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The revival flame is kindling in many pastoral charges. Bro. Riddle tells that the fire is burning in the weekly prayer-meetings at Bonham, and calls for a "revival all along the line." Let preachers and people say amen.

"We have some excellent preachers that are not pastors" is what an intelligent layman writes in one of our letters. This is simply a hint to the "excellent preachers" who are not pastors.

An excellent preacher who is not a good pastor is very much like a good shepherd who neglects his flock.

"HAND-SHAKING" and a general reconciliation among the preachers—four penitents and one conversion." That looks very much like a revival of religion. Why may not such reports come up from every pastoral charge in Texas?

"ONLY one Sunday-school on his circuit." So writes a brother, and he is not satisfied. No preacher should be satisfied unless all the moral and religious forces of his church are fully developed. The best pastor is the man who gets the most work out of his people. He must be at once a preacher and a leader. The man who can do this work could command an army.

On the 20th of March, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Hannah A. John, wife of N. N. John, of Galveston, passed from her home on earth to her home in heaven. For thirty-nine years Sister John has been a devoted member of our church in Galveston.

"FOUR to one for local option." Bro. Fladger says that is the way the vote resulted at Forney. There is where we must now fight the battle. Carry local option in the county and precinct, and see that it is enforced, and the benefits which will follow will be unanswerable arguments for general prohibition. The enforcement of law is now the slogan to which all good citizens must rally.

"Our woman's work moves on finely." So writes Bro. J. K. Walker, from West Texas. Such ought to be the report from every pastoral work in our State. Our "woman's work for woman" is no longer an experiment. Its success in China and Mexico has demonstrated the wisdom of the movement. As teachers of the young in the Mexican work, as messengers to the heathen woman's home in Asia, which are inaccessible to other agencies, their presence and labors are essential to the success of the foreign mission work. Let us give them the help they need.

"I bought a Bible, a hymn book and subscribed for my church paper." This is the way, so a good brother writes, that he began housekeeping when he married, forty-two years ago. He has kept them in his home ever since, and does not see how a Methodist could thrive without them. Many Methodist families are destitute of these essentials of a Christian home. Some have a Bible, but they do not use it at family prayers; some have a hymn book, but the songs of Zion are seldom heard in their home-circle. All these need the ADVOCATE to help them keep house on the gospel plan.

Minutes of the Annual Conferences. We have received a copy of the Annual Minutes, for which the publishers and editor have our thanks. They are gotten up in admirable style. The arrangement is convenient. In addition to the minutes of the conferences, to which are appended the memoirs of brethren who died the past year, it contains the memorial discourses on Bishops Pais and Wightman, and a directory in which the names of the preachers of each conference are arranged in alphabetical order, together with their relations to the conference. A copy should be in the library of every preacher. Price 50 cents per mail. Order from the Publishing House.

HELP THE REVIVAL.—The valuable pamphlet, issued at Macon, Ga., contains Bishop Pierce's late letter, entitled a "Revival Needed," from which we gave several extracts in the TEXAS ADVOCATE; also, an article on "Going on to Perfection," by Rev. A. A. Lipscomb, D. D. The letters of Bishop Pierce are finding a response in every part of the church; and the lucid statements and earnest appeals of Dr. Lipscomb are calculated to guide our steps to a higher and purer life. Pastors who desire to secure a supply of this evangelic work can obtain it by sending to Dr. W. H. Potter, Macon, Ga. Five cents per copy, or forty-five cents per dozen.

FROM OUR TEXAS STATIONS.

PALESTINE.

March 18.—B. PHILIPS, pastor: A beautiful day. All the services well attended; number at Sunday-school, 111; catechized on the lesson by pastor. Congregation at 11, large; text: Luke, vii:34, 42; theme—"The two debtors." At night a fine attendance; text: Luke, xxiii:34; theme—"Peter's downward steps to apostasy." Prayer-meeting, good attendance—topic, duty of Christians to mankind. Stewards met Monday evening and perfected plans to make comfortable additions to personage. Two ushers were elected. Ladies will meet Monday afternoon to organize an aid society. Mite meeting Tuesday night. Choir meeting Thursday night. Ten additions by certificate, more a slight. One infant baptiz'd. Outlook in every department favorable.

MARSHALL.

March 18.—J. T. DAVIES, pastor: Report of week, ending 18th: Monday night, steward's meeting; well attended; an hour of power; the best of the year. The brethren begin to feel that they cannot do without the Monday night meeting, Tuesday afternoon, raining; no class-meeting. Wednesday night, a most enjoyable prayer-meeting; the best of all to date. Followed suggestion of Bro. P. Five minutes at close for social greeting. A few reports from churches in the vicinity. First sermon in Capernaum, and the call of the four disciples, Peter and Andrew, and the sons of Zebedee. Thursday night, Marvin Chapel—raining; small attendance. Good meeting. Good attendance and growing interest. Night—Sermon by pastor. Opening prayer by Bro. Thompson. Subject, "Unconscious Loss of Power," Judges xvi:20. "And he wist not that the Lord had departed from him." Seven received by letter—one a local preacher. Teachers' meeting, led by the pastor, each Wednesday night, after prayer-meeting. Each Friday night an interesting Sunday-school society entertainment, under the direction of the teachers. We feel that the revival is nearer. It is coming.

WEATHERFORD.

March 18.—JOHN ALBERT MURPHY, pastor: Service of Sunday-school 9:30 a. m.; 100 present, besides officers, teachers, and visitors; W. W. Davis, superintendent. 11 a. m., morning service and sermon. Text: Mark xii: 41-44; subject, "The Widow's Mite, or the Smallness of the Gifts." Congregation very large; seven accessions. 7:30 p. m., a fine congregation gathered, but were informally dismissed by reason of a storm.

GEORGETOWN.

March 18.—A. A. ALLISON, pastor: Prayer-meeting at 11 o'clock a. m. every day the past week, and preaching at night. It has been a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. 24 penitents were at the altar last night. During the week there were 11 professions, and the church greatly blessed. Class-meeting at 9:30 o'clock, a. m. on Sunday; quite a number in attendance and many happy souls. Sunday-school at 3 p. m.; Professor S. G. Sanders, superintendent, 176 in attendance; \$3 collected for missions. Rev. Wm. Price preached at night with fine effect. We are praying and expecting a still greater work of grace.

FORT WORTH.

March 18.—HORACE BISHOP, pastor: Crowds at church; beautiful day, but streets muddy from recent rain. Text at 11 a. m.: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the Sin of the World." Three accessions by certificate, 7:30 p. m.: "The Soul's Anchor within the Veil." One penitent at the altar. The Sunday-school was unusually good. Prayer-meeting last Wednesday night dispensed with to hear a church lecture on temperance. Not a good time. Will not repeat it soon.

BELTON.

March 18.—W. H. VAUGHAN, pastor: Sabbath-school improving. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Text: Job xxxi:21, topic, "Know God." Sermon at night, text: First Timothy iv:16, topic "Know Thyself."

WACO.

March 18.—JAMES MACKAY, pastor: Sunday-school 9:15 attendance large. At 11 a. m. sermon by pastor; text: Matt. xxvii:22; subject—"Death of Jesus Christ." At 7:30 p. m., class-meeting at 7 p. m.; text: Romans, vi:10; subject—"Mediation of Christ." Sunday was a precious day. The Divine Master was present in the pulpit and pews. On for more power.

SHERMAN.

March 19.—H. A. BOULDEN, pastor: Glorious revival; house crowded; four conversions last night; two this morning, and deep seriousness in the congregation. Meetings have been in progress one week. J. W. Atkinson, of Filer Point, is helping this week, and will return next week. His efforts have the genuine stamp of the Holy Ghost upon them. More next week. Let the ADVOCATE readers pray for us.

PARIS.

March 18.—JOHN R. ALLEN, pastor: A good prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. 143 present at Sunday-school this morning. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m.; subject: "Service of Song;" at 7:30 p. m.; subject: "Man's Nature and destiny." Our second quarterly conference was held last Monday night, and reports from all departments were good. Among other collections was \$11 for Corbin's church at Laredo.

SAN ANTONIO.

March 13.—J. THOMAS MURKIN, pastor: House full on Sunday morning. Great interest on the part of the congregation. Subject of sermon, "Moral Courage." Singing in afternoon. Large attendance at night. Subject, "God is Love." Prayer-meeting commencing this week. We are praying for a revival of religion on this work. Sunday-school increasing in numbers. We have done some visiting;

seen all at their homes; find it pays. Five accessions to the church up to date. May God bless us all this point.

SAN MARCOS.

March 18.—B. HARRIS, pastor: Congregations very large, morning and evening. Five persons united with the church; delightful and profitable sacramental service, conducted by Bro. Bellevin. At Wednesday night prayer-meeting Bro. Garrett gave an excellent exhortation, and then asked for the prayers of the church. Our church has received from Brother and Sister Robins, members of the church, a beautiful silver communion service and baptismal font.

SEGIN.

March 15.—G. H. HORTON, pastor: Last Sunday morning, congregation large; a spiritual time; three accessions. At night Bible meeting; sermon by Rev. R. G. Sewell, and \$22 collected for Bible cause. At church conference a young man, Mr. Hammond, recommended to the quarterly conference for license on Monday night large and enthusiastic temperance meeting; lecture by Dr. Young; organization with 47 members.

CHOCKET.

March 10-11.—J. R. WAGES, pastor: Dr. Finley, our presiding elder, made his appearance in good time, and preached at 11 a. m., Sabbath, 11 a. m., text, I Cor. xv:20. Congregation large, sermon strong, and our hearts burned within us because of the presence and authority of the Holy Spirit. Communion solemn and impressive. At 7:30, text Col. iii:2, 3. Church full. Discourse freight-laden with thought and solemn warning. Membership moving in firm battalion to higher ground.

HENDERSON.

March 18.—J. M. TRUITT, pastor: 11 a. m. services. Subject, "The scheme of redemption." Text, Rom. vi:8. Large congregation. Night, sermon by Rev. J. S. Miller, 8. Matt. vi:33. Prayer-meeting Wednesday night well attended.

TYLER.

March 18.—W. A. SAMUELY, pastor: At the Sabbath-school 116 persons present. 11 a. m.—Text, Prov. xxi:6. Subject, "Training Children." 7:30 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. J. B. Hall. Text, James, 1:7. His sermon was textual. Prayer-meeting Wednesday night was interesting and profitable. We are hoping and praying for a sweeping revival.

CORSIANA.

March 18.—R. H. H. BURNETT, pastor: Ladies' Aid Society, March 18, at 4 p. m. Prayer-meeting 15th, at 8 p. m. Ladies' prayer-meeting 16th, at 8 p. m. On Friday evening a religious society are supporting a teacher and twenty pupils in China. Next week to be with us.

WILSON.

