight or ten conversions, most of them very bright. The church was greatly revived. The power of God was present in convicting, converting, and sanctifying power. To God be all the glory.—E. P. A.

CEERO, DeWitt Co., Nov. 12.—The railroad cars ran over a man at this place last Monday, severing his head from his shoulders, and cutting his arms off. The supposition is that he was drunk, and while in this condition laid down on the track and fell asleep. Oh! how many have lost their souls by whisky! We are needing rain very much in this section. We have clouds, but little rain. It is raining this morning.—E. G. DUVALL.

BUFFALO GAP, Taylor Co., Nov. 4.—Weather still dry in this section; some wheat up and dying. Health good. Our flourishing little town still rapidly improving, and is nearly ready to boast of having a neat school-house, which will soon be ready for use and begin about the 17th. Buffalo Gap has four hotels, one blacksmith shop with two of the best smiths at work in it, postoffice, livery stable, two meat markets, and twenty other business houses. Our town is not yet two years old. Reports say there was a babe born in the gap the other day weighing twenty pounds.—J. M. C. KNIGHT.

EASTLAND CITY, Eastland Co., Nov. 10.—During the last three weeks I have been detained at home on account of sickness in my family. I have attended the Sunday school here three Sundays in succession, which I find to be in a flourishing condition and increasing in interest. Doctors, lawyers and the leading men and women of the community are among the regular attendants. Judge J. H. Calhoun, superintendent, and Dr. F. H. Lutteritt, assistant; J. T. Hammons (County Judge), secretary. No rain here since the 15th of August.—GEO. F. FAIR.

LIVINGSTON, Polk Co., Nov. 10.—Spent last Sabbath at Moscow; preached twice; had a pleasant day. Bro. Finley was with me at night. Local opinion prevails here. Everything is quiet. But few cases on the criminal docket; while in San Jacinto county, where whisky rules, there are one hundred and twenty-five or more indictments. There has not been a murder in the county since the adoption of local option some two years or more ago. How fortunate for the country if whisky were banished from it everywhere.—T. B. BUCKINGHAM.

WILLA WALK, Montague Co., November 11.—I like the style in which the ADVOCATE pours hot shot into the ranks of wrong doers generally. Think if its batteries were turned loose against non-paying members of our church occasionally, might produce good results. The custom of stewards calling on five or six out of a membership of fifty, to make up assessment deficiency, when they are about all that have paid anything, is becoming too monotonous. Cloudy and cool, but dry. Fontaines holding out; beyond all expectations. Why do wells, fifty feet deep, with plenty of water when the wind blows from the South, so nearly dry when it blows from the North? Will some one please throw light on this subject.—W. C. QUZOLEY.

THE CORSICANA ENTHUSIASTS.

We have taken some pains to read the various statements which have appeared in the secular press in reference to the strange proceedings at Corsicana. We give the result of our reading: It is a strange misnomer to call it "a holiness band," or its members "sanctificationists." They had no possible connection with what was called the "holiness camp-meeting," which was held by Rev. Dr. Brush, of the M. E. Church, North. They are "Second Adventists," and called themselves in the organization formed February 7, 1879, when they formally disclaimed all connection with any existing church, "The Temple of the Coming Lord." Their place of meeting was a wooden building formerly occupied by the Northern Methodists, in the suburbs of Corsicana. Besides spectators, there were in the band about twenty men and fifteen women. Personally, they bore irreproachable Christian characters. Six of the leaders had been ministers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but have since been repudiated by their respective presbyteries. Of these, R. J. Sims first appeared as an evangelist; was very zealous, though somewhat extravagant in his exposition of the doctrine of the gifts of the Spirit. He has not gone as far in his extravagance as some others,

and at the late meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod a hope was expressed that he would yet be reclaimed to the church.

R. J. Haynes, who is regarded as the leader of the band, is a native Texan, and a graduate of the Cumberland Presbyterian University at Tehuacana. He has now gone to Brooklyn, New York, the headquarters of the movement, for additional light.

T. M. Goodnight is a man of superior mental endowments and culture; was a professor in the college at Tehuacana, and subsequently pastor of a church in Corsicana, and president of a flourishing female college. He is an eloquent, sincere monomaniac. It may be said of him as Wesley said of Emanuel Swedenborg: He is an honest enthusiast, half crazy. Goodnight was pronounced crazy and sent to the lunatic asylum at Austin, but soon discharged by Dr. Saunders. He is to be pitied and prayed for. There were two other preachers of less note.

This band has some extravagant notions on the subject of holiness; but not more extravagant than some of the Moravians who became members of the Methodist societies in the time of Wesley. These "perfectionists" not only claimed to live without sin, but to be impeccable, and incapable of sinning. They not only were able to keep the law, but were above law. The law no longer had any claims upon them. Mr. Wesley instantly cut off these perfectionists from his societies, and that decisive action saved Methodism from that species of folly.

Like the Millerites of 1846, these Corsicana fanatics ventured to fix the exact day of Christ's second coming, and of their translation. But He failed to come, and left them to their chagrin. They still look for extraordinary providential events to prepare the way for the coming Savior.

The services held in the tabernacle occupied by this band consisted in prayer, singing, reading the Scriptures, etc., and were of a very devotional character, as reported through the papers. It was Napoleon who said there was but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous. So in devotion. Wildfire may be introduced into services most deeply devotional and spiritual. These enthusiasts not only claimed the "communion of the Spirits," but claimed the extraordinary "gifts" bestowed in the apostolic days. They could speak with tongues; heal the sick; had direct and frequent revelations. This is a strange hallucination, but not without precedent. Edward Irving, the most eloquent preacher who has appeared in a London pulpit for a century, was carried away with the same delusion. Carlyle said of him that he was not *dull*, but *dazed*.

We bespeak for these deluded brethren the largest charity and toleration. So far as we have observed, not one of the band has avowed any sentiment subversive of a pure morality.

Again: No Scriptural doctrine is to be given up because it is misunderstood or misinterpreted. The doctrine of sanctification of heart and life as taught in the Scriptures and expounded by Wesley and other saints is not to be discarded because some fanatics misrepresent it. So of the doctrine of the fellowship of the Spirit, and the communion of the Holy Ghost. A thousand mistakes may be made by erring mortals as to the time of Christ's second coming; but the day of the Lord will come. May we all be ready for "His coming!"

ALASKA explorers report one of the largest rivers in the world, the Yukon, as navigable for steamers, and at five hundred miles from its mouth it receives a very large navigable tributary. The basin formed by the confluence is twenty-four miles wide. The Yukon is nearly as large as our Mississippi. Indians are everywhere and war between the tribes is a fixed institution. There is snow for six months, and without roads, dog-sledges find good traveling. Game abounds, and Indians have an easy life. From seven to nine dogs make a team, the odd one being the leader. The driver has to watch this dog. If it gets on the scent of game it is off, and the whole team is demoralized. Off they scamper through woods and thickets, upsetting the load, smashing the sled, tearing the harness and giving the boss days of hunting to restore the status quo. So vast a country, traversed by navigable waters, will soon tempt restless and speculative adventurers to explore it. Yankee wit will not fail to find profitable sources of commerce.

Education and the Baptists.

You may be aware that for several weeks past there has been a discussion in the newspapers relative to a resolution passed at the Texas Baptist State Convention, declaring the opposition of that body to the principle of receiving State or political party aid in building up their institutions. You run about so much that all of this may have been and you none the wiser. Therefore, know that it is even as above said. One "outsider" said something about this resolution and the propriety of its passage by that body. And, thereupon the *Democratic Statesman* had something to say vindicating the Baptist Church, and putting all the blame—if there was any—on two certain distinguished ministers of that church for having tried to divide the university fund of the State of Texas, in part, between two certain schools, called universities, presided over by these same gentlemen. The *Statesman* put the amount of their respective demands at \$20,000, whereupon Wm. Cary Crane writes to the *Statesman* and quotes what that paper had said on the subject, and adds a sentence, which, owing to the meagreness of my attainments, or something else, I can not comprehend—that is to say, I do not feel at all certain that I comprehend; and knowing that, after university men, editors are marvelously shrewd, I send to you for your explanation, exegesis, or what other or different treatment it shall seem, in your judgment, to demand. First, what the *Statesman* said, and then that sentence:

It will be remembered that Messrs. Burleson and Crane, in an educational convention held in this city, when Dr. Sears, of the Peabody Fund, declared the free school system of Texas was a great public calamity, both proposed to take a small slice of the State school fund—say \$20,000 each—for the use of the institutions over which they preside. This is the first time that I have seen the figures produced by which, after I am dead and gone, a system like the New York system, giving colleges of a certain grade pay for work performed for the State would be benefited.

Leaving out the interjected clause about the doctor's death, etc., we have: "This is the first time that I have seen the figures produced by which a system giving colleges of a certain grade pay for work performed for the State would be benefited." Does the Dr. mean that such a system would be benefited by these particular figures and no others? I trust he, or some one for him, will explain. It may be that such a system does not need benefiting; possibly the very least that can be said or done in its behalf would be the best, either before the Dr. dies or afterwards. Especially will this be true if he and his brother who joined him in the proposition stated by the *Statesman*, are to be allowed to indicate the colleges of a "certain grade" that are to receive State pay for services done in their schools. And that this is what he means is clearly proven by a quotation which he gives in the same article, from his own baccalaureate address delivered at Independence, June, 1879. Speaking of the church he says:

It seeks no aid for churches, religious bodies, denominational schools nor ecclesiasties; but demands, as a matter of justice, under legal statutory and constitutional limitations and restrictions, State or national pay for able men, including churches, colleges, State or national societies, or conventions for State work done for the public, and in which all human society is interested.

And here again, Mr. Editor, I am sorely puzzled. I can not understand how "able men" includes "churches, colleges," and things in general. Nor do I understand what State work (is) done for the public" by churches, which should, as a matter of justice, be paid for by the State. It is described by the Doctor as a matter "in which all human society is interested;" but that is too vague, it seems to me. Preaching the gospel is such work, for aught I know; but the church does not preach. I confess I am in trouble. Surely the school-master should come this way, if we are expected to understand university presidents when they elucidate things.

