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Bro. CORBIN brings clearly before us in his letter from Monterey, which will appear in next week's ADVOCATE, the character of the work in that field. The men who pioneer evangelical Christianity in that nation are laying the foundations of a work which will increase in importance while the world shall stand. It is no small sacrifice to abandon all the associations of the church at home and labor amid the intolerance and bigotry of Catholicism. Let us remember the missionaries in our prayers and our gifts.

CHANGE OF CHURCH RELATION.—At the late session of the Newark Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. H. A. M. Henderson, of Kentucky, of the M. E. Church, South, entered that conference and was stationed at Simpson church, Jersey City. The Newark Conference is composed partly of colored preachers, and when Bishop Foss propounded the usual disciplinary questions to Dr. Henderson, he propounded the same questions to Rev. William H. Rogers, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who stood side by side with Dr. Henderson at the altar railing.

GREAT BRITAIN forces opium upon China, though that government and its people protest against it. The Christian world denounces this policy of Great Britain as a blot on the civilization of our age. For the sake of the profits the culture of opium yields they force it on the unwilling Chinese at the cannon's mouth. In this State a large proportion of the population protests against the sale of whisky for the same reason that China would close her ports against the opium trade. Our legislature denied to the people the right to express their will on this question at the ballot-box. Will the people bear this fact in mind? The Texas legislature will again assemble. It is for the people to say who shall represent them.

Our China letter from Dr. Allen gives us valuable information from that field and should awaken among our people a deeper interest in our foreign mission work, and especially in the great educational movement which, under Providence, Dr. Allen has been enabled to inaugurate so successfully. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE has sought diligently to secure such letters as this one from Dr. A. from all parts of our foreign work. We sent the missionaries the paper and have written to many of them tendering the use of our columns as a medium through which they could present the claim of their work to the church at home. Our aim is to place our people in direct and intelligent sympathy with the men who labor in the foreign field, and with the great work in which they are engaged.

A BAPTIST exchange calls attention to the fact that a Congregational pastor of Brooklyn, Dr. Pentecost, received a hundred fifty by profession last year, and immersed fifty by them. He preaches immersion, and practices it in circumstances which do not differ from those that baptism may be by sprinkling. But his old Baptist training led him to be so inflexible. He refused to baptize infidels, but did occasionally receive a form who he decidedly thought is not baptism but dedication.

We doubt not Dr. Pentecost represents many of the more liberal minded immersionists of this day. They recognize in other churches men and women whose conversion they will not question, and whose zeal and piety they admire. Their Christian impulses would impel them to extend to other followers of Christ the right hand of fellowship; but their Baptist training draws around them the circle of sectarian narrowness. We honor a man who has strong convictions, and hence we respect our Baptist brethren even in their exclusiveness; yet a broader conception of Christianity than their system offers would bring the Christian world into closer relations than at present.

If in any of our cities and towns a policeman is needed you may hunt for him in the neighborhood of a saloon. There are streets on which they do not appear for weeks or months; but day or night they shadow the whisky shops. They understand their business. They know that the saloons draw toward them the worst elements in society; that whisky brings out the worst elements of human character; that the saloons are the chief cause of quarrelling and crime; and hence, as custodians of the public peace, they patrol the streets where the saloons abound. This fact shows how much the sale of whisky costs the people. Were every saloon in Galveston, or Houston, or Dallas, or Austin closed, these cities could be peopled at one-third the present cost. The people pay taxes, and the saloons get the benefit of the protection the police provides. The homes of quiet citizens are left unguarded day and night that the police may keep things quiet in the liquor shops. They not only deprive other people of the protection the police are supposed to give to every citizen, but they swell the calendar of crime in the land with its cost.

FROM OUR TEXAS STATIONS.

HOUSTON.

April 23.—S. H. WELLEN, pastor: The new chapel was completed in time for the holding of church services on Sabbath. The dimensions are 30x50 feet. It is a neat little structure, accommodating 125 people. Its capacity is insufficient for the usual congregations. This (Monday) morning the work of the foundation of the new church was commenced. The church will cost about \$18,000, making \$2,000 more than the amount originally contemplated. Mr. Charles Bering, a church member, has contracted for the construction of the entire church. Mr. James Lucas, also a church member, will do the brick work. These brethren are competent and trustworthy. The new church will be called the "Charles Bering Memorial Church," the name of this venerable, sainted man being held in loving memory by many of the present members of the church. Subject of the morning discourse: "The Ananians;" Numbers XIII:30; and to young people at night: "Ananets;" Eccl. XI:9.

BAUSTETAP.

April 22.—J. A. DUNCAN, pastor: The ramparts of the church here were surrounded, stormed and taken possession of by a strong force of fair invaders last Tuesday evening, armed with missiles of character which could not be opposed. We surrendered at will, when the invading forces pounded and cannon the citadel in a most profound manner. God bless the chief ladies of the church in Baustetap. Allen was not ungracious to forgive their work and labor of love.

SAN ANTONIO.

April 15.—J. THOS. MURPHY, pastor: Preaching at evening, subject: "Meditation;" text—Psalm 101: "God's people his jewels;" text—Mat. III:17. Congregation in morning not large. Streets very muddy. At night attendance good and very serious. Sunday-school and prayer-meeting cordially attended. We need a revival of old-fashioned religion; praying and working for it.

MARLIN.

April 15.—H. M. GLASS, pastor: Sunday-school 9 a. m.; nearly one hundred in attendance. Preaching by presiding elder, Bro. Fred L. Allen, 11 a. m. Text—John xiv:26. "If it were not so I would have told you." Subject: "The certainty and royalty of the inheritance of God's people." Communion service very interesting. One infant baptized. \$25 missionary money. Glorious love-feast at 3 p. m. Bro. Allen was taken sick, and we had preaching at night by the pastor. Text: 1 Cor. vi:1. "We then as workers together with Him beseech you that you receive not the grace of God in vain." Subject: "Divine grace improved leads to eternal life—neglected, to eternal death." Profitable day throughout.

PALESTINE.

April 22.—D. P. PHILLIPS, pastor: The week has been taken up with entertainments, the time and mind of preacher diverted, hence no new additions out of "Nazareth." Two days very sick. Tuesday night a marriage at the church. Wednesday night ice cream festival of Ladies Aid Society. Receipts, net, \$155. Thursday night another marriage at the church. Friday morning the Anderson county Sunday-school convention convened—closed out its labors last night in a unanimous vote of the house. Dr. Sullivan, traveling agent for State Sunday-school association, present and edifying. Sunday-school increasing in interest and numbers every Sabbath. Present, 132 pupils and 29 visitors. Congregation large. Text—Eccles. vii:16. One infant baptized.

DENVER.

April 20.—D. J. MARTIN, pastor: The outlook in our station work is hopeful. Our congregations are good, regular and attentive. The Sunday-school is doing well. Our Ladies Aid Society gave a supper not long since, the proceeds of which were for the benefit of our new parsonage. The supper brought in about \$60. The first thing presented by this society was six nice window-shades, which were bought with money on hand before the supper was given. The next thing presented was a handsome new carpet, which came out of the proceeds of the supper. "And still there is more to follow." We now have four good rooms to the preacher's home at this place. We are needing a revival. May we pray, we-rite and hope until it is given. God is reviving his work elsewhere. Why not here? I see our good Bro. Bourland has had a gracious revival in his church at Sherman. This is good news. May the good work go bravely on until the whole church is fully in a spiritual flame. A severe storm passed over Denton on the night of the 12th inst. Two residences were blown to the ground; no lives lost.

GALVESTON.

April 22.—ST. JAMES, H. M. SEARS, pastor: At 9:30 a large attendance at Sabbath-school. The school is increasing in numbers and in interest. The teachers' and officers' meeting on Wednesday of each week is a very interesting feature in our school, and shows a decided improvement in the recitations Sunday morning. At 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor to a good congregation, who listened with profound attention. Text—Matt. vi:13. Many in the congregation were moved to tears during the sermon. At the evening service, sermon by the pastor. The services were directed more especially to the young. Text—1 Sam. xvi:13. Theme: "Boylod days of David." General prayer-meeting Thursday evening.

WYLER.

April 22.—W. A. SAMBERY, pastor: 11 a. m., text, Luke xiv:8. Subject, "Conversion of Zaccheus." 3 p. m., text "Lovers of Pleasure more than Lovers of God."—H. Tim. iii:4. Subject: "What kind of worldly pleasures religion?" Received one member by certificate. The church is moving on harmoniously and pleasantly.

WACO.

April 22.—JAMES MACKRY, pastor: Our afternoon meetings were good all last week. Received five conversions and a happy and profitable time to Christians. Sunday-school 9:30. At-

tendance large. The revival influence was demonstrable in officers, teachers and pupils. 11 a. m., sermon by pastor. Text: 2 or. vi:8. "Willing rather to be absent from the body and to be united with the Lord." Subject: "Immortality." The audience room was full of attentive hearers. 4:30 p. m., lesson conducted by Bro. Appell. Meeting at Matt. II. Testimony was given by young and old. It was good to be there. It is the largest congregation of the year. One conversion. We will continue our services all this week at 1:30 p. m. We ask Christian people everywhere to pray for us.

FORT WORTH.

April 22.—HORACE ELSHUR, preacher in charge: House packed. Have had service all week; several conversions; don't know exactly how many; three accessions by ritual last night. Rev. A. A. Johnson, of M. E. Church, preached at night. Good sermon on the efficacy of the blood of Christ. Sunday-school unusually good; nearly 150 present.