March 18.—J. H. CRAWFORD, pastor: Every officer and teacher and 147 pupils present at Sunday-school at 9:30 a. m.; collection \$29. At 11 a. m., subject, "The Second Coming of Christ, or Watching and Waiting." Text, Rev. ii:25. Three additions to the church; collection \$22; profitable class-meeting at 7:30 p. m. interesting church conference at 4 p. m.; two new class-leaders appointed, one a young man for young men, and committees appointed to arrange for district conference, June 14th-17th. Bishop Parks is to be with us.

WIKLEY.

March 18.—J. B. WALLER, pastor: Communion at morning hour. A very large audience, many communicants, and a refreshing season. Morning subject, "The Yoke of Christ." Evening, "Escape for thy life." A missionary society of twenty-four members was organized in the afternoon. Finances up to date. Huntsville proposes to take rank with the first of Texas stations.

AUSTIN.

March 18.—A. E. GOODWYN, pastor: The morning was cloudy but pleasant. Congregation at 11 a. m. very large. Preaching by the pastor on Eph. i:12. Subject, "Without God in the world." We are assured that good was accomplished. Immediately following the evening sermon, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to about 150 communicants. The meeting will be protracted through the week. Pray for us.

HUNTSVILLE.

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Funeral of Mrs. M. E. Prendergast, wife of Judge Prendergast, at 4:30 p. m. She died suddenly on the 6th inst., and leaves a large circle of bereaved and mourning friends. Prayer-meeting—Attendance about 40; good interest; outlook hopeful; growing expectation. O for showers of blessings. My wife has been sick for the last month. Thanks to the skill and unremitting care of Dr. D. C. Jones, she is improving.

MEYAN.

March 18.—F. T. MITCHELL, pastor: On Sunday, March 4th, we read the General Rules, expounded and enforced them; think with good effect. Evening service, text: Rom., vi:8. Sunday, March 11th, morning, text: Rom., xii:21; night, text: 2 Cor., iv:6. March 18th, morning and night, text: Jer., vii:22. Preached in the afternoon at the A. and M. College. Four clergymen, I. e., Presbyterian, Baptist, P. Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal, alternate, preaching each once a month to the students. Our congregations are growing steadily in numbers and interest. Two members have been united with the church since last year. Sabbath-school—Hon J. D. Thomas, superintendent. The increase in attendance and in efficient work is very marked.

HOUSTON.

March 18.—SHEARN CHURCH, S. H. WELLES, pastor: Services in the morning were conducted by Rev. T. W. Rogers, presiding elder. His theme was, "Spiritual Brotherhood." Two members have been united with the church since last year. Sabbath-school—Hon J. D. Thomas, superintendent. The increase in attendance and in efficient work is very marked.

GALVESTON.

March 18.—ST. JAMES, H. M. SKAUS, pastor: At 11 a. m., Sunday, March 18, Superintendent addressed on account of family afflictions, but the school was well maintained by Bro. Finley, the assistant. Good congregation at 11 a. m. Pastor's subject, "God's sympathy and care for his children." Text, I Cor. xiv:13. At 7 p. m., good congregation. Service by the pastor. Text II Cor., ii:14. Subject, "Triumphs of the Gospel."

WIKLEY.

March 18.—L. P. LEVELY, pastor: Sunday morning bright. Sunday-school good. 11 a. m. large congregation. Subject, "Wives and Taxes." Night, heavy rain with hail.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

Whisky Beaten in a Square Fight.

T. H. HALL, New York, March 13: Our local option term expired. The whisky men petitioned for another election. It was granted; and yesterday the vote taken; and we beat them! No whisky men in this beat! Hurrah for local option! Onward may the wave roll until it covers Texas entirely.

Six Accessions.

R. M. LEATON, Bianco, March 6: We had large, attentive congregations, both at Rocky and Post Oak last Sunday. Had no objection by letter at Rocky, and five accessions by letter at Post Oak. The meeting at Rocky was quite a good one. Am trying to do what I can for our excellent Advocate.

A Word for His Pastor.

HERN NELSON, Spring Grove, March 6: I wish to say a word for Uncle Reuben. He preaches at this place last year, and is our pastor this year. We like him here. He talks a great deal about religion. He is a good and faithful soldier of Christ. We have a good Sunday-school here. It contains sixty-two scholars. H. W. Crawford is our superintendent.

Needs a Revival.

E. T. BRASHER, Colthart, March 16: All on the background, farms, church, religion and ADVOCATE. Why is it the district stewards while on church business have to pay and put up at hotels? I call attention to the subject for the consideration of all interested. Bad weather is one cause of the backward condition of things in this country. Hope for the better.

Woman's Work Moving On.

I. K. WALLER, Concrete, March 13: Owing to bad weather we have missed two appointments since conference. Those who Sundays we did go to church, the president of the woman's mission society moves on finely. On the general collection we have \$150 over the assessment, and there is some yet to collect.

Faithful Officer.

O. A. FISHER, Uvalde, March 12: The law-abiding people of this section express great satisfaction at the closing of the gambling houses of San Antonio, and Judge McCall and Sheriff McCall are warmly commended. We hope that their example may be followed by other officers.

Send on the Names.

J. F. HENDERSON, Canton, March 12: My first quarterly conference is over. Our presiding elder was on hand and all right. Assessment, under all the disadvantages, was very liberal. The preacher and wife were well cared for. I have sent nearly all my foreign missionary money to the board and will send all in a few days. I have a little band of workers of the juveniles. I would like to give all their names to Uncle Ike, if he will accept.

Score Another for Local Option.

J. P. CHILDERS, Iola, March 14: There is not a Christian heart that will not rejoice when they read of victory over the Lord. We are rejoicing in Zion circuit. Victory preaches on our banners. The whisky devil is routed. There is not to be any sold in our circuit for two years. Local option has been passed, but here at Iola the meditated biters were sold, and men got drunk on them. Alas! the law had been thus violated the whisky advocates concluded they could beat local option, and so they got an order for an election, but the good people rallied and the vote cast—131 for prohibition; against prohibition, 35. You see we well those good people love their children, their neighbors and their church. May this be imitated by every voting

precinct until whisky is driven out of our midst. Brethren, if you want to succeed in the battle, a few circles can do more than twice the number of men. The ladies of Iola and vicinity have done a great part in defeating the whisky interest in our midst.

"Pastor of a District."

J. H. COLLARD, Jr., Grand View, March 14: Our presiding elder, W. R. D. Stockton, shows himself competent to meet all the requisites of a true pastor of a district. By godly advice, for example, by unflinching integrity to principle, and by the strictest adherence to discipline and loyalty to the church polity, he has made us love the office than the presiding eldership more than ever before.

Expecting a Revival.

H. JONES, Headville, March: Our presiding elder was present, at the first quarterly meeting for Headville circuit. The attendance small; spiritual interest of church good; presiding elder preached a good sermon on Sunday and took up the collection for foreign mission—5 70; will get the balance as soon as possible. We are praying for and expecting a revival.

Showers of Blessing.

S. C. RIDDLE, Bonham, March 15: We are having "showers of blessing" in our weekly prayer-meetings. There are indications of a gracious work going on among the people. We think of having a series of special meetings. Will every one who reads this please pray for Bonham? Oh, for a revival all along the line this year! Shall we have it? How is your faith?

Praying for the Revival.

R. T. WOOLSEY, Webberville, March 14: The Holy Ghost is reappearing in the church, and with dove-like wings hovering around Mt. Zion's holy tabernacle, mantling the pulpit and peering between the pews. The clouds are breaking and in the vaulted skies the Son of Righteousness appears, and the church is reflecting light from this grand, luminous source of glory. We pray and predict a year for God!

A Good Report.

J. C. CALHOUN, Cheesland, March 12: Our first quarterly meeting is over. Bro. R. W. Thompson was with us, but it rained and we had no school. He is as big and stout as ever. Thanks to that good sister for the turkey. \$18 was paid at first quarter, also some missionary money. Sixty-two families have been visited, \$19 worth of books sold, 200 miles traveled up to date. We are praying for a revival. Brethren, let us have your prayers.

Prayer at Work.

J. D. RIEA, Wayland, March 13: Our Advocate comes regularly and is welcome; always glad to meet it; it tells us what our preachers are doing. We have seven Methodists at our house in one little flock. Bro. Abe Long is our preacher on Caddo mission. He is a faithful one, and does his work well. He has had sickness in his family, and failed to meet some appointments. Having plenty rain at present; crop prospects good. Hope we will make plenty, and some for the preacher.

A Thankful Preacher.

BASCOM J. H. THOMAS, Colorado City, March 12: Many thanks to the ADVOCATE for sending that good Christian lady's offering of ten dollars for the church at Colorado City, and the gentleman who went a month without cigars and sent us one dollar. I would that more kind people would omit the cigar and pipe to help us through with our great work for a church at this growing town. May God bless the liberal, and have mercy on the liberal.

Send One Time.

F. M. SHERWOOD, Cooke, March 13: The presiding elder was at his post, at our first quarterly conference for Dexter circuit, preaching and looking after the interests of the church. Raised for the support of the circuit, \$83.12; for foreign missions, \$40; for church extension, \$7. We had dinner on the ground on Saturday. The presiding elder said that we had the largest attendance on the district, and also we were the first to report foreign mission assessment full. Thank God! Dexter circuit stands head one time. Brethren, pray for us that we may have success.

Wants More Sunday-Schools.

M. W. SHEARER, Hawkins Prairie, March 13: We have had our first quarterly meeting on the Fannin circuit. The president of the woman's mission society preached Saturday and Sunday. The finances came up moderately. The outlook is hopeful. We have a large territory and work enough to do. I am not satisfied with the number of Sunday-schools. We have but one. Hope to improve. Local option is regarded a failure. Wonder why? [Because the people do not elect officers who will enter the law.—Ed.]

Always Ready.

JOHN A. GARDNER, Finis, March 14: We have better prospects for the future. The quarterly conference is just over, for business, and in the preaching order. The conference was well represented. Our officials are like cold soups, always ready to do what they can. They seem to be determined to bring up their assessments before the year closes. Have had some good old Methodist meetings; the fire is kindling on the altar of the church. Salt Hill circuit will come out all right. If we will work, fine gold lies deep in the ground. Pray for us.

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have twenty-three subscribers for the ADVOCATE, and expect to double that number.

The Three Preachers.

J. B. THOMPSON, Woods, March 6: We feel very grateful for our presiding elder, Bro. J. V. Johnson. His sweet spirited preaching, his devoted piety, and his tender regard for all with whom he has to do, has given him access into the hearts of the people. We are not surprised at this, when we remember that he has been trained by that safe and good man, Rev. John Adams. Here comes one long and favorably known by the church and people of Concord circuit. He will no doubt, by the help of God and the prayers of the church, accomplish great good the ensuing conference year. We mean Rev. J. M. Mills. And last but not least, here comes the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and, with some, the Nashville Advocate, to tell us how and what to do, in regard to our duty to God, to ourselves and to all mankind, and especially to those who are of the special field of this. We should give special heed to the advice given us through our ADVOCATE, as well as by inspiration, to hold up the hands of our preachers by giving liberally of our means toward their support. I believe if the church on Concord circuit, we do its whole duty, with the advice and help of the three preachers named above, that it will come out in the end most gloriously. We shall see.

