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An Appeal.

Some time ago I announced that the Methodist church at Austin, were about to attempt to build a new house of worship. After a fair trial it is evident that we cannot build a suitable house of worship at Austin, place without assistance. We can stay where we are in the old red brick, and be the laughing stock of the State, or we can tear down the old house and build a new one with five or six thousand dollars. The Methodists in the city can raise that much money, or they can have a better church than the local church are able to build. It is a well known fact that the Austin church is poor; it was always a poor church. The majority of those who sustain Methodism in this city are small salaries, or they are young professional men, agents, etc. quite a number of whom own no property, and live by their daily efforts. It can not be expected of such men that they will do much in the way of building. The two or three moderately rich members of this congregation do not feel called on to build a house finer than their own and their family needs require, and we are not able to make them see that State pride or denominational pride ought to tax them in an extraordinary way, merely because they choose to live at the capital of the State. They seem to think that the church in the State should feel on this subject about as much concern as they do, who reside here; and I am not sure that they are not right in this.

In the meantime, our neighbor, the Methodist Episcopal Church, can build in elegance—can put up attractive buildings and furnish them so as to draw by their comforts, etc. Their agents in this country are equally religious and political propagandists, and can so represent the demand for the presence of their church in the South, and especially at prominent points, as to draw money from the church extension fund of their own church, from their political allies at the North. From present indications, Southern Methodism has few chances for growth at the capital of the State. And if the friends of the church in the State do not assist in the erection of a suitable house of worship here, we cannot do anything what will change the aspect of things.

Our Swede church have left us for the Methodist Episcopal Church; that church has the German congregation of this city, and a large negro congregation, and are building a second church for the English-speaking white people. In view of these things and the pressing need for a better building here than the local church are able to build, I would be glad if you would print this, and then give us a friendly notice editorially. It might do good; it surely is worthy a trial. H. V. PHILFORD.
Austin, April 11, 1881.

Our Sunday-schools.

We have lately been startled by the discovery of the disparity in numbers between our Sunday-schools and the members in our churches, and also with the Sunday-schools of other branches of the church. Where is the root of this evil? I fear there is an under-current of opposition to the international lesson system running through our churches. There is a lack of hearty co-operation. This under-current rose to the surface in our last general conference and forced a compromise on our supplemental lessons. If the international uniform system is to be the spirit of our standard catechism and theological works is not fully carried out by Dr. Cunningham and our Sunday-school committee in our international lessons, then I would say, let us banish it from our schools and return to the old path. What

would be thought of the wisdom of the fruit grower who, to improve the quality and value of his fruit, would graft on a scedling tree a branch from an improved tree, and then at the pruning season leave a sprout on the old stalk to grow up like the graft, thereby drawing from the graft the sap necessary for its full development. The result would be an inferior quality of fruit on both. The international was grafted on the old catechism stalk and is entirely dependent on it for sap and nourishment. The supplemental lesson is the sprout of the old stalk. Which shall we cultivate; the sprout or the graft? Or shall we try to grow fruit on both? I have been a constant worker in the Sunday-school for many years and can say I am delighted with the international plan. Pages might be written in just praise of this system of teaching. Many fear to lay aside the old catechism lest our children fall to be indoctrinated in the standard teachings of Methodism. I cannot believe this fear is well founded. Why encourage the Sunday-school with a double or mixed lesson? Why not take off every cog and let it bound into new and delightful fields? In doing this we need not abandon one jot or tittle of our Wesleyan teaching on the great doctrines of the church. With Dr. Cunningham at the head of our lesson system, surrounded as he is with faithful co-workers at all the points of catechism, we have nothing to fear for our children. The Sunday-school must advance; children can not bear being turned back. We need something new every week to feed the legitimate craving for change and advancement. In all this we should have unity of action; one text and topic for all, from the Bible class to the infant class. After several years of close attention to the workings of the uniform system of lessons, one text and topic for all, for the whole school, I am so much impressed with its superiority over the mixed plan that I can but wonder that advocates for the mixed plan can be found in our enlightened churches.—M. B. R.

POSTALS.
GARDNER, Smith county, April 11.—Gardner Valley circuit is getting along pretty well, religiously. Crop prospects are gloomy; about two frosts a week on an average; abundance for the present; fine crop last year.—C. H. SMITH.

JACKSON COUNTY, April 11.—We have very few converts. Mr. Withers is quite sick. The Advocate is very popular in this circuit.—W. M. SHOCKLEY.

