





Children's Department.

IF WE TRY. We can learn a useful lesson From a single drop of dew...

SCS-SHINE. May 1, 1880.—Dear Little Children: It seems from little Annie's letter...

Montgomery, Montgomery Co. April 28.—Dear Uncle John: I have edited in the Advocate for some time...

STILLWATER. Henderson County. April 16.—Dear Uncle John: I have edited in the Advocate for some time...

REDLAND. Leon County. May 1.—Dear Uncle John: I have edited in the Advocate for some time...

VAUGHAN. Bowie County. April 28.—Dear Uncle John: I have edited in the Advocate for some time...

Washing Day. "Oh, dear me! what shall we do?" said Grace Lee. "It's just exactly like those working people...

Old Mrs. Lee sighed as she rubbed the glasses of her spectacles. "My dear," said she, "I should have had more of it I could have afforded them. But times are so hard, and—"

"But, my dear," said grandma Lee, feebly, "who will do it?"

"I will," said the dark-eyed lassie, "Susie, I'm surprised at you!" said Grace. "Why you never did such a thing in your life!"

"That's no reason I never should," "But, Susie, if any one should see you!" "We don't generally receive company in the kitchen," said Susie Lee.

"Well?" "If they like my occupation, I shall be very much pleased; if they don't they are quite at liberty to look the other way."

And Miss Lee tied a prodigious crash apron round her, rolled up her sleeves, and resolutely took her stand in front of the wash-bench.

"It's fun," said Susie, who had no such exalted aspirations, and liked to make custards, wash china, and decorate the tea-table with flowers.

"You'll hang out these clothes for me, Grace, won't you?" said Susie, as she flung the last red-bordered towel on the top of the clothes basket.

"Indeed I shall not," said Grace. "With the Miss Polys playing croquet in plain sight, never!"

"Then I must do it myself," said Susie, with a little shrug of the shoulders. "And—"

"I will get it for you with pleasure," said Susie. And as she turned to the dresser, her sister answered the puzzled expression of Mr. Abbott's face.

yellow September sunshine, while Grace burst out crying with mingled vexation and anger.

"I shall never get over the disgrace of it in the world," she said—"never, never! Susie has no dignity—no proper pride! No; don't speak to me, grandma, or I shall say something dreadful! I declare, I have a mind never to own her as a sister again!"

"Have you finished the washing?" asked Mr. Ray Abbott. "Yes, I've finished," said Susie Lee. "But I shouldn't like to earn my living as a laundress. It's a very tiresome business."

"Susie was 'cooling off' under the shadow of the frost grape-vines in the woods, with a book in her hand, and the curly locks blown back from her pretty Spanish forehead."

Mr. Abbott looked admiringly down on her. All his life long his experience had lain among the smiling, artificial dolls of conventional society. He had admired Susie Lee the first time he had ever seen her; but that day's experience of her frank, true nature had given depth and earnestness to the feeling.

"Miss Lee," said he, "do you know what I have been thinking of since we hung out those towels and tablecloths together?"

"Haven't the least idea," said unconscious Susie, fanning herself with two grape leaves, pinned together by a thorn.

"I have been thinking," said he, "that I should like my wife to be just such a woman as you are."

"A washerwoman?" said Susie, trying to laugh off her blushes. "I am quite in earnest, Susie," replied Susie, beginning to tremble all over, and half inclined to cry.

in truth it is only the phosphorescent glare of its own death and corruption. Unless a missionary society, the church is nothing; and when this spirit is wanting, the organization had as well disband; for it is only a dead thing, and cumbereth the ground."

"This may sound objectionable, but it is true. Reader, in how far has your church lost this spirit, and in how far are you responsible for it?"

You can be Happy if you will stop all your extravagant and wrong notions in doctoring your families, and with the aid of a few simple remedies for all your ailments—you will be happy and healthy, and save great expense. The greatest remedy for this, the great, wide and good will tell you, is Hop Bitters—believe it, see "Proverbs" in another column.

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Who does not feel that the Ideal is always before us mocking us with its unapproachable beauty? The Real is always less than we hoped it would be. Should we therefore despair? No. It was therefore enough for the Saviour to turn his approving eyes upon a lowly worshiper and say, "She hath done what she could."—Bulletin.

Bald-headed persons are recommended, by one who knows how it is himself, to have a spider painted on the top of their heads as a preparation for the fast-approaching fly-time.

The care-worn and ill-tempered man would in most cases regain his elasticity of temper and increase his capacity for work, by making use of Dr. HARTNEY'S LIVER PILLS.

How HE BROUGHT IN HIS GAME.—A gold miner in Pike's Peak took his gun and strayed a short distance from the camp, and shot a cub, not observing at the same time the old bear, which was near at hand to avenge the death of her offspring. The hunter approached his game with an exultant air, glowing in success, anticipating the astonishment of his companions to see him march into their midst with an ample supply of his tender bear meat, when, to his surprise, he saw a large bear bounding toward him, very much determined to demolish him at one meal. Our hero dropped his gun, and started off like a frightened deer down the hill. His companions saw him coming through the bush, and sang out to him, "What's the matter?"—"Gi-gi-git-out your guns—ready for a shot," stammered he, almost out of breath, "I am bringing her right into the camp."—Selected.

NO NEED TO PICK THE LOCK.—A good story is told of the late Monsieur de Balzac. One day while lying awake in bed, he saw a man enter his room cautiously, and attempt to pick the lock of his writing-desk. The rogue was not a little disconcerted at hearing a loud laugh from the occupant of the apartment, whom he supposed asleep. "Why do you laugh?" asked the thief. "I am laughing, my good fellow," said Monsieur de Balzac, "to think what pains you are taking, and what risk you run, in hope of finding money by night in a desk where the lawful owner cannot find any by day."