A Growing Church.

OBSERVER, Curro, March: Curro is a comparatively new town, being about ten years old; has about 1500 inhabitants, and is the prettiest town of the Gulf, Western Texas and P. Road. About eight years ago, the preacher in charge, with four brethren, two being residents, met in the office of a store room, and organized a Methodist society, now organized day schools, two Sunday-schools—Episcopal and Union; the Union members 100 scholars; the Methodist and Baptist use the Union church alternately on Sabbath days in the month. Rev. J. B. Dibble, and Rev. Dr. Howard, of Abilene. We have a Union prayer-meeting once a week. We have enrolled on our church books fifteen names in good standing. Though weak, we have recently purchased a parsonage for our preacher for \$1,000; have raised over \$300, and are fast raising the remainder. The ladies have nobly come to the front to help to bear the burden and heat of the day. May they be richly blessed in this noble enterprise. They have organized a woman's working society, and they meet once a week. They organized with but four members, and are rapidly increasing in numbers. The proceeds of their sewing and contributions secured are all to go toward paying for the parsonage and make comfortable the family of our beloved pastor, Rev. J. B. Dibble, under whose able administration we hope to report many conversions during the year.

We hope Bro. Dibble, in addition to his parsonage, will report a Methodist church. The church extension movement should aid that faithful band of workers.—Ed.

"Twelve Saloons and no Church."

SAMUEL MORRIS, Mooreville, March 6: I see the above in a postal from Bascom J. H. Thomas, stating that a mysterious letter had come to him from Iola, containing fifty cents and these words to assist in building a church at Colorado City. I know Bro. Thomas. I received him into the church when quite a boy. I was the pastor of the family for five years, and a better family I never knew. His father is a preacher. I am satisfied he wrote nothing but the truth, and yet at Lorena, McLean county, Texas, the Baptists, give a good church, and the Methodists have an organization of about thirty members, and occupy the house two Sabbaths in the month, and the Baptists the other two. Congregations are large and attentive, and not a grocery in the place, neither is there a drop of liquor sold; that we have my knowledge of. Where is the Lorena, of which he speaks? It is not Lorena, McLean county, Texas. Will that liberal brother tell us through the ADVOCATE? Our people would like to know, or does he mean that there are twelve in Colorado City and no church.

If referred, not to Lorena, but to Colorado City, He was quoting from an appeal made by Bro. Thomas, who mentioned the fact that in Colorado City there were "twelve saloons and no house of worship."—Ed.]

Good is a Local Option County.

A. D. GASKELL, Granberry, March 15: I am in the midst of a liberal and high-minded people—moral sentiment big with a majority. Local option was at the ballot-box yesterday. Hood is a local option county. There has been great hindered in my church work by a severe attack of cold. The almost unprecedented cold weather and general sickness have operated a hardship also, and thereby much of formal religion only. We are happy to see signs of life also in others. Great order and marked attention to the Word and occasional weeping give encouragement.

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COMMERCE, March 4.—Dear Uncle Ike: I desire to become a member of your Bible class, and would ask space in your columns to answer Carrie Dixon's question and to express my gratitude for one who loved us so much as to call forth the two words which compose the shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus wept." I am ten years old. I have read the Testament through once, and desire to do so again. I think I can answer John D. Dixon's question. The book was written by the one said to be the least man—Solomon. Bro. Moss is our preacher. He stayed with us three or four days on his last round. We love him so much. Pa takes the ADVOCATE. I love to read the little letters from the little folks. My mother died when I was nearly two years old. I have one brother older than myself. I have a good mother, and three little brothers younger than I.—WILLIE R. MANGUM.

Uncle Ike is glad to hear from Willie, and welcomes him to the class. His answers are right. Willie must try and meet his mother in the good world. He ought to be very grateful that another who is so good and kind, fills that mother's place. He must be a good boy, so that his example over his little brothers may help them to grow up true and good men. Willie's letter was accompanied by a note from his papa, from which we quote the following:

"My son, Willie, has concluded to contribute to the little people's column. If you find it worthy, publish as I hope it will encourage him to read the ADVOCATE, which I regard preferable to any other paper in our State, to improve our moral status. We have the opportunity to attend Sunday-school; therefore we need your good reading matter to interest the children at home."

Such words cheer us in our work. We can aid the fathers and mothers of Texas in preparing their children for the duties and trials of future life, then the ADVOCATE will not have failed in its mission to the church.

Loves the Bible.

HAMILTON, March 6.—Dear Uncle Ike: I love the Bible very much. I have read it many times, and before me and have just finished reading it. I do love to read it. I want to ask the class: What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven? Mat. xvi:19. I spend many hours reading the Bible every day. I will ask another question on John xix:25: Were there three or four women present or mentioned in this verse? I love Uncle Ike and the dear little cousins. I hope they do remember to pray for me.—LIZZIE HAWKINS.

Uncle Ike is glad that Lizzie loves to read the Bible. It is the best book in the world. It contains her title to a home beyond the sky more bright and beautiful than the palace of an earthly king. He is also glad she loves to read the ADVOCATE, and hopes she will get all the other little folks around her to join the class, and persuade their papas or mammas to take the ADVOCATE for them? She must write again.

Her Mother Was Dead.

Boys are often thoughtless and sometimes tough, but many of them have a tender place in their hearts. That is what we thought when we read the following:

"A little girl, nine or ten years old, sat on the piazza one summer's day in the city of Chicago. They called her Tabb. I suppose her real name was Tabitha. She was so busy with a poor little rag baby, that she seemed not to mind the heat of the day. One day the baby's arms and legs had torn off and its head fell over on one side, and every time it was moved the saw-dust fell out from a hole in its foot.

"As the child sat there, trying to make the poor baby whole again with a darned needle and some string, a boy about twelve or thirteen years of age came along, and stopped to look at her. He knew Tabb, for he lived on the same street. Presently he said, in a sneering kind of way:

"That girl's hair sunstruck, and all the doctors in town can't save her life."

The girl made no reply. Then the boy snatched the doll out of her hands, in spite of her efforts to prevent him, and threw it out into the middle of the street.

"The eyes of the poor girl filled with tears and her chin quivered as she said: "Is my mother dead?"

"Not as I know on."

"But mine is, and she made that doll for me, when her hands were dyed with tears, and her eyes were so full of tears, that I had to cut the clothes for her. That's why the baby looks so bad."

"When?" whistled the boy, in a low, soft way. Then he ran and picked up the doll. He dusted it carefully, and laid it gently down on the girl's lap.

"I remember now 'bout seeing the craze on your face. I'm awfully sorry I was rough. This 'ere doll in my cap will make that baby a hull dress, and if you won't say nothin' to nobody about how I acted, I'll give it to ye."

Out came the living with one pull. He laid it down by the doll, and then put two cent buttons down with it. These were all he had in his pockets and he went on, saying:

"When a gal's mother's dead, that beats me clean out. And any time that 'ere doll is taken sick you can count on me to run for the doctor, or if up nights, or to do anything I can for, or for you. Good-by, Tabb."

Boys are fond of fun, but they should never forget that fun that makes another unhappy is not real fun, but an act of cruelty.

OUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES.

Uncle Ike is sorry.

RIDGE CHAPEL, March 6.—Dear Uncle Ike: Some time since I sent you twenty-five cents in postage stamps, enclosed in my first letter to Uncle Ike, and asked you to forward it to the Coral Builders for me; but I have never heard whether you received it or not, as you did not mention it as you did others who send you a note. My note was in my letter to you. I promised you more soon. Did I send it right or not? If not, please say who to direct my letters to hereafter. I may send more before long. I would go to papa every time

he got his paper and say, is my name in the paper about my money I sent? and he would look over the children's column and say so. It made me feel bad to think Uncle Ike would slight me that way. My letter was sent some time in the month of January. I think—From your little nephew, HENRY M. OVERBAK.

Uncle Ike would not slight Henry or any of his little people for anything. Sometimes letters get lost before they reach the office, and then some of them are taken out to Uncle Ike's house instead of coming to the office, and then they may be misplaced. Uncle Ike is going to have the biggest kind of a hunt for Henry's letter, and if it can be found, it shall be published in the ADVOCATE. In the meantime Uncle Ike will send on twenty-five cents for Henry to the "Coral Builders," and Sister Ireland will put his name in the list and send the money to the Eagle Pass church.

Help for the Colorado City Church.

FORT McAVITT, March 5.—Dear Uncle Ike: I sent you 10 cents for my little sister Annie, and 10 cents for my self. Will you please send it to the brother who wants to build a church at Colorado City. I don't know who he is, but I learned this 20 cents by being quiet and going to sleep when I was sick. Hoping you will answer this and my little sister's name and mine be on your list, I will close with love to you and the cousins.—KATIE AND ANNIE SYKES.

Uncle Ike will send the money right out to Bro. Thomas, who will be glad to hear the little people are interested in his church.

Missionary Cotton and Chickens.

RIDGE CHAPEL, March 6.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little boy nine years old. My papa has given me a half-acre of land to plant in cotton, and my mamma has given me a hen to raise chickens from. Now, Uncle Ike, I want to join your missionary class and work hard to send a nice sum of money to the "Coral Builders" to aid in building churches for our little Mexican cousins. I would like to know how many of my little American cousins are in making cotton and raising some chickens to raise money to build a church for our Mexican cousins. I will send one dollar and get all the other little boys to send money. Now how many boys in Texas will join Van in raising cotton and chickens for the missionary cause? Ask your papa for a piece of land and your mamma for some chickens and Uncle Ike knows they will let you have them.

Another Little Missionary.

SALADO, March 14.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little girl 11 years old. I wish to join your Bible-class. I have read to the 2nd chapter of Philippians. I go to day-school and to Sunday-school. We have a very good Sunday-school. My papa is a preacher. He takes the ADVOCATE. I have no little sisters or brothers. Uncle Ike, I want to be a good girl and get to heaven. I ask the prayer of you and all the cousins. Enclosed you will find ten cents for the Eagle Pass Missionary cause.—From your little niece, EFFIE LOU HUNTER.

Effie Lou is in the class, and welcome, too. Uncle Ike is sure Effie is trying to get to heaven. She must pray that the good Lord will help her and many sinners to the Savior. Money will be sent to Eagle Pass Church. God bless the little missionaries.

Eddie Joins the Band.

