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SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Sulphur Springs sta. June 17. 18.
Pittsburg sta. July 1, 2.
Sulphur Bluff, July 15, 16.
Greenfield, July 22, 23.
Lovingburg, August 5, 6.
Sulphur Springs, August 12, 13.
Winters, August 19, 20.
Lone Oak, August 26, 27.
Kingston, September 2, 3.
Addicks, September 9, 10.
Relly Springs, Sept. 16, 17.
The district conference will convene at Sulphur Bluff on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the 26th day of July. A full attendance is desired. Recording secretary will please send up their records for examination.

PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Paris, July 1, 2.
Brookton, July 8, 9.
Pittsburg, July 15, 16.
Paris, July 22, 23.
Honey Grove, July 29, 30.
Coppertown, August 5, 6.
Ammonia, August 12, 13.
Pittsburg, August 19, 20.
Honey Grove, August 26, 27.
Woodland, August 30, 31.
Roselle, September 6, 7.
Blossom Prairie, September 13, 14.
The Paris District Conference will meet at Roselle, Wednesday, July 26, at 9 a. m. Each preacher in charge will see that the journal of his quarterly conference is present for inspection by the district conference.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Madisonville, at Oxford, June 10, 11.
Madisonville, June 17, 18.
Waverly, at Old Waverly, July 1, 2.
Fruitland, July 8, 9.
Zona, at Zona, July 15, 16.
Newtown, July 22, 23.
Willis, at Willis, August 5, 6.
Spring Creek, August 12, 13.
Cold Spring, August 19, 20.
The district conference will convene at Alexandria, at 9 o'clock, August 12, at 9 o'clock, at 10 a. m. C. H. Brooks, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Waxahachie, 1st Sunday in June.
Emm's sta. 4th Sunday in June.
Pittsburg, 1st Sunday in July.
Wesley and Knox, 2nd Sunday in July.
Ferry, 3rd Sunday in July.
Beaumont, 4th Sunday in July.
Oachbay, 5th Sunday in July.
August 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.
The district conference will begin on Thursday, at 8 a. m., before the 6th Sunday in June, at 8 a. m., before the 6th Sunday in June, at 8 a. m. Preachers are earnestly expected to be in their places.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
San Felipe, at Ashby, June 17 and 18.
Rogers, June 24 and 25.
Eagle Lake, at Quinn, July 8 and 9.
Columbia, at Columbia, July 15 and 16.
Velasco, July 22 and 23.
Houston city, at Houston, July 29 and 30.
St. James, at St. James, August 5 and 6.
St. Louis, at St. Louis, August 12 and 13.
Washington, at Washington, August 19 and 20.
The Galveston District Conference will convene in the city of Galveston, July 18, at 8 a. m., in the Methodist Church. Delegates will take due and timely notice. It is expected that a full attendance will be in attendance. Brothers, come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Cochran's and Caruth's, at Cochran, 24 Sunday in June.
McKinney, at Allen, 3d Sunday in June.
McKinney, 4th Sunday in June.
Piano City, at Piano City, 1st Sunday in July.
Lamar Street, Dallas, 2d Sunday in July.
Fay's street, Dallas, 3d Sunday in July.
Houston, at Houston, 4th Sunday in July.
Bethel, at Bethel, 5th Sunday in July.
Louisville, at Prairie Mount, 1st Sunday in August.
Greenville, at White's chapel, 2d Sunday in August.
The Dallas District Conference will convene at Greenville, at White's chapel, 2d Sunday in August, at 8 o'clock. R. M. FOWLER, P. E.

REV. J. A. WALKUP, M. D., SHOT.
We learn by telegram that on June 3, Dr. J. A. Walkup, a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, and agent for Marvin College, was dangerously wounded by a pistol shot from the hand of Dr. Cagle. The latter was involved in a quarrel with R. H. Ezell, at whom he shot four times; one ball shattering the left leg of Bro. Walkup above the knee. Dr. Walkup was returning from a prayer-meeting when the unfortunate occurrence took place. Later intelligence, as will be seen by postal elsewhere, informs us that it has been found necessary to amputate Dr. W.'s leg. A private letter from an esteemed friend, referring to his condition the day following the amputation, says: "He lies at the very gate of death, and we stand with bated breath praying God to have mercy upon it. Bro. W. has a firm hold on the Redeemer, and says the future is all clear. He wants to live, but does not fear to die. A splendid man physically, morally and mentally is cut down in the hey-day of life. He is rallying a little and we hope for recovery. I have never seen the community more stirred. How many more noble victims are to supply the full demand of the demons of strong drink, and six shooters? God bless you! Strike for deliverance! No further comment is needed. Senators and legislators who plead for the liberty of the saloons, the propagators of concealed-weapon bearing, are invited to read the catalogue of crime furnished by this demon of drink, and vote as conscience commands—not in answer to the gold of saloon-keepers.

REV. C. B. GALLOWAY succeeds Dr. Levin Parker as editor of the *New Orleans Advocate*. We welcome Bro. G. to the fraternity, and congratulate the readers of that admirable paper in the selection of so able and forcible an editor. It is a compliment to both Bro. G. and Bishop P. to say the paper will in the future maintain the record it has made in the past.

The address of Bishop Parker for the present will be 871 Carondelet street, corner Constantinople, New Orleans. We hope soon to publish his address as—Texas.

We are glad to see that Bishop Parker proposes to spend two whole months in Texas holding our five conferences, from the middle of October till the middle of December.

In the plan of episcopal visitations in the M. E. Church, we notice that the Texas Conference will meet at Hempstead December 14; West Texas at Columbus December 7. Bishop Bowman presides at each.

The plan of episcopal visitations, M. E. Church, South, published elsewhere, should have appeared last week. They did not reach us owing to mail defects.

It may be cruel, but it is too good to keep. A talented correspondent spells it in this manner: "Gnashville."

The conversion of Gen. Buford, the noted turfman of Kentucky, has been published long since. It appears now to be illustrating the tendency of men to join themselves unto idols. His lectures—he is lecturing, of course—may be termed homoeopathic efforts to harmonize religion and horse-racing. It is fair to presume the General will not prove eminently successful.

Crops, Weather, Etc.
W. R. CROCKETT, Comanche county, May 31: We were visited last evening by a heavy rain and strong wind. The rain was greatly needed for the benefit of both stock and crops. A good deal of the corn was blown almost to the ground. Wheat crop tolerably good, and grass perhaps as good as has ever been known at this season of the year.

J. H. TRIMBLE, McLennan county, May 30: Harvesting is the order of the day. Wheat excellent, oats and corn good, cotton small.

G. A. GARNETT, Harris county, June 1: A corn good, best, cotton is about three weeks later than common. We have had several storms this year. A destructive hail storm passed through this section last Saturday, half a mile or more wide and several miles in length. Some families will have to plant over, but many will prosper through a sparsely settled section.

J. B. RICE, Bee county, May 30: We have had fine rains all over this, Bee county. Crops are looking fine, and the people are cheerful and hopeful.

D. F. FILLER, DeWitt county, May 21: A cyclone struck near this place last night about 11 o'clock. Much damage was done, but no injury to person or life. H. R. McCoy suffered most. His orchard was destroyed, and the house, after a residence partially unroofed and much timber and fencing blown down. The storm was preceded by dense smoke and heavy thunder.

T. J. THOMASSON, Fayette county, May 31: We have had fine rains in this section recently. Crops are very good.

C. R. SHAFER, Austin county, May 30: Fine rains. Corn crop secured. Cotton promising.

R. H. REEVES, Limestone county, June 2: Our crop prospects are flattering indeed at this time. The prospect now is that an abundant harvest will be realized provided nothing strikes us that may prove devastating.

DR. ROBERT ALEXANDER.
I request all who have any personal knowledge of facts and incidents connected with the life of Rev. Robert Alexander, to write them down as briefly as they can and forward to me at Brenham, Texas. At the request of his family and friends, I am publishing as speedily as possible a full account of his eventful life, respectively. F. T. MITCHELL.

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REV. R. ALEXANDER, D. D.
Robert Alexander was born in Tennessee on the 7th day of August, A. D., 1811. Of his early life we have, as yet, but little accurate information. He received such education as his parents were able to give him at that early day in the comparative wilds of his native Kentucky. And while it was not classical, it was sufficient, with his later culture, to enable him to read, think and speak with great accuracy and force. At the age of seventeen, i. e., in September, 1828, he was awakened to a sense of his condition as a sinner; was thoroughly converted to God, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the year 1829 Bro. Alexander was licensed to exhort, and having used this authority to the satisfaction of his brethren for nearly one year, he was licensed to preach early in the year 1830. In October, 1830, he was admitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference, and appointed to the Bedford Circuit, but in the course of the year, the interest of the work requiring it, he was changed to the Goose Creek Circuit, from which he had received his recommendation to the annual conference. His second appointment was to the Fountainebleau circuit, junior preacher, the venerable John Page being in charge. In 1832, he was appointed in charge of Murphersboro Circuit, and the following year his field of labor was on the Mill Creek Circuit. At the close of this year Bro. Alexander was sent to the Alabama Conference, but before entering his new field he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference and placed on the Port Gibson and Grand Gulf work. In the autumn of 1835 Bro. A. began that noble and heroic work, which he has since pursued, i. e., the organization of new fields in the vineyard of the Master, opening and preparing ground for other laborers to occupy. He was appointed superintendent of the Chickasaw District, and during the year 1836, and the winter of 1837, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference and placed on the Port Gibson and Grand Gulf work. In the autumn of 1835 Bro. A. began that noble and heroic work, which he has since pursued, i. e., the organization of new fields in the vineyard of the Master, opening and preparing ground for other laborers to occupy. He was appointed superintendent of the Chickasaw District, and during the year 1836, and the winter of 1837, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference and placed on the Port Gibson and Grand Gulf work.

