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THE Pilgrim's Progress has been translated into many of the languages of India. It is said to be as popular with Asiatics as with Europeans. Can it really explain the secret of that book's wonderful success?

We see it stated that the Baptists have a church building fund of \$250,000, and have built 213 houses of worship. The building fund of the American Congregational Union is \$912,000. The Presbyterian Board has built 1721 houses of worship and disbursed \$1,035,000, while the Methodist Church, (North.) leads all other denominations in this work, having built 2683 churches. Now what will Southern Methodism raise this year for church extension?

MENTION is made in the Herald and Presbyter of a mother in an Eastern city who, with her invalid but pious daughter, sought health on the Pacific coast. Instead of health, the dear messenger came for the daughter, and to the father and the other loved ones at home came the message from the mother: "Our Alice is with Jesus! Her mother is comforted." Had it really been that message, it would have been: "Our child has taken a leap into the dark, and I am hopeless!" Faith in the Savior was of more value to that mother than the richest mine in California.

The Kansas State Legislature, having refused to submit to the people the question of the repeal of the prohibition amendment, we may conclude, that after all that has been said of the defeat of prohibition in that State, it is entrenched in the expressed will of the people. The prohibitionists of Kansas are now resolved to press the enforcement of the law. That is the work to be done in Texas. We have local option. It should be tested in every town and precinct. If you fail, try again. If you carry the law, then see that it is enforced.

The Chicago Interior says of the liquor traffic in that city: "The reputable classes are taxed millions of dollars annually to hold them (liquor) in subjection, and to house them in prisons and hospitals. Enforce the laws, you say. Why, friend, any man can say all the law he needs to acquit him, for a glass of whisky."

The popular argument against local option is, that the law is not enforced. Why not? Who are the violators of the law? The liquor dealers of course. The laws of the land and the good of society are nothing to them, so long as they can coin money out of the ruin of the husband and the breaking heart of his wife. Why do the officers of the law fail to enforce its mandates? Because the influence of the saloon is more potent than their oath of office. Because the moral sentiment of the people is not yet thoroughly aroused respecting this enormous evil.

The Indiana Board of statistics shows that the Methodists are in the lead of all other denominations in the number of members, of church buildings, and the value of church property. Little over a century ago John Wesley stood on the corner-stone of City Road Chapel, the first church Methodist had built, and preached from the text, "Behold what God hath wrought." If John Wesley hears, in the temple where he now worships, the songs of praise that ascend each Sabbath from the Methodist churches that girdle the globe, he will still say: "Behold what God hath wrought;" for surely the success of Methodism is the work of God.

It is said the pause before the battle tries a brave man's nerves more than the roar of the artillery or the crash of small arms. Immediate danger is less painful than suspense. How often a man in some crisis of his life will wake up at midnight, and for hours toss on his bed in sleepless anxiety as he thinks of difficulties or dangers that environ his path. The morning comes and the difficulties each difficulty with a firm and manly courage, and doubts and perils disappear before his calm and resolute endeavors. There is relief in action. "Having done all to stand" may require a loftier faith and a braver spirit than to face spiritual foes, or to walk into the martyr's flame. Elijah, standing on Mount Carmel, could face an angry king and defy the prophets and priests of Baal; but a fugitive in the desert, he laid himself down and prayed for death. He who patiently endures may be winning a brighter crown than he who fills the highest station among the workmen in the church. That aged widow, whose brow is wrinkled, and whose form is bowed with years, may ascend higher on the hill of God than even the preacher who whispered words of promise into her dying ear.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

Cause of Absence.

W. E. WEAVER, Buffalo, March 31: I want to explain to my people of the Personville circuit, the cause of my absence. My babe was seriously burned March 22. I cannot leave him for one hour, but there is hope now and I think I can soon be back on my work. May I have the prayers of all.

Wanted Meeting.

T. A. GARRISON, March 27: To the brethren and friends at Early Chapel, Lee county, String Prairie.—If the Lord permits, I will preach at your church the fifth Sunday in April next, at 10 o'clock a. m. Bring your own dinner, and we will have two sermons. The young people can have a singing at 2 o'clock p. m.

Light Ahead.

P. E. NICHOLSON, Red Bluff, Texas, April 2, 1882: Our first quarterly conference is over. The presiding elder was with us full of the spirit and power, and started the fire at this place. Such a day as yesterday has not been in this community since its first settler made his camp-fire. Light ahead. The preacher in charge is much encouraged.

On the 1st Grade.