STANDS FOR MARY.—At a school in the country the sentence, "Mary milks the cow" was given out to be parsed. The last word was disposed of as follows: "Cow is a noun, feminine gender, singular number third person, and stands for Mary," "Stands for Mary!" said the excited pedagogue; "how do you make that out?" "Because," answered the intelligent pupil, "if the cow didn't stand for Mary, how could Mary milk her?"

Why is it so many members of the church neglect the prayer service? Is life so well ordered that they feel no need of what this service has to offer? Can they go successfully through the "six days' passionate toil" without the help of spiritual communion? To many of us it is a necessity. We could not stand the din and dust of the week, but for this "well by the way-side." It is like retreating from the blinding sun into the cooling shade. It is an oasis where we find "green pastures" and wander "still waters." It is just what we need to all—only they have to feel it.—Briggs.

Edith and Mabel had just put their dollies in their little crib, when Edith, with the expression of one who has had a great weight lifted from her shoulders, said, "There! I'm thankful we've got the children to bed! We shall have a little peace now! Where in the world did she get such a ridiculous notion?"

A five-year old son of a family the other day stood watching his baby brother, who was making a great noise over having his face washed. The little fellow at length lost his patience, and stamping his tiny foot, said, "You think you know anything about it. Wait till you're big enough to get a lickin' and then you'll see—won't he mamma?"

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Obituaries.

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CHAMP—Sister Mary Lavina, daughter of Hiram J. and Margaret Crump, departed this life September 24, 1879. She was buried near her father's residence, at Jollyville, by the Deacons of Haysland, of which order she was a faithful member. The deceased was born in Williamson county, Texas, May 27, 1816. She found the Saviour precious to her soul on the night of September 1, 1847, at a camp-meeting conducted by Father J. W. B. Allen, near Pond Springs. She joined the M. E. Church, and spent her life in domestic duties and the church of her lot. Her death was a peaceful one, and she is now resting in the arms of her Father in Heaven. Her husband, Hiram J. Crump, died on the 12th of August, 1879, and she was united in marriage with him on the 12th of August, 1847. She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate sister, ever attending with patience and diligence to the duties made incumbent upon her by her parents, ever administering to the comforts of her brothers and sisters. She was a true Christian, and her life was a life of prayer and devotion. She was a true Christian, and her life was a life of prayer and devotion. She was a true Christian, and her life was a life of prayer and devotion.

FOSTER.—Sister Roena T. Foster was born in Matry county, Tennessee, March 4, 1815, was married to J. H. Foster, and lived in Matry county, Tennessee, until 1847, and then came to Texas, settling in Matry county, Texas, where she lived for some years past was that of striving to impart a sanctified education to the rising generation. Early in her life she was afflicted with a disease which she called "the great affliction," which was the gift of God to her, and she lived through it, giving glory to God, leaving father, mother and sisters together with many friends, weeping. Thank the Lord, we weep not as those who have no hope. The subject of this sketch was the daughter of William and Rebecca Foster. May God's blessing rest upon the bereaved family.—R. N. BROWN.

MADDOX.—Benjamin Wells Maddox, son of Z and Mary Maddox, was born in Perry county, Alabama, in 1812. He was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. He was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. He was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. He was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety.

MESSEY.—Sarah Helen Messey, daughter of Rev. J. P. and Lucinda Messey of the Northwest Texas Conference, was born in Matry county, Texas, August 28, 1857, and departed this life at Mount Zion, Matry county, Texas, December 17, 1879. She died in the 22nd year of her age of a cough. Until the hour of death she was cheerful and full of life. A love of right seemed innate in her, an atmosphere of truth and purity always surrounded her. She was a true Christian, and her life was a life of prayer and devotion.

GILLESPIE.—Miss Ellen Gillespie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, was born in Matry county, Texas, in 1847. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety.

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TOAN.—Miss Anna Toan was born in Matry county, Texas, in 1847. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety. She was a member of the church, and was a man of great piety.

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Our Special Premiums

FOR 1880!

THE PUBLISHERS WILL GIVE A VALUABLE PREMIUM TO EACH OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. The party to whom the premium is given may choose between A NO TOP BUGGY AND A GOLD WATCH.

Whoever goes to district conference this year, should go praying for a revival of religion, having carefully prepared in advance statistics, etc.

The district conference of Galveston District meets on the 16th of June and will hold three days. The place is a pleasant one, where members can be comfortably entertained in country homes near the city.

Many a young man who has inherited a fortune never seems fully to wake up to its value until nearly the last dollar is gone. Want looking in upon his door stamps on this wasted fortune a value unknown before.

An ancient monk was tempted to commit a grievous sin. To escape temptation he fled from society to a monastery. He carried his temptation with him. He then fled to a lonely island, where no sound but the cry of the sea-lark or the splash of the waves would disturb his repose.

A young lady of timid spirit, yet anxious to do something for those around her, undertook, many years ago, to gather a class of ragged boys of the town for instruction. Many times her patience was tried and her faith faltered.

RELIGIOUS SENSE.—When an evangelist is expected at any place the local ministry and church anticipate his coming, and almost assure success by the measures which they adopt.

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EXAMPLE.

"You started me in this way, and I intend to keep it." The words were addressed by a son to his father. That father had for years been a "sport" and had taken his son to the race-track, the saloon and the card-table.

THE Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York in a recent speech, said: "Habits of intemperance are the chief cause of crime in the testimony of all judges of large experience. It is established beyond argument, by official statistics, by the experience of courts, and by the observations of enlightened philanthropists, that the prevalence of intemperance in every country is the standard by which its crimes may be measured."

RECENTLY, in Galveston, the cry of "mad-dog" near the corner of Market and Tremont sts., brought a police officer to the spot, and a shot from his revolver drove a ball between the eyes of the rabid animal and freed the passers by of the danger.

It is told of Voltaire that on a certain occasion he read to Frederick of Prussia a poem he had recently composed. The king, after hearing it, insisted that he had certainly heard it before.

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If a man has no food for a day he becomes hungry. If he is without food several days he will die. It is only by constant supply of food man is kept alive.

