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SECOND QUARTER—FIFTH LESSON.

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Mat. xxvii. 35-50: The Crucifixion; Time—Friday, April 6, A. D. 30, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Place—Calvary, called Golgotha, just without the gate of Jerusalem. Rulers—Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judea; Herod Antipas, of Galilee, and Herod Philip, of Perca.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that he being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes we were healed. 1st Peter, ii. 24.

The time from the arrest to the cross was brief—likely less than nine hours. The conspiracy had been formed, as we learn in chapter xxvi, verses 3, 4 and 5, to take and kill Jesus. The Sanhedrim, in all probability, was in session when he was arrested. They had already condemned Him, and they only needed the semblance of a trial, and this they had secured before day-light. To secure this they had first gone to Calphas, the High Priest, where Peter denied Him, and then to the Sanhedrim, where He was mocked. The Sanhedrim sends Him to Pilate early in the morning, who sent Him to Herod Antipas in another part of the city, and by him He is sent back to Pilate, who sought to release Him, but he yields to the vindictive clamor and condemns Him, though admitting that he knew Him to be innocent, and that the Jews had arraigned him through envy. Judas, seeing the fell work of his treason, goes and hangs himself as Jesus is led away for crucifixion, at 9 a. m., Friday, the 6th of April, A. D. 30, and then, in this age, comprehend the Jewish spirit that could take Him and strip Him of His clothing, drive the cruel nails through His feet and hands and thus fasten Him to the cross, then raise it whereby His weight is sustained by His pierced hands and feet, and then allowed to hang six hours, suffering untold agonies. That is a depth of Jewish ferocity which this age, we are glad to know, cannot fathom; but it is because His life and Spirit have been elevating the nations from that day to this.

35. "And they crucified Him, and parted His garments, casting lots; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: they parted my garment among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." The guard of four soldiers divided among themselves His clothing, their usual perquisites; but they cast lots for his seamless coat or tunic. All after "that it might be fulfilled," etc., is omitted in the Greek text. The quotation is from Psalms xxxii. 18.

36. "Sitting down they watched Him there." The four soldiers under an officer were His executioners. "Watched Him," guarded Him. It was their duty to guard Him until He was dead.

37. "And set up over His head His accusation written: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." It was customary for the one to be crucified to carry his "title" or accusation suspended around his neck. His accusation or indictment was written in Latin, Greek and Hebrew, and was placed over His head by Pilate. And as it was intended as a sneer at the Jews, hence they desired it changed. It was written in Latin, because that was the language of the law; and He was executed by a Latin Cross. It was written in Greek, because the Greek had the cosmopolitan language, better understood than any other. And it was written in Hebrew, because He was a Hebrew and His accusers were Hebrews. But the crucified King of the Jews has become conquering King of all nations.

38. "Then were the two thieves crucified with Him: one on the right hand, and another on the left." More indignities were heaped upon Him than were ever heaped on another. A robber was released that He might be crucified; and then, if as in mockery of His claims as a King, He was crucified between two thieves.

39. "And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads." "They that passed by" the servile populace that were ready to subvert their interests by pleasing the chief priests and elders. They were not satisfied with vile words; they exhibit their malignant triumph by motions of their heads.

40. "And saying: Thou that destroyest the temple and buldest it in three days save Thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." "What a senseless accusation! He had rebuilt the temple in three days, which had only been completed in forty years, would have been a reflection on its builders. These revilers reasoned that if He could not save Himself, He could not save others. If men could crucify Him, He could not be the Son of God. The argument seems invincible until we learn that it was necessary for Christ to die to become a Redeemer.

41. "Likewise also the chief priests, mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said: 'The chief priests, scribes, and elders were they who had crucified Him, and they are there to clinch their work by mockeries.'

42. "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." He had saved others, and He had not come to save Himself from death by the cross. He could not abandon the rest of the world just to save His persecutors.

43. "He trusted in God: let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God." Observe the bitter taunt in all this. He trusted in God, as in the language above: "I will trust in the King of Israel to force them to believe would be to cause them to believe too late, as it was with Judas. Devils believe and tremble."

44. "The thieves also, which were crucified with Him, cast the same in His rebuke: both reviled Jesus, one repented, as we learn from Luke that he asked to be remembered when Christ entered His kingdom."

45. "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness all over the land unto the ninth hour." "Sixth hour" is 12 o'clock noon. This was not an eclipse, as astronomers well know. It may have been one of those "signs" which His crucifixion demanded: "ninth hour" is 3 p. m. Then it may have been that one thief confessed his Messiah, and the crucifying centurion said that He was truly the Son of God.

46. "About the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" As the darkness closes Jesus cries out in His intense agony. "Eli," is pure Hebrew, while "lama sabachthani" are Chaldee. Mark gives "Eloi," a Syro-Chaldee word, which means the same as Eli. Christ suffered alone, and hence His cry.

47. "Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias." They may have mistaken "Eli" for Elias, the Greek for Elijah, and they may have spoken in derision.

48. "And straightway one of them ran and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed and gave Him to drink." "One of them;" a bystander or soldier. He had cried: "I thirst," as we learn from John. They fill the sponge with vinegar and put it on a reed to give Him to drink. The vinegar was an insult, as we learn from Luke; and now it is offered in kindness to assuage His thirst.

49. "The rest said, let us be; let us see whether Elias will come to save Him." "Let us be;" care thou not. They desire Him to desist that they may see whether Elias will come.

50. "Jesus, when He had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." "Yielded up the ghost" (spirit); died. The utterances from the cross are as follows: 1. Just before the darkness. His prayer for His mother and for John. 2. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani." 3. His charge to John in behalf of His mother. 4. His cry of distress after the darkness. 5. His exclamation, "I thirst." 6. His cry, "it is finished;" and 7. The language as referred to in this verse, "as found in Luke xxiii. 46. 'Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit.'

51. "They crucified Him" and "they parted His garments." The "they" here means the four soldiers, and yet they were not alone responsible. Back of them was the Centurion, and back of the Centurion was Pilate. But back of all was the Sanhedrim moved by the scribes and Pharisees, whom He condemned. The question for us, however, is: would we have come out of our prejudice, and would we have accepted Him had we been there? If not, then we are hanging there crucified. Him, "we are to be judged, not only for what we do, but for what we would do under a given state of circumstances."

52. "They watched Him." We should watch Him, but in a far different way. Would that all, in mind, could see Him crucified, and be crucified for well all. Could we hear Him as He says, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," could we see the darkness that mantles all, and hear Him say, "it is finished," we might realize something of His merit in dying for us.

53. "The greatest calamity that could befall us would be for God to forsake us. He does not always forsake us when we may think He does. The sun is not blotted out by night."

54. Men did not understand Christ's life or His words then, and do not now. 48. The dark shadows that rested on all, touched the hearts of some. So trials sometimes soften the heart.

49. So many are watching and listening to Christ to-day, their minds in even balance, half afraid that "Elias" will come.

50. As the last words of Jesus were, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit," so should these words be ever in our hearts.

A GREAT deal of abuse has been bestowed upon "patent medicines or specifics." Many quick nostrums may deserve censure. It is, however, safe to say there are as few failures among patent medicines as among regular practitioners. There are many specific preparations that have been blessings to humanity. Jurglewicz's Anti-Rheumatic Mixture we believe is among this number. People who order it once always recommend it afterwards, feeling they but do a kindness to humanity. Read the advertisement elsewhere, and write to the proprietor for particulars and circulars.

The address of Rev. J. A. Clark, formerly of Christian, Palo Pinto county, will for the present be Guthrie, Jack county, Texas. Announced by request.

The M. E. General Conference.