D. W. TOUSSAINT, Wallisville, March 29: I have just closed my third round on the work; came home sick with measles. We have had no "watching" or "poundings," nor have we had a "broodlough suit"; but a merchant called us the other day. I don't know how the people like me. I could tell how well I like them, but my paper is too small. We are working for a revival. I think we are on the up-grade now. Pray for us. We need help.

A Good P. E.

G. B. KILGOUGH, Medina, Texas, March 28, 1882: We had a deep religious feeling, though no conversions, at our second quarterly meeting. We raised in money and good subscription about two-thirds of the assessments to the work. If any one doubts the usefulness of the office of presiding elder, he ought to have been at our meeting. Our presiding elder was with us, and though feeble in health, he did some excellent preaching.

Wants Light.

J. T. SMITH, Longview, March 29: Will some of the brethren who are familiar with church conferences tell us how they make them lively and interesting—how they get good out of them? The General Conference pinned the basket on its poor fellows that have never been able to get anything out of these meetings, and now the records are to be examined. If any one has ever been pleased with the result of them, tell us how you managed it. We have the discipline and the Catechism, but still are in the dark.

3 Conversions.—2 Accessions.

J. M. JOHNSON, Saxon, March 27: Our first quarterly meeting for Saxon circuit, March 17 and 18, was very encouraging. The stewards reported more quartage by nearly three-fourths than the first quarter of last year. The assessments for the preacher in charge is \$340; for presiding elder, \$99. Bro. Johnson was in his place, preaching and preaching with ability. The church was crowded at every service. Fifty or sixty asked the prayers of the church. Three conversions and two accessions to the church.

Need a Revival.

J. K. P. POTTSBORO, March 31: The first appointment for our quarterly conference was held at Pleasant Hill, an appointment five miles south of Austin, last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder failed to put in an appearance, and of course some of the brethren were disappointed. The official brethren were very good, and I think the outlook is encouraging. The service at 11 o'clock Sunday, especially the sacrament, was a season of refreshing, and we think many good resolutions were formed. All in all, it was a most enjoyable occasion. One brother licensed to preach. Will make us a useful preacher.

Come On, Come All.

SANIT MORRIS, Mooreville, March 30: The young ladies and a few young gentlemen of this place propose to give a grand concert Friday night, the 13th of April, to raise money to purchase a chandelier and a bell for our new church. Come one, come all; assist everybody who is willing to assist a good cause. The third quarterly meeting for Waco circuit is to be held at this place embracing the 5th Sunday in April, embracing the 24th general assembly of the Holy Spirit. It is a good sacramental meeting at Mastersville last Sabbath. 4 accessions to the church; had a good meeting at Eddy; 3 addition to the church; out look very promising. Our C. T. Advocate is very popular among our people; the best church paper published.

Go Forward.

C. F. RICKER, March 16: God often makes glad the hearts of those who labor in his cause. This is demonstrated in the countenance of those who gave of their means and labor to erect the church that now stands on Green's creek, Stephenville circuit. God gave us rain and blessed us with good crops last year, and put it into the hearts of some of our fathers in Israel to "go forward." To-day we have a comfortable house, 30x50 feet, partially seated. We are preparing every Sabbath at 11 o'clock. The Sabbath-school is to be reorganized. It hitherto has numbered from 60 to 100 scholars. Many parents are impressed with the duty of bringing their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and want the Sabbath-school to aid them in this great work. We have seen as many as twenty five little bright-eyed girls and boys, under the age of eight years, in one class in care of Father E. R. Kiker, who has left his work and gone to his reward in the better land. Surely God will fill his place with some one to lead on this little flock. Then let us "go forward" in this grand work and send out an influence that will live when we rest from our labors.

Moving On.

J. D. CROCKETT, Oneaville, April 2: I preached yesterday here at 11 a. m. to a large and attentive congregation; and pre-acted the revival, my first baptism. We drove for eight or ten miles and preached at Troy, on the M. P. R. R. at 2:30 p. m.

encouraging. If you will send in orders, or half dozen, or as many as you think you can sell, you can forward the money to me at Boerne, Kendall county, Texas, and all you may fail to sell can be returned to me. Preachers of other conferences can send in orders and settle with Shaw & Blaylock at the conference ensuing.

Making a Hard Struggle.

W. H. BROOKS, Spring Creek Mission, March 28: The presiding elder was present at our first quarterly meeting, and filled the pulpit and chair to the satisfaction of all. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to about 40 communicants. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock we had love-feast; it was a very gracious time. We anticipate building or buying a parsonage soon. We have good people; they are very liberal. We are making a hard struggle for a revival all over the work.

