

Texas Christian Advocate.

My Thought String.

To the Advocate. Why not? May not thoughts, like beads, whether of a rosary or round a baby's or a beauty's neck, be strung? All you need is first the string, and then the thoughts.

NEW EVIDENCE OF CHRISTIANITY.

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GAIN IN CONNECTION WITH G-DLNESS.

We read it in the newspaper that some celebrated "revivalists" made a moneyed contract, in advance of prayer and sermon, at one such a week. We have heard of one who gets one hundred dollars per week. We heard of another pulpit star who engaged to preach at three different camp-meetings this season and it is whispered he is to receive one thousand dollars. It is also intimated that gain as well as godliness is among the elements of some modern zealots for camp-meeting. The undersigned prefers the old Pauline process. "Godliness is great gain." At the same time he tries to exercise that charity which "hoped all things, believeth all things, and thinketh all evil."

SABBATH DESERTION.

It is feared that this is sadly on the increase. The Paritan Sabbath lives only in memory, even in New England the Sabbath is fast losing its hold on the Hebrew Sabbath once did, and is a day more marked by recreation from labor and amusement than attendance at church and divine worship. The Sunday newspaper is doing more generally with richer interest than the Sabbath itself. It is no longer considered, but a few Christians, that there is nothing wrong in buying a cigar or "a daily" on the Lord's day.

THE ABSENCE OF MEN.

This is marked by any one attending our churches that the attendance of males is much less than of females, and is growing gradually less each Sabbath. Hard toll of brain and muscle and nerve incessantly during the week clamor for recreation on the Sabbath; and it is not difficult to do what is most agreeable--to make the Sabbath a day of mere physical rest and enjoyment.

LIGHT IN THE EAST.

In examining the variety of sins by their signs and their sad effects, in our generation is, the Saul, the son of Kislehead and shoulders above his brethren. It is Satan's latest, most approved ruin-machine for the souls and bodies of men, for the destruction of individual peace of families, and peace of the church and the State. It is doubted whether, after the practice and experience of six long years, measured each by a period of a thousand, internal iniquity and diabolical constructiveness can get out a patent-right for anything more fatal in its devastation than the use of "liquor and company" as a beverage.

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It is cheering to see that in many parts of the country patriots and Christians are arousing to their duty, and the safe of interior trades. Men, except through medical prescription. The whisky world is wide awake, and almost fabulous amounts of money will be used to defeat the temperance movement. The women have their hearts in a effort, and prayer-entitled for the salvation of their husbands, fathers, husbands. There is light in the East. Let not rash hands or visionary measures disappoint holy hopes. Prohibition is the sum of all good, and the main part and sale of it are the men and women of the world.

CHARMING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

This is an unlawful practice, and is often the cause of heavy deadly action, by which families are made wretched. In peace, and under the protection of civil law, this is either the work of the coward or the bravo. Let parents discountenance this evil; let the public press do its duty; let the law be rigidly enforced. License dram shops and allow persons to carry concealed weapons, and murder will be of common occurrence. No one will be safe from attack from him whose brain is crazed with liquor, and ears concealed about him deadly weapons.

Woman's Work for Woman.

Woman's report of the Women's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference.

To the Advocate.

As the representative of the Women's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference, it becomes my duty to present to the board the history of the organization and present status of the society, as well as the possibilities as grander achievements from the future. Texas is an empire of the future. Texas is an empire of 250,000 square miles, with a population of 2,000,000, and taxable property to the amount of \$100,000,000. The State is at present composed of 236 counties, 87 of which are yet unorganized. These counties, as a rule, are not sparsely settled (as is generally supposed) by those of the old States with a semi-barbarian population.

Just the reverse is true as regards the great body of the State. Education, enterprise and intelligence, characterize the great mass of the people everywhere, while schools, colleges, and universities are flourishing all over the State. Churches of every denomination abound, though the Methodist Church is the largest one.

The temperance cause is advancing grandly, and local option is the law of the State. In some counties, according to the statement of Dr. Young, State lecturer, the doors of the prisons stand open night and day, as the result of the temperance councils which are being everywhere established. Peace and plenty go hand in hand, and pressing poverty is almost unknown. Crime there doubtless is; but, perhaps, less than in generally supposed, and less than in many of the older States. The great tidal wave of missionary zeal today is sweeping our broad land from North to South has struck in its onward sweep the beautiful land of flowers, and is running over its grand practice and vine clad hills, taking in villages, towns, and cities; and yet, when we reflect that out of a population of 2,000,000 in the State, the comparatively small number of 970 men comprising the 39 auxiliaries of the

the four Texas annual conferences (as given in the summary of home work for 1881-82), were disposed to become discouraged in view of the magnitude of the work yet to be accomplished. The fields are truly white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. On the 21st day of October, 1882, in the town of Seguin, during the session of the West Texas Annual Conference, after the organ of the five auxiliary societies had been reported, a woman's conference mission society, numbering seventy-five members, was organized by Dr. D. C. Kelley. Mrs. Ellis, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was present, and gave an address which has been broken. At once it occurred to the Doctor that to repair that lock would be the direct way to the heart of the chief, and most readily impress him favorably towards Christianity. The missionary mission, by this means, was accomplished at least the first part of its purpose. He made a real friend of the black chief. Good deeds, whether in heathen or Christian lands are the most convincing "Christian evidences."

