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Texas Christian Advocate. TELLING THE STORY PLAINLY. There is an old story of the rustic who complained that he could not see London for the houses. He found himself surrounded by tall buildings which limited his vision to narrow streets and narrower courts. We have listened to sermons which left us in the same predicament. We were unable to see the gospel in them, because of the superabundance of the preacher's theology. He led us through labyrinths of metaphysical disquisitions, until we forgot that we were sinners in need of salvation. He so concealed the cross in a maze of theological definitions that unbelief began to raise the question whether there is any cross to which sinners may cling when the thunders of Sinai alarm their guilty fears. He formulated the promises amid such a confusion of conditions and doubts that we sought in vain for the refuge to which we would fly when life is swept by the tempest of temptation or sorrow. Theology is a most excellent thing. We rank it among the essentials of Christianity. So are cooking-stoves and gridirons important institutions in the house-keeper's life. But we do not wish to feed on cooking-stoves and make our breakfast on toasting-forks and gridirons. We need wholesome food when we sit down at the table. All the mental processes of the preacher, all his doubts and questionings, are needed to train his own soul for his task or to establish his own heart in the faith; but people are waiting and hungering for the bread of life. Let it be well prepared, and then broken and given each hungry soul. The way we often preach makes us think sometimes of a cook who spreads before the hungry guests the yeast powders, the salt, the lard and uncooked dough, and then invites them with knife and spoon to partake of the food before them. All the ingredients of bread are on the table, but nobody cares to eat. All these elements are needed, but they should be properly mixed, carefully kneaded and then well baked in the oven before they are spread on the table. That is the kind of sermon which benefits and nourishes the congregation. It is not necessary that the preacher should take his whole library into the pulpit and feed his congregation on lexicons and commentaries. He should study diligently and prayerfully on the preparation of his sermon, but it is the gospel the people need. Let the story of the cross be simply and plainly told; let the warning be as sharp and clear as a clap of thunder from the brow of Mount Sinai; let the invitations be as tender as the tears Christ shed over Jerusalem, and let the promises of mercy be as persuasive as the voice of a father pleading with a child; but do not bewilder the hearer with a multiplicity of abstractions, or so cover up the gospel with technicalities and definitions that the most ignorant man or woman in the audience or the boys and girls of ten years old can not understand the message. "Did you understand my sermon to-day?" asked a preacher of his twelve-year-old daughter. "No, sir," was the frank reply. "Some of your words were so long I could not make them out." The leading lawyer in town, who was as skeptical after the discourse as before he heard it, praised both its logic and rhetoric; but the preacher felt that his sermon was a failure.

ONLY SOME DUST. The watch of a railroad conductor failed to keep accurate time, and very soon he began to fall in meeting his connections, and other trains were delayed, and more than once there was narrow risk of collision. He took his watch to a jeweler, who, with the aid of a microscope, examined the wheels and springs of the timepiece. A few particles of dust had clogged the wheels, and although the check they gave to each tick of the watch was imperceptible, yet during the day it amounted to minutes, and during the week the loss of time was calculated to derange a score of trains with passengers and freight, and to endanger many lives and valuable property. The dust was removed, the watch kept time, and this danger of collision, wreck and death was removed. A Christian admitted into his heart a sinful suggestion. It floated in so softly that he was unconscious of its presence. It settled in his thoughts so quietly that he had no dream of danger. It diverted his affections only to a very slight degree from God and heaven. His life moved on as heretofore. He went to church; he said his prayers; he supported the gospel; he attended to the duties of home as in other days, and no one suspected any change. He was unconscious himself of the influence at work and felt no apprehension respecting its results. His wife and children could not discern the imperceptible decline in the fervor of his prayers; the preacher saw no depreciation in attention to his sermons; the machinery of his religious life was working without visible change. But an evil suggestion was in his heart. There was a chill in his devotions, a slowing up in his service to God and a loss in his religious enjoyment. A sudden temptation met him and he was startled to find he was on the eve of surrendering himself to sin. After a sharp struggle he recovered; but it came again and again, and each time he found his spiritual forces weaker than when the first assault was made. He is a wise man who under such conditions will go at once and lay his heart on the altar and ask God to cleanse it from all its imperfections and to make once more his consecration complete. How many of us realize that the dust of sinful suggestions has been silently sifted into our hearts, and that the wheels of our devotions are beginning to move sluggishly in their rounds? Through what a dim and dusty atmosphere of worldliness many of our lives are floating. Now and then a ray of grace, like a bright sunbeam in a darkened chamber, flashes through our soul and reveals to us the floating particles which are penetrating all our plans and purposes. Not merely a few particles are clogging a single wheel, but they are fast covering all of our desires. Had we not better go to God, our Savior, and have our spiritual natures renewed afresh? A revival in the heart of every Christian is the need of the church.

