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**CHRISTIANS AND CARDS.**  
 A friend desires to know why a game of cards in the social circle, where no betting is permitted, should be considered inconsistent with the Christian profession. We answer:  
 Cards are the gambler's most familiar tools, and hence card-playing is associated with the gambler's craft. The use of cards in the social circle is an indirect endorsement of a sport that is demoralizing to society, ruinous to all who engage in it, dishonest in its nature, and a violation of the laws of the State. No earnest Christian can afford to soil his religious character by even an implied approval of a vice so utterly subversive of all that is honorable and virtuous in society or the individual.

**AN HONEST JURY.**  
 The grand jury of Galveston county has created a sensation by looking after the enforcement of the Sunday law, which hitherto has been a dead-letter in Galveston. The saloons defied it, the officers of the law winked at its violation, and other lines of business began to follow in the wake of the saloons, until employees, for whose protection the law was enacted, were compelled to be at their posts on Sunday and work as on other days, or forfeit their situations. The secular daily press, instead of arraigning this violation of the law, triumphantly pointed it out as an evidence that the Sunday law was a failure, and its repeal was confidently predicted. When the legislature met a movement was made, led by the German representatives and backed by the Galveston press; but it was ascertained, before the session closed, that Galveston, San Antonio, New Braunfels, and a few large towns, do not constitute the entire State of Texas, and that American citizens have rights in a Texas legislature as well as the Germans. The law was amended, but its leading features were left unimpaired. But the violation of the law was continued all the same in the city of Galveston. Its saloon men, its German population, its beer gardens, were presumed to be above legislative enactments, and judicial and executive authority must not interfere with their reserved rights.

**MRS. O. T. HOTCHKISS.**  
 We are in receipt of the following: AUSTIN, July 11.--Our hearts are very sad, and our home is no longer home, for God took the precious wife and mother from her sufferings to the rest that is prepared for His people. She died peacefully Thursday morning (12th) just as the light of the new day was ushered in. Pray for us.--O. T. HOTCHKISS.

**Must Clear its Skirts.**  
 (From the Nashville Advocate.)  
 The church must clear its skirts. Its testimony must be unequivocal. Its discipline must be such as to reform the disorderly and eliminate the incorrigible elements within its pale. Its present attitude is untenable, and it must be abandoned, or upon it will rest the guilt of having betrayed its Lord into the hands of his enemies. The church is the alignment of the antagonizing forces within and without the church. Such as are on the side of the enemy must run up his flag. The Judases must no longer be permitted to betray the Master with their kisses. The opposers and be separate must be interpreted and obeyed honestly and without reservation. The church, as the pillar and ground of the truth, must be true to itself and to its Lord. It must be true to the souls imperiled by its compromising spirit and practices. It must be true to its very enemies, whose only chance of salvation depends upon the fidelity of the heaven-appointed agency for enlightening, elevating, purifying and saving the world--the living church of the crucified and risen Christ.

**The Eleven.**  
 (From the Southwestern Methodist.)  
 Just now it was the twelve. The ranks are broken. The number is diminished by one. There is a lost Pleiad. From the immediate vicinity and strong attraction of the central sun of righteousness, stars have shot madly from its place. An ambassador of the King has lost his credentials and abandoned his post. An heir of heaven has become disinherited and outcast. It was night. Yes, it was night when he went forth to work of treason and of death. But it was a blacker night which had settled down upon that soul. He had proved a traitor and murderer to his own soul before he betrayed the innocent blood of his gracious Lord. There are yet twelve who betray their Master. There are still those who will him for a price. There is still occasionally a breaking away from the ranks or stealing out into the night for the commission of evil, so that there is one lacking of the full number. A few years ago a number of young ministers stood at the altar of the church before one of her chief pastors, taking upon them solemn vows binding them to the work of a pastor. Are their ranks full now? Has not one proved deserter or traitor? Has not one been found where just now stood twelve, and you, reader, are that missing twelfth one, don't go and hang yourself as Judas did, but go aside as Peter did, to weep bitter tears, and there in the humility of a genuine penitence bring forth fruits meet for repentance and diligently do your first work over again.