As a man Dr. Alexander was just, honorable and brave. As a minister he was the peer of the ablest of his comrades. Clear, logical, and fearless, he preached the gospel with a consciousness that his authority was not from men, but from God. Gentle and kind in his family and with his friends, he made no compromise with sin, nor did he withhold from the sinner or the unfaithful Christian the terrors of the divine law. No man has done more for the cause of Christ and public virtue in Texas than Dr. Alexander. He has left his impress upon the church of his choice, and his Christian communion in the State is indebted to him for part of its life and growth. More than this, public men who were Christless have come under the influence of his lofty example, his noble teaching, and his heroic courage; and only eternity will develop how far these have aided in correcting error, restraining vice, and raising the standard of intelligence and worth.

"He, being dead, yet speaketh." Long as many virtues, Christian intelligence, and ministerial fidelity are held in reverence and are esteemed by men will the name of Robert Alexander be cherished and honored by the men and women of Texas.—F. T. MITCHELL.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The executive association of the Woman's Missionary Society met for its fourth annual session at McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 18, 1882, Bishop McTear conducting the opening service; after which the president, Mrs. Hayes, took the chair. An address of welcome was made by Mrs. Cunningham, of Nashville, and responded to by Mrs. Dowdell, of Alabama. After roll-call the president's address was delivered. The report of the corresponding secretary was then called for, also that of the treasurer.

These reports are full; replete with information. One may study them with profit. As I wish my communication to be brief, I will give you but few figures from these reports. We are now working under a new constitution, given by the General Conference and approved by the executive association.

This is no longer our name. We are now the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Our new constitution gives us but one officer, president and five managers, and is composed of the following officers: President—Mrs. Juliana Hayes. Vice president—Mrs. M. D. Wightman.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. D. H. M. Galloway. Treasurer—Mrs. James Whitworth. Recording secretary—Miss M. L. Gibson. Resident managers—Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, Mrs. L. H. McLean, Manager, Eastern division—Miss Melissa Baker, Baltimore Conference. Manager, Southern division—Mrs. Dowdell, Alabama Conference. Manager, Western division—Mrs. Hendrix, Tenn., Mississippi Conference. Editor and publishing agent—Mrs. Frank Butler.

Auditor—Mr. J. D. Hamilton. Our new constitution makes the secretary of the Parent Board of Missions an honorary member of the Woman's Board, a resolution authorizing our secretary of the parent board to act with the Woman's Board for the purpose of forming a quorum at their monthly or called meetings was adopted.

Our corresponding Secretary's report shows progress all down the line. In China, under the able superintendency of Rev. Y. J. Allen, giant strides are being taken. Two additional missionaries have been accepted for this work. Miss Muse, of Georgia, and Miss Nore Lombard, of China. In Brazil the work is being pushed in a firm footing—school buildings will be erected in Praciaba the present year. "Miss Watts and Miss Newman, in charge, now teach in a rented house." We confidently expect large results. An appropriation of \$1200 was made by the Central Mexican Mission. Rev. Mr. Patterson was instructed to use this amount in employing native Protestant teachers. This is but a beginning.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION.
This work should be very near the heart of every Texas. Mrs. Burford, of Texas, was accepted as an additional worker in that field. Appropriations, amounting to \$6000, were made to complete the school building now being built, and to support the three missionaries in that work.

SEMINOLE INDIAN MISSION.
Bishop Berce asked permission to speak on behalf of this mission. He wished the board to appropriate \$600 to support a teacher in a school already doing successful work. The claims of this mission had been advocated before the "Committee on Extension of Work." "No money to appropriate—work projected last year must be carried over, or failure will be the result." On hearing the Bishop's forcible presentation of the necessities of this mission, it was proposed that the Conference Societies take this as special work. The amount called for was soon made up, two conference secretaries tak-

ing \$100 each. Your correspondent pledged the Texas Conference Society for \$20. Who will be the first to respond? One life membership would take it up; we can not use our monthly dues for this purpose.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.
Societies, 1112; members, 29,550; money remitted to treasurer, \$64,910.17; from Woman's Missionary Advocate funds, \$1000—total, \$65,910.17. This for four years' work. Of this amount the conference societies in Texas, through their auxiliaries, have raised \$1305.26; a tabulated statement, which I think is correct. The four Texas Conference societies have been in existence not two years. We have no report from the West Texas, which was organized last fall. We have fifty-three auxiliary and juvenile societies in Texas. In the bounds of the Texas Conference there are only eight. How many would we have if every vice-president came up to the full measure of her work? Texas has sent out three missionaries—Miss Annie E. Williams, Miss Rebecca Toland and Mrs. Burford; the fourth is preparing, and expects to go forth in another year. We must do more to support them. For every \$100 that Texas has paid into the treasury of the Woman's Board of Missions, it has returned tenfold to the Mexican Border Mission, lying within our own State. Thirteen thousand dollars have been appropriated to it for 1881-2.

PUBLICATIONS.
Since February, 1880, the society has issued and scattered with a liberal hand 349,872 pages of missionary leaflets, tracts and cards. We have over 6000 subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. It owes not a cent, and has in the two years of its existence paid \$1000 into the treasury of the Woman's Board of Missions. If it is a success, but we expect greater results. Within the bounds of the five Texas conferences there are 950 adult members of the Woman's Missionary Society, and but 225 copies of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* taken. Is this as it should be? We can not work intelligently without knowledge. We love to look upon our *Advocate* enlarged and in its new dress, and—mind no increase in price. On the last day of our session a resolution was adopted "requesting every member of every auxiliary society to become a self-contributed agent to solicit subscriptions for our *Advocate*," and of Texas will not forget yours, Mr. Editor. Sisters, send your subscriptions to Mrs. Frank A. Butler, publishing agent, Nashville, Tenn.

Annual reports will be sent me as soon as printed. All persons wishing copies will be supplied upon sending me their address and two cents for postage. Officers of auxiliaries will be supplied as soon as the reports are received.

Lynchburg, Va., was selected as the place for the next annual meeting of the board. Too much can not be said of the kindness and hospitality of the ladies of Nashville. They made us feel at home; we thank them. We will leave to others to tell of the pleasant excursion to Belle Mead; the reception given to the Woman's Board of Missions by Mrs. Polk; the deep, spiritual sermons that had the pleasure of being heard, and of that grand missionary love-feast. Our pen is too prosaic for such as these.

Since our return we have sent to Weimar, by the request of Rev. Wesley Smith, constitutions, directions for organizing, reports, etc. We hope they will be successful both as to an auxiliary and juvenile society. Persons wishing these forms will address

MRS. S. S. PARK,
Cor. Sec'y Texas Con. W. M. S., No. 416 East Avenue, Galveston, Texas.

Tabulated Statement.
Statement of the Woman's Missionary Society within the bounds of the State of Texas, as furnished by the second, third and fourth annual reports of Woman's Missionary Society.

Name of Conference	Number of Societies	Members	Life Members	Subscribers to W. M. S. Advocate	Money Remitted from Auxiliaries
East Texas	4	107	10	210	\$108.90
North Texas	15	485	10	100	286.35
Southwest Texas	1	15	1	10	10.00
Texas	159	47	4	253	92.00
West Texas	1	1	1	1	1.00
Total	180	555	26	574	\$488.25
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—Sunday, May 21, was Missionary Day in Cincinnati in the M. E. churches. The collections at St. Paul's, Walnut Hill, Christie, Mount Auburn, Grace, Wesley and York Street aggregated \$4239.25. A considerable amount was also collected in the smaller churches.

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CULLED PARAGRAPHS.

—The Western Methodist Book Concern pays as much tax on personal property as 1000 of the average saloon-keepers of Cincinnati who pay taxes at all.

—If you want to be a real good Christian you must practice on Monday one or two of the things that you say Amen to on Sunday. The difficulty with many church members is that they get wound up at the prayer-meeting, but run down as rapidly as a watch with a broken mainspring the moment they touch the solid business of life.

—The Woman's Home Missionary Society expect to have a national rally at Chattanooga the coming summer, when Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes will preside.

—The Moravian Church sent its first missionary to St. Thomas, in the West Indies, in 1732. It is proposed to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this event, August 21st, and to raise a jubilee fund in its commemoration.

The British and Foreign Bible Society has, at a cost of \$20,000, produced a Bible in the Basuto—the ninth completed language in the native languages of India.

It is expected that the doors of the Kentucky School of Medicine will be open to women very soon.

Mr. Darwin was one of the very first to sign petitions in favor of woman suffrage in England.

A Roman Catholic priest at Milford, Mass., refused the Grand Army of the Republic the privilege of decorating the graves in the Roman Catholic burial ground on Memorial Day.