RIDGE CHAPEL, March 6.—Dear Uncle Ike: As my little brother Eddie is writing to you and promised to send \$1 to the "Coral Builders," he must not do better than I. Now, Uncle Ike, I must join your land of little missionaries. I am going to plant some cotton, too, in order to have money to send to the "Coral Builders," to aid in building a church for our little Mexican cousins. Come, boys, how many of you will plant cotton to make money to aid in helping our cousins out West? I will send \$1 by the first day of October next. Keep our names. Uncle Ike, I will try and get other boys to do the same. As this is my first letter I hope it will not find its way to the waste basket.—ERDIE MCANALLY.

That is right, Eddie. Do your own work and see how many you can get to join the band. We want an army of missionary workers among our little people. New recruits are coming in every week. Now, boys, let us all go to work. The children in heaven lend me the gospel, and Christ said his people must send it to them. All can do something.

Mail at Work.

LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS, March 6, 1883.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am eleven years old. I have read through the New Testament. My Sister Fannie and myself want to join your Bible class. We have already read several books in the Old Testament. I have seen you at Georgetown. I heard you tell about the "red line" and your commitment. I used to live at Georgetown. I have never written to you before, but my two little sisters, Fannie and Daisy, and myself, sent you \$2.50 missionary money by Bro. Campbell once at conference. We also sent twenty-five cents apiece to Bro. Bryce. I can answer cousin Mary T. Butler's question. To which of the disciples did Jesus say, "Behold thy mother, and she was really his mother?" It was John, the beloved disciple, and she was not his mother, but the mother of Jesus. Now I will ask my little cousin's question: Near what gate of the city of Jerusalem was Christ crucified?—Your little niece, MAMIE HOWLAND.

Mamie and Fannie are welcome. Uncle Ike is glad to hear that they are still at work for the cause of missions. Let us all see how much we can do for our Savior.

The Way to Work.

SAN FELIX, March 8.—Dear Uncle Ike: I want to join your Bible class. I have not read the Bible through, but will try to read it through this year. I am a member of the church. I will help build the missionary church at Eagle Pass, for which I send fifty cents for myself, and what my schoolmates contributed: Henry, 5 cents; Jessie Pitts, 1 cent; Louisa Tabb, 15 cents; Edna Row, 25 cents; Anna Row, 50 cents; Daisy Row, 50 cents; Mary Row, 50 cents; Ise R. Weaver, 5 cents; Mittie, my youngest sister, has a dog bark, and on Christmas day she called her missionary dog, and she went

around asking contributions to help build the church at Eagle Pass. She collected 45 cents, which I send also. Anna and Daisy, my two sisters, want to join your Bible class. Uncle Ike, please do not throw away the waste basket.—Your niece, Mary Ross.

Uncle Ike will leave it to anybody who belongs to the church if it is not doing well for those little people at San Felipe? If the grown-up people will do as well, Texas would raise enough to build fifty churches in Mexico, and send them missionaryaries next year. When will all our people feel the true missionary spirit like these little folks?

Our Army is Growing.

WALKER, March 7.—Dear Uncle Ike: Permit me to write to you for a number of our little nephews and nieces. We have many in the parts of Texas who are interested in reading the ADVOCATE, especially your letters to the children, which are doing a great deal of good. Some of our little people are Bible readers and attend the Sunday-school, and are interested in the missionary cause. Some of them belong to the church. Last year we received in the church several of these lambs of the flock who gave unobtrusive assurance of their conversion, and we are trying to feed these precious ones, that they may grow up into strong men and women in Christ. Their names are: Leila Cook, Thomas and William Tesdale, Billie Pearson, Ellen Whitmore. Then, there are some others that have contributed their names to the missionary fund, which will help to carry the Gospel to some little heathen, and I pray that by some way they may be converted. Those who have given would doubtless like to know that they were remembered by their pastor, and I send you their names and hope they will be encouraged to give more: W. J. Aydlotte, eight years old, 15 cents; Henry Morgan, 10 cents; William Morgan, 25 cents; James M. Can, 10 cents; William Russell, 25 cents. These last four are orphans and I hope will meet their dear parents in heaven.—A Pastor.

Blessed be the pastor who remembers the command of Christ, and is faithful in feeding the lambs of the flock. May all these children be good boys and girls and become good men and women and do much good in this world. They are beginning now to work for the Savior. May God's blessings go with their gifts, and may his blessings rest upon their lives.

Here is a Little Army.

ELGIN, March 8.—Dear Uncle Ike: I told the children living near Round Pleasant church, an Elgin circuit, if they would give me \$1 each, I would build it to you to assist Bro. Bryce in building his church in Mexico. I expect to send you a much larger list soon. Here is this list: Clinta Cooper, 10 cents; Fannie Cooper, 10 cents; Edna Cooper, 15 cents; Sarah Cooper, 10 cents; Joseph Cooper, 5 cents; Jimmie Cruise, 5 cents; Willie Cruise, 5 cents; Onie Robinson, 5 cents; Jessie Robinson, 5 cents; Robert Robinson, 5 cents; Edith Robinson, 5 cents; James Wolf, 5 cents; Henry Wolf, 5 cents; Robert Weeks, 5 cents; Sarah Seal, 5 cents; James Seal, 5 cents; Little Rath Bigby, 5 cents; Ruth Bigby, 5 cents; John McLenore, 5 cents; Walter McLenore, 5 cents; Clay Owens, 5 cents; Frank Hadley, 5 cents; Savannah Hadley, 5 cents; Derion Hadley, 5 cents; Jefferson Hadley, 5 cents; Minnie Gentry, 20 cents; Rachel Shepherd, 10 cents; Katie Harkins, 5 cents; John Harkins, 5 cents; Myrtle Smith, 10 cents; Rache Harrison, 5 cents; Julia Shepherd, 5 cents; Mollie McLean, 5 cents; Thad McLenore, 10 cents. Dear Uncle Ike, I send you this money by our preacher, M. H. Porter. I have raised \$20. Now if every neighbor will raise \$1 each, I shall have for church building in Mexico, don't you think they'd soon have plenty of church houses there. We hope others will follow our example.—M. H. PORTER.

Many thanks to Bro. Porter. We know it was a labor of love, and he felt that he was not only raising money for the missionary cause, but training the children to work for the Master. We wish we could impress on each pastor the importance of this work. The mission work needs every dime we can raise and our children must be educated in the grace of giving and working for Christ. Will Bro. Porter give all those children Uncle Ike's love.

More Help for Colorado.

BRO. THOMAS sends us the following letter. With such letters Bro. Thomas should be encouraged to work hard to build his church:

BERTMAN, Feb. 27.—Dear Brother Thomas: I know you will be very much surprised when you see my name to this. We saw your letter in the Advocate last week when you wrote that you would like for the children of south Gabriel to give a little toward starting a church in Colorado City. We will send our love, and though only a few cents, perhaps it will do a little good. We children miss you, and wish we could see you sometimes. We were in town. I have never written to you before, but my two little sisters, Fannie and Daisy, and myself, sent you \$2.50 missionary money by Bro. Campbell once at conference. We also sent twenty-five cents apiece to Bro. Bryce. I can answer cousin Mary T. Butler's question. To which of the disciples did Jesus say, "Behold thy mother, and she was really his mother?" It was John, the beloved disciple, and she was not his mother, but the mother of Jesus. Now I will ask my little cousin's question: Near what gate of the city of Jerusalem was Christ crucified?—Your little niece, MAMIE HOWLAND.

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those who receive. The children who are helping to build that church will not lose their blessing.

A Bit of Logic.

Many young people, and old ones, too, talk about the mission work who have never read a half-dozen pages about the good work it has accomplished. When a boy gets old enough to smoke cigars, and thinks he is too old to go to Sunday-school, he sometimes brings home the sayings of others who know as little about the work of the church as he does. It is a good thing when such young men have some good, sensible sisters to teach them a lesson. Here is a case:

Rufus lay at full length on the sofa, and puffed a cigar, but parlor thought it was; when Mr. Parker reminded him of it, he said there were no ladies present, and puffed away. Between the puffs he talked:

"There is one argument against foreign mission work which is unanswerable; the country cannot afford it. Two millions and a half of money taken out this year and sent to the cannibals, or some other else? No, country can stand such a drain as that upon it, with everything else it has to do. Foreign missions are ruinously expensive."

The two young sisters of Rufus, Kate and Nellie, sat on the piazza and laughed.

"O Rufus," said Kate, "you won't take a prize in college for logic, I'm sure."

"What do you mean, little monkey? And what do you know about logic?"

"More than you do, I should think. Just imagine the country not being able to afford two millions and a half for missions, when just a few years ago it paid over four millions for Havana cigars? Have you thought of that, Rufus?"

"And I wonder how much shame you are a bottle?" chimed in Nellie. "How much is it, Rufus? You know about ten million bottles are used every year. And why? Rufus, don't you know that we spend about six millions for dogs? Something besides foreign missions might be given up to save money, I should think."

"Where did you get all those absurd items?"

"We got them at the Mission Band; Kate is secretary and I am treasurer, and these figures were all in the dialogue that Dr. Stephens wrote for us to recite. If you choose to call what he says about it, I suppose you can; but he is a graduate from a college and a theological seminary besides. I mean to tell him that you think two millions and a half for foreign missions will ruin the country; I want to hear him laugh." And the two girls laughed merrily.

"You needn't tell him anything about it," said Rufus, sharply. After the girls ran away, he said thoughtfully:

"How fast girls grow up! I thought those two were children; and here they are with the Mission Band, and their large words about secretaries and treasurers."

And their embarrassing facts about money? interrupted Mrs. Parker. "Those girls had the best of the argument, Rufus," and he too laughed.

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DOES DEATH END PROBATION?

In a former article touching this question we found that the Bible answers in the affirmative. We want to show now that reason and observation confirm the Scriptural statement.

Common sense teaches that a second probation after death would necessitate a radical change in the divine administration. If a sinner is saved beyond the grave, it must be upon the same conditions on which he is saved this side the grave; otherwise we must conceive of a change in the plan of salvation.

Repentance and faith are the conditions. If sinners are persuaded to repent and believe after death, then means must be employed which were not employed before death, for they have resisted all the means used in this life.

Not only so, but to suppose for an instant that God will address to us stronger motives to repentance on the other side the grave is a serious reflection upon his character. If stronger motives are possible, they ought to be revealed now, so that sinners might the sooner yield to them and be saved from that suffering through which they must pass into salvation through a second probation.

But reason can conceive of no stronger motives, nor greater light, than those which now operate so powerfully upon heart and conscience. In the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross God exhausted every motive possible for divinity to present to man.

Well done, good and faithful servants. Rev. O. A. Fisher writes that the action of Judge Noonan and Sheriff McCall, who are closing the gambling halls at San Antonio, is warmly commended by the people of Valde, and we commend the people of Valde for this endorsement of their faithful servants.