**Organized Effort.**  
 (By Mrs. Sue F. Moore, of College Grove, Tennessee, in the Nashville Advocate.)  
 One of the most aggressive missionary workers says "we need a more complete organization of church activity"--not simply the appointment of a working force, but the force at work; not only the officers, but every member, and working so systematically, so profitably, so persistently, so importantly, that success is sure; working so that new names are reported each month; working so vigilantly that no member is lost to the society, even though she remove; and I do think it would be a good plan, when removals occur, as they so frequently do, to give a certificate of membership, signed by the officers of the society, recommending such person to the Christian fellowship of the auxiliary in the new home. Should there be no auxiliary, such a paper would suggest to the sister the propriety of organizing one. The society books would thus show what becomes of our members. Finally, every one should work to make the monthly meetings interesting by personal attendance, by inducing others to go, and by contributing something in the way of entertainment or instruction that will make it worth their while to go. Above all, work to instruct the children in missionary matters. It needs the utmost tact and delicacy in dealing with the little ones, persuasively and winningly, and yet wisely and firmly, to instill those principles which are to be the seeds of a harvest in other days. The church is silent in the grave. This is soul-craving, a higher art than any taught in human schools, and enduring as eternity. Out of the same slab the sculptor may fashion a demon or an angel. So we are, these, you and I, now we handle this material. The work of organizing is small in comparison with the time, and thought, and prayer that must be given afterward.

A GENIUS was never manufactured by a phrenological chart. A man may have native ability, but if it is not improved and employed his powers will be valueless.  
 THE inhabitants of Meroz did not join the foes of Israel, they merely refused to go out to battle in answer to the call of God. To abide at home when God calls to the field is rebellion against his authority.  
 MEN may be bad themselves, but they honor a noble deed in another. The moral sense in man approves the right, while the judgment and desires are bribed by interest, or debauched by appetite and passion.  
 IT is said that the late William E. Dodge devoted the first hour every day to his Bible and to prayer. There he gathered that moral and religious power that made his Christianity felt in the business circles through which he moved.  
 SINCE the day Daniel and his three companions asked that instead of the kings' meat and wine that they might have only "pulse to eat and water to drink," temperate men have been the leaders in the world's advance.  
 THE apostle of modern infidelity is the champion of the Star Route crookedness. The ministers of the gospel are seeking to lift men out of ignorance and sin, and promote honesty and morality among all people. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

IGNORANCE is usually more confident in its assertions than knowledge. A man with large attainments and experience will speak cautiously, for he knows his liability to err; the ignorant man will seldom confess he is mistaken, but speaks with the tone of an oracle.  
 "Three conversions at the family altar." That is what a good brother recently reported. We need more such family altars. It is a long time since such a report has appeared in our columns. If we had altars in every Methodist household, such displays of converting power would not be so rare.  
 A CALL for a second session of the Local Preachers' Conference will be found in another column. The conference will be held at Steel's Creek camp-ground, near Thornton, Limestone county, Texas, to begin July 25, 1883, Friday, July 20, is set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for God's blessings and guidance.  
 A NOTION hedge or fence may enclose a garden fragrant with the perfume of rare and beautiful flowers. The outer life of many a man and woman may be commonplace and unattractive by reason of the poverty that surrounds their paths, but their souls may be rich as the garden of the Lord, with the graces that spring from piety and faith.  
 A MINER dug from the rock a piece of ore. It had gold in it, but it was mixed with hard and valueless stone. It was broken in pieces with heavy hammers, crushed in a ponderous mill, and the gold thus separated from the coarse stone where it had been hid. The crushing weight of loss and sorrow is needed sometimes to separate the graces of religion from the coarse clay of an evil nature.  
 A GOOD deed is an inheritance of which we cannot be deprived by violence or fraud. The world may be ignorant of the act or refuse to reward its author, but it is his by virtue of the title of performance. No power can blot out the fact that the good deed was performed, and one day the record that overlooks no word, nor thought, nor act of man, will be read in the light of the judgment bar of God.  
 THE Chicago Tribune says that city has 300 churches and 5242 saloons; 400 preachers and 5500 bar-keepers; about a half dozen galleries of art and 350 variety theaters. Every year \$1,500,000 is spent for schools and \$15,000,000 for liquor; \$100,000 is paid for religious worship and \$800,000 to police the city and guard it against the riot and crime chiefly caused by whisky. Chicago is called a Christian city, but it would seem that Satan has a bill of sale for a large portion of its population.

SOME men can hold the plow better than they can swing the scythe. They can prepare the ground more successfully than they can reap the harvest. There are sowers and reapers in the field of religious life. One sowers the seed, the other gathers the harvest. Some whose ministry this year will witness the conversion of many souls, may be reaping the harvest sown by faithful men of God who preceded them in that field. A preacher takes an influential member into the church; but a mother taught that man to fear God when a child, or the labor of a faithful Sunday-school teacher prepared his heart to receive the truth.  
 SIR RICHARD TEMPLE bears this testimony respecting the missionaries of India and their work: "I have, during my life in India, been the local governor of 105,000,000 of people in different provinces. Thousands of Europeans have served under me, and I ought to know something of the value and the character of men. I have also been acquainted with the missionary stations throughout the length and breadth of the country. I believe that a more talented, zealous, and able body of men than the missionaries does not exist in India."

