

Texas Christian Advocate

CALIFORNIA SKETCHES—TOD.

ROBINSON.

Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, who was brought from the Pacific coast to edit the Nashville Advocate, has published a volume of "California Sketches."

The image of this man of many moods and brilliant genius that rises most distinctly to my mind is that of a little prayer meeting in the Minnistrick Church, San Francisco, one Thursday night.

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estate to the amount of \$3,500,000. In eleven years, the Roman Catholic Church has received from the public treasury \$5,827,471 19, being an average annual donation of \$529,770 10.

Soft and still, cold and gray, A pile of ashes before me lies;

When the first faint breath of morn shall rise All night long I have watched them fall

Some hours ago, when I lit the fire, It is hours or years I have passed since then?

The cherry flame leaped quick and high, As if it waited for my hand,

What pictures I saw in the glowing coals! What a truthful linner bright thoughts came!

What was it that dimmed the pictures' glow? A letter—a marvel of delicate art!

It was a dainty sheet, like a rose leaf pale; Its breath of perfume filled all the air.

"Give it to me," the fense flame cried, I smothered it out, and kissed it thrice,

O God! how it ached in the flame's hot grasp; I strove with my might its mad course to stay;

There is no flower when the roots are dead, What heed'st thou of the flower that is dead?

They were sweet as the first warm breath of June, And fair as the blossoms on Alpine snow—

My fair, false love, could you see them now, Would you care, I wonder, that naught remain?

The night is past, the day dawns fair; I open the door and leave behind

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SMALL TYPE.

We have some complaints respecting the small size of the type in which a portion of the ADVOCATE has appeared for several issues. This has resulted from the pressure of matter on our columns. Had we not used small type, three-fourths of the matter which appeared in said type must have been left out. For instance, in this issue we have an article which appears in one column, which occupied over four columns of the Nashville Advocate. Even with this small type we are compelled each week to set aside a large amount of matter which is awaiting publication. Again, this small type costs about four times as much per column as large type. If the publishers do not complain, our readers ought to be forbearing. The publishers have now an order at the foundry for type, which in printers' parlance, will have so small a body that a great deal can be crowded into a column, and yet with so broad a face that falling eyes can read it with ease. Will our correspondents bear in mind our tribulations and "hold down" their productions as much as possible?

THE PREMIUM FOR 1880.

To the preacher in each conference who shall send the largest number of subscribers up to the next session of the conference to which he belongs, the publishers will present either a gold watch or a no-top buggy, as the preacher to whom the premium is awarded shall prefer.

Each subscription must be for one year, at \$2.00 per annum. Two subscriptions for six months, will be counted as one full subscriber.

With this week's issue we must close the Car Toon and Shapard discussion. We have several articles from different parties bearing upon it, only one of which censures the course we have pursued; but we think our readers will agree with us that the discussion along this line has been carried on long enough. As to our course in the matter, we leave that to the judgment of our readers. It is well for us all to bear in mind the fact, that no man is infallible.

At the late session of the Alabama Conference a charge of mal administration was preferred against Rev. J. M. Mason. The specifications set forth that he had notified the parties complaining that if they engaged in the sale of whisky in connection with their general merchandise business, they would be violating the discipline and necessitate their expulsion. In consequence of this notice, they before embarking in the business, withdrew from the church, thereby losing their privileges in the church. They moreover set forth that their former pastors had not so ruled on this question, and that members of the M. E. Church, South, in other localities are engaged in the business. Bishop Paine, who was in the chair, gave it as his opinion that the pastor had done no more than his plain duty under the law of the church; and on motion, the character of J. M. Mason was passed and his official administration unanimously endorsed by the conference.

DR. LEROY M. LEE whose health has been feeble for some time, is now reported in improved health.

Immigration to Kansas was never larger than at present. Most of the new arrivals are going to the southern part of the State.

THE ages of our Bishops are given as follows: Paine 81; Kavanaugh 79; Pierce 69; Wightman 72; Doggett 67; Keezer 69; McTeyley 56.

THE editor and publisher of the St. Louis Advocate were recently sued for \$50,000 damages. The court rendered a verdict against them for two cents.

REV. W. M. PATTERSON has planted our standard in fifteen new places during the last quarter. Let our people bear in mind that there is an open door before us in Mexico. Shall we enter fully into the ripening field?

THE editor of the Clarendon Press, with which Preston D. Mood was connected at the time of his death, contradicts the statement that it was the result of disappointed love. It was caused by temporary insanity, superinduced by frequent attacks of epilepsy, from which he had been suffering for years.

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, president of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, has made a successful tour through a portion of the South. In many of our leading cities and towns the women of our church are responding to the appeal in behalf of that portion of their sisterhood who are dwelling in the darkness of heathenism.

The Nashville Advocate tells about the McKinstry church class-meeting which is carried from house to house, leaving a blessing in it wherever it goes. The burning of their church led them to adopt this plan of keeping up their social means of grace. The results are so cheering that it is suggested that it may remain a permanent institution in Nashville, Tennessee. Perhaps other centres of Methodism might profit by the suggestion.

THE postmaster-general is being unmercifully criticised in Congress for so far overhauling the appropriations in instituting new mail routes, known as the star service. Over \$7,000,000 was thus expended. Of this the South got only \$200,000—\$200,000 of this came to Texas. The route from Fort Worth to Yuma exhausted \$165,000.

The assistant treasurer at New York opened proposals, last week, for the sale to the government of \$1,000,000 of 1880-81 bonds. The offerings aggregated \$6,885,000, and to the surprise of everybody, the secretary accepted \$2,000,000 at 4 per cent. This double purchase made a decided improvement in prices in Wall street. It is predicted that, until after the Chicago convention, at least, the secretary of the treasury, with the resources at his command, will neutralize the bear movement to force gold exports, lock up the money, and create a panic.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Some of our correspondents have complained that postal-cards or communications to which they appended non de plumes, have appeared over their own names. We would suggest that if these friends are unwilling to meet a responsibility, they ought not to ask the ADVOCATE to assume it. If they are not willing to face any man or any community with an expression of their opinion, they ought to keep their opinions to themselves. At any rate, it is hardly fair to hide behind the editor. We will remind these friends that a non de plume is a very insecure protection, and they had better not rely on it. When a man writes over an assumed name, and it is demanded by any party who may feel aggrieved, it is entirely discretionary with the editor whether a name is surrendered or not, and the rule is to surrender it. We wish it distinctly understood we desire no correspondents who are unwilling to be held responsible for what they write.