By those who believe in a second probation we have heard this question asked: "Are not the punishment and sufferings of the wicked in the future world softening and remedial in their effects?" In answer to this question we will say that the punishment of sin is not reformatory either in design or effect.

But granting the possibility of repentance beyond the grave, the disadvantages will be so great as to make it very improbable. In this life man is environed by influences that restrain him from sin and encourage him to virtue. Human law, society, churches, holy men and women, Sunday-schools, the gospel of Christ, public worship, the Bible, and a thousand other influences, silently and secretly hold in abeyance many of the more malignant forces of sin in the human heart.

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THE PASTORAL OFFICE.

In his valedictory to the Ephraim elders St. Paul sums up the functions of the pastoral office in these words: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Like-wise St. Peter: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." Supervision, then, and feeding are the functions of this office. We can present only in outline the duties falling under these two heads. The two functions so blend together that they can be distinguished only as subjects of thought, never standing separate in pastoral work. Feeding implies all necessary supervision to promote the appropriation and assimilation of food; while supervision floods its rationale in dispensing food that is judiciously selected and prepared.

Catholicism has built its imposing hierarchy, which looks to the perpetual spiritual nonage of the laity, and the exaltation of the clergy. It reverses the divine order and claims the flock for the pastorate, assuming the authority of original proprietary right in all matters of conscience. All authority over conscience vests in, and all authority to govern the flock proceeds from, God, who has fenced the pasture by every limiting precept necessary to the safety of the flock. Human depravity touches its limit in the system that places an old man in the vatican "who exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped."

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the sphere of the pastorate is well defined in the Scriptures as pertaining to the spiritual wants of society. This order simplifies the work of the pastor and directs it to its proper ends. The pastor's authority is spiritual; the penalties with which he is armed are spiritual. As a factor in the body politic he is not known. He must rely wholly for his influence to enforce authority upon the hold he may gain upon the public mind by the exercise of his spiritual functions.

While the whole cultus of Christianity looks to the presentation of Christ as the soul's immortal food, special emphasis is given to preaching in the gospel economy. The pastor's vocation is to it, work, directly, as the center of his orbit, around which everything else that enters into his office ranges itself. The great commission was to go and "preach the gospel to every creature." St. Paul rejoiced that his call was not to baptize, but "to preach the gospel," because "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The sermon, whether spoken to the masses in holy convocation in the temple, to the impromptu gathering in the market-place, to the prayer-circle by the riverside at Philippi, or to the hungry Ethiopian on the highway, was the lever by which the Apostles "turned the world upside down."

But not all discourse about religious truth is gospel preaching. Homilies, with the tape line of criticisms, has undertaken to define the several dimensions proper for a sermon as a work of art. Placing a due estimate upon homilies, we hazard the assertion that in proportion as preaching is studied from an artistic standpoint, it loses its spiritual power. That the structure of a sermon should accord with the

laws of mind is necessary to its best effect; but too much refinement and finish enfeeble it. The true ideal of gospel preaching, according to Scripture precedent, is a discourse emanating from a mind and heart all aglow with a knowledge of Christ, in which he is set forth as God's provision for the salvation of our race in the dignity of his person, the condescension of his love, and the inflexibility of his justice. Christ is the center upon which every true gospel sermon concentrates, or from which it radiates. It may sweep to or from him in curves more or less ample; but the connection with Christ must be real. The more direct the line, the more is Christ felt as a vital force. It is this that distinguishes the sermon from all other forms of discourse. The ambition for originality has been the weakness of the pulpit. God has given the food appropriate to the flock to the pastor's keeping. It has all the elements in it that Infinite Wisdom has seen to be necessary. Whatever is added to its substance is false and tends to death. In the almost infinite combinations and order of exhibition of which this "bread of God" is capable, is found scope ample enough for all the originality with which the wisest and holiest can be safely trusted. The combinations that savor most of Christ are richest. Whatever obscures Christ as a living, present, saving personality, be it the subject propounded, the ornaments of language, the refinements of metaphysics, or the finish of delivery, is a defect in a sermon that no skill in homiletics can compensate. A Christless sermon is a mass without spiritual nutrient; and the flock whose pastor is wont to lead them through ranges of Christless ministrations soon manifest all the symptoms of spiritual starvation.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

By resolution the South Carolina Conference recommended that the first Saturday in May be observed throughout its jurisdiction as Children's Day. We commend the plan to Texas Methodist Sunday-school workers.

Rev. J. W. Compton, the only itinerant preacher of our church in Washington Territory, writes to the Southern Methodist, that the winter has been very pleasant here, except three or four spells when the mercury went down to 26 degrees below zero. We wonder how many such spells it takes to make an unpleasant winter in that country.

Rev. David Morion, our laborious church extension secretary, has spoken enthusiastically of his visit to the Louisiana Conference. Louisiana led the connection in church extension liberality. In closing an account of his visit to Mansfield, he says: "The largest collection of the twenty thus far taken. We join the secretary in saying, 'Blessed be the Louisianaans!'"—V. O. Advocate.

Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Denver, has sent a special contribution of \$90 to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Our churches in Baltimore close up financially. At Trinity the outcome on the Missionary collection was very fine. The total receipts were \$2,392.55; certainly a very fine exhibit, \$1,000 of this is for the Board of Missions.

The recent statement that Rev. J. L. Godbey, from eleven sons and three daughters, furnished five preachers, and Rev. Josiah Godbey, from six sons and three daughters furnished also five preachers, with the call for some one to beat it, is thus responded to by Rev. J. G. Egger, of Dr. Kentucky: "Rev. John Godbey, of Missouri, had four sons, two of whom are now dead, all of whom were in the Methodist ministry. He also had five daughters, and all were in the living. His daughters are all in the church. So my man, with nine children, furnished six preachers, and is ahead of the others. Next?" The Godbey family? Who ever heard of anything like it? Are there any more?—Central Methodist.

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CURRENT THOUGHT.

Pastors and Children. By Rev. J. G. Jones, of Hazlehurst, Miss. in New Orleans Advocate. A good brother said to me, not long since, that he regretted very much that his late pastor had never visited his family, and assigned as his main reason that he had a family of children that he was endeavoring to bring up for God and the church, and he sensibly felt the need of the pastor's help. Our own experience and observation brings to our remembrance that children have strong religious emotions in early childhood. No doubt there are many precious little hearts in our pastoral charges to-day feeling strong religious emotions, and wishing that they could have a quiet talk with their preacher about their spiritual interests.

Our Mandarin Missionary. (Jno. Merdies, of Baltimore, in Richmond Advocate). You have chronicled from time to time the growth of interest in the Anglo-Chinese University. In this interest I share, and yet I must express the hope that it will not have the effect to withdraw money from the missionary treasury which just now is so nearly empty. I believe the effect will be rather to increase than to diminish the regular flow. Let me say in this connection I have seen preaching the gospel put in contrast with such teaching as it is proposed that the University shall furnish. Have our people yet to learn that, taking the experience of Dr. Duff in India as a guide, the plans of Dr. Allen will furnish the most effective preaching which the present condition of the Chinese admits, and prepare the way for what is popularly known as preaching as nothing else can?

The Boyhood of Christ. (Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamner, of Clarksville, Tenn. in St. Louis Advocate). The biographer of a marvelous man seeks for surprising stories of early life; for wonders prophetic of after-greatness. The appetite for the marvelous is insatiable and almost insupportable. We are slow to believe that wondrous excellence is attained by patient labor, and are accustomed to ascribe to the immense original difference between men. In this spirit, the "Father of the Faithful" church collected legends and superhuman stories of the early life of Jesus, to supply, as they thought, the defects of gospel-history. Very different is the Bible-narrative. It records no marvels of youthful vigor, no wonders of miraculous power to feed a prurient curiosity. The evangelist constructs no astonishing and plausible narrative, but tells the simple truth. This disappoints what men desire, and they begin to imagine that finally invented incidents which they think should have occurred and been recorded. They say, the boy-Jesus carried spilt water in his robe, pulled out a short beard, the reptile-like length, moulded sparrow-owl, and clasped his hands to make them fly, turned his playmates into fish, and did many other things; some of which were wicked. These stories, no doubt, were meant to honor him; but they dwarf and degrade him. They invent a man can honor him. It always mixes erring fancies with the awful purposes of God. Far better and more instructive is the silence of the Bible. Had there been anything, and it finally invented, incidents which they think should have occurred and been recorded. That which the Bible does say is unaffectedly simple, bearing the stamp of truth.

Lesson from the Ohio Flood. (Rev. G. C. Kelley, of Covington, Ky., in the Nashville Advocate). But before closing I would remind you that the flood has furnished us an unprecedented opportunity for the ministry of charity. The suffering and destitution of the hapless people, and the sympathy of all classes and the generous and general benevolence which is exhibited may be likened to the two warm, bright days which cheered us in the midst of the otherwise dark week. We are so much given to estimating all things by commercial standards. Brotherly love, which is enjoined in the second commandment, is the pearl which society is to sell that it hath to buy. That is not surely a misfortune which changes a man into a Levite into the good Samaritan, which draws men off from their selfish pursuits, for a time, to consider the well-being of their neighbors and fellow-citizens, which interests the fortunate in the unfortunate, which converts chambers of commerce and city councils into relief associations, which prompts churches to bring forth the fruit of the tree of righteousness which has been growing so secret, and which has undermined our hearts, and covered a rich vein of charity pervading society from the lowest to the highest stratum; if it has led men to consider and conserve the interests of each other; if it has made us think of the value of life, and enhanced our appreciation of it by moving us to seek to save it, we see some light breaking in upon this waste of waters. If we shall be poor in some respects, we shall be richer in the spirit. Let us put out from the high shores of heaven, and rescue us from the river of death. If, in the sweep of the flood, we behold the terror of the law in the charity of the people, we have some faint resemblance to the spirit and action of the gospel.

More Pious Defenders. (From the Memphis Advocate). The Catholics of Lawrence, Miss., are so unfortunate in their finances as were those about Cincinnati a short time ago. It comes to light that, besides mortgages on church property, the Augustinian Society is behind with depositors of the amount of \$500,000. There was great excitement over the condition of affairs last Sunday. No wonder. But how is it that these celibate "Fathers" get away with so much of the people's money, is a question. They dupe the people and win their confidence. Get their money, and that is the last of it. The strongest part is, that some secular papers treat such swindling as a matter of course, and of no consequence. But let Protestants deviate from a bee line in such matters, and the cry of "stealing" is sent out, written in the printer's best art at display. The poor sufferers at Lawrence are consoling with the promise that if they are patient, they shall have their money in a few years. But if in a few years past it required a half million more than legitimate incomes to carry on their propandagium, then will they legitimately preach that great sum and still carry on their work?

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SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST PRESS.