The folly of absolutism receives another illustration in the action of the Russian Government prohibiting the publication of reports of attacks upon Jews, or of any discussions of the subject in Russian newspapers. Crimes are not covered up in that way, and besides, the government is about a year or two late.

—Says the *Northeastern Christian Advocate*: "Rev. Dr. Atticus G. Haygood, of the M. E. Church, South, as we have already noticed, declined to be ordained a bishop. He could well and wisely afford to do so. Our noble, liberal Geo. I. Seney, of New York, has, without doubt, intimated that he intends to further share his princely gifts with the Church South, and few persons in that church are so well qualified to wisely use the money for education as is Dr. Haygood."

—The Wesleyan and Episcopal Methodists of South Germany, as well as some other evangelists, had a fraternal gathering in Stuttgart lately, with a view to harmony and cooperation in case of interference in their work by the State authorities. Some sixty ministers responded to the call, and were hearty in joining hands against their worldly and haughty opponents. They organized into a regular body, and resolved to meet again in November next in some city to be chosen by a committee. This combined action is very wise in the face of the persecution by the established Church.

—In accordance with a request of a joint committee which met in New York May 3, 1882, to promote the holding of an American Methodist Centennial Conference in the year 1884, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in semi-annual meeting at Detroit, May 1882, appointed the following persons to be a committee to co-operate with a similar committee of other Methodist Churches, in making arrangements for the proposed conference: Bishops Simpson, Wiley, Andrews and Hill, Revs. Charles Hitchcock, C. S. Sims, Andrew Lewis, I. W. Jones, J. H. Fowler, J. F. Goucher, Daniel Rochester, S. M. D'U. Crawford, Sanford Hunt, D. A. Goodsell, Joseph Horner, Moses G. L. Seney, J. B. Cornell, G. J. Foster, A. V. G. Sandoz, Charles J. Wright, Wm. Chaffin, Theodore Ransom, D. H. Wheeler, John Owen, Amos Shinkle.

Unanswered Letters.

June 1—Julius Woodson, change noted; will stop paper, J. O. Armstrong, subs; 2 postal, W. H. Moss, sub; A. A. Coppell, sub; M. Mills, sub; J. P. Hulse, sub; G. H. Day, sub; T. S. Garrett, sub; P. O. Tunnell, sub; attention given to change. W. S. May, subs. E. E. Fraser, will correct orthography. Sidney Seymour, will send the notes in link, thank you; next complimentary. H. T. Hill, sub; G. W. Woolford, subs. E. Y. Seale, subs. A. E. Goodwyn, course we'll come to suthin'—good dinner, Crinastine. D. M. Dickinson, change. R. V. Galloway, subs. F. M. Stovall, sub. H. H. Hart, sub. V. G. Sandoz, sub. B. H. Bounds, sub; will send.

June 2—Ben H. Bounds, subs. Sam Weaver, subs. A. Little, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub. J. F. Henderson, sub. Mrs. L. E. Timin, change. W. H. Biggs, sub. C. H. Baker, sub. W. H. Murphy, sub. J. I. Murray, sub. F. C. Pearson, sub. J. C. Russell, will look to matter completed of J. J. Davis, subs. E. Crum, will so arrange. W. A. Shoek, subs. T. P. Smith, subs. E. M. Hulse, sub. A. G. Nolan, sub. W. Monk, sub.

June 3—John B. Jones, change. J. D. Crockett, sub. F. J. Browning, all right. W. G. Nelms, sub. J. R. D. Taylor, will renew as stated. E. A. Smith, sub. V. G. Sandoz, sub. G. W. Woolford, sub.

June 5—J. B. Allison, of course oversight. D. J. Martin, will send as described. J. S. Tunnell, sub. M. H. Jones, sub. C. Rowland, sub. T. T. Booth, sub.

June 6—T. W. Morton, sub. F. A. Rossier, sub. W. S. May, sub. W. M. Robbins, sub. J. I. McElroy, sub. J. J. Canaff, sub.

June 7—L. C. Cross, sub. G. W. Owens, sub. W. R. Manning, sub. R. J. Davis, sub. H. B. Henry, subs. Lacey Boone, sub; six months, \$1. T. P. Dimmitt, subs. R

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Texas Christian Advocate.

To the Texas Christian Advocate. If You Please, Mr. President.

"We represent to one when we say that neither in the constitution nor the laws of Texas did the Board of Education have a single word or paragraph upon which to hang their prohibition of the reading of the Bible or prayer at the opening ceremony in the schools of the State."

We are brethren, and therefore we deal frankly, talk plainly, and confront facts squarely, at the risk of having the Advocate say that we have a dull intellect. I beg leave to state facts:

In June, 1878, the District Conference of the Georgetown District, Northwest Texas Conference, assembled in the town of Liberty Hill, Williamson county, Texas. While that district conference was in session, one James Peeler, by no means an unknown man in Northwest Texas, delivered a report upon the subject of education, which said report criticized most severely the infidel utterances of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the public free schools and the free school fund.

When the resolution was offered at the last session of our conference, the Northwest Texas, asking a repeal of the "obnoxious law," I voted for it most heartily. But when the resolution was offered reflecting upon the Board of Education, I voted against it because I thought it undue and unjust reflection upon a set of men for the faithful discharge of their duty.

I do not intend this as a defense of Bro. Bowman; he can take care of himself. His character for integrity and Christian fidelity is as good as that of any member of the Northwest Texas conference, and I am desirous to call attention to the fact that if we want to gain our case, we had better stick to our text. To fight against the Constitution and laws of the State for four years, and then all at once conclude that our trouble on the school question grows out of the infidel sentiments of the members of the Board of Education, looks a good deal like what we wanted to make a fuss, but didn't know how to fuss at, or what to fuss about.

Comments by the Advocate. The Advocate has stuck to its text until it has become monotonous; but, in reply to the foregoing, submits: First--That the constitutional convention, having assembled church schools, we demand the repeal of its action as a subversion of the rights of our citizenship guaranteed in the constitution of the United States, which prohibits legislation in any form on the subject of religion.

Second--That the Legislature, having changed base and extended the line of infidel attack from church schools to an attack on all religious teaching in the public schools, whether in or out of school hours, we denounce the usurpation, and a hundred-fold more earnestly demand repeal of its action.

Third--That the Board of Education, having still extended the line of infidel attack from religious instruction in the schools to every possible form of religious ceremonial recognizing the existence of God, we a thousand-fold more earnestly demand a repeal of its action, as there is not a word or a paragraph in the constitution or laws of the State of Texas warranting their enormous usurpation of authority in the premises.

These are the views the Advocate has maintained from the beginning, and fails to see either inconsistency or folly in their maintenance. To the Texas Christian Advocate. Passing Thoughts. BY W. H. ANDERSON, D. D.

and my house, we will serve the Lord," and you heard and recorded in heaven, and all "the pious" utter their approving "amen." Conviction of right and resolve to perform duty act independent of numbers of associates, and look to God alone for sanction and support.

MARY LAZARUS' SISTER, VINDICATED. Jewish matter toward Jesus is not confined to them or their immediate descendants. Infidelity has absorbed a large portion of the wicked virus. Effort has been made to throw infamy upon the character of Jesus by either unnecessary or willful concealment of two characters and two events in which the Master received his anointing a tearful, grateful tribute of woman's affection for her Christ.

The effort is made to represent the act in Mark xiv 37: "And being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box and poured it on his head;" and the same, stated in Luke xii 37: "And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him, weeping." etc. We are ignorant who this woman, "the sinner," was. She is a nameless one. We are informed, John xii 2, that the first anointing of Jesus, was by Martha of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus.

Notice 1--The individuals are entirely different. The location and fact removed from each other: Mary's offering was at Bethany, her home where Lazarus was raised from the dead. The place of the offering of the woman, "a sinner," was in Galilee. 2. The direct spots were different--the sinner woman anointing was in the house of the Pharisee; Mary's was offered in the house of "Simon the leper."

These plain historic and geographical statements at once foil the wicked attempt to blacken the character of Mary, and of her savior, who made the home of the foundation and growth of Southern University; it is proper that a brief sketch be given of the principles that have ruled in its management, and to submit a summary of the results that have followed.

1. The management of the university that its function as an institution of the church was to use all proper means to refine the manners, and protect the morals, and improve the hearts, of the students, whether in the form of instruction, or by the example of the faculty. To the end, therefore, the professors have been chosen, not merely for their attainments in literature and science, and capacity for instructing, but also for their positive Christian character, and their high and accomplished attainments as men.

2. For the same reason, the management has proceeded upon the supposition also that the university should bear a decided character for benevolence, "doing good," consequently a liberal dispensation of every kind has been cheerfully bestowed. No student of either sex, coming to us exhibiting a sincere purpose to secure education, has been refused tuition for want of means to pay for it.

3. It has been held, also, that in these publications it was not allowable for its managers to indulge in any of the exaggerations, smiles, and extravagant claims to eminent superiority that are so common in advertising secular business. It has, indeed, been thought best to err on the side of extreme moderation of statement rather than indulge in exaggerations of any kind. Friends have occasionally spoken in terms of praise of our work, so extravagant; but for this the institution could not be held responsible.

