

Texas Christian Advocate.

The Bible in the Public Schools.

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A plea for the Bible in the public schools is a plea for an open Bible everywhere.

The Constitution of the State of Texas is a Christian Document.

PROOF.

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of a Christian constitution as the fundamental law, as a palladium of the people's rights, honors and privileges; the protector of the sovereign, the people; the enforcer of the duties of the servants, the office-holders.

4. Their schools and churches, laws and customs, habits and observances. The people of Texas are Christians.

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free public school to the children of parents who may believe, with or without good reason—for the state does not undertake to argue that matter with them—that the minds of their children will receive a wrongful bias on a subject about which mankind are so unyielding."—[Same report and heading.]

This belief of the board is grounded as follows:

1. For the purpose, no doubt, of protecting, absolutely, every citizen in the entertainment and exercise of any religious tenets or dogmas, peculiar to himself as they may be, or to any number of the people of the state, or in the denial of any and all religious tenets and dogmas, and to declare and enforce a complete divorce of the government and any form of religion, and to guarantee that no child shall be free public schools, it is provided in article 7, section 5, of the constitution, that no part of the public school fund shall ever be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

2. The same leading idea, probably more fully expressed, is found in article 3705 of the revised civil statutes. [Same report and heading.]

3. This, then, in brief, seems to be the argument of the board.

4. The constitution, declares, article 7, section 5, "no shall the same"—the permanent or available school fund—ever be appropriated to or used for the support of any sectarian school.

And whereas the revised civil statutes say, article 3705, quoted in full above:

"Therefore, we believe that any act of worship must teach a form of religion, that no public school in which the Bible is read or an act of worship permitted can be free, and that no school controlled by any denomination should participate in the distribution of the public school fund."

And we decide and instruct that in no public free school shall the Bible be read, or God be worshipped, and that no denomination shall receive any benefit from the school fund.

The issue is now sharply defined by the two clauses of the board.

Let God, His worship and His Word be banished from the public free schools.

Let no school controlled or supported in any way or respect by any religious denomination, receive any benefit from the public school fund.

1. If God, His worship and His Word be banished from the public free schools—Article 3705, R. C. S., do, by that act of banishment, outlaw the constitution itself—the cause of and the only exact and authority for their existence—and forbid its use in the schools; for the constitution teaches the being of God, contains a form of worship of Him, continually implores His blessing upon all the people of Texas, and proclaims Jesus Christ as our Lord.

2. Can the creatures of the constitution amend the constitution itself?

3. The constitution is a Christian document; the convention that framed and adopted it was a Christian body; the people that ratified it as their fundamental law, are, in the mass, Christians—believers in the truth of its provisions, as church connections and men, duties are concerned, but at heart—bottom deep Christians, firm believers in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, how short soever their practice may fall.

4. The constitution is God's Word, His worship and His Bible on the part of the people of Texas, and the sovereignty of the people whose fundamental law that constitution is.

5. It was the duty of the board, if supported by a majority, to resist, on the premises, to decide article 3705, R. C. S., unconstitutional, null and void, or to say that it merely forbids sectarian instruction in schools.

6. The board must have known and felt the force of its argument; for the banishment of God, His worship and His Bible is based upon a most remarkable and unwarrantable construction of the word "free."

7. "How can that school be free?"—such in substance is the language of the constitution.

8. What is a "free school?" There is but one definition—legal, lexical, technical, untechnical—but one meaning understood alike by the wise and the unwise, the learned and the unlearned. It is this: "a free school" is one so supported that no money-fee or other compensation for instruction.

9. The board is defied to find in the whole body of English literature, outside of its own remarkable contribution, an accredited definition, differing in a particular particular from the one just given.

10. The definition of the board is not only false, but absurd, and the decision based upon that strained and unnatural definition, must be a nullity.

11. The decision of the board has not even the substance of the shadow of a passing cloud for its support. It is self-stultifying and self-annulling, because based upon a known falsity and absurdity. No court or officer having a grain of intelligence would pay the least attention to it.

12. But, admitting for one moment, and for the sake of argument, that the construction placed by the board upon the word "free" is legitimate, did it ever occur to the board that to banish God, His worship and His word from the public free schools, might violate the "opinions or conscience or prejudices" of some of our parents or guardians?

13. The argument of the board, "like a sharp razor working deceitfully," does it not work both for and against the board, especially against, and so the decision is "hoist with its own petard."

14. Is the objection to God, His worship and His Bible, the only one whose "opinions or conscience or prejudices" must not be violated?

15. The decision allows one objection to banish God and His Bible from the public free school which his child or ward attends; may, more, it allows one such objection to banish God and His word from all the public free schools of the "elector's" town or county; worse than that, it allows him to banish God and His Bible from all the public free schools of the state; and, worst of all, the board of education, in advance of any objection, so far as the record distinctly shows, hastened to manufacture a hypothetical objection, and, without giving the opposite side an opportunity to be heard, made an *ex parte* decision based upon an absurd construction of a single word, and banished God, the great teacher, from the master's chair in the public free schools, of this State.

