



Texas Christian Advocate.

An Interesting Letter.
OF A HEARTY HEART AND EVER-BLASTING OF WARM HONOR.

THAT CHRISTMAS.

BY PATSY PRINE.

(From the Galveston Journal.)

We had an amount of fun that Christmas—though it was not so very enjoyable either, taken in one sense of the word. Pansy and I had talked and strolled for a month beforehand, and all our planning and working had produced nothing more valuable than a smoking-cap for papa, and some patry rifles to satisfy the cravings of little Rose. True, papa rarely ever smoked, but when he could afford that luxury he enjoyed it wonderfully; and we knew he would like the smoking-cap. His snipers were played out a little, but new ones were beyond our reach, as was the magnificent dressing-gown that had fluttered temptingly before our "mind's eye, Horatio," for many a day. Pansy and I had acted as Santa Claus now for year after year, and never had our task been quite as hard as it was this Christmas that was about to dawn.

"Each teacher, you know, puts on a present for each member of his class."
"I am very sorry, Mrs. Lillard," I began, but she interrupted me.
"O, now, don't say you can't do it, because you know you can, if you'll only try. Your class are rather large, but five or six dollars from each of you will do the thing nicely, and of course you can spare that much. To be sure the times are hard—we are all having hard times," Mrs. Lillard glanced at her purse—but even if it causes a sacrifice, I never shrink from a sacrifice when duty demands it."

hurried down from the sitting-room and passed in the open door of the dining-room, too much astonished to move. The group within had not heard me, and they went on stealthily with their work. There was one standing by the table, with a huge basket before her, and the table was already laden with its contents, and she was still unpacking. A turkey was there, of magnificent proportions, and there were plates of snowy bread, and abundance of every luxury that could tempt the appetite. A gentle roaring from the stove, in the kitchen beyond, and the odor of boiling coffee told that some presiding genius had taken his place. There was one festooning the window-curtains with Christmas evergreens, while another was putting on the wall the best letter of "O Beloved Pastor." Over in the corner two or three were adorning a miniature Christmas tree with toys that would delight the heart of a child, and others were filling the room, it seemed to me, with everything that was bright and gay, and everything that had longed for. Papa's dressing-gown was among the rest—how my heart thrilled as I saw it unfolded and laid over his chair. And then I became conscious at the same time that the whole party were looking over my shoulder, and that some one in the room saw us, and gave a startled exclamation. They were all around us in a moment, shaking hands, laughing, and some exclaiming: "Merry Christmas to you all! Merry Christmas, little Patsy!"

The following letters are selected from hundreds, the originals of which can be seen in my office:
MONROE, LA., July 27th, 1877.
DR. W. L. J. GIBBON.
My Dear Sir—Enclosed please find postpaid order for one bottle of your Rheumatic Medicine. You will remember me as the person who was so badly afflicted with that disease in 1871, and who was clerk in the District Court in your city, and through whose recommendation some of your Medicine was sent to California. I have always recommended it wherever I have come in contact with those afflicted with Rheumatism. A gentleman of the firm for whom I am book-keeper, has had it now for about two weeks and to-day he is very bad in his hips and legs. It is for him the medicine is sent for. I have never been troubled with it since I took the one bottle of it only.
Very truly yours, W. M. SMITH.
JACKSON, MISS., June 2, 1877.
DEAR DOCTOR J. GIBBON—I have tried your Rheumatic Medicine, and I can tell you that it is a most wonderful medicine. Before I took it, I could not walk, and now I can run like a horse.
G. G. WILLIAMS.
A young lady was speaking to a friend who had called upon her regarding a trait characteristic of her mother, who always had a good word to say to every one. "Why," she said, "I believe if Satan were under discussion, mother would have a good word to say for him." Just then the mother entered, and was informed that the daughter had said, and she quietly said: "Well, my dear, I think we might all imitate Satan's perseverance."



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To Readers of the Conference Daily. It was announced in the last issue of the Conference Daily, at Breunham, that if possible another number would be issued...

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MANY of our churches in Texas, during the recent session of conference, sent to appointing power the request to send them a pastor who would "build them up." It is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The telegrams tell us that Sara Bernhardt left Montreal in triumph. Her engagement there was successful and a large company of friends accompanied her to the depot. It was a triumph, but in all our broad connection, is the man for the work provided, fully preacher and people comprehended both the apostle's meaning when he said to the church in his day, "and now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up."