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The West Texas Conference embraces a vast extent of territory, taking in the whole of the Mexican border from New Mexico to the Gulf. Sprung and settled as this portion of the country is, and difficult of access as some portions of it are--particularly the present home of the writer, the beautiful and historic ever-green city, the old town of Guadalupe, where Pannin and his brave men met their fate, the corresponding secretary of the West Texas Conference Society, in laying her report before the board, feels that it is but just to say that had travel facilities been greater, much more could have been accomplished. In organizing auxiliaries in that portion of the State it is necessary to travel a great deal by stage, and in addition to the discomfort of such a mode of travel it became necessary, in view of the feeble condition of the society, for her to bear the whole of the expenses incurred in the prosecution of her duties in assisting in the organization of the societies. The discomforts and expenses have, however, been well repaid, and with a view of the fact that her feeble efforts are being put forth in the mighty work of assisting in sending the blessed gospel of peace to the benighted heathen world, and especially would she rejoice in being permitted to join in "woman's work" in the great work of evangelizing and saving the millions of downtrodden heathen women who, with weary, longing eyes are sending their mute appeals across the sea, saying, "Help, help us! Christian sisters, help us!"

In closing this report I should like to say a word in reference to our elected lady, the beloved president of our conference, Mrs. Ireland, wife of our present governor. Mrs. Ireland is in the position of president of the Church, South, but not a Methodist woman, and inspired with a burning zeal for missions. In a recent letter to the writer she says that in view of the fact that she has changed her place of residence from Seguin to Austin, which necessitates a change of membership from the West to the Texas Conference, she feels that it will be her duty to resign the superintendency of our society at the next annual meeting of the Conference Society. Should this course be necessary we feel that it will prove highly detrimental to the interest of our infant society. We should be glad to have an expression of the board as to whether it would be advisable for Mrs. Ireland to retain her present position as president of the West Texas Conference Society, in view of the fact that she holds her membership temporarily in another conference. In laying before you this our first annual report, we would commend to your consideration the various portions of West Texas Conference Society, in view of the fact that she holds her membership temporarily in another conference. In laying before you this our first annual report, we would commend to your consideration the various portions of West Texas Conference Society, in view of the fact that she holds her membership temporarily in another conference.

From the Mountains.

Waynesville, the county seat of Haywood county, in this State, has besides its superior altitude and charmingly cool climate, the attraction afforded by fine sulphur water of almost ice-cold temperature. The white sulphur spring of Waynesville is situated about four miles southwest from town, and has become quite a popular summer resort. This spring is situated in the midst of a lovely park of noble forest trees, at the base of the Blue Ridge mountains, one of the highest peaks of the Alleghenies, and bubbles up in a large vein of pure white sulphur water that is never falling in its supply. A large hotel and cottages within the park afford ample accommodations for the summer visitors who come from the various portions of the Union to enjoy the pure, bracing air of the mountains and to drink the fine water. It has only been within the last few years that this spring has been open to the travelling public; but its virtue as an ice-cold mineral water is widely known, and it is thought, that in time, this resort will rival the famous Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs of Virginia. That this may be true there is no need to be doubted, when we take into consideration the advantages this place enjoys in situation and grandeur of surrounding scenery. There are five peaks of the Alleghenies within sight of this spot, which attain an average height of 6,000 feet each, and upward. It has only been since the railroad has crossed the Blue Ridge mountains--about four years ago--and has penetrated the seemingly impassable barrier of the Alleghenies heights, that the attractions of this portion of North Carolina have become known to any considerable extent to the outside world. The facile pen of the writer, Christian Reed, has drawn the attention of many to this beautiful mountain land through a series of articles entitled "The Land of the Sky," which first appeared in Appleton's Journal, and have since appeared in book form. Her glowing accounts of this portion of her native State have been the means of drawing hither hundreds of visitors, where formerly but few came; and the time seems rare at hand when this country will have become the favorite resort of the tourist and pleasure-seeker. The fact is apparent to all those who have ever visited this country that no other portion of the Union can offer superior attractions in salubrity of climate, grand mountain scenery, and the abundance of almost ice-cold free-flowing water which are found here on every hand.

Spring and refreshed ourselves with a drink of the pure, cold sulphur water. The crowning beauty of the mountains is the fine growth of timber with which they are clothed. Here the poplar, wild cherry and walnut are found in abundance; and since the railroad has made this country more accessible, these trees are sought by lumbermen from a distance and are cut in large numbers. The walnut trees grow to an immense size. One walnut tree, it is said, was brought not long since in the forest here by a Northern firm, which, when sawed into lumber for use in the construction of a house, found the tree for beauty is the mountain fir which clothes these mountains in rich, vernal loveliness, its graceful, tapering form pointing spire-like toward heaven. This tree is an evergreen, so that throughout the winter months, even in midwinter, covered as they are with the dark green foliage of these trees.

The summer days are passing on, and the first week in September I expect to be again in Texas. Before closing I would remind my sister, corresponding secretaries of North Texas Conference to send their quarterly reports for September 1st promptly to my address at Dallas, as I wish to forward my quarterly report for the Conference Missionary Society to Nashville, in due time.--FLORENCE E. HOWELL, WAYNESVILLE, N. C., AUGUST 18, 1883.

Bishop Andrew's Election.