4. It has been held, further, that it was a duty in the management of university interests to antagonize no other religious denomination, and while claiming the position assigned it by voluntary and unanimous act of the church in Texas, as its representative institution for advanced learning, a hearty "God speed" has always been accorded to all laboring in the same cause, and by no word of office, or agent, or by any publications, have any odious comparisons been instituted with the operations of other churches, corporations, or individuals. This reasonable courtesy has not been always reciprocated.

Southwestern University. CHAPTER III. (CONTINUED).

At the suggestion of the Executive Committee, resident in Galveston, the Board of Trustees in 1879 was reorganized, and the working quorum transferred to the city of Austin, a point convenient to the institution. The change has proven very advantageous, the property and general financial interests of the institution having much more frequent and accurate supervision.

The patronage of the institution having outgrown its accommodations, at the annual meeting of the curators and trustees, held at the commencement of 1881, it was determined to enlarge the building under the supervision of a capable architect. During the summer vacation the work was done handsomely and substantially at a cost of \$7500. By this improvement four large lecture rooms were added to the building, the whole surmounted by a mansard roof and the entire structure renovated and repaired. For the successful completion of this work without incurring a dollar's debt the church is indebted chiefly to D. H. Snyder, the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, who with his brothers, John and Thomas Snyder, contributed \$2500, and himself gave constant personal oversight of the matter. During the month of April, of the present year, plans for the erection of a suitable chapel were adopted and the foundations laid. The contract has been definitely closed for the completion of the first story before the advent of the pending commencement. This building has been projected in the expectation that the church in Texas will assist in its erection, as it was undertaken only after the pressing of patrons rendered it indispensable. The means for the completion of the first story have already been secured, and no debt will be entailed by this valuable addition to the resources of the institution.

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5. It has also been held that while money, much money, was necessary to support and carry forward an enterprise of such importance and magnitude, the institution in no sense what ever should be used as a money-making concern. Consequently, by the charter, the property can never be alienated from its present owner, "the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," unless the members of that church to whom the property has been committed "in trust," voluntarily and voluntarily sell it upon it. Nor can any professor, tutor, agent or other officer ever make more than the salary stipulated for with the trustees, nor, should they fail to pay the salary, can he ever have claim upon the buildings or real estate of the institution. And as the close of each financial year cancels all claims with the faculty, no debt to them can ever be accumulated. It is upon these severe terms, and upon a moderate salary, that these servants of the church, like the ministers of their church, labor in this field of Christian effort.

6. Finally, it has been held that character is supreme in connection with such an undertaking. Its management, therefore, has not been conducted with a view to the accumulation of money, but to the promotion of the highest character and secure numbers. Both these are necessary; but if obtained at the sacrifice of character are only ruinous. The management, therefore, of the institution has looked constantly to the maintenance of that purity, discipline, punctuality, thoroughness and solid advancement in the students as would establish its character for honest and successful work. As the results of the labors expended, the money dispensed, and the policy pursued, the following are given: 1. Every session, except the first, has been signalized by a gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit. In these nine years not less than 233 young people have professed faith in Christ

and been added to the church. Of the forty graduates taking degrees, but four weeks since in our Advocate reached professors of religion and members of some church; while ten, one-fourth of the entire number, have become ministers of the gospel of Christ. Besides these, seventeen others, now active men, took a part of course of instruction at the university.

2. Free tuition has been given to ninety-two students, nearly every one of whom promises to be useful and active members of society.

3. The buildings, all new or only recently renovated and improved, are worth \$40,900, unencumbered by a dollar of debt and deemed in fee simple to the church. There is also an unencumbered endowment of 8000 acres of land.

4. From thirty-three students in 1873, the patronage has grown to 232 at the date of this writing, and the board of instruction has been enlarged from three to twelve. It is not claiming for this fact, that along with all this character has been established. The evidence of this is not only the extended good name and patronage of the institution, but the fact that in several instances application has been made from the graduates of other institutions to be admitted to the college before the faculty and receive the diploma of the Southwestern University. This request could not be granted, but was in the highest degree complimentary to the character of the institution.

The curators, trustees and faculty, in view of the facts that have been presented in the foregoing narrative, and for the enlarged liberality and labors of the church in behalf of this important interest of the church. Much has been done, but much more remains to be accomplished; much has been secured, but much more is urgently demanded.

Other buildings are needed to accommodate the rapidly growing patronage. The patronage of the Young Ladies' School could be trebled the next session had suitable accommodations. It would surprise the church to know the number of students that has been turned away, because it has been found impossible to accommodate them. This is a sorely deplored, but the managers are helpless in the matter until the church remedies the deficiency. It is better to lose the students than make a debt. If suitable buildings were granted by the church the present year, I am confident that the next session would be reported to the ensuing conference.

Endowment is needed. In the presence of deficient buildings it seems idle to speak of endowment, but it is demanded nevertheless. I will propose an endowment is secured the cost of Christian education can never be reduced to a point that will enable it to successfully compete with the secular and godless agencies of higher education that the State is now straining every nerve to establish. It is necessary that the State be burned into the memory of every Methodist in Texas, that although they have a university founded among them, and possessing an unencumbered property of greater value than the State, it is owned by the church in the State, and having a larger attendance of students of collegiate grade than has ever been gathered anywhere in any institution in the history of the State, that the contributions to this enterprise by the church of the State, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED, HAVE NOT AGGREGATED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS!--F. A. MOOD.

To the Texas Christian Advocate. A Dangerous Conspiracy. I am just in receipt of a circular from a female college of vast proportions in a distant State, enclosing a postal requesting "the address of young ladies at all likely to go to college; also that of influential persons to whom it would be well to send catalogues." I replied promptly: "We have a good school here, under the patronage of our church, and no interference on the part of outside institutions should be presented, and it will be persisted in. It is much regretted that our church and state have been so victimized by outside schools, and it is time the infamous practice were stopped. Very truly yours, J. M. MOOD."

S. N. RICHARDSON, Alvin Station, May 27: My appeal published some weeks since in our Advocate reached a good brother who lived in California, and stirring up memories--treasured I hope--induced him to write me a long letter. Two years past this coming August, he was with us at our camp-meeting, on Beverdam creek, near Centerville, in Leon county, and I tell you, Mr. Editor, he is a whole team at a camp-meeting, and we all appreciated his labors so much.

The next year he was put on that circuit, and then I lost sight of him, as I moved away; now he turns up in California, in San Diego county, preaching to the mixed congregations of that mongrel population. He says: "When I read your letter in the Advocate, I almost wished I had gone down there instead of coming to this far off coast. I am out as far as I can get, for the Pacific Ocean. My circuit is bounded on the west side by the Pacific Ocean, South by Mexico, and East by the Chocoma or White mountains, and Mogano or Tomstone mountains. The population here is Mongrel; Mexicans and Spaniards, with a good sprinkle of 'descendants' of the old Aztecs; some Chinamen, some French and many Americans--a good many from the south. Also a great many Indians of different tribes--among them a good many of Sitting Bull's men and women, and many of the old Aborigines, of this part of California. The Indians are beginning to grasp the ideas of our Christianity; some of them belong to my congregations. It is amusing to see their dull looks sometimes during service. Although this is May 4, I am in plain sight of several lofty peaks white with snow. My work is right in the mountains, and is a very rugged work--six appointments, regular, and as much minor work outside as two men ought to do. We travel all of the time. I say 'we' because Peggy is with me, and is fat and hearty. She thinks this is the best country in the world; but Peggy and I don't agree about that. I have seen some very fine country, but nothing that I would swap Texas for yet. I should have been back there ere this but for the great need of ministerial labor in this wretchedly wicked country. I have never seen a place in all my travels where there is so great a need for the hallowed influences of the gospel as here. But I can not think of staying very long. Now, if Bro. J. H. 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The hour for the consideration of the resignation of Dr. Haygood, made the special order for 12 m., having arrived, Dr. O. R. Blue, of the Alabama Conference, moved that the special order be suspended until the adjournment of the consideration of the subject of church extension, which motion failed.

Dr. Boring of North Georgia Conference, said that he moved, on yesterday, that the consideration of Dr. Haygood's resignation be laid over until to-day, and he did so that the church and Dr. Haygood might consider the subject, and that he might have a conference with Dr. Haygood. He had since conferred with him, and found him fixed in his purpose not to accept. He regretted the declaration.

Dr. J. E. Evans, of North Georgia Conference, moved that the resignation be accepted.

George Thornburg, of the White River Conference, moved the adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, The General Conference has fully performed its resolution to elect five bishops; therefore be it

Resolved, That we take no further action in the matter. J. H. H. Figgatt, of the Baltimore Conference, did not think it would be exactly right to elect five bishops and ordain four. He thought that the conference should elect a fifth.

F. Law, of the Alabama Conference, proposed the following resolution in lieu of all motions, resolutions, and amendments:

WHEREAS, This General Conference did resolve to elect five bishops, and in accordance with said resolution has elected that number; and whereas, the duty of those so elected has declined to be consecrated to said office; therefore be it

Resolved, That this General Conference elect no other bishop.

Dr. Tudor moved that the conference reconsider its action in adopting a resolution to elect five bishops.

The previous question was called, and the resolution presented by F. Law, of the Alabama Conference, was adopted.

The conference then resumed the consideration of the question of church extension.