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TEXAS METHODISM.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

W. H. Lafore, San Saba, San Saba county Dec. 6: I shall now make good my promise to you in a short article from San Saba. I received the ADVOCATE on Sunday morning 17th at night. On Sunday morning I went to church, heard a sermon by a Cumberland Presbyterian, was invited to a seat in the pulpit, and to close the exercises, which I did, and enjoyed the services of the hour. The congregation gave good attention; the singing was a marked feature of the service, which I enjoyed much.

Robert M. Morris, Corwin, Barnett Co.: Rockwall circuit. I got to my new field of labor in time to try to reach the 1st Sunday in December at Rockwall. I am young in the cause, and I have almost a new work. I have to travel about forty miles up and down the Colorado river, so I am apt to have some ups and downs (the mountains of course). I am well pleased with the country and the people, and find the ADVOCATE is not taken but by a very few, but I am going to do my best to get all to take this good paper; and I hope and pray that the time may come when it shall be found in every Methodist family. Fine weather; and cotton about all out.

Sam C. Vaughan, Jewett, Leon Co., Dec. 21: I reached my circuit the second day after conference. Met many warm-hearted friends. Have moved to Jewett. Have preached but four times yet, owing to inclement weather. The other day in my attempt to get to my home, I got stuck in my mud, and finding it empty, left two wagon loads of corn. Is this criminal, Mr. Editor? If so, what's the penalty? Jewett is a wide-awake railroad town. I think all the merchants are doing a good business, and are selling a great many goods. One house here keeps seven clerks very busy. [For the above named offense there should be good preaching and faithful pastoral work by the preacher, and then such a revival as will bring the people to God, and faithfulness when the preacher and people work together. That is what a people deserve who treat their preacher as those good people have treated Bro. Vaughan.—Ed.]

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A. P. H., Desdemona, Eastland Co., Dec. 20: Again we have been visited by a light snow and very cold weather, but it is now clear. Cotton picking is about over, and a church-going party toward the setting sun. What a lamentable fact! Some church members do not trust the love of God as sufficient warmth during the chilly months, and go to bed, and get an irritable temper, a maddening headache, and the awful injunction: "No drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven!"

F. M. Story, Pleasant Grove, Navarro Co., Dec. 21:—First quarterly meeting for Corsicana circuit over. We had a good time. God's blessing attended the preaching of the word. Saints rejoiced in the love of God; sinners wept and asked, and prayers were a spontaneous dinner served in the best style by the good sisters on the ground, our P. E. Mackey called the conference to order. Pastor M. K. Little was on hand, and ready with all his reports; official attendance good. Bro. Little is well received, although there is no boxing or pounding. A prosperous year is before us.

O. M. A., Retirement, Somerville Co., Dec. 18:—Christmas is at hand, yet we have corn and cotton still in the field. The pleasant weather of the past days ended last night, and today we have a cold rain. Have finished the first round on the Glenrose circuit, am getting a good start in the work, and hope for a prosperous year.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

John B. Smith, Gainesville, Cooke county, Dec. 22: The Gainesville circuit stands as it was in 1880, with no appointments, the further from Gainesville, as a center, is not ten miles. It has territory and people plenty to make it a first-class work. It has three churches, and we want to build at least two more this conference year. Will do all we can for our good old ADVOCATE. The ground has been covered with snow since the 19th, and it is snowing to night.

S. H. Renfro, Pilot Grove, Grayson county, Dec. 21: Everything moving on very well. The farmers have got their cotton and all out. We have got new furniture nearly ready to move into. We like the work so far. Hope we will have a good time spiritually. Pray for us.

J. W. Lively, Mesquit, Dallas county, Dec. 11: The world moves, so do we. Think we have local option all over the circuit; no returns yet. Almost afraid to issue our laws, but we think we have it. Whisky has long made Mesquit the rendezvous for the riff-raff of the land. We are going to turn a new leaf and build a church house. The other day at the polls we stood erect and walked straight as we decently dressed, wore a clean shirt, voted local option straight. A few more copies of the ADVOCATE wanted up this way.

I. S. Ashburn, Pittsburg, Camp Co., Dec. 15: Our appointments remind us of the old time play, "Antony and Cleopatra." The new passage is a luxury—complete and nice. Pittsburg can boast of a good and intelligent people. First quarterly conference passed. Brother Neely preached a good sermon at 11 a. m., and the pastor failed at 7 p. m.; we received six returns, and a good time. Please send a large lot of sample ADVOCATES. We find three Texas and three Nashville addresses here. We want to improve at this point.