In Bishop Andrew's reminiscences he tells of the eventful conference which made him a bishop: "I had said in a former number that I had a very indistinct recollection of the doings of the General Conference of 1832. There is one subject, however, connected with their doings, of which I have a very distinct recollection--the election of the late Bishop George, and the increasing intimacy of Bishop McKendree, it was determined to elect two additional superintendents during the session of the General Conference. This resolution of the Convention, and I was glad to understand by some of my friends that my name would be brought forward as a candidate for the office.

This announcement filled me with a good deal of anxiety. My only consolation was that the responsibility involved in the office of a Methodist bishop, and then measured these by my own qualifications, I shrink from it. I could scarcely persuade myself that the conference would elect me, and this conviction, however, was very materially increased by the following circumstance. It was announced that I was to preach on the succeeding Sabbath, I think in St. George's church. Whether I repaired to the place or not, I am not positively assured, and with that sort of paralyzing influence on all the faculties of mind and heart which is a sure forerunner of failure. And when I arose in the pulpit and surveyed the congregation, I felt that I was unworthy to undertake the duty assigned me by the members of the General Conference from East, West, North and South starting at me, I felt that I was to preach a trial sermon, for the most of them had been drawn thither by the prospect of my presence, and I felt that I was unworthy to undertake the duty assigned me by the members of the General Conference from East, West, North and South starting at me, I felt that I was to preach a trial sermon, for the most of them had been drawn thither by the prospect of my presence, and I felt that I was unworthy to undertake the duty assigned me by the members of the General Conference from East, West, North and South starting at me, I felt that I was to preach a trial sermon, for the most of them had been drawn thither by the prospect of my presence, and I felt that I was unworthy to undertake the duty assigned me by the members of the General Conference from East, 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Uncle Ike's Department. SHELBYVILLE, Aug. 1.—Uncle Ike: I have listened to papa reading the little folks' letters with so much interest that I am persuaded to write. I am a little girl eight years old. I love to hear the ADVOCATE read; it has so many nice letters from the young folks. Some of them belong to the church, and some to the Testament class, and some are little missionaries. Cannot I do something? Uncle Ike, for Jesus?—MARY CAROWAY.

HACKBERRY, Aug. 7.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am a little girl nine years old. I help ma cook and wash dishes, and do many other things about the house. We have no Sunday-school. Ma and myself and my sister and little brother read the Bible every Sunday. I like the ADVOCATE, and I love to read the little folks' letters very much. I want grandma to read this letter. She has been a member of the Methodist Church five or six years. She is an old lady.—LANNIE E. MORROW.

INDIA STATION, Aug. 6.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am thirteen years old and live five and a half miles by rail from L-Grange. We call our home India Station, after my little aunt, who is named India. I live with my grandpa. My father having died many years ago, my mother married a second time, and my grandpa took me to live with her. I do not go to Sunday-school, as there is none convenient. Most of our family are members of the Methodist Church. My grandpa is on a visit to us now, takes the ADVOCATE, and since she has been with us I have read it a good deal, and like it so much I made up my mind to join your Bible class as soon as I begin to read your excellent paper. I think your letters to the children are interesting. And now, Uncle Ike, please send my name on your class-book, and remember me to your prayers.—ROBERT W. SHEPHERD.

Treating the Boys. One summer day, when the vertical sun was pouring down his burning rays and not a breath of air seemed stirring, a tired, thirsty city missionary, while chasing eyes and throbbing temples, was passing along a street lined with liquor dens, when he saw four ragged, bare-footed, bright-eyed boys, from eight to twelve years of age, turn to go into a large school.

Jack's Fear. Almost every boy has some kind of a fear. Theodore has a fear upon his cheek, made by falling against the stove; Albert has a fear on his foot, on a hatched; Franklin has a fear on his shoulder, where a horse, named Lucy Lolly, bit him; but Jack's fear is no like these.

Scientific. In an address before the Munich Geographical Society, Dr. Oscar Loew has mentioned that the dryness of the western Sahara is quite recent, and that it was caused by the felling of forests on the Abinggar mountain range.

The Palazys of Travancore. In illustration of what Dr. Reid has said about mission work among the low castes, some account is here given of a serflike race for which the Church Missionary Society is laboring in South India. They were formerly altogether slaves, and some of the present disabilities under which they suffer are so described: "In some places they (the Palazys) are not allowed on the public roads, in others they are driven

"Will, you can make your mark," said Miss C., producing a pledge, which they all signed, and the other two making a cross.

Mr. D. Mackintosh has described an attempt to fix the date of the glacial period in years. His investigations have been carried on in certain localities of England and Wales, where he found that limestone rock sound boulders has been worn away to a depth of not more than six inches.

How do earth-worms increase the fertility of the soil? It is a question which may well be asked, since it is plain that these creatures can add no material to the soil. Herr Hensen has answered by proving that the worms grudge all plant-growth by making burrows through which the delicate roots of the plants can penetrate, and also draw into their burrows vegetable matter from the surface.

Miscellaneous. A story comes from England to the effect that Mr. Justice Mellin, in passing sentence on a moral prisoner, said the following words: "Prisoner at the bar, your counsel thinks you innocent, but I cannot see it so. You are innocent, I think you innocent. But a jury of your own countrymen, in the exercise of such common sense as they possess, which does not seem to me to be wanting, has found you guilty, and it remains that you should receive the sentence of the law. That is, that you be kept imprisoned one day, and, as that day was yesterday, you may go about your business."