Idleness. (From the Alabama Advocate). Solomon says, "Stiothfulness casteth into a deep sleep, and an idle soul shall suffer hunger." If the suffering of hunger was the only result of idleness, it would not be so universally condemned; but it is, as stated by our Lord, the hot-bed of temptation, the cradle of disease and the canker-worm of felicity." No sluggard or idler can have positive happiness in this world, or be prepared for a happy exit to that city which is prepared for the diligent and persevering laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Church Extension. (From the Wesleyan Advocate). The success of the Church Extension Society, its growth in public favor, and its hold upon the confidence of Christians who have money to give, will depend very largely upon the care which it takes to guard against those and similar abuses. There is a growing disposition in the strong churches to help the weak and if their help proves to be wisely directed for the next few years by this society, it will be one of the best sustained charities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Fruits of the Spirit. (From the Southwestern Methodist). If we would realize healthy, symmetrical development of Christian character we should present both in its spirit and the fruits of the Spirit. To share the Christian character without attending to the spirit which produces it is to establish a dead morality which makes clean the outside of the cup and platter. To emphasize especially the importance of being possessed and impregnated with Holy Spirit without severely testing that good works is to foster a fanaticism, which but caricatures to the sober-minded our holy Christianity.

Self. (From the St. Louis Advocate). Some one has said, the essence of true nobility is neglect of self. Yes, let the thought of self pass in, and the beauty of a Christian life is gone, like the bloom from a soiled flower. Those who know the least of others, are presumed to think the most of themselves. Many a sermon would sink deeper into the heart if it could but be higher and nobler, like the light that is the entrance-way of Satan. He came to Christ by this door, but found nothing in him which responded to his call. Self is suicidal. Of all the vipers brood of error, whose heads can only be crushed by the cross, this fights for its worthless life the longest. Often, when supposed to be crucified, dead and buried, it is found fighting in some dark corner for the last of its many lives.

Miracles have ceased. They always were rare. By their design and significance, they must have been exceptions to the general rule. At a few epochs, especially the times of Moses, Christ, and the apostles, there were clusters of miracles. Even then the course of nature was seldom disturbed, and there are long periods of scriptural history without a recorded miracle. But God's care of his servants was not exceptional, and his never ceased. There is not a more illustrious instance of providential oversight than the life of David furnishes. His Psalms abound with the thankful and trustful acknowledgments of providence. Yet there is very little of the miraculous in his biography; his prosperity and chastisements came from natural means. Nehemiah prayed, and the good hand of his God was upon him; but not in the form of miracles. He fasted three days, and called on the Jews to fast; deliverance came, but it was not miraculous.

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By de places whar dey come from I meets along de whar dey stay. For de bantam chicken's awful fond o' deous in a pretty high.

Can you give me 10 cents, sir? I inquired a tagged chap, crossing a gentleman on the street.

If taken in its incipient stages, the progress of Consumption can be arrested by the use of Compound Oxygen.

Heard in a doctor's office: "How long will it take you to cure me, doctor?" "Well, Mr. Blank, I think you can get back to your desk at the bank in about a month, but you will have to remain under treatment several years."

There is no article that is more used in the preparation of the food we eat than yeast or baking powder, and no article is more generally extended and adulterated.

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At no other time in life is a man so completely upset by threats as at the tender age of 4, when his mother tells him she is going to cast aside his first trousers and put him back in frocks.

If you are troubled with dyspepsia, ask your druggist for a little of "Prickly Ash Bitters." Take it as directed and you will be cured.

It is said that a Philadelphia man has at last discovered a method of utilizing tin scraps. It is not stated whether he keeps 2 or 3 goats or an ostrich.

The liver being the largest and most important gland in the system, what affects it must affect all others; to keep its action natural use HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL.

Heard in the suburbs: "Are you going to keep your brick-yard running this season?" "No, I think I will put a bay-window in the kiln and advertise our summer bonnets."

Shot by Stray Bullets.

An Eminent Clergyman, of Catlettsburg, Ky. Relates an Experience - the Ashland Tragedy.

"To the Birds, to the Birds!" yelled the parson as they rushed roaring out of the parson's study in the French Revolution. The people on guard that time, and they desired to conquer. But the stein in the parson's hand was a mistake.

It is a rule of the clergy, that the people should see a fair report of the old lesson. Never should you give into their hands a book that is not true.

Teacher: "Well, how stupid you are to be sure. Can't you multiply 88 by 25? I'll wager that Charles can do it in less than 10 minutes." "Papa! I shouldn't be surprised. They say that fools multiply very rapidly now days."

"Dr. S. B. BRITTON says: "As a rule physicians do not, by their professional methods, build up the female constitution, while they seldom cure the diseases to which it is always liable in its early stages."

A would-be musical sharp, after listening to a solo on the cornet by a celebrated performer, turned to his neighbor and asked: "What is that air of?" "Out of the bugle, of course. Do you think it comes out of his nose?"

"Baby's Appeal." "What makes a cry and folks say I'm naughty? Cause stomach ache, and sure in my naughtiness, you can't expect a woman to be perfect. When mamma goes, and don't have Cassell's."

The Louisville Courier-Journal argues in favor of gentlemen carrying pistols; but wasn't it a Kentucky gentleman with a pistol in his pocket who shot down the best of the smallest particle of injurious matter, will affect the stomach, and in time destroy health, and it is of the greatest importance that an article of such continuous and universal consumption should be strictly pure.

What We Eat. There is no article that is more used in the preparation of the food we eat than yeast or baking powder, and no article is more generally extended and adulterated.

Brown mistakes his man: "Come," said Brown, "you must give something for our fair. Why, even a stick of dynamite would do."

For Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Depression of Spirit and General Debility, in the various forms, also a preventive against Fever and Ague, and other Intermittent Fevers, the "Ferro-Phosphated Elixir of Calceola," made by Cassell, Hazard & Co., New York, and sold by all druggists, is the best tonic; and for patients recovering from Fever or other sickness it has no equal.

A Sensible Woman. "Gracious alive!" screamed Slumper the other morning, "Luella has got a billions attack send for a half dozen bottles of that mixture we had last, right away."

Those persons who do not need iron, but who are troubled with Nervousness and Dyspepsia, will find in Carter's Little Neck Pills a most desirable article. They are mostly used in combination with Carter's Little Liver Pills, and in this way often exert a most magical effect.

An Extended Popularity. Brown's Bronchial Troches have been before the public many years. They are pronounced superior to all other articles used for similar purposes.

Not long since the members of the New York Medical Club were summoned to attend a regular meeting at Dr. Paine's in the following classic style: "Sciens, Societate, Sobriete."

At no other time in life is a man so completely upset by threats as at the tender age of 4, when his mother tells him she is going to cast aside his first trousers and put him back in frocks.

If you are troubled with dyspepsia, ask your druggist for a little of "Prickly Ash Bitters." Take it as directed and you will be cured.

It is said that a Philadelphia man has at last discovered a method of utilizing tin scraps. It is not stated whether he keeps 2 or 3 goats or an ostrich.

The liver being the largest and most important gland in the system, what affects it must affect all others; to keep its action natural use HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL.

Heard in the suburbs: "Are you going to keep your brick-yard running this season?" "No, I think I will put a bay-window in the kiln and advertise our summer bonnets."

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec) and rows for years (1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887) showing dates and days of the week.

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The big rivers are gradually declining. TENNESSEE will settle her debt at fifty cents on the dollar, and three per cent. interest. The wedding of Judge David Davis and Miss Addie Burr took place last week at Fayetteville, N. C.

The Creek Nation is in a condition of anarchy, and interference by the government will, no doubt, be necessary. GUNTER WIGGINS is suggested as a leader of one of the political parties. He won't do. He can't manage blow-hards.

There are indications that the river channel in front of Helena (Ark.) will change so as to greatly improve the harbor. COURT DE CHAMBERED is the opinion that the republic is leading France to ruin. The United States is in danger from a similar disease.

The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is not only an excellent religious paper, but also furnishes a good deal of secular news.—Belton Reporter. COL. TOM O'CONNOR, it must be admitted, manages to get into high-toned company. It is said President Arthur also converses the government's "shortage."

The star-route trial and the Texas legislature die hard. The diseases of each are complicated, but not of sufficient interest to justify newspaper diagnosis. NEW YORK manipulators are urging the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the May interest because of a tight money market and high interest in Wall street.

PENNSYLVANIA legislators evidently think they will have enough to do to keep out of the fire after death, and propose to establish one safeguard in a law against cremation. The director of the Russian postal service has been suspended from office for attempting suicide. In this country there are officials who should be suspended for living too long.

SALOONS are so intimately associated with Texas politics that it would have been natural for those in Austin to reduce the price of drinks to correspond to the two dollar per diem rule of the legislature.

At a meeting of Baptist ministers in New York last week the statement that 10,000 Baptist pulpits were vacant was discussed. Strange they don't think of the itinerant system for relief of the Baptist system. THERE is a certain or uncertain class of legislators who are often charged with venality than with railroad fare. This philippic paragraph has been suggested by the railroad discussions at Austin. Who can guess its pertinency?

SAYS the Houston Post: "While our saloons are tinkering with telegraphic legislation in Austin," etc., etc. The Post meant saloons—but the word saloons was an unintentional accuracy; they have to do with almost all legislative tinkering. THE curious are discussing the question, "How often does a man wink?" It depends. Now, if it be a peace-officer in the neighborhood of gambling halls, saloons and other law-breaking establishments, the calculation would burst the multiplication table.

THE general passenger agents at New York passed a resolution that a physician's certificate should accompany every corpse shipped by rail, to prevent the spread of contagious disease. Dead-headers are excepted, although their disease is fearfully contagious. THE president of this great republic is reported by the associated press to be suffering from catarrh. First thing you know the wires will flash over the country the harrowing information that Mr. Arthur has blown his nose. Catarrh will superinduce this exercise.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MORALITY.

The Houston Post in a recent issue submits in substance that:

(1) It is wrong for a majority sentiment to press legislation as to the use of the Bible in public schools, because this would necessarily have a tendency to support a certain system of religion. (2) It is wrong to do this, because there is a minority with us who are not believers in Christianity, and who object to their children being taught the principles of a creed antagonistic to their own, and they appeal to the Constitution to support their objection.

(3) It is the duty of the state to have the principles of morality taught with daily care in its schools—but not the precepts of religion. The Post supports this proposition in the following language: "We believe that our schools are cursed by a dry intellectualism, which is filling our land with promiscuous and with unprofitable men and women. The conscience and the heart are not cultivated, the mind is not trained, and the result is that the people are ignorant and stupid."

The argument commonly offered to support the first proposition above is that parents should teach religion and the Bible at home. This is not consistent with the third proposition, for if the time of school teachers is too precious to impart religious training, why should it be wasted in moral training also to the home? It will not detract the Post to say, "because moral training in the schools will reach many children whose parents are degraded and vicious, and incapable to instruct in morals," as the same retort will apply to religion. There is another point in this "home theory."