SAN ANTONIO.

April 22.—W. J. YOUNG, pastor: Sunday-school very large. Services both morning and night well attended. Two received by letter at the morning service. Morning subject: "The Love of God." Text: "God is Love; and he that dwelleth in him dwelleth in God, and God in him." Evening subject: "No man can come to the Father, except he shall not a hoof be left behind."

GREENVILLE.

April 22.—I. S. ASHBY, pastor: Dr. Johnson, of Ft. Worth, treated us to two of his best sermons. Our people like him much, and would be glad to have him locate with us. We received two members. The carpenters commenced this morning to build us a new and ample parsonage on the church lot. We sold the old parsonage and lot, and will invest it all in a house, which will be more desirable than a good lot and poor house.

AUSTIN.

April 22.—A. E. GOODWIN, pastor: A beautiful day. Services in Senate chamber. Sunday-school and congregation as large as ever. Pastor preached at 11 a. m. Text: Ps. cxix:105. Theme: Bible. Well received by letter. Evening service at 7 p. m. largely attended. This service will for a few months substitute our night preaching. It consists of praise, prayer and exhortation. The old church is down. Parsonage being removed. Church to be built on the corner lot.

MARSHALL.

April 22.—JOHN T. DAVES, pastor: Thirty additions; twenty-five or thirty conversions. Friends were young and people. Wonderful, deeply stirring services each day with them. Adults just beginning fairly to move. Several conversions among them. Enter upon third week of meeting with all possible inspiration to effort. Crowded house at all services yesterday. The work deepening. Help last week from Bro. Sherwood, of Jefferson. Bro. Browning with us two days. Bro. Adams one day. He preached last night to packed house. Am expecting fine impression made. Am expecting Bro. Smith, Browning and Bolton this week. Board of trustees reorganized; had two meetings. Six hundred dollars pledged for church improvement and repairs. Possibly \$400 more will be required. Will do all needed, still getting letters and postal from old friends and brethren with words of welcome back to Texas. God bless them. Four months here. Nearly 600 pastoral visits. In these have spoken face to face to well as 1,200 adults and more than 600 children. No boasting—have fallen short of duty—only history. Feel that our meeting has only fairly begun. Look into the weeks to come. Expect conversions by the score. Pray for us all ye people of God, especially for our people. In all my life I have never seen such a work of grace among children. Jesus said, Matt. xix:14.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

Sunday-School Under a Brush Arbor.

J. W. BRICE, Randolph, April 17: At our first quarterly meeting our presiding elder, Bro. Finley, pressed upon us the importance of having a Sabbath-school in our community, and Bro. M. C. Coons was appointed superintendent. He has gone to work in good earnest. We have no house near the center of our community, but have built an arbor of brush, which we will use until we get a house. So we are not going to despise the day of small things.

Paul Tent-Making.

P. P. NORWOOD, Richmond, April 18: Our second quarterly conference met at Snake Creek on the 16th. Our presiding elder preached one of those excellent sermons. Text—Rom. xii:2. Finances, in everything behind. Pastor's reports on the spiritual state of the church and Sunday-school, flattering. We are teaching a little school at Richmond. We dislike the idea, but must live.

Praying for a Revival.

R. M. LEATON, Blanco, April 16: We had a good feeling in the congregation Saturday night; a number of Christians covenanted to pray for a revival, and three came forward for prayers. Sunday the congregation was larger, we had a fine communion service and one accession. In the afternoon at Flat Creek the congregation was also good. We are trying to get the church ready for a genuine Holy Ghost revival of religion.

Coming to the Front.

M. A. BLACK, Martindale, April 17: We had a good congregation last Sunday at Center Point on the San Marcos river, and in the evening organized a Methodist Sunday-school, with Bro. John P. Kellam superintendent. The collection in the morning was good. We now have four Sunday-schools, well supplied with our own literature, and we are very far advanced with our collections—about up, if I am not misled. The circuit is coming to the front. Victory is our motto this year.

Preaching, Praying, Talking.

L. F. PALMER, Ennis, April 16: The outlook on Paris circuit has been improving for the past month. Con-

gregations large; good attention. We are preaching, praying and talking for revival, and believe we will have it, for God is faithful to hear and to answer the prayers of his people. Our people are becoming interested for the Lord to send prosperity to the church. Have five Sunday-schools. Some few social meetings. Hope to improve at this point.

Camp-Meetings.

W. T. MELLENG, Round Rock, April 18: Please announce camp-meeting near Hutto, embracing fourth Sunday in July. The meeting to begin on the 20th. Also camp-meeting at Old Round Rock or Wilbarger camp-meeting ground, 10th of August, embracing the second Sunday. We invite ministers and laymen to help us.

True Yoke-Followers.

C. S. MCCARVER, Brandon, April 17: Our third collection for foreign missions last Sunday resulted in \$22.85. We are at work, with some signs of an upward move, but much yet to be done. Our local preachers are entering tully with us into the work. God has made special promises to his people. We will trust his strength until his blessing. May we hunger and thirst after righteousness till we are filled with all the fullness of God, and prepared for the responsibilities that await us.

An Able Document.

J. H. SHAW, Wadland, April 7: I am profoundly impressed with Walter B. Hill's article in S. M. Quarterly. It certainly deals a fatal blow to the whisky traffic. I feel strongly in his favor. May we hunger and thirst after righteousness till we are filled with all the fullness of God, and prepared for the responsibilities that await us.

Kind Words.

MINNIE, Hensok Creek, April 15: How cheering the news of the work of God from all parts of our beloved State. Men glad to know that the revival fire is beginning to burn. God grant that it may burn brighter and wider, and that it will be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea, and every heart shall be cleansed from all sin. We are working, praying, hoping for a revival—a real Pentecostal shower. May God bless you and the dear old ADVOCATE.

Graves vs. Graves.

JAMES ALEXANDER GRAVES, Sallis, April 18: Why did George Washington Graves leave out the main question asked, "Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?" It has been attained in this state of grace, he surely ought to let it be known for the encouragement of his brethren; but if he has not attained that state of grace, is he still expecting?

Preacher Afoot.

S. C. CHAMBERLAIN, Salsado, April 20: Our quarterly conference was well attended at Three Forks. There was some improvement in reports. Hope to do better. Prospects for revival are pretty good. Rev. J. W. Houston lost his horse and your humble servant's came near being killed by a rope the same night.

Signs of Revival.

J. F. HENDERSON, Canton, April 18: Signs of revival all around my work. Congregations large and increasing; both in numbers and interest. I don't think I ever saw such attention given to the gospel. I feel hopeful and encouraged. We expect the Lord to do great things for us soon. We are praying, fasting, preaching and believing for great things. We would like to hold class-meetings with our brethren who write so much on self-justification. They would do well to sell us now, about how much they have in themselves, soul, mind and spirit, and low and where they got it and how they keep it.

Running Summer and Winter.

J. W. JONES, Bellas, April 20: Our Sunday-school is improving. I hope it will not have to be suspended any more. It has been running summer and winter for five years, until last fall; but it has been running since then. The church is alive. We had a good meeting last Sunday; had an old-fashioned class-meeting at 3 o'clock in the evening, and preaching at night; four additions. The Lord was with us to own and bless. Pray for us.

Sunday-Schools.

H. JONES, Heavlyville: I have one Sunday-school on my work, and expect to organize other Sunday-schools. We have established weekly prayer meetings, and the work is advancing spiritually.

Wants the Assessments.

C. L. DEALEY, Cedar Bayou, April 10: Am glad Bro. Hotchkiss has brought forward the matter of publishing reports of district stewards' meetings, and hope it may in future be done. Our steward was unable to attend. Our second quarterly meeting will soon be here. If the secretary of district meetings would let me know the assessments made against this circuit, either by postal or publishing in the ADVOCATE, I shall be greatly obliged.

40 Conversions, 25 Accessions.

L. P. SMITH, Montague, April 17: This is the tenth day of our revival. Between forty and fifty have professed conversion and reclamation. Twenty-five have joined our church, and others will join soon. Since the second night of the meeting between 20 and 40 have been at the altar every evening; and a great number have come from the congregation, asked the prayers of the church, and returned to their seats to pray for themselves.

2 Conversions, 5 Accessions.

O. A. SHOOK, Parnela, April 18: We are moving slowly in our work. Received 3 on 8th by letter, and on the 15th 2 by ritual; also were blessed with the visitation of the Spirit by His concave. I had gone to work and visited two souls and retaining one. One sister, Mary J. Davenport, was on the 4th of March removed by death to her home in heaven. The people are kind to us and remember us measurably in our support.

Accessions.

W. A. GIBBARD, Williams' Ranch, April 16: Yesterday I preached three times; helped to organize one Sabbath-school; held one church conference, and also received two persons into the church by letter. Up to the present there have been 8 or 9 access-

sions by letter, and one by ritual. At present I am preaching about seventeen or eighteen times a month.

19 Conversions.

J. W. LIVELY, Daingerfield, April 20: The revival in us is truly wonderful. Probably never in the history of our town was there such a gracious time. People from the country for miles come in. Thirty-one at the altar last night; 19 conversions yesterday. The whole town and country aroused.