**Preparation for Worship.**  
 (From the Episcopal Methodist.)  
 In the household there should be the quiet hush of expectancy and religious feeling before the family devotions begin, and these should never be hurried or hurried over. Remember that when you are out at a service, you are not only a member of the church, but you should be in reverent spirit. And shall any one venture from home towards God's sanctuary without first having diligently sought preparation for worship. How bald and tame our church services are--many people? Why? Because of their exceeding plainness and simplicity; by no means, for a devout soul finds inspiration in the music, the lesson read, the prayer offered, and especially in the word proclaimed; and while all these may be artistically rendered, yet they meet a felt want, made conscious by that quiet communion at the home before-hand. And such devout people bring a religious atmosphere with them, and as their hearts were bowed we have often felt that the gathering about the pulpit, which although last from the throne, came first from warm and loving human hearts. A preacher having such a people will preach better, and the people of course grow space in piety and in happiness. Let there be for every service religious forecast and pious preparation, and our spiritual life will be bright and beautiful, reflecting strongly the glory of our Lord.

**THE CHURCH'S RECKONING.**  
 (From the Southern Advocate.)  
 It is well to take our reckoning now and then. We mean by our, the church's, and we mean by the church's, the reckoning of the church universal. The church grows--is prosperous--is strong--strong in material resources, and social force, and moral power. Certainly it is. We have more members, and more money, and more land, and more influence, and more power. Let us look the matter straight in the face; we need more power, and especially, as preachers and people, and especially, as preachers and people, as preachers, greater consecration to our work, and to Him, to whom our work is our tribute of service. It is only by the baptism of the Holy Ghost that we keep close to the right hand of the Almighty. As the divine Christ moves among the golden candlesticks he holds the seven stars in his right hand. Let us see to it that we are in right relations with the all-conquering.

**Can Trust our Womanhood.**  
 (From the Richmond Advocate.)  
 Almost every day we read or hear of unfavorable criticisms on our women in the grand work they are trying to do. Not even their blessed consecration to the missionary cause escapes censure and satire. This thing is humiliating. It is a reproach to our men; it is a grievous wrong to our women; it is a reflection on Providence. So far as the womanly movement has advanced, the results have been quite as auspicious for men as for women; and, indeed, we are half inclined to believe that the waking up of men to new consciousness of duty and devotion has been a very marked interposition of Providence in stirring them to a manlier sense of obligation. Be this as it may, the work is under a mighty head-spray, and it gathers every year finer and brighter tokens of God's favor.

**Bring in the Tithes.**  
 (By Dr. J. W. North, of Lumburg, N. C., in the Raleigh Advocate.)  
 We have no prophet now to pronounce a curse upon delinquent and covetous church members. But for neglect of this matter, God, by the mouth of Malachi, pronounced a curse upon the Jews of his day for withholding the tithes, and calls it "robbing God." He is heeding rebukes now by many church members, who have at least the curse of leanness in their souls, and will have a fearful account to render in the great review, if they shall fail to repent here. The Judge will say: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto me, ye did it not unto me. If you do, cease from robbing God, be honest, bring all the tithes into the store house, put him to the test, and he will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, so that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Everybody owes something to God, poor and rich. All should pay to the Lord that God that enableeth thee to get wealth. A wise man will give to the poor widow of Zion to suffering Elijah, and the two mitres among them shall meet with a due reward. If the Christian church would come up to the standard of Judaism in their liberality, by paying tithes of all they possess, not only would the ministry at home be amply sustained, but the heathen world would shortly be Christianized. The disabled veterans in God's service, and the widows and children of those who jeopardized their lives in the high places of the field, and fell amidst the noise of the captains and the shouting, should be housed, and clothed, and fed, by a grateful church. And the Judge will say, "Well done, ye did it unto me."