It is thought the conference will adjourn June 1, and a "stampede for home" is even now threatened. The important business being disposed of, the recommendation of the Committee on Episcopacy, noted in last week's Advocate, for the election of a colored bishop, did not have a reception calculated to inspire the colored people with additional evidence that our Northern friends are averse to the "color line."

The matter was indefinitely postponed by a large majority, which practically kills the measure. During the week resolutions were presented; to set off the Black Hills country into a mission district; on "cheap church papers;" on "general conference representation;" on "the presiding eldership;" on "the committee on representation;" on "the chief ground of argument being that it took five hundred preachers from the various pulpits and cost the church about \$500,000 per annum;" providing that at each general conference the book committee shall ask if all the bishops are effective, and if any be found not effective they be retired and supported as supernumeraries of the church; "providing that each bishop should have episcopal supervision of a certain number of conferences; for four consecutive years;" "that a committee of thirteen be selected from the general conference districts presided over by a bishop, and that a suitable and central place be selected, by said committee, and suitable buildings be erected for all future conferences;" and, finally, a report was read on the 17th, asking that Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union, be called to the platform, and be allowed ten minutes to address the conference. A motion was made to grant the privilege, and a warm discussion followed, which was cut short by adjournment, and Miss Willard did not speak.

The memorial services on the 18th must have been of solemn and intense interest. During the previous session of the most useful men of the Northern Church have passed away. Memorials were presented of Bishops Ames, James and Haven, and of Secretaries Dashiell and Nelson. Rev. Dr. Foss read the memorial of Bishop James. He said Bishop James was a native of New York, a carpenter. In early life he studied law, then studied medicine and received his diploma in 1830. He entered the ministry in 1845; was soon appointed agent of Dickinson College, and afterward financial agent of the American Bible Society, and was elected its highest office in the gift of the church. In that office he served faithfully for thirty-two years. It was the office of bishop that made him great, and he will be spoken of for the next hundred years in connection with Paul, Wesley and McKendree.

Rev. Dr. Fowler read the memoir of Bishop Ames. Five years ago every eye was fixed on a central figure. That figure was Bishop Ames. Perhaps in many ways he was the greatest of men given to the church. His father was a chaplain in Washington's army. He was converted in 1827; joined the Illinois Conference in 1830; in 1832 united with the Indiana Conference; in 1840 was elected Secretary of the Missionary Society, and was elected Bishop in 1852. He was a heroic and noble man, and looked into the future, and was ready to grapple with any great proposition. It is difficult to sum him up. To him the church looked in time of adversity. Bishop Ames was the great organizer, Bishop James the great inspirer, Bishop Haven the great preacher, and Bishop Ames the great statesman.

The memorial of Bishop Haven was read by Rev. Mr. Mallalieu, of Boston. Bishop Haven was born in 1821 and died in 1880. As he delivered the oration over the remains of Bishop Ames, so his grandfather had spoken over the remains of Rev. R. Nelson, D. D. Dr. Curry had no paper prepared, owing to the short notice he had that his name was on the programme. Consequently he made a few off-hand remarks, stating what he knew of Dr. Nelson personally and by reputation. He has not been present at a general conference, and afterwards belonged to the same conference, but they saw very little of each other, and never heard each other preach. Dr. Nelson was the agent of the New York book concern when the speaker was editor of the Advocate, but they were not very little. He was stricken with paralysis when about sixty years of age, and died soon after.

A memorial of Rev. R. G. Dashiell, D. D., was read by Rev. J. M. Reid. The paper was a carefully prepared one, and presented the life-work of the deceased in glowing terms. He was born in Maryland in 1826, and at an early day was converted and resolved to devote his life to Christian work. He received a good education, and was prosperous in the ministry, especially in evangelical work. He was elected President of the glowing terms in 1868, and missionary secretary in 1872, which position he held until his death.

The American Bible Society reported as follows, on May 19th: Your committee have had submitted to them by the corresponding secretary, Rev. A. S. Hunt, D. D., a brief statement of the work of the American Bible Society during the last four years, and have had before them its latest published report. We notice that a system of colportage has been added to its methods, that district superintendents have been reduced to the number of seventeen, and that \$2,000,000 has been expended during the quadrennium in the work of preaching and circulating the word of God in this and other lands. Its work has been enlarged, in the meantime, by new fields of operation in Persia, Mexico, Brazil, and on the western coast of South America, and it has met this increased demand for bibles and testaments by issuing upon the average of five copies per minute for every working day of ten hours during the entire four years. It has issued the scriptures in new forms, and translated it into other languages, among which we may mention the Turkish and Dakota languages, an English Bible at a cost of but twenty-five cents, the New Testament in Japanese, and an English testament which is sold at five cents per copy. During the past four years the secretary has made grants in bibles to various churches and missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, and also to our Sunday-school Union and Freedmen's Aid Society. In addition to this, grants of money to the amount of nearly \$28,000 have been made during the same period to the missionary society of our church for missions in Norway, Sweden, Germany, Italy, India, and Mexico.

The Secretary was then instructed to cast the vote of the conference by which Dr. Nast was elected as editor of the Christian Repository.

The report of the Committee on Representation was read. It provided for delegates for every presiding elder district, and that they shall be twenty-five years of age and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for five years.

At 11 o'clock, the time fixed for the ordination of the newly-elected bishops, the hall was filled to its utmost capacity with visitors. The stage had been beautifully decorated with plants and flowers, and the tables and chairs were now removed, leaving only the sofas on the rear of the stage. The following resolutions were introduced by the venerable Bishop Scott announcing the 18th hymn:

"Draw near, O Son of God, draw near."
Bishop Bowman made the ritualistic prayer. Rev. Dr. Olin, of Wyoming conference, read a portion of the twentieth chapter of Acts, and Rev. Dr. Hitchcock read a portion of the twenty-first chapter of John. Rev. Dr. Butler presented Dr. Warren for ordination, saying: "We present to you this holy man to be consecrated a bishop." Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald presented Dr. Hunt, and Bishop Simpson read a portion of the ritual, and Bishop Foster led in prayer. Bishop James presented Dr. Hunt, and Bishop Simpson presented the ritualistic questions, to which the candidates answered. Bishop Wiley led in prayer, and Bishop Haven presented Dr. Hunt in silent prayer. This was followed by the "Veni Creator Spiritus." After prayer, the bishops and elders laid their hands upon the heads of the candidates, while kneeling, and Bishop Scott said: "Lord pour upon them the Holy Ghost and power, and make them bishops in the church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the church and through the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

PHILADELPHIA has been selected as the place of holding the next General Conference. The measure recommending that the General Conference be continued every two years—say, in Philadelphia—was adopted. The measure recommending a lay delegate to every six parochial charges was adopted.

The report of the Freedmen's Aid Society recommended that the management and organization remain the same as heretofore, and that a portion of the funds of the said society be used for the education of colored children in the South. A general discussion followed upon the establishment of white schools. Mr. Rule advocated and claimed that by assisting the poor whites the color line would be broken down; that their ministers would be better educated, and their churches would take a higher stand and have a more rapid growth. Dr. Curry admitted the necessity of assisting in the education of the poor people of the South. The white people are the ruling race, and should be lifted up in order to hold up the colored race; but the color line exists, and will remain during this generation. The two races must be dealt with separately, and the poor whites could not be reached through the Freedmen's Aid Society. The society was established for the purpose of assisting the colored people, and any other application of the funds entrusted to the society would be a misapplication of the money. Ram Chandra Bose called attention to the fact that in India there were people of all colors, and that the missionary money should be spent only for their benefit. Mr. Skunkle claimed that the society had all the work that they could do, and the education of both classes could not be done by the same organization. The African M. E. Church, in session at St. Louis, had one Dr. Smith, delegate from a British conference, to preach to them. He had preached only forty minutes when a note was handed him signed by a white member, and it read: "Brother, you have preached an hour and a half." He quit in short order, and the next day's session ended the "brother," who had measured time by his yawns rather than by his watch.