Paid off the Debt.

O. A. FISHER, Uvalde, April 1: Sunday-school at 9:30; attendance fair, though meals is prevailing to some extent. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor. Morning text, John, xlii:35. Evening, Isa., lxii:2; congregation large at both hours. One received by ritual at the close of the night service. Meeting to be continued during the week. Have paid off a debt on the church of \$354 since Jan. 1, and furnished the house with a pulpit.

Coming Up Right.

J. D. CROCKETT, Oneaville, March 24: Camp Creek will not be behind. I called for \$8 75 last Sunday to finish up my foreign missionary money; and they soon laid on the table \$9 25; they paid more than was asked for without even "passing the hat around."

From the Lecturer.

J. YOUNG, San Marcos, March 26: Eleven converts formed the last four weeks. Temperance on a boom. Kyle circuit No. 309 formed with 91 members; DuPre circuit No. 150, with 61 members; Collins circuit, 34 members; Gonzales, with 50 members; Harwood, 75 members; Uvalde circuit, with 52 members. Great interest everywhere.

An Inquiry.

O. T. HOCHKISS, Austin, April 2: Can't we adopt some plan by which the appointments made by the district stewards may be published for the benefit of those churches whose representatives may fail to attend? Our steward failed to attend, on account of sickness in his family; and now our second quarterly meeting is gone, and we know nothing about our assessments. The stewards cannot always attend. How can we be corrected? We wait for an answer.

Hoped Outlook.

A. G. NEALS, Junction City, March 30: After long travel, I had a very good appointment. I was delayed by sickness and bad weather. My health is now good, and I feel like work, with much of it to do. I have been cordially received by the people. They are kind, and we find some praying Christians among them. We had a good, attentive congregation last night. We like everything but the absence of the Advocate, but will change that. I received several copies of the sermons of Rev. A. J. Potter, and will be glad to place one in every family.

Season of Refreshing.

O. T. HOCHKISS, Austin Circuit, April 2: The second quarterly conference of this charge was held at Pleasant Hill, an appointment five miles south of Austin, last Saturday and Sunday. Our presiding elder failed to put in an appearance, and of course some of the brethren were disappointed. The official brethren were very good, and I think the outlook is encouraging. The service at 11 o'clock Sunday, especially the sacrament, was a season of refreshing, and we think many good resolutions were formed. All in all, it was a most enjoyable occasion. One brother licensed to preach. Will make us a useful preacher.

Outlook Good.

H. J. McQUEARY, Carlton, March 31: We are moving slowly, but we trust surely, on the Carlton circuit. Spiritual outlook tolerably good, though we have usually had bad weather. Saturday and Sunday, during the winter and spring, congregations have been good, when the weather would admit of services at all.

A School-House.

H. W. HUNTER, Mineral City, March 29: We like our preacher very much. Bad weather been unfavorable to his appointments. We organized a Sunday-school at Mineral City, and have had a success. Not receipts, \$55.50. We hope to have the seats done by our next quarterly conference. Good health and quarters seem to be a little scarce, but with the prospects now here, I think health is providing, and with our prospects for a harvest, think quarters timber will improve also. Bro. Bates, our devoted pastor, is zealous in the blessed cause, and is doing some good work.

Ladies at Work.

W. P. GIBBS, Gordon, March 3: Our new church at Gordon is nearing completion. Bro. Lane organized a ladies' aid society some time since. They gave a supper, the 23d inst., which was a success. Net receipts, \$55.50. We hope to have the seats done by our next quarterly conference. Good health and quarters seem to be a little scarce, but with the prospects now here, I think health is providing, and with our prospects for a harvest, think quarters timber will improve also. Bro. Bates, our devoted pastor, is zealous in the blessed cause, and is doing some good work.

C. H. BROOKS, Flatonia, April 2:

I have located my family in Flatonia. We have met a cordial welcome; such as is seldom the lot of presiding elders. These good people have a habit of pounding their pastor, and like other habits, it has grown upon them until they like it; and like it so much that a protracted pounding of the pastor does not satisfy them. They pound the presiding elder, and protract it too. All along every day they bring some token of love for the work's sake. Truly the lines have fallen to us in pleasant

places. I have preached at Flatonia almost every night for two weeks. There are many tokens of good work, and propose to look after all the interests of the church; but, above all, a revival. We want it in every charge, in every service, in every heart. Want it first, last—always.

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At Work and Hoped.