**BRIEF MENTION.**  
 Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, is writing the life of Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson.  
 Bishop Pinckney, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maryland, died July 4, aged 74 years.  
 Mr. Muller, of the Bristol Orphanage, having closed an evangelistic tour through Russia, expects to proceed to India.  
 There is in Baltimore a home for aged Methodists, which cost \$100,000. Such institutions are the best and most commendation of Christian charity.  
 A rich man in Boston has given \$100,000 to aid D. L. Moody in his school at Northfield, Mass. When will the spirit of liberality strike the rich men of the South?  
 Arabi Pasha wants to place his daughter in a Christian school, and King Cetewayo talks of abolishing the liquor traffic in Zululand. The world is coming around on the right center.  
 The Congregational Year Book reports 1,185 ministers unemployed, and 1,023 churches without a pastor. They had better place their preachers and churches in the hands of a Methodist bishop. He would soon adjust the demand and supply.  
 The Montreal nun who became weary of convent life has been released from her vows by the Pope. The Bishop of Montreal said there was no hope for her release; but she is with her friends.  
 Princeton needed \$200,000 to carry out the plans of the managers. Dr. McCosh is at work, and has already secured the promise of \$150,000. We need that sort of grace in Texas. The Southwestern calls for \$100,000.  
 The Northwestern University, of Evanston, Ill., has a debt of \$50,000. Wm. Deering gave \$50,000, Ex-Gov. Evans, of Colorado, gave \$25,000, others made up \$25,000 and the debt was paid. When will we do things in that way in Texas?  
 A young train robber, who has been recently hung in Arkansas, said to a visitor: "I have been a fact disciple of Bob Ingersoll. His doctrine, I have tallied as a rule of life, and will not at all serve as a basis of hope in death. Ingersoll's doctrines have brought me here."

**Under the head of missions, the Southwestern Methodist has the following:** "Noble Coleridge, a revival of religion which is said to be greater than any which has awakened its students in twenty-five years." The Methodist is right. A college even in Massachusetts that has not had a revival in a century needs a century needs missionary work.  
 A decree has been issued by Emperor William, ordering the 10th and 11th of Nov., 1883, be observed as the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of Luther. What changes have been wrought in human history since the day that the Pope attempted to arrest the preaching of Luther by his anathemas.  
 Mrs. N. Lawrence Lindsley, of Greenwood Seminary, near Lebanon, Tennessee, died recently at Dalton, Texas. She was widely and favorably known throughout the South. The seminary was opened by Dr. Lindsley in 1851. It graduates represent all the Southern States. Mrs. Lindsley was not only a superior teacher, but a lovely character and an earnest Christian.

**To the Local Preachers.**  
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The Temperance Question as a Political Problem.

BY J. M. G. CARTER, A. M., M. D., WAUKESHA, ILL.

To the Advocate. Temperance ideas have permeated a large portion of our population, and when we consider the magnitude of the importance of such ideas, and their relation to the fundamental principles of our government, we realize that the temperance question is one of great political importance, and can not wonder that it has been pushed to the front in some political campaigns.

It is not a question that can be settled by Republican or Democratic; it is a question for the American people. If it should be approved by a Republican or Democratic convention, and a plank be inserted in their platform insinuating that approval, every politician knows that thousands of either party would refuse to sustain the ticket. It is a radical question, and revolutionary in its operation.

Temperance men must harmonize their political views with their moral views. In regard to this question at least, they must maintain principles rather than party names. It has become as important an element in political discussions as the tariff question. It must not be a question that we shall consider it as a sensible people—for the good of the nation, for the good of humanity, for the good of our own homes? If we do not thus take hold of this element in our country's politics, our national prestige will decline, and our industrial prosperity decline.

Neither time nor the necessary limitations of this article will allow a discussion of the points which lead inevitably to the conclusion we have presented, but they are patent to every student of this question. Our object here is to introduce this subject, so to speak, or this phase of it, and we earnestly hope that it may be fully discussed by the people who hear, and, we believe, read.

The final analysis of every political problem leads to the consideration of the question, "What will be the effect upon the people?" In this subject of temperance, the effect will be the consideration of the influence of intemperance upon the morals, the mind and its faculties, the body, the home, the financial condition of the country, and the political views of men and parties.

Some of these points have been fully discussed; but the phase which relates to the scientific discussion of the action of alcohol upon the system of an individual, and the phase which refers to the financial and political aspects of the intemperate use of alcohol in our nation, need further elucidation by physicians, politicians, and statesmen.

If physicians would show men the dangers attending the use of alcoholic liquors, by explaining and illustrating in a popular manner, their physiological action, young men would not be so easily tempted to indulge in the iniquitous beverage.

Politicians would show the evil effects of liquor drinking upon parties, by explaining election frauds, dishonest votes, etc., unmaneuvered by whiskey-drinking, the masses would be less likely to wink at drunkenness on election days.

If statesmen would carefully estimate the waste of capital and labor in our vast republic, caused by the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic liquors, the intelligent classes would better appreciate the political and social evil. The results of the elections in Kansas, Iowa, and other States, show that the people themselves have noted this question, and they will have it considered. The high license law in Illinois proves that politicians are beginning to realize that their tenure of office depends upon their attitude toward the temperance question. The local enactments of towns and villages throughout Illinois and other States, indicate the upward tendency of the people. Surely, then, if the question is properly discussed by those able to do it, the time can not be far distant when the roll of temperance States will be long.