LIGHTED candles appeared on the altar of the Episcopal church at Springfield, Ill., last Sunday. The rector, Rev. Mr. Larrabee, referred to the fact at some length in his sermon, defending the use of the eucharistic lights; denying that it was a step toward Rome, and asserting that the custom was as old as the church, and that it was entirely proper to revive it.

SOME good man (name not given) writes Dr. A. W. Wilson, asking information as to the amount needed by Bro. Patterson (in Mexico) to equip a native for the work in that land. Having in mind to furnish the money, Dr. Wilson was authorized to draw at sight for the amount. This is the true missionary spirit.

The first Friday in June is set apart for the Montana Conference, (M. E. Church, South,) as a day of fasting and prayer, for the more general out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon our church in Montana, and for the sending forth, by the great Head of the Church, of more laborers into this needy field.

Rev. W. F. Dickerson, of New York; Rev. H. M. Turner, of Georgia, and Rev. O. H. Cain, of South Carolina, the newly-elected bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church were ordained May 23. Bishops Bayn, Wyman, and Campbell were the chief officiating divines in ordination.

REV. EZRA F. BRISBY, a member of the Baltimore conference, M. E. Church, South, died Feb. 10. He was sixty-three years old, and had been in the ministry thirty-six years.

REV. J. H. HILL, a superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, died at his home near Sladesville, North Carolina, last week.

MAY 20, the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church was opened in Madison, Wis.; the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church met in Charleston, S. C.; Dr. T. A. Hoyt, of Nashville, moderator; the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened in Evansville, Ind.

POLITICS—Dr. Mitchell—Car Toon.

Dr. Mitchell objects to Car Toon's pay-as-you-go communication. He divides it into two parts, and objects to both: To the latter, because it was purely political; to the former, because it makes an irreverent use of Bible history. I trust that as a young man—perhaps not over-discerning—the rebukes from an old and experienced minister are accepted with becoming modesty; and that they may result in sufficiently humbling the writer. I am a little doubtful as to how I shall vote for the impudent irreverent use of Bible history. I did not mean it in the least in my references to Gov. Adam or Lieut. Gov. Eye. Being "distant relatives," I have the kindest feelings for them. But if it has offended Dr. M., I am willing to apologize. It is possible some rather harsh terms were used in referring to Treasurer Serpentine. It is hoped this did not offend; for it must be understood in advance that even respect for Dr. M.'s superior knowledge and great experience can not induce on my part any concessions to the devil.

As to the charge of politics, I really can not see that it is warranted. Moral men, temperate men, truthful men, have been advocated for office. The conclusion has been reached that the custom of electing such men has been grossly dishonored in the breach rather than honored in the observance. The character and habits of present officials have been used as premises, in part, from which to derive the conclusion. It is held that any tax-paying citizen has the right to draw the chalk-line of truth along the old, warped and tortuous Texas political logs, and then proceed to hew to that line. If a clerk kills a Texas official or their friend in the eye, it is not the fault of either the clerk or the lawyer.

Now, let us look a moment at the "politics" in Dr. M.'s letter. He goes much further than Car Toon. After giving Governor Roberts a reputation on "heavenly evidence" for morality, temperance and honesty, he actually advocates him as the best Governor.

It is, if Dr. Mitchell had been an old and wily politician, I should have called his document a very shrewd device for getting a "beam" started in favor of his candidate. As the doctor is a minister of the gospel, of deep search and brilliant talent, I assume that he considers himself, because of superior knowledge and judgment, entitled to special privileges. He has the right to get a "beam" started in favor of his candidate. As the doctor is a minister of the gospel, of deep search and brilliant talent, I assume that he considers himself, because of superior knowledge and judgment, entitled to special privileges. He has the right to get a "beam" started in favor of his candidate. As the doctor is a minister of the gospel, of deep search and brilliant talent, I assume that he considers himself, because of superior knowledge and judgment, entitled to special privileges. He has the right to get a "beam" started in favor of his candidate.

I guess I had better quit this thankless task of pointing out immoralities in Texas politics. Reasons: (1) I am not a politician, and I have no political ambition. (2) I am not a member of the Texas Legislature, and I have no right to interfere with its proceedings. (3) I am not a member of the Texas Executive Council, and I have no right to interfere with its proceedings. (4) I am not a member of the Texas Judiciary, and I have no right to interfere with its proceedings. (5) I am not a member of the Texas Legislature, and I have no right to interfere with its proceedings.

A Missionary Proposition.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, May 22.—Dear Sisters of the M. E. Church, South: In the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE of May 15th there is a letter from A. P. Parker, in China, in which he says that he has been a year in the field of a school in Tong Tsing. Now, I propose to be one of five to raise ten dollars each, for this purpose. Who will be the others? I do not ask the wealthy; they can do more; but those who like me, can do but little, can take up a collection from friends, and by their means we surely can raise ten dollars each. Please answer through the ADVOCATE immediately, and when we have five names we will commence work. Be it remembered, we do not propose to limit the number to this proposition. All we can raise will be needed. I have no let us think and pray for this one work in particular, and I believe God will bless the effort. It is but a small thing for the State of Texas to raise fifty dollars, while in the hands of a judicious missionary it may do a great amount of good.—LESLIE B. RILEY.

PALUXY, Hood County, May 20.—Our second quarterly meeting over; good attendance on the part of the officials; presiding elder, Bro. Andrew Davis, present; six children and one adult baptized. During the sacramental meeting, there was a little stir, because a demanded baptism, which was attended to, creating much feeling in the congregation. She was six years old; her mother, who was a strict member of our church, is dead; but her influence is living. We had some conversions and several accessions to the church last quarter; meeting closed with penitents at the altar.—M. MILLS.

BOLIVAR, Denton County, May 20th.—I have just returned from Decatur. Bro. Brown is doing well, but it is a fact that Methodism is losing its proselyting power, because they do not build a church. They have as much solid wealth there as at Galveston, and there is both a good church and a parsonage. Bro. Brown is a discreet, judicious pastor; but Paul's or Peter's hands would be tied in Decatur without a church. Our people are worshipping in the Presbyterian Church; a thing almost unprecedented in a new country.—W. W. BRIDWELL.

MARLIN, Falls County, May 24.—The recent rains have given bright prospects for the largest crop that this country has seen for years. Church out-look is encouraging; six accessions yesterday; congregations good and attentive. Our good people attend punctually to the temporal necessities of the preacher. Children's picnic last Friday.—W. L. ANDREWS.

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Dear Sir—I have used your excellent Indian Blood Syrup for various ailments, which troubled me severely, and a short trial entirely cured me. SARAH A. SAWYER.

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Dropsy cured. Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have used your Indian Blood Syrup for Dropsy, and it has entirely cured me. J. SIMONS.

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Cures Dyspepsia of Long Standing. Dear Sir—This is to certify that, being afflicted with dyspepsia for twenty years, and was unable to keep my food on my stomach, throwing it up after eating it. The use of your great Indian Blood Syrup has cured me. W. P. McDAVID.