ON OUR CIRCUIT. As the Great Northern train pulled out from the union depot, at Houston, our eyes caught a little plot of ground between two tracks which has been neatly fenced and planted in shrubs and trees.

THE dining car of the Great Northern road is another of the indications of attention to the wants and comfort of their passengers which renders this route attractive to travelers.

At Little Rock we met Brother Evans, the pastor of our church here, and Dr. Johnson, of the Western Methodist. It is pleasant, amid a crowd of strangers, to see the face of a friend.

Little Rock is named after a rock—the first visible, we were told, between this point and the Mississippi. We could see it from the bridge as we crossed the river.

Crossing the Mississippi on the cars, though as safe as almost any other style of railroad travel, is somewhat trying to nervous people.

Dr. P. H. Callahan, of Austin, is making a State reputation for himself as a dentist. Read his card.

The man who can trust in God may travel with a quiet heart. "Say your prayers and all aboard!" might very properly be the conductor's cry to railroad travelers.

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The following is the plan of Episcopal visitation for 1880: FIRST DISTRICT—BISHOP McTYRE. Western Virginia Conference, Sept. 1, Buffalo, Kentucky Conference, Sept. 15, Lexington, Holston Conference, Oct. 20, Morristown, Memphis Conference, Nov. 17, Trenton, Alabama Conference, Dec. 8, Pensacola.

SECOND DISTRICT—BISHOP FAINE. Tennessee Conference, Oct. 15, Pulaski, North Georgia Conference, Sept. 1, Rome, North Mississippi Conference, Dec. 15, Starkville, Illinois Conference, Sept. 1, Marion, Indiana Conference, Sept. 1, Ellettsport, Louisville Conference, Sept. 29, Glasgow, East Texas Conference, Dec. 1, Marshall, Texas Conference, Dec. 15, Breckenridge.

THIRD DISTRICT—BISHOP McTYRE. Indiana Mission Conference, Oct. 6, Fort Gibson, West Texas Conference, Oct. 15, Luling, German Conference, Nov. 3, Ft. Leavenworth, Northwest Texas Conference, Nov. 10, Waco, North Texas Conference, Nov. 17, Marshall, South Georgia Conference, Dec. 15, Hawkinsville, Florida Conference, Dec. 15, Ocala.

FOURTH DISTRICT—BISHOP McTYRE. Arkansas Conference, Nov. 3, Harrison, Little Rock Conference, Nov. 17, Prescott, North Carolina Conference, Dec. 1, Helena, Mississippi Conference, Dec. 1, Danville, North Alabama Conference, Dec. 15, Oxford.

FIFTH DISTRICT—BISHOP McTYRE. Western Conference, Sept. 1, Okla. City, Missouri Conference, Sept. 8, Mexico, St. Louis Conference, Sept. 22, Salem, Southwest Mo. Conference, Sept. 29, Marshall, Virginia Conference, Sept. 29, Harrisonburg, North Carolina Conference, Dec. 1, Winston, Louisiana Conference, Dec. 15, Shreveport.

SIXTH DISTRICT—BISHOP McTYRE. Denver Conference, Aug. 18, Pueblo, Montana Conference, Sept. 15, Butte, Columbia Conference, Oct. 6, Weston, Pacific Conference, Oct. 27, San Jose, Los Angeles Conference, Nov. 4, Santa Ana, Southern California Conference, Nov. 10, San Bernardino Conference, March 3, Hartsville, Bishop McTyre has charge of the Mission in China.

The hand of time rests heavily on the person of Bishop Paine. His form is yielding to the pressure, his step is feeble, his head is growing white, but his spirit has lost none of its zeal for his Master, and his love for the church knows no abatement.

The reports from the mission fields show an advance along the entire line. In China the field is growing on our hands far beyond the ability of the board to supply it. In addition to the three young men from Georgia, already reported for this field, Bro. Royal, of Virginia, will enter the work in the fall.

THE district conference for Palo Pinto district, Northwest Texas Annual Conference will convene at Palo Pinto, Wednesday July 7, at 10 A. M. There will be a cataloguing in connection with the conference, on the self-supporting plan. Bro. Ellis, presiding elder, will have letters provided for all ministers and delegates.

Send to Hunter & Gensinger, New Orleans, for rubber stamps. See advertisement.

What a Friend Says.

The editor being absent, I take the occasion to say that upon the whole the temper of the ADVOCATE has been admirable. This concedes that several things have been in the paper that did not tend to edification. The very spirit that characterizes the management made it possible for such matter to get in sometimes. But this has been exceptional. The general rule has been that only unobjectionable articles have appeared.

The paper is not quite what could be desired in its matter; we mean to say that the scissors might have shown more conspicuously in its general make up with advantage. There are religious journals whose chief excellence is found in their "selections." But we do not complain. The postals and other matters from the field, have done much to compensate for this minor defect; and doubtless to the general reader, if not quite so profitable, the notes from the field, where the workmen flash the gospel blade right into the standing corn and shout the harvest home, are quite as acceptable as that having in it more literary merit and better religious pabulum, but lacking this freshness.

The glory of the ADVOCATE is the stand it has taken in favor of public and private morals. And here we would choose to be understood as not referring to any controversy upon this question, but to its editorials and its general correspondence. At this point I might be permitted to say that every Methodist, with every Christian by whatever name, and every good citizen of the State, should be proud of the ADVOCATE, and owes to it a debt of gratitude, and an obligation to sustain it in the conflict in which it is engaged with vice and sin.

It cannot be doubted that our present Sunday law received help, as it gestated in the heart and mind of legislators, from the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. And whatever libertines and so-called free-thinkers may say of the law, it is an excellent one, and only needs to be enforced to secure to the people of the State some of the noblest blessings of this Christianized civilization. To assure the enforcement of the Sunday law, and of the laws against gaming, there should be additional legislation, so that in all cases when the laws are openly violated, sheriffs, et al., charged with the enforcement of the statutes shall be deemed prima facie guilty of official perjury—and in any case of notorious neglect to perform their duty—liable for all damages traceable to their neglect, as well as to specific statutory penalty. And the ADVOCATE is the organ through which to enlighten the people and quicken the conscience of legislators.