CHURCH LETTERS.

A preacher was called at midnight to see a sick man. He found him gasping for breath with the dew of death upon his brow. "I want you to pray for me. I want to join the church." "I am not willing to die out of the church." He had been an active member in other days and other lands. He had not presented his letter since he came to Texas. He had been intending to do so, but had deferred action until death found him and he felt that he could not die in peace without seeking a place in the church of God. He sent for the preacher at midnight that the doors of the church might be opened, so that he might die within its pales. No season is too inconvenient—no night too dark when death comes. The church bell had been ringing its invitations every Sunday, but he heeded them not. He met the preacher in his daily walk, but the preacher never suspected that this man held a letter showing that he had once been known as an acceptable member of the church until the cold clasp of death's fingers wrung the truth from his white lips.

How many thousands of Methodists are to-day living out of the church! They were once happy and useful Christians. Some of them held official stations in the church. They were careful to secure their church letters when they left their old homes. They were strangers in a new country. Had the preacher who rode by the gate of the new settler known that here were church members, he would have called and given them a pastor's welcome to their new home. They held out no sign, and the preacher passed by with a courteous but distant greeting. They found many cares and troubles in a new country, which they had not encountered in the old settled country they had left. Here were farms to open and, perhaps, payments to make, which filled their minds with many anxious thoughts. They missed the old neighbors and felt strange in the congregation. Many reasons conspired to delay the avowal of their relationship to Christ and His church. At a suitable time, when they had their affairs settled and could give thought and time and money to the church as in other days, they purposed to present their letters. They had kept their secret well. The church never suspected it, and the world accepted them as of its company. Of course they lost their religious enjoyment. The family altar was not rebuilt, and their household drifted away from Christ and Heaven. In not every case does death come in at the door in such a form that it allows the startled wanderer from God time to utter a cry for mercy. In not every case can the awakened soul send even at midnight for the preacher. God, who has been forsaken by those who were His children, sometimes leaves them alone. Men are dying every day without Christ, who once named His name. Is there no way of bringing these hidden church letters to light and restoring these throngs of deserters to the ranks of the Christian army? They seldom take the ADVOCATE, and we cannot reach them through its columns. They have deserted the sanctuary, and the warning voice of the preacher cannot move their hearts. Faithful pastoral work may find them and bring many of the wanderers back. In no part of our broad connection is there greater demand for the pastor's unceasing vigilance than in these Western lands. Each immigrant wagon may contain members of the church who might be restored to their place in the church if words of Christian sympathy and love could reach their ears. Instant in season and out of season, the pastor should be searching them out. It may be a cross to meet these strangers with the question, "Are you a member of the church?" Like other crosses it has its crown. If after a year's search, the pastor brings but one such family back to the fold, there will be rejoicing in Heaven.

MONUMENT TO RICHMOND NOLLY. After sixty-five years, a monument has been erected to the memory of Richmond Nolly, who, after eight years of active service in the Methodist ministry in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, perished in the swamps of Louisiana, November, 1814. The following account of his death is from Bang's History of Methodism: "On the 24th of November, the weather being wet and cold, after having passed the previous day through a vast, dreary swamp over the Mississippi, he set out to visit some distant appointments. On the evening of that day he lodged with a friendly family; the next morning he pushed forward in a direction uninhabited by any white person, and employed an

Indian to assist him in passing a creek, which he was apprehensive would be so swollen as to be difficult to ford. On arriving here, his expectations were realized, but he concluded to make the experiment to ford the stream. Leaving his saddle-bags, valise and some books with his Indian guide, he mounted his horse and attempted to ride through the creek. The current bore his horse down below the usual place of landing, so that when they arrived on the other side the bank was so precipitous that the horse could not ascend it, and in the struggle he and his horse were separated, the horse swimming back to the shore he had left, and Brother Nolly on the opposite bank. He then walked on with a view to reach the first house, which was about two miles distant. The wet and cold, however, so prostrated his physical strength that he was able to proceed only about one mile, where he was found next morning a lifeless corpse. It seems from appearances that, becoming aware of his inability to proceed further, he knelt down and commended his spirit to God; and here in the woods he was found with his eyes nearly closed, his left hand upon his right breast, his right hand had fallen off a little, while his immortal spirit had, beyond all doubt, ascended to its mansion above."

We copy the following account of the finding of the grave and the inscription upon the monument from the New Orleans Christian Advocate: "Sacred to the memory of Richmond Nolly, an itinerant Methodist preacher, who, in the path of duty, died near this place, December 12, 1814. This monument was erected by his brethren in A. D. 1879, as a memorial of his heroism, fidelity and purity, and his labor for the Lord."

In 1856 I was appointed on the circuit in the Louisiana Conference, where, in 1814, Richmond Nolly was found by Mr. Young, cold and dead, with a peaceful smile on the expression of the face. He said that he (Young) made the nails in the shop that made the coffin, and the planks were taken out of his father's cabin loft. And Mrs. Brown said her mother furnished a home-spun sheet to make a shroud. Twenty-four years ago, with Bro. P. M. Goodwyn, my presiding elder, and N. A. Cravens, presiding elder of the Lake Providence district, Mr. Young and Mrs. Brown, we found the grave and marked the spot, and all knelt and prayed at that sacred place, now marked with monument, and felt that it was a precious privilege to labor and advocate the same cause that he had died for. R. PARVIN.