Article 3 of the plan was adopted. Article 4 was taken up, and amendments were proposed by W. M. Beach of the Missouri Conference; J. H. Scarritt, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, which were rejected, and the article as presented was adopted.

Article 5 was taken up, and pending its consideration the hour for adjournment arrived.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

The Committee on Revision presented their report, No. 1.

1. They have considered a paper presented by W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. B. Galloway and C. S. Steward; one by Isaac Hardeman and G. W. Hinton; and one by N. Scarritt, asking that the Discipline be amended so as to designate what conference is meant—whether General or Annual—in the parenthetical clause, contained in paragraph 4, section 1, chapter 8, page 160, and recommend that the word "General" be inserted before "conference" in said paragraph, so that it shall read: "The appellant shall either state personally or by his representative (who shall be a member of the General Conference)."

2. B. F. Alexander, P. P. Ellis and C. H. Carter, ask that answer 2 to question 3, section 2, chapter 3, page 71 of the Discipline be amended so that it shall authorize a bishop to appoint a preacher for a longer time than four years to institutions of learning, not under the care of our church. We recommend that answer 2 be amended by striking out at the bottom of page 71 the clause "for a longer time than two years," so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read thus: "and also, when requested by an Annual Conference, to appoint a preacher to any seminary of learning not under our care."

A memorial from Local Preachers' Conference of North Carolina asks that the law relating to trial of local preachers, as it existed previous to the General Conference of 1878, be restored. We can not recommend concurrence in the memorial as a whole, but we recommend that answer 1 to question 2, page 147, be amended by striking out the clause: "in the absence of a bill of charges signed by a member of our church," so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read: "When a local preacher is under report of immorality, the preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of three members of the church."

U. S. Wade, J. W. Fitch, and H. Ireland ask that the Discipline, chapter 9, question 1, page 170, be amended so as to require each member of the church to pay toward the support of the ministry. We recommend non-concurrence.

Dr. John E. Edwards and R. N. Shead, of the Virginia Conference, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be and it is hereby resolved, hereby press it as the sense of this representative body that the American Bible Society ought not to make disproportionately large and liberal grants of Bibles to churches and denominational associations for distribution, on their own account, that do not cooperate with and contribute to the funds of the society, to aid it in printing and circulating the Holy Scriptures, "without note or comment," in accordance with the commonly received version.

Dr. Edwards, in presenting the resolution said that the reports of the society show that they have made disproportionately large grants to churches and denominational associations who do not cooperate and contribute to its support. The resolution was adopted. Drs. D. C. Keller, R. A. Young and J. H. McFerrin, of the Tennessee Conference, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, a previous General Conference had requested Bishop Wightman to prepare a suitable biography of Bishop Joshua Soule; and whereas, the death of Bishop Wightman has suspended the work, we deem it desirable that this General Assembly commit the completion of this work to other competent hands; therefore,

Resolved, That it be the sense of this conference that Bishop H. N. McTyeire be, by many tokens, as well as by the desire of the surviving members of Bishop Soule's family, is the proper person to complete this work.

2. That should Bishop McTyeire find that the material is not sufficient for a book such as he would regard worthy of the character of Bishop Soule, that we request him to give to the church, through the Quarterly Review, such a digest of the materials as he may judge best.

REV. P. A. PETERSON and Dr. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference,

presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the book agent be directed to print, in a cheap and convenient form, for the use of the candidates for church membership, the questions and answers contained in the baptismal service for adults, and in the service for the reception and recognition of church members.

Rev. P. A. Peterson, of the Virginia Conference, stated that the object was to print and distribute the work free of charge.

Dr. J. E. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference, said that he has been a pastor for forty-seven consecutive years, and he often felt the necessity of such a work, and urged the conference to order it.

REV. A. S. HUNT, D.D.

Mr. President and Christian Friends: I certainly do not feel myself a stranger as I stand before you this morning, and I hesitate, because I am so much at home, to take even a few minutes of your time. I wish to say, sir, that the American Bible Society, during the last quadrennium, has been prosecuting its work with undiminished vigor, and has done the most successful work in the history of the society. There are new features in the work which have been almost entirely developed during this quadrennium. The result of our efforts is, that we have nearly 200 men employed in this work at the present time, and a larger proportion in that part of the country which is more particularly your own field. I call your attention to it simply by way of illustration.

During the past four years, in Texas alone, 165,000 families have been visited by the Bible Society, and 27,000 of them supplied. In the State of Georgia, during the past four years, 82,000 families have been visited. About one-fourth have been destitute freedmen, and all who were able to read have been given the Holy Scriptures. Wherever the work has been carried it has been successful.

Foreign work has been its aim in every direction. During these four years the Turkish Bible has been completed; the Japanese New Testament, and other works. It has been their object to meet the demands of the Indians of our own continent as well as the various parts of the wide world, distributing the Scriptures in seventy-seven different languages and dialects through the various missionary organizations. And I wish to say that the policy of the American Bible Society is to work for and through all denominations.

It is true that we have not found it necessary to employ agents in foreign countries, except three in the American continent and five on the Eastern. In Mexico the work has developed largely, and it is necessary to have a representative of our own. We are always glad to have an expression of opinion upon our work. We want to do the work in the best possible way. Find the faults, and give them in a kindly spirit, it will be kindly received. We are distributing Bibles among pagans, Mohammedans, and in the fields of the Roman Catholic Church, and throughout this entire continent, we are meeting the Greek Church in Russia and Greece in all forms, and you can not find a single field where there is not some representative of our American Bible Society. We have never had a quadrennium so successful. We have distributed 1,324,000 copies of Scriptures. Right in the great metropolis people come from foreign shores and tarry with us awhile, and then scatter all over the country. A question arises: What shall we do with the people who come to us from the midst of superstition? The American Bible Society sends its agents there, and last year alone put nearly 80,000 copies of the Scriptures into the hands of men who had just put forth upon American soil.

We scatter the Bible among all nations. Dr. Hunt told of a "missionary" whose hands a Bible was placed by the American Bible Society, who, when he learned the truth as it is in Jesus, asked, "And is it true that the Savior lives?" He prayed for forgiveness of his sins, and felt that they were forgiven. He was about thirty miles from Shanghai, and asked to be carried there, and said he wanted to be a missionary. The people were astonished that he, a cripple as he was, wanted to be a missionary. But he insisted, and procured him a room, and several have been converted by the effort of that man. He also told of his pleasant relation with our bishops who have gone to rest, and with Dr. Lovick Pierce, who in each letter used to say, "It is about time for me to write you another letter."

When Dr. Hunt had concluded he received great applause. The Rev. P. A. Peterson started the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King," and the conference joined in it with a grand shout. W. H. Potter and A. G. Haygood, of the North Georgia Conference, presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Conference has heard with profound satisfaction the statements of the work of the American Bible Society by Dr. A. S. Hunt, its efficient secretary; that we rejoice to see Dr. Hunt in our conference, and pray that the God of the Bible will cause all grace to abound to him, personally, and the society he so ably represents.

The following was presented and referred to the Committee on Fraternal correspondence:

WHEREAS, among the agencies of Christian effort, aiding and co-operating with the church in this and other lands during the past few years in the work of the Master, that of the Young Men's Christian Association has been greatly prospered of the Lord, thereby showing that it has the Divine approval in its aims and efforts; therefore

Resolved, That this conference recognizes the Young Men's Christian Association as an organization worthy of our cordial sympathy and hearty endorsement, acknowledging, as it does in all its utterances, its origin to the church, its dependence upon the church, and its prayers of the church, while it shall strive by God's blessing in aiding and co-operating with the church in the special work it has undertaken of the watch-care and protection of the vast number of young men in the towns and cities, surrounded as they are by temptations and changes of the age, and the greater, perhaps, than any that has preceded it; and in its efforts to energize and sympathize active Christian effort for aid for young men everywhere, and for others whom it may reach in public institutions and elsewhere, which denominational effort cannot successfully approach. We commend the work, and will ever pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon it.

Your committee appointed to wait upon Mrs. James K. Polk, to ascertain what time would suit her convenience to receive a call from the conference in a body, by leave to report: We have discharged the pleasant duty imposed upon us. Mrs. Polk expressed her full appreciation of the delicate commission paid her in this action, and a desire that the conference should use its own convenience, but suggested Saturday, the 20th inst., just after the adjournment of the regular morning session, at the same time saying that if, for any reason, the time named was not convenient for the conference, at any time it might designate. We recommended the adoption of the following: Resolved, That when the conference adjourns at 12 m., on Saturday, the 20th inst., it proceed in a body to the residence of Mrs. James K. Polk, in such order as may be designated by a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair of the conference.

The resolution proposed was adopted, and the committee appointed.

A memorial was presented from the Methodist Church, Burnett county, Texas, asking to be placed in the Northwest Texas Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

On motion of W. M. Rush, of the Missouri Conference, the conference resumed consideration of the subject of church extension, the business they were considering when the conference adjourned yesterday.

The secretary read section 5, which was under consideration.

Mr. Powell, of the Alabama Conference, said that he was associated at home with the rural class of the church, and they would object to taking up so many collections. The church, he said, usually sent out the younger members of the conference among the rural people, who have charge of several country churches, and when they made a round of the churches, taking up so many collections, the preacher would be placed in the light of an ecclesiastical tax-collector. It was expected when Dr. McFerrin went the round of the church that he would take up a collection, and if he did not, some of the good members would be disappointed.