Once more, and I am done—(not that there are not other things of great interest in the Doctor's communication that I would like exceedingly to inquire about, but do not wish to seem curious about personal matters. For instance, why he rejoiced so extensively "as an individual, and as the President of the Texas Baptist State Convention?" And would it not have amounted to about the same thing if he had rejoiced in either capacity exclusively, provided that upon the whole he rejoiced enough, when he put the vote to the * * * convention? but I spare your space—and that once more is this: what is the difference between a "connection between churches and civil government," and the State paying the church by statutory and "constitutional" provision "for State work done for the public, and in which all human society is interested?" And what is the difference between this

that the Doctor advocates and describes as "life-long sentiments," and any established or State church arrangement? It is assumed that the work of the church is "done for the State for the public" and is a work "in which all human society is interested?" State aid at any time afforded, is given in contemplation of work to be done for the State in bettering the condition of the citizenship, or it is given after the work supposed to have been beneficial to the public has been done, and where is the difference? If Messrs. Burleson and Crane desired to receive a portion of the university fund of the State of Texas, to be expended in their schools, it could make no difference whether the funds anticipated the services, or the services anticipated the pay or aid.

If these Baptists would like to see how this thing would look, let them place before them the proposition that the State of Texas shall pay to some Roman Catholic school \$20,000, or some other sum, and by doing so obligate said school to educate a certain number of young men and ladies in certain branches of education. I judge that they would conceive serious doubts as to the main question—whether or not "all human society is interested" in the work to be done, taking into view by whom it is done. A QUESTIONER.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the value of the exports from the United States of live animals of all kinds increased from \$5,844,553 during the year ended June 30, 1878, to \$11,487,754 during the year ended June 30, 1879. Of the total exports of live animals during the last fiscal year, 71 per cent. were sent to Great Britain. The value of the exports of cattle increased from \$3,896,818 during the year ending June 30, 1878, to \$8,379,500 during the year ending June 30, 1879. Of the total exports of cattle during the last fiscal year, 79 per cent. were shipped to Great Britain. The value of the cattle exported to Great Britain increased from \$2,408,843 during the year ended June 30, 1878, to \$6,616,114 during the year ended June 30, 1879. It is believed that the improvements which have been made, and are still in progress, for effecting the speedy transportation of cattle, and for securing their comfort and health, both on railroad cars and on shipboard, will result in a large and constant increase of the exports of live animals. Under the present facilities for direct shipments on through bills of lading from the Northwestern States to Europe, the persons placed in charge of the cattle at the interior point of shipment in many instances accompany them throughout the entire journey to Liverpool, thus securing greater efficiency in the care of the animals.

E. H. WALKER, Statistician of the Produce Exchange, states in his weekly report that "the wheat crop in nearly all European countries is deficient, and the wants of the importing countries, provided they have the ability to pay for it, will be about three hundred million bushels, of which France and the United Kingdom will require from two hundred and eleven million to two hundred and sixteen million bushels; and other importing countries of Europe from about eighty-five million to ninety million bushels, distributed as follows: From thirty-two million to thirty-six million bushels for Holland, Belgium and Germany; five million bushels for Switzerland; from six million to eight million bushels for Austro-Hungary; twenty million to twenty-five million bushels for Italy; five million to eight million bushels for Spain and Portugal, and sixteen million bushels to other countries on the Mediterranean. The short rye and maize crop, and the deficiency in the potato crop will cause increased requirements of wheat. In England, in many parts of the midland districts, harvest operations are being retarded by continued wet weather, and farmers are becoming more discouraged, not only by the deficient quantity and inferior quality of the crops, but also by the difficulties of getting produce removed from the fields.

The lottery establishments have decided to test the legality of the order of the Postmaster-General forbidding the transmission of their letters. Judge Freeman, of the Postoffice Department, says that some of the lottery agents in New York receive as many as 4000 letters daily, containing money for this unlawful business.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. BY R. M. MOORE.

FOURTH QUARTER—NINTH LESSON—Nov. 20, '79. Rev. III: 1-13; The Message to the Churches; Time—A. D. 95-96; Place—the island of Patmos; Rulers—Domitian, Emperor of Rome; and Julius Agricola, Governor of Great Britain.

GOLDEN TEXT. "I know thy works; behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."—v. 8.

The message to each of the seven churches of Asia begins with the same words: "I know thy works." And language better calculated to arrest attention could not well be found. Men become careless in regard to the records they make, as they feel that their thoughts and actions are veiled from the curious gaze of the world. But whenever any one can address his guilty fellow man with language like this, "I know thy works," he carries dismay into his heart of hearts. So went this message to the heart of the guilty churches. With this announcement was always coupled some one of the attributes of the Savior, to add emphasis to the message. This is followed with the marked characteristics of each church—admonitions or rebukes, or both; and then each closes with the same formula, "he that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." In each message there is some assurance or promise, designed to increase its zeal and urge it on in its holy duty. The lesson to-day covers the messages to Sardis and Philadelphia, one of severe rebuke, softened only by a single promise, and the other, one of commendation.

V. 1. "And unto the angel of the church in Sardis, write; these things saith He that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead." "Angel:" pastor; "Sardis:" capital of Lydia, residence of Croesus, watered by the far-famed Pactolus of golden sands; "saith He that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars:" saith He (Christ) that hath the seven spirits (Holy Ghost) of God, and the seven stars, the ministry; "I know thy works:" all the motives that prompt them; "hast a name that thou livest;" has the reputation that thou livest as a Christian, while in fact thou art spiritually dead.

V. 2. "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God." "Be watchful:" become a watcher—addressed to the pastor in Sardis; "strengthen" * * * that are ready to die; "render steadfast the remaining things which are about to die or perish;" "I have not found thy works perfect before God;" I have not found thy works complete before God.

V. 3. "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come to thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Recall all you have received, how you have heard, then keep a watch upon what you yet possess of grace, and "repent" of failures. It thou dost not awake or watch, I will come upon thee as a thief, without warning.

V. 4. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis of them which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy." There were a "few names" or persons, where there should have been many. These had not sullied their Christian characters; white is the symbol of absolute purity and as such is the livery of Heaven, and hence to "walk in white" is to dwell in Heaven. They became "worthy" by accepting Christ and remaining faithful to Him.

V. 5. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels." He seizes the case of the faithful few to encourage all the rest to a better life. "He that overcometh:" the conqueror shall have what was promised the faithful few; "I will not blot out his name out of the book of life;" I will not erase his name from the book of life. This refers to a custom of striking the criminal's name from the roll of citizens before his execution; "will confess his name:" will own him as a disciple.

V. 6. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." As it is the Holy Spirit that speaks, it is plain that it requires a spiritual ear to hear His voice. Herein the voice of Christ and that of the Holy Spirit blend in one, and thus we are taught the identity of their work. The message of Christ is ad-

eternal citizenship. 6. They who obey not the Holy Spirit, can have no inheritance in spiritual things; and cannot secure rest or peace beyond the grave. 7. Because the Master of the house of David—the Heavenly home—the true and Holy One is He that will open the doors of life for the worthy and close them against the unworthy. 8. He who knows all the secret springs of our hearts, every desire unsatisfied, and every latent purpose, has set before every Christian church an open door of opportunity to work in His vineyard. And such a door is open to every Christian. It is a door that no one can shut against him. 9. If churches and Christians enter these open doors, they who would oppose them will be compelled to submit, and to aid instead of resisting the good work. 10. How bounteous the pay for the little we do. By practicing the endurance which He teaches, we shall be saved in the hour of fiery trials. Temptations fail with those who endure. 11. In the Christian contest all may win who will. The firm possession of the heaven of life that each has will save him. No robber can seize and bear off his crown. 12. By conquering here we become honored pillars in God's great temple—the grandest thing of the universe. We are registered with God's name and the name of His city, and the name of His son. What an indorsement! 13. Now the Spirit utters His voice, and now we must open our spiritual ears and hear and heed, else we will never hear, and will never be saved, and will never enter that grand temple where God reigns forever.

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Fort Worth District. TO THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS: We are commencing another conference year. I deem it proper to lay before you some facts which I trust you will well consider. The past year was remarkable for the revival power displayed throughout the land. The work of grace in the hearts of the church, and also of sinners, was truly marvelous. "Out of the heart are the issues of life." "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." "Out of the mouth proceed evil thoughts," etc. It is plain from these passages and others that a renewal in heart produces a renewal in life. Hence we have had in our work an increase of practical piety. But the problem is not yet quite solved whether the exponent of religion, Christian life, is in proportion to the profession of Christian faith. True Christianity is alive to all the institutions and enterprises of the church. It realizes the importance of all departments of duty, and allows no neglect. False religion, in Texas, fades with the fading leaf. True piety is an ever-green, changing not under snows or sheets or northers.