THERE is no reason why printing paper should have advanced in price fifty per cent. in the past six months. This is so far in excess of the advance in price of all other products, that it amounts to extortion on the part of the paper manufacturers. Bills are pending in Congress for the reduction of the duty on paper in order that foreign competition may keep the prices of paper within reasonable bounds. As a matter of course the paper makers of New England and other sections are combining to resist this proposed act of Congressional relief. As it is, this duty pays but little to the government, builds up these particular manufacturers, and imposes a tax which falls first on publishers and schools, where the manufacturers find their largest patronage, and finally reaches every man who takes a paper or pays for the school-books his children study. Our friends can readily appreciate the pressure this advance in price places on the publishers of the ADVOCATE. With the cost of paper advancing fifty per cent., they have reduced the price to \$2 per annum. This fact appeals to every agent to be active in securing subscriptions, and as prompt as may be in remitting funds.

EDUCATING A MISSIONARY. A Name Left Off the Roll—An Old Question. The North Texas Conference, at its last session, adopted the following preamble and resolutions: WHEREAS, Rev. J. M. Langston, an elder of this conference, desires a higher education, that he may qualify himself for the foreign missionary work; therefore be it Resolved, That he be granted a location at his own request, and that we, the ministers of this conference, promise to raise on our charges a sufficient amount of money to bear his expenses at the Southwestern University for one year. W. H. MOSS, W. H. HUGHES.

In preparing copy for conference minutes the secretary failed by an inadvertence to include the above, hence we now call the attention of all the preachers to the sacred obligation herein assumed. Let all the membership liberally respond to this appeal. Let all Christians pray that God may have the young missionary under His own especial care.

The name of Rev. J. B. Rabb, a venerable and an honored member of the conference, does not appear upon the roll, owing to mistake. Mistakes will occur, but one of this character ought sedulously to be avoided. In making the new roll a compromise was attempted. Some brethren thought that those who have labored longest in Texas ought to have precedence. Some could not see the connection between seniority and State or conference lines, but thought that the eldest ought to have precedence. It was deemed best to compromise. So the names of a few brethren were placed a little above where they would stand by geographical seniority, and a little below where they would stand by the test of seniority alone. There is a scriptural sense in which we should become all things to all men; and good scriptural ground why, in another sense, we should not become all things to all men. The problem suggested is not over difficult: We are to be all things to all men in things not involving principles; and we may not be all things to all men where principle is involved. The great difficulty is in the application of the rule. "Ah," says one, "principle is involved here. These pioneer Texas preachers are worthy of double honor. They have borne the burden and heat of the day." Another responds: "True, O King! but we be brethren; those who came later to Texas perhaps had worked as long, as faithfully and as acceptably in the field Providence had assigned them as the Texas pioneer had in his perhaps more difficult sphere." Both think principle is involved. Well, brother, the question is delicate and rather speculative that practical. By the terms of our vocation we are precluded from seeking honors. A laurel picked up in an eager contest, amid the cluttings of clerical demagogues, covered with the mire or dust of their trappings, is void of beauty, but not of odor—it smells rank to heaven; and meagre and lean are the complacencies of him whose brow it encircles. Preferment in our church means work, responsibility: the labor that is not for the meat that perisheth, the responsibility that God imposes upon humble souls—great in their endowments, but greatest in their humility. Happy that conference having few ambitious, eager self-seekers, place-hunters, policy men. Thrice happy that body from which the spirit of cabaling has been exorcised by a judicious yet vigorous exhibition of episcopal prerogative, or, better still, by the grace of God, as a solvent is often better than an escharotic, though special indications must be met. Let no one be offended; let no man judge his brother. If there be an Achan in the camp, God will find him. II.

Around the District. Having completed the first round on the Stephenville district, I will furnish the readers of the ADVOCATE with a few items. This round required me to be absent from home two months and a-half, during which time I never enjoyed better health, and never in all the past traveled over more ground, nor visited a greater number of families, in making a round of quarterly conferences. My intercourse with the brethren, both of a social and Christian character, was full, free, and cordial, and to me profitable. Stephenville station is well filled by Dr. Robinson, a wide-awake man, full of zeal and well posted. The station is healthy in piety and in good working order. Stephenville circuit is moving off finely. Brother Stephenson is the right man in the right place at the right time, faithful and energetic. At the quarterly meeting twenty-five acres of land were procured on which to build a parsonage. A building committee was also ap-

pointed, which preliminary motion has been a grand success. The parsonage is now completed, and before this time occupied by Bro. Stephenson, the pastor. It is a good plank building. The Paluxy circuit is prosperous, under the administration of Bro. Mills. The standard of piety in this charge is decidedly good. Glenrose circuit is in good condition. It is served by Bro. Johnston. Bro. Johnston has been greatly crippled in his pastoral work by protracted sore eyes. The Duffau circuit is doing well under the faithful care of Bro. Trimble. There is a good, religious interest throughout the circuit. Carleton circuit, though a new country, promises good results. The church element is good and the spirit of things all right. Rev. O. M. Addison resigned the pastoral oversight of the circuit and his place has been supplied. Bro. Addison gave up the circuit on the ground of inadequate support, connected with the fact of present pressing financial embarrassments. I trust the church will continue to prosper. A plan was inaugurated at the quarterly meeting which will give protection to the parsonage building and add much to the improvement of the property. The Meridian circuit is doing well under Joe F. Hines as pastor. Bro. Hines has his heart set upon the completion of the church at Meridian. He was about to commence the work when I saw him last. May God prosper this much-needed work. Some of your readers will remember this church was near completion some twelve months ago, and was blown down by a storm. The pressure of the times has kept it down until now. The Jonesboro circuit is moving up under the care of Dr. Perry. All interests are looking up. Bro. Scott is doing faithful work on the Gatesville circuit under the most discouraging conditions. The prospect of a commodious and well arranged parsonage, no doubt, greatly balanced against a long move, with limited means. But imagine the surprise on reaching the town of Gatesville to find the mere conception of an idea, or rather the mere shadow of a conception. There stood the walls—the mere boxing—without a roof, window sash, door, shutters or chimney. Notwithstanding the stagnant condition of the times, Bro. Scott at once took hold of the parsonage enterprise with a firm grasp, working almost night and day against wind and tide. When I left Gatesville the house was well-nigh completed, and the rock on the ground and the stone mason at work on the chimney. I suppose Brother Scott is in the parsonage by this time. May God send sunshine upon his heart and also upon the circuit. Bro. Harris is in charge of the Clifton circuit, and doing a noble work—a man of zeal, who has conversions on his circuit in the winter. May the good work of salvation go on. The general state of the church is good. In some portions of the district, I am glad to say, Methodist class-meeting are held. And when I say Methodist class-meetings, I mean a great deal. Prayer-meetings are held more or less in all the pastoral charges. But there is room for great improvement in both the above departments. Our finances are down to a very low point; yet some of the circuits reached figures that would put to blush more prosperous times and an older country. One circuit paid more at the first quarterly meeting than they had paid up to the fourth last year. In this country the crop failure was general and complete. In some sections the failure extends over a period of two and three years. Some of the preachers will be bound to live upon short rations and suffer with the people. They all are men, tried men, good and true, ready to do and willing to suffer. How much we need men of means and of enterprise? We need a church and ministry capable of taking in at a glance all the grand possibilities of a noble church for fifty years to come. The demand is now upon us; now is the day for work. The all seeing eye of the Master is upon all the "laborers;" while in reproof to the inactive, He says: "Why stand we here all the day idle?" Nothing but enlarged Christian enterprise, prosecuted with spirit and purpose, can meet the demand, and nothing short of this should give rest to Christian conscience. Church prosperity demands church houses. To our Sunday-school work and the moral training of the children of the church this demand is paramount. A. DAVIS.