Daingerfield, Texas.—My dear friend: Are you converted to God? If not, why not? Do you know your true condition before God? Are you not a sinner against him? Once did you not make a vow? Did he not lift you from a bed of sickness—deliver you from some danger? Have you paid that vow? If not, why not? Oh, what of the future? Have you a lease on your life? Can you trifle longer with your soul? Are you prepared? Has not his still voice bid you come during this meeting? Have you done so? If not, why not? God is making his last effort to save some soul. Plee—oh, flee, to the Savior of men! The waters are troubled. Mighty displays of divine power are here. Come to-day. Delay is dangerous. The lamp still burns. The vessel may return. God help you to return. The Spirit and bride say come.—THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH.

That is right, Bro. Liveley. Use printers' ink, the pen, the pulpit. Let no means be neglected that will bring men to Christ.

17 Accessions.

W. R. McDOWD, Village Mills, April 19: All moving on well. Second quarterly conference is over. Had a good time. Have received on preachers' claim \$46.50. Have received into the church 27 members by letter, 10 by ritual, 13 by appropriate. 4 infants baptized. 5 churches organized; 1 at Village Mills. Number of Sunday-schools on the work, 4; number of Adequate taken, 21; number of appointments, 11. We are praying for and expecting a revival.

1 Accession.

W. V. JONES, Floresville, April 17: Preaching at Floresville Sunday and April 18. Text: Rom. vi:2. Theme, Justification. One received by letter. Raised at the close of the service \$5.10 for missions. Dr. D. H. Dryden, a resident physician at this place, and a worthy member of the M. E. Church, South, died on the 14th inst., at the age of 80 years. He had been sick for over three months, but being convalescent, he thought a trip might help him, but before the visit was completed he breathed his last. He was buried with appropriate ceremony on the 16th, at 5 p. m.

Preacher Wants His Horse.

W. R. McDOWD, Village Mills, April 19: Escaped from me on the 16th instant, at Village Mills, Hardin county, Texas, a small iron-grey mare. I think she will aim for Van Zandt county. Any information leading to her recovery will be thankfully received, and fully rewarded. Address W. R. McDOWD, Village Mills, Hardin county, Texas.

Woman's Mission Work.

W. H. STEPHENS, Mesquite, April 21: Last Sunday at Duck Creek we preached to a large and attentive congregation. Subject: "The Incarnation of the Son of God." We were glad to learn that some of our young ladies are taking up collections for it, and hope that many others will do the same; they shall have due credit for all they do.

Bible Work.

N. W. KEITH, Harwood, April 22: We had a beautiful day and fine congregations at Thompsonville yesterday. Bro. R. G. Sewell, Bible agent, was with us and preached in the morning. Subject: "The Bible, its origin, power and influence upon the world of man kind." Collection for Bible, some fifteen dollars. He preached again at night. Subject: "Success in the Christian life." He made a fine impression. The Lord bless him in this good work.

Sick Family.

J. D. CROWKETT, Denzville, April 23: On account of sickness of my wife I failed to get to my three appointments yesterday. Dr. McCanahan and other friends have been very kind and attentive.

Help Two Things.

M. A. BLACK, Martindale, April 21: The sermon by Bro. Potter, "Honor Thy Father and Mother," will do good. It will benefit the reader and help the San Saba school. I hope it will be widely circulated and extensively read. Bro. Potter is a faithful servant of the church.

Settled the Church Debt.

D. F. FULLER, Honey Grove, April 23: We have just settled the church debt, and will in a month or so proceed to complete the beautiful edifice, and mount a bell in its cupola a bell to call us to worship. A revival is wanted; and while we pray, we thank God for signs of its coming.

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letter change from "Indian stories" and other non-essential matter to the religion of Christ. O, that more time and talent were spent in such articles. More vital religion is what we want. May God bless the ADVOCATE in its good work. It stands second to the Bible in our literature.

Brownwood District.

A. K. MILLER, P. E.: Please announce through the ADVOCATE that the time for the quarterly conference on Lampasas circuit has been changed to May 19, 20, and Plum Creek circuit to May 26, 27. I hope all the official brethren will attend, and regard God's cause as a secondary matter, but let it be first in all things. Brethren, come praying for a revival of religion. The prospect for a revival throughout the district is very good, and we are praying and expecting it. "O Lord, revive thy work."

Accessions.

J. F. ARCHER, Malakoff, April 23: The revival fire is beginning to burn on the altars of the ADVOCATE that the time for the quarterly conference on Lampasas circuit has been changed to May 19, 20, and Plum Creek circuit to May 26, 27. I hope all the official brethren will attend, and regard God's cause as a secondary matter, but let it be first in all things. Brethren, come praying for a revival of religion. The prospect for a revival throughout the district is very good, and we are praying and expecting it. "O Lord, revive thy work."

3 Conversions, 3 Accessions.

D. W. TOWNS, Wallisville, April 20: I am well again, and ready for work; my will is good and my heart is ready. Last Sunday was a bright day with some of us. Three professed Christ and joined the church. "The Lord is with us, and the God of Jacob is our refuge." The church at Wallisville and the pastor have covenanted to join Bro. Bonner in prayer once a day for a revival of religion in Texas. We pray that it will sweep this country. In our last we may have led some to think that the preacher on the Wallisville circuit is not cared for. I want to correct the mistake. The good people look after our every want. A good sister subscribed \$2 for the preacher this year. The other day she handed Bro. Wallis, (the steward) \$4 and said, "I have received that for eggs." It is our duty, these good people will take care of us. We have some as good sisters here as can be found in Texas.

Attention! Texan District.

J. T. GILBERT, presiding elder: To the Brethren.—Dear Brethren—Please send me at your earliest convenience answers to the following inquiries: 1. How many new churches are needed in your circuit? 2. How much will it require to build them? 3. What portion of this can be raised by the people? It is important, brethren, that I get the information sought at an early day. Please attend to it at once, and forward to me.

Appropriate Memorial.

A. E. BUTTERFIELD, Gatesville, April 19: I have received by subscription \$14, and by cash \$1.75, to be used to buy the monument for Bro. John Farmer's grave since last Saturday. We want to get \$200, and from the prospect, think it will be easily raised, for not only the members of the churches, but men of all classes, are interested. We are glad to learn that some of our young ladies are taking up collections for it, and hope that many others will do the same; they shall have due credit for all they do.

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During the first sixty days of the session of our legislature each member received five dollars per day. They then called it per diem. After that time they received only two dollars per day, which they spoke of as their poor diem.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that he was urging a friend to take the Advocate, but he declined. His daughter wished the paper and sent a note to him saying, "I think I can in the course of a year sell enough butter and eggs to pay for the TEXAS ADVOCATE."

J. H. AMMERER, of Marshall county, Miss., killed his little daughter recently while laboring under mania. We know him some years ago as a member of the Methodist Legislature.

No man is safe who dallies with temptation. No man can say his neighbor or son is safe while this foe of human happiness is licensed to do its deadly work. When will society come to the aid of weak and erring ones by removing temptation from their path?

A good brother from Mountain Home, Bell county, called in and subscribed for the ADVOCATE. He has been there for only a few days and wants a preacher to come and see them. A hint of this kind is all a Methodist preacher needs. He is always ready to go where the people want him.

The police of Galveston recently raided some of the opium dens kept by oblique-eyed Mongolians, and shut them up. That is right. The use of opium is slow suicide. The law is wise in suppressing these dens. We give the police credit for their zeal in this matter, and trust it is a signal for the enforcement of law against other and still greater vices.

Has infidelity ever raised a man or woman from the haunts of vice and made his or her life clean? Has it ever taken a drunkard from the gutter, the gambler from his cards, the fallen from a life of shame? Has it ever found a man coarse and brutal in character and life and made him a kind husband and faithful father? Has it ever gone out into heathen lands and found a people ignorant and barbarous, delighting in rapine and murder, and by the power of its teachings lifted them out of their degradation until they adopted the customs of civilized nations?

OUR readers will find in this week's ADVOCATE important reports from the mission field. We have, from the pen of Bishop Parker, an account of his recent tour through a portion of Texas and the Mexican border mission. He recognizes, as among the chief wants of Texas, our need of houses of worship and comfortable homes for the preachers. The points he visited will fairly represent the want of our church in other portions of the State.

"HE SHALL RESTORE FOURFOLD."

Men often silence their convictions by the thought that they may continue years in sin and then by repentance and faith turn to God and all their guilt will be washed away by the atoning blood of Christ. Though God pardons the penitent believer, regenerates his nature, witnesses his adoption into the family of God, and seals him an heir of heaven, yet there may be consequences entailed by sin from which justification and regeneration may provide no indemnity. In his days of sinful folly man may waste his property, but his conversion will not restore him his gold nor recover the estate he has squandered. Years of dissipation may have undermined a vigorous constitution, but the pardon of his sins will not restore the wasted heritage of health.

David had sinned. He thought his guilt was buried in the grave of the murdered Uriah. There was no one in palace or camp who knew his crime, or knowing it, presumed to testify against the king. In security within the walls of his palace, he could revel in the joys of sinful pleasure.