We are beginning the first round of quarterly conferences. In these we will map out our work for the current year. Hundreds of people must be saved by us this year, if they are ever saved. The bread of life is committed to our hands, and we must scatter it among those who are famishing. Methodism expects every man to be in his place and do his duty. Local preachers, don't say, "the weather is cold, and conference will probably adjourn Sunday night, and I will not be needed." That is a great mistake. No man knows as well as you the wants of the work in your neighborhood. We want your neighbors saved this year, and we need your counsel. Exhorters, we need you for the same reasons, and you need us as badly as we need you. Class-leaders, don't say "my appointment is nominal and I have no special business at conference." Sirs, we don't want your appointment to be nominal any longer; come, let us make it efficient. Stewards, don't say "I have taken no collections, have nothing to report and need not go." If we can see but one, we would much rather see you than the money. But bring both—it will do you good, your preacher good, your society good, the whole circuit or station good. But I say again, if one must be left behind, leave the money, and come to quarterly conference. Trustees, don't imagine there is no need of you. You were appointed to an important office because your brethren had confidence that you would meet its responsibilities. No permanent financial movement can be inaugurated without your presence and approval. Secretaries of church conferences, be at your quarterly conference; please turn to your discipline and read answer second, page 64, and learn that your office is no sinecure. Brethren, one and all, be at your quarterly conference in time for public worship, Saturday, at 11 a. m., and let us inaugurate those

measures that will redound to the glory of our Master and salvation of the people. HORACE BISHOP, P. E. FORT WORTH, November 10, 1879. The movements of the Jews toward the land of their fathers will recall to every student of the Bible the prophecies respecting the ancient people of God. Their preservation for ages amid the rise and ruin of empires is a wonderful fulfillment of prophecy. "Scattered" and "peeled," their nationality has been preserved unimpaired, and after an exile of over eighteen centuries, they are still looking to their ancient inheritance as their future resting place. The Rothschilds hold a mortgage on the land of Palestine, and as there is no prospect of the payment of the debt by Turkey, this land, so full of sacred associations, will become the property of the descendants of the ancient patriarchs. A recent number of the Christian Herald reports that Sir Moses Montifore, who has made several visits to Palestine and expended large sums of money in aid of the suffering and oppressed Jews of that region, is now seeking the re-establishment of his race in their ancient home, and has taken steps for the improvement of the city of Jerusalem. He is having the land in front of the Judah Torah houses placed in cultivation. The rubbish will be removed and terraces will be built, as they existed in the days of King Solomon. They will be divided into twenty-two parts, so that each inmate of the Torah houses may cultivate the vegetables his family may need. A large cistern will be built in the middle of the field to secure a full supply of water. The Jewish district, where once this race were confined in narrow limits and were compelled to assume abject poverty to escape the rapacity of the Moslems, has been enlarged, and contains some of the best buildings in the city. Whatever may be the true interpretation of those passages of the Bible respecting their literal restoration, the preservation of this people is a wonderful fact, and their love for their ancient land and movements to that quarter of the world, are additional facts which will deepen the interest of the Christian world in their future history.

Colored M. E. Church in America—North Texas Conference. Our conference was held in Weatherford, commencing Nov. 5, 1879, Bishop Isaac Lane presiding. The time will long be remembered. Our white friends showed us great favors. We had the use of the building of the M. E. Church, South. The Bishop preached Sunday night expressly for the whites, and with apparently great effect upon the minds of the waiting audience. The Bishop left Monday for East Texas. The appointments are as follows: Dallas District. SAMUEL TOWNSEL, PRESIDENT, ELDER. Dallas station.....D. L. Jackson Dallas circuit.....H. A. Booker Sherman station.....W. P. Huntley Sherman circuit.....F. M. McPherson Galvestone and Whitesboro.....A. L. Dutton Waco station.....C. Jackson Waxahatchie circuit.....P. Rager Waco mission.....I. E. White Bryan.....To be supplied Falls county.....To be supplied Rockdale.....To be supplied Ennis and Chatfield.....Wm Titus Weatherford District. S. SIMPKINS, PRESIDENT, ELDER. Weatherford circuit.....Henry Johnson Fort Worth station.....J. I. Turner Jack-oro mission.....W. Marshall Fort Griffin mission.....John Mass Palo Pinto mission.....James I. Sam Stephensville and Comanche mts.....W. H. Coker Coryell county mission.....To be supplied San Saba county mission.....To be supplied Bosque county mission.....To be supplied Mt. Zion and Walnut Creek circuit.....W. Pickard Cleburne and Buffalo mts.....Sheppard Middleton Sulphur Grove and White Settlement, Benj King Veal circuit.....Allen Prince Montague and Decatur mission.....To be supplied Bosque county mission.....Lew Maxwell Fort Concho mission.....To be supplied

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From Bro. Dashiell.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., November 15, 1879.

Dear Bro. John: Sent here by my physician, in care of a good nurse, to remain a week for change of air, etc. Wound not yet well, but will be in a week or two. Am learning to walk after my new fashion pretty well. Can't yet get up the door steps without aid. Can sit up most of the day. Appetite and sleep pretty good. Experience some discomfort all the time, but have great reason for gratitude. Will write at length in a week or so.

DR. HOWARD, late pastor of the First Baptist Church of Galveston, is in our city. He has been doing some excellent preaching throughout the State, making friends and doing good at every point he has visited.

In a letter to Dr. McFerrin, published in the Nashville Advocate, Bishop Paine says: "My health has not improved much. I am feeble, and suffer intensely. Then I can do nothing but endure." There is a time when the good man, having "done all," can only "stand" and wait the will of God.

THE ADVOCATE office is indebted to P. H. Rose, of Galveston, for an elegant photograph of Hon. S. B. Maxey, United States Senator from Texas. It is an admirable likeness, said by Gen. Maxey to be the best photograph he has ever had taken. Mr. Rose stands in the first rank in his profession.

THE pastor of a certain church was depressed because he saw so few of his members at class and prayer-meeting. He often thought that it would be delightful to see them all together. One of his stewards, who understood the case, suggested a plan. The circus was in town, and he told his pastor to go to the next performance and he would have the pleasure of seeing nearly every member of his church in one crowd. It was a grim joke, for it was very near the truth. How many pastors will think we are telling tales about their churches?

THE SUPERANNUATE.

"Bishop, if you have any place where I can go, I think I can do some work yet for the church." There was a time when the speaker could fill any appointment in the conference. He had filled its best circuits and stations, and had spent years on its largest districts. He was ever in demand. But time had been moving on, and the strength of the man of power had waned. Others marked the change, but he could not see it. The same zeal for his Master and the same quenchless love for souls animated his heart. Others marked the failing voice whose trumpet tones had once echoed in the largest churches or held thousands spell-bound when meeting in the grove for worship. At times the old fire would blaze out in spite of his infirmities, for the fire had not lost its fervor, but it would soon die away; and old men, as they recalled his days of power, shook their heads sadly, and said one to another that his days of useful labor were ended. It was long before he was awakened to the fact. The church no longer called for him, and within the cabinet there were many long and anxious discussions over his case. All venerated him for the work he had done, but then his power to work was passing away, and the church needed strong men who could bear the heat and burden of the day. He could hardly believe the testimony of his own ears as a brother, sent by the bishop and cabinet, endeavors to tell him that, in the judgment of his brethren, he is no longer an effective man, and had better take a superannuated relation. It is not his fault. Old age and failing strength come to every man; but it is hard for any of us to realize that we are growing old. Gray hairs come upon us as softly as falling snowflakes on the quiet earth. His mind goes back to other years; he recalls his battles fought and won; he feels the old fire burning in his heart as when he moved among his brethren in other days. He has seen others failing, has noted their breaking voices and feeble step, but the message falls on his ears as an unmerited reproach. He submits at last with a sad fear that a grievous mistake has been made. The months drag heavily now. The habits of a life-time can not be lightly laid aside. He hears the shout of the battle, and longs to lead in the van of the fight. His heart is bound up in the prosperity of Zion, and he marks where her stakes need strengthening; but other hands are assigned the task. Conference comes on. He feels strangely as he stands amid his brethren. He can hardly realize that with so much to be done he has nothing to do. "Bishop, if you have any place where I can go, I think I can do something still for the church." There was a wistful look on his face as he uttered that plea, while standing among men whom he had trained for the work, that made our eyes grow dim with tears as we listened. God Bless the superannuated preachers! The church should cherish them for the work they have done.

ANOTHER LETTER ABOUT TEXAS.

We find it in the Northwestern Advocate. It is written by Rev. S. B. Brush, of Austin. It contains a significant confession: "Austin Conference represents the white work for the whole State." After all the clamor about the sin of caste, the color line has been established and the colored conferences have been set off to themselves. Let Bishop Haven explain.

Dr. Brush copies and endorses the following, from the pen of Dr. Fowler:

The people of the North have never awakened to the importance and vastness of the work in the South. Doubtless one of the best, if not the best field now open to Christian benevolence, is our white work in the South. One of its important phases is found in Texas. This vast region, filling as rapidly as any part of our new world, adding to its population two hundred and fifty thousand in a single year, must be leavened with the gospel of Methodism.

"The gospel of Methodism" was planted on the Colorado river when Dr. Fowler was studying his spelling book. The war trails of the Indians were still fresh around the

site of the city of Austin when Southern Methodist preachers began their work there. Dr. Fowler and Dr. Brush are at least one generation behind the times. Or it may be possible that the fountain of fraternity within them is so nearly dried up that they can recognize no gospel only that preached by their own tribe.

Dr. Brush is endeavoring to open the Northern purse in aid of his church building in Austin. He appeals in the following language, in behalf of the benighted inhabitants of that city:

Friends of our Zion, we pray you, in the Master's name, to help us in this emergency. This is missionary ground, as much so as any foreign field.

We can testify, that not only the Methodist church, but the Baptists, the Presbyterians, and the Episcopalians, have been at work in Austin for over a quarter of a century. These churches have good houses of worship, large congregations, and well organized Sunday-schools. Dr. Brush knows these facts, and yet he proclaims to the North that Austin "is missionary ground, as much so as any foreign field." Can he or Bishop Haven complain if the Southern people are somewhat cool in their courtesies to men who publish to the world such bald misrepresentations of their moral and social condition? Bishop Haven described a noted desperado as a fair sample of the citizenship of Austin, and here comes Dr. Brush and publishes them as no better than heathen. We confess such misrepresentations of our State do not make us feel very fraternal.

Dr. Brush requests the pastors of the churches in the North to present the cause of his building to their people. What moving appeals they will make in behalf of the benighted city of Austin. It is not strange that the South bears a bad name abroad when ministers of the gospel send out such reports.

THE GALVESTON FIRE.

Galveston was visited on the evening of the 18th with another destructive conflagration. It was discovered about 5 p. m. in a small wooden building in the rear of the large furniture house of B. R. Davis & Bro. The room where the flames were first discovered was used for storing oils and varnish. The fire, fanned by a heavy norther, spread rapidly. Owing to some confusion in the fire alarm, the engines did not reach the ground until the flames had spread through the rear of the building. They spread both east and west and north, making a gap through the block from the Strand to Avenue A, fronting the Railroad depot. Five buildings fronting the Strand and two fronting the depot are in ruins. The entire loss will possibly reach \$250,000. For some time it was a question whether the firemen would subdue the flames or whether it would cross the Strand. Had they failed, the north wind would have swept it up Tremont, taking in its path many of the finest buildings in the city. Early in the fire the rear wall of the Davis building fell into the alley, sweeping down with it a shed on which a number of firemen were at work, one dangerously and five others severely injured. The struggles of the firemen were heroic and to them the city is indebted for its escape from the most disastrous conflagration by which it has been visited. The gallantry with which these men risk their lives while battling with the flames, deserve more than passing mention. Beneath crumbling walls or on the parapets of burning buildings they held their ground for hours until the flames were subdued. While many in the crowd were coolly puffing their cigars as they told how the fire should be fought, these men held their ground until it was arrested.