COLD SPRINGS, San Jacinto county, April 9.—At 2 a. m. a fire originated in the building owned and occupied as a law office by J. V. Lee, Esq., and also occupied by Mr. McAdams, a fire insurance agent, communicating to the saloon of Mr. Elsbury, thence to the store owned and occupied by Z. T. Ross, merchant, burning all to the ground. Elsbury is insured for \$1250; Mr. Ross for \$7500; stock on hand at the time valued from \$1000 to \$1500. Mr. Ross saved his books and the contents of the safe. Dr. Dupie also had a drug store in Ross' building. The wind was blowing fresh from the south. Had it been an east or north wind our whole town would have been consumed.—E. A. STOKES.

NEW YORK, Henderson county, April 13.—Rev. O. A. Pickle of the Baptist church, and Rev. Mr. Maxwell, S. S. evangelist, of the east Texas Baptist Convention, addressed the people here last night on the subject of Sunday-schools; audience small; only such as are present at our church bells. The address was designed more particularly for the Baptist denomination. We have a good school in successful operation here. Very cordial this morning. Ice plenty, 18-19 thick. Fruit all killed, and we fear most gardens, and especially the melons, are ruined. Yet it will work out right.—T. H. HALL.

GRAHAM, Young county, April 11.—Grass fine, yet rain is needed; crops nearly all planted; cattle sell well, and are changing hands rapidly; no starting events; some whisky drinking; many hearts beat that prohibition was defeated; many of us are glad that we have a "steered pen" to defend the cause of sobriety. The Advocate is keen, sharp, crisp, deep and logical; we love its independence and manliness.—W. M. CROCKETT.

MURPHY, Oregon, March 29.—I am just from Eagle Point, Jackson county, in this State, where I assisted Rev. M. C. Miller, preacher in charge, in a twelve day's meeting. It was a powerful revival for this country. About fourteen conversions and ten accessions to the church. There is a fine feeling and very beautiful. Our church takes the lead of all others in Southern Oregon.—H. B. SWAFFORD.

BONHAM, Fannin county, April 2.—Rev. James Youngie is here again stirring up with his appeals the Temperance Society, and the Temperance Council in Grober circuit. They are unable to plant cotton on account of the extremely dry weather.—J. A. ALLIEN.

EAGLE LAKE, Colorado county, April 18.—We had a heavy frost on the night of the 13th, which did much damage to corn, cotton and vegetables. Farmers in the bottom are planting over. We are needing rain very much. Our Snake Creek friends gave a pound picnic on the 14th inst., for the purpose of raising funds to finish our church at Snake Creek, which is being repaired by our preachers and friends in Galveston district can look out for an invitation to attend our camp meeting at Snake Creek in July. Notice will appear ere long.—H. B. STOKES.

SCULENBURG, Fayette county, April 16.—We had a killing frost the 14th. Cotton killed and much of the corn will be planted. Some of the high lands escaped. Rain is much needed.—T. W. GLASS.

GALLAWAY. [It is a question for his constituents to decide. Each man has a right to his own opinion on this as on every question, but if a man does not represent the will of the people, it is his province to select one who does.—Ed.]

PAUL ALTO, Bell county, April 15.—The 13th and 14th ice was found in the branches, the corn and vegetables grew suddenly weak, so much so as to be unable to stand. Some are planting corn over, others waiting to see if it will regain its strength and stand up and face shining sun. The preacher's wife is grieving over the loss of her peas and potatoes. Well, there is this consolation; if we cannot have vegetables our cows can; they have plenty and are in luxurious abundance on the prairie.—J. S. CLOVER.

BOSQUEVILLE, McLennan county, April 12.—"The camels are coming." What means this, anxious thought? That moves with busy haste along? These woolly creatures, who are they? What mean these Christians, people—say? In accents hushed, they all reply: "The circus, the circus!" Oh, well, the camels will come after while, and then we'll sing, "I'll never turn back any more."—SAM. J. FRANKS.

ARMISTEAD CREEK, Erath county, April 11.—We are now moving an orchard; corn bitten down, wheat, apples and peaches injured. Trees are throwing off their green robes. We have nearly all the "isms" giving much work for the preacher, who, I fear, has not the sympathy of all who should help him; yet he has the respect of many noble spirits. That brother may send along that immersionist is rare.