Another woman's worm. Infamously, tasteless, harmless, cathartic; for feverishness, restlessness, worms, constipation, &c.

During the last days a western member of the House, vindictive of his I upon the floor, struck a Henry Clay attitude, and cried out, with all the fervor of original conviction, "Sir, I do not see how you can be a President. 'Don't worry yourself about that,' shouted another member across the aisle; 'you'll never be either.'"

THE DUKES OF WELLINGTON. The Duke of Wellington, when residing at Walmer Castle, had walked one Sunday evening into Deal, and entered Trinity Church. After wandering about for some time in search of a sexton, who, as a matter of course, was engaged elsewhere, the Duke engaged himself in a rosy-looking pew in front of the pulpit. After a short time a lady, of portly and pompous appearance, the owner of the pew, entered. After uttering a prayer, she cast a look at the intruder which was intended to drive him out of the place he had taken. She had not the least idea who he was, and would probably have given him the boot, had she known him, to touch the hem of the great Duke's coat, or asked for his autograph. Seeing that she was about to bring her indignation upon the Duke, she did not know him, that she must request he would immediately leave her pew. His Grace obeyed, and chose another seat. When he was leaving the church at the end of the service, he had at last found the sexton, who, with many thanks, A-S-B, who, as a matter of course, was engaged elsewhere, the Duke engaged himself in a rosy-looking pew in front of the pulpit.

A Young Men's Christian Association of England has sent an accredited agent to a country, and a very mission. His object is to arrange with reputable farmers in the United States, especially in the West, for the placing of young men from 16 to 18 years of age, to be thoroughly instructed in practical farming. The young men are to be selected by the association from among those who are not fitted for business, or have no chance to enter business, and who have no other opening in life. There are, in fact, large numbers of youths in England who after serving an apprenticeship to a merchant find that there is no work for them to do. The association intends to send as many such young men as possible to this country, where their opportunities will be so much larger than at home. They will be only sent to farmers who are well established, and who will be in a measure responsible for those entrusted to their care. It is believed that there are many such farmers who would be glad to have the service of respectable lads at a nominal figure. It is also proposed to provide homes in this country for girls, as domestics, who are unwilling to take such positions in their own country, and many of whom readily go to ruin. It is to be hoped that the plan will be as successful as it deserves to be.

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WE AGAIN thank brethren for the condensed style of their revival correspondence. If pencil is used please write distinctly. Do the same if you use the pen. "TWELVE heads of families pledged themselves to hold family prayer." A revival that kindles the fires of devotion around the family altar is kindled by the touch of the Spirit of God. One great want of the church now is home religion. When the children see that their parents honor God at home, they will be impressed with the reality of religion.

FATHER O'HANAN, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa., has ordered children to abstain from wearing bangs while attending divine service. If they fail to obey he sends them home. Were a Protestant preacher to assume such supervision of the costume of his congregation the secular press would point it out as a proof that puritanism still survives. They treat such things very respectfully when a Catholic priest is the performer.

The ratio of sinners in great cities to every million of inhabitants is as follows: London, 87; New York, 144; Berlin, 170; St. Petersburg, 208; Vienna, 287; Paris, 402. The highest in Paris, the lowest in London. In London there is belief in God, and a future state is the predominant sentiment; in Paris there is but little faith in God or in the future. How much influence does this absence of moral accountability in the French mind exert over their tendency toward sinners?

BISHOP STALLAND, of the Catholic diocese of St. Paul, Minn., recently said: "The need of the hour is a grand tidal wave of total abstinence sweeping over the land. The strongest protest possible must be made against intemperance. Total abstinence is the protest. Will it be made with sufficient force to save the people? This is the vital question for the future of America, and I might add, for the future of religion." If every Catholic bishop would throw his full weight against the saloons, thousands which are now kept by avowed Catholics would possibly be closed.

ONE sows another reaps. One looks out on the broken clouds and sees the seed which slink out of sight, and then he looks to sun and cloud and hope. The other looks out on the golden wealth of the harvest field, and putting in his sickle gathers with rejoicing the abundant harvest. This was our thought as we read last week the letter of Bro. Carter, from El Paso. He is sowing the seed and yet his eye turns wistfully to another field, where the laborer are gathering in a rich harvest of souls. Each has his work, and as all stand in our apostolic lot and the Lord of the harvest will overlook neither the sower who goeth forth weeping while he sows, nor the reaper who rejoices in the midst of his harvest.

FROM many States comes the sound of conflict between society and the saloons--the one trying to free itself from the liquor curse and the other seeking to fasten itself more securely on society. The contest in Missouri is sharp. The law has been enacted, and it reveals the sentiment of the people, they are in earnest. The law requires a person desiring to open a saloon to make written application to the county court, endorsed by a majority of the tax payers in the neighborhood. He gives bond in the sum of \$2000, properly secured, and must pay not less than \$25 nor more than \$209 for State purposes; and not less than \$209 nor more than \$400 for county purposes.