As the Advocate office was directly across the street from the hottest of the fire, it was for some time a question whether we would not again be burned out. Much damage was done to stocks of goods in the vicinity, arising from their removal to points of safety. Shaw & Blaylock shared their portion of the loss. A very liberal

share of what printers call "pi" was on hand the next morning, besides considerable damage to stock. This will explain any delay in the paper this week or in correspondence, as many letters were no doubt misplaced in the confusion.

THE UNREASONABLENESS OF PROTESTANTS.—Charles V. upon one occasion was crossing France to suppress an insurrection in Ghent, and asked Francis I what revenue he derived from certain cities. The French king replied: "Ce que je veux"—what I please. We ask pardon of the ghost of Francis I for the comparison, but the Texas school board reminds us of him. "Gentlemen," asks a factor of a constituency numbering over 200,000 members in Texas, "what are you going to have taught in our public schools?" They virtually answer: "What we please—and, further than this, it is none of your business. What do you Protestants mean? Have you not for years surrendered your rights to us who are professional politicians? All you have to do is to pay the taxes 'we please' to impose. It is preposterous to think that just as we are ready to assume control of the consciences of yourselves and children, you should attempt to inject into our mismanagement of affairs propositions likely to deprive us of the votes of the vicious and impure in our communities. Be reasonable, Protestants, and concede your rights as citizens of a Christian government to infidels and foreigners."

The Grand Jury and the Sunday Law. It is the privilege of the grand jury to present to the court any public wrongs they think should be brought to its notice. At the present time it appears quite apposite to their duty to deliver to it an utterance upon the Sunday Law. Let it not be supposed that this law is esteemed a wrong, but that its consideration brings many wrongs to view. In this county it has been ignored. Although it stands upon the statute book, no judge, from mayor or magistrate to the district court, has enforced it; no officer, from policeman and constable to sheriff and district attorney, seems to feel that any obligation binds him to take cognizance of its infraction. If in either of these cases only a moral crime is completed, or excessive lethargy or circumspection simply evinced, still circumstances of utter disregard and open violation are not wanting, on the part of others, to subject them to the cognizance of the law.

Sunday is revered by the American people. They hold to its strict observance, not only as a religious duty but especially as a prerequisite of gentility. No man residing in the midst of a respectable community dares to send his wagons upon the road, or drive cattle, or drive machinery, or open his store door on Sunday. Indeed anything in the way of work which is done on this day—unless of mercy or necessity—is done by stealth, and by back doors, or closed doors, and in various surreptitious ways, to hide the shame rather than to cover the impiety.

The fact is Sunday work and Sunday desecration are tabooed in good society. Religious people esteem them demoralizing. All gentlemen and ladies deem them low. The elite, sinners or saints, poor or rich, are not seen driving or walking in the street, or park, or public promenade on Sunday. It is not their day for visits or for calls. They are not, then, au fait. Places of public resort may be crowded, but only by a lower order. In all these throngs, among the rich and the poor, there are noticeably inferior caste, "loud" dress, talk and manners, much ignorance and wickedness, a great want of decorum and a marked tendency to inebriety and lewdness.

Without animadversion upon the opinion or culture of other nationalities, it may be asseverated that these are attested facts as far as the dominant power—the American people of the Anglo-Saxon race and Christian parentage—is concerned. They are in the main true of all Christian people. They are, in a more potential sense, true of the Israelite if he be an Hebrew of the Hebrews. He regards his Sabbath and keeps it with great scrupulosity. He honors it and makes it beautiful, and hails it with reverent joy. He falls in the estimation of himself, his people and his God, when he violates the day.

Perhaps nothing is making

greater havoc of the integrity of the American nation than Sabbath breaking. Certainly, nothing is having such a fearful effect upon public and private decorum and virtue. Hence the necessity for legislation.

Let the grand jury act. The Legislature has, perhaps, passed a slightly defective yet a wholesome and excellent law. It is in accord with the best interests of the people. It is, in sentiment, the expression of our mothers' teaching. It is hallowed in its influence and association. It is the great boon of the humble and the poor. It is in accord with American thought throughout the country. Texas is the honored avant courier, and is distinguished among the States for having formulated the general sentiment into law for the observance of the Sabbath. Let us partake of the honor; keep the law and exult in the day.—Wm. Headen, Corpus Christi Free Press.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Sisters in Christ, and the Pastors of the Churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the North Texas Conference:

Our conference has just closed. A glorious year we have had. Over five thousand members received by ritual into our beloved church; but what about the heathen, perishing in their blindness? Allow me, as a co-laborer with you, to call your attention to the "Women's Missionary Society." At our recent conference we desired to organize a "Conference Society," but could not because the constitution required three auxiliaries, and our little society was the only one in our bounds. Fellow-pastors and sisters, let us begin the work of organization at once. Send to Dr. A. W. Wilson, who will forward you the first annual report, with instructions how to proceed. Do not be discouraged with a feeble beginning. Last year our society raised less than \$10, but now, at the beginning of this, we have the promise of \$30 from one brother, himself a missionary within this district. We thank God and take courage. Our conference board took a step forward by resolving to add fifty per cent. to our former assessment, and this will only amount to fifteen cents per member. Besides, we have resolved to educate a young man for the foreign work. Let me suggest to every Methodist family a plan which will enrich our treasury and our hearts as well. Let every family take a small box or tin safe, and put it on the mantel-board, and teach the children to contribute regularly every Sabbath morning a nickel or more, and send up these boxes next year, to be opened and counted at conference. These Women's missionary societies can work this plan, unless they think of a better one. This need not interfere with regular collections, but will supplement them. I know one family that practices this, and this fall, when the box was opened and the proceeds counted, there were sixteen dollars and some cents, and this family is poor and large, but they never suffered any loss by this benevolence.

H. A. BOURLAND.

Resolutions Passed by the Last Quarterly Conference Complimentary to Dr. R. H. Read.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, Oct. 31, 79. WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. R. H. Read, who has been pastor of this church for the past two years, deems it his duty to retire from the active work of the ministry, at least for the present, we, the members of the quarterly conference of Sherman station, embrace this opportunity of expressing our sense of his faithfulness and eminent ability as a minister of the gospel, and our deep regret that his sense of duty to himself and family has caused his retirement from a work for which he is so eminently qualified. Therefore, be it Resolved, That in retiring from the pastorate of this charge, Dr. Read carries with him the warmest wishes and earnest prayers of the church for his future welfare and happiness, and that we take this method of testifying to his faithfulness in discharge of the onerous duties of his office, and to the high esteem in which he is held, not only by the members of his own church, but by the citizens of Sherman generally.

Resolved, That we commend Dr. Read to the confidence and sympathy of our own church, and the Christian community of the city where he has decided to make his home, believing that his abundant labors will be a blessing to the community in which his lot is cast.

Signed on behalf of the quarterly conference, Sherman station, Sherman district, North Texas Conference. J. M. BINKLEY, Presiding Elder.

W. E. OXFORD, Secretary.

We, the undersigned, being the Board of Stewards of the Sherman

charge, cordially endorse the sentiments expressed above, and regret exceedingly that our beloved pastor deems it necessary to sever a connection which has been so satisfactory and pleasant to us, for during the two years of our official association the utmost harmony and good will have marked our intercourse.

W. J. MORPHY, W. E. OXFORD, J. R. COLE, JESSE CANNON, S. C. NISBET, T. J. PATTY.

A MEMBER of the Board of Aldermen of Palestine, Texas, has introduced an amendment abolishing the city ordinance on the Sunday law. The New Era, an excellent paper published at that point, says:

"This amendment virtually does away with the enforcement of the law by the city, and in effect says to the State or county officers that if you will refuse or neglect to enforce this law, you have the moral support of the city of Palestine to sustain you in your violation of a plain duty. Now, we do not suppose that our county officers would allow themselves to be thus influenced, but this is certainly a poor way to encourage or support them in the discharge of their duty."

The New Era says the proposed amendment not only fails "to reflect the sentiments of a large majority of the bona fide citizens of Palestine, but would by them be considered a reflection on their moral standing as law-abiding citizens."

A NORTHERN Presbyterian paper is exercised over the fact that in the South the whites and blacks worship in separate buildings. It assumes this is the result of antipathy towards the blacks by the whites. This shows how little the Northern people know about the question. The colored people prefer to be separate. The race feeling is as strong with them as with the whites. They want their own churches and their own preachers. They are conscious that they are inferior as to knowledge and feel this inferiority when brought in contact with the whites. It is better for the blacks that this state of things should continue. Whenever a people cease to glory in its race distinctions its decay is inevitable. God made them black, but man seeks to wipe out their distinctive mark and make them something else. As long as a people are in state of pupillage they are in a state of dependence or semi-vassalage. This desire to have their separate churches and schools is an assertion on the part of the negroes that they can take care of themselves. They would get along better if their mistaken friends would not ever seek to force them from this path into others where their inferiority and dependence upon the whites will be manifest.

These complaints about the line in social life between the whites and blacks of the South would come with better grace from the North if they practiced as they preach. It is a well known fact that the antipathies of Northern people towards the negroes are stronger than those manifested in the South. One of the leading preachers in a colored church once told us that he always felt assured of much kinder treatment south than north of Mason's and Dixon's line. Bishop Haven represented New England when he refused to sleep with a colored preacher.

A Conscience-Keeper Muted in Damages.

Because of some offense, real or imaginary, on the part of one of his members, a Catholic priest at Springfield, Mass., excommunicated him. He then told his congregation that if any of them gave the offender patronage he would excommunicate them; and, furthermore, that he would not attend their funerals, baptize their children, or marry them. These measures resulted in breaking up the business of the party who had incurred this priestly ire, and he instituted suit for damages against the "father." The jury gave him a verdict of \$3,433—much to the disgust of the whole priestly brotherhood, who in most instances imagine there should be no limit to their authority over the minds, consciences, bodies or purses of their members—male or female.