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The amounts apportioned to the annual Conferences M. E. Church, South, for Foreign Missions for the year 1880, are as follows: Alabama Conference, \$6,750; Virginia Conference, \$8,000; Western Virginia Conference, \$1,000; North Carolina Conference, \$8,000; South Carolina Conference, \$3,500; North Georgia Conference, \$7,500; S. Georgia Conference, \$5,000; Florida Conference, \$1,000; Alabama Conference, \$6,000; North Alabama Conference, \$5,000; Louisiana Conference, \$4,000; Mississippi Conference, \$4,500; North Mississippi Conference, \$5,000; Memphis Conference, \$6,000; Houston Conference, \$1,000; Tennessee Conference, \$8,250; Kentucky Conference, \$5,000; Louisville Conference, \$6,000; Denver Conference, \$250; St. Louis Conference, \$2,750; Southwest Missouri Conference, \$2,750; Missouri Conference, \$5,250; Western Conference, \$5,250; Little Rock Conference, \$2,000; Arkansas Conference, \$2,000; White River Conference, \$1,500; Indian Mission Conference, \$150; Texas Conference, \$2,500; North Texas Conference, \$3,500; East Texas Conference, \$1,750; Northwest Texas Conference, \$1,250; West Texas Conference, \$1,250; Columbia Conference, \$200; Louisiana Conference, \$150; Pacific Conference, \$750; Illinois Conference, \$1,250; German Mission Conference, \$500; Montana Conference, \$100; Indiana Conference, \$100. Total apportionment, \$128,200.

One of the Roman Catholic journals in Mexico has written: "It is necessary that the Catholics rise resolutely and make a rapid and voluntary movement in defense of their beliefs. Today, unfortunately, the Protestants come with a subvention, and their efforts are extending throughout the whole country. They are buying up the writings at the lowest prices, even give them away, sometimes in tracts, sometimes in papers, which is their favorite method of sowing the bad seed; and, sad to say, in exchange, the Catholics are being driven out of their parishes and churches."

From a highly eulogistic introduction of Dr. Buckley as his editorial successor, we learn from Dr. Fowler these facts: Dr. B. was born in New Jersey, 1830; is the son of a Methodist itinerant. He was educated in Pennington Seminary, N. J., and Wesleyan University, the latter giving him since, degrees of A. M. and D. D. He joined the itinerancy in 1852; spent 1863 in Europe; except this interim he has been in the itinerant work until present time. He has been a member of the cities of the United States. In Montreal the *Witness* and *Times* refused to advertise him, and in Belleville the City Council would not allow him the use of the City Hall. An effort has been made by a few kindred spirits in Toronto to induce him to accept of a prominent position in Canada; but two insignificant men were chosen to receive it.

The African M. E. Church, in session at St. Louis, had one Dr. Smith, delegate from a British conference, to preach to them. He had preached only forty minutes when a note was handed him signed by a white member, and it read: "Brother, you have preached an hour and a half." He quit in short order, and the next day's session ended the "brother," who had measured time by his yawns rather than by his watch.

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Some Reflections.

The people of Texas are waking up to a true sense of the merits of our ADVOCATE. Men begin to see that it is a power socially as well as morally. That its bold publication of "wickedness in high places," while it has aroused all the animus and malignity of "whisky soaks" and their "red-nosed" satellites, (the Galveston News for instance,) it has, nevertheless, touched a chord in the hearts of men of thought, who are not members, and yet not unfriendly to any church, which has vibrated into the formation of wholesome laws for the State, until men begin to argue that the "Sunday-law" and "Bell-punch-law," are but its legitimate result. And this belief is not confined to the ministers and members of the Methodist Church, but is confirmed by the opinion of prominent men in our sister denominations. At the second quarterly conference for the Davilla circuit, it was remarked by an eminent Presbyterian divine, that "there was no doubt but that the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was leading the van in the great work of reform in Texas."

People must be shown the evils in society oftentimes before they will become aware of their existence. And this must be done, not by catering to the whims of men in position, but by an honest, bold effort to point out the evils where ever they exist, and by whomsoever they are practiced.

It is not necessary in order to the accomplishment of good, to make any compromise with sin, and a true man will never do it. It was certainly never the Divine plan. The "straight way" was always the same. The great law of "holiness" was never changed—never lowered to meet the dark passions of humanity. If we intend to write and preach against sin, we must expose it as such wherever found. Wicked men expect it, and they are disappointed in us when we fall short of the high standard we (ourselves) have erected. When the bar-keeper picks up the ADVOCATE, he expects to see young men warned of the dark abyss into which he will lead them. When the trickster, the forger, the embezzler, or the hypocrite reads it, he expects to see himself held up as an object of scorn and ridicule before a civilized world. When the infidel reads it, he expects to see himself pointed at as a robber, of the best, the highest, the holiest interests of human life. He knows that if we are true to principle, we will protect our children from that poor, ignorant wit, by which he would assail religion through any secular paper. And when men compromise the holy claims of the church or cater to popular sins because they are popular, they do what the wicked world don't even demand. And this is what is making so many infidels to-day. It is not so much because they object to the Bible—not because the beautiful temple of Christianity has been built with "unpolished stones and untempered mortar"—not because its principles are faulty. There are no flaws in the building. Its Gold-built walls have stood the successive shocks of the embattled hosts of hell, through the storms of eighteen centuries; and its mighty arch will rise in majestic grandeur to the bar of eternal judgment amid the crash of worlds! But it is because, as Bro. Baird has well shown in the 17th issue, (unintentionally it seems,) that the "infidel" and the "fanatic" fail to find in some (though thank God they are but few) that "well-rounded Christian life" that should "adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things." The "putrid carcasses" of "moral pollution" held up before the world by good men as well as "bad men" at "Plymouth church," at the "Brooklyn court-house"—might we not say at Wauhatchie and Fort Worth also—is certainly enough to drive men away from the church, and almost enough to justify the aforesaid brother in the assertion that the church was preparing a history with "blighting, damning influence" for "future generations." Yes, "if it is God's church" and if "He is the head of it," His laws must govern it, and one of the immutable laws of His nature is that He is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity."

J. H. COLLARD, JR. ROCKDALE, TEXAS, April 28, 1880.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.—The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at the second quarterly meeting of Pilot Grove circuit: "Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our much esteemed and beloved brother, John Golden, a local preacher; therefore, be it Resolved, 1. That in his death we have lost one of our most efficient members, and the church a faithful proclaimer of the gospel. 2. That we extend our sympathies to his bereaved family. 3. That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be furnished the bereaved family, and also the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication."

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE for Stomach Weakness. Prof. Adolph Ott, said: "In the plurality of cases I saw the violent symptoms yield, which characterizes that disease, and give way to a healthy action of the functions impaired."

Some Advice from an Exhorter.

EVERSTON, May 5, 1880.

You remember last summer, when things got so hot along the line, I quit. I was afraid of some of your critics. But I can stand it no longer; "shoot or no shoot," "critic or no critic," I'm bound to have space. Big preacher or little preacher, steward or layman, great or small, good, bad, or indifferent, I must have space in your paper—(very valuable paper I should have said)—because the man that occupies the space, is the man that occupies attention. The reason I am so anxious to write is to let the world know what our preacher is doing. I see in the paper reports from this, that, and the other circuit preacher, about the condition of things, and I wonder why don't our preacher tell you he has "been around the circuit" two or three times, and that "church conferences are good things," and that he "has to administer church discipline." We like intuitively to know all about other folks' business, family or circuit. Then he has never written one word about the church that he was going to build; whether good crops were made, and plenty of people moved in this fall to help; he has had one or two class-meetings and not one word do I see! We (the people) are getting "sorter to wonder why it is." We don't know. It may be you won't print what he does send—for we learn that you belong to the "ring that is trying to bulldoze the M. E. Church, South," of which Dr. Mood or Dr. Kelly is president. But if that is the case you had just as well come out of that—for this part of Texas is preparing to run herself in case of civil war. I asked a brother the other day why we were not represented in the great Texas Methodist organ—people love to be represented—and he said our preacher was afraid. The fact is, he says, there is just such shooting, and banging, and cross-firing, he don't know how to say anything that somebody won't "cut up at." If he should write his name to an article, somebody would call him a goose; and if he should fail to sign it, then some one would say he was firing from ambush. You keep fussing at the "Yankees"—Edwards, Fowler & Co. You don't understand them as I do. Give them an "awful letting alone." They enjoy sticking pins into you, just to see you kick; and they will make almost any sacrifice for a little fun, to say nothing about the expenditure of an article so little valued among them as veracity. Some say you are trying to force a great question upon the people: Temperance and honesty. What do you mean? Do you think everybody crazy? Don't you know religion has to be advertised to be known? Where will you find an editor of a political paper, though he be a member of the church, yet, a minister of the gospel, that will do battle on your side, to say nothing of church members that are never known as such except upon church rolls. Ask the press of Texas, that favors intelligent, moral, good government to rally, and you will see how badly you are "left." No, sir; you are too fast. We are not the people to stop, and ponder, and act over these little things. We are driving heedlessly and defiantly through all the political quagmire that surrounds us, to death and desolation, and expect to leave to our children anarchy, oppression and poverty. THOS. LATTIMER, Exhorter.