W. R. Manning, Atlanta, Cass Co., Dec. 21: After a few weeks of cold, wet and muddy weather I arrived all over. Fine and pleasant weather, the new kind and obliging people a people of enterprise, intelligence and high moral tone. You know how many ADVOCATES come to this office, and I intend to augment the number as much as possible. A very sad, and I fear fatal, accident occurred in the West. A Bro. Stevens, running a wagon, hauling wood, was caught in the wheels while the team was frightened and running; was very seriously wounded about the head and face. He is a member of my church.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

G. H. Phair, one of the Sunday-school committee, Madisonville, Madison county, Dec. 20: I was very careful in gathering statistics for the report on Sunday schools, and I find some mistakes in the ADVOCATE figures, which please send me to correct. Texas Conference Sunday-schools: 68 officers and teachers, 474, not 511; scholars, 2481, not 2631; volumes in library, 7152; visitors taken, 1148; magazines, 368; lesson papers, 1575; money expended, \$1,563 10. The Swedish mission schools were the only ones I got to get the statistics of.—The report given was taken from the secretary's books. Knowing the care with which the statistical secretary had gotten up his report, we are inclined to regard his figures as reliable. The discrepancy very likely is not the fault of either the secretary or committee, but may be found in some of the reports made from circuits or stations.—Ed.]

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

T. S. Garrison, Caledonia, Rusk Co., Dec. 12: I arrived home Dec. 6th. Tuesday, the 7th, was election day for local option, and I am proud to say I carried by a vote of three to one. In precinct number four, Rusk county—this embraces the larger portion of Pine Hill circuit—whisky being sold in front of our church is no more. All praise to him who directs everything well. The ADVOCATE is indispensable in our family.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

E. Robertson, Laredo, Webb Co., Dec. 13: I arrived here last night. As I had to travel night as well as day, I am somewhat wearied after the journey of more than 700 miles. Bro. Norwood is away from home on his district. The school at this place is progressing finely. At San Antonio I heard one of our missionaries preach. When they learned I was going as a missionary they crowded around for a hearty handshake. O how anxious they are for the gospel! Shall we withhold a helping hand? brethren, pray for our work.

Co., Dec. 14: My first quarterly conference over. Presiding elder present. He is paid in full for that quarter. We preached him through. The people pleased. Communion service very solemn. Much good was done. The new church is begun. It must be completed this year. ADVOCATE popular; hope to get more subscribers.

POSTAL CARDS.

JARRISSA, Cherokee county, Dec. 16.—There was an election held in this place on the 11th of this month for local option. The whisky ring was badly beaten. Only seven votes were polled for whisky, and fifty for local option. So you see how the people stand on this question in this pleasant village. We have a very quiet little town, and a church-going people. I have lived here for two years, and have seen but one or two drunk men since I have been living here. May the good Lord bless the people.—L. C. CROUSE.

HOCKESS, December 16.—An old lady, Mrs. Sarah Carille, of this town, desires, through the ADVOCATE, to make inquiry of the whereabouts of Mrs. Smith White, formerly Miss Smith White, of Coosa county, Alabama, who is now reported to be living in Hopkins county, Texas, but whose postoffice is not known. By giving publicity to this you will greatly oblige an aged and needy lady. Any word sent me will be handed Mrs. Carille.—S. H. WRELLIN.

MILLSAP, Parker county, December 14.—Nice December days; cotton nearly all out and ready for market; not much wheat sowed this season, and guess we've missed it by so doing. Farmers are planning for a big cotton crop next year. The railroad is opening up this country amazingly. The coal beds near Gordon have created quite an excitement; enterprising parties are prying into the coal deposits all around. Epizooty and staggers are afflicting horses—not very serious yet; cattle are doing well; law and order, peace and plenty are blessings.—TOM.

CENTER POINT, Kerr county, Dec. 7.—Clear and cool yesterday and today; white frost and thin ice in the night. Large assemblage at church last Sabbath and at night. Horse race on Saturday, the 4th inst. A young sportsman lost seventy-five dollars. At night a group gathered on the river bluff and dealt with cards. Several of the party got drunk, and the ruling sentiment condemns all gambling. It is a new thing here. Wheat sowing is progressing. Professor Goss' school is doing well. We congratulate the Island Queen on the recommendation of five hundred thousand dollars to deepen its channel waters.—H. A. G.

UVALDE, Dec. 16.—We have a U. F. Temperance here, which is doing a good work. "When kept up," it is an auxiliary and sometimes "feeder" of the church. But, alas, there is a drawback. "When kept up!" How often, from a brilliant light they dwindle down to the faint flickering of a tallow dip.—FELIX A. KNOX.