ERRATA.—In the article in last week's issue under head of "Holiness, Sanctification, Evangelism," in the 25th line read luminous for luminous.

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Notice to East Texas Conference.

Provision will be made at Palestine for the entertainment of the conference, applicants for admission, local preachers seeking ordination, and clerical visitors from other conferences and none others. Let preachers give their friends notice that visitors must provide for themselves. Board at private residences I suppose to be \$1 per day.

Preachers of East Texas Conference, Take Notice.

At the last session our conference adopted, by vote, the "statistical blanks" prepared by Messrs. Shaw & Blaylock. In order to secure full data and uniformity in our reports, will each preacher in charge please furnish himself with two of these blanks—one for the secretary's table and the other to be put up and handed to the chairman of different committees at all oblige.

Notice—East Texas Conference.

Members and visitors to the conference at Palestine, on Dec. 3, 1879, will be transported for me and one-third fare, the round trip, provided they will purchase at the station where they board the cars, an excursion ticket. Be sure to ask for "Excursion ticket."

East Texas Conference.

Members of the Conference, who come on horseback will call at the Methodist Church, where they will be met and receive the necessary instructions. All who come by railroad will be met at the depot and conducted to the homes assigned them; or, in case any one should not be met, let him call at Jim Langston's store, on Main street.

COMANCHE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Lampassas circuit, at Brook's school-house, Nov. 29. Mountain circuit, at Pleasant Grove, Dec. 6. Lampassas and Burnett, at Lampassas, Dec. 13. Pinn Creek circuit, at Bullard Cove, Dec. 20. South Gabriel circuit, at Elm Grove, Dec. 27. Navasota circuit, at Lewis, Jan. 3. Lamo circuit, at Lamo, Jan. 10. San Sabal circuit, at San Sabal, Jan. 17. Colorado circuit, at Williams, Jan. 24. Brownwood circuit, at Jim Ned, Jan. 31. Comanche and Brownwood, at Comanche, Feb. 7. Comanche circuit, at Hamilton, Feb. 14. Hamilton circuit, at Hamilton, Feb. 21. Hempson circuit, at Hempson, Feb. 28.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

White Rock circuit, at Liberty, 4th Sunday in Dec. Gilmer circuit, at Gilmer, 2d Sunday in Dec. West-springs circuit, at Wimsborough, 3d Sunday in Dec. Sulphur Springs circuit, 4th Sunday in Dec. Sulphur Bluff circuit, at Dennis church, 1st Sunday in Jan. Sulphur Springs circuit, at Pine Forest, 2d Sunday in January. Greenville circuit, 3d Sunday in Jan. White Rock circuit, at Liberty, 4th Sunday in Jan. Lone Oak circuit, at Lone Oak, 1st Sunday in Feb. Emory, at Hookers, 2d Sunday in Feb.

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Honey Grove circuit, Honey Grove, Nov. 29, 30. Paris circuit, Paris, Dec. 20, 21. Paris circuit, Hopewell, Dec. 27, 28. Ladonia circuit, Mt. Carmel, Jan. 3, 4. Cooper circuit, Giles' Academy, Jan. 10, 11. Dodd City circuit, Dodd City, Jan. 17, 18. Annona circuit, Walker's station, Jan. 21, 23. Clarksville circuit, Clarksville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. West-end circuit, West-end, Feb. 7, 8. Robbville circuit, Robbville, Feb. 14, 15. Blossom Prairie circuit, Blossom Prairie, Feb. 21, 22. The District Stewards will please meet me at

Paris on Friday, December 19 at 2 o'clock P. M. Full attendance is solicited, and I trust every charge will be represented. L. B. ELLIS, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Waco sta., 4th Sabbath in Nov. Waco circuit, 4th Sabbath in Nov. East Waco circuit, 1st Sabbath in Dec. Marlin circuit, 2d Sabbath in Dec. Kainer circuit, 3d Sabbath in Dec. Bremond circuit, 4th Sabbath in Dec. Calvert and Hearne, 1st Sabbath in Jan. Headville circuit, 2d Sabbath in Jan. Woodcock circuit, 3d Sabbath in Jan. Mt. Vernon circuit, 4th Sabbath in Jan. Bosqueville circuit, 1st Sabbath in Feb. West Falls circuit, 2d Sabbath in Feb. District stewards will be sure and attend the first quarterly conference on your work. THOS. STANFORD, P. E.

STEPHENSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Stephensville sta., Dec. 6, 7. Stephensville circuit, Dec. 13, 14. Paluxy circuit, Dec. 20, 21. Forney circuit, Jan. 27, 28. Madison circuit, Jan. 10, 11. Clifton circuit, Jan. 10, 11. Galveston circuit, Jan. 24, 25. Carlton circuit, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Duffau circuit, Feb. 7, 8. A. DAVIS, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Scyene circuit, 1st Sunday in Dec. Trinity circuit, 2d Sunday in Dec. Terrell sta., 3rd Sunday in Dec. Forney circuit, 4th Sunday in Dec. Rockwall circuit, 5th Sunday in Dec. Farnersville circuit, 1st Sunday in Jan. Pleasant Grove circuit, 3d Sunday in Jan. Able Springs circuit, 3rd Sunday in Jan. Will's Point circuit, 4th Sunday in Jan. Kaufman circuit, 1st Sunday in Feb. The District stewards will meet at the Methodist church, in Terrell, Saturday before the third Sunday in December, at 10 o'clock, A. M. K. M. POWERS, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Gainesville circuit, Dec. 6, 7. Maysville circuit, Dec. 13, 14. Gainesville sta., 1st Sunday in Jan. Boston circuit, Dec. 27, 28. Denton circuit, 1st Sunday in Jan. Balivier circuit, 2d Sunday in Jan. Montague circuit, 3rd Sunday in Jan. Denton circuit, 4th Sunday in Jan. St. Jo circuit, 1st Sunday in Feb. Heorietta circuit, 2d Sunday in Feb. The District stewards will please meet at Gainesville on Saturday, December the 29th. A full attendance is desired. L. P. LIVERY, P. E.

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"Lead above the din of war, Ringing near and ringing far, Hear the watchword of the free, Jesus Christ and victory!"

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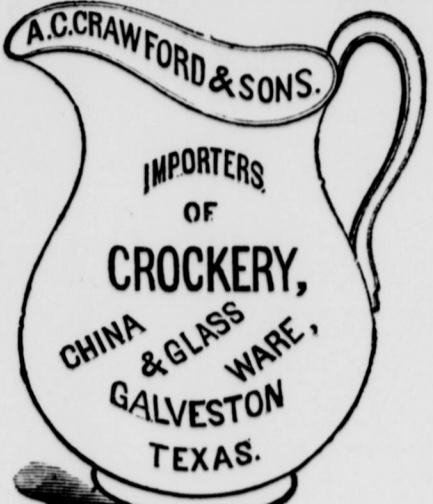
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Texas Christian Advocate

SOME DAY.

You smooth the tangles from my hair With gentlest touch and tenderest care. And count the years as you shall mark Bright silver threads among the dark— Smiling the while to hear me say— "You'll think of this again some day— some day!"

A Word in Season.

I have just read in our paper the statistics of the Northwest Texas Conference as reported to that body at its recent session in Fort Worth. We note on one hand the wonderful strides of progress made in every department the last year, and on the other the lamentable lack on the part of the people in supporting the ministry. During the year there has been a net increase of membership of 3873, making a total membership in this conference of 30,808. (?) To the pastorate of this flock were sent 107 ministers, and there was assessed (by themselves) for ministerial support \$51,326. Of this amount only \$31,583 was collected: an average for each preacher of \$295.16. But it will be remembered that this is the aggregate average, and that there are a few appointments which have contributed largely to make even that average, which if taken out would leave for 100 of these preachers not an average of \$225 for the year. This is a fearful showing. Just think of it! A preacher, his wife and children must live for twelve long months on \$295.16, and every thing to come out of this—his meat, his bread, butter, eggs, molasses, sugar, coffee, tea, his own clothing, that of his wife, and the flannel that protects his children from winter's cold, all to come out of this meagre amount. But how is it done? it is asked. Heaven only knows. We see him at conference one year; he is sent out to preach the gospel without money or scrip. The next conference he comes back: he is alive, and we know that he and his family have passed the year somehow, but that is all—save the gray hairs that begin to show themselves and the furrows across his face wrought by the hand of time and deep anxiety. Our brethren with their farms, their merchandise, trade or profession, absorbed with the cares of this world, many of them, never stop to think of this. Thousands of them spend more than this amount for luxuries. The amount assessed to each member pro rata for the support of the preacher last year was only \$1.661 per member. Now what member did not spend twice or thrice—yea, even more than that—foolishly last year, that might have gone to the alleviation of the actual wants and necessities of their preacher? But this is not all. Of the \$1.661, only 1.021 per capita was paid the man who stood in the midst of the raging billows with the anchor in one hand while he held aloft the banner of their blessed Master with the other. This is a solemn truth, and blame is laid at the door of some one by the Just. All the Methodists in Texas are not to be blamed alike for this sin. Of the great mass, there are a few faithful ones who bear the burden and heat of the day, which is a hardship in some respects. But, thank God, he always makes these cheerful givers able to give, and they have more abundantly of the riches of His grace. The great majority go scot-free and shout a free salvation at the camp-meeting, after criticising the preacher and the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the circuit or station during the year. There is a wrong here, and let us remedy it. In the polity of our church their is no compulsory law to remedy this evil, but there is a remedy if carried out as provided that would greatly relieve the difficulty. I mean the assessment plan. This plan if properly carried out would work a mighty revolution in the support of our ministry. But because some brother objects to being taxed, as he calls it, our stewards are afraid to venture on it, fearing that some one will be offended? It is right that we should not give unnecessary offense, but it is charity to teach a brother his duty, even though at first he be offended. But what if it some one should be offended at such a course on the part of the stewards? More than likely nine out of every ten such cases never