HAMBLETON, Hamilton county, April 11.—Bro. G. says, "Can you not prohibit in his called session and have it go? Will never give it up?" We join Bro. G. and the editor in saying "never give it up," but we should very much regret that you should give before the present legislature again. No, let it alone till the next election; prepare the minds of the people for it, and vote for no man who will not pledge himself to represent us fairly.—J. J. CANAFAX.

MILLSAP, Parker county, April 17.—Frost on the 12th inst. cut crops generally—corn, wheat and gardens are materially injured; fruit ruined; vegetation suffering for rain; farming operations are at a standstill; no cotton planted yet; long fogs prevail on account of drought. Tell Bro. Pickett that before long option case of "Bitters" at Millsap, contained about one or a dozen drunks and two or three knock-downs. Since the election all has been "quiet on the Potomac." If all Methodists would read the Advocate the waves of prohibition would roll much higher. Good sense, sober hearts, and hearts across the decks of the ship of state. To-day I send you the third subscriber; this is the labor of one good faithful sister who appreciates the Advocate as a help to her immortal soul from this wreck. Bless Sister H. and increase the influence for good, not only of Sister H., but all the vast army of feminine workers. Can not every one in Texas do this? This is a work of love, and you are abundantly fitted by the master for the work; you can lead the hearts of fathers and mothers, and sons and husbands; you are specially fitted to work with your sex for Christ. Sisters, try it; work and pray and be blessed in your own hearts.—Tom. We commend the suggestion of our good friend, "Eagle Point," to the daily ladies of Texas. If every woman who appreciates the work of the Advocate is endeavoring to accomplish for our church and humanity in our great State, would work with a will, its influence would be vastly enlarged.—

WAXAHACHIE, Ellis county, April 15.—Very dry up here and farmers are restless. Ice one-quarter of an inch thick yesterday morning. Waxahachie is to be honored with two important occasions this year. First, Marvin Collier, Ex-Governor of the State, is to deliver the address at the North-West Texas Conference. Second, to both, and bring "Uncle Ben"; the children, big and little, want to see him. We ought to be both glad and good; don't you think so?—J. EARL COX.

WAXAHACHIE, Ellis county, April 15.—Everything is moving rapidly. Yesterday being Sunday a large congregation assembled at Bethel church, where Bro. Robinson, the station preacher, presided a good sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.; and at 2:30 p. m. he preached to the children, his text being from Eph. chap. 6, vs. 1, 2, and 3, "Children obey your parents."—W. R. CROCKETT.

LIBERTY HILL, Williamson county, April 11.—Bro. LeFevre, of San Saba, who was on his way from Austin home, preached for us last night. Though a young man, he is a good preacher. Church on Liberty Hill circuit moving along very well. Heavy frost this morning; our gardens look as though they were not injured; the corn is all killed, and most of the farmers will have to plant again; wheat and oats are not hurt; most of the fruit, I think, is killed. Success to the Advocate!—W. V. JONES.

DELESA, Karnes county, April 11.—Plenty of grass; corn fifty cents per bushel; bacon forty cents per pound; crops doing pretty well yet; stockmen busy after stock; farmers busy in the fields. Congregation at Escudilla yesterday was the largest I have ever had at that place, and all seemed willing to hear the gospel. Some talk of a camp-meeting.—R. M. LEATON.

SCULENBURG, Fayette county, April 9.—We are needing rain; have not been pounded, but the young men have presented me a new suit of clothes.—S. W. GLASS.

WEST FALLS, Falls county, April 11.—A heavy frost and ice this morning; ground very dry; prospects for farming rather gloomy; corn coming up, but in stands; some are planting cotton; some quit work till it rains. We are the hunkler on the ground for church in the pleasant village of Durango; it will be thirty-six by twenty-six acres, and will be creditable to the community.—J. WALKER.

COKE, McLennan county, April 12.—The Lord has been with us at all the appointments of Station Creek circuit. We preach twice every Sabbath, and occasionally we are called upon to meet three appointments. We are not only filling the number of appointments given by the conference, but putting in extra service. We are having a revival interest through the work; some are seeking religion; the church is growing. I have all the departments of labor in the itinerant's life. Being a minister of twenty-six years standing in the conference of Methodism, I must say that our preachers would do well to leave would be few of us to be filled, and securing subscribers for papers. Let both engagements be embraced in the pastoral work during the week. Then we will not lessen our influence with the world; nor protest our own preaching. We may leave the skeptic without that argument of a secular cast to shelter his head from the pebbles of truth thrown from the gospel sling.—W. T. MELLON.