MILLSAP, T. and P. Railroad, Dec. 20.—After several warm days of dry weather, Saturday was a very gloomy and rainy, and at nightfall snow began descending, continuing several hours, and Sunday was too inclement for the preacher or congregation. This, however, has been a pretty day but for the snow on foot and the cold, bleak north wind; but for all this, to-day has been utilized in a general hog-killing, and we are going to celebrate the 25th by reveling in fatty-bread and spare-ribs, instead of calling on "Bacchus." I am sorry to say some church members are forgetful of their vows as to attend neighborhood shins digs. Shame on such; but the devil will have his.—TOM.

SHERMAN, Grayson county, Dec. 15.—Weather warm; appearances of rain; health good; trade tolerable; cotton coming in pretty lively; the general ally seem to be cheerful; North Texas College moving onward; Dr. Pitts' health improving; will soon be in new building; hope to see this beautiful structure filled with cheerful and happy young ladies soon. Send us Northern Texas year-books, if you shall have no occasion to send them to any other state for an education.—D. M. PROCTOR, Agent for N. T. C.

MADISONVILLE, Madison Co., Dec. 17.—Returning from the conference I met a lady who said she was introduced to the bishop at Breunham, but forgot his name, and described him with a stout dark complexioned man with a bald head. I said that was C. H. Brooks. "Yes," she said, "Bishop Brooks." Query? Have we bishop timber in the Texas Conference.—HOWARD.

MISSION VALLEY, Victoria Co., Dec. 16.—The long continued rains have ruined completely all the sweet potatoes that were not gathered before the rain. Many families that raised hundreds of bushels of the potatoes have now not a bushel for the table. Hogs are generally fat; cattle doing well, and horses are dying from some disease. Sheep have suffered considerably, but are doing better now. Roads are drying considerably, but are still bad. All the farmers ought to be planting; they are all waiting for the holidays to pass first. Perhaps they will wish they had done differently.—G. ONDERDONK.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—God's Commentary on Luke, with preface and notes specially prepared for this edition by John Hall, D.D. Godet's celebrated Commentary on Luke (perhaps the best commentary on this gospel ever written) has been selling in this country heretofore at \$6. I. K. Funk & Co. have now in press an edition which will supply at popular prices. They are actually giving it as a donation to every subscriber for their Preacher and Household Monthly. Their reprint is verbatim, includes all the notes, all the Hebrew and Greek words—everything contained in the English six dollar edition. The type is large, well-set, headed, and the paper is good. The book is octavo size. A preface and notes for this American edition have been specially prepared by John Hall, D.D., thus greatly increasing the value of the original to all American readers. This commentary is most highly commended by such men as Spurgeon, Drs. Crosby, Cuyler, Wm. M. Taylor. All will agree with Dr. Crosby that Godet is a "man of soundest learning and purest orthodoxy." The commentary ranks very high in this country and in Europe. There could be no better hand-book of the kind for teachers in our Sabbath-schools, who during the next six months will find their lessons in the gospel of Luke. Preachers can now add to their libraries, at a trifling cost, a most valuable book of reference.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

ROSEBERRY—OWEN.—On Monday night, November 29, 1880, at the residence of Col. James Porter, in Grayson county, Texas, by Rev. E. D. Pitts, D. D., Rev. Francis A. Ross, of North Texas Conference to Miss Acker Olen, of Grayson county. May God bless this man and woman as he blessed Isaac and Rebecca.

BARNETT—PENKILL.—On the 8th inst., by Rev. A. F. Cox, at the residence of T. W. Barnett, Mr. Thos. G. Porter and Miss Julia B. Pennell, all of Lavaca county, Texas.

JEFFRESS—ARNOLD.—On the 7th of December, by Rev. R. N. Brown, at the residence of Col. H. D. Donald, Mr. H. T. Jeffress, of Meachlingburg county, Va., and Mrs. S. T. Arnold, of Decatur, Wise county, Texas. Western Methodist sect copy.

HUNT—KINNEY.—On the 19th of December, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. W. Dickinson, Mr. J. B. Hunt to Miss C. E. Kinney, all of Bell county.

HENRY—STOCKTON.—Monday night, 1st of November, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. W. R. D. Stockton, by Rev. Horace Bishop, Rev. H. B. Henry and Miss Mamie Stockton, all of Northwest Texas Conference.

PAPA—SMITH.—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Smith, in Upsher county, by the Rev. W. H. Stephenson, Mr. O. R. Fife and Miss F. J. Smith, on December 16, 1880. May the blessing of kind providence attend their union.