DANCING.—There is much said on the subject of dancing at the present time. The time has come when it has many advocates, even among professed Christians. One thing is certain, dancing is either right or it is wrong. There is either good in it or there is evil in it. If it is right, the Christian church ought no longer to oppose it. For without doubt she can find enough evil to oppose without contending against imaginary evils. If dancing is wrong, she ought to put it down, at least within her own pales. Well, who will contend that it is right? Who are they that advocate it? It may be admitted that there are good people that favor dancing. But would not these same persons make greater sacrifices and go further to attend a dance than the house of God? Has any person ever been noted for dancing and piety at the same time? Have non-professors confidence in the religion of members of the church who dance? Would they be apt to ask such to pray for them or to tell them what they must do or be saved?

While it is allowed that there are some good people, in a worldly sense, who indulge in dancing, is it not true that nine-tenths, or at least a large majority of the votaries of the dance, dwell in the tents of wickedness? Are they not often drunkards, swearers, gamblers, bar-keepers? Is it not a noted fact that most dancing masters belong to these classes? Does not this correspond with what Job says (chapter XXI.) when describing the wicked: "They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance."

Thus far I have considered the question: is dancing right? As to the question: is it wrong? we have the united testimony of the most exemplary members of all the churches. I shall only have space to give the statement of Dr. Clarke in his comments on the dancing of

Herodias: "After so fatal an example as this, can we doubt whether balls are snares for souls, destructive of chastity, modesty, and sometimes even of humanity itself; and a pernicious invention to excite the most criminal passions. How many on such occasions have sacrificed their chastity, and then to hide their shame have stifled the feelings of the human being and the parent, and by direct and indirect means, have put a period to the innocent offspring of their connections! Behold! here, ye professedly religious parents, the fruits of those times elegant breeding and accomplished dancing. Fix your eyes on that vicious mother, that prostituted daughter, and especially on that murdered ambassador of God, and then send your children to genteel boarding-schools to learn the accomplishment of D-A-N-C-I-N-G! where the fear of God makes no part of the education." G. S. SANDEL.

PILOT POINT, Denton Co., May 10.—And it came to pass on the Sabbath day, the people of God assembled themselves together to worship (at least some of them did), and the sinners also came; and while the sinners listened to the man of God, some church members amused themselves by seeing how much tobacco juice they could defile the house of God with, inasmuch that the sinners marveled greatly, saying one to another: "Did you ever see such spitting?" "Oh," says one, "it is their own church; so it don't matter." Says another: "I wanted a chaw as much as the good brother that puddled the aisle for the ladies' skirts to trail in, but I had a little too much respect for the Lord's house to spit on His floor." Such remarks were heard by your humble correspondent on coming out of a certain church on a recent Sabbath day. O, ye followers of the Lord Jesus, must it be said of you that a sinner has more respect for God's house? We have a live preacher at this place—zealous in the cause of the Master. Success to the ADVOCATE in defense of the pure and good against whisky-rings, rum-holes, and evil doers generally.—JAS. A. THOMAS.

YOUNG-FORT, Bell Co., May 10.—An Example Worth of Imitation: Yesterday Bro. T. H. Gatlin, superintendent of Live Oak Sunday-school, who is above sixty years of age, walked two miles to Sunday-school; and after attending to the duties of his office, drew a map of the Holy Land on the black-board, and spent some fifteen or more minutes pointing out the various places mentioned in the first few chapters of Matthew, and telling us the interesting sacred incidents connected with these historical places. What other country Sunday-school has one so competent to give the historic and topographical information needed with the spiritual? Have had fine rains. Protracted meeting appointed to begin here July 8. Send Bro. J. up; some of his old friends live here, and are anxious that he should come. He never saw such a country as this.—J. S. CLOWER.

At the stated meeting of the Board of Managers, American Bible Society, May 6th, the death of Mancius S. Hutton, D. D. was announced. George H. Prince, Esq. of St. Petersburg, who for many years has kindly superintended its work in Russia, was constituted a director for life of the American Bible Society. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Distribution, appropriations of funds amounting to \$48,250 were made to the Society's agencies in Brazil, Persia, Turkey, Russia, China, and Japan, and to the Bible Society of Russia, for various expenditures during the current year in publishing and circulating the Scriptures. Numerous grants of Scriptures were also made for general distribution, the aggregate value of the books being about \$13,500. The receipts for April were \$26,540.34. Copies of Scriptures issued, 115,478.

Some souls absorb every sunny ray of God's blessings, and become hideously black in their selfishness. Other souls scatter what they receive in every direction, becoming to the dulled eyes, absolutely snow-white in their goodness.—John Martin.

Feelings come and go like light troops following the victory of the present; but principles, like troops of the line, are undisturbed and stand fast.—Richter.

Death worketh. Let me work too. Death undoeth. Let me do. Buy as death my work I ply. Till I rest in the rest of eternity. Time worketh. Let me work too. Time undoeth. Let me do. Buy as time my work I ply. Till I rest in the rest of eternity. Sin worketh. Let me work too. Sin undoeth. Let me do. Buy as sin my work I ply. Till I rest in the rest of eternity. —Bower.

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FLINT HILL, Medina Co., May 16.—Yesterday (the third Sunday in May) our new church at this place was dedicated by the presiding elder, W. T. Thornberry. Our missionary assessment for this place fully met. Efforts are being made to bring up all other assessments. Live Methodist lovers of the ADVOCATE here.—J. C. RUSSELL.

RETIREMENT, Somervell Co., May 15th.—The crop prospects are flattering. Corn and cotton grow well. Farmers are well advanced in their work. Wheat and oats generally promising. Health good. Everything hopeful. The Waco extension of the Central Railroad has already reached Morgan, six miles north of Meridian on Steel's creek—on the road from Kimball to Meridian. ADVOCATE comes regularly and is well read.—TEXAS.

MILAM, Sabine County, May 13th.—The second quarterly conference for Milam circuit was held the 8th and 9th instants. The official attendance not full. Finances behind, owing no doubt to the fact that a great deal of corn has been imported into this country. The outlook on the charge is promising. Crops look finely. Fruit crop will be light. Health good. Hon. John Polley, of this county, lost one of his legs this week. He was accidentally shot—had to be amputated.—G. D. WISON.