Southwestern University Endowment.

1st Per Member.

To the Advocate. It has been shown in former articles, by a simple analysis of our statistics, membership, that it is a liberal estimate to say that of the ninety thousand members of the church in Texas, ten thousand may be looked to as doing anything appreciable toward endowment. To find that ten thousand to raise money proceeds upon the supposition that every preacher will be equally interested, zealous and successful. But what are the facts in the case? Only a few weeks back the statement was made in the Advocate that one-third of the preachers in Texas never sent a subscriber to the paper, one-third sent a subscriber occasionally, one-third worked for the Advocate, sent subscribers and sustained the paper. If this is the state of the case with a resigning power to the church which to each—or ought to touch—every home and heart of our connection, how would the case likely stand with a movement like that of Christian education, in reference to which our members and ministry have thought and read so little as to be practically asleep on the whole subject? If we go through our statistics we will find the statement of the Advocate sadly confirmed. A considerable proportion of ministers will be found who raise little or nothing for the benevolences of the church, a large proportion who do a little, the remainder—comparatively few—coming up fully with all the demands in church effort.

We find in the ministry, among our membership, more indifference to the calls of the church. No movement or proposition stirs their enthusiasm. They never build a parsonage or erect a church. They are behind in their duties, private and official. In short, the ministry, as other professions and avocations, has its failures. Then there are narrow-gauged preachers, as we have narrow-gauged members—men who fear that every call for money will injure their special interests, or will

disgust their people. We have in the ministry, as among our members, men of specialties. They are deeply interested in missions or the conference collection, and in nothing else. We have kind and experienced preachers, who look as serene and feel as horrible in lifting a collection as ordinary men would feel in "robbing a hen-roost." We have frontier preachers and preachers in mission fields who, however zealous and willing, are unable to do anything in a matter like caliche endowment. Then there are numbers of preachers as local in their feelings, attachments, and labors as many of our members. To the science of the country they labor in, or the town or neighborhood to which they are attached, or in which they are in some way interested, they would labor very zealously; but for any confessional enterprise they will do nothing. Then there is the inevitable "opposition"—those who are never in exact harmony with any movement of the church, but who always find objections sufficient to place them in antagonism to the movement. Is this a gloomy view of the subject? Has it not been so from the beginning? Is it "boiling the thing down" too completely to say, with the facts before us, that in any per capita movement in education, or in any other taking these probable exceptions of ministerial effort, one-half of the people likely to give to education would not have the matter pressed upon their attention? A collection, which has been ordered give one hundred dollars for the relief of the University the present year, no one will rejoice so much as the undersigned if the results contradict these estimates. Nor are these estimates made in any spirit of despondency, discouragement, or from any spirit of complaint. It is simply from a desire to study a practical fact in a practical way—to study it in the light and presence of that sternest and most exacting of all teachers—experience. But shall we despair of endowment? Oh no! By no means! There are five thousand at the back of every responsible Elijah, who are abundantly able, and many of them—if the matter is rightly presented—are willing to add in this important movement. Let us abandon per capita fancies, and take hold of the beam at the other end. Let us try and hunt up two hundred and fifty gilly men and women, who have ordered give one hundred dollars each for endowment. Let us proceed to hunt up two hundred who will give two hundred dollars each for endowment. Let us proceed to hunt up one hundred who will give five hundred dollars each for endowment. Let us proceed to hunt up thirty who will give one thousand dollars each for endowment. We have already found one man who will give twenty thousand dollars. Could not six be found who would give five thousand each, and two who would give ten thousand each? There is a scheme that will put Southern University, age and opportunity considered, abreast of any institution in the church.—F. A. MOON.

Gainesville District Conference.

To the Advocate.

The eighth session of the Gainesville district conference met at Aurora, Wise county, on Thursday, July 5, 1883. Rev. W. F. Easterling, the presiding elder, was in the chair.

The ordinary questions coming before a district conference were asked and publicly discussed without referring them to committees, as is usually done. The discussions were interesting and instructive.

The reports from the different charges on the spiritual state of the church and the attendance upon its ordinances and social meetings, showed that the interest of the people in social meetings was decreasing. If ever, conducted; that the prayer-meetings were poorly attended, and less visited by those who mostly need their healthful influence. The preachers appear very hopeful that the spiritual state of the church in their charges will be greatly improved by the summer showers.

The reports from the several charges on Sabbath-schools are encouraging. Wherever there is a Methodist Church building in the bounds of the Gainesville district, there is a Methodist Sunday-school, supplied with Methodist literature. In several localities there are flourishing Methodist Sunday-schools, in union houses, and in other places union Sunday-schools are being organized. The great barriers in the way of having a Methodist Sunday-school at every preaching place is a lack of Methodists, and a lack of a responsible fear on the part of many of our Methodist people of making somebody mad by organizing a denominational school.