He favored the organization of the church extension society, but thought its work should be done by the missionary society.

Rev. J. H. Dye, of the White River Conference, favored the movement, and was desirous of "seeing the people trained to systematic Christian giving."

Article 5 was adopted without further discussion.

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A memorial was presented from the Methodist Church, Burnett county, Texas, asking to be placed in the Northwest Texas Conference, which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

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The secretary read section 5, which was under consideration.

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HERRICK JOHNSON.

Bishop Wilson Presides.

At this stage of the proceedings Bishop Wilson took the chair for the first time since his elevation to the Bishopric.

Mr. Crawford, of the Alabama Conference, claimed the floor. He said: Mr. President—I desire to lay before you and the members of this body a little matter entrusted to me by the Rev. E. Phillips, of the Alabama Conference. He has constructed a gavel for the use of the chairman of this body, and the gavel has been made in the workshop of the mallet-maker, and is made of liveoak wood. Inserted into and uniting in the center of this head, with tongue and grooved edges, are two blocks, one of orange and the other of pomegranate. The handle, of osage-wood, is inserted into the neck, and let lead through these blocks of orange and pomegranate. The gavel-wood is inlaid in the side of the handle as the upright beam of a cross, and the transverse beam of the cross is a piece of grape-vine. In one end of the head is a piece of china-wood, in the other end a two-one of mahogany and the other mesquite wood. Some of these woods are not the most suitable for the subjects they are intended to represent, but are the best that could be obtained to meet the present occasion. Means were being wanting to secure suitable material.

The design in the construction of this mallet (putting his finger on the block), having the shape of a book, made from the orange tree, which bears its golden fruit, is a part of this emblematic design to represent the Bible, the foundation of all true religion and worship of God. On this block and grooved into it, is the block of pomegranate, representing the Discipline for its fruitfulness, its fruit being in sections, and these sections filled with seed distinct from each other. The handle, which is of osage-wood (used for hedges), rises in the Bible block and passes through the Discipline block. It represents the Lord's Prayer in the M. E. Church, South, lifting up the cross of Christ, which is here represented by an inlaid cross of fig and grapevine in the handle; also reminding us of the savior, "We worship God under our own vine and fig tree." You, Mr. President, and the associates in office, are the chief executive of the laws of the church contained in the Discipline, which emanates from the word of God, as you exercise this function over the church. The handle, then, representing the Lord's Prayer, and the Discipline, is exceedingly significant of the power and authority by which you rule in the church of God. With this arrangement of the woods in the construction of the handle, expressive of the foundation, organization and purpose of the church, in which you and your colleagues have been set apart as overseers, you will find other woods gathered about the handle, to signify the nationalities where you now exercise that jurisdiction.

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Dr. E. A. Yates, of the North Carolina Conference, moved to amend by striking out the phrase, "under its direction, in the first paragraph, and by inserting the following: 'The preachers shall take up a collection in every congregation annually for church extension, and of the funds thus collected, or in any other way coming into the hands of the Annual Conference, one-fifth per cent. shall be turned over to the General Board to be expended under its direction; but donors may give special directions to their contributions.'"

In speaking to the question, Mr. Richardson said that a portion of the fund ought to be expended in the territory in which it was raised. There was a strip of land, he said, extending from Alabama to Pennsylvania, which was just being opened up; mines were being opened, and manufacturers started, and this sort of thing was being done everywhere for such work. Under the plan suggested he thought there were two heads to the society—one in each conference and a general head—and that if each conference started, and then the money raised in the conference, the parent society could neither build nor repair churches as was their intention.

Mr. Hunnicutt, of the Mississippi Conference, proposed an amendment, providing that one-third of the funds raised in the conference raising it, but was declared out of order.

Dr. McFerrin said that the moment the conference adopted the amendment, and the conferees got any percent of the amount raised, they would be out of the money, and taken by the parent board, and would get nothing from that source. He thought that all the funds raised should go to the general fund, and that each conference should share like the others.

Rev. S. W. Turner, of the Texas Conference, insisted that so long as the conference had the percent in its hands they wanted no sympathy from the parent board. He favored fifty or sixty per cent. being retained at home.

Dr. H. F. Johnson, of the Mississippi Conference, proposed a further amendment by adding "at least fifty per cent. of the amount collected in each conference may be appropriated by the parent board in such conference, provided application be made for the same within one year."

Pending the adoption of the amendment the hour of adjournment arrived.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

The following invitation was read: To the Bishops and General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.: Brethren: On behalf of the Trustees of Seashore Camp-ground, this General Conference is respectfully invited to attend the camp-meeting of 1882 on said grounds, commencing on Wednesday, 13th July next. Seashore Camp-ground is pleasantly situated nearly midway between the cities of New Orleans and Mobile, and, fronting directly upon the Gulf of Mexico, enjoys its cool, refreshing, healthful breeze. Comfortable accommodations are provided for all on reasonable terms, and all preachers are entertained free of charge.—W. H. FOSTER, President Board of Trustees.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS—NO. 6.

With respect to the Spanish publications submitted to us from Dr. W. W. Patterson, superintendent of the Mexican mission, and the request to read them, we can only say that it is entirely proper that the effort should be made to reach the people of Mexico through the press, and for aught that we know, the books and papers submitted to us have been nicely and well prepared, and are likely to help the missionary work in that field. We certainly hope, and, from the best information we can obtain and the representations of Dr. Patterson, venture to believe so. The above report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS—NO. 7.

Having duly considered the petition of A. H. Redford, asking the General Conference to relieve him from the payment of certain items included in the amount found to be due him to the Publishing House, we report, that it appearing to us from the facts that a settlement with Dr. Redford is the result of a compromise of controverted claims, and that we should be under the necessity of respecting the masters in dispute in order to be able thoroughly to investigate the whole subject, we are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted, and so recommend.

When the conclusion of this report had been reached, Dr. Hayes, of the Louisville Conference, arose and moved to amend the report by striking out the word "not," and providing that it does recommend the granting of the request. He said: "I wish of the church know but one law, the law of love. Here was taught the wisdom coming down from above, and justice, and equity. The Cromie debt, of which mention is made in the report of the Book Concern, is properly an asset of the church, and is not to be paid by an individual. It can not be doubted, and can be proven that the debt was created by Dr. Redford to assist the house out of some of its financial troubles. The house got the benefit of the money, and they ought not to refuse to relinquish the claim."

Mr. Bright asked the amount of the Cromie debt, when Dr. Johnson replied that the original debt was \$6000, of which Dr. Redford had received \$1600, with which he bought \$2400 in Publishing House bonds, which were paid over by him, in part, payment of his indebtedness to the house.

Dr. Walker, chairman of the Committee on Publishing House Interests, made a short statement on behalf of the Publishing House, and the conference adopted the report as presented.

Report of Committee on Publishing Interest, No. 9.

With the view of ascertaining what absolute certainty—If possible—the exact condition of all the departments of the publishing house, the general committee appointed five sub-committees, and imposed upon them the task of investigating the business of the Christian Advocate, of the Sunday-school publications, of the manufacturing departments, of the sales department, the method of keeping the books, and the value of the assets. These various committees performed their work faithfully, and as well as it could be done under the circumstances. Their examination has established the fact that the report of the book agent and the book committee is substantially correct. Possibly the real estate of the publishing house, while worth for the purpose for which it is used, the sum of \$125,000, would not bring, if exposed to sale, more than \$100,000, and the estimate of assets should probably be abated to that extent.

The committee desired to ascertain and report the exact condition of each separate department, but that could not be done, as the books have not been kept so as to show the expenses and profits of the several branches of the house. We have, however, satisfied ourselves that the Advocate, the Sunday-school publications, the manufacturing and sales departments, are each sources of profit, and, as before stated, the general result, as ascertained by us, is substantially the same as that reported by the book agent and book committee. In this connection we re-commend that the agent be instructed to separate as far as practicable the transactions in the different departments, so as to present hereafter a clear exhibit of the profit or loss in each.

We feel justified in saying that if the wise and prudent management of the past four years is continued, the house will in all probability soon be relieved of all financial embarrassment in its organization, a powerful auxiliary in the dissemination of sound doctrines, and in the spread of scriptural holiness over all the lands.

We hope the report of the book agent and book committee will be read and considered, and that our people, now assured that the publishing house will stand as one of our church institutions, will rally to its support and sustain it by a liberal patronage. In this connection we report that we approve the settlement made by our present book agent and book committee with the former book agent, and are satisfied with the results attained. We also approve of the action of the book agent and book committee in reducing the price of the subscription to the Christian Advocate; but, while deferring greatly to the views of our book committee and agent, we advise against any further reduction at the present time. The subscription to the various school publications—in fact all the various departments of our publishing interests are conducted with profit; but with a membership of 800,000, it seems to us that the subscription lists of our Advocate and of the Sunday-school publications should be found to furnish their present numbers. Does not this increase be bad? Everyone will admit how desirable it is that our publications should be placed in the reach of all, that they should be put in every home in the Southern States, and that they exert their proper influence in forming character and giving shape and tone to the thoughts and opinions of our people. We therefore recommend to the several annual conferences of our church the advisability of adopting some system of colportage by which this desirable object may be attained; provided, however, that no expense or liability shall be incurred by the publishing house. With respect to the house and its management we submit the following resolutions:

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2. That we approve the action and conduct of the book agent, the book committee, and the business manager, in the adjustment and management of the business affairs and business operations of the house since they acquired possession and control of the same, and in their management of the house, and in their discharge of the duties of the house, and in placing it in a condition which justifies the hope that, with a few years of like administration, it will be relieved from debt and realize the expectation of the church.