BEDIAS, Grimes Co., May 17.—The second quarterly meeting for Zion circuit embraces the fifth Sunday in May, at New Hope, (Bedi). Bro. Kennon, preacher in charge, presided in his appointments. People well pleased with presiding elder and preacher in charge. We are hoping and praying for a good time at our quarterly meeting. Prayer-meetings good and well attended; two weekly class-meetings, and attendance not falling behind in good condition, growing in interest and numbers. Would like to have the Circuit Rider call on us.—J. W. JONES.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT, North Texas Conference, May 13.—The 24th, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and continue over Sunday. The opening sermon is to be preached by Rev. Jas. Graham. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all to come. In order that we may be able to assign visitors to societies without delay, we request that you notify us of your intention to come. Please remember, brethren, we cannot take care of horses. Our city is accessible by rail from every part of the district, and we will make the best arrangements for your fare we can. Other notices will be sent in due time. "The Circuit Rider" is especially invited to be with us.—D. M. PROCTOR, P. C.

PITTSVILLE, Fort Bend Co., May 18.—On the 13th inst., a few miles north of Pittsville, at a social picnic, we had the pleasure of listening to a speech from Mr. W. A. Parker in defense of the Sunday law, after which the question was submitted to the audience—consisting of about sixty adults, male and female—for action, and without a dissenting voice all voted in favor of sustaining said law. With the aid of the preachers and delegates of Galveston district who expect to attend the session of the district conference, to convene at Asbury chapel June 16, please notify me at Pittsville, Texas, that the better provision may be made for their entertainment.—H. F. BEASLEY.

JEWETT, Leon County, May 18.—Second quarterly meeting for the Jewett circuit over. Bro. Mackey, presiding elder, in his place. Our efforts at that place have been signally blessed. The Lord was with us in power every service, and we realized that it was "not a vain thing to serve the Lord." We established the first church organization that has ever been in Marquez; also organized a Sabbath-school. Spiritually, we are advancing and are expecting an praying for a general revival. "Lord save us, or we perish." We have been sorely afflicted by bodily afflictions, by which we were kept from our work several weeks; also by the death of our little babe. But thanks be to God, "there is balm in Gilead."—C. W. DANIEL.

TEXAS, Jackson Co., May 17.—Yesterday I organized a church with seventeen members on Rogers' prairie. This is a new appointment on the Texas circuit taken in this year, and at present we are using a school-house; but I have no doubt the organization of the church will be a stepping-stone to the building of a church-house. Five of the members were taken in by ritual, three were from the Baptist Church, and the others by letter and transfer from other appointments. One thing I note with pleasure about this community: they have interest enough in religious matters to attend church on Saturday. Last Sabbath one week ago, I received two members at Texas. Our membership is gradually increasing and the organization of the work is solid, and hence we are sweeping along successfully. "The Lord has done great things for us" during this and last year, "whereof we are glad."—M. A. BLACK.

ALVARADO, Johnson Co., May 15.—Another Opinion: I come not cross swords with Sister Zara, because I belong to her class of "ossified fossils," and would be sorry, indeed, to incur the displeasure of the Valley View sisters; but to tell her and all others that I was astonished to see a fictitious story in the ADVOCATE, I had read its columns from childhood, and had learned to look upon it as an organ emanating from a God-fearing and God-serving people, so long as the Methodist Church sends forth a paper dedicated to Christ and truth, void of the pomp and glory of earth and of the carnal desires of the flesh, shall length of days, strength and faith attend it; and perchance it may fall in the pathway of some one that has the same God that Elijah and Elisha did. If Kathleen Douglas is a true story, I do not object to it; but if an imaginary creation of the brain, I do. I was searched for that first love story written on the hearts of the first man and woman by the Lord Himself in the beautiful garden, but I can not find anything that I conceive to be a love story, especially one like unto Kathleen. I do not hesitate to say that if the "aerial" has been ever loved, indeed, that the women would have read it with preference to anything else in the paper, while biblical instruction and weightier matters would have been deferred until another time. Great God! is this the light we set upon a hill? Is this the example that is to tell upon the destinies of our children, our now reading sisters and brothers, in that dread eternity? Sister Zara, I, too, have a boy; and by the help of God I hope to teach him to flee the unrighteous manhood. Every mother is accountable for her child; and her children love her first and most; and follow her footsteps in the morning of life and forget not her teachings upon the stream of time. Then, let us look to the spiritual welfare of our children, rather than to the gratification of our carnal inclinations; and if God be God, follow Him, and touch nothing that is unclean, or has even the appearance of evil.—NEMISEM.

WACO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.—The eleventh session of Waco district conference was held in Kosse, May 12-15. Rev. Thos. Stanford, presiding elder in the chair. Thirty-five members were present, including nine of the twelve pastors on the district. The state of the district was carefully looked into and from the minutes of the previous conference the following items were reported: Statistics—Number of members received, 155; dismissed, 150; died, 20; adult baptisms, 13; infant baptisms, 29; conversions, 41; appointments, 43; prayer-meetings, 37; class-meetings, 21; Sunday-schools, 14; churches, 10; Sunday-schools, 962; Union Sunday-schools, 13; Methodist superintendents in union Sunday-schools, 7; churches, 14; parsonages, 5; colleges, 1; ADVOCATES taken, 145; Monies Raised.—For Bishops, 0.45; conference claimants, \$2.50; district claims, \$35.70; domestic missions, \$36.00; the poor, \$140.00; Sunday-schools, \$238.00; incidental expenses, \$273.50; building and repairing, \$1,030.00; salary of preachers, \$1,953.08; amount of deficit, \$5,127.62; value of churches, \$35,000.00; value of parsonages, \$10,000.00; value of other church property, \$21,225.00. About one-fifth of the heads of families hold family prayers. H. L. Taylor, A. A. Beville, John Lloyd, and J. M. Willis, were elected delegates to the annual conference. Jesse Friggs and A. J. Graves, preachers in charge, presided in his appointments, and pledged the support of the conference to the Southwestern University, Waco Female College, and the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were adopted. The session was harmonious and pleasant and the preaching was evangelical and full of grace. Resolutions endorsing and pledging the support of the conference to the Southwestern University, Waco Female College, and the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were adopted. The session was harmonious and pleasant and the preaching was evangelical and full of grace. Resolutions endorsing and pledging the support of the conference to the Southwestern University, Waco Female College, and the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were adopted.

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HACKBERRY, Lavaca Co., May 18.—Our third quarterly meeting is over; had a tabernacle; fair attendance of the official members. Finances considerably behind, owing to the fact that the money for the cotton crop is about all gone. The presiding elder was in good time, and did faithful work. He tells me he had not missed an appointment this year, and I trust his health may be preserved.—J. F. DENTON.

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MR. SHAW, the Home Ruler, says that if Parnell's policy on the land question is identical with the vote expressed by him in America he will not remain a member of the party. THE Archbishop of Quebec has issued another pastoral against trades unions, threatening to excommunicate any Catholic who attacks or conspires against persons willing to work.

IT is reported in England that the new ministry will confine legislation respecting Ireland at the close of the present session, and that the renewal of the peace preservation act will not be proposed. A BELGIAN family of eleven arrived in Rochester, N. Y., recently, destitute of money and unable to speak English. An examination of the novel in which they settled during the week revealed the fact that two of the children had died of starvation.

THE London Times, in view of the enormous ocean transit at present between Europe and America, suggests that each ocean steamer carry two steam launches in place of two ordinary ship boats. One launch should be powerful enough to take two ship boats in case of accident, and the other, of lighter construction, and very fast, might be rendered capable of being dispatched to the nearest point for assistance.

RUSSIA is energetically preparing for war with China. An officer left St. Petersburg recently with orders for General Skobloff, who is to be appointed commander-in-chief of the far eastern frontier. The activity of the Muscovites in Asia is attributed in England to the accession to power of Mr. Gladstone, who, it is thought, will not object particularly to the extension of Russia's conquests, provided India is not disturbed.