The prophet stood before him and told a tale of violence and wrong. A poor man had a ewe lamb which he had raised as tenderly as one of his children. A rich man had many herds. A guest was within the gates of the rich man; and sparing the thousands in his own flock, he robbed the poor man of his one ewe lamb and served it up before his guest. The anger of David was kindled and he declared the man who did this thing was worthy of death; and then as the judge over the tribes of Israel he pronounced upon the act the sentence of the law: "He shall restore the lamb fourfold." Under the law of Moses a man who should steal an ox must restore fivefold, and he who stole a sheep must restore fourfold. The king announced the penalty demanded by the Levitical law. As soon as that sentence fell from the lips of the king, the prophet, speaking in the name of One mightier than David, held up before his startled conscience God's violated law, and in the words "Thou art the man," arraigned him for his guilt, exposed to the same terrible penalty he had so promptly pronounced upon another. "And David said: 'I have sinned against God.'" That his penitence was sincere and his prayer heard is evident from the pardon pronounced upon him; but there were consequences of his crime from which the divine pardon did not exempt him. He had robbed his neighbor of his ewe lamb, and under the sanctions of that same law which as king of Israel he had applied to the rich man, fourfold restitution must be made. God pardons the penitent, but there are consequences growing out of our earthly conditions that the law of mercy does not arrest. When an act is performed it leaves the control of the hand that performed it. Other men appropriate it with its influence for good or evil. A train of causes and effects have been put in motion that are no longer under the control of the hand from whence they sprang. Their effects reach from father to son to bless or to blight in accordance with their moral character; and often society for generations feels their influence. God pardoned David, but he had planted evil seed and some one must reap the harvest. With what inexorable certainty was that law which he had pronounced upon another fulfilled in his own history. From that hour David was a sad, for he was a sorely troubled man.

His child, the offspring of his guilt, was sick. In agony the father fasted and prayed, but the child died. One lamb had been taken, but his own sentence and the demand of the law said: "He shall restore fourfold." King David had a daughter, fair in her maidenly purity. One day her voice, in tones of wild and bitter lamentation, was heard in the streets. Her brother Absalom found her with her garments rent and ashes on her head. Her brother Amnon had dishonored her among the maidens of Israel. "The king was wroth," but he indicted no punishment on his guilty son, and Tammar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. How far the guilt

of the father had influenced the character, and fed the unholo passions of his miserable and dissolute son, we know not; yet we can easily imagine that the memory of his own dark crime would weaken the heart of the king, and palsied his moral power as a father in the presence of his household. The second lamb was taken, but the law said, "He shall restore fourfold."

Absalom hated Amnon, because of his sister's wrong; "but he spake to him neither good nor bad." Two years pass. Uriah sleeps in his grave, and the crime of the king is fading from the minds of men. Absalom gave a feast to his brothers, and Amnon was there, drinking wine with the merriest, and when Absalom gave the command, and Amnon was slain. The king and all his sons wept as they looked on the face of the dead son and brother. The third lamb was taken; but the law said, "He shall restore fourfold."

Absalom blew his trumpet in Hebron and the tribes of Israel revolted against David. He is a fugitive and his son is his pursuer. A battle is fought and the army of David triumphs; but Absalom, his son, with his dark sin upon him, died by the hand of Job. The fourth lamb was taken. God pardoned the guilty king, but the seed his own hand had sown yielded a terrible harvest.

A Six Weeks' Itinerary.

To the Advocate. Returning from a trip of something over six weeks in West Texas and the border, I have to report a rather pleasant and interesting time. Our work at Houston has much improved in it. I see from the ADVOCATE that since I was there the old Shearn church has been pulled down, and that Bro. Werlein and the brethren of his charge are about to build a handsome house worthy of our Houston Methodist. This long-needed enterprise must now go forward. Pulling down is a good thing if it leads to better building up. The Washington Street church also greatly needs a new house. The foundations of a large brick church are already laid on the same lot where the present temporary structure stands. In the Fourth Ward there is quite a good congregation worshipping in a rented building. This part of the city is growing rapidly, and there is some hope that a church will soon be entered there. These three new churches will about meet the demands of the present. Houston is a busy, growing city, and its future seems to be a bright and promising one. Our preachers there are working faithfully, and with a considerable measure of success. The new churches and a sweeping revival will give us a firm and influential position among the Protestant communions there. Our German brethren have here a fine property, consisting of a good church, parsonage and school-house. The congregation is good, the members liberal, contributing more for missions for their number than any other church in Texas, or elsewhere, so far as I know. Our Tuesday night service at the German church was to me a great gratification.

I need not say that I was delighted with my visit to the "Island City." Its straight streets, broad avenues, handsome public and commercial edifices, and beautiful homes are hardly excelled by any of our Southern cities. The street railways are ahead of all our towns, not excepting New Orleans. In Galveston is a large and stirring commerce, and her merchants and business men are reaching out and extending their lines of trade far and near. I found the editor of the ADVOCATE and the hard-working publishers at their post, and sending out a first-class paper. The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE gives the completest summary of church news, fresh from the field, of any of our religious journals. It is doing great service for our cause in Texas, and should be placed in every Methodist family in the State. No pastor should rest until this much is secured.

The churches in Galveston had the appearance of doing well. There were excellent congregations, bright and cheerful Sunday-schools, and I learned that the social meetings were growing in attendance and spirituality. I was specially glad to hear of the prospect of completing St. James and of liquidating the debt on St. Johns. These things done, and a chapel at West End, and a revival of religion, and Galveston Methodism will be as we could wish it to be. Our pastors, Briggs and Sears, are working industriously and hopefully. Gonzalez, the next point, was to me a place of much interest, beautiful for its location and cordial and hospitable people. In spite of the mud the congregations were good, and the church, under Bro. Brown's administration, is making progress. The church here is the lower story to a Masonic lodge. This is well until we can do better. There is some talk of building a church. May it be realized soon. I found Bro. Brown and family in a model parsonage. I have not seen a better plan for a parsonage, both as regards tasteful architecture and convenience. Those projecting new parsonages could not do better than to build on this model.

I found Bro. Thrall, the presiding elder of the San Antonio District, at home, and enjoyed the hearty hospitality which he and Sister Thrall extended. Bro. Young, the pastor of our San Antonio church, is in labors abundant, especially now while engaged in raising funds to push forward the new church. The walls are already several feet above the basement line, and the house will be roofed and the basement ready for occupation by October. Situated on Travis square, the site is all that could be desired, and the building,

apart from furniture, costing \$15,000, is of stone, with a handsome tower, and will be when completed one of the best churches in Texas. San Antonio is growing and prospering wonderfully, and our church is growing in numbers and resources. The spiritual condition also seems to be good, and the Sunday-school prosperous. Tenth Street Chapel, a feeble mission charge, is for the present to be connected with the Medina circuit. As a substitute for this chapel, a good church is greatly needed, and in the near future still another church will be required, if we keep pace with the growth of the city. To do all this building, here and elsewhere, our people must grow in the grace of giving, and consecrate their substance to God. I am far from indifferent to the importance of revivals, but there must also be a revival with special reference to the consecration of money, and to the urgent necessity of church buildings and comfortable parsonages. Much of the fruits of our revivals is lost because we have so few church edifices.

Laredo for a day, on my way to Corpus Christi, and then several days during the session of the San Antonio Mexican District Conference. Our pastor here, Bro. Corbin, is doing what he can; but we are worshipping in a small cottage, built for a parsonage, and the members are few and poor. In a population of six thousand it is estimated there are only one thousand Americans. With a few modern American buildings, and some handsome new residences, the city looks, for the most part, like a Mexican city, the thatched adobe houses generally prevailing. Hot, dusty, and dry, Laredo is not an attractive place. At present it seems not to be growing, though as a railroad center, it is thought that it must become a city of considerable importance. New Laredo, across the Rio Grande, on the Mexican side, is said to be growing rapidly. We need a church in Laredo. This built, and support for two or three years from the missionary fund, and Laredo may become a self-supporting station. We must hold the fort here, and wait developments.

Corpus Christi is beautiful for situation, a magnificent bay, a pleasant community. Bro. Hinson and his people had prepared for me a very pleasant reception at the parsonage and church, and it was a most delightful social reunion of the Methodists and other Christian people of the place. As a center of trade, Corpus Christi has lost ground in the past ten years, and the strength of our church has been reduced. The church building is neat, newly painted, and in good repair, and the members seemed to be alive and enjoying religion. There has recently been some improvement in the business, and it is thought that a brighter future awaits the town. The railroad from Laredo, and one projected to Uvalde, may give a new and vigorous impetus to affairs.

From Corpus Christi to Pena by rail, and from Pena, by jerkie, to Rio Grande City, and by back to Camargo and Mier. At Rio Grande City we have a very comely Mexican church. Here to a fair congregation I was initiated in the art of preaching through an interpreter. Bro. Sutherland did his part well, whatever may be thought of mine. The town claims two thousand inhabitants, and the place is almost exclusively Mexican. At Camargo we had a good time, a large evening company at a baptizing, an overflowing congregation at the church, and good music, with a cabinet organ in the gallery. The San Diego District Conference at Mier was well attended. Bro. Tafallo, the presiding elder, and the pastors all present, and the reports good. The preaching-house could not contain one-third of the people. Outside and in there must have been three or four hundred people at the night preaching, and the behavior was usually quiet and orderly.

The district conference at Laredo was a meeting of considerable interest, although not more than one-half of the preachers were present. After making careful and searching inquiry into the work of our border mission, I have been impressed with the marvels of grace which it exhibits. We have now about nine hundred members, and devoted band of native preachers, and three American preachers, Bros. Suchland, Robertson and Kilgore. To these American brethren, under a torrid sun, and among a strange and not altogether attractive people, it must be a work of great self-denial and severe toil. Our border mission is one of the crowning glories of Southern Methodism, and should command the sympathy, prayers and liberality of our people.