SOUTHERN METHODIST PRESS.
Just so. A majority of the "wise men of the West" that is those who were recently at Jefferson City as legislators, said we shall not vote on a Constitutional Amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Oh no; that would not do; must not be allowed. Grant that privilege, and there is no telling what these "temperance folks" might do. They might actually out-vote us and thereby close every saloon in the State, and stop ninety-five per cent. of the drunkardness; and then, as drunkardness is that which makes the hearts of the pauper and crime in the country, criminal lawyers would have anything to do. Our poor-houses, jails and penitentiaries would be almost emptied; fewer openings for contracts for supplies; hence many men now in office would have to look elsewhere for their bread and oleomargarine, and contractors for supplies would fall to grow rich. 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The Christian Association.

TYLER, April 13th. On February 20th we organized in Tyler a class with seven members, which has now increased to twenty-one. We have given the convocation the name of "The Christian Association." It is not denominational. The object is to draw nearer to God, and to cultivate a social christian spirit. As we believe progression to be the law of man's being in this life, as in life to come, we desire to make an advance movement. We meet every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, open the exercises with singing and prayer, and then comment upon the scriptures, interchange ideas, relate christian experiences, and endeavor to incite each other to more active christian work.

We wish to add the pastors of the different denominations in their arduous duties. Like the disciples of old, waiting and praying for the descent of the holy ghost, we are praying for a general revival of religion, and trust it will be with us as it was with them.

We have weekly prayer meetings in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, and preaching in the Sabbath. Bro. Phillips, pastor of the Methodist Church, is laboring earnestly for a revival, and is preaching a series of sermons well calculated to awaken the people to their importance. Last Sunday night one joined the church, and three others publicly asked for the prayers of the church. It is varying the services at our prayer meetings. Thirty minutes are spent in prayer and song, and thirty minutes in a general discussion of some Biblical topic, previously announced, in which several persons have participated. In lieu of this discussion we occasionally have Bible readings. A particular subject is selected; various passages of scripture bearing upon the subject are collated, references to them are written on slips of paper, and distributed among the members, who separately rise as the reference is called, and read the passage assigned. In this way the attention of the congregation is directed to the subject, and an active participation in the services engaged in by many persons who would otherwise be spectators only. The last subject was "The blessedness of giving." Reference text: Matt. chapter 23, verses 23, 24. The next subject announced is "The judgment and the future state of the righteous and the wicked." We have an average attendance at a general meeting of more than one hundred persons.

On last Monday evening he called the young men of the church together, with a view of getting them into closer communion with himself and encouraging them to more active work in the church. The propriety of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association was discussed and argued upon. We are glad to learn that young men of other communities are anxious to engage in this Christian work. We have four Sunday-schools in Tyler; one Methodist school is in very successful operation; the average attendance above one hundred; much interest in life has been awakened by a public interrogation of teachers and scholars at the close of the school. Self pride has a desire to answer promptly and correctly, which cannot be done without study and investigation; the music and singing are unsurpassed in any school in the county. The East Texas University, Chomwood Female school and other day schools are well attended; a fine moral sentiment is inculcated in all of them; the great body of the enterprising business men of Tyler are members of some branch of the church; general finance, prosperity and improvement is manifest, and altogether we have good reason to thank God and take courage.—W. N. BOSSNER.

Union Sunday Schools.

IN THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, of March 5th, I notice an editorial on the above subject. In that article such schools are properly objected to on the ground that in order to secure harmony, it is necessary to pursue a policy of instruction that will not be offensive either to Calvinists or Arminians, and that such a course is absurd and a failure. From the fact that there is no medium between the two systems. Another objection is made, to wit: that our youth are left with no settled conviction as to what is true. They are apt to fall into the fatal error that it does not matter what one believes, and we wake up, when it is too late, to learn that our children have drifted into some ruinous heresy, and it may be are alienated from the church of their fathers. Our people often become a peculiar prey to union Sunday schools on account of their liberality as a church. They seem to fall into them more readily than other denominations, for this reason. Hence you will find that the union schools are more largely patronized by Methodists than any other people. You will find so-called union schools, some of them almost entirely of Methodist scholars. Let the reader, if he is connected with a union school, stop and count noses, and let him in his mind review the union Sunday schools with which he is connected. Now, if this be true, do we not in such cases engage in union schools at an unreasonable sacrifice and often to our damage? Another objection is that our preachers are often cut off from all pastoral connection with our own children so far as the school is concerned. Some superintendents monopolize these schools to such an extent that a preacher is not invited even to open the exercises of the school. It is certainly not a light matter for the minister to be hindered from entering the most-promising field open to christian effort. It is presumable that he feels a deeper solicitude for the children of his charge than any other except granted to "support the institutions of the church." Do we not stultify ourselves when we stand in the way of organizing such an obligation.—G. S. SANDELL.