Why not allow the majority sentiment to rule in the schools, and leave it to a minority of anti-Bibleists to teach their peculiar ideas at home? It would lessen the general burden considerably. To the second proposition it may, in addition to other things, be answered: The minority have insisted upon legislation on the subject, and by clamor, gained a constitutional enactment against any form of religion in the schools, which the legislature and school-board intensified by enactments and decisions excluding the Bible and all religious exercises. Legislation against the Bible involves the right to legislate for it whenever the majority sees fit. The minority is the aggressor, and must accept the consequences whenever the majority desires to press its rights.

The Post's third proposition, however, is worthy of extended notice. The Post does not err in the statement that our public schools are cursed with a dry intellectualism. The New England system of public schools, of which all others in this country are but copies, have been fruitful in their increase of bestial crimes, easy divorces, and the reign of lust. They have indeed shown that mere education of the mind is no guarantee of advance in morality. On the contrary, advancing the vicious solely in an intellectual direction distinct from moral education, is but adding to their force as emissaries of evil for the spread of all impurity.

But the Post's idea is to have morality taught separately from the Bible, the teaching of which would necessarily tend to the support of a certain system of religion." If the Post has no objection, we would be pleased to have its ideas as to the exact dividing line between morality and religion; that is, where would the Post have our highly enlightened school board instruct teachers in the public schools to draw the line? Does the Post think morality and religion entirely independent? Or are they interdependent? Does either contain all of the other? Is either entirely independent of the other? It is a delicate office the Post would impose upon our highly talented and prodigiously salaried teachers—this teaching morality, we mean, untinted by the deadly poison of religion—and explicitness is due the readers of that paper. The question is not, can one be moral without being religious? but the Post is asked to say just how it would advise the teaching of morality, divorced completely from divine law as a basis.

Morality is defined as the doctrine or system of moral duties, or the duties of men in their social character; the practice of moral duties; outward duty or propriety; the quality of an action, when tested by an actual standard; conformity of an act principle or sentiment to the divine law, or to moral precepts. Some of these qualities may be distinct from religion and divine law—but how can all be taught independent of divine law? Suppose a case: The Board of Educational Dictators at Austin formulate the order to teachers to instruct the children in morality, separate and distinct from the Bible, or any religious or divine law. Their proclamation would say: "Guard the precious children from a 'dry intellectualism' which can only mature them as 'mental gladiators' and top-sider sharpers." You must cultivate the heart and conscience as well as the mind. But be careful to divorce your moral teachings from every taint of divine law or the religion of the Bible, in order to be within the import of our constitution, laws, and school board decisions."

Imagine one of the intellectual giants whom the munificent salary paid a public school teacher has drawn away from less profitable pursuits, commercial or professional, undertaking the duty immediately subsequent to this proclamation. In the absence of special instructions, he "crams" on the

topic from encyclopedias, philosophies, etc., enters the class-room surcharged with pabulum that is to save Young America from the fate of "mental gladiators, and top-sider sharpers," and opens fire: "Young gentlemen," says Professor Mental Giant, "our natural appetites of hunger, thirst, etc., ally us with the brutes; and to the natural appetites belong those acquired—as the love of tobacco, narcotics, or intoxicating drinks. A strict morality warms us therefore from over-indulgence of natural appetite."

This is a pretty fair start all will admit. But an inquisitive student suggests a hypothesis: "Suppose, Prof. Mental Giant," finds Inquisitive Student, "that one finds a pleasure in the indulgence of appetites that counterbalances nature's penalties, is there any other demand for self-denial, or reward that follows it?"

M. G.—Yes sir; your duty to society demands it, and your treatment by society will reward it. Inq. Sdt.—But, sir, suppose I argue that society has no claim upon me. If I ask taught of it; and when I am instructed by observation that honesty, sobriety, virtue, and genius are left a-bogging, while drunkenness, perjury, lechery, and other vices are elevated to place and power, suppose I do not crave the peculiar reward vouchsafed by society to self-denial?

M. G.—getting mad.—Well, then, sir, the dictates of your own conscience should restrain you. Inq. Sdt.—What is conscience, Professor? M. G.—Conscience? Why, conscience is—that is to say, conscience—don't you know what conscience is?—and then he takes the refuge so familiar to teachers: telling Inq. Sdt. to "think over it" until some future time. In this case the M. G. would determine to write to the secretary of the Board of Education for instructions how to tell what conscience is with recognizing a divine law.

We will suppose Prof. Mental Giant to then in turn attempt to impress upon the students their moral duty to circumscribe their desires, to restrain curiosity and ambition; and to limit emulation; to control their desires for wealth, for dress, for equipage and display. The same inquisitive student plies him with hypotheses, until in each instance he finds himself on the ragged-edge of the precipice builded by the School Board, and almost ready to plunge headlong into that most terrible of all public-school crimes: the acknowledgment of a God; a divine law; a Great Cause Uncaused. The same trouble meets him at the end of his effort to instruct the children to cultivate the emotions of love, friendship, patriotism, universal benevolence, pity, gratitude; and to subdue those of hate, jealousy, envy, revenge, etc. True, there is one way out of the dilemma: he might instruct the children in what is considered morality by Tom Paine, or Lucretius; or he might take as his rock-bottom basis, Mohammedanism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Vouduism, or any other Tomfoolism; or he might slice out a scheme of his own by basing his moral teaching in some one of the philosophic schools. The constitution of Texas, the legislature of Texas, and that magnificent collection of consistent jewels, the State Educational Board, do not forbid resort to any or all these systems; or any sort of an improvised system, so it shall not touch the Bible. The one great danger to our school system is the Bible, according to the Texas Democracy, Texas Republicanism, and the Houston Post.

Under the idea proposed by the Post, children might be taught the morality of Mahommed; that Allah is the only God, and Mohammed his prophet; that the eternal word is pictured by the seven heavens of the Koran, and that it is not inconsistent with morality to carry war, rapine and murder wherever this peculiar system is not accepted. Or the children might be taught the sublime principles of Buddha, and that the blissful reward of good deeds is to be realized in the Nirvana—or annihilation. Or the Texas school teachers might follow the plan that has been virtually adopted thus far, and instruct our children in the morality of Tom Paine and Ingersoll, impressing upon the boys especially that they may hope some day to gain the lofty eminence of defender of star-route thieves, and an assurance that will enable them to stand up before a nation and inform an opposing counsel that he is a "dirty dog." We do not presume the Post so meant it, but this last is about the culture of its ideas. If this is a mistake, that paper can do no better work than to throw more light on the subject. It would be better still, perhaps, if the Post would come to the help of the ADVOCATE in its effort to convince law-makers and constitution builders of the correctness of a proposition in substance as follows:

"It is against the principles of this government to interfere by legislation with the enjoyment of the people of civil liberties. Legislation for or against the Bible in the public schools is a state interference with religious liberty. Therefore, there should be no legislation for or against the Bible in the public schools, and the constitutional provision touching religion in the public schools, and the legislative enactments and school board decisions a corollary therewith and in advance thereof, should all and singularly be annulled."

It is to be hoped the Post will not ignore the issue, but treat it in extenso. WITH a flourish it was last week heralded that the gambling houses of San Antonio had been closed. This paper then asked, "How long?" They have resumed business. How short! Getting Tired. The London Times says feeling of the workmen in the great cities of England has turned against the Irish.

An Enquirer for Truth.

LOLA, Grimes county, March, 1883: Can you let us know through the ADVOCATE how Marx & Kempner can sell medicated whisky in local option precincts, and give the parties indemnifying bonds that the law can't reach the parties who sell their whisky? We are having a fight here now on whisky. You will bear from us in a few days. We will defend whisky, I have no doubt.—J. P. CHILDRESS.

The firm named are capitalists, and such are often potent with officials. They may have some peculiar arrangement whereby they do this thing. A letter addressed to the State Comptroller, a prohibition man, we believe, or to the attorney general, (not a prohibition man, if we are correctly informed), ought to bring a satisfactory answer.

TO CHISEL the assertion in this paper that if all peace officers who wink at gambling were jailed, enough would not remain outside to execute law, the Belton Reporter says: "The Advocate's wholesale charges unjust. We do not believe that the majority of peace officers of Texas are so corrupt." Well, just count the number of counties and towns in which the gaming laws are enforced, and subtract them from the whole number in the State, and you will change your opinion.

An Engineer's Enterprise. De Lesseps has gone to Tunis to direct surveys for the flooding of the desert.

Profitable. Net profits of the Western Union Telegraph company for 1882 were \$7,624,833.

International Detectives. Russia, France, Switzerland and Austria, have agreed to establish an international detective force to deal with Anarchism, Nihilism, and Socialism.

Must Cultivate. A caucus of Irish, Scotch and English members of Parliament has decided to form a committee to cultivate public opinion regarding Irish reform.

Unhealthy Financiers. Several Chicago physicians have been detected sharing with druggists the profits of prescriptions. They use hieroglyphics to inform the compounder or when to charge extortionate charges.

Church Extension. Rev. S. K. Cox, of Washington, has been appointed president of a church board of extension by the conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Charleston.

"Carry the War to Africa." A tremendous explosion occurred March 15th in some of the government offices at Washington, and it was generally believed that an attempt had been made to blow up parliament. Suspicion points to the Fenians.

Afraid of the Socialists. The London Times has information that many Americans are now at Rome who were about to start for Paris when the recent demonstrations began, and who, in showing their disapproval of affairs there, have postponed their visit.

American Tract Society. WASHINGTON, March 19.—The annual meeting of the American Tract Society was held this evening. Justice Strong presided. The secretary presented a report showing total receipts for the year \$373,000; expenditures \$368,000; donations and legacies, \$160,400.

Old Bible Revision. It is reported that the English revisors of the Old Testament have completed the second revision of the whole work which awaits only the criticisms and suggestions of the American section of the revisory committee. They hope the work will give more general satisfaction than the revised version of the New Testament.

Literary Convention. A convention of authors will be held at Amsterdam in September of this year, as announced by the International Literary Association. A prize is offered for the best essay upon "Holland and Freedom of Thought and Utterance in Europe in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries." Competition is open to authors of all nations. Essays not to exceed in length 1200 lines of forty letters each.

A New Line of Vessels. Certain Boston capitalists are about to establish a line of steamers between Baltimore and Turke's Islands, a group of small islands among the Bahamas. The principal productions and exports have been sent. About a year ago an investigation was made of the guano deposits on the islands, and it turned out to be an excellent superphosphate. The discovery has been considered sufficiently important to interest capitalists in a line of steamers.