The San Antonio District Conference at Uvalde, April 13-15, brought me further west than I had ever been. Uvalde is a very pleasant town indeed, and specially attractive on account of its groves of flourishing live oaks. The new church, a building of handsome exterior, and neatly and comfortably furnished within, was dedicated on Sunday morning in the presence of an overflowing congregation. The pastor, Bro. Fisher, is working hard, and I trust that there will be a spiritual harvest soon. The preachers were mostly present, the attendance of laymen not so good, the reports encouraging. The presiding elder, Bro. Thrall, is looking diligently after the affairs of his district, and there are signs of revival at several points. The love-feast was one of the best, the Sunday-school mass-meeting a one of unsurpassed interest, Sunday at Uvalde was a high day, winding up with a melting communion service at night.—LIVUS PARKER. NEW ORLEANS April 19 1883.

A DIALOGUE.

Campbellite--My dear brother, your circuit-riding has undertaken a difficult task.

Methodist--What is that? C.--He said he would prove that immersionists make too much of immersion. I am willing to admit that Baptists do, as no one can take the Lord's Supper among them who has not been immersed. I am sure all the Lord's children ought to be at his table when he brethren break the loaf on the Lord's day; but they will not allow any one who has not been immersed to partake with them.

M.--They exclude all immersed Pedobaptists and Campbellites as well as unimmersed persons. C.--That's so; but Baptists will have Baptist ways. They were so peculiar that Alexander Campbell, who was a good and a great man, could not live long in their church.

M.--I think our preacher in charge will be able to prove that your brethren also make too much of immersion. C.--I do not see how. We, as you know, invite all the Lord's children to partake with us of his supper.

M.--That's true; but according to your system the Lord has no unimmersed children; so to be perfectly consistent, if you say none but the children ought to come to the table, you ought not to let any partake with you who have not been immersed.

C.--You are getting me into a close place again. In our last conversation you caught me in a trap. You over-talked me. This time I intend not to suffer you to do so. I intend to do a full share of the talking. I am now able to prove that it is in Christ, not out of him, we receive the pardon of sins, adoption, redemption and sealing by the Spirit. All this is proven by St. Paul in the first chapter of Ephesians.

M.--Is any mention made of baptism in that connection? C.--Not that I know of.

M.--The thirteenth verse reads: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

C.--I admit that baptism is not mentioned here. I did not bring this scripture forward to prove immersion, but to prove that it is in Christ, not out of him we receive all spiritual blessings.

M.--But I have proved that the spiritual blessings we have in, through and by Christ are secured to us by trusting in him.

C.--We do not deny that faith and repentance are just as essential to pardon as is baptism. Faith changes the heart, repentance changes the life, and baptism changes the state. These three changes bring us to the point where we receive pardon, redemption, sanctification and all spiritual blessings, which we receive in Christ, not out of him; so we make faith and repentance just as essential as baptism. To say the least of it, those who accuse us of preaching salvation by baptism alone, do not understand our teachings. We know that water has no virtue to wash away our sins; nothing but the blood of Christ can do that.

M.--Is the believing penitent a proper person for immersion? C.--None more so.

M.--Is he pardoned? C.--Not until he is immersed.

M.--Previous to his immersion, what spiritual blessings has he obtained? C.--He has read the living oracles; he has believed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; faith has changed his heart from the love of sin to the love of God and holiness; repentance has changed his life; he is now waiting and ready to perform an act of obedience. As soon as he is immersed he will be in Christ and will be entitled to all spiritual blessings, for it is in Christ, not out of him, that we receive sanctification, redemption, and an eternal inheritance.

M.--According to your system faith and repentance secure no blessing, as they do not induce the alien into Christ. They only prepare him for immersion into Christ, consequently they are far less important than baptism.

C.--That is so in one sense, but not in another. An enrolling officer makes publication that at a certain time and place he will enroll all who present themselves, having proper qualifications. No man can receive the bounty until he is enrolled. A man makes up his mind to enlist, he makes the journey to the appointed place. The being enrolled consummates the affair, secures the bounty. And yet the making up his mind, the going to the place, in a sense were just as important as being enrolled. A change of heart, secured by faith; a change of life, secured by repentance, are necessary to pardon and the receiving all other spiritual blessings, simply because they are indispensable prerequisites or antecedents to baptism. It is by baptism we are brought into Christ. Paul says: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus; for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

M.--It is conceded, and indeed St. Paul emphatically affirms, that "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body"--that body of which Christ himself is the head. Water baptism appropriately symbolizes this spiritual baptism which unites all true Christians in one body; hence the Apostle says: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus; for as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's,

then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." The Apostle's design is to show that Jew and Gentile are alike justified. "The circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through faith."

C.--We do not deny that we are justified by or through faith, but we maintain that we are immersed into Christ for the remission of sins, and that we are not pardoned except in baptism, which changes our state. John preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, and Peter said on the day of pentecost: "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins."

M.--Very true, but the preposition for, according to Webster, over thirty different meanings. Mr. Campbell translates it, Acts 2d, "in order to," etc. Dr. A. Clarke, if I remember correctly, "in reference to." The late revision says "unto." John baptized previous to the inauguration of the gospel dispensation.

C.--Yes, I admit that John's baptism is not identical with the Christian baptism, but one may serve to illustrate the other. John baptized for the remission of sins, and so did Christ's disciples. Baptism is in order to the remissions of sins.

M.--It is clear to my mind that the faith of John's disciples, so far as relates to Jesus of Nazareth, must have been prospective.

C.--I agree with you in that. The kingdom had not been set up; and John urged his disciples to believe upon him that was to come after him; that is, Christ.

M.--And of Christ it is recorded, "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as did receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on his name."

C.--I willingly admit that John's baptism was not for the remission of sins, in the same sense in which the Christian baptism is.

M.--Will you please tell me in what sense each is for the remission of sins? C.--The Christian baptism is for the immediate remission of sins, and John's baptism was for the prospective remission of sins.

M.--When, or how did John's disciples, who were baptized for the remission of sins, obtain that remission? C.--I cannot tell, because I do not know. I hope you will excuse me to attend, as I have urgent business to attend to to-day.

M.--You are excusable, sir.

Southern Methodist Personal.

Dr. Miller, of Kentucky, so long afflicted, is still in Macon, Ga., and is steadily improving.

Bishop Granbery preached two excellent sermons on important subjects at the last Fayette district conference, Missouri.

Rev. George G. Smith, whose letters from Georgia often grace our columns, is magnifying his office as Sunday-school agent for the North Georgia Conference. A note from him in the Nashville Advocate says: "An just home-coming ten days--preaching nineteen times--150 converted at Atlanta in a week."

Miss Mattie Jones, of Georgia, has offered herself for work in the foreign field, and has been accepted by the ad interim board, which will doubtless be confirmed by the Woman's Board of Missions, which meets in Lynchburg, Va., in June, in which event she will go to Central Mexico next fall. She is now studying Spanish and music preparatory to her work.

Bishop Keener preached last Sunday in the First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, Rev. Dr. B. M. Palmer, pastor. These two honored men have been friends and co-laborers there for many years. The Bishop has published a list of appointments, seventeen in number, which commence in Washington, March 11th, and end at Opelousas, in Louisiana, July 27th. Nine States and the District of Columbia come in for a share of his episcopal oversight.

Bishop Kavanaugh spent most of last week in this city, preaching twice on Sunday, and leaving by the morning train for his home in Kentucky. That is pretty good for the octogenarian, especially when it is remembered that his sermons--the two--covered at least three hours, and were delivered with the fire of an irrefragable eloquence. Grand old Bishop! May he be spared for years yet in vigor to preach the blessed gospel of the Son of God--Alabama Christian Advocate.

The Southern Methodist Advocate says: "Dr. Haygood is saying some brave things in our connectional press about the propriety of punishing drunkenness as a crime. Why not? Imagine one man fined \$1,000, or sent to jail, or put in the chain gang for being drunk and thereby putting sober people in jeopardy of their lives. The doctor thinks that some such course would sober up a whole community. It would take a sober legislature to pass such a law. But why not have such a one? It is for the people to say. The making of the legislature and the making the law--each is done in the same way, by voting."

In speaking of Bishop Wilson's presence at the Asheville district conference--the Holston Methodist says: "Bishop Wilson knows how to conduct a district conference as well as an annual conference. He gets at the bottom facts and turns them to good account in talks, appropriate and forcible about the various interests and enterprises of the church. Moreover, he knows how to get others to talk. He has a happy way of giving prominence to the spiritual interests of the church without seeming to make a special effort in that direction. He gives entire satisfaction in the pulpit, the conference and the home circle. It is to be feared, if he continues to work as he did at Mills River, through the long list of district conferences before him, that he will wear himself out."

SPIRIT OF THE SOUTHERN METHODIST.

Legislative Inconsistency. (From the Southern Methodist.) The inconsistency of a State legislator the sale of liquor and then punishing those who drink it to intoxication and under its inspiration become disorderly, is often commented upon. A similar inconsistency is that which allows the sale of deadly weapons and then punishes those who chance to be found "carrying concealed weapons." Passing along a few squares of front street recently, we saw hundreds of revolvers, many knives made only to be used on the bodies of men, and a bad supply of brass knucks and stinging shoes. These are exposed and sold under the protection of law, yet when a man is found in possession of either, he is fined, and if the fine is not paid, he goes to the work house. The same as well as the carrying of implements of death should be unlawful.