MARRIED. MOORE—GURTSKY—February 11, 1880, by Rev. J. L. Lemons, near Elbow, Harrison county. Mr. L. P. Moore and Miss S. E. Gurtsky. GRIFPIN—CRAIG—February 19, 1880, by Rev. J. L. Lemons, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Esce, near Zionville, Washington county. Mr. F. M. Griffin and Mrs. Aric Craig. JONES—DAVIS—By Rev. J. M. Daniel, at the Methodist parsonage, Hillsboro, Texas, Feb. 25, 1880. Mr. G. T. Jones and Miss Alice V. Davis, daughter of Rev. J. J. Davis, of the Northwest Texas Conference. May the sea on which they sail be calm.

England is to have a parliamentary gag law. When the speaker of the House of Commons insists on proceeding, or in any way protests, he may, by a two-thirds vote, be suspended for the rest of the session from the privileges of debate. He will, however, be permitted to vote. This is a blow aimed at the present power of the minorities, principally that headed by Parnell, to obstruct legislation when powerless to accomplish anything for their own side. In other words, it is to destroy the present negative power of the minority—in a word, to gag it.

Dallas District. In the good providence of God I have finished my first round on the Dallas district for this conference year. I am glad to record the fact that the first quarter foots up well. The preachers all went to their work with a will and in good time. Our people all seem to think they have the right men in the right places. In most of the charges the finances are from fifty to one hundred per cent. better than at the same date last year. Our stewards set out to bring up one-fourth of the preacher's claims the first quarter, and most of them have done well. Our preachers and people are waking up to the importance of church building. As Methodists in Texas, we have been tenants at will in union churches and school-houses long enough, and now it is high time we were buying land, building houses and settling down as permanent citizens of each neighborhood. The preacher who, from some union school-house, reports a revival does well, for he shows progress; but the changes of a year or two may not leave a vestige of the good work. But the preacher who builds a church not only shows real progress, but permanency. He has planted a vine which will bring forth fruit more abundantly as it grows older. Bro. Bourland is pushing up the new church enterprise for the Lamar street congregation, and hopes to have a fine house of worship in Dallas in which the North Texas Conference may meet next fall. The Caruth brothers are princely gentlemen, and know how to make a preacher feel good. Out of their own noble impulses, and encouraged by good Christian wives, they some years ago built one of the handsomest churches in North Texas; and now, at an expense little short of one thousand dollars, they have built and furnished near their chapel "the preacher's home." It is a beautiful cottage with four rooms, painted inside and out, the furniture is new and elegant, the grounds neatly fenced, and a splendid cistern at the door. Shea is well-to-do for this year. The town of McKinney for some years has been a half station; but since our last conference, under Bro. Pierce, it has taken a second growth, and they have declared themselves a full-grown station, and promise to pay the preacher a good salary. Bro. White, on the Grapevine circuit, will soon have another good church completed. Where is there another circuit in Texas, with only seven appointments and seven good, well-finished houses of worship? So far as I know in this respect, Grapevine is the banner circuit in the State.

Bro. Gatewood is "renewing his youth like the eagles," on the Lewisville circuit. When this circuit at our last conference was put in this district, a brother remarked that "it was not worth a hill of beans;" but to-day it stands first in my district in meeting the claims against it, only lacking thirty dollars of paying one-half at the first quarterly conference. After an absence of years, I was most agreeably surprised at the improvement in every direction in this region of country. This charge is composed of live, liberal Methodists, as their financial report shows. They have completed one church this year and have another elegant church under contract at Lewisville, which is a nice village at the present terminus of the Wichita railroad, which they purpose finishing by the next quarterly meeting. And yet on this whole district we only count twenty-seven churches. We have set out to bring up full reports from every charge in the district this year. That word deficit is a hard word to pronounce correctly, and the preachers in the Dallas district do not want the embarrassment of saying it in the presence of one hundred and fifty preachers next fall at conference. W. H. HUGHES.

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Matt. vii: 15-29; The false and the true. Time—The summer of A. D. 28; Place—The Mount of Beatitudes; Rulers—Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome; Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judaea; Herod Antipas, of Galilee; and Herod Philip, of Peraea.