16. God's loving word and message to all mankind, from their curriculum.

Did ever little, brief authority play such fantastic tricks before high heaven? A tribunal hypothecating a case, and deciding it adversely to the interests of the vast majority concerned without giving them notice or warning, or an opportunity to be heard. Even Caiaphas and Pilate gave deus a hearing, though condemning him because he deserved to go free!

If the constitution gives the least counter authority to such a decision, the people should rise up in their majesty and stamp it out of existence.

The constitution does not authorize such a decision; but if article 3705 of the revised civil statutes and the construction of that article by the board of education have thrown doubt upon the meaning of the constitution in that particular, the moral and religious elements of society should demand such an amendment to the constitution in terms so clear and unequivocal that no practical member of a "board of education," though warring the men of the class mentioned by the prophet "need not err therein."

Let the authors of article 3705 be relegated to the limbo of politicians who have been "weighed in the balances and found wanting," and give their places to others who will honor their station by honoring God and serving the people.

4. But again, if by reason of objections, supposed or real, the Bible must be banished from the public free schools, will the board be kind enough to state a subject to be taught in said schools to which objection has not been or can not be raised?

In the grand assemblage of the educational system of the land, hold only the other day in Atlanta, Georgia, objections were urged against teaching spelling, at least in its present form—against grammar—and, for naught the writer knows, against any and every other study, which, very respectfully, for the greatness of some people consists solely in urging objections to what has been received and is well settled—in disturbing the established order of things.

Suppose, however, to come a little nearer home, that a parent, sending to the public free schools, objects to the board's teaching of geography, and writes to the "Board of Education" saying that geography teaches that the world is round, whereas he sees, with his own eyes, that it is flat; that geography teaches that the earth revolves upon its axis and around the sun, whilst his eyes tell him that the sun rises and sets, as everybody says it does; and he knows, if the world were to turn over, that every bit of water in his frog pond should run out, as anybody can prove by turning a bucket of water on its side; would the board refuse to issue a ukase placing geography under the ban of its interdiction? May not geography violate one's "opinions or a conscience or prejudices" or is the Bible the one and only book in the whole catalogue of books that deserves to be proscribed?

Is this a hypothetical case? There are thousands all over the land, north and south, east and west, who have the identical objections mentioned to geography; thousands whose "opinions or consciences or prejudices" are violated, shocked, by just such teachings. The Rev. Mr. Jasper, and his followers, of Richmond, Va., constitute a noted case in point; and there are in Texas, no doubt, very many sympathizers with the Rev. Mr. Jasper in his opposition to the revision of the constitution of this state.

Moreover, will not the banishment of the Bible necessarily drag in its train into exile many subjects as now taught by the best authors in the most approved text-books?

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SEYMOUR, Baylor county, August 23.-Baylor county's position on the earth's surface-between parallels of latitude 34 and 33 degrees...

THE HEALTH OF CITIES. The September number of the Sanitarium makes a careful analysis of the mortality of cities of over 30,000, and says: "The six healthiest cities in the United States, as measured by the above and most recent authentic reports, up to the time of going to press with this number, were in the order named: Worcester, Worcester, Mass.; Francisco, Lynn, Providence and Boston."

CASH AND BONDS. Of the new issues of stocks and bonds embraced in the tables prepared by The Financial Chronicle, amounting in the aggregate to \$71,000,000, the nominal amount of \$20,000,000 for telegraph and cable construction...

A GYPSY KING'S BRIDE. A band of gypsies have appeared each summer, for many years past, at the annual fair at Orangeburg, New Jersey. Five years ago, when the band appeared on its regular annual round, Dr. Bishop, rector of Christ Church, was called to attend one of the men who was dying.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE UNITED STATES, by decisions in harmony with those of the highest courts throughout the Union, has declared that a loan bill holder of a negotiable instrument is entitled to a claimable consideration, when it is not overdrawn, without notice of its dishonor, and without any of the facts which impeach its validity as between antecedent parties...

A SLAVE'S KINDNESS TO HIS MASTER. A letter from Salem, Va., in the Norfolk Virginian, relates the following story of a noble heart under a dark skin: "One of the most remarkable characters of the day arrived here on Friday night, and was named Dr. William Key, from Shelbyville, Tenn. When the war closed he found himself free and his master and mistress penniless. His former owner gave him a fair education while a slave, and he became a learned physician, lawyer and becoming a veterinary surgeon and a physician. With the knowledge thus gained he invented a liniment, the sale of which has netted him a fortune. While on his road to prosperity he never lost sight of his former friends-his old master and his mistress-but kept them in his former style of living while they remained on earth. He then undertook the education of their son by sending him to college; and for these reasons I style William Key a remarkable man, because there are not many ex-slaves that would have done as he did."

WIDOWED MOTHERS in Memphis who have boys growing up to manhood appeal to the attorney general of that city to protect their sons from the vices of gambling halls and bar-rooms. One lady complains that these holes of iniquity have gotten more than \$700 from her oldest son this spring. It would seem that the law against gambling and saloons is not enforced in Memphis. Strange!