NEARLY two thousand French Canadians attended a meeting in Montreal last week in favor of commercial union with the United States. Mr. Perrault, who spoke, claimed that the stagnation in the trade of the Dominion was caused by Great Britain's selfish policy in shutting Canada out from the enjoyment of her treaties. He believed a remedy for the hard times north of the great lakes could be found in closer commercial relations with the United States.

A LETTER from Aleppo, the capital of a pashalik of the same name in Syria, states that the famine now raging there is appalling. Hundreds of men, women and children, through the streets in the vicinity of the governor's residence praying and fighting for bread. Before the earthquake of 1822, this city contained over 200,000 inhabitants; it now contains near 100,000. At one time it was of great commercial importance.

FRANCE will take the initiative in demanding from the porte acceptance of an international commission of supervision and administration for Turkey. The project contemplates the application of all customs, port dues, and tribute to administrative expenditures, thus shutting off the supplies of the pashas. A telegram from Constantinople says the creation of the commission is much dreaded there, and that the sultan, with the fate of the ex-kingdom of Egypt before his eyes, will certainly resist the proposal.

THE French chamber of deputies consists of about 180 active members; 140 belong to the right, 140 to the left centre or pure left, 140 to the advanced left, and 40 to the extreme left. Half the advanced left constantly support the government, while the other half are in opposition. Bresson, and Bert, republican, who want office and are willing to overturn the cabinet, even by a coalition with the right. The Bonapartists and monarchists are always willing to overthrow the cabinet, believing constant changes and turmoil will dispirit the people with the republic and the extreme left is ready to use any means to exhaust the moderates. Hence the danger of the adverse coalition vote. It is believed, however, Premier de Freycinet will be able to hold out either until the legal time for elections or until the plainly irrevocable attitude of the chamber renders dissolution inevitable.

PARLIAMENT assembled May 20. The queen's speech promised early steps to compel Turkey to fulfill the Berlin treaty, and assiduous efforts to establish an independent government in Afghanistan; invited special attention to the Indian finances, and announced that the South African colonies had been advised to form a confederation. In regard to legislation, the speech states that parliament will not be asked to renew the peace-preservation act for Ireland; it will be invited to pass an act for the settlement of the main question, to renew the select-voting act, and to enact laws giving more effectual protection to occupiers against injury from ground-game, for the determination of the liability of employers for accidents sustained by their workmen, and for the extension of the borough franchise in Ireland. In the debate on the queen's speech, Lord Beaconsfield and Mr. Stafford Northcote expressed a deep desire to know what the instructions were with which Mr. Goschen had been dispatched to Constantinople. In reply to the latter, Mr. Gladstone said that he regarded the settlement of the Greek and Montenegrin questions as of pressing importance, and he believed it desirable to let Turkey know that England had no special and separate interest in the maintenance of the Ottoman empire.

TERRELL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Scye et, 1st Sunday in June Trinity et, 2d Sunday in June Trinity et, 3d Sunday in June Pleasant Grove et, 1st Sunday in July Forney mis, 2d Sunday in July Rockwall et, 3d Sunday in July Farmville et, 4th Sunday in July Wills Point sta, 1st Sunday in August Adkinsprings et, 2d Sunday in August Kaufman et, 4th Sunday in August R. M. POWERS, P. E.

INGERSOLL AND INGERSOLLISM. A LECTURE BY REV. G. W. BRIGGS, GALVESTON, TEXAS. A pamphlet of twelve pages. Price 10 cents.

TEXAS, Jackson County, May 25. Professor T. S. Gathright, president of Henderson College, and formerly of the State A. and M. College, died here rather suddenly on yesterday from congestion of the liver. He was buried today. On Saturday he was apparently well. Some sickness among us, mostly measles.—S. W. TURNER.

GEORGETOWN, Williamson County, May 18.—One J. Y. Harris, pretending to be Treasurer of the Bank of Commerce, Georgetown, has maliciously misrepresented this bank. No call is made for assistance. Our country is in a prosperous condition, and prospects for crops were never better.—James T. HARRIS, Proprietor.

TEXAS, Jackson County, May 19.—I have noted with pleasure the efforts that are being put forth in this county during this year to make farming a success; and from the present standpoint, success seems to be attainable. The outlook for enterprise and industry is flattering in a high degree. Our people are attending religious services splendidly.—M. A. BLACK.

GEN. LONGSTREET is nominated minister to Turkey. CROCKERY men petition Congress to remove duties from the wares in which they deal.

DR. GABRIEL KAISER, of Louisville, Ky., went to the grave of his wife and shot himself. A LADY living at Anabia, Indiana, who was bitten two years ago by a cat, is now suffering from hydrophobia.

MORE than thirty-one thousand emigrants have landed at New York since the 1st of May. SENATOR GORDON, of Georgia, has resigned, and Joseph E. Brown has been appointed in his successor.

FORTY-EIGHT hundred people in North Hungary are living on grass and mushrooms and the famine is increasing. ONE of the Jews ordered to leave St. Petersburg is a citizen of the United States.

SEVERAL vessels are said to have been sunk in attempting to force their way through the immense fields of ice on the New Foundland coast. THE Cincinnati Southern has reduced passenger rates to two cents per mile, and a railroad war will probably be the result.

MR. HAYES threatens to call an extra session, if Congress shall adjourn without making some provision for the counting of the electoral vote. An abandoned mine under Scranton, Penn., is caving in, the results being great alarm and the destruction of considerable property.

THE Confederate memorial day was observed at Richmond, Va., May 19th, with much parade. Business was suspended, and the schools closed for a part of the day. PERMISSION has been obtained to run the Dakota extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad through the Sisseton and Wapeton reservations in Dakota.

GEN. JOS. E. JOHNSON received a very enthusiastic reception in Nashville, May 18th, when he arrived to witness the unveiling of an equestrian statue to Stonewall Jackson. FIFTEEN squatters who recently attempted to locate on the North Fork of the Canadian river, in Indian Territory, have been arrested by a detachment of soldiers.

CATTLE shipments from New York are unprecedentedly large, and orders were sent to Chicago, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis, for 10,000 head in addition to the usual week's supply. AS COMPARED with the corresponding week of last year, the gain in bank clearings in nineteen cities is 41.1 per cent. In eighteen, New York being left out, it is 27.5 per cent.

DAKOTA wheat is 20 per cent better than at this time last year, and the wheat acreage along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad is about 10,000,000 against 6,000,000 last year. THE body of a Philadelphia police officer, who died in 1874, has been found to be petrified. It weighs five hundred pounds. Some of our Texas officials are "petrified" when it comes to enforcing laws that conserve morality.

JUDGE TRACY, at St. Louis, decides that a river steambot which employs a crew for a round trip and dismisses them before the trip is ended, is liable for their transportation back to the starting point and their wages until their arrival. FOREST fires still prevailed to a great extent during last week in the coast counties of New Jersey. In some of which the destruction of property has been almost total. The people have fought the flames for weeks, and are now exhausted and disheartened.

ONE Mr. George, a Southern railroad man, has been the cause of great sensation in Washington, D. C. He reports that he is ready with proofs that in 1877 the proprietors of the Texas and Pacific Railroad had \$42,000 to Congressmen, and distributed bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 to obtain a land grant. THAT colored cadet, Whitaker, is about to be proven quite a clever knave. The evidence now is that he wrote the celebrated note of warning which he caused to have found in his room, and it is more than likely that he is author of all the mischief he imputes to the white cadets.

A STATEMENT issued by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics shows the total value of exports of domestic breadstuffs from the United States during April was \$21,679,115, and during April of the previous year, \$14,128,530; for six months ending April 30 last, \$297,306,615; for the corresponding period of the previous year, \$149,085,290.