WINTERS—ROBINSON.—December 21, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. William Robinson, by the Rev. J. G. Johnson, Mr. J. F. Winters and Miss Lucy A. Robinson. All of Walker county, Texas.

WHITE—LEON.—December 23, by Rev. J. M. Wesson, Mr. Jas. T. White, of Washington, and Miss Hester Ann Sloan, of Grimes county.

SMITH—SANFORD.—At the residence of the bride's father, Elkana Sanford, by Rev. J. T. Smith, December 20, 1880, Mr. Hugh Smith and Miss Fannie Sanford, all of Shelby county, Texas. May the sweetest of the honeymoon linger through life.

DIMMITT—CROCKETT.—At the residence of Hon. E. R. Crockett, December 16, 1880, by Rev. W. Wooten, Rev. E. F. Dimmitt, of the Texas Conference, and Miss Mary Crockett, of Manor, Texas. May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon their nuptial.

WATT—PRINCE.—At Weatherford, Parker county, Texas, December 13, 1880, in the M. E. Church, by Rev. J. B. Allison, Dr. R. L. Watt and Miss Jennie Prince.

BOOKER—WILLER.—Married, in the Methodist church at Independence, December 22nd, by Rev. B. D. Dashiell, Mr. W. L. Booker and Miss Carrie E. Willer, all of Washington county.

ATKINS—BARTLETT.—Married, on the evening of December 10th at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. F. Bartlett, by the Rev. T. R. Atkins, Mr. H. H. Atkins, of the Texas Conference, and Miss S. E. Bartlett of Live Oak county.

OUTHOUSE—BIBLE.—Dec. 2, 5 o'clock p. m., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. F. Clark, Mr. Lewis F. Outhouse and Miss Selma E. Bible.

PROCTOR—CROFFIN.—December 2, at 6 o'clock, at the residence of A. P. Templeton, by Rev. W. F. Clark, Mr. John Proctor and Miss Selma E. Bible. Chippin, all of this city. Had on the person to have to eat two wedding suppers in one hour.

Having failed to make satisfactory terms with existing cable companies, the American Union has determined to have ocean cables of its own, without delay. Active competition in ocean telegraphy would give great satisfaction to the public, if not to the stockholders of the older companies.

Longevity.—The means of Prolonging Life after Middle Age. By J. Gardner, M. D. No. 15, Humboldt Library of Science. Price 15 cents. J. Fitzgerald & Co., 112 4th Av., N. Y. A very useful book. It contains no nonsense, but simply sensible recommendations to people who have passed the meridian of life, instructing them how they may drop down the hill with the least possible amount of suffering, and live out the full period of their valuable lives. We commend it as a valuable guide to all who are beginning to be sensible that they are less strong than than they used to be.

The large two column advertisement of the Hewitt Manufacturing company on fifth page should be read. The company hold certificates from the following persons and firms, any of whom may be addressed as to the merits of the article advertised: Mrs. John Weeman, Erie, P. O., Monroe Co., Michigan; Mrs. John Nelson, Monroe, Michigan; Mrs. Senor Bohrer, Tillam, Seneca Co., Ohio; Mrs. Edmund Stiles, Factoryville, Pa.; Mrs. J. W. Smith, New Jersey; Mrs. C. White, Archbold, Fulton Co., Ohio; Mrs. Thomas Thorn, Wauseon, Fulton Co., Ohio; Mrs. Geo. Smith, Lima, Allen Co., Ohio; Mrs. Wm. Koenigsmeyer, Anna, Union Co., Illinois; Mrs. L. M. Swalley, Lima, LaGrange Co., Indiana; Mrs. J. Packer, Barkersville, Saratoga Co., New York.

The authorities at Socorro, New Mexico, having failed to get the murderer of Conkling, the editor of the Socorro Sun, the citizens took the matter in hand arrested the murderer and also the sheriff and three others. A rescue of the prisoners is threatened, and if carried out, would be coming over the call has been made on the military commanders of the district, and thought troops cannot be used as posse comitatus yet a company has been ordered from Colorado to New Mexico as a protection for the public property of the railroad company. Bodies of men from Albuquerque, and other points have gone to Socorro. The women and children have been moved out of town. Acting Governor Rich is doing all in his power to secure proper action in the trouble.