The infidel and the common enemy of social order and good morals engaged in the manufacture of stimulating and beastializing drinks are in union with the German and the more unprincipled of the politicians to repeal the Sunday which now stands on our statute books; therefore, let every lover of his kind and every Christian band together for the maintenance of the Sunday law, and for the enactment of all laws needed to render its enforcement, all that the best interest of society demands. To this end, let every agent in the field and every good citizen do all in their power to increase the circulation of the ADVOCATE. If the ADVOCATE had fifty thousand subscribers—which it should have; State pride demands it; common sense demands it—it would be such a power that politicians would not dare to make a jest of the religious sentiments of the people.

See the enlargement and then think what a splendid paper we should have—superior in all respects to anything bearing the name (Advocate), and worthy of Texas Methodism, and of the noble, enterprising publishers, who enter into this conflict with vice with a spirit not one whit less enthusiastic and Christian than that of the editor himself.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Seguin sta. at Mt. Creek, 4th Sunday in May. Gonzales ct. at Gonzales, 5th Sunday in May. Lockhart ct. at Harrison's chapel, 2d Sunday in June. Mountain City, 6th Sunday in June. San Marcos ct. at New Hope, 1st Sunday in July. Luling et. Hill school-house, 2d Sunday in July. San Marcos sta. 3d Sunday in July.

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Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS

SECOND QUARTER—EIGHTH LESSON, May 23, '80. Matt. XXV: 31-46; The Judgment; Time—Tuesday evening, April 3, A. D. 29. Place—Mount of Olives. Rulers—Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome; Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judaea; Herod Antipas, of Galilee; and Herod Philip, of Peraea.

GOLDEN TEXT.—And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal. Verse 46.

After completing His discourse, of which the parable of our last lesson was a part, Jesus did not leave the temple, but went out into the court where the rich were casting their gifts into the treasury.

And with them came the widow with her two precious mites, and she unconsciously walked into God's galaxy of worthies. In giving four mites, the smallest amount she was allowed to give, she gave more than the richest. In departing from the temple His disciples called His attention to its magnificence, whereupon He foretold its destruction. He then passes on and out to the Mount of Olives, where four of His disciples ask Him about the time and signs of His coming. Chapter 24 is His answer to these inquiries, not fully understood. To this succeeds chapter 25, with its parables of the ten virgins and the servants entrusted with their talents; and then comes our lesson—a graphic picture of the final Judgment, wherein can be seen that it will not consist in a formal trial, as some suppose, but in a public announcement of the results of the real trials while in life; that there will be a separation into two classes—the good and the bad; that this separation will be based, not on professions or confessions, but on loving acts of Christian life, inspired by faith; and that the decisions of that day will be irreversible, unappealable, final.

We learn, further, that the duration of each state of existence after that "dies iræ" is the same. If, for faith and fidelity in a righteous life, we are to be rewarded with endless felicity, it is equally clear that, for a want of faith, and infidelity in an unrighteous life, we will be rewarded with endless misery.

V. 31. "When the Son of man shall come in all His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Some would have us believe that this is a parable. It lacks all the elements of a parable. All its terms are literal. And the conclusion is irresistible that it is a literal son that is to come to a literal judgment. "When," refers to the time of His coming; "Son of man," Christ; "in His glory," very unlike His coming humiliation; "holy angels," His escort and aids; "shall He sit," shall sit as a judge; "throne of His glory," throne exhibiting His glory.

V. 32. "And before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." "Before Him" as a judge "shall be gathered," or assembled "all nations" of the whole earth for all ages; "He shall separate one from another," the good from the bad. This separation will be made as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats.

V. 33. "And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left." The "sheep" had long been used in that day as a symbol of a saint, while a goat was used as a symbol of a sinner. So, also, on the "right hand" was the place of honor, while "the left" was that of dishonor.

V. 34. "Then shall the King say to them on the right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." "Then," when the separation is complete; and, here obviously, that separation takes place before judgment; "the King," Christ, the judge; "them on His right," the saints; "come," come into full possession of the kingdom; "ye blessed," ye that have been blessed; "of my Father," by my Father; "inherit," receive possession of, which "prepared," made ready. Here we learn that Heaven was prepared for man.

V. 35. "For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in." "An hungry;" hungry; "meat;" food; "a stranger;" a traveler. All travelers had to depend almost entirely on private hospitality.

them, they cannot recall them or appropriate their general acts of charity as acts done for Christ.

V. 39. "Or when saw we Thee sick or in prison and came unto Thee?" They had visited those sick and in prison, but they had not therefor charged up their services to Him they served.

V. 40. "And the King shall answer and say unto them: Verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Every kind act done to a fellow being, when prompted by pure motives of benevolence, will be credited as so much done for Christ. He who gives because he must give to a suffering one, or suffer in conscience therefor, will not lose his reward.

V. 41. "Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Mark the contrast between these and those on His right hand. There, it was "come," here, "depart;" there, "blessed;" here, "cursed;" there, "prepared for the devil and his angels."

V. 42. "I was an hungry and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink." They had only failed in plain duties due humanity. And for these failures they failed of Heaven. They had been selfish, grasping, and avaricious. In this way they failed to love their neighbors as themselves; and in this failure they failed to love God.

V. 43. "I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick and in prison, and ye visited me not." They had allowed the stranger or traveler to go unprovided for; those in need of clothes to suffer; and the sick and those in prison never knew them as kind benefactors.

V. 44. "Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungry, or athirst, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?" They are not conscious of any omissions, and feel certain that if ever they had seen the King hungry, or thirsty, or sick, they would not have failed in their duties to Him.