The Kemp & Burpee Manufacturing Company of New York are projecting a branch factory of their fertilizer distributor somewhere in the Mississippi valley, probably New Orleans or Vicksburg, and this move will be followed by other manufacturers, who find the timber of the South best adapted and cheaper for their purposes. The influx of manufacturers and capital means great prosperity to the south, and in this direction no small amount of credit is due the Mississippi Valley Cotton Planters' Association.

The French minister of finance states that the United States, France, Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands agree upon a double standard.

Why the Difference?

CENTER POINT, April 10.—In Brother Leaton's post in the ADVOCATE he says that Judge Pleasant, in his charge to the grand jury at his late court at Helena, gave the following charge on the two laws which are so unoperative in some localities, known as the liquor and Sunday laws. We are informed that Judge Paschal in his recent charge to the grand jury at Boone and Kerrville did not make any specific charges. Why that difference? We learned that Judge Paschal heretofore did make special charges, like other district judges where laws were known to be to be disregarded. Now, why that difference? As to Boone, our informant was most positive, but as to Kerrville he was most positive. If we are not correctly informed the journals are open to Judge Paschal and he can instruct us as to facts, and we shall stand corrected. But if they are true, as a law-abiding citizen of the judicial district over which he presides with, we are told, creditable ability, we claim the right to know his reasons, as an officer of the law, why he has evened to the grand jury's special attention to the laws known to be openly violated every Sabbath in the very seat of his courts. It is also due the chief executive of the State of Texas and all his law-abiding citizens, who know his motives, and facts in the case.