THE COMET, 1861. "Terroreque in celo, et signa magna."-S. Luc. When art Thou? sudden Comet of the Sun? In what far depths of God's light orient Place? Whence hath this World of light such radiance won? To gleam and curve along the Cone of Space? Why comest Thou? wondrous wanderer of sky? What is this Oracle for shuddering eyes? What is this myth of crownless kings-declares? Scattered by the fall from the skies? Or dost thou glide, a seething Orb of Doom, Brisking with penal fire, and thick with woe? Whom Arael, Warbler of the dead, controls? The sever'd Ghosts, that thronged thy peopled womb? Thine of some lost Archangel? dost thy glare After long battle, that in comparing light Vaunt of a Victory, that is still to despair? A trumpet of the arch of night? But lo! another dream: Thou starry God? Art thou the mystic seedsmen of the sky? To shed new Worlds along thy radiant road? That flow in fountains of hoary hair on high? Roll on! yet not almighty; in thy wrath, The planets and the stars, that circle thee, Nor dost thou overstep thy given path, Nor yet one wanton smile of brighten-er's sting Slave of a mighty Master's belly Broom? Art thou a Night Racer of the void? Amidst the haughtiest courses what art thou? A lamp, to lead some pathway of the Lord?

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THE BONHAM (FANNIN COUNTY) NEWS of August 26 says: "While the people of Fannin county are engaged in the reformation, the legislature seems constantly endeavoring to increase the cost of our state government. The people overwhelmingly petitioned for a constitutional amendment that in favor of prohibition, which would have cut down the expense of administering the criminal law fifty per cent. This amendment was refused them, and instead they are proffered amendments nobody ever asked for, which will add \$20,000,000 annually to the expense of the government of Fannin county."

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An editorial occurred in these columns some weeks ago in which it was attempted to show that an unconverted ministry is the cause of much of the indifference and lack of spirituality observable in the churches of to-day. This, it was shown, has come about by a perfectly natural process.

Now, while we stand by the assertions made in that paper, and admit, as we there admitted, that the church has suffered from the perfidy of its teachers, we yet discover other and equally prolific causes of spiritual lifelessness. Under certain conditions it would seem that the gospel had lost its efficiency and power. This must result from the manner in which it is presented, and the tone to which it is tempered.

THE PULPIT AND THE PEW. (Continued). The demands of the pew are pressed upon him. He perhaps, stoutly denied them once; but they were urged with dauntless determination.

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH. There is an evil so widespread and so little noticed and deprecated that it is doubtful whether anything can be said upon it that will awaken interest or concern. But the alarming proportions and threatening aspect it has assumed in some of the cities of Texas, notably in the metropolis, menacing not only the spirit of piety and the institutions of religion, but also the peace and order of society, should make it a matter of moment and concern alike with the teachers of religion and the administrators of our laws.

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH. (Continued). Statesmen have recognized the wisdom of this provision for hebdomadal cessation from the toils and annoyances of life. They see in it one of the mightiest conservations of social order, the most refining measures of civil government and the highest incentive to the culture of home and social virtues, and hence respect for the prerogatives of civil power.

DESECRATION OF THE SABBATH. (Continued). For the evil against which we especially cry in our own city the authorities of the law may find some palliation. It may not be construed as a violation of the letter of state and municipal regulations. It has popular approval, in short, it adds gold to the coffers of a miserly few, and thus the protests of those who see the demoralization it has done, and its tendency toward ultimate moral inertia are unheard amidst the confusion of popular recklessness.

that we had the eyes, ears and hearts of the nominally religious of these cities, and could write with a burning pen and speak with the voice of a Chrysostom. Would that we might cease to reflect those who profess the religion of Christ, and upon whose shoulders are the fortunes of His church, and yet who join with the multitude in violating one of its holiest institutions. Empty pews in the house of God, the Word of Life echoed only by mocking walls, while beaches, halls of sin, gardens of mirth and levity, and sometimes dens of hell, are thronged with those upon whose lips are yet fresh the vows of church, is a sad comment upon the Christianity of the day.

THY WORD IS LIGHT. All truth is a word of God, and every word of God giveth light. The physical world is a word of God. It bears his signature everywhere. As Christ stooped and wrote with His finger in the dust of the temple floor, so God has bent down to write his name upon the floor and walls and dome of this world temple. You may read his name in every flower, in every sheet of water in which the stars are mirrored, in every mountain's crown of snow where lingers the exquisite fires of the sunset.

THY WORD IS LIGHT. (Continued). The entrance of this word is light, but higher and better light; the light of a better mind and of a purer, more unselfish soul. In short, it giveth God who is the sun and light of the universe. Religious truth is distinguished from all other truths. Truth we know is one. No two truths can conflict.

THY WORD IS LIGHT. (Continued). Moral truth differs from physical truth in that it comes to the heart. The other word of God may enlighten the mind; this purifies the heart. It sanctifies, regenerates, makes holy. Bused with the one, the student becomes a scientist; studying the other, he becomes a Christian. Not that any truth is useless. A child cannot learn the structure of a flower without being benefited. Its entrance giveth light, but not necessarily purity—goodness. You may read the rocks and triangulate the heavens; you may gather the trusted gold of physical truth from every arch and column and secret hiding place of Nature, and yet be capable of all evil. The mind glowing with thought, flashing with brilliancy, may be but a prismatic rainbow arched above the dead sea of a corrupt and wicked heart. Have not good and pure hearts to stand aghast in every age at the monstrosity of a brilliant mind linked to a corrupt moral character?