V. 45. "Then shall He answer them, saying, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me." They had neglected all their duties to their suffering fellow men, and in so doing had neglected their duties to Christ. The law is, as here laid down, if you love me, love mine; and when you neglect mine, you neglect Me. We supply Christ's want when we feed His, and we neglect Him when we allow His poor to go hungry.

V. 46. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." "These," the wicked, and eternal is the same word, *aiônios*, and should have been translated the same in both places. The punishment is to be as unending as the reward for the righteous.

APPLICATION.—The judgment day is coming for all. It comes to each practically when he dies. We all must die soon; hence the judgment will soon come to all.

32. He who became one of us, toiling, suffering and dying, will be our Judge, and will separate all into two classes—the good and the bad.

suffering fellow-men, dishonest man's Redeemer, who did feel for them.

45. Our place hereafter is determined by what we do or do not do here on earth.

46. The separation is an eternal separation. The punishment that awaits the wicked will be as eternal as the bliss that awaits the "blessed" of our Father. They who were termed blessed had been blessed before that day. And so those termed "cursed" had been cursed with the allurements of sin before that day.

While the editor of the Baptist Herald unwittingly furnishes an argument in support of the itinerancy. He says of Baptist troubles: "The first step in almost every severe trouble, dissension or spiritual blight that may come upon a church, is not to meet, to counsel, pray, and devise measures to heal or remove the evil, but to whisper around that everything would go right if we had another pastor; and it is a grief and shame to know there are preachers who fan the flames."

It would be a good thing if half a dozen demagogues, North and South, would kindly consent to die, as the citizens could well afford to pay their funeral expenses.—Talmage. They could have a gorgeous send-off, with fireworks along the route and at the end.—Richmond Advocate.

We fear the "fire-works" route they would travel would have no end. If the thing can be accomplished, Dr. Talmage may select six at the South if he will allow us to select three at the North. Here are ours: Fowler, Edwards, and the devil.

BRO. LAFPERTY of the Richmond Advocate, is in New York arranging for the early issue of his book: "Sketches of the Virginia Conferences." Will it be a good book? Of course it will. Did Bro. Lafferty ever write anything that was not good?

A "postal" brother suggests the following amendments to obituary column. Let those writing make changes in the now prevailing custom, to-wit:

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I well remember a visit I made to a family on a certain occasion, hoping to do them good, religiously. I was met very cordially on the steps by the gentleman of the house, and made to feel, for the time being, that they were rejoiced to have me visit them.

WORK AND WAIT. A husbandman who many years had plowed and sown in tears grew weary with his doubts and fears. "I toil in vain! These rocks and sands will yield no harvest to my hands. The best seeds rot in barren lands."

Is Your Hair Falling, or Turning Grey?

"London Hair Color Restorer," the most cleanly and delightful article ever introduced to the American people. It is totally different from all others, not sticky or gummy, and free from all impure ingredients.

The Christian's Duty to the State.

The Christian is a model in society. He should be more than a lifeless statue of grand proportions and surpassing beauty. He should be a moulder of society. He ought to be felt in the community in which he resides.

The Cancer in Society.

There is no danger to our State more threatening than the disregard of law by public officials. It destroys the very foundation of society by disheartening its virtuous elements.

Wonderful Cures.

Rev. F. W. Buchholz, Waco, Mo., used the St. Jacobs Oil in the case of a lady of his congregation who had been bed ridden with rheumatism for seventeen years.

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power, must be the intolerable evil of which you will ever complain until, like men of God, you feel it to be your Christian duty to take proper steps to put good men in political position in State and nation.

Will the Christians of this nation take this bold and uncompromising stand for good government?—J. F. HALL, in Nashville Advocate.

If a man's moral tendency is in the right direction, he is indeed happier than if good thoughts and right actions are exceptional with him. But when one has been tempted, and has finally triumphed, and done the thing which he ought to do, let him not give himself up to the useless regrets that he was ever tempted at all.

I HAVE read that Benjamin Franklin tried to convince the farmers of his day that plaster enriched the soil. All his philosophical arguments failed to convince the farmers; so he took plaster and formed it into a sentence by the roadside.

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sonal attention to nominating candidates, and the divorce of party politics from local government. If every honest and true man would attend the primary meetings, the ring element of those meetings would cease, and honest candidates would be nominated by both parties.

This advice is not Utopian. It is perfectly practical. The vast majority of voters wish the laws enforced. The rum-shop power is the tyranny of a minority. But we shall (at least in large cities) ever live under this loathsome tyranny unless honest men throw off their apathy and their party drill.

I HAVE read that Benjamin Franklin tried to convince the farmers of his day that plaster enriched the soil. All his philosophical arguments failed to convince the farmers; so he took plaster and formed it into a sentence by the roadside.

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The "Grit" of the Rocks. BY BELVEDUIS, A. M. "Arma virumque cano."

And how pleasant it was to read a communication from an inhabitant of Atlantis, (Theophilus Luke, M. D.) This son of Neptune is evidently a learned man, who has "investigated" beyond a doubt. Whatever slight inaccuracies the reader may have observed in his article are simply due to the "riotous whirligigs" which he and Atlantis have been taking in "empty space"—empty, indeed! since the memorable day when they "flew out like a plug."

These quotations are all taken from Agassiz's "Geological Sketches." Here is the utterance of Mr. Darwin, the leading representative of the other side: "The noble science of geology loses glory from the extreme imperfection of the record."

"What is called development, therefore, is, or pretends to be, so far as it can be understood, an attempt to set up a theory of creation, and not a theory dispensing with creation."—Bledsoe. "I see no good reason why the views given in this volume should shock the religious feelings of anyone."

The first of his arguments which we wish to notice is: "Geology is the subject. Evolution is the method upon which it proceeds. The first is the science, the second the art. Evolution is

an unfolding, a development, a series of graduated progressions, each dependent upon the preceding. If modern geology does not reach a conclusion upon this basis and by this method, then our friend, who is A. M., should write up the system upon the new method, for certainly he is the only one acquainted with it, whatever it is."