A GREAT many years ago God said, "Be sure your sin will find you out," and every age furnishes proof that this law of God is inflexible. Achan may have hid his wedge of gold in his tent, but the lot of God will point out the man who troubled Israel by his sin. Ahab walks proudly through the vineyard of Naboth, and feels sure of its possession, for, under a false accusation, Naboth had been slain and his property reverted to the king. The prophet stands in his path and the conscience-stricken king cries out, "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?" "In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Ahab, James Carey, the chief of the Phoenix Park murderers, turned informer and five of his accomplices, by his testimony, were sent to the gallows. The power of the British government was pledged to protect his life. Under an assumed name he was sent to South Africa, and before he had planted his foot on its soil he was shot down in the presence of his family. While the deed of the assassin cannot be justified, yet the doom of the murderer who sought to save his life by the betrayal of his partners in crime, illustrates that stern retributive justice sooner or later overtakes the guilty.

AN EVIL IN THE LAND.

At a Sunday-school mass-meeting, in this city last Sabbath, a business man and a Sunday-school worker said that he meets every day in business circles young men who, a few years ago, were promising Sunday-school scholars, but now they never attend the house of God, while many treat Christianity with open contempt. Another speaker, alluding to this absence of young men from the Sunday-school and the house of God, pointed to hundreds who were at the base-ball grounds every Sunday, while thousands would be on the beach patronizing the beer-gardens and other places of popular resort. No one questioned these facts. They not only exist in Galveston, but possibly represent the condition of a large proportion of the young men in all the commercial cities of our State. Among the young men who have forsaken the house of God and who often join the scoffers in deriding Christianity, are found children of Christian parentage who have been trained to honor God at home and in the Sunday-school.

There are many causes which conspire to produce this condition of things, and not the least among them is the fact that Sunday work, especially in wholesale and cotton houses, is required of many of the employes. Their doors are closed on Sunday, no goods are openly sold, no freight is received or delivered; but work which has accumulated during the week must be brought up on the Sabbath day. If we are rightly informed, in many of these establishments clerks as regularly take off their coats and go to their desks on Sunday as on other days. In some houses there is no express requirement to work on Sunday; but the work assigned them renders it impossible for the employe to get through with it in six days, even with heavy night work, and "the tale of bricks" is demanded, the work must be done or another must take the place. In others the employes insist on their presence. If they will not work others will, and under this pressure they toil on during seven days in the week. With many the work is voluntary, for it enables them to command high salaries. With these, just now, we have nothing to do. We refer to those whose moral and religious convictions revolt against this demand for Sunday work, and yet are compelled to be at their posts on every Sunday or forfeit their situations. These facts supply one reason why a large proportion of once promising Sunday-school scholars have vanished from the Sunday-school and the house of God, while many of them have openly renounced the faith of their fathers.

It is difficult these days, when there are scores of applicants for every opening, for a young man to secure a good situation, and when one is secured it requires a high standard of religious principle to enable him to stand firm when confronted with the alternative of violating his convictions or surrendering a situation when the salary is needed for his support, or which may be the stepping-stone to success in future life. Very few young men have the moral courage needed to meet this trying ordeal. Some have mothers and sisters to support, and others have wives and children dependent on them, and it they give up their situations they know not how they are to "keep the wolf from their doors." Others feel that the surrender of a good opening, with no other in sight, is more than should be required of them. A compromise is thus made with their consciences. They persuade themselves that they are subjected to circumstances beyond their control; and though they perform the work under mental protest, they yield to the situation. The trial is a painful one to a young man on the threshold of business life, yet a compromise which subordinates the divine command to any human influence or authority, is unauthorized by the Word of God, and is fraught with danger to those who make it. The consequences are inevitable. Their religious sensibilities must be blunted by every effort to adjust their lives to a deliberate departure from the institutions of God. They have allowed themselves to be withdrawn from the Sunday-school and the sanctuary, and thus they lose all the restraining and elevating influences these agencies supply. Cut off from all religious aids and thrown in contact with unbelieving and irreligious men, it would be passing strange if their religious convictions should remain unimpaired. The effort they make to justify their departure from the commands of God tends to demoralize their religious faith, while the arguments of infidelity which float through the columns of the secular press and are echoed by their business associates, find them unarmured for the fight, for they have forsaken the places of religious instruction ordained of God for the establishment of the faith of the believer. No wonder amid these surroundings, with the attractions of sinful pleasure ever alluring them from the house of God, that so many go down before these evil forces, and the boy of rich promise in the Sunday-school disappears from the house of God, and ere long is found in the ranks of the open Sabbath breakers on the beach and in the saloon. To these influences we believe must be traced the fact so many children of religious parents drift from the Sabbath-school into the "seat of the scornful." It is the first step in the descending plane that leads to open irreligion and avowed or practical infidelity.

Such of this form of Sabbath-breaking, we are satisfied, is the result of thoughtlessness on the part of employers. Some no doubt make the positive demand of their employes, and answer the protest of the young man whose conscience is troubled by Sabbath work with the cool reply: "If you will not work on Sunday, others will. You can be at your desk or leave the store!" There are despots even in republican lands; while persecution for conscience' sake is not confined to the dark ages. Others, we believe, would not exact Sunday work were the employe to make a respectful request for relief; but if no protest is offered, the employer is unconcerned whether or not the work is done on Sunday, so the work is done. We are satisfied that could many of the business men of Galveston and other cities be induced to look at this question dispassionately, they would see the great wrong they are inflicting on the consciences of their employes when they either permit or exact Sunday labor. They may not be religious themselves; but they respect the rights of conscience in others, and are incapable of a petty tyranny which would compel a man to violate his religious convictions at the peril of losing a situation on which his support, or possibly the support of his family, depends.