THERE was a heavy decline in stocks in wall street last week, Canada Southern and Pacific Mail falling off several points. A rumor that the Dutch bondholders were unamiable caused the "Christian Advocate" to have just the belief that the Union Pacific Railroad will soon gain control of the steamship line is attributed the collapse of the securities of the latter.

IT has been discovered that the new rules of the house of representatives, instead of enabling the majority to control and expedite legislation, have just the opposite effect. No measure, save appropriation and revenue bills, can be taken out of its order, unless by unanimous consent. There can be no suspension of the rules except on the first and third Mondays, and even then it is in the power of one member to prevent action in any proposition by introducing and demanding the reading of interminable bills. There are eight thousand measures on the calendar, many of them of great importance, but not one in a hundred can be reached at the present time, owing to the fact that a single objection will prevent the consideration of any bill out of its order.

THE consideration of Mr. Morgan's joint resolution, prescribing the mode of counting the electoral vote, is the most interesting congressional measure now pending. A joint resolution is not subject to veto by the president, yet has all the force of law. The Democrats have a majority in both houses, and hence can, by joint resolution, secure the counting of the electoral vote in any manner they see fit. The Republican press of the country denounce Mr. Morgan's resolution as an effort to steal the presidency, and apply to its author and supporters all those pet names familiar in partisan politics. When the resolution has passed through the amending process to a point where we can decide as to its details, the ADVOCATE will give its text in full, and our readers may judge for themselves of its merits.

MARRIED. CHAPPELL—SLAUGHTER—At the residence of the bride's mother May 19, 1880, by Rev. J. L. Murray, Mr. W. C. Chappel and Miss Alice Slaughter, of Travis county, Texas. YOUNG—WILSON—By the Rev. J. J. Davis, May 13, 1880, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Joseph Patterson, near Hillsboro, Mr. Joe Young and Mrs. Sarah A. Wilson, All of Hill county, Texas. CATER—BARBER—In Lovelady, April 22, 1880, by Prof. Humphreys, Mr. D. J. Cater and Miss Belle Barber, of All Lovelady, Houston county, Texas. May their voyage through life be pleasant and prosperous, and may they anchor at last in the haven of eternal bliss.

STUCKEY—HARRIS—May 23, 1880, by Rev. E. M. Winburne, at Southern Hotel, Mexia, Texas. Mr. R. H. Stuckey and Miss Emma L. Harris. Hours—Blossoms—By Rev. J. Clark Smith, at the residence of the bride's father, May 9, 1880. Mr. Thomas Howe and Miss Mattie E. Brooks, both of Cass county, Texas. JEFFERSON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Kellyville et, at Vinger, 1st Sunday in June Linden et, at Trinity, 2d Sunday in June Dainzerfeldt et, at Elliott's chapel, 3d Sunday in June Jefferson sta, at Jefferson, 4th Sunday in June Mt Pleasant et, at Mt Vernon, 5th Sunday in June Koppelville et, at Smyrna, 6th Sunday in July Texarkana mis, at Kingsville, 4th Sunday in July Boss et, at Red Bayou, 1st Sunday in August Queen City et, at Hickory Grove, 2d Sunday in August AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Austin sta, 3d Sunday in August The district conference will convene at Jefferson, June 21, 1880. We will be glad to have the favor and presence of all those who are dear to God, consider yourself specially invited. We extend a hearty invitation to visitors. R. LANE, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND. Lamar street, June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

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But to Lily all the cat's words and lamentation sounded only like "mew, mew," and she replied, "Be quiet, Pussy; you ought to be very glad that your kittens are going to good homes ..."

Then Lily trotted out with her little bare feet, and Mrs. Purr sat down in a corner and wept, using her tail as a pocket handkerchief.

"Yet, my dear," said he, "it is not long ago, surely, that I overheard you complaining of the size of our family, and wishing we were fewer in number."

"Ah! too true! too true!" sighed poor Mrs. Purr; "but then I never dreamed of any one taking away my three handsomest and best children."

"But, my love," replied Tom, "do you think you would rather have parted with coaxing, loving little Pop; or our lively, merry Waggle-tail; or patient, gentle, wee Kitten?"

"The truth of it is," said her husband, gravely, "that when we make burdens of blessings, they are often taken from us, while the very things for which we were longing prove, when we obtain them, to be our greatest trials."

Your opinion of Mrs. Purr, dear readers, would have risen, we are sure, could you have seen how modestly and gratefully she took this lesson from her lord and master; a lesson which may not come amiss to us, perhaps, when we feel inclined to grumble at our lot in life—a lot sure to be best, because it is arranged for us by One "too wise to err, too good to be unkind."

PATIENCE.—How much we need of patience to overcome all the trials and disappointments which we have to encounter in our everyday life! It may be some one speaks unkindly to us, but should we reply harshly? No, how much better to answer kindly, for "a soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

A man has no more right to say an uncivil thing than to act one; no more right to say a rude thing to another than to knock him down.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

God makes the earth bloom with roses, that we may not be discontented with our sojourn here; he makes it bear thorns, that we may learn to look for something better beyond.—Ludlow.

No lie you can speak or act, but it will come, after longer or shorter circulation, like a bill drawn on nature's reality, and be presented there for payment with the answer: No effects!—Carlyle.

All vocations are but divers jets of one fountain, of which every performer is a mouth-piece, as the apostles spoke in many languages when on each of them lighted in flames of fire the Holy Ghost.—C. A. Bortol.

"Calumny," says Archbishop Leighton, "would soon starve and die of itself if nobody took it up and gave it lodging." "There would not," says Bishop Hall, "be so many open mouths if there were not so many open ears." The hearer is as bad as the tattler.

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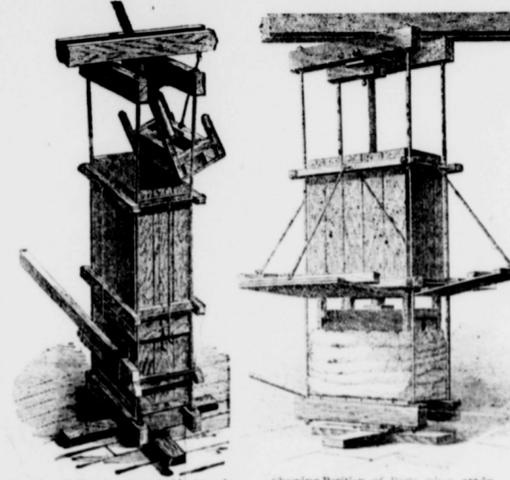
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Dr. Mood on a Critic of the Quarterly Review.

Allow me to thank the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for a thoughtful courtesy which has been forgotten by other journals...

"he was out of humor." One such paragraph in twenty-five years under such circumstances may have been "enormous and inexcusable egotism."

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Reading the whole paragraph would have prevented the doctor's making the statement that the design of the writer was to put himself "in contrast with the servile adulators of the official press of the church."

(Rev. G. W. Briggs in St. Johns Church Bulletin.) "Owe no man anything," says the Scripture. To obey this is to be a free man, if you live in a hotel; to disobey it is to be a slave, if you live in a palace.

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What rusted lock will best close the gate of the temple against those who ought to be within? A church debt.

What, if it can be avoided, is a sin against God; and if it cannot be avoided, is the saddest, most deplorable thing possible to any church? To be in debt.

But fault or no fault, if the debt be there what should be done? Repudiate? No! The church of Christ cannot repudiate!

Blessed God, give us this week, year, during all weeks, the Spirit of Him who "took upon himself the form of a servant," that he might retrieve "the mistakes of others."

EFFECT OF IMAGINATION.—To regain or recover health, the mind of unhealthy persons should be relieved from all anxiety concerning disease.

Did the Eternal fulfill his gracious promises on the instant, where would be the trial of our faith, and our confidence and constancy in prayer.—Grace Angilar.

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