pay anything, or but little, any way; and if he should even quit the church, it would be of but very little consequence either temporarily or spiritually, I opine, since works are taken as manifestations of inward grace or faith. But members are not always to blame alone for this deficiency. In many instances the stewards are to blame. It is the case often that the stewards will not make much effort the first quarter. It has not been long since they pressed the people hard for money to pay off the preacher's claims previous to his going to conference, and they hate to press the matter, thinking they have the matter before them for a whole year, forgetting that the preacher had to borrow money or buy on a credit the last year, and he had to spend all he got the last quarter on old debts—leaving only just enough to get to his new appointment. Forgetting, too, that he must have something to live on now and for the present year. The first quarterly meeting passes, and not much is done, and the second quarter rolls up. By this time all the money in the country is gone, and the people have got nothing to pay. The stewards missed the time to collect quarterage the first quarter when there was money in the country, and now there is but little and he can get less. So the preacher must pull through as best he can to the fourth quarter—no more money in the third than the second quarter. But now comes the time. The steward, anxious that his preacher shall be paid, starts out to make an Herculean effort in his behalf. But about the first thing he meets is "hard times," who holds a handful of cotton worms up to his face and tells him he can't do anything now. The next is the phantom of the grasshopper, which has frightened the good brother out of his spirit of liberality, and he can do but little. Others complain of drouth or wet weather or something else, and the steward becomes disheartened and returns home many times without seeing all the membership. The steward's error is in his not having commenced systematically at the beginning of the year, and making his big effort the first quarter. The error of the people is in their not laying by so much for the support of their preacher and paying it out regularly every quarter. Let the stewards now make their big effort; let them commence the systematic plan of assessment and not wait until the golden opportunity is passed.

TRUTH.

Cutting Glass with Scissors.

Many persons may not be aware that glass can be cut under water with great ease, to almost any shape by simply using a pair of shears or strong scissors. In order to insure success two points must be attended to—first and most important, the glass must be kept quite level in the water while the scissors are applied; and, secondly, to avoid risk, it is better to begin the cutting by taking off small pieces at the corners and along the edges, and so reduce the shape gradually to that required, as if any attempt is made to cut the glass all at once to the shape, as we should cut a piece of cardboard, it will most likely break where it is not wanted. Some kinds of glass cut much better than others, the softer glasses being the best for this purpose. The scissors need not be at all sharp as their action does not appear to depend on the states of the edge presented to the glass. When the operation goes on well the glass breaks away from the scissors in small pieces in a straight line with the blades. This method of cutting glass has often been of service when a diamond has not been at hand, for cutting ovals and segments, and though the edges are not so smooth as might be desired for some purposes, yet it will answer in a great many cases. The two hints given above, if strictly followed, will always insure success.

THE number of suicides of late years has greatly increased in Saxony. The statistics of 1878 show that there were 1126 cases of suicide committed, of which 215 were women. In 749 cases death was caused by hanging, in 217 by drowning, in 88 by shooting. The causes which led to commit the crimes were: in 284 cases, melancholy; in 105, weariness of life; in 94, drunkenness and distemper; in 90, mental disturbances; in 89, poverty; in 65, physical suffering; in 39, unhappy love affairs. The ages of those committing suicide varied generally between 90 and 14. The number of suicides in England, or in London, at any rate, during the last few weeks has also been three times as great as it was last year at the same time. It is supposed that the bad weather, lack of sunshine, frequent rain, the recent storms and inundations, have had a bad influence on the minds of the inhabitants.

The recently consecrated English Church Bishop of Jerusalem is the only son of the late John Barclay, of Mourne Lodge, County Tyrone, Ireland. When a mere child young Barclay showed an extraordinary interest in the Jews. He often said: "When I am a man I will be a clergyman, and go and preach to the Jews, and try to convince them that Jesus of Nazareth was the true Messiah." He kept his promise. He was graduated from one of the Universities, and soon afterward was ordained to the ministry. He began his labors among the Jews, and so faithfully did his duty that he was soon appointed superintendent of the "Church of England Mission to the Jews" on the continent. Afterward he succeeded to the incumbency of Christ Church, Jerusalem, which he resigned after laboring in the Holy City for ten years. Returning to England, he took charge of the old church of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London, for some months. Here he became acquainted with Mr. Gladstone, Lord Shaftsbury and Beaconsfield and the late Lord Chancellor. On the death of Bishop Gobat, Dr. Barclay was recommended to the Queen for the vacant bishopric of Jerusalem, and was consecrated.

The Congregationalist says the people in New Britain, Conn., have gained experience that should profit others. Seventeen years ago the town agreed with the Romish Church to allow it to nominate a certain number of teachers for the public schools if that church would furnish a school building for its children, thus relieving the district of expense. The Catholics recently requested that, in a large building to be used as a convent and nunnery where distinctly Romish costumes are to be used, and Romish teachers employed, the town meet the expenses of the teachers salaries. It was modestly suggested that if the proposition was not received favorably, votes would carry it. At last, after a heated debate in town meeting, the school board having approved the proposal, the people have decided, by a vote of 1,437 to 848, that they will not support Catholic schools any more than Episcopal or Congregational schools. The people of New Britain will now build a new school-house at a cost of \$10,000, and a careful calculation concludes that only \$760 of this will come out of the Catholics, though about half the children of the town belong to Catholic families.

How GOOD IS EVIL SPOKEN OF.—Some of our modern evangelists—more properly rambling revivalists—are adopting methods of questionable propriety, to say the least, in conducting their meetings. We do not refer so much to the order of exercises and the mode of worship, as we do to the doctrines taught and the plans adopted to get men, women and children to make a profession of conversion. The object with some of these revivalists, unless they are totally misrepresented, seems to be to report large numbers of professions. Sinners are told that they have nothing to do but to stand up in the congregation as a declaration of their purpose to change their course of life, or to come forward and give their hands to the preachers as the open profession of faith in Christ. It often turns out that persons under a momentary impulse, stand up or come forward, as the case may be, and are instantly enrolled as new converts. This step is often taken by persons who have had no deep convictions of sin, and who have not sincerely repented. The whole of it amounts to a transient emotion, and nothing more. The heart is unchanged, and after the singing and praying and the excitement of the protracted meeting comes to an end, the misled victims of the false teaching fall back into their former habits and bring a reproach upon revivalists and the cause of Christ.—Richmond Christian Advocate.

BOUNDS AND METES.—The Methodist of November 1st, has the following sensible deliverance: It is a good thing for the Methodist Church to brace up against unauthorized and untrained (not to add unregenerated) evangelists; but it is not well to get so straight as to lean over backwards, at the expense of our own authorized, trained, and soundly converted local preachers. Some of the conference resolutions on the subject slip a little, too, in warning people out of "the bounds" of our charge. We have no "bounds," in the sense that we can or would forbid any one to preach or teach in any geographical area. The kind of evangelism that is rebuked needs a check; the best check is to cultivate our own system of evangelism, by means of men called by the Holy Ghost and sent by the church to preach wherever there are souls without the care of a min-

ister—bounds or no bounds. Theoretically, every man is within the bounds; practically, many are without a preacher.

A telegram from St. Petersburg states that an Imperial ukase has just been issued decreeing that Baptists, who are legally free to exercise their religion, require authorization from the provincial governors to open chapels; that their pastors cannot preach or officiate until they have been confirmed in their office by the governors; that pastors of foreign origin must swear fidelity for the duration of their stay in Russia; and that the Baptist registers shall be kept by the local civil authorities. The ukase is accompanied by temporary regulations for keeping the registers.

About the first of November a number of missionaries left New York for distant fields. Several sailed Thursday, October 23d. In both companies there are sixteen; fourteen for India and two for South America. They go in connection with what we may call "The William Taylor movement." They ask that their passage money be paid; they risk their support when once landed amongst the heathen. About fifty, first and last, have gone out on this plan.

Dr. Talmage is not pleased with the way some people behave in church during prayer. He says: "In most churches we have three prayers—the invocation, the long prayer and the closing prayer. Some people spend the invocation in arranging their apparel after coming to church, the long prayer in wishing it was over, and the closing prayer in getting ready to start homeward."

THE Emperor William has an interview every morning with the physician, who decides whether his Majesty is fit to go out or whether he must keep to his rooms.

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Calendar—November, 1879. FIVE SUNDAYS—59 DAYS.

Calendar table showing days of the month, day of week, and moon phases.

MOON'S PHASES table with columns for D., H., and Min.

HISTORICAL EVENTS—NOVEMBER table listing dates and events.

He that follows the Lord fully will find that goodness and mercy follow him continually.

The British at Cabul have unearthed six lacs of treasure, chiefly gold coins.

The Swiss colony, numbering some 700 souls, that settled in Tennessee, is devoting its energies entirely to cheese-making.

The eye of the civilized world is now turned to a remote tribe in Asia which may possibly be the pivot on which the destiny of nations may revolve.

PURITY VS. POLITICS.—Prior to the recent local election in Chicago a paper was circulated among the merchants, manufacturers and other businesses wherein the signers agreed to close their places of business a certain number of hours on election day.

George's gold mines yield over \$1,000,000 a year. Fast friends are good, provided they are not fast men.

The suicide rushes into the next world before he has been invited. The man with no teeth is always looking for a soft thing.

We can never die too early for others, when we live only for ourselves. What is generosity? Giving to others what you don't want yourself.

The absent are never without fault, nor the present without excuse. He who has a true friend has great riches; he who has a false friend is hopelessly in debt.

A man's word may be as good as his bond when his bond is good for nothing. There are in New York City nearly 300 Chinamen who have white wives.

Baldheaded men are like kind words, because kind words never dye. It is the mother who moulds the character and fixes the destiny of the child.

The ordinary life of a locomotive is thirty years. Perhaps it would live much longer if it didn't smoke so much.

It is wonderful how silent a man can be when he knows his cause is just, and how boisterous he becomes when he knows he is in the wrong.

To attain long life: Love nothing too violently; hate nothing too passionately; fear nothing too strongly.

Beauty without expression tires, for it leaves the imagination unstimulated. Expression alone thrills, r-pels, or enchants.

It is an uncontroverted truth that no man ever made an ill figure who understood his own talents, nor a good one who mistook them.