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Here is a story for young people, written by a preacher. Uncle Ike never saw a sure-enough giant. He read the story of "Jack the Giant Killer," when a little boy, and thought it would like to go out like Jack and kill giants, but he never found any giants of that kind to kill. He has found the kind of giants that this story tells about, and has had many a hard fight with them. If any of our little people are unable to understand what Bro. Hinson is trying to teach them, let them ask their pa or ma, or the preacher, and perhaps they can explain it.

Once upon a time there were four giants who lived in a castle. The castle was called Mansheart, and the names of these four giants were Giant Pride, Giant Passion, Giant Selfishness, and Giant Self-will. And you must know that this castle did not belong to them. But one day when the owner of the castle was asleep, they got in by one by one, and when he awoke he could not turn them out. Well, these giants made a slave of the owner of the castle, and he was afraid to resist them, but they always mastered him, and beat him more than ever.

At last, one day after they had cruelly treated him, he sat down on a stone seat and wept very bitterly. He bewailed his folly in sleeping and leaving the castle gates open; for he knew that the giants could not get in if the gates had been shut. But just then a thought jumped into his head. He remembered his father had told him when a boy that if ever he had any trouble, he was to go to a certain closet, called Secret Intercourse, which was near the top of the castle, and there he would get help. It was surprised that he had not thought of this before. So he stole past the giants who were sleeping after their dinner, and ran up the stone stairs to this closet. The door was ajar, so he opened it very slowly, because it creaked on its hinges through not being used for a long time.

He found a book lying on the floor, and he picked it up. It was a book with a cover of gold, and he opened it. He found it was his father's handwriting. The book told him to look in a certain corner of the closet, and there he would find a secret door leading to an armory. He soon found the door, which opened of its own accord, when he touched it with his hand. He went in, and he found a sword, called the sword of truth, and a shield, called the shield of prayer. He took them, and he went out of the closet, and he was glad to have them.

Then he put on this armor and went down bravely to fight the giants. They had just awoke from their sleep, and were in a great rage because he was not standing by to wait on them; and, seeing him coming armed toward them, they seized their swords and rushed upon him, saying they would kill him.

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for; whom we children love very much. I'll close, hoping my first attempt to Uncle Ike will not find a resting-place in the waste-basket. —EMMA GILBERT.

Emma should be grateful for such good schools and preachers. She is better off than James, whose Sunday-school is at home; but if each one improves his or her privileges, God will bless them.

Like the Letters. LAVERNA.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am reading in Romans, the shortest verse in the New Testament, "Jesus Wept." We have a Sunday-school and church. I belong to the Methodist Church. I want to join your Testament class; I want to know how to pray. I will try to read through the Bible this year. I am in Romans; I am going to Sunday-school. Brother Patterson is our preacher and I like him very much. I like all preachers that come here, especially Brother Thompson. Love to all the cousins. —CLAIRE ROSS.

The answers, Fannie sent are all right. She is welcome to the class. Having joined the church Fannie must try to persuade other little girls to go with her to heaven; she can do this by her good example as well as kind words.

Like the Preachers. JASPER, March 21.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am eight years old; I have a little sister and brother 4 and 5 years old; I am going to school. My father reads through the Bible this year. I am in Romans; I am going to Sunday-school. Brother Patterson is our preacher and I like him very much. I like all preachers that come here, especially Brother Thompson. Love to all the cousins. —CLAIRE ROSS.

Uncle Ike is glad that Claire likes the preachers, for that shows that the preachers she has met have tried to make the children love them. We hope Claire also loves that Savior who when on earth, took little children in his arms and blessed them.

Would Rather Read the Advocate. AD HALL, March 20.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am very fond of reading the letters in the Advocate from the little cousins all over the State, but I have never seen one from this neighborhood, so I thought I would write one myself, and I do hope you will not throw it in the waste basket. I guess I had better let you know how old I am, and how I spend my time. I am nearly nine years old, and go to school every day but Saturday, and then mamma generally has something for me to do, such as arranging things for Sunday. I also go to school every day, and my father reads through the Bible this year. I am in Romans; I am going to Sunday-school. Brother Patterson is our preacher and I like him very much. I like all preachers that come here, especially Brother Thompson. Love to all the cousins. —CLAIRE ROSS.

Uncle Ike knew Sister Norwood when she was going to school. Now she is giving her life to the work of teaching the children in Mexico about Jesus. He hopes each one who reads her letter will be as eager to learn as these little Mexican children. How grateful we ought to be, if we have had a school and a teacher, and a school where we may be taught. God who gave us these blessings expects us to make good use of them; and the Savior who died for us expects us to send the story of his love for sinners to all the children in this world who are now living in darkness and sin.