FEEDING THE MULTITUDE. A great multitude followed Christ to the shores of the Galilean Sea, and they were faint with hunger. The disciples proposed to send them away, and thus be rid of responsibility and annoyance; but Christ proposed to feed them. A like difference in purpose and spirit is often manifested between Christ and the church to-day. A fanishing multitude is around us. They need the bread of life. Like the disciples, we look about for earthly agencies with which to secure the supply. We find them inadequate to meet the demand. Two hundred penny worth of bread would not have fed that multitude, even had the disciples possessed that amount of ready money; and in our day the agencies the church commands are often insufficient to meet the demands of a perishing world. Christ is not dependent on money coined by human hands to carry out his designs. He multiplied the loaves and fishes, and the multitude were filled. He can adjust his plans to-day to meet the demands of the multitude hungry for the word of life. He never sends away souls hungering for the bread of life. It is the business of the church to stand ready to distribute the loaves to the multitude. It may not always see the source of supply. That part of the work the Master performs. As the pastor looks out on his congregation he asks of himself, "whence shall we find bread that these may eat?" His human reason only sees the basket with its "five barley loaves and two small fishes," and unbelief says, "what are they among so many?" Leave the answer to him who sent you out to feed all who are hungry with the bread of life. Bid the multitude to sit down, no matter how large the company, and the Master will distribute so abundant supply that it will meet all demands.

TO THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Southwestern University. CHAPTER III. Immediately following the announcement of the location of the university, and before the time of its opening could be properly advertised, adverse circumstances occurred which presented serious obstructions to a propitious beginning. The financial panic, which a short time before began in New York, extended to Texas. The generous friends who had unostentatiously and cheerfully borne all the cost of the movement up to date, found themselves unable to assist farther. Yellow fever made its appearance at different points in the State. The railroad lines were quarantined, and even the passage of the mails prevented. In the face of these embarrassments that the first session opened, October 6, 1879. Thirty-three students were matriculated. Students, i. e., "young men of the age and attainments, requiring the aid of professors to direct their studies," not child pupils, receiving passively the instruction of teachers. The students were something over seventeen years, and they ranked Freshman and Sophomore. The curators held their second meeting in the city of Austin, December 13, 1879, and elected as a permanent faculty, F. A. Wood, D. D., professor moral and mental philosophy; who was for the time being to have charge also of the schools of history and English literature; B. E. Chretzberg, A. M., professor of ancient languages and mathematics; H. M. Reynolds, M. D., professor of modern languages. At the time of the location of the University at Georgetown, there was no church building in the town; one was in course of erection, belonging to the Presbyterian Church. Religious services were held in the hall of the and in "Price's Hall," by the Presbyterians, Cumberland Presbyterians, Baptists, and Methodists. There was a union Sunday-school, thinly attended. The students and faculty worshipped with these several congregations from the time of the opening of the session until January of 1871. At the time of the location of the University there were fourteen Methodist residents in and around Georgetown—four gentlemen and ten ladies. The Presbyterian church having been a member of the university since its organization, proposed in January an arrangement for dividing the Sabbaths of the month among the different Churches, granting the Methodists the use of the building one Sabbath in the month at a rental of \$30 per annum. The members of the Methodist Church were called to meet Sunday, January 11, 1871, to organize a Church, and to consider the proposal submitted. Thirty-seven members enrolled their names, and a petition was forwarded to the trustees asking the use of the building for church services until a suitable church building could be erected. It was determined to begin a weekly prayer-meeting, to be held every Thursday night, so as not to conflict with the union prayer-meeting held on Sunday nights, and to organize a Methodist Sunday-school to meet in the afternoon of the Sabbath, so as not to conflict with the exercises of the union-school that was conducted in the morning. The trustees promptly responded, granting the petition of the church, and the prayer-meeting and Sunday-school were conducted weekly—the Sunday-school opening with some thirty scholars. Small as was the number of students, there was an unruly element of sufficient strength and size to keep the school in uneasiness. It was felt to be very important that at the beginning, while the numbers were small, a proper discipline should be made, and a "handful of heaven" secured that in the future might "leave the whole lamp." Several students were dismissed for unruly conduct, and four were handed over to the jurisdiction of the civil authorities for violence. These last were heavily fined, which had a very soothing effect upon the dangerous passions of themselves and others. As there were no graduates, there was no commencement exercises, and a sermon addressed by the regent to the students on the last Sunday closed the first session. The second session, beginning Monday, October 5, 1871, opened auspiciously, and sixty-three students were matriculated during the year. The classes ranked Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior. F. C. Bryce, A. M., was called to the chair of ancient languages and modern languages, and Rev. N. T. Burks, A. M., of the East Texas Conference, took the chair of mathematics, and the opening of the third session, Monday, October 4, 1871. S. G. Sanders, A. M., was elected professor of modern languages and of the commercial department, and Rev. N. T. Burks, A. M., of the East Texas Conference, took the chair of mathematics, and the opening of the third session, Monday, October 4, 1871. S. G. Sanders, A. 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A Local Preacher Wanted at East. J. H. SHAFER, Columbia, Brazoria county. There is in Brazoria county a pleasant village and surrounding community, who have a house of worship with a good organ, etc., but no regular preacher of any denomination—only a Methodist local preacher, who preaches once a month for them, but lives elsewhere, and can do but little pastoral work.