Our informant as to Boone said it was "no use" that it was an impossibility to execute the liquor and Sunday laws at Boone. If that is so the government ought to know it. If that is the reason why Judge Paschal did not charge the grand jury there, especially on those points of law, he cannot, as an officer of the State, refuse to state it to the public. If there is not some many county to execute the laws of the State, it is customary to notify his excellency, the governor, and he furnishes the needed aid to maintain the authority of the law. The gentleman from Boone said that he had served on a jury with Germans at Boone, and on entering the jury room, after having heard the law and the evidence, and, under oath to render a verdict according to the law, the German would say: "I sh not going to convict dot man." Why not? It is plain that he has violated the law? "Me cars not dot dot" the law is not good. He has a right to break dot law, "cause it's not good law." But here is your oath: "Mein Gott, me no carns about it mine soul. But then you perjure yourself!" "Vell, perjury, I don't care. Out ish not; perjury ish but de vind. Ven I sh dead, I sh dead. Derheesh no more dot me." Such a materialistic faith surely essentially disqualifies a man for a jury box, and renders him an incompetent witness in our courts of justice. A man who says he has no soul, putting himself on a level with a hog or an ox, cannot realize the binding force of an oath, by the testimony of a juror, or a juror or a juror, or of no value in the solemn sanction of an oath. Is our law defective at this important point? Does it indeliberately allow for one in our courts to act as a juror and deprecate a witness when he has merely gone through the ceremony of an oath which has no more force on him than wind? It will not do to say that the law of Texas cannot be executed. The seed of anarchy is in the act of disobedience, which ends in terror and carnage. Boone is largely a German town, and Comfort in the same county, though in the Gauleys large valley district, if not quite a German town, and the chief merchant there openly disregards the Sabbath law without fear of molestation. Here we arraign that merchant before the bar of public opinion and the governor, and see that the attitude of Texas, on the charge of open violation of the Sabbath law, thus sowing the seeds of disobedience in the minds of the youth of this great valley. There are thousands of good, law-abiding German citizens in our State who are mortified to know that an intelligent merchant should, by acts of lawlessness, place such a stain on the name of their native and their adopted country. It may not be a little immodest in foreigners assuming the right to say which laws are good or not good, which shall be obeyed and which disregarded. In forty years we did not remember to have seen an American lady out shopping on Sunday until this year of comfort. But here is most populated with Americans, and at Kerrville there is only one dry good and grocery store, and one bar room. Here an intelligent French merchant openly violates the Sabbath—a fact known to the judge, jury, the sheriff, the lawyers and the citizens; and yet he is not indicted or molested. American citizens stand at his counters on Sundays. The sheriff is a German and is present almost every Sabbath at the store, the hakim drives in on Monday and we have a Sunday law. But the merchant openly defies his claims in the sight of God and man, thereby brooding irreverence for law in the minds of the youth of the land. As a citizen and a lover of law, and as the sheriff's charge that merchant before the Governor of the State and the courts of the county, for a willful violation of the law of his adopted State. If convictions for trespass can not be had here, but some right of explanation on the part of the merchant, it has no right of appeal, as an individual has; that is true; the State is a political individual; but constitutional law is in the way; no man shall be tried twice for the same offense. May be good law, but there should be provisions made where law and evidence are openly abrogated as in the cases above. Constitutions are not immortal; who made the constitution? The source of power is the people, the people, too, can remake it; the law of progress involves the idea of mutation in all constitutional and statutory laws, and to lock up a free people as our last Legislature did on constitutional amendments, is a flagrant trespass on their sacred rights; never to be forgotten, and that act of usurpation has capitalized "Ichabod" on the political forehead of those representatives with a number of legislators on the right hand end of it. But for some things, Kerrville can get conviction. We have a mill firm at Center Point. Messrs. Lawrence & Rees, law abiding citizens; their mill dam is old and several acres of water through where the fish can go up. Securely any waste water flows over the dam. This firm has no fish ladder, because they expected to be notified by a fish commissioner, and, too, intending to rebuild the dam this summer, when they intended to insert the fish ladder. A few days ago that firm was fined, and charged with the costs, in the Justice Court, on an appeal in the county court for a violation of law. Why this difference? Last Sunday night we preached on casting down the debris of disobedience to law in Center Point, and intend to preach the same in Kerrville next Sunday night, by divine permission. Text II, Kings 18: 30, 31, 32, 33.

'Who is on my side?' 'Who?' 'Throw her down.' The zem-atire, and face-painted queen tumbled below. H. A. G., Tex.

The Ecumenical—An Appeal to the Presiding Elders of Texas.

I may be accused of presumption, but the interest I feel in the success of our beloved Methodism is my only apology for penning these lines.

Were you not made, by action of your several conferences, collectors of the grand fund for sending our delegate to this grand conference of the Methodists of the world? Did you not accept the trust thus placed in your hands? If so, have you fulfilled the promise made, not only to your brethren in the ministry, but to 80,000 Methodists of Texas? But two have been selected from our great State, and it seems to me that no better or more appropriate selections could have been made; not only on account of their ability and willingness to execute the high trust thus committed to them, but on account of their earnest devotion to and self-sacrificing spirit in the cause of Texas Methodism, and thereby the up-building of the redeemer's Kingdom.

Dr. Mood's health absolutely demands that he have recreation, and surely no Methodist in Texas whether he be minister or layman, will hesitate to lay down his own interests, Dr. John, by his frequent attacks upon "wickedness in high places" and his unwavering advocacy of the temperance cause leaving all else aside, has won the gratitude of all the good and pure in our land. His labors are of a noble and paramount to all personal preferences, does not the high interest involved demand prompt action in this matter? Shall this wonderful and rapidly developing State and the multiplied thousands of earnest Methodists, be represented in that grand assemblage? Pecuniary interest alone, the lowest of all the motives that should prompt us to action, would seem to be sufficient to furnish an effort in all our members, but when we consider the grander, nobler and higher interests involved, surely it needs nothing save the fulfilling of the trust imposed on you as collectors of the grand fund, with all its increase, I presume to urge you to take up this collection immediately. It is sure these brethren cannot go, unless you send them. They are entirely dependent on this collection for means to go, and you are the only ones who can know. If they fall to go, who will be to blame? Shall the fault be laid upon the class most honored, save one in our beloved church? I trust not. Forgive the seeming presumption, and attribute it to the best of motives, and do your best to fill that collection immediately.—M. N. SHIVE.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held on Tuesday, 20th inst., the report of the committee on railroad transportation was read and adopted. The report ends with a statement that great efforts are now being made by persons in the railroad interest to prove that railroad property, with all its increase of power in the hands of a few men, is in the interest of commerce, because it reduces the proportionate expenses of operating these modern highways and the constant decline in charges for freight and passenger service, and the maintenance of this theory. "Your committee are, of course, aware of the greater proportionate expense of operating large small establishments of all kinds, and to this, railroads are no exception. We have no objection to all railroads in the United States being consolidated into a single system, provided that system is controlled in the interest of the public; but we long to see the railroads of Texas, on the charge of favoritism and discrimination against both communities and individuals; so long as they seek by stock watering and other devices to obtain from the public more than reasonable compensation, we have no objection as long as they try to perpetuate these abuses by obtaining control of our legislative, judicial and executive departments of our government, just so long must we esteem our obligation to the people of Texas, to do our best to prevent such a consolidation of the nation in a few hands, and making all other citizens tributary to it.