THY WORD IS LIGHT. (Continued). Readers, are you seeking? The poor search you have made would not suffice to solve the simplest mystery of nature, and can you expect to solve the Sphinx riddle, the problem of man and his life. Alas! men in search of physical truth will shiver amid arctic snows and reel beneath tropic suns, while the highest truth lie open in their homes and they will not even read it.

THY WORD IS LIGHT. (Continued). And if you seek, what? You shall find. Here, too, is a difference. Nature will not promise a solution. Over her doorway is written, "Read me who can," and often we are compelled to go back to the creed of the world's infancy and cry, "Who is worthy to open the seals thereof?" But over the doorway of God's highest word, we read, "Seek ye shall find." Nature too often gives the casket and withholds the jewels; offers the garment and conceals the wearer. The law of the kingdom of God is, "Ask and you shall receive." No man ever sought God earnestly and failed to find Him. No man out of a sinful soul, a broken heart, a mystery-enviored mind, sent his cry to God, but it passed not, nor lingered on the way, until it found the ear of God; and so it is that while we are yet speaking He will hear us.

DEAN STANLEY AND DR. CUMMING.

Perhaps no two men have ever done more to shape the religious sentiment of their times and have lived to see their ideas more fully received than the late Arthur Perbyn Stanley, Dean of Westminster, and his cotemporary, the late Dr. John Cumming, of the Presbyterian church of Scotland. Dean Stanley represented the liberal, broad church element of the established religion, while Dr. Cumming championed the most uncompromising enemy to Popery and ritualistic religion. From vastly different standpoints in the world of theology, and regarding matters of church in a very different light, the influence of their lives was toward a common center.

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PRAYER. Prayer as a duty is enjoined upon all men by precept. "Men ought always to pray," said our Lord, and "I will that men everywhere pray," said Salutat Paul. Our obligation to pray to God is commensurate with our dependence upon Him. An exception in point of dependence might find an exemption from the duty to pray; but both are alike universal.

PRAYER. (Continued). In some of the city churches certain members are very much "put out" if the regular preacher has an excuse for being absent. His public and private prayers are in the synagogue and in the desert. He prayed in the midst of his works, his prayers are sandwiched in between his miracles. Before and after his greatest works we find Him praying. Why should his disciples refuse to follow him in this. The secret of his power may be found in his constant communion with the Father. He returned from the wilderness "in the power of the Spirit" and "the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about," because of his word and work. Then to the desert he goes again from whence he comes with power to work miracles of healing, after which "he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed." Then followed the healing of the palsied man, and so on through his busy life he prayed and worked. Worship and work are inseparable, and together constitute the mainspring of our religious devotions.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN TEXAS. A table listing denominations and their members: Methodist Episcopal, South, 68,823; Methodist Episcopal, West, 12,999; African Methodist Episcopal, 11,767; Methodist Protestant, 11,996; Total Methodists, 128,825; Presbyterians, 5,000; Cumberland Presbyterians, 18,000; Episcopal, 15,000; Roman Catholics, 128,000; Episcopalians, 4,000; Grand total, 487,885.

A LETTER FROM S. C. RIDDLE, Whitesboro, Grayson county, August 29, gives information of the death of Rev. I. N. Cravens. He died August 6, at the age of seventy-five years. For about fifty years he was a preacher of "the gospel of peace," having traveled in both the Georgia conferences and in the North Texas Conference. At the time of his death he was a superannuated member of the North Texas Conference.

By request the ADVOCATE publishes the course of study for local preachers: For deacons—The Bible, History and Biography; the Discipline; Blaney's Theological Compend; Wesley's Sermons on Justification, and on the Witness of the Spirit. Recommended for reference—Preacher's Text-book; Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Watson's Institutes; Butler's Sermons; Church History; Catechism on Church Government. For elders—the Bible—Discipline; the Discipline; Manual of Discipline; Watson's Institutes; Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity. Recommended for reference—Paine's Life of McKendree; Prelatical Succession Examined; Watson's Life of Wesley; Watson's Sermons; Clarke's Commentary; Summers on Gospels and Acts; Whedon's Commentary.

EVENTS AND COMMENTS CURRENT.

The British Wesleyan Conference approved the New Revision. A writer in the Edinburgh Review calls the Wesleyan hymn-book, "Methodism in meter."

PROHIBITION was defeated in North Carolina by a majority of 116,072 votes! But the people do not propose to give up the fight. The red tape in the Ecumenical programme is attributed to our English cousins, and its ingenuity to "we Americans."

The lighter the crops the more tithes preachers pay as a general thing. Stewards, try and not cut down salaries on account of bad crops. Preachers can no more stand an advance in taxation than other men. The "Church of Christ" in Washington City has a greater number of congressmen as communicants than any other church in the city, with one exception.—Bonham Christian Messenger.

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The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the National Local Preacher's association of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the Metropolitan M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., commencing Saturday morning, October 15, and closing the following Tuesday night.

The trial of Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas on charges of heresy commenced in the First Methodist church of Chicago, Thursday Sept. 1. It was announced that Dr. Jewett, senior counsel for the prosecution, was to be called. Dr. Hatfield refused to proceed without him, and an adjourned to Tuesday was effected.