Find Them. (From the Nashville Advocate.) Preacher in the city, preacher in the country especially, take example of Onesiphorus in finding some whose names are on your church books--names, if not been visited by the pastor for years. They may be of no great reputation, and their dwelling obscure and quite off the turnpike or railroad. Seek them out very diligently, and FIND them. Then will come refreshing for you and them, and an everlasting memorial. The dwelling of the men well and great are not hard to find; it is for another class we now make a plea--the class who live in hired houses, and must often move; and in small houses and out-of-the-way places. Saints and orderly brethren, and the children of a King may be found in the shaded spots. They may not wear a "chain," as Paul did, but there may be an equal temptation to be "ashamed of their poverty" and of their humble conditions. The dwelling of the men well that weak and false pride, as well as against the difficulties of the domicile.

Good Superintendents. (From the Memphis Methodist.) An old Christian in a Western Sunday-school convention not long ago remarked, that the "Good Lord never made many good Sunday-school superintendents." We think the old gentleman erred. There are more men well ordered by the Lord than may be supposed on first thought. Some of them are to be found in our cities, and many of them in the towns and country places of our land. Any man who has been endowed with good common sense--who has been given a good education, including the soles of his feet--who has constant communion with God, asking for magnetism to draw people, and electricity to keep them moving in the current of active methods of work, will succeed in the management of the school. The brightest anticipations. Why can we not have frequent conventions of superintendents to develop the very latest and best plans for work?

The Call to Give. (From the Pacific Methodist.) To us it is plain that our people are not systematic givers into the Lord's treasury, and we greatly fear that our preachers are not doing their duty either by the people or by the Lord. When the Lord calls a member of the church to preach, and he refuses to obey the call, we somehow look upon him as an apostate, as a man who has "denied the Lord." The Head of the Church gave him talents to be given, and he has no expression to them. Money is a talent, and when we see members of the church carrying around inside of them an arithmetic instead of a conscience, we cannot help thinking they have fallen from grace. This same applies to the poor and the rich alike, as no one is exempt from giving, except such as the Lord has not prospered.

Gather Them In. (From the Central Methodist.) Experience and observation teach us that many persons are not converted at the time of entering the church as members. Weeks, months, and even years sometimes pass before they are born again. While this need not be so, it is so, and is the same in all the world. It is worthy of special note that in the three years ministry of our Savior, and in the thirty years history of the church as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, persons applying for membership in the church were received without delay. If this practice should continue and each should be required to profess conversion before joining the church, it is easy to see that many persons would enter without a change of heart. Pastoral oversight should never cease before and after conversion, but the recipient of the Holy Spirit knows better than the preacher when he is a child of God.

Under Providence. (From the St. Louis Advocate.) God help us to see ourselves as men under Providence! Providence is the law and the gospel of Providence. Providence is what Solomon taught and then failed to practice. Suppose you take Solomon's wisdom in the Proverbs as to industry and economy, as to security, and as to sensualism; and suppose that these laws of Providence are faithfully observed. A vast amount of evil, and of evil in its worst shapes, would begin to disappear and continue to die out of the land. Providence in the United States is a singularly grave and solemn question. Facilities for money-making and money-enjoying; respectability and influence of money; openings for enormous self-aggrandizement so numerous and enticing; civilization so largely physical and sensualism so predominant; that the temptations to abuse Providence in his gifts and opportunities are besetments of all classes of society, on all sides and at all times. The days are full of forebodings. Some of our Nebuchadnezzars have already been sent to the grassy grave and oxen, and many a prodigal is now feeding on the husks left by the swine. Think of your responsibility; the extent of the duty "in all thy ways." And think of the "law of Providence; "accuse no one of the guilt; and rejoice in a promise so rich and gracious; "He shall direct thy paths."

THE SOUTHERN PULPIT.--The April number has several notable papers. Among them "The Walk to Emmaus," by Dr. Lipscomb, of Georgia; a sermon by Rev. Mr. Nestor, of West Virginia, and Dr. Hoze's essay on "Dull Sermons." There is another admirable contribution on Dr. Stockton, besides "Lectures on Preaching," by Dr. Miller, of England; also "The Gospel in the Parables," and a number of excellent outlines of sermons. Subscription, \$1.50. Address, Southern Pulpit, Richmond, Va.

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The Elopement.—A Tale. Their parents said they must not wed. They had to go. They had to go. They had to go.

When we suddenly become rich it is sometimes difficult to see our old and poor friends with sufficient distinctness to bow to them in the street.

Gen. Sherman recently had some shirts made at a furthing store in Washington, and the cutter a few weeks later met the general with a friend walking down the avenue.

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SECULAR SUMMARY.

GEN. HAZEN will reduce the signal service stations. Texas will get a pro rata in the reduction.

THE government is discussing the issuance of a four-cent stamp, ornamented by the profile of Andrew Jackson.

SECRETARY OF THE Navy Chandler was seasick last week. What business has the secretary of the U. S. Navy at sea? Of course this was not expected when he was appointed.

EX-TREASURER GILLMAN is a wonderful official considering the age he lives in. The committee counted his cash (\$100,000,000) and it came out three-cents in his favor!

PART of the exhibit of the U. S. Fish Commission, intended for the international exhibition in London in May, was washed overboard by a sea when the ship entered the British channel.

TWO star-route jurors request that the court make counsel condense their speeches. They are willing for each lawyer to make a twelve-hour speech, but don't want them to spin out unreasonably.

A ROOM is being organized in Mexico for the election of Diaz to the presidency in 1884. He doubtless got his idea of advance political booms from Americans; and his may die as prematurely as do some in this republic.

FOR a sinuous article of humor commend us to the occasional flashes from the facile pen of "State Press" on the Galveston News. The old gentleman who conducts that rag department can't help it: he just will "bubble over" occasionally.

THE U. S. government at last threatens to take measures to put an end to the smuggling so long practiced on the Mexican border. Col. M. Moore, while a U. S. officer, posted himself thoroughly on the subject, and perhaps did more to check the practice than any other officer has attempted.

THE Secretary of the Interior has made a "formal" demand upon the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the balance of \$825,960 due the government for 1882. The fact is, the "formality" of both State and national governments in dealing with the railroads indicates that these institutions control the government, rather than the just reverse.

THE New Orleans Times-Democrat deserves the thanks of Southern people, for its effort to direct public sentiment against the Mormon abolition. Missionaries from this agency at work in the South, and it behooves the people to bestir themselves to protect the ignorant classes, among whom the Mormons principally work.

AN experiment has been made at Washington with dynamite. Ten pounds of the explosive was held in place by a little cedar box from which the top and bottom had been removed. It was then placed upon a heavy granite rock five feet square. The rock was blown into pieces, but the little wooden box was not injured—which shows that the greatest force of dynamite is in the direction of the greatest resistance. When dynamite goes off in your neighborhood, do not therefore jump behind an object of great resistance—a peace officer who has just refused to drink at the invitation of a Sunday saloon-keeper, for instance.

THE prisoner Norman, under trial in London as concerned in the dynamite conspiracy, turned informer. He was arrested under the name of Nora, and now gives his real name as Wm. Jos. Lynch. He was born in New York of Irish parents. His evidence shows existence in America of a number of associations the object of which is to liberate Ireland by force. This is an important point gained by England, for if that government can induce America to move by law against those who make this a hatching-place for revolution in Europe, it will have made a long stride toward suppressing socialism, communism, and the various other lems from which a few misguided patriots meet death, and out of which herds of unscrupulous adventurers are now reaping pecuniary profit.

A CITY governed by men whose moral characters better fit them for the State's character is pitiable indeed. The following, from the New York Independent, indicates that the leading city of this great republic is thus afflicted: "The people of New York city are long-suffering. The greatest city in the Western world, which ought to be a model of municipal government, is wretchedly misgoverned. The center of commerce, wealth, culture, and beneficence, it is helpless in the hands of a set of rulers whose ignorance is a list of their disabilities. In London, a place in the city council is a place of honor; in New York, it is a place of dishonor, and men obtain it who would more appropriately serve the city on Blackwell's Island than in the City Hall. With all its churches, its intelligence, its social refinement, its busy and beneficent wealth, New York is governed by the rum power, and by rum power it is bound hand and foot." How many cities in this country that are not governed by this element? Certainly a few of the leading cities of Texas are not exempt.

THE Texas press have not yet decided which receives the deserved punishment—a U. S. Marshal that is "short" and goes to congress, or one in the same condition that goes to the penitentiary.

THE Boston Post—"Behold the legitimate fruits of the philanthropic sentimentality of the modern ideas of school and home discipline. The Boston Post, a fifteen-year-old paper, recently was assaulted by him so brutally that she is thought to be fatally injured."

"The which is the same" height of moral culture to which Texas children would attain under guidance of the Post's idea as to what constitutes moral training in the public schools—being a sickly dish cooked long ago by Thomas Paine and served out in this age by R. G. Ingersoll, ably assisted by the several political parties.

33 People Killed—300 Wounded—Two Towns Destroyed.

From special telegrams to the New Orleans Times-Democrat of Monday, April 23, the following is gleaned: A frightful cyclone passed over Wesson and the town of Beauregard, a mile above, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The wind for the past three days has been blowing a gale, and lowering clouds indicated a storm. Its approach was known some minutes before it struck, and the people began to look about, loud peals of the church-bells rang out, and the people were seen running in all directions toward Wesson, the rain in the meantime pouring in torrents. Reaching Peach Orchard street, an indescribable scene was witnessed. This street was lined with a large number of houses in which operatives of the Mississippi mills are domiciled, and here the greatest destruction occurred. People were seen on all sides sobbing, and the groans of the wounded beneath the ruins were piteously appalling. Dwellings were torn to atoms, and pine forests just beyond were blown out of existence. The work of removing the dead and extricating the wounded from the ruins then began. Calvin Keen, a living in the vicinity, died from excitement.