Encouraging reports from the Northwestern University and the North Texas Female College were read before the conference. Judge I. M. Oatis, the president of the North Texas Female College, was present, and made an excellent talk on Christian education, and spoke most hopefully concerning our college at Sherman.

The merits of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were discussed, and complimentary resolutions were passed. The following delegates were elected to the annual conference: A. H. Shoemaker, C. C. Bell, I. M. Woodward, J. C. Roberts, Alberts, T. H. Roberts, A. M. Hill, G. W. Wadkins, and C. F. Roberts.

Dea. M. was selected as the place for holding the next conference.—E. C. DEJENNET, Secretary.

Aurora Circuit.

In connection with the report from the district conference we give an extract from a letter from Rev. F. A. Moon, the preacher in charge at Aurora. He says:

We had good preaching by Bros. DeJennet, Blackburn, Crutfield, Roberts, Archer, Easterling, Shurtwood, Martin, and I think we were well pleased with our town and our clever people. The Methodists are weak here, both financially and numerically, but our Presbyterian and Campbellite brethren assisted in providing for the conference, and the brethren about one month ago from the Florida Conference in bad health, and without money or means of conveyance, but through the efforts of Bro. T. B. Norwood, low of Denton circuit, and formerly pastor of Aurora, and the brethren of the conference, raised thirty dollars, and Bro. I. M. Woodward, of Aurora, raised thirty-five dollars among the citizens and mounted me upon a nice, young six-year-old horse, with a new saddle and harness. May the Lord bless those good brethren, and give them an abundant admittance into his everlasting kingdom. Bro. J. A. Smith is to assist me as much as he may be able through the present season, which we report, and only a few weeks hence, may the Lord help us to preach faithfully the kingdom is coming.—PLEASANT L. SMITH.

Stephenville District Conference.

To the Advocate.

I returned yesterday from Alexandria, to my appointments nine miles from Dublin, on the Central railroad. We have organized there this year, and the outlook is encouraging. It has some true and devoted Methodists. Dublin is a town, with a good country around it. We have here 63 members, some of them most excellent and zealous Methodists. The outlook is hopeful. At Center Valley we have many good people. Methodism is again being established in these parts. Bro. J. P. Mussett, preacher in charge of the Stephenville circuit, is hopeful of good results on his charge. He has a good people. The Stephenville circuit is too large for one man. My main aim is to get a satisfactory cultivation of the field of operation. Bro. Mussett is preparing to build another new church. Stephenville is the location of the Stephenville District High School. The building is commodious and well adapted for its purpose. The outlook seems to demand additional buildings. Stephenville is a healthy place, and inviting to parents and guardians who have children to educate. Mr. Mahany will travel through the district this season in the interests of the school. All who may be favored with a visit from him will enjoy a feast of reason and Christian experience. The school is now more prosperous than ever before. We recommend it to all. The Stephenville station is in a more healthy condition now than for some time. This is due largely to the piety and intelligence of its pastor, Rev. W. F. Packard. All speak well of him, both as a man and as a preacher. Piety and intelligence are essential requisites in the character of a Methodist preacher. Bro. Packard's determination to be thoroughly furnished upon every good word and work is commendable. It was my privilege to spend several years at the Vanderbilt. To be fitted for the work should be the watchword of all God's chosen vessels to bear glad tidings of great joy to perishing souls. The district conference was a grand success. There were several conversions and additions to the church. The church was greatly refreshed. The preachers and laymen of the district were encouraged to do more and better work than they have done in the past.

There was a fair attendance both of the ministry and the laity. There seemed to be a good interest manifested on all the subjects brought before the conference. Special prominence was given to religious, practical, and business, practical, spiritual, and with power. Reports of preachers-in-charge show that they have not been idle; members reported, 2171; net increase, 246. There are 22 weekly prayer-meetings which were reported, and only a few dissenting. Family prayers are held in 160 families, and 297 persons pray in public. There have been no revivals in the district as yet. There are some very working Sunday schools. There is too much encouragement given by our people to the union? Sunday-school at the expense of our own. TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE take \$10, being 28 to the charge. Assessed for foreign missions, \$200.00; collected, \$158.17. Assessed for domestic missions, \$203.96; collected, \$38.40. Amount for the support of ministers, \$6,011 amount paid, \$1,291.65. Amount raised for the improvement of church property, \$1,119.25. Eight parsonages, with an aggregate value of \$4,019.