Again, business men are largely indebted to a stable government, and faithfully enforced laws for the security and success of their business. A turbulent state of society, in which the authority of law is defied, will imperil their credit and capital upon which all their business operations are based. For them to disobey the law is to encourage lawlessness in others, and thus weaken the government which supports their business, and enables them to carry on its operations with safety and success.

If this is indeed one of the chief agencies which are withdrawing the children of the church from the gates of the sanctuary it is a question that demands the earnest consideration of every faithful pastor and Christian parent. How often as they have noted the small number of young men in the Sunday-school and the congregation has the question come up in their hearts, "Where are the children of the church wandering? Here are their fathers and mothers in their places, but where are their sons?" The reply: "They are in their counting-rooms or at their desks," answers the question in multitudes of cases. Is there a remedy? We believe if ministers and Christian people would interest themselves on this question, and present it faithfully to the business men of our towns and cities, this evil in the land could be largely abated. We believe the pulpit should speak out plainly on this question. Sabbath breaking is becoming our national sin; it is the chief ally of the dissipations and vices of our cities and towns; it is winning our young people from the house of God, and thus breaking down the moral and religious forces of Christianity in this land. "O, son of man, I have set thee a watchman upon the house of Israel; therefore shalt thou bear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me."

A RAILROAD MAN AND SUNDAY.

We gave sometime since the order of Bennett H. Young, President of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago railroad, suspending labor as far as possible on the Sabbath. As this action provoked much discussion, President Young, in a letter to the Railway Age, gives some of the reasons controlling his action. We have room only for a part of his letter. He says: "While I have no desire or intention to force any particular religious views upon any corporation or its employes, in this Christian country under the laws drawn largely from the inspiration of Christian training and command, I do not think that Christian railroad managers can ignore divine teaching on this subject. Every State in the Union has laws requiring the observance of the Sabbath; such laws are honary with age and honored by the experience of the wisest and best of our race. Taken then in a religious or municipal light, there can be no discussion of the subject. The laws of God and the laws of man are conclusive on this point, forbidding labor on the Sabbath day; and every railway manager operating a road on this day violates human and divine command, and by forcing his employes to do the same sets before them a continual example and practice of the disregard of the highest of obligations. There is nothing in the business of railways which in the nature of the case makes them an exception to these laws or lifts them above these considerations. They are not a distinct or separate class, but incur the same liabilities and duties as other corporations and citizens. It cannot be denied that railroads have led in this violation of the Sabbath. The two classes most prominent in it have been railways and saloons. The railways were the pioneers, and the saloons only followed close behind, clamoring for the same rights in disregard of the Sabbath. Again, there are said to be in the railway service of this country 500,000 employes. It is probable that more than one-half of these at some time are required to do Sunday service. The results of this requiring 250,000 persons to violate the Sabbath solely to make money for corporations, and this by direct corporate command, are of incalculable injury, not only to these parties, but to society at large. Men within my knowledge are every Sabbath day compelled to do work in direct contravention of their religious scruples. It is safe to assume that one-half of these employes are Christians; and this evil therefore becomes the more appalling. When you consider how these men, from fear of losing their places, are compelled to do this labor (much of which is totally unnecessary, and the result of indifference or cupidity on the part of the managers and stockholders), become a monstrous

wrong against the religion and family rights of these employes. And this compulsory violation of their duties as Christians and citizens teaches them to violate all other laws of the State, and prepares them not only for indifference to the interest of a corporation itself, but for the manifestation of a disregard for all wise precepts and restrictions. This is probably the worst feature of the whole question. No man, in the nature of the case, will be true to an employer, who for mere gain demands of him a violation of his conscientious scruples, and who forces him, through fear of losing his employment, to submit to service on a day which, by heavenly and human laws, he feels that he is entitled to enjoy as a day of rest."

BRIEF MENTION.

The Catholics propose to build a church in New York City for the colored people.

Under the head of "General Methodist News," the Northwestern Advocate says: "Grace Greenwood is in London, writing a biography of Queen Victoria."

There are 605 Chinese in various churches and Sunday-schools of New York city, of whom 39 are church members. Several are preparing for missionary work in their native land.

The Southern Presbyterian Church has increased its membership from 93,993, in 1875, to 127,017, in 1883—a gain of 33,144 in ten years. We rejoice in the prosperity of our sister church.

LAY preaching is a marked feature among the Primitive Methodists of England. One in every twenty-eight members is a local preacher. "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets."

The Wesleyan Methodist conference met in Hull, England, July 24. Rev. Thomas McCullagh was elected president, and Rev. R. M. Young secretary. The statistical returns show a net increase in membership of 13,314 during the year.

A CONVERTED CHINESE AT TALUD receives for his work \$25 per month; he lives on \$5 and gives \$20 for Bibles and distributes them among his countrymen. When will we find in this Christian land a like instance of missionary liberality?

The Moravian Mission, on the Missouri coast, Central America, reports a great revival among the Indians. Over 400 have united with the church. The wonderful work among the heathen in every part of the world should arouse the church at home. It needs revival also.

ARCHBISHOP GIBBONS, of Baltimore, has summoned all the archbishops for a short conference September 12, before their departure for Rome. It is said the Pope is despondent. The result of this counsel with his archbishops will be awaited with interest both by the religious and secular world.