If one is not born with an appreciation of a love of the beautiful, then go and learn it as you learn mathematics, language or philosophy.

"When I was a boy," said a very proud, long-winded orator to his friend, "I used to talk in my sleep."

"And now," said his friend, "you sleep in your talk."

Man can never come up to his ideal standard. It is the nature of the immortal spirit to raise that standard higher and higher as it goes from strength to strength, still upward and onward.

Foote, the great wit, shot many an arrow that remained quivering in the wound for a long time. When some one with bad taste raised a laugh against him on the subject of his lameness, he turned on his intruder and said sharply:

"Why do you attack my weakest point? Did I ever say anything about your head?"

You are surer of success in the end if you regard yourself a man of ordinary talent, with plenty of hard work before you, than if you think yourself a man of genius, and spend too much time in watching your hair grow long, that you may convince people you are not like other folks.

Obituary. LEWIS—At Fort Sullivan, Milam county, November 8, 1879, of paralysis, Dr. Andrew W. Lewis, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Tennessee, aged one year, one month, and six days.

DESMUKES—Died, on the Medina, Bexar county, Nov. 3, 1879, of paralysis, Dr. Andrew W. Desmukes, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

KINCHESLOE—John Kinchesloe was born in Wood county, Va., October 24, 1799; embraced religion at a prayer-meeting and united with the Methodist Episcopal church in the twentieth year of his age.

MASON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Blanco circuit, 24 Sunday, Dec. 1.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Hallville, Nov. 29, 30.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Palestine station, Nov. 29, 30.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Pine Hill, at Milton, Nov. 29, 30.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. St. James, Nov. 22, 23.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Bastrop station, Nov. 25.

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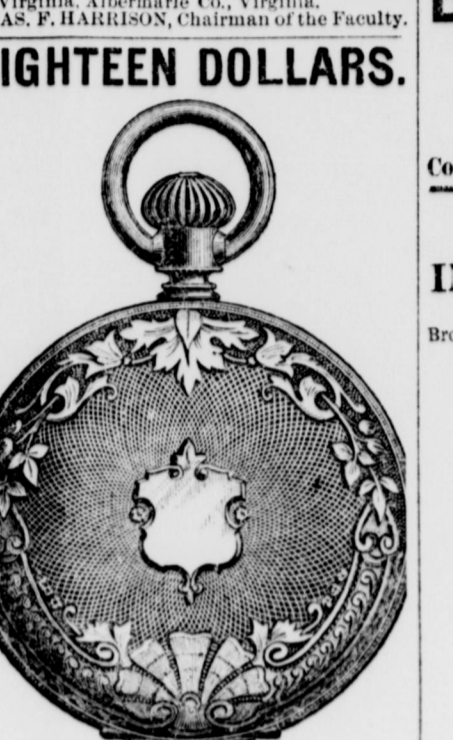
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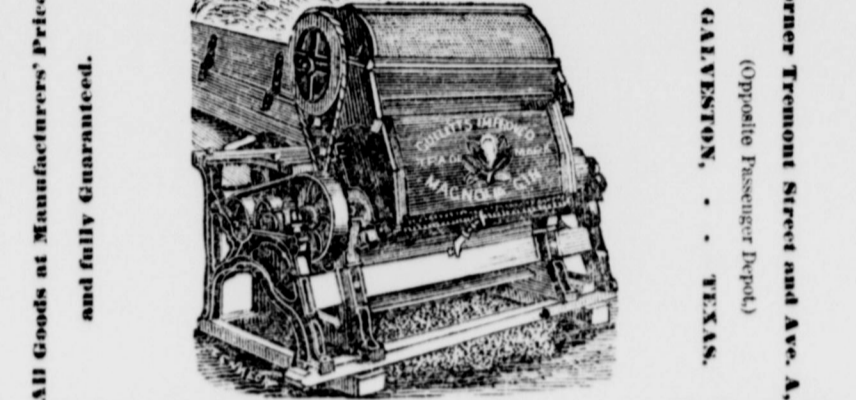
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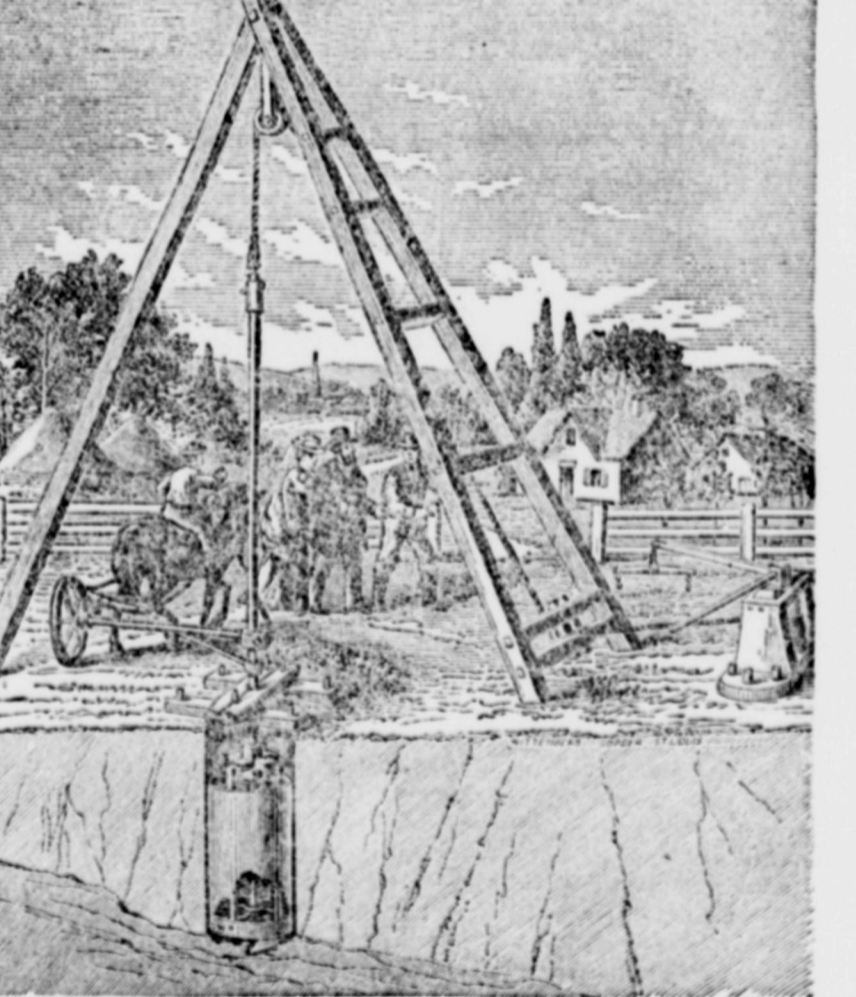
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Preparations at the Capitol—Our Luxurious Legislature—French Economy and American Prodigality.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, November 11, 1879.

Yesterday I took a look at the long deserted capitol and found it empty, swept and garnished, but not quite ready for the return of the evil spirits. The desks are not in place in either the Senate or the House; carpets are not down and the upholstery of the seats in the gallery is not yet finished. Why should they be upholstered? It would be more cleanly as well as more economical to furnish the galleries with hard wooden seats. There is a lesson of simplicity and severity in our public installations that our public servants are not disposed to learn. Certain public offices, like that of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and of the House, are supposed to be more remunerative through their perquisites than from the ample salaries received by their incumbents. They have the purchase of all the furniture and all the supplies of the two most luxurious legislative bodies that have ever existed. Carpets, mirrors, chairs, lounges, stationery, toilet articles, etc., etc.; the most elaborate and costly furniture of the House and of the Senate, of cloak rooms, committee rooms, bath rooms and restaurants. Hundreds of thousands of dollars pass through their hands annually, and it would be a little remarkable if some of it did not adhere to itching palms. There are many corners for genteel crookedness, not only at the capitol, but in all the departments of government, and they aggregate a much greater loss to the Treasury than the few defalcations which occasionally appear in the newspapers with much sensational emblazonry of head-line. There are, perhaps, but two ways of reforming this abuse: one is to change human nature so that public officers will be no longer avaricious; the other is to reduce appropriations until there will remain no margin for extravagant expenditure. It may be said, and with truth, that the incidental expenses of the government departments are small things; for what are a few millions to the United States and its vast riches? Yet electors are apt to judge of the larger items they can not fully investigate by this little one that has leaped to light. When the Tuileries were refurbished under the first empire, Napoleon I was astonished at the magnitude of the upholsterer's account, and, to estimate it rightly, looked at the price set down for some gold lace tassels appended to the bell-ropes. He then cut one off, and told an aide-de-camp to buy one exactly like it at the nearest shop, when he found he was charged three times more than the actual cost. He sent for the upholsterer, and offered him one-third the whole amount, intimating that if that sum were refused he would have every item examined in detail; and the offer was eagerly accepted. The prosperity of the most prosperous country in Europe is not less on account of the superior economy of her government than the matchless industry of her people. An admirable economy runs through all the affairs of France. Her civil service is much less expensive than ours. The pay of employes is based upon the kind of actual work performed. Her army and navy, per man and per ship, cost much less than ours; and her magistracy is paid on a scale that would astound the judges of our courts. It is not possible to reduce our expenditures literally to French figures, but it will be well for us, as a people, in this new dawn of prosperity, if we are able to build deep and solid on the rock of public economy. The tendency of prosperity is to intoxicate, but surely

experience should teach us something. We ought to know that we are not only a rich people, but a people who stolidly tolerate a certain amount of waste, high and low—from our kitchens to our capitol.

LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS.

The City—Trade—Activity on the Levee—Railroad Connection with Texas—What is said about it Here—The Great Jackson Route North.

NEW ORLEANS, November 14, 1879.