GOLLAD, Gollad Co., Dec. 24.—Sad, sad, sad. A man whose name was Garner was killed here yesterday. Gambling was at the bottom of the affair. The devil seems to be unrolled loose—one man sent into eternity, another's hands are stained with blood, and a dark shade thrown over many loving hearts. Many good people related to both parties will be almost crushed by the sad affair. When all the people wake up to the general good of man.—B.

Many of the San Francisco dailies met Moody and Sankey's meeting with the slang of the slugs in their daily reports; but a change is coming over the tone of the San Francisco press. They now report the meetings in respectful language.



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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

So the dispensation of the Holy Spirit will last, and his work extend over the ages, till all which may be done by him for human salvation will have been exhausted. The gospel will be preached, and the mission sent to all nations, and converts be made in all lands, and the words of life and the church and its ordinances be given to all people.

The third man was very selfish, and was saying to himself: "O, who can help me, for I feel that I cannot carry this terrible weight any further?" and when he felt the stranger touch him on the shoulder and offer to take his burden, he said at once: "It is very kind of you; I am very thankful; please take it, for I see you can bear it, and I can not."

The first wrong button,—"Dear me!" said little Janet, "I buttoned just one button wrong, and that made all the rest go wrong;" and Janet giggled away and fretted, as if the poor buttons were quite at fault for her trouble.

"Patience! patience!" said mamma, smiling at the little fretful face, "and next time look out for the first wrong button, then you'll keep all the rest right." And, added mamma as she tucked up the night and ordered the sewing face was smoothed once more, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind; another and another is sure to follow."

A GLORIOUS THING.—Men of the world are sometimes ashamed to pray, and are unwilling to be seen in a pious circle; but they only proclaim their spiritual ignorance and blindness. The following paragraph indicates more wisdom and discernment: As John Fox approached the close of life, and felt his strength gradually stealing away, he remarked on his increasing weakness, and added, "But I can pray, and that is a glorious thing." Truly a glorious thing; more glorious than an atheist or pantheist can ever pretend to. To look up to an omnipotent Father, to speak to him, to love him; to stretch upward as a babe from the cradle, that he may reach his child in his everlasting arms to the resting-place of his own bosom, this is the portion of the dying Christian. He is overheard thus speaking with himself: "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ." The eye of the terror-crowned was upon him, and thus he defied him.—Family Treasury

DEAD OF DEATH.—Age, that lessens our enjoyment of life, increases our desire for living. Those dangers which, in the vigor of youth, we had learned to despise, assume new terrors as we grow old. Our caution increasing as our years increase, fear becomes at last the prevailing passion of the mind, and the small remainder of life is taken up in useless efforts to keep off our end, or provide for a continued existence.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. From Pretoria by George Pomeroy Colley. They don't wish war and will appeal to arms only in self defense. It rests with the British whether this should be done. If it is done it will be with all respect for the Queen and a full knowledge that it was a struggle for the sanctity of the faith which had been broken by British officers. It was hoped that an amicable arrangement would be arrived at with Major Layton as the Republic was anxious to cooperate with England in everything leading to progress. This could be done only by acknowledging the independence of the Republic. In response Major Layton issued his proclamation offering pardon to all who would immediately withdraw from the malcontents.

A PARABLE.—There were three men walking up a steep hill, each very tired, with a heavy burden on his back. Then there stepped up to them a strong, kind man, who said to them: "Let me take your burdens; I will carry them for you." But the first man said, "I have no burden," for he had carried his burden so long that it seemed like his clothes, or like part of his body, so that he did not feel it, and did not know how much better he could walk without it. So the first man would not have his burden touched.

The second man was very selfish and unkind himself, and he thought all other people must be selfish and unkind, so he said: "You want to play me some trick; I do not believe you want to touch my burden; I will not let you touch it."

The third man was very tired, indeed, and was saying to himself: "O, who can help me, for I feel that I cannot carry this terrible weight any further?" and when he felt the stranger touch him on the shoulder and offer to take his burden, he said at once: "It is very kind of you; I am very thankful; please take it, for I see you can bear it, and I can not."