A NATIONAL Methodist camp-ground has been laid out on the Catalk Mountains. Already \$20,000 has been paid for lots by parties who will erect cottages upon them. This blending of health-seeking, summer recreation and religion is becoming a popular movement in Northern Methodist circles.

THERE is a movement among the Buddhist priests of Japan against the obligation of celibacy, and an exclusion of vegetable diet. A meeting of the various sects will be held at Koyassen to remove these and other needless restrictions from the priesthood. Contact with Christianity is waking ancient superstitions out of the slumber of ages.

SAN FRANCISCO gave the Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar a grand reception. On the 11th the city was handsomely decorated. As the trains brought in the Knights, they were warmly welcomed, and the arrival of the Grand Commander proclaimed by the unfurling of the great banner--thirty-six feet in length--of the Grand Commandery of the United States. The list of the subscriptions to the triennial fund foots up already \$39,000, and it is believed it will reach \$45,000. When will the zeal and liberality of the Christian world measure up to like liberality?

A NEW CATECHISM.

Question. What was the state of public morals just before the flood? Answer. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. Gen. vi: 11, 12. Q. Did this corruption and violence cause God to destroy the earth and its inhabitants? A. It did. "And God said unto Noah: The end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence through them: and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." Gen. vi: 13. Q. May we infer from this corruption and violence, resulting in the destruction of the earth and its inhabitants, that there were no conservative agencies, as church, state, etc. A. By no means. We may infer the inefficiency of both church and state, but not the non-existence of either.

Q. Is anything alleged against the people of God previous to the flood? A. Yes; it is said: "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all, which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh." There were giants in the earth in those days, etc. Gen. vi: 2, 4. Q. When Noah offered burnt offerings unto the Lord, did God make a covenant with him and his sons, and their posterity? He did. "And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you." Gen. ix: 9. Q. What is the token of the Noachic covenant? A. The rainbow. "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." Gen. ix: 13. Q. What blessings are included in the covenant of which the rainbow is the token? A. Exemption from another deluge, and the maintenance of the general stability of the course of nature. "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake, while the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. viii: 21, 22. Q. Did God give precepts to Noah in connection with covenant promises? He did. "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them: Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things; but flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man." Gen. ix: 1-6. Q. Has the covenant with Noah ever expired, or been annulled? A. It has never expired nor been annulled, for it is an everlasting covenant. "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." A. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon this earth." Gen. ix: 13-16. Q. Can the Noachic covenant be changed? A. No. It is immutable. "For this is as the waters of Noah to me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be with thee, nor rebuke thee." Isa. lv: 9.

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STUDIES FOR AUXILIARIES.

The Woman's Missionary Advocate, for August, in order to increase the interest and value of the monthly meetings of auxiliaries, proposes to supply studies for each month. The following is the subject for study proposed for the September meeting: The idea is an admirable one. It faithfully pursued it will add largely to the interest of those occasions. (Note. After devotional exercises, roll call, reading of the minutes, reports of corresponding secretary, treasurer, and agent for the Woman's Missionary Advocate, in following questions may be asked by the president, each being open for discussion; and thus the papers prepared by the Literary Committee may be brought in advantageously.)

- 1. When was the M. E. Church, South, organized? 1845.
- 2. What fields were occupied as missions previous to the division? Liberia, Africa, and South America.
- 3. In what year did the M. E. Church, South, resolve to establish foreign missions? 1846.
- 4. What field was chosen?
- 5. What reasons may be given for the selection of China?
- 6. Who were sent? At what time? To what point in the Orient, and in proper order; also when and by whom.
- 7. Was the spirit of missions general at the time of the organization of the church?
- 8. During what decade did the cause of missions receive the greatest impulse?
- 9. What influence has woman's work had upon the cause of missions and the church?
- 10. Books of reference: "Missions of the M. E. Church, South," by A. W. Wilson. Price, 50 cents. Report of Board of Missions, for June, 1883. Free. Southern Methodist Publishing House.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

Bro. Atkins, of Pleasant Hill circuit, Ark., reports to the General Methodist Conference a revival over 40 conversions and 25 family-stairs erected. The right kind of revival. A relief fund for the benefit of the widow of Rev. J. L. Borden, of Shreveport, whose tragic death shocked the church, has been proposed. Address all donations to Rev. Charles F. Evans, Shreveport, La.

Dr. Morton reports that remittances "by scores" are being received by him for church extension. This is gratifying news, and we hope he will continue to receive the needed help for his object.

Rev. G. W. Horn says, in the New Orleans Advocate: "There are in Missouri, in round numbers, 60,000 Southern Methodists, with 275 ministers. Revivals this year have been frequent and deep. The footing tip at the end of the year will show good gains." The trustees of Palm Institute recently met in Augusta, Ga., and resolved to open October 1st at the latest. It was found that \$20,000 is necessary with which to start the institution, and \$5000 must be raised by October 1st. This effort to aid the negroes in the moral and religious training of the preachers and teachers should meet liberal support from every Southern Methodist.

Of the 175 young men and women who have this summer taken their diplomas from chartered institutions in Georgia, more than one-half graduated from the schools of the M. E. Church, South. The teacher has a grand mission. These graduates from Christian schools will bear with them the influence of Christian instruction into all departments of life.

Dr. Kelley recently said in a missionary address: "A man who lives twelve months in the church without paying anything to the cause of missions, has no right to call himself a Christian."