The Busy Bees. GONZALES, March 22.—Dear Uncle Ike: How interesting to me the children of Texas are taking in the missionary work; how ready they respond from all parts of the State to the different appeals that are being made to them. I like the little missionaries, and I like the people who are equally interested and laboriously liberal, what a glorious work for the world would be accomplished during this year.

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I must write to you about it, for you always like to get good news. Bro. Fink is our preacher, and we all love him.—CLAUDE and JULIA SMITH.

That is good news, sure enough. Uncle Ike hopes that Julia and Claude will be brave soldiers for the true and the good. He is much obliged to their pa and grandpa for their good opinion of the Advocate.

OUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES. From Mexico. Here is a letter from away out in the missionary field—"the front of the battle," as Bro. Sutherland truly calls it:—

Toluca, Mexico, March 13.—Dear Uncle Ike: As my little Texas cousins are taking so much interest in missionary work for Mexico, with your permission I will tell them something about two Mexican boys, members of our Sabbath-school. Their sister is my assistant teacher in the girls' mission school, and the whole family, mother and seven children—live on her salary of only twenty dollars. But before the sister was employed in the school they were reduced to abject poverty, and many a time had only one scant meal a day. The two boys are students at the State Institute, and are devoted to their studies. But their clothes had become rags, and their mother said to them: "Don't go to school now; you are too ragged, and you ought to be at home eating breakfast; wait until we are better off." But they replied: "We do not want to miss our lessons," and continued regularly at school until one day the smallest, about ten years of age, went away with fever, and died. The boys were so grieved, and so full of grief, that they were given their dinner in the boarding department. They still continue to care for the young man's death, and one of the teachers, a young man, who is very kind, and is a student at the State Institute, and is a student at the State Institute, and is a student at the State Institute.

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Good News, Indeed. JEWELL, March 27.—Dear Uncle Ike: My brother Claude and I wish to join your Testament class. I have read to the 23d chapter of Matthew, and Claude to the 12th. My papa and grandpa take the Advocate. They like it very much, and I do without it. Papa came home yesterday, and said they had carried local option in Sipe Springs. My mamma

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TEN-PAGE ADVOCATE.

The supplement issued with this week's ADVOCATE was rendered imperative by the large amount of correspondence that was accumulating on the editor's table. Though he had condensed until some of our friends complained, yet space could not be found for all the matter in hand.

We are doing, at this end of the line, all in our power to make the ADVOCATE a faithful representative of Texas Methodism; and both publishers and editors are encouraged by the expressions of confidence coming from preachers and people.

SECRETARY MORTON has sent us a catalogue of architectural plans for churches and parsonages. Bro. Morton has made arrangements with Dr. Kynett, Secretary of the Board of Extension of the Methodist E. Church, to furnish them at small cost.

In Harper's Weekly, of March 28, is the "Funeral of the Wife in Paris," drawn by C. S. Reinhardt. The pier is borne by two men, and one single mourner, the mother, follows it to its tomb. On the sidewalk is a gentleman, partially sheltered by his umbrella from the driving rain, but he lifts his hat in respect to the dead.

REV. C. K. MARSHALL, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss., has laid us under obligations by sending us a copy of his pamphlet entitled: "The Colored Race Weighed in the Balance." Rev. Dr. Tucker of Jackson, Mississippi, in October last, delivered an address before the Episcopal Church Congress at Richmond, in which the religion of the negro was impeached and the work of other denominations among the sons of Ham treated with indifference that savored of contempt.

We have several articles in this issue on the doctrine of sanctification. The eagerness with which brethren hasten to discuss this doctrine indicates the deep interest that is felt by preachers and people respecting this vital doctrine of methodism.

THE PASTORAL OFFICE. Some Suggestions.

1. As the pastoral is a spiritual work, all that is not in subordination to the "law of the spirit" in both pastor and flock is in its way. The conditions of success in the pastor are not of nature. They are among the "spiritual gifts" bestowed by the Holy Ghost for the edification of the church.

2. The pastor's calling often brings him to confront sins strongly fortified by prejudice or deeply entrenched in social customs. These, at all hazards, he must detect and expose. How the attempt will affect his personal popularity is a question that his calling does not permit him to entertain; still a prudent concern for his influence as a pastor for the accomplishment of good should make him wary as to time and method.