Who's your sweetheart? is a very suggestive question asked by the Rev. H. H. Hall, M. E. Church, St. Louis, Mo. Price 25c. This writer has definitely settled the conundrum long ago, hence can not spare time to read the book—but the character of J. H. C. & Co. give assurance that it is pure in style, and so forth.

Persons who believe in efficacy of prayer will have their faith therein strengthened by the following report from the president of the profoundest depths of disease which the most hopeful of his physicians finally pronounced morbid. Mr. Blaine describes the recovery of the president as simply miraculous, and his situation was certainly desperate.

UNFORTUNATELY for this state (California) the great wealth which has been acquired in the last few years is chiefly in the hands of men who have but little public spirit and less of benevolence. Many spend their fortunes at home and abroad for their personal gratification or for that of their families, while but little is contributed for the founding of great institutions or for the building up of churches. By far the largest part of San Francisco, which is occupied with private residences, has not a church of any denomination. It is true the street railroads run up and down these hills and thus afford opportunity to go to the down-town churches. But more churches are needed to meet the wants of this large city.—Bishop Bowman, in Central Christian Advocate.

Is insisting on the necessity of well defined religious belief, we are not to fall into the error of supposing that theology and religion are identical, and that a man may be a Christian and yet not have a certain prescribed creed. The church does not maintain any such position, and when this is charged it is simply a misrepresentation. * * * But while it is to be allowed that religious character is not dependent upon any given formula of doctrine, it is not to be allowed that it is an indifferent thing what a man believes. There is a vitally close connection between creed and character, between theology and religion. What a man believes does not affect the manner of his life. There is the same connection between a man's religion and the cause of his virtue or the means of his salvation, and between principles and administration in civil government.—Central Christian Advocate.

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The religious people of the North are at last beginning to realize that their public free school system is to blame for many of the social and moral ills of that section of the Union. While the politicians remain under the control of Satan, and the schools under control of the politicians, these evils will increase rather than diminish. Will moral voters of the South profit by the sad experience of the North, and make our school system blessing rather than a curse? Appearances do not sufficiently so indicate as to be at all encouraging.

The following missionaries, M. E. Church, in the city of Peking, viz: Rev. L. N. Wheeler and family, Rev. S. H. Lewis and family, Rev. G. B. Davis and family and Rev. L. W. Squier and wife, Messrs. Wheeler and Lewis go out to found our new West China Mission. Their destination is Chung-King on the Yangtze river in the Szechuen province. Mr. Davis returns to his former field making the North China Mission, and Mr. Squier, from the North Ohio Conference, reinforces the work in Japan.

The following statement has been signed by the pastors of the churches, by the mayor and the majority of the council, by the county officers, and a large proportion of the business men of Ottawa, Kansas. The undersigned citizens do certify that for three years this city has had no licensed liquor saloon; that during this time drunkenness has greatly decreased, and a drunken man is a rare sight; that the consumption of liquor has been greatly diminished, and that if any is now sold as a beverage it is done in the most secret way; that our town has never been more prosperous nor business more flourishing, and that our city finances were never in better condition; that criminals and paupers are scarce; that our community has been greatly the gainer in thrift, industry and good morals, and that public sentiment is constantly growing stronger in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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The religious people of the North are at last beginning to realize that their public free school system is to blame for many of the social and moral ills of that section of the Union. While the politicians remain under the control of Satan, and the schools under control of the politicians, these evils will increase rather than diminish. Will moral voters of the South profit by the sad experience of the North, and make our school system blessing rather than a curse? Appearances do not sufficiently so indicate as to be at all encouraging.

The following missionaries, M. E. Church, in the city of Peking, viz: Rev. L. N. Wheeler and family, Rev. S. H. Lewis and family, Rev. G. B. Davis and family and Rev. L. W. Squier and wife, Messrs. Wheeler and Lewis go out to found our new West China Mission. Their destination is Chung-King on the Yangtze river in the Szechuen province. Mr. Davis returns to his former field making the North China Mission, and Mr. Squier, from the North Ohio Conference, reinforces the work in Japan.

The following statement has been signed by the pastors of the churches, by the mayor and the majority of the council, by the county officers, and a large proportion of the business men of Ottawa, Kansas. The undersigned citizens do certify that for three years this city has had no licensed liquor saloon; that during this time drunkenness has greatly decreased, and a drunken man is a rare sight; that the consumption of liquor has been greatly diminished, and that if any is now sold as a beverage it is done in the most secret way; that our town has never been more prosperous nor business more flourishing, and that our city finances were never in better condition; that criminals and paupers are scarce; that our community has been greatly the gainer in thrift, industry and good morals, and that public sentiment is constantly growing stronger in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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BISHOP WIGHTMAN continues daily to improve. We are beginning to hope that he will be able to go to his conference this fall.—Southern Christian Advocate.

J. W. WALKER, West Falls, Falls county: We are suffering from the effects of a three months' drouth. Stock water an object.

BISHOP PIERCE, of Georgia, passed through St. Louis September 5, en route for Howard City, Kan., where the Western Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is to be held.