3. That we heartily recommend the books, periodicals and other publications of the house to the most favorable consideration of the entire membership, clerical and lay, of our beloved church, and urge them to unite with the agent, committee and manager of the house in doing all that can be done to sustain and enlarge the useful and effective operations of the establishment in all the fields of our labor and work.

With respect to the Christian Advocate, we submit the following resolution for the approval of the General Conference:

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In examining the rules adopted at the last General Conference for the management of the publishing house, as printed in the Appendix to the Discipline, we find that the changed condition of the house makes it proper that there should be certain changes in those rules.

We therefore recommend the following changes:

1. In Article III., "The Book Concern"—strike out the third paragraph of said article, on page 351. Moved to strike out this item. Carried.

2. Strike out paragraph 5, of same article.

3. Amend paragraph 6, page 352, same article, so as to read as follows: "To provide for the retirement or extension of the bonds of the house, as may be necessary and practicable, and to settle the remaining indebtedness, if any, as they may deem just and equitable."

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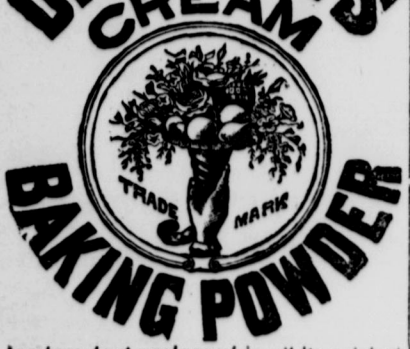
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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Editorial Correspondence.

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CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

Important Notice--To the Secretary of each Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

The interest on the Colvin Fund up to July 1, 1882, is to be divided and paid according to the order of the General Conference in following words, viz: "On the first day of July, 1882, and annually thereafter, the Book Agent shall apportion to the several Annual Conferences the interest on said fund on the basis of the number of the widows and orphans of deceased traveling preachers, to be ascertained by certified returns from the secretaries of the several Annual Conferences, which sum so apportioned shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, who shall receipt for the same, and a certificate of the amount thereof shall also be sent by the Book Agent to the Secretary of each Annual Conference. The amounts so apportioned shall be by the boards of finance apportioned divided among the beneficiaries. The first apportionment shall include all arrears of interest to the date of it." Now, then, the Secretary of each Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will send to me forthwith a certified statement of the number of widows and orphan children of deceased itinerant preachers within the bounds of his Conference. Let there be no delay, as the distribution can not be made without a knowledge of the number and locality of the claimants.--J. B. McFERRIN, Book Agent.

Church Extension. The Board of Church Extension has been called to meet at the preacher's office of the Walnut Street Church, in this city, on the 24th of June, 1882, at 9 o'clock a. m. Notices have been sent to all the members, including the bishops, and a large attendance is desired.--DAVID MORROW, Secretary.

A Wounded Preacher. L. M. LEWIS, Waxahachie, June 4: I have only time to say one word: Dear Dr. Walkup was shot yesterday while passing along the street--shot accidentally by a man shooting at another. The ball struck him just above the left knee, and the bone was broken. He was unattended to, and he is doing as well as could be expected. We and all the community are heart-broken almost. He is very dear to us; a model in all the elements of true Christian manhood.

The Latest. W. P. RAY, Waxahachie, June 6: Dr. Walkup's injury necessitated the amputation of his limb, which was successfully and skillfully performed Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. He is doing as well as could be expected, though greatly exhausted.

1 Accession. J. W. HIXSON, Mt. Vernon, May 30: We had a fine meeting. One accession to the church. Bro. Stanford was with us; he is in the health. God bless our old preacher. I will hold a camp-meeting the first of July at Boone Prairie. I want help.

2 Accessions. J. B. RICE, Beville circuit, Boone county, May 30: Our first quarterly meeting passed. We had a pleasant meeting. Two were added to the church. I have a very pleasant and generous people I think.

Twenty-five Conversions. CHICO, Wise county, May 31: We have been laboring and praying for a revival of religion. Just closed a protracted meeting a Bridgeport. The church was greatly revived, had about twenty-five conversions.

6 Accessions-3 Baptisms. M. H. CULLUM, Grapevine, Tarrant county, May 29: Second quarterly meeting just closed. Presiding elder preached plain, forcible sermons to good congregations; good love-feast, and a precious good meeting generally. Received six members; baptized one adult and two infants. Every church interest looking up. Sister Heleny Gillespie, our conference secretary, is very low indeed.

A Mexican Church. ELIAS ROBERTSON, Brackett, Kinney county, June 1: We are building a church for the Mexicans and hope to complete it next month. It is 18x35 feet, and will cost about \$225. The lot is 28x35 yards and cost \$40. At all regular places of worship the Mexicans have two services in the week and three or four on Sundays. They are apathetic in their weekly collections, and out of their deep poverty contribute something to the Lord.

An Illustration Versus Union Sunday-Schools. S. W. JOHNSON, Oakdale, Erath county, May 31: In March, 1880, Bro. F. C. Stephenson organized a Methodist Sunday-school at this place with fourteen members, with some opposition in the church and a great deal outside. We have never gone into winter quarters nor suspended since, and now have on our register eighty-seven members, and the average attendance for the last three months has been about sixty. We use our own literature. We have forty volumes in the library, and will add to it from time to time. We have no houses of our own, but use the school-house. The result has been that our Baptist brethren have organized and are running a good Baptist Sunday-school. One school meets in the morning, the other in the evening. They work in our school, we in theirs, and peace and love pervades the entire community. This is much better than trying to harmonize on the common union plan.

7 Conversions--20 Accessions. D. J. MARTIN, Bonham, Fannin county, May 30: Two weeks ago we closed an interesting protracted meeting at this place. It was protracted three weeks, mostly at night. There were seven conversions and eight or ten additions to our church. The church was considerably revived. We have received by letter and ritual since conference about twenty into the church.

I was assisted in our revival by Bros. J. C. Weaver and N. A. Keen. There was quite a large crowd of people out to hear Bro. Weaver on the last night in an exposition of Romans vi:3-4-5. For an hour and thirty minutes he held his audience in rapt attention. His exposition of the subject was thoroughly Methodist, and theologically most sound. Long may he live to preach the unsearchable riches of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the good seed thus sown produce an hundred fold to the honor and glory of God.

1 Conversion--1 Accession. J. F. HENDERSON, Edom, VanZandt county, May 30: We are having some refreshing times from the presence of the Lord. I held my second quarterly conference last Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3rd instant, at Pleasant Ridge, VanZandt county. Owing to rain early Saturday morning, there were only about half of the appointments represented. Presiding elder was absent at the General Conference. We had a good time; but little reported for the preachers; times up this way financially are hard; but still the preacher and his wife living in a traveling parsonage drawn by two clever little ponies, are living well, and being cared for. They have plenty of hard work to do, so as to keep them well employed. We had one conversion and one accession. I regretted very much having to close the meeting. Quite a large number of communicants on the Sabbath. A most rich love-feast in the morning. There were quite a number of cold brethren, in feeling and heart, very strangely warmed and set all on fire of the Holy Ghost. I don't think I have witnessed for a long time so deep a work of grace as was realized on the Sabbath. The Lord is doing a great work here, and I want my presiding elder present. But he was at a post of greater duty.

Two Accessions--Local Opinion. SETH WARD, Thornton, Limestone county, June 3: Good meeting at this place yesterday. Two joined by ritual last night. Religious sentiment on the increase throughout the entire work. We are working, hoping, and praying for a sweeping revival all along the line. Local opinion all the talk relation next Saturday, and John Barleycorn is squirming.

Belle Plaines District. A. K. MILLER, June 3: We are now closing our second round of quarterly meetings and report as follows: Additions to the church this quarter, 116 members; and to the Sunday-schools 135 scholars. Raised for missions, \$26. One parsonage built--worth \$250. Raised for the support of the nine pastors in the district, \$128. We preached to 2580 people. There are accessible to us 10,290 people. Money has been quite scarce; provisions very high, and times hard generally, but "best of all, the Lord is with us." We believe the spiritual condition of the church is improving, and we are beginning to see good signs of a gracious revival. "O, Lord, revive thy work." Brethren and sisters, do not forget to pray for us.

E. B. ZACHRY, Kern's, June 5: Bro. F. M. Winburn, preacher in charge of Rice and Chatfield circuit, Northwest Texas Conference, is having some good meetings, and conversions and accessions. No house to preach in at this place, but he is preaching two or three times a month. We met here May 30, in the evening, and baptized three children. Bro. W. and wife, myself and the parents present.