Excellent! Spicy. Geology the science, evolution the art. We take pleasure in presenting the new method for Bro. Luke's consideration, and are glad that other and abler exponents of science than Theophilus Luke, M. D., has yet proven himself to be, have written upon the system.

"Immediately upon these, and accompanied by a more or less violent shifting of the surface, traceable by the consequent discordance of the strata, is introduced an entirely new set of animals, differing as much from those immediately preceding them as do those of the present period from the older animals, (our predecessors but not our ancestors)."—Agassiz.

"According to very careful estimates, if we accept this view, the progeny of the Jurassic fishes must have borne a proportion of about ninety per cent. of entirely new types to some ten per cent. of those resembling the parents. One would like a fact or two on which to rest so very extraordinary a reversal of all known physiological laws of reproduction, but, unhappily, there is not one."

"I am well aware that the advocates of the development theory do not state their views as I have here presented them. On the contrary, they protest against any idea of sudden, violent, abrupt changes, and maintain that by slow and imperceptible modifications during immense periods of time these new types have been introduced without involving any infringement of the ordinary processes of development; and they account for the entire absence of corroborative facts in the past history of animals by what they call the "imperfection of the geological record."

"These results bear living testimony to the wonderful progress of the kindred sciences of Geology and Paleontology in the last half century; and the development theory has but an insecure foundation so long as it attempts to strengthen itself by belittling the geological record, the assumed imperfection of which, in default of positive facts, has now become the favorite argument of its upholders."

"There is no alternative between creation and evolution."—Theophilus Luke, M. D. Now, while we have no sympathy with evolution, we wish to see it represented fairly; hence we call Bro. Luke's attention to the fact that evolution does not deny creation. A very few quotations will suffice to prove this. Here they are:

"I see no good reason why the views given in this volume should shock the religious feelings of anyone. A celebrated author and divine has written to me that 'he has gradually learned to see that it is just as noble a conception of the Deity to believe that He created a few original forms capable of self-development into other and needful forms, as to believe that He required a fresh act of creation to supply the voids caused by the action of His laws.' There is grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms, or into one."

"The Scriptures tell us, in plain, common-sense language, that 'the earth was without form and void.' Geology tells us that chaos is meant. What! a chaos without form? Philosophy tells us that form

is one of the essential properties of matter. Now the one has presented the wrong fact or the other a false principle, if geology be true, on chaos."—Theophilus Luke, M. D.

This is the brilliant argument which Bro. Luke calls striking his hammer upon the rocks. So far as we can perceive, the rocks seem to have withstood the crushing blow very well, but I don't think the hammer will ever recover. The reader will observe that Bro. Luke is very much opposed to anything but a literal translation of the Bible; also, that he calls the principle of philosophy alluded to a "well established scientific principle." Now Theophilus Luke, M. D., may take any theory of creation he prefers; he may suppose that the earth, at that stage, was either solid, fluid, liquid, gaseous, or vesicular, yet philosophy says that it had a form, and the Bible says that it was without form.

"In the next place, we will call the attention of the reader to two extracts from our friend's last article: "Geology teaches that the earth was once an incandescent fluid mass."

"Now, unlike astronomy, mathematics and chemistry, geology cannot be either demonstrated or tested by experiment."—Theophilus Luke, M. D. We take pleasure in placing these two extracts side by side. The reader will please note them carefully, and then compare them with the following:

"Astronomy teaches us the probable origin of our globe. As soon as the crust began to be formed, by the mingled action of fire and water, geology steps in to explain the phenomena."

"At this point of the investigation the geologist must appeal to the astronomer, for in this vague and nebulous border-land where the very rocks lose their outlines and flow into each other, there the two sciences meet. Astronomy shows us our planet thrown off from the central mass of which it once formed a part, to move henceforth in an independent orbit of its own."

"Hutton was the first who endeavored to draw a strong line of demarcation between his favorite science and cosmogony, for he declared that geology was in no wise concerned with questions as to the origin of things."

"In this connection we feel truly grateful for two things: First, that Bro. Theophilus Luke, M. D., feels such confidence in the demonstrations of astronomy; second, that astronomy and not geology is responsible for the "incandescent fluid" hypothesis. We recommend some elementary work on geology to his respectful attention, and trust that he will know enough about that science afterwards not to make such a mistake on a subject with which almost every school-boy is acquainted. It will furnish him an excellent opportunity, also, for learning something about the division of the light from the darkness, and about "where the water was all this time;" and it may even satisfy his curiosity as to the whereabouts of the moon. "Advanced thinkers" would not stop for a little thing like the moon," says Theophilus Luke, M. D. Oh, yes they do. They notice the moon. But then none of them are particularly moon-struck.

Again we will place two of Luke's sentiments side by side. One is from the first article, one from the second.

"Hence the gratuitous admissions of modern divines that there is a perfect agreement between science and the Bible is untrue but also laughably absurd. It is the language of men who have been cornered and have not the moral courage or the intelligence to escape or to beat back the enemy."

"Bledsoe was a man of too much common sense to be a good geologist. Marvin and Munsey were to eloquent to pay much attention to so sorry a shift for science."

"Notwithstanding Bledsoe's great common sense, which Theophilus very wisely commends, we behold him even advocating the cause of the incandescent theory, and sustaining it by several pages of extremely good argument. If he could have read this last able criticism of that theory from the pen of Theophilus Luke, M. D., no doubt

Bledsoe would have changed his mind.

"Man seems to have been created under the law of mortality, as to his physical nature. I say, seems to have been, for I would not dogmatize on such a point; yet on scientific grounds the proposition can scarcely be doubted. I have no morbid jealousy of science; I have not the least apprehension of any conflict between it and the Word of God. No doubt scientific speculation is often dangerously adventurous, as well as over-confident. This species of scientific dogmatism is always bold and boastful, and is often found in antagonism with Holy Scripture. So there is also a habit of theological speculation, which takes its own fancies for dogma, and which is put to confusion by the advance of knowledge. It is true that the science of geology is too new to be trusted at all points, but some of its conclusions must be accepted as indubitable. Among its unquestionable averments are these: 1. There was animal life on the earth long before the creation of man."