A special to the New Orleans Democrat of Sunday 19th, from Natchez, Mississippi, says: Miss Milford, daughter of Gen. Robt. E. Lee, left our city this evening, Saturday 9 on the steamer Lee for her Virginia home. Just before her departure a delegation of ex-soldiers of the armies of Virginia and Tennessee waited upon her and presented her with a number of "good-bye" offerings; also a handsome silver and gold receiver, suitably inscribed. Hon. K. Palmar Lamm made the presentation. Miss Lee has spent a week with our people, being the guest of Rev. Mr. A. Shields, a daughter of Kentucky, and a daughter of Virginia, and has been given receptions almost every evening during her sojourn. The ball this evening was crowded with persons to see her off, and Miss Lee appeared much affected at the distinguished consideration shown her.

Consumption Cured.—An old physician, retired from practice, has by his study and travels, by an ancient Indian missionary the formula of a vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and reliable cure for all Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for using. Sent by mail by addressing to J. H. Roswell, naming this paper, W. W. SHELTON, 110 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

From all accounts both in Europe and the United States, electricity proved to be a successful remedy in the case of a large party of London is now lighted with it. The effect is to greatly reduce gas stocks. We notice also that the light is fast coming into use on the steamship lines at New York, to assist in loading and discharging, as well as other purposes. The White Star Company have adopted the system owned by the United States Electric Light Company. They expect to effect a reduction of \$100 per month on their gas bills, besides getting a better light. The Pacific Mail and State Line docks are similarly furnished with light.

A Gutenberg Bible, printed in 1450, brought \$8,000 at an auction sale in New York.

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Uncle Ike's Correspondence.

HARPER'S MILL, Erath county, April 2.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little boy seven years old...

HALE COUNTY, Erath county, April 9.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little boy ten years old...

GRANDVIEW, Erath county, April 17.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little boy ten years old...

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WOOD COUNTY, April 3.—Dear Uncle Ike: I wish to join your Testament class...

WILLOW CREEK, Harris county, April 9.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little girl ten years old...

CAMP COLOMBO, Coleman county, April 10.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a girl seven and a half years old...

SOUTH SPRINGS, Hopkins county, April 10.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a girl fourteen years old...

LYNCHBURG, Harris county, April 4.—Dear Uncle Ike: Not seeing any answer to the enigma that appeared in the little folks' column...

VELASCO, Brazoria county, April 3.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am six years old and will start to school to-morrow...

you myself. I want to learn to read, and I will join your Testament class...

Letter from Uncle Ike. GALVESTON, April 17.—Dear Child: Uncle Ike is glad to hear that you are reading the Testament...

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High Water. The rises in the big rivers this season have been and promise to be almost unparalleled. The Missouri river was the latter part of last week...

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HON. WM. MEANS, the recently installed mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 17th, issued a proclamation that he would enforce the law against Sunday theatrical performances.

REV. A. G. BEAUMONT died at Nevada the 17th, and was buried in Breham the 18th by the Masons and the Odd Fellows. Bro. Beaumont was at one time a member of the Texas Conference, but owing to ill-health retired from the regular work.

SOBERED BY HIS SINS: "A candle wakes men as well as a noise." Let the preacher bear that in mind. Vehement in manner and style are good things in their place, but the truth that God has revealed in his word is not less important.

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THE FAITH OF SOME GOOD CATHOLICS was staggered over the order of the Pope that masses should be offered for the repose of the soul of the late Czar. The Western Watchman comforted itself by the reflection that masses for such men do not amount to much anyhow.