T. F. DIMMITT, Millean, June 6: We are arranging for a camp-meeting, to be held at Millean springs, near Waco, in Brazos county, on Friday, Friday, the 20th of June. The meeting will be on the self-supporting plan. The people generally are invited; ministers of the gospel are especially invited, and they will find provision made for their entertainment.

"The Boy," Lancaster, Dallas county, June 5: We are in our new church at Jintown. The church was named a few Sundays ago, Bush Chapel. The work is now Wesley and Bush. Crops very good--wheat, oats and corn very good. Have had plenty of rain. Some sickness. Religion at a low ebb. Our camp-meeting to embrace the fifth Sunday in July.

A. A. ALLISON, Georgetown, May 27: Will all preachers and friends who expect to attend the commencement exercises of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, kindly notify me, so that I may provide them with homes. The sermon will be preached by Bishop Keener, Sunday, June 25.

H. S. T., Luling, June 5: The Ladies' Aid Society of our church in this place gave an entertainment at Bowers' place on Friday night last, for the benefit of the Methodist church here. About \$130 were realized above expenses. With amounts previously on hand, we hope now to be able to finish the inside of our beautiful little church. The ladies deserve great credit for their unswerving efforts to do good.

R. H. REEVES, Personville, Limestone county, June 3: The church at this point was formerly connected with the Bethel Mission, but it now has become the Personville work, but for convenience is assigned to the Bethel circuit. Bro. Turner failed to hold his last appointment on account of the quarterly conference having convened with Box Church at that time. The next quarterly conference meets with our church. Religion is now at a low ebb; it appears; it is distressing and threatening to see how little interest is being taken in this matter, but we hope soon to see a great revival of true and vital religion in the hearts of this people. We now have a good church building, recently erected, of sufficient capacity to accommodate the congregations worshipping here. All honor is due to Bro. T. B. Pounds for the active interest he has taken in building the pulpit, seats, etc., which compare favorably with any in the country. We hope soon to see a large list of subscribers to your valuable paper at this office.

J. D. CROCKETT, Williams Ranch mission, Brown county, May 30: There will be camp meetings as follows: Third Sunday in June, near Eola; first Sunday in July, Elm Grove; second Sunday in July, a two days' meeting at Williams' Ranch; third Sunday in July, Bethesda; fourth Sunday in July, near Big Valley store; first Sunday in August, on North Brown Creek; second Sunday in August, Cold Springs; third Sunday in August, Bee Branch; first Sunday in September, Willow Springs. The above meetings, all except the two days' meeting at the Ranch, will begin Friday night preceding the Sundays. All are invited to attend, prepared to take care of themselves. Ministers will be cared for. Brethren, come over and help us; we are weak and need help. Come prepared to work for the Master.

Secular Summary.

A Good Country to Live In. H. M. GLASS, Frossa, Limestone county, June 3: This is one of the best portions of the county--excellent prairie land, and quantities of good timber on Christmas creek and Long branch. The scenery is unsurpassed, healthy and beautiful section. Society is intelligent--moral and temperance people. Good school-house, used for preaching and Sunday-school, thirteen miles west of Groesbeck, the country is, nearly over the line of Hubbard City, about some distance, The Texas Midland railway, from Palestine to Waco, has been surveyed, and the line passes near this postoffice. Land of fine quality is valued at from \$1.50 to \$3 per acre. The drainage is toward the north. If the school land, if any of your readers want homes here, they may be suited if they are even hard to please.

To Devil's Domain by Railroad. ELIAS ROBERTSON, far west in Texas, June 3: It has been very dry, but we have been blessed with rains lately. Railroad finished to the Devil's River, and work on the Eagle Pass has commenced. Drunkenness is very common here, or rather of the night, and murders are of common occurrence. There are many good people here, but we want more better ones to come out and help us.

H. M. HUNTER, Mineral City, Bee county, June 1: Many visitors coming to this place on account of the mineral water, which is quite beneficial to the rheumatic and other ailments. We have had plenty of rain in the last two weeks, and corn will be made in abundance if not destroyed. We have a large day school at this place, which is well attended.

J. W. JOHNSON, Erath county, May 31: On last evening we had the heaviest rain fall we have had for four or five years. Wheat follows a heavy crop; yield will be light; damaged by dry weather, worms and rust. Oats very good. Corn looking well. Cotton late, owing to cold, cloudy weather; a great deal had to be planted over. Fruit will be very scattering. Health tolerably good. Hon. James Russell Lowell.

The Hon. James Russell Lowell, Minister to England, having very sensibly insisted that Irish-Americans, in their relations to the English Government, shall be either Irishmen or Americans, a number of papers in this country are demanding his recall. Of course the object of such papers is to make capital with Irish readers, but the administration may be influenced by a similar attack of demagogism, and recall Mr. Lowell. The people, however, will sustain their minister in sentiment--which is the best endorsement patriotism can confer.

Monumental Folly Collapsed. The Andre monument, erected by Cyrus W. Field, which was partially destroyed not long since by a blast of wind, and blown down, is now, recently, shortly after a photograph had taken some views of it. It came down with a clap of thunder, says a lady living near the spot, in the suburbs of the village of Tappan, New York. The monument tumbled down some ten feet, and the stone which it rested on did not become generally known until Wednesday last in New York. It is said the catastrophe was evidently hastened by the relic-hunters, who literally picked away the shattered blocks, until which the monument rested.--N. Y. Times-Independent.

According to the Mining Record, the amount of precious metals produced in the United States, for the year 1881, was: \$31,000,000 gold, \$42,500,000 silver; Mexico and Spanish America, \$8,000,000 gold, \$28,000,000 silver; Russia and Asia, \$23,000,000 gold, \$50,000,000 silver; Europe, \$1,500,000 gold, \$10,000,000 silver; Pacific Islands, \$28,500,000 gold, \$50,000,000 silver; total, \$90,000,000 gold, \$171,500,000 silver. The world's stock of precious metals can only be guessed at. At the end of the year 1881, the gold and silver of the United States, Mexico and Spanish America, held \$816,220,000 in specie and bullion. The Bank of France alone held \$388,000,000.

Lieut. F. Hewitt, U. S. A., was married to Miss Catherine, daughter of Col. Blanton Duncan, at San Antonio, June 3. Lieut. Hewitt was in a dying condition, and the marriage to Miss Duncan, whom he had long been engaged, was in compliance with the dying man's wishes. He died the same afternoon at 5 o'clock. His widowed bride was also very low, and requested that the lieutenant be not buried for a day or two, as she wished to be buried by his side in the same grave.

Detective J. W. Holt, of Pilot Point, Denton county, Texas, passed through Memphis, Tenn., June 3, having in charge one Wesley Whitaker, who killed P. Gibbs in Texas last February. He captured Whitaker wounded a Mr. Frierley and a Mr. Rollins, who helped the officer make the arrest. Whitaker was assisted by his brother.

Protests Against Political Pettidry. The relations of the moral elements in Pennsylvania to the ruling Republican party are somewhat similar to the relations of morality in Texas to the ruling Democratic party. There has sprung up in Pennsylvania an independent movement, which has a fair showing of success. The following is a paragraph from its platform: "We denounce the system which makes patronage and spoils the basis of public offices; we denounce the practice of giving them to political managers for use in advancing personal political ends; we denounce the removal of faithful and competent officers in the absence of a public reason; we denounce the practice of trying assessments and demanding contributions for party use from public officials; we denounce, severally and collectively, the evil and corruptions which accompany the conduct of the government as a spoils system, and which are inseparable from such a method of administration; and we denounce the system of boss rule and machine control, which, when tamely endured, makes leaders into autocrats, and reduces the mass of citizenship into political bondage." With few exceptions, these might do very well for a plank in at least a protest against the immorality in the party that rules Texas. We might add, for instance: "We denounce a system that enters to every vicious element at the moral hazard of all that is pure and good; we denounce a system that denies the right of the people to say how far whisky and debauchery shall go in its work of ruin and death; we denounce a system that holds up to us rulers men who are drunkards; we denounce a system of profanity and lewdness; we denounce a system which protects immorality and infidelity and

legislates against the Bible; we denounce a system that may continue the list every intelligent reader can extend it almost without limit. Suffice it--that all good people ought to denounce any system that has gone so far in its march of impurity that it is now difficult to induce gentlemen to accept its inheritance. But the days of this system are numbered in Texas. It must throw overboard its impurities, or the people will hopelessly wreck it. It is proper for this paper to say so much by way of wholesome prophecy and warning.

Bennett's Bounty. James Gordon Bennett has officially announced in the columns of the New York Herald, that he has promised to give all true widows and orphans of the men who sailed with the Jeanette and have perished. Mr. Bennett says that he has already promised to the officers and crew of the Jeanette voluntarily, and will fulfill it.

The carefully prepared price tables published from time to time by the New York Public show that the cost of living in this year (1882) considerably greater than it was last year in May. Taking the principal articles going to make up the cost of living in quantities proper to consumption, the latest tables show that what cost \$127.67 May 24, 1881, cost \$145.01 May 23, 1882. This shows an advance of more than 13 per cent. during the year, and the advance indicates why we have been shipping gold abroad. High prices here and low prices abroad will account for it. Probably, however, our gold shipments this year will not exceed the gold product of our mines.

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Table with columns: This Year, Last Year, This Day, and columns for various commodities like Liverpool, New Orleans, etc.

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