"There is no difficulty, apparent or real, between geology and the Bible, with reference to the time all things were created; and such a thing would never have been thought of had it not been for the dogmatical and unwarrantable postulations superinduced upon Revelation by incompetent expounders of it—mankind going upon the reasonable assumption that the professed teachers of Scripture ought certainly to understand what they profess to teach."

"That is sufficient. In spite of the common sense of the first, and the eloquence of the two last, they all believed in geology, and were therefore, according to Bro. Luke, entirely "probate concerning the faith." And if John Pye Smith isn't royal company for Bledsoe, why Bledsoe is royal company for John Pye. Either way—it doesn't matter to me. Allow me to merely hope, in closing, that Bro. Luke's next onslaught upon the rocks will not be quite such a fearful one as this. A few concessions of that kind, and there will scarcely be a fragment of rock left to tell the tale."

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ITEMS FROM THE WEST.

Fight with Horse-thieves—Two Mexicans Killed—One American Wounded.

On Friday, April 23, there occurred at Frank Mitchell's house, near Fairview, Wilson county, one of the most terrible affairs within the records of border history. Messrs Mitchell & Presnall are wealthy stockmen, known to many of your readers, and men of first class standing in the country. Sometime ago, a herd of horses were sold to them by two Mexicans, the horses afterwards being "proven away" from the purchasers by parties. Nothing more was seen of the Mexicans until the day before the affair now being related. On that day the same Mexicans made their second appearance with another herd of horses for sale. Mitchell recognized the thieves, parleyed with them to gain time, notified his partner, (Presnall,) who was acting as deputy sheriff. The next morning a posse was summoned by Presnall, consisting of Mitchell, Simp, Toms, and a Mr. Sparing. The Mexicans had with them a negro, and all were armed—the negro remaining at the yard fence with the horses—but the Mexicans were invited into Mitchell's parlor to transact some business. Only one of the Mexicans carried into the room his six-shooter—the riles being left on the horses. There were also in the room the sheriff's posse. The Mexicans were ordered to "raise their hands," when immediately they commenced a desperate fight with the Americans. Both Mexicans were shot several times and fell dead. Before one of the Mexicans fell, Mr. Mitchell seized the wounded man's pistol and endeavored to wrest it from him. The Mexican fell and Mitchell fell on him, in which position the wounded man fired on Mitchell, (the pistol against his person,) and the ball entering the left side near the heart, passing through the lungs, coming out at the back, and then passing through the floor of the upper room and into the roof of the house. One ball passed through a Mexican, through Presnall's pantaloons leg, and entered the carpet and floor. Other balls penetrated the walls and windows. The negro on the outside hearing the firing fled and has been seen no more. The dead Mexicans lay on the floor where they fell until officers arrived and an inquest was held. "Justifiable homicide" was the verdict in both cases. Coffins were made, and the Mexicans were buried in the graveyard adjoining. Mr. Mitchell is understood not to have fired a shot. He bled profusely, and was thought for awhile to be mortally wounded. He is now in a critical condition, but hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mr. Mitchell is of an old Texan family, a prominent member of our church, a steward, and his loss would be irreparable. The whole country heartily commends Mr. Presnall and his men in their effort to arrest these desperate horse-thieves.

We are in the midst of bountiful rains. Everything growing rapidly. Prospects in the west for a large crop of corn and cotton. The Medina has been on a "boom"—not for Grant, but for the San Antonio river. The people hereabouts are agitated on the question of the coming railroad from San Antonio to Laredo. Every man expects the road to run through his farm and to scare his cow and calf. If the event takes place we will give you notice and invite you, Mr. Editor, to extend your circuit this way. A "bucking pony" might not suit you, or more likely, you might not it. The "old veterans" had a grand time in San Antonio. Moody and Sankey have also been to San Antonio. Rev. W. T. Thornberry and daughter have been on a visit to Oak Island. He was in good health and spirits. This country will recover the present year from the depression and drouth of the past. Corn scarce and money scarce. Our Sunday-school picnic was broken up by a fifteen hours' rain, whereat we rejoice and give thanks. Rev. R. H. Belvin passed through here lately, on his round of Bible distribution. He was fat, but his horse was lean. He had bought a new horse to more extensively "spread himself" in his work. The present writer was on this circuit (Medina) twenty years ago. Many of the old "stand by's" of the church are still remaining. They sit in the "amen-corner," respond when they feel like it, and shout when the time comes. We did not relish Young's attack on the old members. Would that the "amen corner" extended all over the church and were full of these old Christian men and women. But Bro. Y. did not mean it, although he got wound up as thoroughly as Adair was "squelched" by Julia Pifer Truitt. By-the-way, her reply was the finest piece of wit that has appeared in the ADVOCATE for a year. We love the western people, the prairies, mountains, wilderness, flowers, freedom, hardships, dangers, toils, joys, and victories for the cause of Christ. The star of the church in the west is bright—may it become luminous.

H. G. HORROR. Medina, May 3, 1880. WHILE Nashville is commemorating her hundredth anniversary and feeling her age, Boston is preparing for her quarter-centennial, which occurs in the autumn of this year. Her Common Council has voted \$25,000 to secure a fit commemoration of the day—that is \$100 for each year since the city was founded.

Memories and Reflections.

The spring-time introduces another and third anniversary memorable in my history. It was on a bright spring-day that I entered college. Our old teachers bade us a kindly adieu, and we entered tremblingly into the august presence of the college faculty. We heard ourselves addressed as "Mr." for the first time; we were awestricken at the grave severity of demeanor of the professors and were agitated over our possible failure in examination and consequent refusal of admission. It was then that the witticism of H. put him at once at the head of that department in our class. As we stood waiting to be called, said B. thoughtfully, "If I get page seven, I will be all O. K.—all correct; but if I don't get it, I will be all O. K.—all confused; and all O. K.—out of college."