The number killed at Wesson is estimated at thirteen, and two or three children missing. One hundred and twenty-five houses were blown down; from some of them escapes were miraculous. The number of people with broken limbs is placed at sixty. The wounded were removed as fast as possible to houses which escaped injury. Several deaths occurred from the rain more than an hour after the storm. Beauregard, one mile above Wesson, was also visited Sunday evening. It lay in the direct path of the cyclone. The scene is absolutely appalling. Beauregard is no more. It is in truth a mass of ruins. It is with difficulty that any one can ride through so thickly as trees strewn across the road. There is not a house of any character standing in the place. Timber was scattered for miles around, and even out in the open country for two and a half miles dwellings were swept away and wrecked. The depot was destroyed. At Beauregard twenty-three persons were killed and ninety wounded.

Beauregard is a small town in Ispah county, Mo., on the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago railroad, forty-four miles south of Jackson, with a population of 600. Wesson is a more important place, on the same road, one mile from Beauregard. It is a sort of a summer resort for people from New Orleans; has a population of 1500, and a large cotton and woolen factory, employing 600 hands. On the Natchez and Columbus railroad, the town of Tillman was destroyed, several persons killed and wounded. In the Washington and Meridian railroad the town of Lawrence suffered terribly. Reports from other places and from the country show the storm did wide-spread destruction. The telegraph lines are blown down for miles. The cyclone passed through Monroe county, Miss. Five persons were killed and twenty-five wounded in the neighborhood of Aberdeen.

Loss of life and great damage to property are reported along the hurricane route, in Clark county, Ga., Crawford, Ga., Garrettsville, S. C. Summing up the latest reports 83 persons were killed and over three hundred wounded.

The Augustinian bankers in Massachusetts who, in addition to their duties as Catholic priests undertook to run a savings-bank and virily did it, are being attacked by the ignorant to make deposits in their bank, present a very sad show in the way of assets. Their indebtedness to depositors numbering some seven hundred, upon their own statement, amounts to \$455,000, to which is added a mortgage on the churches, parsonages, and school-buildings amounting to \$69,000, making an aggregate of \$524,000 of indebtedness. They estimate their church property, including parsonages and school-buildings, at \$529,000, or \$51,000 in excess of their indebtedness. But, unfortunately for the depositors, this property, if now sold, would not pay more than five per cent. of the debt which they owe, after paying the mortgage. This is the exhibit which the Augustinian bankers make, and it certainly presents a very sorry prospect for the poor depositors who are virtually cheated out of their hard earnings. These bankers have been trying to see what could be done in the way of voluntary contributions for their relief, and have concluded that there is no rescue for them in this way. The Catholics are backward in coming forward with their offerings, just as they were in the case of Archbishop Purcell. Our opinion is that the action of these Augustinian bankers in taking the money of the depositors, and then using it to build churches, parsonages and school-buildings for the purpose of Catholic propaganda, either proves them to be downright fools, who ought to be put in a strait jacket, or makes them consciously guilty of such a breach of trust that it is difficult to distinguish it from old-fashioned rascality. If they were not fools, they knew better; and if they knew better, then the action is not to be excused by calling it rascality, but is at all condoned or excusable by the religious us to which they applied the money.

Cable cars will be introduced into Brooklyn, a company having been formed for that purpose.

Two thousand houses at Delhi, India, were burned April 20. A great many people are left destitute.

Louise Michel, who will be tried at the next Paris assizes on the charge of inciting to riot, will conduct her own defense.

A detachment of the salvation army was committed to jail at Syracuse, New York, for creating a disturbance in the streets.

At Sacramento, California, April 20, the wall of a building fell upon a sailor, killing six or seven possibly more, and wounding twelve men.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is making arrangements to hold a reunion of the survivors of the Army of Northern Virginia at Manassas next summer.

The supreme court of the United States is hearing arguments in a suit to test the validity of the patent upon the roller process of flour-making.

General Crook has enlisted two hundred Apache scouts, who will at once take the field against the hostiles, co-operating with the Mexican forces.

Mary Connelly, of Woburn, Mass., became insane on the subject of fasting, and refused to allow food to pass her lips from the 21 day of last February until April 9, when she died.

Ex-president Diaz's grandfather was a German, a resident of Mayenne, named Diez, who emigrated to America and made a large fortune importing canary birds.

The coronation of the czar will probably be postponed until June 10. The Russian police profess to have no fear that an attempt at assassination will be made on that occasion.

Mr. John M. Cayce, of Nashville, Tenn., has invented a spring motor for sewing machines, which, it is said, will soon come into general use, doing away entirely with the foot movement.

The Scott bill, which has become a law of Ohio, prohibits the sale of liquor to be drunk on the premises. It fixes the license for the sale of alcoholic liquors at \$200 per annum, and for the sale of malt liquors at \$100 per annum.

The Spanish minister of foreign affairs states that his note to the Washington government protesting against the application of the Monroe doctrine to the Panama canal has the sanction of several European powers.

A State senator of Pennsylvania who, while at home in Erie over Sunday during the session of the legislature, was served with a writ of summons in a suit for \$5,000, pleaded his legislative privileges for exemption from service, in which he has been sustained by the courts.

The Nord Deutsche Zeitung, which is regarded as the special organ of Bismarck, appears to regard war with France as an event of the near future, and the substitution of a monarchy for the republic would only postpone for a short time.

A party of burglars invaded the town of Essex, Massachusetts, mounted on noiseless bicycles, Monday night of last week, entered a number of houses, and stole off with considerable plunder, leaving behind awakened many of the inhabitants.

The Legislature of Ohio has passed a bill imposing a tax of \$300 a year upon spiritual mediums. Cincinnati, which claims to have nearly 10,000 spiritualists in that city, is greatly concerned at the passage of such a measure.

The Texas Board of Education decided to establish a summer normal institute in each Senatorial District for white, and one in each Congressional District for colored teachers. The institutes will begin about the first Monday in July, and to be taught six weeks.

The great Brooklyn bridge is to be formally opened on the 24th of May, with appropriate ceremonies. Orations will be delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Strong, on behalf of Brooklyn, and by the Hon. Wm. M. Evans, on behalf of the City of New York.

The Fall Mail Gazette, recalling the political intrigues of Mazzini in England against the government of Italy, and the refusal of Great Britain to extradite him, has doubts if the United States will give up O'Donovan Rossa should his extradition be requested.

A party of negroes who had removed from South Carolina to Liberia about two years ago have returned to their old homes in a sorry condition, having lost what little property they had, besides contracting a disease that has caused several of them to lose toes.

The French have occupied Porto Negro and Loungo, on the river Congo. The natives protested to the captain of a Portuguese cruiser, who in turn protested to the French commander. A conflict is not improbable. Henry M. Stanley is there with his elephant rifle, in the interest of Portugal.

Captain Esch claims to have enlisted the co-operation of a syndicate of American and European capitalists for the prosecution of his project for a railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Surveys are in progress, and the captain professes the utmost confidence in the success of his scheme.

Freeman the Poconest child-murderer, has, after nearly four years' incarceration in the insane asylum at Danvers, Mass., abandoned his claim that he killed his little daughter under divine inspiration, and says he was prompted by the devil. He authorizes the prosecution of his project for a railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Surveys are in progress, and the captain professes the utmost confidence in the success of his scheme.

Visible supply of grain April 14: Wheat, 21,708,000; corn, 10,130,000; oats, 3,874,000; barley, 1,192,000; rye, 1,637,107.

Sir William Thomson follows Dr. Thomas Reid in ascribing to man six senses instead of five, namely, the sense of force, of heat, of sound, of light, of taste, and of smell.

Complaint is made that cuttings from grape vines imported from China are infested with phylloxera, and the treasury department has been requested to order the seizure of such importations, that American vine-growers may not be exposed to the danger of loss by the destruction of their vineyards.

The new double track steel bridge, to be built over the Niagara River by the Canada Southern Railway Company, will be constructed upon a new principle, which will allow trains to pass over it at a speed of 60 miles an hour with perfect safety. The bridge is to be completed by November 30.

A great number of bones of Confederate soldiers, which were recently plowed up by farmers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg, have been identified by their belts and metal buttons. They seem to belong principally to the First and Seventeenth Virginia regiments. The Federal dead have all been removed.

Mexican troops claim to have killed most of the hostile Apaches in a series of running fights between Ures and Gumbes. A renegade white man, said to be a former Indian agent named L. N. Strecher, was captured, a soldier who was wounded and left for dead during last year's campaign identifying him as having acted as chief of a band of Apaches.

Clifford Lloyd's investigation of the murder conspiracy in the Crueshen district has resulted in disclosures by members of the association relative to the organization of numerous assassination leagues throughout Ireland, professedly by authority of Lord Lansdowne. The Crueshen branch, according to one witness, had caused at least nine most atrocious murders.

The governor has appointed the following to represent Texas at the Louisiana Exposition: W. M. Brush, of Collin county; H. H. Forline, of Cook county; J. S. Smith, of Limestone county; W. M. Yandell, of Guadalupe county; S. M. Scope, of the interior of Texas; S. S. Stoddard, of De Witt county; J. R. Fleming, of Eastland county; and H. B. Andrews, of Bexar county.

Parliament house, at Quebec, was destroyed by fire April 19, the flames first appearing in an upper story. Many public documents and copies of acts of parliament awaiting executive sanction were destroyed. The President was delayed fifteen minutes, which allowed the fire to gain great headway. The building was insured for \$100,000, mostly in English companies.