Dr. Moon's communication was read, and elicited the following resolutions: Resolved 1st, That we most heartily endorse the Southwestern University and recommend it to the patronage of the church and people. 2d, That we endeavor to raise in all our charges the full amount of the assessment ordered by the annual conference for the aid of the University. In behalf of our church publications the following resolutions were passed: Resolved 1st, That we are deeply grateful to God for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. 2d, That we heartily endorse Dr. I. G. John and the publishers in the course they have pursued in giving to the Advocate. 3d, That we recognize in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE a greater power for doing good in Texas than any other paper or periodical. 4th, That as pastors and preachers we strive to place it in every family in this district. On Saturday the Sunday-school programme was carried out to the agreeable entertainment and profit to all present.

The following brethren were elected to the next annual conference: M. S. Stanford, James Robinson, J. M. Monk and U. J. Morton; alternates, S. V. Pool and J. N. Groesbeck. Adjourned to meet at Gatesville, Correll county, Texas, at time appointed by the presiding elder.—W. F. PACKARD, Secretary.

The Children's Work.

To the Advocate.

To the Children in the Chappell Hill District. At the quarterly meeting of each charge in the district, we desire to hold a special missionary service at some convenient hour for the children. I ask each child in the district to write his or her name on whatever amount possible for foreign missions. This amount will go to the credit of the charge wherein it is raised, but to be known as the "Children's Fund." This is not to interfere with any plans which may be now existing in the charges. I ask the parents, teachers, superintendents, and preachers, both local and traveling, to aid the children in this enterprise. Give the children some work or plan by which they may raise a sum for the cause, and instruct them on the subject of missions. This is not designed alone for the amount of money that may be raised, but for the education of the children, and the spirit which is awakened among them in this great work.

I wish every preacher to send to J. B. McFerrin and get a report of the Board of Missions for every family in his charge. A postal card will get all the news, and the interest of bringing the entire district up on this subject.—I. Z. T. MORRIS, BRENSHAM, July 18.

Colorado Mission.

To the Advocate.

With the veteran Rev. J. W. Whit, pie as guide and interpreter, we left Aurora, July 7, for the quarterly meeting on the Colorado mission, in the mountains 25 miles above Austin. I wondered why Bro. Whipple left a light buggy and a fast horse at home, and set out in a heavy carriage, drawn by two slow-wart mules. I suppose after his experienced glance had measured the avowals of the presiding elder, and remembering that "a righteous man is coveted by the Lord," he was being wheedled into the choice. At any rate, these are important factors to be considered in a mountain tour. Night found us in a wilderness of rock and scrub oaks, and the prospect was gloomy equal to the emergency, and by 10 o'clock we were safe in the house of a most hospitable and kind-hearted man, Saturday morning we started out in search of the quarterly meeting. But that was a trifling item with my guide, for what Bro. Whipple cannot find in these mountains must be hidden indeed. In this morning's drive I found the man had heard of my life, and he was in a hurry to get me, living in a cave surrounded by mountains many hundred feet high.

At 11:45 we found the meeting-place in Sandy canyon. A few old logs were scattered about, and a board nailed to a tree to take up the trail, and to the tree at the other answered for a pulpit, while great spreading pine trees gave us shade, and mountain peaks, which rose many hundred feet on either side, crowded the sky with their heads. We found Bro. Baxter and two other holding the fort. After a hasty conference we retreated to a cottage situated in a lovely dell in the side of a mountain, where a laughing brook went dancing for the contentment of its young men through canon, cove, dell, and over mountain peak to summon mountaineers to worship in Pecon Cove. Noble young men these. No Scottish Highland chief ever carried a more noble and beautiful heart to bear the red cross and summons calls to tattle for God and the right. At night there were perhaps fifty people sitting on these old logs, and the gospel went ringing and ringing through canyon, cove and dell, and along the rocky heights and woody peaks. This first skirmish was prophetic of coming victory. At 11 o'clock Sunday, with reinforcements, a vigorous charge was made all along the line, and about midnight, our army rendered unconditionally, and a shout of victory went up from our ranks. At night Bro. Whipple cleared the deck and weighed the anchor of the old ship and made a strong pull for the shore, and the anchor was hauled every hand. Gathering up the spoils, we counted five conversions, among them was a lady fifty years old, besides a great number of "shinners" and "the Lord." Such a meeting is seldom witnessed in our times. Just think of it! Men and women seated on old logs and kneeling on black dirt yet smiling and rejoicing, and sending to the gospel, praying, and shouting along in a mountain cove with but one dim lantern hanging on a tree near by, and you have a picture of a scene I shall never forget.

Each day the Texas Conference support a missionary in this field. But at the present rate of progress and organization, the mountain work will soon be self-supporting, and Colorado mission will be no more.