The Liverpool correspondent of the *Drovers' Journal* writes as follows: "Enormous quantities of apples are arriving, and they are sold in nearly every part of London and Liverpool, and perhaps in other places. Women stand in front of the places of amusement all night and offer choice American apples 'three for a penny.' The large arrivals are accounted for by the fact that American shippers of live stock, finding the English market against them during October, threw up their engagements for space, saying to the vessel broker: 'Rent the space for what you can get, and we will make up the deficiency, if there is any,' and so the space was left for apples. Some of the apples arriving this month had as high as 10,000 barrels on board. Lieut. Mayne Reid writes to the papers that the apple crop this year throughout Herefordshire and elsewhere in England is almost an entire failure. Many orchards, he says, of acres in extent, and hundreds of trees, will scarcely yield a bushel to the acre. The American apple is surely making its way to the tables and the domestic economy of the English; the 'apple-tart,' so dear to the Englishman, is not the natural product of his native American apples. The *London Magazine of Pharmacy* says: 'There are few greater treats during the winter and early spring than the magnificent apples which are imported from America to find their places on the dessert-table of England. The market is glutted, and good fruit is reaching us from \$2.50 to \$3.50 and \$2.75 per barrel.'

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS. The origin of our Christmas festival is pre-historic. No one knows anything certain as to it. The date was evidently not fixed by the birth of Christ, but by the movements of the sun. On the day when the sun reached the limit of its southern movement and turned northward was the one fixed upon by the ancient world as a feast day. The sun worshippers of Persia doubtless had their festival to Adramelech, the Christians naturally adopted the day, which they found made ready to hand, for festive purposes; and so the Roman Saturnalia became Christmas, or our Christmas. There is no reason to suppose that the date corresponds to the nativity of Jesus Christ. One of our Christian Fathers, who lived some two hundred years after Christ, expressed the opinion that the birth of Christ occurred in the month of May, which is quite probable.

But the festival is not dependent on any date. It lives in its own life derived from the amiable life of all people. For whether we find it in Persia or in Rome, among heathen or Christian people, we always find it presenting us and the same bright appearance. In every nation and age, having a different name in every language, we find it always inspired with the same spirit. It is always a day dedicated to friendship and affection—and expressed in gift-giving. It is pre-eminently the day which has always been a day of love and of gifts.

It is a true festival. That is enough to say of it. The innocent happiness it brings to households sanctifies it to us all, and will forever. All the sweeter and holier it seems to us because it sanctifies the religion which now flourishes. We receive it as a sweet creation of human affection, before humanity knew its connection with Divinity—a fragrant custom drifted to us on the current of time from the indelible distances, which stretch back towards the beginning of the world. How the Persian children enjoyed it! How the boys and the girls of the Pagan times and world laughed over their gifts and frolicked around the trees, even as our little ones do today! We have connected it with a dying event, but the sweet purposes it serves now, it served in all the dim days long gone. Let us remember amid the gaiety of the holiday season that it is now among the least of Christ's triumphs that has captured the joy of the world, and holds it like a white dove in his hands.

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people."—Ez.

DEER AND WORK.—"I don't think to make me work," said a young man, to which an old man replied: "That's right; they drink and it will make them work! Harken to me a moment, and I'll tell thee something that may do thee good. I was once a prosperous farmer. I had a good loving wife and two fine lads as over the sun shone on. We had a comfortable home, and lived happily together. But we used to drink ale to make us work. Those two lads I have laid in drunkards' graves. My wife died broken-hearted, and she now lies by her two sons. I can scarce live two days of age. Had it not been for that drink, I might now have been an independent gentleman; but I used to drink to make me work, and mark, it makes me work now. At seventy years of age I am obliged to work for my daily bread. Drink! drink! and it will make you work."

The drunkard is a burden to himself as well as his friends, and both he and his friends will give much to be able to see reform and sobriety induced. But since intoxication becomes a disease it requires a remedy of no unusual activity to reach the difficulty. Those who have taken stimulant Liver Regulator declare that it sets the liver in action and invigorates the system in such a way as to destroy the craving for strong drinks, and soon the desire for liquor is entirely expelled. While 'silly, nervous' and distressed, resort to Simmons' Liver Regulator as a Tonic, to arouse the torpid liver to action, to regulate the bowels and remove the feeling of general depression and with it the craving for liquor.

At a meeting of the Indian Territory colonists on the 22d it was resolved to retain their organization and remain in camp. Since the colony came to Caldwell, Kansas, 200 determined men have joined them.

"Dr. Lindsey's Blood Searcher" cured my son of erysipelas. Mrs. E. Smeltzer, Larimer, Pa.

The Harvard Divinity school has called for \$130,000. Nine-tenths of that amount has been raised.

The Texas Tribune says: "The late 'atmospherical freshness' has brought on many cases of Coughs and Colds, and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is in greater demand than ever." Price only 25 cents.

It is believed that the valuable papers left by Bishop Doane will soon appear in a volume separate from his *Life and Labors in the Ministry*.