This community desires to have a minister to settle among them, who is qualified to teach a school during the week, preach for them on Sabbaths, conduct a Sabbath school, visit the sick, marry the young people, administer the sacraments, bury the dead, etc.

Many Conversions—13 Accessions. J. C. S. BAKER, New Wood, Brown county, May 15. Our meeting has been in progress more than two weeks. It is called "our" meeting by everybody except a few of the most straitest sect of successions.

Our Church at El Paso. J. L. LEMONS, Burleson county, May 15. On our recent visit to California we had the pleasure of dropping in at the Methodist church just at the conclusion of the services Sunday night, and forming the acquaintance of our noble, self-sacrificing missionary, Rev. J. E. Carter.

Tennessee Talk. Under date of May 14 the Advocate acknowledges a very entertaining letter from Mrs. Florence E. Howell, in Nashville to attend the meeting of the executive association of the Woman's Missionary Society of which she is a member.

Secular Summary. The Fire at Waxahatchie. WAXAHATCHIE, May 19.—Another fire here last night; consumed everything on north side of the square except the bank of Getzenlander & Ferris.

A Dead Boy. SEASIDE, May 18.—The above "slang" but very expressive phrase applies with force to a woman now traveling over the State. She is about thirty years of age, green eyes, low in stature, and dressed generally in black. She wears a large gold of brass star, and goes under numerous aliases—one of which is Patterson.

Following her criticisms of the General Conference proceedings, which, by the way, illustrate her very clear perception of the needs of the church, Sister H. says of Nashville: Nashville, one of the oldest cities in the South—having celebrated its centennial about two years since—has many objects of interest to the visitor.

view of the whole city, and built in view of material from the State; even the glass in the windows was manufactured in the State. The building is of granite, light gray color, and the doors, stairways and pillars of Tennessee marble. In the library of the building we saw the portrait of Gen. Sam Houston, once governor of Tennessee, the hero whom Texas claims as her own; also the portrait of Gen. Andrew Jackson and his wife, and the portrait of Davy Crockett. In the museum we saw, among other relics, an inkstand made of stone from the Alamo, and we saw in a glass case a dress worn by a lady at the signing of the declaration of independence.

The executive association of our Woman's Missionary Society will meet next Thursday, the 18th of this month, in the audience room of McKendree Church. Mrs. Juliana Hayes, the president; Mrs. Keener, Mrs. Kavanaugh and Mrs. Wightman, vice-presidents, besides many of the delegates, have already arrived. It is to be hoped that the sessions of our executive association will be conducted with more order than those of the General Conference. There is an old saying that "of woman's clack there is no end," but we hope to prove this false, and we hope to furnish an example of order and decorum to our brethren of the General Conference when we begin the transaction of business in our executive association.

J. F. HENDERSON, Epom, Van Zandt county, May 5. We are having some of the finest prayer-meetings I have ever seen, or heard of. There is a glorious revival spirit among the people. Several have been converted, and some very good material which will fall to some church. Some of the converts were already members of the Methodist Church—I suppose, reported in the past. There are many others at work, but have never been converted. I use this term conversion in the sense of regeneration. One of the great difficulties in the way is this element. If they were ever converted at all, of which I will not doubt or deny the possibility, one thing is a great difficulty, they are not content with the old. Now, if this class could only be reached and converted, which is much preferred, or removed out of the way, I am satisfied that a wonderful impediment would be rolled out of the way of Zion.