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IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

There are some towns and cities in Texas which have not been favored with a revival of religion for many years. Their membership, in many cases, fall to keep pace with the increase of the population, and their additions have been almost entirely by letter.

We cannot accept this as a healthful indication. A revival is the normal state of Christianity. It was born in a revival, and when a church suspends active, aggressive movement on the unregenerate world, the traces of decay and death will soon appear in its own body.

Methodism also was born in a revival and it lives a craned, unnatural life unless the warm impulses of zeal for the salvation of dying men thrill the hearts of its members, and sinners are won to the cross.

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"Among the problems of the present day none are pressing themselves with greater force upon the attention of thinking minds than that of woman and her work. Not merely in poetry and song, by the painter's pencil and the sculptor's chisel, does this theme find expression, but legislators, social-science reformers, grave reviewers, and graver divines, find in it food for thought and material for reflection.

Such was the nature of an article some time since appearing in the Brooklyn Eagle, and copied to a very great extent into our religious journals. If the thought of sister, daughter, mother, wife, did not crimson the cheek of the man who wrote it, the editors who copied it, a decent desire for the good of the race should have exerted a restraining influence.

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THE COLOR LINE.

A very significant change is coming over the utterances of many Northern papers respecting the relations between the white and colored races in this country. The United Presbyterian, published at Pittsburg, speaks in the following language: "The colored people who are trying to force the experiment of mixed schools are not friendly to their own interests.

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The preacher was weary and sad. His duties taxed his strength and many trials burdened his heart. Sorrow had taken its place beside his hearthstone. The mother of his children had been taken, and was quietly sleeping in the graveyard.

It was a call to visit a dying man. For one single moment the heart of the weary preacher rebelled, but he was schooled to respond to duty without waiting until inclination moved him, and very soon he was on his way to the chamber of death.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

J. B. Lewis, Shelby County, Erath county, April 12: The second quarterly conference of Stephensville circuit is over; all the appointments represented. Bro. Davis, our presiding elder, was with us with power, preaching to excellent sermons; especially his sermon on Sunday was treated to by Baptists of this community.

Bro. W. R. Robinson, of Stephensville station, preached the closing sermon Sunday evening, and his services were large; hope much good was accomplished in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful to our Presbyterian brethren for their labor of love.

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by his physicians that a year's rest from mental labor will restore him to health. Let the church pray for him in his affliction and pray that he may soon be able to resume his active ministry.

W. F. Clark, Bells, Grayson county, April 11th: Our second quarterly conference is over; Bro. Young, presiding elder, was at his post, full of zeal in all the interests of the church. We had a full attendance on Saturday; reports from every quarter; spiritual condition of the church good; we have three Methodist-Sunday schools only; we could have seven if we had more work of grace is just begun and we wish to resume the effort very soon.

J. L. Caldwell, Burleson county, April 15: We are endeavoring in our church enterprise to transform into the rapid improvement of our town. The workmen are engaged in enlarging our church and remodeling the interior. A new bell has been ordered. Expect to have it all finished by the first of next month.

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The following, from the Newark Daily Advertiser has some wholesome truths which it would be well for all classes of citizens to ponder: It don't pay to have fifty-workingmen poor and ragged in order to have one saloon-keeper dressed in broadcloth and flush of money.

It don't pay to have these fifty workingmen live on bone-soup and half rations, in order that the saloon-keeper flourish on roast turkey and champagne, and always get drunk.

It don't pay to have the mothers and children of twenty families dressed in rags and starved into the semblance of emaciated scarecrows and living in hovels, in order that the saloon-keeper's wife may dress in satin, and her children get fat and hearty, and live in a bay window parlor.

It don't pay to have ten thousand homes blasted, ruined, defiled, and turned into hells of disorder and misery, in order that a few rascals and a few dealers may amass a large fortune.

It don't pay to have six thousand men in the penitentiaries and hospitals, and thousands in the lunatic asylums at the expense of the honest, industrious taxpayer, in order that a few rich capitalists may grow richer by the manufacture of whiskey.

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Table with columns: States and Territories, Failures, Liabilities. Rows include Eastern States, Middle States, Southern States, Western States, Total.

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In the country generally, however, while the failures have not been especially numerous, the above figures indicate that the losses are decidedly much higher than in the previous years.

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