The wife of Judge W. J. Stephens, of Missouri, Montana, was awakened by a burglar attempting to enter her room, and she, being absent from home, she warned the man to leave, but he defied her, when she tried to shoot him with a gun, which missed fire. She then procured a revolver, with which she fired twice, one ball taking effect in the burglar's breast, killing him.

Mount Ararat is in eruption, pouring out from the central crater a stream of lava. Vesuvius is in its usual passive state, although there is always a subterranean stream of lava flowing. Visitors are conducted by guides to the spot where the liquid fire may be seen through an aperture in the solid crust of lava. The column of smoke constantly ascends, and at intervals at night there is a brilliant light.

Several Episcopal clergymen of Detroit refused to officiate at the funeral of a child of Rev. Dr. Edwards, of Holy Trinity Church. They have been standing aloof from Holy Trinity for some time on account of the excessive church tendencies. Their refusal to perform so an office for the bereaved rector excited bitter feeling. At the urgent request of Dr. E.'s friends a young rector at last consented to officiate.

General Crook, recognizing that regular troops are useless in warfare against the Apaches in the mountainous country on the border of Mexico, will employ Indian scouts against the hostiles. The general has information that the Mexicans are not sparing either men, women or children of the Apaches. The San Carlos reservation Indians are authorized to defend themselves from the raids of the white men.

The first iron sailing ship ever built in America was launched at Roach's shipyard, Chester, Pa., last Saturday. She was christened Tilly E. Starbuck, was built for the California trade, and registers 1500 tons carrying capacity, and 4250 tons measurement. She will be a full rigged ship, with bowsprit and lower masts of steel. The iron plates of her hull average three quarters of an inch in thickness with iron beams, deck-stringers, the plates and diagonal.

At Okeechobee, fifty persons were arrested last week for nihilism. At least twenty workmen accused of nihilistic tendencies will be placed on trial before the coronation. The trial of the eighteen nihilists at St. Petersburg has resulted in the conviction of all, six being sentenced to death, two to life imprisonment, and the others from five to twenty years' imprisonment. Those receiving capital sentences were concerned in plots against either the late or the present czar.

A project is on foot in which are engaged a number of leading New York capitalists to construct a tunnel under the North River, at a distance to cross the river at a point below the city hall so as to allow the cars of the leading railroads to go across from Jersey City without breaking bulk. The preliminary surveys have cost \$50,000, and the cost of the whole work is estimated at \$1,000,000. The tunnel is to be 100 feet below the bed of the river. It has not been decided just where the entrance on the New York side will be located.

A Wife Poisoned. SALADO, April 20.—One Debbalar, of Salado, poisoned his wife last week—not fatally. Poison found in several articles of food. He was tried and lodged in jail at Belton. Salado sustained a heavy loss by fire Tuesday night; six or seven business houses consumed. Loss about \$10,000. Fire started about 1:30 o'clock a. m. This is the third fire since December. There is an incendiary in this community.—L. S. CHAMBERLAIN.

The British home office offers a reward of £100 for information leading to the arrest of any person engaged in the illegal manufacture of explosives. In consequence of the dynamite scare in London, the guards have been placed, for the first time in two centuries, in protection of the courts of justice. There are two sentries at the entrance of the great hall; a sentry guards the judges' entrance in Carey street; another is posted at the corner of Carey street and Bell yard, while a third is placed at the door of the guardroom at Somerset House.

Dr. Thomas Gallagher, now before the London Police Court, as chief of the dynamite conspirators, is well known in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he had a pretty good practice among the tenement-house people. He served his time as a miller in Glasgow, and afterward worked at the Singer Sewing Machine Works, Elizabeth, N. J. He is an illiterate man, but smart and rather good looking. It was given out at home that he had gone to several places in the country to reside as many fortunes left by deceased relatives. It is believed at Greenpoint that he was to receive \$100,000 had he succeeded in carrying out the plans placed in his hands.

The Gotthard Railway proper is 113 miles long, and there are in all not less than 50 tunnels, comprising more than one-half of the route. A number of these tunnels being also constructed in spirals, to enable the road to make very great ascents within short distances. The main tunnel is nine and one-fourth miles long, and others exceed 5000 feet in length; the width of the great tunnel is 26 feet.

A combination of Boston capitalists has projected a system of railroads to be built between New York and Charleston, South Carolina, that will, it is claimed, be one hundred miles shorter than any existing line, and also intend connecting Cincinnati with the south Atlantic coast by a route one hundred and eighty-five miles shorter than any that now exists.

A too free indulgence in shrimp salad by President Arthur at Savannah one day last week produced results early the following morning that caused his friends on board the Tallapoosa, and the crew of the ship, serious anxiety. For a time the President was in great agony, but the professional offices of the ship's surgeon brought him relief, and late in the afternoon he was able to leave his bed and sit for a while on the quarterdeck. Dr. Charles L. Lozier, however, has been much alarmed, and was disposed to telegraph to Washington for medical assistance. The President still lives!

The French Academy has just awarded its great mathematical prize of 3000 francs to the late Prof. Henry Smith—"Silver" Smith, as he was familiarly called—of Oxford, for his dissertation on the theory of the number of the sum of five squares. The complete solution of the given problem had been obtained by Prof. Smith sixteen years before, and published by him, but without demonstration, as part of a far more extensive investigation. This the academy strangely overlooked, and when a year ago it announced the subject of competition for the prize, he merely copied over his old demonstration, and was successful over all rivals, though he had never been heard of since his triumph. In 1868 he won the Steiner prize of the Berlin Academy, so that had he lived till now he would have enjoyed the "laureateship" of both Paris and Berlin.

Never spend money before you earn it. If you are earning six shillings a day, save three of them, at least. Establish yourself in some kind of business, and then attend to it. Do not build too many "air castles,"—they soon come to naught. And if you have never used Swaine's Ointment, especially prepared for itching piles and hemorrhoids, get it at once. It is a true and reliable remedy for all such ailments. Nothing like it. Safe, and sure cure.

The expedition which Dr. Holub, the Austrian explorer, is about to make into the interior of Africa will be second in importance only to those of Livingstone and Stanley. He will cross Africa from south to north—from Port Elizabeth to the Mediterranean. The expedition will not be a mere voyage of geographical discovery, but is in the interest of science at large, and if successful, will make valuable additions to ethnology, botany, geology and natural history. Dr. Holub has divided his trip into three parts: A tour of four to seven months through some of the civilized parts of South Africa; through the western and eastern provinces of the Cape Colony, Griqualand west and the Orange Free State; a journey toward the Bechuana kingdoms toward the north, of similar duration; and a tour of discovery, but is in the interest of science at large, and if successful, will make valuable additions to ethnology, botany, geology and natural history. Dr. Holub has divided his trip into three parts: A tour of four to seven months through some of the civilized parts of South Africa; through the western and eastern provinces of the Cape Colony, Griqualand west and the Orange Free State; a journey toward the Bechuana kingdoms toward the north, of similar duration; and a tour of discovery, but is in the interest of science at large, and if successful, will make valuable additions to ethnology, botany, geology and natural history.

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A Pleasant Party. Sars the 7-D: "A party of gentlemen and ladies from Rochester, N. Y., are having an improvised flatboat constructed at St. Paul, Minn., in which they intend making a voyage down the Mississippi to New Orleans. They expect to start about the first of July, and to be several months on the trip, stopping frequently on the way. A skilled photographer will be one of the party, who is also an old newspaper man, and views will be taken to illustrate a history of the trip. They have engaged the services of three experienced flatboatmen to manage their craft. The party will consist of four ladies and three gentlemen. The boat will be sold at this point, and the excursionists and crew will return home by rail or steamer."

The French have been defeated in a battle with natives on the Congo. Great Britain proposes to annex territory from the island of Shororo to within a few miles of Liberia. The stockholders of the Western Union Telegraph company began receiving their dividends last week from the Mercantile Trust Company of New York; \$230,000 will be paid, which includes the unpaid January dividend of 13 1/2 per cent. on \$90,000,000. Each stockholder assigns his right of dividend to Mr. Gould, and in turn receives a check for the amount from the Mercantile Trust Company. Telephones are to be set up by the government in the telegraph offices of Paris and placed at the service of the public for a small charge. The news of rich mineral discoveries in Alaska has started an exodus of miners to the place from Nevada, Colorado, Montana, and California. The Atlantic and Pacific railroad is now completed to within 85 miles of the Colorado river, where it will connect with the Southern Pacific. Connection will probably be made between the two roads during the coming summer.

A project for laying a submarine cable between Spain and Cuba is awaiting the resolution for its approval by the Minister of Public Works. The company has been constituted under the title of the Spanish-American Submarine Cable Company. It is proposed to lay the cable over a route that will be divided into three sections, the first of which will unite Portugal with the Azore Islands, a distance of 1000 miles; the second section to extend to the Bermuda Islands, being 1700 miles, while the third will terminate at Havana, a distance of 2200 miles. The cable will be connected at the Bermuda with the city of New York by a cable of about 750 miles in length. From Havana a line about 380 miles long will be laid connecting the cable with the Central American lines.

We are soon to have a uniform time—that is, the railroads are to enjoy this luxury, which will enable tourists to travel through the country without missing trains and without being compelled to move the hands of their watches forward or backward every few hours. At the "time convention" meeting of the transportation managers, held in St. Louis recently, reform was recommended, and the various companies represented there pledged themselves to adopt it as early a date as possible.

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