The disasters of debt are just now illustrated by the condition of Egypt. She owes so much money abroad that her financial policy is dictated by foreign governments, and she can not even choose her own ruler—being subject to the whims of an army, except that the interests of her creditors make them interpose to prevent revolution.

The house in Boston in which Wendell Phillips has lived for forty years was demolished this week. It has ever been a stately plain dwelling, having few treasures except books and letters. Mr. Phillips remonstrated against the demolition because the house was dear to him, but he could not resist the pressure of business.

There is a good deal of talk over the course of the Senate election committee on woman suffrage in agreeing to recommend for adoption a joint resolution providing that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.

Mrs. Harris, a lady living near Wax, was bitten by a rattlesnake. The bite was on her leg, and she had presence of mind enough to suck out the poison. When a physician arrived he found her out of danger.

corn injured by the hail. Prospect of fruit crop still very good. Great scarcity of corn and other provender for stock. This occasions much anxiety, but farmers are looking for their old crop soon to cover deficiency. Health of the country generally very fair.

The Union is not a private enterprise of speculation. Every member of the board of directors is interested in it, and all are mutually united to make it a success.—New Orleans Times-Democrat, April 9, 1882.

The Union is chartered under the laws of this State, and has a full board of directors and officers. They are first-class business men, in whom the public can have full confidence. They will see that the Union is properly managed and funds sacredly guarded.

The present drain of specie from America to foreign countries is not new, but it is more abundant, and financiers are beginning to manifest uneasiness.

The weather Jews of Russia are forming secret clubs to facilitate emigration en masse.

A young Frenchman named Renaudin entered the church of the Annunciation in New York on the 25th inst., during service, and deliberately shot himself. The clergyman did not hear the report of the revolver, and was not disturbed in his ministrations.

Mr. Flower offered a resolution in Congress last week looking to an international arrangement "for the purpose of fixing upon a meridian proper to be employed as a common zero of longitude and standard of time reckoning throughout the world."

The bill appropriating \$125,000 for a custom-house at Galveston has passed and will be signed by the President.

island of South Georgia, returning in a year to take it home.

The will of ex-Governor Washburn covers property valued at \$2,500,000. It is known that \$50,000 is set aside for a public library at LaCrosse, and \$375,000 for an orphan and half-orphan asylum at Minneapolis, in memory of the mother of the testator.

Mr. Longfellow left a Decoration Day poem, which will appear in the next Atlantic.

General Pope telegraphs the War Department that the Mesaleros must be fed or they will starve. As the Indian bureau can not give them provisions, the army must feed them or surround them with enough troops to force a quiet starvation.

R. M. LEAVITT, Blanco, Blanco county, May 22. We have just had another early rain, and everything is promising quiet fair now in the way of crops. Harvesting has begun, and we hope the price of bread will soon fall. General health good.

J. L. LESLIE, Van Alstyne, May 20. Our crop prospects are very good. Wheat and winter oats are ready for harvest, and are excellent.

Hon. J. B. Finch, in a recent address said: "The liquor traffic in this country is based upon ignorance and superstition. The acute liquor drinking civilization is debauchery vice and crime. The hope of the temperance workers must be the moral, social, and intellectual elevation of the race. The two armies that are arrayed in this country are, on the one hand, ignorance; on the other, intelligence; on the one hand all that is debauched and vile, and on the other the highest hopes of this Nation."

A subscriber writes as follows: "I feel at once my appetite and strength greatly improved; my expectation less painful and less copious; my cough less troublesome; my sleep sound, refreshing and dreamless; my nervousness all gone; my breathing less laborious; my backache less severe; my digestion improved; my urine clear and voided without pain; my spirits more exuberant; my mind perfectly at ease; and yet I have only used half a bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters."

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We clip the following from a very sensible editorial in the New York Times: "The attitude of the liquor dealers suggests that this is as good a time as any other to test their political power. Not only in Ohio, but in nearly every other State, they exercise an influence altogether out of proportion to their importance as citizens, and it is an influence that is far from beneficial to politics or to society. If they band together to multiply laws intended to suppress the evils growing out of their business, or to prevent or repeal legislation demanded by the better sentiment of the people, it behooves the people to meet the issue and decide whether the liquor interest is to be accepted as a controlling one in State politics under any circumstances whatever. Until this question is settled, that of modifying the existing laws should be postponed."

COMMERCIAL.

ADVOCATE OFFICE, MAY 21. The following quotations are the latest up to date of closing.

Table with columns: This day, Yesterday, Friday, Saturday. Rows include: Galveston Statement, Receipts, Exports, Stock Statement, Daily Movements.

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