An incident occurred the day preceding that morning of entrance into college that was to be a blessing to me through the whole four years of trial to my religious principles while at college. A young preacher who felt deeply interested in my success invited me out to walk with him. He said in substance: "You are about entering college. I have been all along where you are about to travel and know something of its trials and perils. I think I can help you; and to do so, I want you to promise me to do four things. You can do them, you ought to do them, and take my word for it that if you carry out your promise you will never regret their proposal." Having great confidence in his piety and judgment, I did not hesitate to declare my willingness to do what he proposed. Said he, "You are a professor of religion and a member of the Methodist Church. You are going where irreligion and scorn of piety is in the ascendant. [for it was not a church college; there was none in existence at that time in our State.] Now, I want you to promise me that you will take the first good opportunity offered you to avow your Methodism and discipleship with Christ, instead of waiting for the avowal to be drawn out of you by some opposing influence." I made the promise. Said he, "It is the impression of your friends that you expect to preach, and I want you to promise me that you will join one of the debating societies at the very first opportunity." This I gladly promised. "Now," said he, "I want you to promise me that you will make an effort to take part in the debates at very first opportunity given you." Not knowing how much this involved, I nevertheless promised him I would. "Finally," said he, "I want you to promise never to refuse to try, and to the best of your ability perform, any duty your society or fellow-students ask of you that you can perform in good conscience." This I also promised. My friend then went on to explain to me the advantages that he thought would follow the course of action he had pledged me to.

I had not been admitted a student forty-eight hours before, burdened with my promise, I had my application written out, and the next day was informed of my election to membership in the C. Society. Remembering my other promises, I found out the question for debate that would occupy the society the night of my admission. It read to this effect: "Is ridicule more potent for good or evil?" Rather an abstruse question for a novice. But feeling no apprehension of having any particular opportunity to debate on the occasion of my first visit to the society, I felt quite easy. The grave seniors had wrangled over the different points for several hours. There was a pause, when the president, to my astonishment, turned to me and calling me by name, expressed the hope that I would favor the society with some remarks on the question, and at once the hall rang with the clamor of the members calling me out to speak. This was their usual method of having fun at the expense of a new member. Now my third promise rose up to terrify me. I was committed in advance, and could not help myself. Amid the calls of the members I arose in great agitation, and said: Mr. President, This was an unusual proceeding for a novice, and at once the greatest silence prevailed. And it is not evidence that "the spirit helpeth our infirmities," whenever we essay to do our duty to the best of our ability, in what followed in this case? As soon as I determined to try and meet the conditions of my third promise, my first promise flashed across my mind with the whisper, "now is the opportunity to avow your Methodism and discipleship." I judge, therefore, that it was with some surprise that the listening members heard me say, in substance, as follows: "Mr. President, several years back there was a revival of religion in the Methodist church that I attended. A large number joined the church, myself among them. Now, sir, as I look around in that church I miss from among the members a number who were then warm in the love of God, but who no longer are numbered with His people. What is the matter? Sir, they could not face the ridicule of the world and have turned back; and

like Peter, denied their Master. So, I argue, sir, that ridicule is more potent for evil than for good." It was a boy's argument, an exceedingly poor argument, but it was worth more than millions to me. I had met and fulfilled at one bound three important promises. I stood committed as a disciple of Christ before my fellow-students, and I was at the same time committed to an active and positive membership which resulted in my being elected the same night, the next "monthly orator." This, under my fourth promise, I was compelled to accept, but it seemed a small matter in the light and joy that was in my heart at having vanquished the terrors of the other pledges.

And from how much temptation did this kind act of a thoughtful brother deliver me? During four years at college no student ever asked me to drink, to take a game of cards, to engage in anything unbecoming the character of a professed Christian. I sometimes incurred ridicule, sometimes sarcasm, but never deliberate invitation to wrong. It was assumed by my class-mates that having made such a declaration, and at such a time, it was useless to propose to me any line of conduct in violation of it.

Four years have sped. Another beautiful spring day had come and the fourth great anniversary of my life is passed. With music and banners and marshals and batons, we are marched to the great hall. The professors now treat us as equals, and with a kindly intimacy. We enter the crowded building, where our fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters are gathered with the public to witness our graduation. The orations, valedictories, baccalaureate, and diplomas are all duly delivered, and amid the congratulations of our friends, we awake up to the great reaction produced in the discovery that we are no longer under tutors and governors, but men.

The bank clearings for last week, compared with the corresponding period in 1879, show that the extraordinary increase in business, recently noted, has ended. It is not believed that the improvement has been permanently arrested, but it is presumed that stagnation will be felt in many lines until there is a sufficient decline in prices to invite liberal consumption.

The discovery of a deficit of between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in the finances of the Indian empire, where a large surplus was expected, has caused a profound sensation in England.

DISPATCHES from Southern Kansas state that thousands of white men have entered Indian Territory and established colonies, and that other thousands are on the way to join them.

JUSTICE DAINGERFIELD, of the San Francisco superior court, dropped dead on the bench, May 5th, of heart disease.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg says Jews in business there have been ordered to quit the capital in twenty-four hours.

ONLY about twenty delegates went to St. Louis, to attend the much-advertised anti-third term convention.

THE supreme court of Georgia has refused a new trial to Cox, the murderer of Alston, and he goes to the penitentiary for life.

DURING the past 30 years 2,500,000 people have emigrated from Germany.

The health of Bro. Lambuth, the superintendent of our China mission, has failed. He may have to give up work altogether, but his son, Dr. Lambuth, thinks that after a year's rest in Mississippi, he will be able to resume work.

The house committee on Indian affairs has decided to recommend the passage of a bill transferring the Indian bureau to the war department, the change to take effect on July 1, 1881.

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