An Editor's Escape. Office of the *Enterprise*, ALBUQUERQUE, May 4, 1881. To Whom it May Concern: I take great pleasure in making the following statement: I have been afflicted with a disease of the kidneys for the past two years, and have tried numerous remedies with only partial relief. I have since used Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, which is recommended to me, and after taking it the pain and distress left me, and I am now feeling strong and well. I am very fully satisfied that Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure is a most valuable, and can cheerfully recommend it to others.

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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. A meeting of the British cabinet is summoned for the 30th. Hon. A. L. Akerman, a leading Republican of Georgia, died the 21st.

St. Paul, Dec. 24. A quarrel between Scott's son and Dury led to the affair. Dury was to have been married the 25th.

The German imperial budget estimates the expenditures at 588,077,900 marks, or £29,403,898, which will be covered by the revenue and matriculating contributions.

Lucien De Buys, having been tried for trying to influence Judge Lazarus of New Orleans, in reference to the consolidated cases, has been fined \$10 and ten days in prison.

The powers are considering the policy of an European adjustment of the Greek question. England has influenced France to favor the idea, and has called for an interchange of views among the powers on the question.

A bloody fight took place recently in Turkish Armenia, between the Turkish troops and the inhabitants of an Armenian village. The Russian Consul at Van has gone to the scene of the trouble to investigate the cause of the disturbance.

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The House, the morning session of the 23d was chiefly occupied in discussing the disgraceful scene that transpired on its floor on the 21st, when Mr. Weaver and Mr. Sparks.

The Irish trouble is still brewing. The Iron screw troop ship Assistance has been ordered from Portsmouth to Ireland. The officer in command at Burr, Kings county, has been ordered to patrol his district nightly with forty soldiers.

Gov. Nell, of Idaho, in his message, says polygamy is being largely introduced into that State from Utah. The House has adopted a resolution for legislation to crush out the enormity.

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REV. ORCENEY FISHER, D. D. Substance of a Sermon Preached at the Ordination of Elders at the Session of the West Texas Conference, held in Luling, October 10, 1880.

By H. S. THRALL.

Text.—By ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.—I Corinthians, xi. 1.

At our last conference held in Gonzales twelve months since, the sermon before the ordination of elders was preached by the Rev. Dr. Fisher. By order of the conference, a memorial day is a memorial service of the same venerable brother, who departed this life at his home, in the city of Austin, August 28, 1880.

Thirty-eight years ago the Texas Conference, which included the whole Republic, except a few settlements on Red River, met in a small room about ten by twelve feet square in the city of Austin, Texas.

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Ohio to the Pacific coast, and along that coast from the Columbia river almost to the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

A man's success in any calling or profession depends greatly upon the conception which he forms of that work. If his ideal is a grand one, his achievements will be vastly better than if he works after an inferior model.

Without knowing the fact, I assume that our brother for his model selected the Great Apostle to the Gentiles, and that he made the epistles to Timothy and Titus a kind of *catechism* in his work.

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As a pastor. I have often visited Bro. Fisher in his charges, and followed him in his preaching. He was a man of a noble and noble character.

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call of a society or board to send them and guarantee their support. Brother Fisher was a born preacher, and to organize his own plans, blaze out his own pathway and graduate his own speed.

When Brother Fisher joined the church it had not assumed the stability of position it now occupies. In the West, where he was converted, society was still in a formative state.

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sent forth, directed to encompass the land, entering cities and villages and saying to every town and village cross-traversing the broad prairies, penetrating the swamps of the coast country, climbing the mountains, braving the dangers of the extreme frontier and carrying the glad tidings of salvation to every town and village and hamlet and home and rancho in this broad land.

Once heard Daniel Carl, at a quarterly meeting in Victoria, preach one of those sermons never to be forgotten. His words and gestures, his bearing, seemed fully to enter into the spirit of that sublime and highly mysterious book.

While I was stationed at Chapel Hill in 1875, he had preached one Sunday morning at a country appointment, and his closing words were: "I have been with the Spanish-speaking people of Mexico and Central America. He was always enterprising, aggressive and faithful to his trust.

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And after I had gone to so much trouble, and those dear, good women had staid and dined themselves in order to help me give those men dinner? It was too bad! They judged according to appearance, and judged unrighteously, and inflicted a most cruel wrong upon Mr. — and his family! I hope God has forgiven them! Oh, me! how I did suffer in spirit and in body! But I can't help laughing about it now! For even unrighteous and cruel judgment may sometimes have its ludicrous aspect. But I have learned a lesson; I can tell you that!

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poking fun at us in that way! But I never thought right chickens cost that much a year!

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