GOLDEN TEXT. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1: 22

This lesson is continuous with the last, and is a portion of the same great sermon on the mount. He gave us another likeness of a hypocrite, one with a beam in his eye hunting for a mote in his brother's eye, illustrating vile teachers hunting for small faults in their more upright neighbors. He warned His hearers against casting their pearls before swine, or against committing sacred trusts to the hands of vicious and vile men. So now in this lesson He proposes to describe these false teachers, so that we may know them. And first come the false prophets in the liver of heaven, serving the Devil. He tells us we may know them by their fruits. If the practice does not conform to their preaching, or if the results of their teaching are evil, we must conclude that they are false prophets. From such as these He proceeds to show that many will teach in His name, prophesy in His name, and lay claim to marvelous works in His name, and yet be in the bonds of iniquity all the while. From false teachers He turns to the true ones; those who hear and do what He has been commanding in His sermon. And them He likens to the wise man who built his house upon the rock, that withstood all the winds and rains that assailed it. On the other hand he likens those who hear and do not, to the foolish man that built his house on the sand, to be swept away with the floods that soon beat upon it. These illustrations close His wonderful sermon, and there is no wonder that the vast multitude was astonished. We can well imagine the discomfiture of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees, and the under current of satisfaction of the common people with the manner in which He had dealt with His accusers.

V. 15. "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Christ had just said: "Enter ye in at the strait gate," and as all who would enter in would need help, He warns all of false guides; not merely erroneous teachers, but lying teachers. "Beware of;" avoid, or hold yourselves away from; "which come to you in sheep's clothing;" who come to you in the garb of meekness, while really they are not only hypocrites, but envious, malicious men, seeking to destroy; "outwardly" they are saints, but inwardly, devils; "ravening;" fierce, rapacious.

V. 16. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" In the moral fields of culture, good character is the fruit of a good life, and bad character that of a bad or a vicious life. The spiritual tree produces fruit after its kind.

V. 17. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." There is much in the figures wherein man is compared to a tree, and his conduct to the fruit. The fruit of each tree is an inner product of itself, and the character of each man is an outgrowth of his own heart.

V. 18. "A good tree can not bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." The doctrine is, that if the tree is sound, the fruit will be sound; if unsound, the fruit will be unsound; and if the tree is of a bad species, its fruit will be bad, however sound the tree.

V. 19. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire." Having given the marks whereby we know the good trees, He now gives us the uses of the evil tree; fuel for the fire. They are cut down and cast into the fire. This is a forcible hint at the final fate of all whose fruits are evil.

V. 20. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." We have only to know good fruits from evil spirits, or righteous conduct from vicious, to enable us to tell the true Christians from the counterfeit Christians.

V. 21. "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Deeper and deeper He goes into the inner man for motives of conduct; and clearer become the distinctions between professors and possessors of the true

qualifications of those who would enter His kingdom; and higher and higher he raises his standard. It is not He that saith Lord, Lord, but he that doeth God's will that will enter heaven.

V. 22. "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?" "That day" refers to the day hinted at in verse 19, the great day of the Lord, or the day of judgment; "Lord, Lord," both in this verse and the previous one implies in the repetition an intimate acquaintance and an earnestness that comes too late. Observe how clearly the doctrine is here taught that He is to be the Judge, and it is through Him we are to enter Heaven. In the 21st verse He says, "not every man that saith unto Me," and in this verse each one appeals to Him; "have we not prophesied (foretold events) in Thy name? and in Thy name cast out devils? and in Thy name have done many wonderful works?"

V. 23. "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart ye that work iniquity." "Will I profess;" will I declare openly before God and His angels; "unto them;" these professors; "I never knew you," is a terrible contradiction to their repeated professions. They had pointed the way to Heaven for others, but they themselves had not practiced what they preached. "Depart from Me," is a final banishment from God and Heaven.

V. 24. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock." "Therefore" sums up His final conclusions. It is not he that "heareth," but he that "doeth" His sayings, His commands, that is like a wise man. He only is wise who uses well his knowledge as did he who built his house on a rock.

V. 25. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." "Floods;" rivers; "beat upon;" fell upon; "founded;" established.

V. 26. "And every one who heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand." The foolish man is he who hears and does not, and is as unwise as he who builds his house in the path of the floods.

V. 27. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, and it fell: and great was the fall of it." The foolish man's house is tried just as the wise man's was, but with this difference, the one fell while the other did not. The house of the wise man was saved; that of the foolish man was lost. Thus closes the sermon on the mount.

V. 28. "And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine." They were "astonished," and well might they be at His wonderful doctrine, and in hearing from His own lips that He would be their final Judge. This was the astonishing part of His message.

V. 29. "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." He did not utter interpretations of truth from Moses and the prophets as did the scribes; but He spoke as one having a direct message from God; and, at times, as if He were God Himself speaking.

APPLICATION. 15. False prophets and teachers will be found in the church as spurious coins will always circulate where there are genuine coins. Satan found his way into Eden, and again to our Saviour. The wolf with the false covering seeks genuine sheep, otherwise his garb is useless.

16. It is all important for us to know the false from the true, and hence we are not left without a test. We are to judge men by their actions and their moral results. And, as in nature, we never gather the lucious grapes from the thorny acanthus or delicious figs from the useless thistle, so in the moral world men whose lives are like the acanthus and thistle—fruitless—never yield any grapes and figs of moral food.

17. Corrupt actions lie back of the actions themselves. They find their sap in the heart of the man. A pure nature is the source of pure actions, a holy life; while an impure nature grows a harvest of unholly fruit.

18. It can not be otherwise. The stream is like the fountain, and it can not purify itself. The heart that is evil can only find health in Christ.

19. As each fruitless tree must be hewn down and cast into the fire, so each one whose life is barren of good will find the inevitable axe of death, at last, hewing him down

for the eternal fire. 20. Good results are the only true test of religion.

21. Professions will save none; while doing God's will, will save all.

22. It is useless to prophesy without practicing; to cast devils out of others, and not out of yourself; or to do wonderful works in the name of Christ without securing our own salvation.

23. The wicked must depart, because unfit for heaven.

24. Shall we not, like the wise man, build our own hopes on the Rock of Ages?

25. Then may the rains of the world's wealth descend; its disastrous floods come, and the wind of its fury beat against that Rock.