REV. R. N. T. HOLLIDAY, of the Missouri (M. E. S.) Conference, died at Carrollton on the twenty-eighth ultimo, of consumption.

J. L. WRIGHT, Jr., of Washington county, Miss., the son of Rev. P. L. Wright, of Columbia, Louisiana, died August 17, aged twenty-nine years.

REV. J. B. DIBRELL and family passed through Galveston the past week en route from Corpus Christi to Seguin. Bro. D. reports the Corpus status as hopeful—at least "temporarily and externally."

REV. D. Shearer, formerly of the Northwestern University, Clarksville, Tenn., has been chosen president of Austin College, at Sherman, Texas.

We are glad to learn, by a private letter from Dr. Kavanaugh to a mutual friend near us, that the doctor's dislocated arm is so far recovered that he can travel, and is again in the field.—Pacific Methodist.

REV. F. R. GOUNDING, an able Presbyterian preacher and popular and useful author, died at Roswell, Ga., August 30.

REV. JESSE BOARD, of the Louisville conference, M. E. Church, South, died at his residence in Richardsville, Warren county, Kentucky, August 21.

Mrs. Fong Sam To, said to be the first Chinese woman in California to embrace the Baptist faith, has been admitted to baptism.

August 30 the Alabama Christian Advocate reports Rev. M. K. Little, of the Northwest Texas Conference, in Birmingham, Ala.

REV. F. D. GAMWELL sailed from San Francisco, September 3, to reinforce the North China Mission of the M. E. Church.

REV. M. J. F. BEANLEY, missionary to China, starts September 20 with a view to embark at San Francisco October 1. The three Arkansas conferences of the M. E. Church, South, are to provide his outfit, salary and traveling expenses.

MISS ISABELLA COE, who is in charge of a freedmen's school at Marshall, Texas, lectured on "her work" at Clarence, Iowa (her home), August 14. Miss Coe is highly recommended by the Northwestern Christian Advocate of Chicago.

THE REV. MR. NICHOLSON, of the Methodist Church, will begin a protracted meeting at the North Houston Methodist church, near Captain Blackwell's on Friday night of next week, and is assisted by the Rev. Mr. Thair, formerly pastor of the Washington street Methodist church.—Houston Age, September 5.

MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS and Miss Rebecca Toland, selected by the woman's missionary society of the M. E. Church, South, for teachers in the mission school at Laredo, Mexican Border Mission, are in the city en route to their new labor. These are estimable and accomplished young ladies and fully consecrated to their God-given work.

REV. J. C. BIGELOW, of Little Rock Conference, Arkansas, and until recently pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Loneack, removed to Chicago for health reasons, and is now in a suburb church. It is presumed he has been transferred to the M. E. Church from which he came a few years since.

REV. D. P. MITCHELL, D. D., of the South Kansas Conference (M. E. Church), died on the cars between Newton and Hurdon, August 24, of heart disease. He was the Greenback candidate for governor of Kansas in 1878, and for congress from the third district in 1880.

REV. DR. H. F. BUCKNER, for over thirty years Baptist Missionary to the Creek Indians, spent two days in St. Louis last week. Dr. Buckner brought with him his two daughters and three young Indian ministers, the former on their way to Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. Two of the young men go to Tennessee to attend college, and one will enter William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Ninian Weston Halcomb, late graduate of William Jewell College, has passed a satisfactory examination and has been appointed a missionary to China by the Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will sail with Dr. Graves to Tung Chow in October.

REV. J. D. MILLER, a Methodist clergyman of New York, says that he knows a dozen Methodist ministers who have been unacquainted enough to marry wealthy women, and it has destroyed their usefulness in the church they represent. This is perhaps the plan adopted by Mr. M. of co-operating with the laymen.

The Catholic party in Portugal have begun an agitation with a view of undoing, if possible, the legislation which tolerated other religions than that of the state.

The French government reported that up to the end of last year it had sent out of the republic 5708 members of religious orders, of whom 2604 were Jesuits.

A roving commission from the pope, it is stated, is to be granted to Cardinal Nina, in order that he may visit the Protestant countries of the world.

The Protestant Germans of Buffalo, N. Y., intend appropriately celebrating the three hundred and sixty-fourth anniversary of the Reformation on the last day of October next.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Haygood and family. They had been spending some weeks at Chautauqua, and were delighted with the place, the services, and the Christian spirit of those with whom they had been associated.

On Sunday morning we held a council as to the most profitable manner of spending the day. Many of the pulpits celebrities were absent, and some disappointment was expressed that we could not hear Talmage, Beecher, Deems, or other men of national reputation.

We wanted to see the work that is going on among the lowly in this great city, and learn what we could of those movements which Christian charity has projected for the relief of human suffering.

We found the "tent," as it is termed, up at Harlem, some seven miles from our boarding house. Father Goegan, whom we expected to hear on "Rome, Run and Run," was with Mooly in the tent...

When applied is made for assistance, an experienced visitor and wants of the family, and the assistance is adjusted to its actual necessities. Leaving the room where the larger children were at dinner, we went up into the nursery...

One of the most attractive features of Savannah has ever been its numerous and beautiful public squares, ornamented as they were with beautiful and stately shade trees and forming an inviting shelter for the children...