3. Prominent among the duties of a pastor is the visitation of the families of his flock. It is through the family, that divinely constituted community, that access is most readily gained to the members composing it.

4. Just now newspapers are the formers of our best thought in certain respects, and in fact, the only forms in some very great departments of public opinion. We all know that they have their evils and vices, but we know also that they do immense amounts of invaluable service to the common weal.

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possession should put every one at ease. What formal religious exercises, as well as the amount and character of religious conversation, should be determined by circumstances. Still, as a pastoral visit, it is a failure if it is not felt, when he departs, that the pastor has been present, in his proper character and relation.

7. A Good Soldier. Then again, a good soldier takes up his cross daily. How many would like to put all of their cross-bearing into the way back for property, and not on the way to the Kingdom of God. True repentance comes from a conviction of having sinned against God who loved us and has done so much for us.

8. Abide by the Law. Let us be genuine law. All persons having a desire to flee from the wrath to come and be saved from their sins, are entitled to membership in the Methodist Church. There is great peril in excluding "one such little one."

9. The Family Altar. The neglect of family worship among our people is at least a great sin, and widespread. It can only be characterized as a sin, within the circle of our homes, those for whose spiritual well-being we are of all most responsible to God.

10. The Revival Needed. The clear gain of Christianity in the world during the last century is quite equal to all that was done in the first fifteen centuries of our era. Perhaps more. The faith of the church has gone beyond the boundaries of civilization, has overcome the obstacles of climate, of hostile manners, governmental jealousy, and opposing thought, and has given the message of life successfully to great multitudes who sat in the region and shadow of the valley of death.

11. Death of a Young Convert. The many friends of Lewis Morgan will be pained to learn of his death, which took place on the 27th ultimo, at Bandera, Texas. Of Welsh descent, he was a native of London, coming to this country some eight years since. He was for a number of years an employe of P. J. Willis & Bro., and latterly with Miller & English. At no time strong and robust, the close application to his business and want of outdoor exercise had an injurious effect on his system, and some months since necessitated the relinquishment of his position and retirement to West Texas.

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We insist on, all that is necessary to our argument, is the fact that the newspaper, daily and weekly, is the main power of creating and directing an enlightened and cooperative public opinion on the vital issues of the day.

Preach to Save Yourself. (From the St. Louis Advocate.) Paul, the great apostle, declared himself to be a debtor both to the Greeks and Barbarians; and although he preached the gospel, he had nothing whereof to glory, for said he, "woe is me if I preach not the gospel, that is, if it was his duty to preach, it was part of the work of his own personal salvation, and one of the conditions on which he was to be saved.

They are "Inveighing." (From the Raleigh Advocate.) I am not an advocate of "thumb screws," fire, fagot, and sword. I am not in favor of "burning witches." Personally, I repudiate and despise the "Star Chamber" and the Inquisition. A man, in my view of the subject, ought not to be hunted down and hounded out of the church simply because he gets on a line of honest inquiry, now and then, that diverges a little from the crowd, and from the terms and phrases employed in the formulated statement of doctrines.

CURRENT THOUGHT.

The East Shall Clasp Hands with the West. (Rev. S. W. DeBark of Deming, New Mexico, in the Southern Methodist.) Expansion "into all the world" is the divine policy of every church. To each church worthy of existence "the field is the world."

Pray, Work, Give. (Lishop Finley, in the Wesleyan Advocate.) Let me state the real trouble, briefly, yet in detail. First, very few, if any, here do what they could. Second, there are those in the church who have never done anything.

Church Extension. (Rev. W. G. E. Cunningham, D. D., in the Advocate of Missions.) Church Extension is a form of missionary work that is the following result of the domestic and foreign work combined. It has all the claims upon our sympathies and support that we find in the home field, for it has to do with our own people--with "the Greeks at our own doors" and also, like the foreign work, goes into "the regions beyond."

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prompts Christian men and women to give their money to aid in the propagation of the gospel at home or abroad. The feelings of compassion with which they regard the benighted millions of the heathen world, are essentially different from the feelings of obligation with which they contemplate the duty of helping to extend the church into the destitute portions of our own country.

Because it is the only way in which the wants of our home work can be fully brought before the church. As long as it was called missionary work, men were disposed to consider its claims in comparison with the foreign field, and often the home work was put in disparaging contrast with the condition and claims of the foreign field, so that the real ground of its claim upon the sympathy and support of the church was hidden from view.

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SOUTHERN METHODISM.

More than a hundred recent additions are reported in Colusa district, Cal., in the Pacific Southern Methodist. The Cokesbury District Church Reports state that seven new churches are to be built soon in the Cokesbury district.