26. Who will build on the sands of disappointment when the Rock of Safety is so near?

27. Sad is the fall of any house, as the shelter of man in this life; but sadder still is the fall of man's inner house, his immortal self.

28. The time will come when all His "sayings" will be "ended" for us. Will we do what He says, and live, or will we neglect them and perish?

29. His message to thousands who heard Him, and to us is by "authority," and we will be "astonished" at last, if we heed not His "sayings."

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Car Toon seems to have tread on a cat's tail—at least we hear pitiful moans from a Murr. The "Weekly Review" (a newspaper) contains an abusive article of Car Toon. Well, now I will not attempt to defend the course of Car Toon, for he needs none at my hands. What he has written is nothing but the truth, and it is very hard to defend a cause where falsehood and flattery are the only implements used to battle against truth. I am surprised at Dr. Shepard's attitude in this matter. He certainly cannot be acquainted with our present officials, or he would not attempt to defend them. We can only say, may he be forgiven "for he knoweth not what he does." It is so easy for corrupt men to point to one like Dr. S., and say: Ask that Christian gentleman whether or no we are doing our duty? And right here I wish to ask Dr. S. if the commissioner of the land office did his duty when he turned out a wounded Confederate soldier, (who fought beside himself and was disabled in both arms, and consequently was only able to do office-work) without cause, except to make room for a political favorite? And did the comptroller do his duty when he allowed two clerks to "set up" a keg of lager beer in the comptroller's building and for the time being turn this establishment into a beer-hall? We can only compare the enterprising editor of the Review to a pilot fish, which clings closely to the gills of the shark. Now the object of a majority of the people of Texas is not to kill this poor little fish, but the sharks. Those men who occupy the highest positions within the gift of the people of Texas, should be at least sober and of sufficient morality to enable them to occupy their several positions with dignity. This attempt to condemn Car Toon, as a religious fanatic and court Dr. Shepard's favor as proof of their morality and religious zeal, together with the attempt to muzzle the press, does not look right in our State officers and their friends. If at our next election, men of sober habits and refinement of feeling, mixed with a sufficient amount of intelligence to run our State government, are presented to us, they will be elected regardless of their politics. And we defy any doctor (Dr. S. included) to make us swallow the bitter pills we swallowed at our last election.

ANTIDOTE. "GIRLS" AND "YOUNG LADIES." Benjamin F. Taylor, the poet, has written a letter to a young girl, in which he mixes up poetry and advice in equal doses most charmingly. What Mr. Taylor says will bear repetition: I call you a girl, but it is not the fashion any more. The girls are gone, and there is nobody left but young ladies. I like girls best. There used to be a flock of Carolines in Lowville, and as fair a flock as ever wore muslin. There were Caroline Collins, Caroline Northrup, Caroline Davan, and ever so many more. There were Cornelias, James, Elizabeths, Marys and Paulinas. They were all girls, and never scorned the title. Now they would be Carries and Nellies, Lizzies, Mammies, Jennies and Cornies, and young ladies withal, every daughter of them. Let us not end our names in "ie." Let us not forget that affectation is the art of being a fool according to rule. Let us learn to work worsted cuts of impossible pink, if we must, but let us know

how to make Indian pudding and a golden loaf of corn bread as well. Let us talk French if we can, but let us avoid "slang" as we would pestilence and famine. Pure and unselfish English never sounds so musically as it does from the unadulterated lips of a genuine girl. Let us learn the exquisite art of keeping young. I think I have heard Tyre, Tadmire and Thebes mentioned once or twice, but there is nothing so ancient in this world as an old dilapidated heart. It is everybody's duty, especially every girl's, to keep young.

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The "Pleasures" and Incidents of a Stage Ride of Over Eight Hundred Miles—Beautiful Scenery, and No Scenery at all—Mirages, Etc.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Feb. 16, 1880.

I have forgotten whether I promised to drop you an occasional line by the way or not; but deprived, as I have been for weeks, of the pleasure of perusing the pleasant pages of the ADVOCATE, I begin to feel that it would be a relief to write you. I am on the frontier indeed. In fact it requires a persistent effort to persuade one's self that he is not in a foreign land, and in a land two hundred years behind the age. I left San Antonio the 14th ult., on the El Paso stage, in company with two most agreeable gentlemen: the one a physician from Pleasanton, thirty-five miles south of San Antonio, and the other a customs official from Galveston, as my assistant. In referring to these gentlemen, as we may have occasion to, we will speak of them as the Doctor and the gentleman from Georgia. To one who has never started out on a bumping, thumping, old-fashioned stage for a ride of 688 miles, with an additional one on wheels of 200 miles, making 888 in all, we will state, that it is by no means a pleasant task to contemplate.

It was our good luck to have as our first driver that patriarch of Jehus, the well-known old "Pap Howard." The veteran understood his art and knows yet how to kindle the ambition of boys to handle a coach and four, for we were favored with one of those ancient institutions for the first thirty miles. How kind in stage companies thus to charm away our sadness in leaving pleasant homes by rocking us off in a genuine old-time coach. The reader can appreciate this kindness, when he learns that this was the only genuine coach on the whole line. How much better than a mud wagon at once. It is better to be let down gently than rudely.

But while we linger "old Pap" is rattling away over the flinty hills on the Fredericksburg road, and the seven mile hill is passed almost ere we are aware of it, and San Antonio, that weird old town, with its conglomerate civilizations of the past and present, so poorly mixed, is left out of sight, and we reckon and realize that we have only 881 miles more to enable us to rest at El Paso.