King Kalakaua in London will not learn with pleasure that Hilo, in his Hawaiian home, is the point of departure for the volcano Mauna Loa, whose lava is overrunning the whole island.

At Liverpool the market for spot cotton was active and firmer, and quotations were advanced 1-16d, on all grades. Sales 15,000 bales, of which 7,000 were American and 8,000 exports.

From E. E. Lee, DeKalb, Bowie county, September 2: Dear Sir, I have been severely drouth which has paralyzed the farming interests. Crops are an entire failure. Water is becoming very scarce except in wells, and if it does not rain soon stockmen will have to move.

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ORGANIC FORM. Some seventy priests have been converted and have renounced their authority. But each one moves under his own direction and control.

Mr. Orlando Weatherbee, says a speaker of ours, proprietor of the "Spencer Pharmacy," Spencer, Mass., reports: "My customers speak very highly of the Great German Remedy, St. James' Oil, and having always given excellent satisfaction. One of them, Mr. Henry Belcher, has been greatly benefited by its use in a case of severe rheumatism, and he refers to it in terms of highest praise."

THE NEW YORK II-RALD has received information from St. Petersburg correspondent to the effect that the individual who has been taking so much pains to advertise himself as Hartmann is a fraud. The wretched impostor, the real Hartmann is known to the Russian authorities, and he has been in this country.

AN irreverent humorist, embittered by long manufacture of jokes and the flimsy pursuit of puns, once impelled a baleful joke upon his wife at the close of a wash day, she then preparing the usual morning toilet.

THE comparatively recent introduction of steel plates in the construction of steam boilers has attracted the general attention of shipping and industrial communities to the whole subject.

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GALVESTON EXCHANGE. Today. Saturday. Commercial sterling 47 3/4. Bankers' sterling 47 3/4. Commercial N. Y. sight 48 1/2. Bankers' N. Y. sight 48 1/2.

LIVE STOCK MARKET. Mr. Johnson Foster, live stock commission merchant, Galveston, reports the market, up to September 7.

THE GENERAL MARKET. Quotations represent wholesale prices. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

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Letter from Seguin—Church Extension Society.

SEGUIN, September 1.—The drought has done great damage to this section and further west, and will give our...

Our Work at Home.

MRS. PURDY'S PARQUITES. One day, some time since, we were summoned to the parlor, to see a visitor...

She was living on a ranch not a very great way from San Francisco. She was born in England, had come over...

She dropped suddenly into her chair, and revealed as she did so a good-sized wicker basket which stood by her side...

Special Notice. Will the presiding elders of the West Texas conference please send me a list of all persons from their respective districts...

Adventism Exploded. Rev. Wm. Price, of Northwest Texas conference, arrived in town Friday, the sixth...

Mission Schools. "Hammond," in Advocate of Missions, points the merits of mission schools in an able article. The following extracts embrace his summary...

And said I would raise it on skim-milk, which wasn't good for nothing to nobody, if he would let me have it, and he said I might if I wanted, and was a good foot for my pains. So I took it...

evils influences. Besides all this, we know that it is the education we receive in our early years that fixes our character for future life.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Harrison mission, September 17, 18.
Archer mission, September 21.
Newport mission, September 21, 25.

EASTLAND DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Dresden m. at Sept 17, 18.
Sunday Creek m. at Sept 24, 25.

PALESTINE DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Mt Vernon m. at Sept 17 and 18.
JOHN ADAMS.
MARSHALL DISTRICT--THIRD ROUND.

PORT WORTH DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Marathon m. at Sept 17, 18, 19.
Grandview c. at Grandview, Sept 24.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT--THIRD ROUND.
Georgetown a district conference will meet at Pleasant Hill, San Gabriel circuit, on Thursday, July 28, 1881.

PROGRAMME.
From 9 a. m. to 9:30 m., conducted by Pro-fessor A. S. Hawkin: 9:30 to 10:30 m., introductory sermon by Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of Bolton station.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
San Sabal mission, September 17, 18.
San Sabal station, September 22, 23.

STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Stephenville m. at Oakdale, Sept. 3, 4.
Stephenville and Corinth, at Stephenville, Oct. 2, 3, 4.

HUNTSMVILLE DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Huntsville m. at Sept 17 and 18.
Huntsville m. at Sept 24 and 25.

PALESTINE DISTRICT--FOURTH ROUND.
Palestine at Palestine, Sept 17, 18.
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HAMMON--Lila Bell, daughter of Bro. and Sister Hammon, died of congestion, August 18, 1881.

BLOCKER--Infant of Bro. J. M. and Sister Nancy J. Blocker, died August 3, 1881.

THIMBLE--Alexander M. Trimble was born in Cass county, Georgia, January 27, 1839.

CHALKER--Fannie A. Kidd Chalker, wife of C. A. Chalker, born September 15, 1854.

ROBERTS--Elizabeth M. Roberts was born in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, July 17, 1825.