To-day, when we returned to Austin to look after district conference matters, I left the meeting in good hands.—C. H. BROOKS.

Elijah and the Widow of Sarepta, Etc.

To the Advocate.

"Many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elias sent, save into Sarepta, a widow, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elias; but to none of them was he cleansed, saving Naaman, the Syrian."—St. Luke.

The sense of this paragraph is, that Elijah was not sent to board with any of the many widows in the land of Israel, but with a Gentile widow in the town of Sarepta; and not one of the Jews of Israel were healed by Elijah the prophet, yet he cured Naaman, the Syrian Gentile. The causes leading to a beneficent providence to abandon God's peculiar people to temporary misfortunes were the general prevalence of national wickedness. Ahab, the reigning king, was the most abandoned of all the kings of ancient Israel. He broke the covenant of the God of his fathers; he demolished the altars of the Lord, and built up the altars of shaded groves, and worshipped idols thereon. He also married Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Zidonians, and made an image of Baal and worshipped it. For this national wickedness God withheld dew and rain three years and six months from all that land, and famine's blight was on fields and fountains of water. Had the people refused to follow their wicked ruler, and, on a wass, protested against his idolatry and sins, no doubt God would not have sent such withering drought on their land. But they were moral cowards. Even the seven thousand that did not bow to the image of Baal had not moral courage to oppose openly the idolatry and public evils; Elijah withstood the current of public

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Miscellaneous.

A pretty romance is told about Benjamin P. Cheney, a Boston millionaire. It is said that he was married to a beautiful widow to marry him, for she agreed to do when she had raised her daughter. The waiting becoming too deliberate he married the daughter, who loved him without conditions, and she was to him a noble wife. The only way for the American laborer to keep his seventh rest day for himself and for his children, is to deny himself the sinful license of Sabbath-breaking, and set himself as a flint against all temptations thereto. Unless the tendencies are checked, they are sure in the end to make slaves of himself and his children, as that Niagara will speed to her plunge.--Morning Star.

Oxford University's income for the past year was £53,000, including £13,300 from estates, £1,000 from the press, £21,700 from fees and dues, and £17,000 from miscellaneous sources. The expenditure was £51,267, including £1,200 for interest and sinking fund on the £500,000 loan. The examination fees amounted to £5,000, and the payments to examiners came to £1,000. Practical fines only produced £207, degree fees, £2,000; university dues, £8,000; matriculation fees, £1,900. Professors cost £8,000, and university officers £4,500.

The new French law on religious and civil funerals provides that the last wishes of the individual as to ceremonies shall be fully respected. If the intention is disputed, the decision rests with the courts. The last will or other written testimony is the only admissible evidence, and the bench must decide within 24 hours. Any minister of religion who disobeys the order of a court is liable to a year's imprisonment for the first offense, and to five for the second, and it is to be presumed that those who unlawfully withhold religious rites will be visited with the same penalties.

Women sleep by far too little.

Sleeplessness is one of the most fruitful causes of the paucity and nervousness characteristic of American mothers. You will excuse us, sir, but permit us to ask whether your wife is not still busy with the care of your family six hours after your day's work is done? And then, when your children cry at night, don't you turn over your lazy two hundred pounds for another good sleep, and let that little, thin, pale wife get up with the hour with the little ones? And now, forsooth, you wish to know whether it is not but for her to lie till eight o'clock in the morning.--Central Christian Advocate.

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AN OASIS IN THE DESERT OF CORRUPTION.

Next to prevention nothing is so desirable as cure. Never was prevention better exemplified than it is at the Eastern Penitentiary. So exceptionally excellent is the management in regard to health that of the 10,000 prisoners there, not more than three are in hospital. If humanity in general were as careful of itself that painful evil-tormenting piles would not be so prevalent, and there would be no necessity for the manufacture of Swaney's Ointment, which is a cure for this itching and stinging disease.--Philadelphia Ledger.

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TSYDAL had supposed the color of the water to be due to a reflection by the rays of the blue rays of sunlight, red rays being transmitted. Were this view correct the light which passes through the water must be red, but Mons. Spring of the Belgian Academy finds that such is not the case, a distinctly blue color being seen through a long tube of pure water.

Three-year-old Gracie was hugging and kissing her baby sister, when her aunt said to her, "And you really think you love your little sister, do you?" Quick as a flash came the reply, "No, I don't think I love my little sister; I love her without thinking."

See advertisement of leases and carriages for sale. A bargain can be had.

The Rev. Dr. B., of Dublin, who is introducing to an audience the Rev. Dr. S., a famous missionary from India, his home by birth, concluded his remarks with the following: "He comes to you from that land where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile."

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