A partial failure of health, years before, had sent the Doctor over the some road in search of a higher and drier climate; hence he was familiar with the route and knew to some extent what was before him; but all the scenes to myself and my young friend from Georgia, were new. The Doctor was compelled again to seek the curative virtues of a purer air, and we were going at the bidding of the Treasury Department to look after its tax-gatherers on the far frontier. Two changes of teams bring us to Boerne, 30 miles northwest of San Antonio, and high up among what some enterprising map-maker has termed the "elevated hills" of Texas. Having left San Antonio at 1 P. M., it is dark as we enter this village, 1,500 feet above the level of the Gulf. It is becoming well known as a sanitarium. Here we part with "old Pap" and his coach, and we come down a peg in comforts, to a four-horse spring wagon. We had several companions up to Boerne. One was a German genius, whose tongue had been oilied with the essence of corn or barley. By some kind of mesmerism power he had become possessed of all the state secrets of Europe, and what was more wonderful still, he was familiar with all the royal feuds and scandals of Russia, Austria, Prussia and England. He saw in the near future all Europe ablaze with the fierce flames of war kindled at these royal hearth-fires. It was a sad sight, but pleasant to part company with the evil prophet. The cool night air compels us to button down the curtains, and close in the tobacco fumes, with some other odors of spirits, difficult to analyze. To sit bolt upright and sleep in such a pent-up Utica requires several days' continuous travel. We have indistinct recollections of our Georgia friend hunting for Georgia eating houses by the way, without success, however. He had this advantage over us: he smoked, and smoke did not impair his appetite. We breakfast at Fredericksburg, and are comforted with the thought that 78 from 888 leaves only 810. The country is a continuation of almost barren "elevated hills," with occasional pleasant valleys. We dine at Loyal Valley. There a green-looking customer, with a dog and saddle for baggage, becomes a fellow-passenger. He had a cow-boy look, wore rather thin clothing for a real cold day, and wore a new broad-brimmed wool hat to add, if possible, to his

odd make-up. My Georgia friend did not fancy him. I heard him remark to the stage agent, that if his dog couldn't go he wouldn't. He was booked for Concho, something over one hundred miles ahead, and we rattled on until we entered Mason, about 2 P. M., a neat, thrifty village, that bespeaks an enterprising people. Here we exchanged our second Jehu for Jehu No. 3, who had a voluble tongue. He had an unpleasant stage stand on his drive, and he didn't care who knew it. It was the noted peg-leg stand, where Boyce and others had an unpleasant way of relieving passengers of any further care of money and other valuables. He affirmed that he had been fired on a few nights before from the aforesaid station, and he felt confident that the mettle of his bronchos, Mexican mules, alone furnished the road with a driver for us. We were relieved somewhat on learning that we had the identical bronchos that saved him then, and felt that they might save us. He, however, asked if we had not heard of a driver coming up the road, as he had resigned his office as driver, \$25 and rations per month. We will not attempt here to explain what amount of comforts said rations cover. Another night's discomforts are endured, and the only incident worth the mention was the success of our Georgia friend in finding a Georgia woman who kept a midnight eating house; realized then for the first time how much the Georgian surpassed the South Carolinian or Virginian in his State pride. We breakfast at Kickapoo Springs on antelope stew, and reached Fort Concho at 12 M., the 16th, 216 miles from San Antonio. The country passed over bore the same general characteristics: high, rolling prairie, generally covered with scrubby mesquite, with occasional strips of post-oak; but everywhere the evidences of the late severe drought were apparent: no stock and abandoned ranches. At Concho we rested eight hours.

R. M. MOORE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Feb. 18, 1880.

Three hours of solid sleep at Concho, and five hours of additional rest, bring us to our trials again. Our rustic friend, with a dog and saddle, had left us. We had found him a patient sheep-herder, whom some thief had relieved of his horse. He took and read two papers, and had acquired a thirst for an education, and he hoped to better his opportunities at the Fort. His kind nature was manifest in his care for his dog. His seat was taken at Concho by another rough-looking fellow, who hailed from Dallas, as did the last. He was unlike our herder. He was, in fact, a genuine tramp. His talk lacked coherency. In fact, I soon observed that the partitions in his mind had been broken down. He did not know facts from fancies; his statements were hardly true enough to deserve the title: facts for the most true. The more he talked, the less we believed him. The Doctor subsequently remarked that the new-comer's manners caused him to secrete his money in unsuspected places; and my friend from Georgia transferred to him all his old suspicions of the man with a saddle and dog; and at one of the midnight meals, of which I never partook, he declared that our fellow-passenger beat a woman out of a meal and twenty-five cents besides, but no serious consequences followed, as that woman was not a Georgian, and, withal, had a supple tongue of her own. Dallas number two left us only after a ride of thirty-six hours, at Fort Stockton. He left us with our unanimous approval, and he bore away with him an odor more unpleasant than that of an old pipe. Possibly he discovered that there was a good supply of water at the Fort. We had crossed the Pecos just at dark the day before. It was a swift, narrow stream, flowing within high banks; but a single adobe jacal, used as a stagestand, offered no attractions like a camp to him. The country between Concho and Stockton was more open, and lacking only water and timber to render it habitable. The stage-stands were few and far between, kept by two or three men acting in the double capacity of cooks and hostlers. Each jacal was made of adobes, and formed a part of the enclosure for the horses or mules, mostly the latter. At each stand, also, were to be seen three or four soldiers. And there were plainly to be seen port holes for small arms. All these were unmistakable signs of Indians. Other evidences were sometimes seen, such as rude graves. All, however, old. Some keepers had bloody stories to tell for simple-minded passengers. As they did not resemble frontiersmen, we swallowed less of their gabble than we did of their cooking, and it would be difficult to tell which was the more palatable. They were charitable, however, with their talk, and did not charge for it. As we approach

Fort Davis the hills become mountains and the canyons vast valleys, reminding us of good places for immense lakes. The soil was generally saturated with alkali, and was white enough in places to suggest snow. The walls were fine except in a few canyons, which were rocky and rough. There is scarcely a semblance of timber. The mesquite here, like the prairie dogs, live underground, and wood is dug up, not cut down. Even the mesquite grass gives way to the gramma grass, which always appears in bunch form on the mountains, and is cut with a hoc. As Victoria, a celebrated Mescalero chief, was known to be on the war path, guns at each station were seen within convenient reach. All kept their ears open and scanned the road for moccasin tracks. Late in the night of the 18th, our Georgia friend lost his hat in a severe struggle with the drowsy dog, sleep. He had previously lost a pocket knife. In this loss we had found it difficult to offer any sympathy, and just as we were nearing Fort Davis he found himself minus a shawl. As Fort Davis is 5000 feet above the sea level, a shawl is an indispensable necessity. A telegram sent from Fort Stockton in the morning to the veteran commander at Fort Davis—Major M'Glouffin—of thirty years' service, procured us most excellent quarters, and we all enjoyed a rest. Fort Davis is situated at the mouth of a romantic canyon. The scenery, barren as it is, is sublime. But why a military post should be planted beneath overhanging mountains, where Indians could drive any command out with stones, is a mystery. They who located it are dead, and as the dangers are now past, their successors occupy their cozy retreat and ask no questions as to its strategic disadvantages.