Your correspondent has "brought up" in the Crescent City, the land of magnolias, oranges and wide verandas, and I might add, headquarters for lovers of fried onions and garlic. The poet sang "Rome, Rome, thou art no more as thou hast been." The same might be truthfully sung about this city. But I fancy New Orleans does not lack such a terrible sight of being now what she was years ago by. The houses, the people, the swampy lands, the majestic old river, with her banks well lined with ocean and river crafts, are all here, and I think are likely to stay. As to trade, there is complaint among merchants about dull times, and there is a painful stillness and absence of guests about the hotels. On the levee, however, there is life and bustle, noise and confusion, world without end. The cotton and sugar receipts are very heavy, and there seems to be hardly room along the wharves for another ocean steamer or river boat to squeeze in. The cotton and sugar crops are heavier this season than last and prices better; the same may be said of the tobacco and rice crops. This gives animation to trade and more activity on the levee than for two or three seasons past. The fever at Memphis and the fear that it might get a late start here, kept trade back in the fall, and of course the business that was not done earlier in the season must be done sooner or later. Business men say that money is plentiful in New Orleans, much easier than it has been for years; but still, notwithstanding this fact and the activity on the levee, there is not the wholesale and retail trade in New Orleans that there should be. Some anticipate a much better mercantile trade when colder weather comes, for it is now very warm; and others base their hopes in the completion of the

RAILROAD TO HOUSTON.

An event that is to take place by the first of January. The president of the road arrived from New York the other day with ample funds to complete the road. The bridge over the Sabine river is to be finished in two or three weeks, and a very large force of graders is at work from there west. The papers here are urging the importance of completing the New Orleans Pacific railroad, which, it is argued, will be of more benefit to New Orleans than the road to Houston. The Times says without this road the connection with the Texas roads is incomplete, while with it New Orleans can control the trade of a large portion of Texas, a liberal share of that portion which now goes to St. Louis over the Iron Mountain route. The distance from this city to Marshall, on the line of the above road, is three hundred and thirty-six miles and to Dallas the distance is four hundred and eighty-four miles. From Dallas to St. Louis by the Iron Mountain the distance is 658 miles, and from Marshall 564. A liberal amount of work has been done on the New Orleans Pacific, but nothing is being done now. It is probable, however, that the line will be completed to Marshall before the close of the year 1880.

Wholesale merchants anticipate a largely increased trade from Texas after the completion of the New Orleans and Texas Railroad to Houston. They think that this road will be as hurtful to Galveston as it will be beneficial to New Orleans. Now and then some one who is sore on the quarantine question will say: "Hereafter we propose to make things hot for Galveston; we will make the most we can out of the advantages we have over that little island settlement." New Orleans people have great faith in this city as a cotton and sugar market. Steamers drawing over thirty feet of water can now go to sea from here, and of course a benefit will be gained from that. With more railroad facilities and with more push and enterprise, New Orleans certainly has a bright future. But, like Galveston, she will have to "brace up" and show a little true American enterprise.

The Great Jackson Railroad, now owned by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, is one of the best managed and most popular roads in the South. Steel rails have been substituted for the iron rails, the track has been well ballasted and the equipments improved. That enables the management to make better time and to insure the great

est possible pleasure and safety to travelers. By this route the traveler saves one hundred and seventy-seven miles going from Galveston or New Orleans to Chicago; one hundred to St. Louis, and about seventy miles to eastern cities. On the completion of the Texas and New Orleans railroad to Houston, January 1st, a schedule will be adopted which will insure close connection and rapid transit. Mr. F. Chandler, the general passenger and ticket agent here, is a gentleman well qualified to fill so important a position, and leaves nothing undone to popularize the Great Jackson and Illinois Central route North.

LONDON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) LONDON, Oct. 30, 1879.

Successive additions to the price of the quarter loaf during the last few weeks have brought home to the feelings of the English consumer, in an unpleasantly practical manner, the immediate consequences of the late deficient harvest. It is not so clear, however, to his mind that this advance in value is wholly natural. The prospective supplies of grain are more than ample for every conceivable want. In many countries besides England—in France, for instance, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and even Hungary—the harvests of this year have been bad, and large imports from other sources are required to feed the people; but with a curious felicity of distribution Nature has again illustrated the compensatory principle which runs through all her arrangements, and has struck a fair average by blessing certain countries with an abundance which more than counterbalances the deficiency in others. First in the list of grain-producers is America, which has had for three years in succession magnificent crops over a constantly expanding area. The United States alone have a surplus available for export, which, fabulous as it looks, has, singularly enough, the faculty of rather increasing than diminishing as statistical returns become more minutely elaborate. On a previous occasion I alluded to an estimate that the Great Republic had available for shipment from the last harvest a surplus of twenty million quarters. But trustworthy information has enlarged this figure by the unsold surplus of the 1878 crop, raising the total to twenty-five or even thirty million quarters on hand at the beginning of the present month. This, however, is not all. By a coincidence, which may be pronounced supremely fortunate, not merely for the English consumer, but also for the interest of reviving trade, certain grain-producing countries—such as India and Egypt—which for two years in succession had to struggle against the malign influences of scanty harvests, have this year been favored with abundance and an exportable surplus. Russia, too, has a considerable excess to be disposed of, and has already sent off large quantities. Remoter sources, like Australia, Chili, and other countries, have something to spare. It may be said that France, Spain and Italy compete with England for assistance from these overflowing natural granaries. So they do, but the severest stress of that competition is already over, the countries in question having supplied themselves to an enormous extent during the past two months. France, England's principal rival, has followed her usual plan on such occasions of measuring her possibilities before her own harvest is fully garnered, and of promptly forestalling market contingencies by large purchases for future delivery. These operations of French buyers would two months ago have had a very decided effect on American prices, and that they had not this effect is one proof of the overwhelming abundance in the United States. The position, then, is that in the future the other European countries which suffer from deficient harvests will have their remaining wants supplied nearer home, without seriously trenching upon the really prodigious surplus known to exist in the United States, and even leaving out of the calculation such "unconsidered trifles" as a few million quarters to spare in India, South Australia, and America.

It may well be asked where, assuming these reckonings to be approximately accurate, was the basis for that speculation which appears to have convulsed all the corn markets during the last few weeks. There is no doubt that speculation in produce, the markets for which are so extensive with the civilized world, has, since telegraphic communication reached its present perfection, risen to the dignity of a fine art. It appears to be quite possible to "engineer" a rise in market value by a judicious series of collusive sales among confederates, duly reported in the newspapers as "business

done," and promptly communicated by telegraph to all centres of trade.

RAC.

A wealthy New York man died recently, leaving a large property, out of which his two sisters have been trying to keep his wife and two children, on the ground that the woman was not their brother's legal wife. The marriage was alleged to have taken place in England in 1871, and was thus described in the testimony: Mr. Hynes said he did not believe in the marriage ceremony or the mummbling of priests. He took a ring from his pocket and offered it to the woman, and said if she would wear that ring and be true and honest to him he would consider her his wife. She consented to take the ring on these conditions. Mrs. Hynes testified: Mr. Hynes assured me that in crossing the channel on our way to France, it legalized my marriage with him, in going into France, and living there. After we arrived in France, he said; "You are my wife." And as his wife he introduced me to everybody we met. The judgment of the lower court having been sustained, Mrs. Hynes and her children are the heirs of a large amount of real estate in this city.

On the 14th of October last, Gov. Roberts issued his proclamation announcing the adoption of an amendment to the constitution by which what is called the smoke-house tax was prohibited. It was supposed this tax was exceedingly odious and that the people, en masse, would rally to the polls and veto it. The legislature took the initiatory steps for doing away with it, by constitutional prohibition. An election was held on the second of September; but the vote was very small. At the last election for Governor over 236,000 votes were cast. In that on the proposed amendment, 38,606 were for the amendment and 4,127 against it. Notwithstanding this meager vote, the Governor announces the adoption of the amendment, which henceforth becomes a part of our organic law.

On the theory that a few more disturbing elements in society are needed in France, the government of that country has taken action to facilitate the organization of trades unions, and sent an agent to England to investigate the workings of the societies there. It is almost incredible that an enlightened nation should seek to encumber itself with these baleful associations, but it is nevertheless a fact. The experience of other countries ought to have made such folly impossible. Tradesunionism will prove the cradle of communism. It will be but a step from the one to the other, and that thousands will take that step who otherwise would not there is little reason to doubt.—Ex.

A new invention has been tried with success in London in the utilization of the power generated in stopping street-cars for the purpose of restarting them and thus saving the extra exertion of the horses. The contrivance is a coiled spring, which is wound up by the stopping of the car, and which, when released, acts on the wheels so as to impart motion. It acts, too, as an assistance to horses up a street grade, the power having been acquired in a preceding down-grade and kept stored in the spring until the energy is required.

An explanation of the continued shipment of troops to Cuba from Spain may be found in the statement of the chairman of the revolutionary committee in New York city that all the eastern provinces of the island are overrun by insurgent, numbering at present five thousand, all well armed and under competent leadership. Each Spanish proclamation announcing the extinction of the rebellion is accompanied by the departure of a few regiments of regulars.

THERE are twenty-four feet of water now at the mouth of the Mississippi, an increased depth of nearly one-half under the jetty system adopted by Mr. Eads. Why would not a similar system applied to the bars on the Texas coast have an equally beneficial effect?

THERE are now three courts of ultimate jurisdiction in session at Tyler. The Supreme Court proper; the Court of Appeals, having criminal jurisdiction; and the new Commissioners' Court of Errors, provided for by the Sixteenth Legislature.

REV. Dr. Harrison, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place church, Washington City, recently took up a collection at which five men paid \$27,000 towards lifting a \$30,000 church debt. Three years time is given on the other \$3,000.

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Mr. P. H. Rose, the photographer, has remodeled and renovated his establishment, No. 159 Market street. We called upon Mr. R. a few days ago, and it gave us pleasure to observe the good taste he has displayed in furnishing and decorating his gallery. Mr. Rose informs us that he has gone to great expense in supplying his rooms with the newest and most improved apparatus for photographing. It should be remembered that he makes a specialty of copying and enlarging old pictures.

Mr. M. STRICKLAND, of this city, so long and favorably known as one of the leading blank book manufacturers and lithographers in the southwest, and also dealer in all kinds of stationery, has just finished renovating and restocking his large establishment on the Strand. We desire to inform our readers that Mr. Strickland has gone to considerable expense in fitting up his lithographing department with all the latest improvements in machinery, and he is now enabled to do all kinds of lithography at very low prices.

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