Six thousand dollars was raised on Missionary Day in the Baltimore Conference. This beats Georgia and North Carolina.

Four candidates were received on probation in the Baltimore Conference, which has just closed its session. Only two of the forty-two Methodist churches in Baltimore have rented pews. The others are free.

The "Rosebuds" of Virginia have raised \$500 for the Anglo-Chinese University. Many mites make a mighty sum after awhile.

The Southwestern Methodist says: "When our Methodist people cannot build themselves churches, let them give their means to build for Baptists or Presbyterians, but never for a union church."

Many of our religious exchanges are fruitful of revival information, and indications point to a larger ingathering this year, especially in our church, than for many years past. In this great work of winning souls to Christ, let all do their whole duty.--Central Methodist, Ky.

Dr. James H. Carlisle delivered the Baccalaureate address at the commencement of the Charleston Medical College, last week. It was a large audience in the Academy of Music. It created a profound impression.

There was a good old-fashioned shout at the morning service in McKendree Church, Nashville, on a recent Sunday. It brightened many a wrinkled face, and frightened nobody.--Nashville Advocate.

The Methodists of Atlanta, Ga., have bought the lot between an old station street, fronting on the Boulevard, and will build thereon a new church at a cost of \$5,000. This will make a handsome church, and with it the Methodists will virtually have covered every part of the city.--Constitution.

If a paper, furnishing a large section of our territory with almost all its notions of Methodism, beats, week after week, against its doctrinal and economical foundations, it is not difficult to see that some day there will be a fall, and it will be great. Preachers or papers, who do not believe in the things fundamental to Methodism, ought not to misrepresent the church by claiming to be its representatives.

Dr. Luffery in a recent article speaks in glowing terms of the progress of Virginia Methodism. He says of the country: "Go to the country. It is hard to find a single, old, shabby church--the flicker, dingy concern that sheltered the sheep in bad weather and the stings of sun on Sunday. The rural edifice now vies with the town church in elegance and comfort. Organs, of course, and they talk of bells at their saloons and Rehoboths."

rich country, the very place where the church ought to plant itself. Our church is moving up in building substantial brick churches; quite a number have been built the past year. We are doing a good work in building parsonages; almost every charge has a parsonage--some few have none.

We see from a note in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate that the Florida Methodist has been suspended. It was a handsome paper, and in the hands of Judge Tucker had decided ability. But in a field already so well supplied it could live only at a "poor, dying rate." How many newspaper graveyards there are in the church! The editor of the Florida Methodist is an editor in Southern Methodistism. The conference has six editors and "more to follow."--N. O. Advocate.

The Nashville Christian Advocate of a late year, contained a full account of the death and funeral services of Rev. Francis A. Owen. He died near Nashville on the morning of the sixteenth instant, at a very advanced age. He had rendered the church long and faithful service, and died in great peace. He was for years an agent of the Publishing House--Southern Methodist's Best Book Agent--active, vigilant, painstaking and courteous in all his labors. The funeral services took place at McKendree Church on Saturday and were conducted by Bishop McTyeire, Dr. J. B. West, Dr. Kelley, Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Fitzgerald, and Revs. John F. Hughes and W. D. F. Sawrie. Addresses were delivered by Drs. Kelley and Fitzgerald.

Southern Methodist Personal.

Rev. Dr. Luffery, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, looks worn and complains of the progress of disease, and yet is cheerful and sunny still.--Episcopal Methodist.

Bishop Keener has returned from the Baltimore Conference and reports a most delightful session. He will be engaged in district conference work until the May meetings at Nashville.--N. O. Advocate.

The Rev. Dr. J. J. Roberts, the oldest member of the Arkansas Conference, died at Dardanelle, Ark., recently. He had been a most successful workman. It is estimated that over six thousand souls had been converted under his ministry.

The Rev. John S. Martin, was secretary of the late Baltimore Conference. Dr. Luffery, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, says: "Rev. John S. Martin called the roll for the thirtieth time. He is sixty-eight; uses no glasses; his face is unlined; his voice is as the voice of a clarion!"

Conference Minutes.