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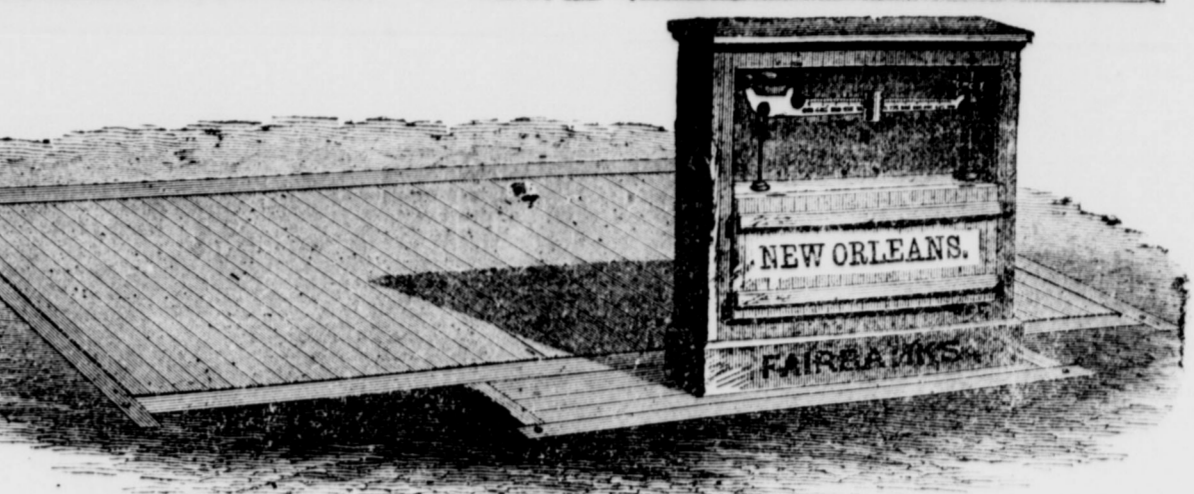
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NEWS BRIEFS.

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A CARD.
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REV. M. L. SARGENT,
Rev. Sir: Will you please state below what satisfaction St. Jacobs Oil gives you, which you got of some time ago, and oblige.

LEGGETT & BUSH,
Very effective.
L. N. ST. OSGER.

The National Eschequer.
The accounts of the national government for the twelve months ended June 30 have been closed, and the statement of receipts and expenditures has been made out. Following is the statement of receipts as compared with those of the financial year ended June 30, 1880:

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From this it appears that the increase from revenue from all sources was \$27,253,681.50. The excess over the estimate submitted by Secretary Sherman last December is \$19,782,232.97. The increase from customs over the financial year 1880 was \$11,637,612.42; from internal revenue, \$11,255,011.20; from sales of public lands, \$1,183,356.57; from miscellaneous sources, \$3,176,222.77. The deficit is \$4,162,447.00.

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HOUSHOLD'S ACID PHOSPHATE is of great benefit to pastors when run down by long continued brain work.

Texas, too, is going ahead. A year or two ago, when she sought capital in New York, capital piled up, but firmly, from the East, she turned to the West. The debt has been reduced, the state is paying as she goes, and there is an accumulation of \$1,800,000. Capital has noted the change, and always ready to help them that help themselves, is pouring in from the North at the rate of \$1,000,000 a week. Her railroad extension amounts to fifty to twenty miles a week, and other developments and industries are progressing.—Pittsburg Post.

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Mr. George I. Seney, the philanthropist, was asked if he designed only to help young aspirants for the Methodist ministry with his latest gift of \$100,000 to Wesleyan University for scholarship prizes. He replied that he made no reservations. The proceeds of the fund were free to all contestants—Protestant, Jews or Catholics, whether they were applied to peanut stand or the presidency.

I advise you to take "Lindsey's Blood-Builder," for the cure of all ailments, such as scurvy, old sores, pimples, boils, etc., cured at once.

The total disbursements of the state of Mississippi, in 1873, were \$1,450,632; the next year they amounted to \$1,319,218, and in 1875 they went up again to \$1,430,192. This was under carpet-bag rule. Ames was governor. The disbursements were in the background. Since that time, however, the expenses of the government have steadily decreased, amounting in 1880 to only \$803,303; the state tax has fallen from eight mills to three mills, and the bonded debt, which was \$1,047,409 in 1879, has been reduced to \$725,000. This was under Democratic rule; radicalism with its corruption and prodigality had vanished out of sight.

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Mustard. Before the year 1729 mustard was little known, according to the Grocer's Journal, at English tables. About this time an old woman of the name of Elizabeth, residing in Durham, began to grind the seed in a mill, and to pass the resulting paste through several processes necessary to free it from its husks.

Sod my grave nicely and plant a tree at its head, so that the wild birds may gather in its branches and sing for quantities of mustard brought to our country, but especially in London. Here it was introduced to the royal table, where it received the approval of George I. From the circumstances of Mrs. Clements being a resident at Durham, it obtained the name of Durham mustard. The manufacture of mustard consisted in simply grinding the seed into a very fine flour, of which, weighing 60 pounds, yielding 23 to 30 pounds of flour of mustard. A false taste, however, arose from having an improved color, and the odor of mustard was introduced from which the oil had been abstracted. Hence other materials, such as capaicum powder, turmeric, terra alba, wheaten flour, etc., were added to bring up the flavor and to increase the bulk.

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