Pork Legislation. The action of Germany in prohibiting the importation of American pork, is to be made the subject of diplomatic correspondence. The Secretary of State, Mr. Frelinghuysen, says that if the prohibition were not removed before December 1, the President would in all probability address a special message to Congress on the subject. That at the State Department is that retaliatory measures will be recommended.

Killed by Mathematics.

An eight-year-old school girl of Baltimore recently died of "long division." She appeared to be perfectly healthy both in body and mind, and her parents let her have her way at study—never dreaming of a fatal result. Long division puzzled the girl, and she wrestled with the hard sums day and night for the answers. One night she was unusually excited, and went to bed delirious. Figures and numbers filled her delirious dreams, her eyes became distended, and her brain congested and she died before she was struck through long division. But she was a good little girl who stayed at home and studied her books in preference to playing with other children.

Revelatory. Lady Florence Dixie, who recently published a statement, charging that Parnell, Egan and others had failed to account for some \$600,000 of the land league fund, was last Sunday afternoon attacked in secluded spot at Windsor by a couple of men disguised as women and armed with daggers. One of the men seized her, when at the sight of their weapons, she fell in a swoon which lasted for nearly a half hour. Both parties were cut across and her gloves severed. Two of the dagger thrusts penetrated through her clothing, one of them breaking a steel corset rib. She was assisted, in her unconscious struggle with one assassin by a St. Bernard dog which accompanied her, and to faithfulfulness of the animal she no doubt owes her life. Lady Dixie states she received threatening letters while in Ireland recently.

Moody and Sankey. Moody and Sankey, the noted English evangelists, are again in England making a greater success of their work than ever. If great multitudes be the measure of success, they go nowhere without invitation, and when they accept extensive preparations are made to accommodate the crowds. In some places additions have been made to the churches, and the Moody and Sankey revival exercises. Both the non-conformists and the Established churchmen are aiding this religious work, and in one city, Manchester, five hundred and twenty churches signed the invitation for the evangelists to come and organize societies where they had failed. This looks like a lack of confidence in the ordinary established methods of conversion and calling sinners to repentance.

The Revised Version. One of the latest New York dealers in religious publications made a statement on this subject expressly for the purpose of the ADVOCATE, and says that the revised edition of the New Testament has become so small as scarcely to be worth mentioning. The sales, he says, stopped by magic when popular religion was satisfied. During the past month his firm has received 500 and 600 copies of the authorized edition and not more than a half-dozen copies of the revised version. The sudden fallure of the work has been a severe blow to many of the leading publishers, as some twenty-five or thirty editions have been issued at an expense of several hundred thousand dollars. The publisher in question said he had tried to get the new work introduced into Sunday-schools as a book of reference, and a commentary, but had uniformly failed.

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fully pass the Vera Cruz customhouse officials that many houses doing a large Mexican business find it necessary to employ expert clerks at high salaries to do the work which ordinary clerks ought to be able to perform.

While the Mexican duties on many articles are very high, no reasonable objection can be made thereto, as the government of Mexico has every right to protect its people and its home industries, but these fine and custom-house regulations are no protection, but a petty annoyance, very oppressive and very disagreeable. Such regulations are of no advantage or profit to Mexico, any exist principally for the benefit of informers, and if they are abolished, it cannot but have the effect of increasing and developing the trade and friendly relations between the two countries.

A gentleman and lady are advertised for on first page to take charge of a school in Leeville, Gonzales county. See the advertisement.

"Is Miss Blank at home?" asked a faultily attired bore of a new girl. The girl took from her pocket a photograph, carefully scanned it, and after another look at the features of the visitor, answered, "No, sir; she has gone to Europe." He left.—Philadelphia News.

When you visit or leave New York City, save baggage expressage and carriage hire, and stop at GRAND UNION HOTEL, opposite Grand Central Depot, 450 elegant rooms, fitted up at cost of one million dollars, and 500 and upward per day. European plan. Elevator. Restaurant supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroads to all depots. Families can live better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than at any other first-class hotel in the city.

Could Not Take it Along. More than \$5000 was found in the lodgings of a wrecked old woman who died the other day after having sold newspapers for half a century in New York.

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Live Stock Quotations—Galveston.

Receipts. Boves Yearlings. And and calves. Sheep. Hops. This day. 21. 207. 129. This week. 5,792. 307. 176. Stock in pens. 4. 32. 9. Quotations—Corn-fed steers, 7 1/2 @ 8 1/2; grass-fed cattle, 7 1/2 lb. choice, 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2; grass-fed cattle, 7 1/2 lb. common, 3 @ 4 @ 5; yearlings, 1 1/2 @ 2; two-year old, \$16 @ 20 per head; yearlings, 2 @ 2 1/2; \$12 @ 16; calves, per lb. gross, 4 @ 4 1/2; mutton, choice, per lb. gross, 4 @ 4 1/2; mutton, common, per head, \$1 00 @ 1 50. Hogs, corn-fed, per lb, gross, 6 @ 7c; hog, mixed, per lb, gross, 6 @ 7c. Remarks—Fat cattle in good demand at quotations.

Cotton Freights. STEAM—Cotton to Liverpool direct, \$10.00; via New York, \$10.00; to Bremen, \$10.00; to Antwerp, \$10.00; to Havre, \$10.00; to London, \$10.00; to New York, \$10.00; to Philadelphia, \$10.00.

Prices Current. Quotations represent wholesale prices. Quotations for small orders higher prices have to be charged. AMMONIUM—Powder, per keg, \$0.50; blasting powder, \$2.50 per keg. Shot, per keg, \$2.50. CAPSULES—Green, quoted at \$3.50 a 50 for common to medium; choice, \$7.00 a 50. BACON—Selling round lots at following figures: Shoulders, 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2; short clear, 12 1/2; breakfast bacon from store, 12 1/2 @ 13 1/2. Jobbers fill orders at 1/2 % advance.

BAGGING AND TIES—Quiet. Standard 2 1/2 lb. 10 @ 12 1/2; 3 lb. 10 @ 12 1/2; 4 lb. 10 @ 12 1/2; 5 lb. 10 @ 12 1/2. HOPS—Quoted at \$1.50 a 50 for short and full length. BONES AND HORNS—Bones, clean and dry, 8 1/2 per ton delivered on track. Horns, fresh, 10 @ 12 per ton; waste, 5 @ 6 per ton. BUTTER—Quoted as follows: Kansas 26 1/2; large and small lots for common to choice, good quality, 26 @ 27. Texas, common, unseasoned; no choice in market; clean, washed and butterine 18 @ 20 for good to extra. CANDLES—Quoted as follows: 16 ounce weight from first hands in carload lots 15c; from wholesale grocers 15 1/2 @ 16.

CORN—Wholesale quotations: Ordinary, 9 1/2 @ 10; fair, 10 1/2 @ 11; prime, 11 @ 12; choice, 11 1/2 @ 12; peaberry, 13 @ 14; Cobden, 12 @ 13; Texas, 12 @ 13. Rice—Quoted as follows: Importers of Rio coffee fill orders for round lots, of not less than 200 sacks, at the following price: Fair, 8 @ 9; prime, 10 1/2 @ 11; choice, 11 1/2 @ 12. CHEESE—Quotations are as follows: Western, 12 1/2 @ 14; cream, 16 1/2 @ 18; 26 1/2; Limberg, 15 @ 16. COTTON SEED—Quoted at \$11.00 per ton on wharf.

CORN—Quoted at 60 @ 65 on track for mixed in carload lots; 75 for white; mixed, from store, 70 1/2 @ 75; white, 75c. CORNMEAL—Quoted at 40 @ 45 per bbl for Western-kin-dried. Pearl meal, 45 @ 50 per bbl. Grits, 75 @ 80 per bbl. Cracked corn, 45 @ 50 per 100 lbs in sack scale. Oatmeal, 85 @ 90 per bbl; in fine, 80 @ 85. Cornmeal, kin-dried, in sacks, per bbl, \$5.00; in bbls, 85 @ 90. City pearl meal, grits and hominy, \$4.50. CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Wholesale grocers fill orders at the following quotations per dozen for 2 1/2 lb. cans: Peaches, \$1.00 @ 1.10; pears, \$1.00 @ 1.10; apples, 85 @ 90; currants, 85 @ 90; plums, 85 @ 90; black cherries, 85 @ 90; white cherries, 85 @ 90; strawberries, 85 @ 90; raspberries, 85 @ 90; blueberries, 85 @ 90.

CANNED GOODS—Two pound standard goods quoted as follows: Apples, \$1.50 @ 1.60; pineapples, standard, 82 @ 84; 100; peaches, 85 @ 90; pears, unpeeled, \$1.40 @ 1.50; peaches, \$1.50 @ 1.60; pears, \$1.50 @ 1.60; apples, 85 @ 90; currants, 85 @ 90; plums, 85 @ 90; red cherries, 85 @ 90; gooseberries, 85 @ 90; peas, 85 @ 90; string beans, 85 @ 90; corn ranges, 85 @ 90; 100; tomatoes, 2 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 3 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 4 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 5 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 6 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 7 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 8 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 9 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; 10 lb. tin, 15 @ 16; salmon \$1.00 @ 1.10; apples, 3 lb can, \$1.35 per dozen.

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Craps. Weather, Etc. N. C., Crockett, March 13: The farming classes are industriously at work in the hope of making up for the time lost occasioned by the unfavorable weather. O. A. FISHER, Uvalde, March 13: A good rain fell on the 8th instant, followed by heavy showers yesterday and today. Sheep raisers have not considerably by late cold spells. Cattle and horses doing well. I. K. WALLER, Concrete, March 15: We have had very heavy rains of late. To-day there was so heavy a rain that it will be some days before the farmer can plow. Some crops are looking well; grass is coming very fast and it is much needed. J. D. CROCKETT, Salado, March 11: To-day ends the terrible storm of Prof. Wiggins' prediction, and these last three days have been the pretest weather we have known since 1840. When I was a boy, herding my father's sheep, sometimes they would take a notion to fight, and a big horned fellow would come at us with dreadful force; should he miss he would go backwards and come again. Perhaps it would be well for the Professor to try this experiment.

Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, March 17.—The statement of the United States Treasurer shows gold, silver and United States treasury notes in the treasury to-day as follows: Gold—coin and bullion, \$180,055,272; silver coin and bullion, \$30,929,244; fractional silver coin, \$2,683,289; United States notes, \$5,981,966.

Exchange and Coin. Official quotations of the Cotton Exchange are revised as follows: Commercial. Bank. Sterling, sixty days, 4 7/8. New York sight, 4 7/8. London sight, 5 1/4. Mexican, 2 1/2. 5/16 nominal. Quotations for Spot—Low Ordinary, 7 1/2 @ 8 1/2; Ordinary, 8 @ 9; Good Ordinary, 9 @ 10; Low Middling, 10 @ 11; Middling, 11 @ 12; High Middling, 12 @ 13; Stated 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4 on sandy cotton 1/2 lower.