To the Advocate. No one will question the importance of publishing the minutes of the conferences in permanent form. No one will deny that hitherto there has been a good deal of trouble in having it done. Sometimes it has been entirely neglected, sometimes imperfectly done, and sometimes accomplished with heavy expense to a few. The reason for all this I imagine is not the heavy expense, but rather the opposite. Being such a small item it is neglected on the grounds and stations, consequently when an effort is made to do it, the money is not available, and all the money on hand is demanded for other purposes. A few years ago we hoped we had permanent arrangements made for the publication of the minutes. Shaw & Baylock issued an annual of the five Texas conferences. We liked it, but after a few years we learned, to our mortification, that it was not paying expenses, and would be discontinued. Since then we have just done the best we could at the conference, and, until last fall, when in Northwest Texas, we made provision at all was made. After adjournment of conference, this scribe, consulting with two or three of the brethren and the bishop, undertook the publication, relying on the brethren of the conference to contribute the minutes. It is now put on a permanent basis, would surely be a good work. The design of this paper is to suggest a plan of operations.

The last General Conference ordered the creation of two boards in each annual conference, in addition to the two already in operation. This gives us four money boards, to-wit: Finance, Church Extension, Education, and Missions. Nothing is more important than that the minutes presented by these several boards, than a general diffusion of information in regard to them. Especially is this true in regard to the Boards of Education and Church Extension, they being new features in our polity. It is believed that a clear statement of their operations in permanent form would add largely to the collections for the same. Now I suggest that each of these boards make an appropriation for the publication of the conference minutes. The minutes should be not an abstract, but a report of the proceedings of the conference, and let a sufficient number be printed for each preacher to scatter the information they contain in his pastoral charge. With all means, I suggest to the churches and Texas conferences that we inaugurate a periodical similar to the one published by Shaw & Baylock several years ago. I like to read your minutes, brethren, and I would love to see the "go to the country" and Texas Methodism again bound in a volume. I am persuaded that the reason for the failure in the former publication was, the publishers had to wait so long before issuing, that the conference, whose sessions were held early, began to lose interest before the latter ones appeared. To obviate this difficulty, I suggest that the proceedings of each conference be published separately. It will be very easy for Shaw & Baylock to print from the volume of each conference minutes a sufficient number of extra copies for the amount raised for building and improving, \$22,866. Parsonages, \$81,000; increase, 1; probable value, \$127,400; amount raised for building and improving, \$8,912; present indebtedness, \$8,147. Sunday schools, 457; increase, 8; officers and teachers, 4,597; scholars of all ages, 28,427; increase, 1,312; scholars in infant classes, 5,883; increase, 595; volumes in libraries, 47,911; decrease, 1,632; conversions, 1,122; increase, 141; expenses, \$11,000; increase, \$1,200. The total assessment for the conference for domestic missions was \$5,000, the total assessment for foreign missions was \$10,500; the total amount raised for building and improving, \$22,866. To this must be added \$5,000 raised at the conference for the Anglo-Chinese University.

A correspondent of the Nashville Advocate writes: "Our Missouri work is doing well. I see from the St. Louis Christian Advocate that revivals of religion are reported in a number of charges. I think our spiritual growth is healthy. Our conference is a fine field for Methodism. We have no swamps or mountains, but a beautiful,

Let the number printed separately be distributed equally among the preachers. Let S. & B. sell the volume of the five at reasonable rates. This will give to those who want it a year-book of Texas Methodism. I suggest further, in order to manage successfully, that the Joint Board of Publication have supervision of contract, editorial management, etc. It will insure the publication of the minutes. It will diffuse intelligence concerning our mission, church extension, education and finance boards that will certainly increase the collections for these causes far more than the meager amount they would be called on to appropriate. It is the only plan I see for securing systematic and certain publication of the proceedings of our conferences.--Most respectfully, HORACE BISHOP.

Foot Worth, March 25.

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Lessons From the World.

Nothing is of more importance to the man who is going to purchase a piece of land than the deed, properly written, signed and delivered. Before this is done not a cent of the money will be paid, nor any improvements placed on the land.

Then Silas answered: "Who suffer with our Master here. Who will be his disciples? Who will be his disciples? Who will be his disciples?"

Woman's Work at Weatherford. The Woman's Missionary Society of this place has been favored by a visit from both the president and secretary of the Texas State Association.

Family Readings. I want to emphasize the admonition given by Mrs. Julia Pfister Truitt in the Advocate of March 21st, to parents to read to their children.

Optharites. The space allowed on this subject, twenty to twenty-five lines or about 170 to 180 words, the privilege is reserved of condensing all ordinary notices.

Old-Time Religion. I am pleased with the article of W. N. Bonner in the Advocate urging Christian people to pray for a revival of religion in our country.

Improvements and discoveries in the scientific world, it is a fact that all improvements are due to the preaching of the "old-time religion."

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