Here we find gentlemen from New York and other sections bound for Chenati mountains, said to contain rich deposits of silver. That said mountains contain the coveted metal is a fact that none but a skeptic could question. These gentlemen have numerous specimens of the ore; and one gentleman—Mr. Daniel Murphy—has a set of teaspoons made from Chenati silver. As our duties take us by these now much talked of sources of wealth for Western Texas, we will have something to say about them. At that time the exhibition fitted out by Col. Andrews, of the "Sunset railroad," was anxiously looked for. Lieut. Bullis was acting as escort for it. We take one day to get up our escort and transportation, kindly provided by Gen. Ord, and on January 20th start for Presidio del Norte, 100 miles south on the Rio Grande. But of this trip hereafter.

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We start for Presidio del Norte Jan. 20. The atmosphere is cool and clear, and every sound is echoed and re-echoed from the perpendicular mountain walls that surround the fort on the north and west so distinctly that we are almost led to believe that the fabled Oreads of the Greeks were there mocking our laughter as we sweep out on that splendid road with our two teams. The Cromwellian advice given by the gallant Major will long be remembered by us. As we leave at 10 A. M., our objective point for a camp on the prairie is 35 miles, a stream known as the Ranchorilla. Behind us lay the mountains of the fort; to the east ran a jagged range, wrought into many fantastic shapes, and far to the west were seen the sky-blue tips of the Chenati range, much like a huge wave tossed high in air and frozen there forever. The vast space between these mountains, a billowy plain, with a few stray hills or mountains, like giant potato hills, was picturesque in the extreme. How deceptive all seemed. A mountain that seemed but a few miles ahead would prove to be 20, 30 and 40 miles off. In the afternoon we had the pleasure of witnessing our first mirage. A few miles ahead was distinctly visible a clearly defined lake. A real lake could not have appeared more natural than it did. The smooth, glassy surface, with an occasional little island, and the clearly defined banks lined with bushes, reflected in the clear water, were seen as clearly as any objects could be, and yet in a short while it all vanished, as many other fancies of men have, and left us on a treeless and waterless plain. Ours was not the usual disappointment of men, as we knew we must be deceived in the appearance, whereas men in all vocations of life are being continually deceived by the world's mirages, hence at times it is necessary to distrust the senses and rely on experience and reason. The Ranchorilla was reached by 3 P. M., and a fire of grass and small brush was appreciated. As we lay down with the sky for a covering at night, and

with our fire-arms by our side, our Georgia friends expressed some anxiety about an attack from Indians, and we expressed the opinion, from former experience in sleeping without shelter with the thermometer below the freezing point, that an attack from Indians was not the attack expected that night. How thin two blankets become, when spread on a very hard spot, such as we all found that night. I was satisfied during the night that I would find holes in my blanket in the morning. We all realized that we were not on beds of down. We were off early. A few miles below, we fell in with ranchmen trying to improve some places in the road by a little labor. They had their guns and were wide awake to Indian rumors. The head-man was one Landrum, from Alabama, who had been on the frontier thirty years. When I asked him what he had done heretofore when these pests came about, he replied that he "took to the woods." As there was nothing worthy the name of a tree in fifty miles, I required him to explain, when I learned that "woods" was the short way of saying mountains. He was an old timer, and a lieutenant who was with us, and not a Maine-law man, drew a bottle on him. The Indian clouds on the old man's face disappeared like a flash. He didn't hesitate. We bade him good-bye and drove four or five miles below to dinner at Davis' ranch. But before we sat down to dinner, who should walk in but the aforesaid Landrum. His whole manner said more plainly than his words could, "I've come for another 'nip.'" I verily believe that if that bottle had been bigger, he would have followed us off. How some men, who boast of being free, are very slaves. We camped that night at the Alamo or Cottonwood ranch. And there we saw a real tree, twenty feet high and fifteen inches in diameter. As we made down our beds that night, our Georgia friend was seen quietly scraping away the small stones, and as he did so he remarked that he did not wish to be rocked to sleep that night. We reach Presidio, a few straggling adobe jacals, at 12 M. A few miles above the Rio Grande is dry. Across the river is the Mexican town of Presidio, now called Ojinaga (Ohinaga) of 2000 inhabitants. Here the Rio Concho comes in with a good supply of water for irrigation and other purposes. The tilled fields, green with wheat and barley, relieve the scene of its otherwise desolation. Off to the west and southwest loom up lofty mountains, distant from twenty-five to seventy-five miles, but which seem not more than an hour's ride away. We start on our return the 24th, direct for the foot of Chenati Mountains, apparently only a few miles away, but really twenty-five. And as singular as it may appear, we were lost in going that twenty-five miles, with such a mountain as a guide. Our experiences on the foot hills amid the cactus are something for us to remember, but which we can not here detail. We are well supplied with specimens of silver ore, and are in search of a cavalry camp in Cibolo canyon. We persist and succeed at 8 P. M. to enjoy the hospitality of Col. Carpenter. Never meats were sweeter. Near the mountains are two ranches—Spencer's and Faber's. Mr. Spencer had been fired on some weeks before by the Indians and had lost his horse. By means of a relay of mules, we reach Fort Davis in one hard day's drive of seventy-five miles. A few cayotes and shy herds of antelope, and another mirage or two, are all we find by the way.

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