Bishop Granbery says it is very important that the young members of the church, when they are united in marriage, should establish the family altar. The suggestion is an excellent one. Preachers when they perform the ceremony might call the attention of each Methodist couple to its importance. In the meantime it is not too late for many old married people to build an altar.

The latest number of the Colorado Methodist tells of good work in that Western field. At Trinidad there have been conversions, and the church building is going up. The editor had been to camp-meeting and found "it good to be there."

In Edgeland county, S. C., fourteen new Southern Methodist churches have been erected in the past fifteen years, and nine of these on new territory. Only five take the place of old ones.

PERSONAL.

The life of Bishop Peck is to be written by his nephew, Rev. G. W. Peck, LL. D.

Prof. W. M. Crow, the superintendent of public schools in Galveston, has reached the city and is preparing for the arduous duties before him. He brings a well established reputation and a large experience to his work.

Dr. W. C. Palmer, the late editor of the Guide to Holiness, is dead. He was in his eightieth year. Doctor Byerson's long-looked-for and much-dreaded "Story of My Life" is out of press at the Canada Methodist Publishing House, Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Dabney, has resigned his professorship in the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, to accept to chair of Moral Philosophy in the University of Texas. Of the Bishops of the M. E. Church Bishop Simpson and Wiley are at Denver, Col.; Bishop Warren has gone to the Pacific coast, and Bishop Merrill is en route for China and Japan. Dr. Bristol, of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church, Newark, N. J., has passed under a cloud. He has given up his parsonage to his elder, and withdrawn from the ministry and church. Ex-president Davis has been attending the Ocean Springs camp-meeting. He was the guest of Bishop Keener when on the grounds. The news-papers report Mr. Davis and his daughter joining heartily in the songs of Zion. Francis Murphy, the temperance worker, will return to his home in Pittsburg in September. He is well satisfied with his visit to Scotland. By the will of the late Henry L. Kenhall, of Providence, R. I., the public library of that city receives papers, reports, and other religious books worth \$50,000, including \$6,000 to the Unitarian Association.

Southern Methodist Personal.

Dr. Mood, regent of Southwestern University, is now in Galveston enjoying the sea breeze, and gathering fresh strength from our bracing salt air.

Rev. T. W. Rogers, of Galveston district, spent several days in official duties in Galveston, and has left for his quarterly meeting at Cedar Bayou. Rev. H. M. Sears, pastor of St. James, left this week with the presiding elder to attend a conference at Cedar Bayou. A camp-meeting is a good spot in the life of a city pastor.

A letter from Bro. Morris announces the arrival of Prof. E. W. Tarrant, who has been elected president of Chappell Hill Female College. Prof. Tarrant brings high recommendations as an educator, and will give to the institution under his charge the full benefit of his ripe culture and enlarged experience.

Rev. S. A. Steele, in a brief valedictory, severs his connection with the Central Advocate as associate editor. His fine literary talents furnish abundant work for one man. Dr. Young has gone to Pueblo and will dedicate our church there. Our Missionary Secretary is surveying the field. At no time has there been such activity in our mission work.

Rev. Daniel Atkinson is the newly elected president of the Waxsawville college, which has been presented free of debt to the Holston Conference.

Rev. Dr. Bagwell, of the North Carolina Conference, has declined the professorship to which he was elected in Trinity College.

Mr. L. D. Dameron has withdrawn his proposition to sell the St. Louis Christian Advocate. Bishop McTeague has returned from his tour in the hills of the upper Cumberland country in good condition. The brethren report that he was well worked, and that the people got profit and pleasure from his visit. The Richmond Advocate of Aug. 9th says: "Bishop Granbery preached in this city last Sabbath. He is the latest Arkansas Traveler."

CURRENT THOUGHT.

(By Rev. John M. Crowe, of Galva, Ky., in the Central Advocate.)

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Inquire for the Old Paths. (By Dr. J. W. West, in the Nashville Advocate.) The course of things is unfriendly to good government. The licentious practices of men make them impatient of any restraint, and lead to errors of utmost gravity. The want of personal integrity, the sacrifice of principle for profit or convenience, the lack of honesty in business transactions, and the nameless wrongs against the weak and helpless, are the crying sins of this age, and beneath which the earth groans under the weight of a monstrous culture of ungodly rich men, the putting in place and power those whose only claim to promotion is their respectability, are prime offenses against virtue, and they are weakening us in the very centers of life. They who sit in the councils of the church, and direct its affairs, should be devoted to its interests. If this wealth and learning can be consecrated to God, and pride would give place to humility, all will be done for Him, whatever else may be done, amount to nothing. You may strip the tree of its leaves one by one, but when the sap rises it will flower again. And it should do little good to cleanse the stream if the fountain remains impure; the black waters would soon foul that which had been purified. Sap the tree, and the leaves and life will fall together; cleanse the fountain, and the streams will purify themselves. Get the world right on these grave matters that mold the character of men and fix their destiny, and then this drift-wood will float out to sea, and be heard of no more. It is impossible to give consistency to a life that is under worldly influences, and whose tendencies are to sensuous pleasures. If we can, let us return to the simplicity of our fathers; inquire for the old paths, and walk in them; and then a gracious power will regulate human conduct, and lead to spiritual prosperity. We need a great revival--a revival of truth, honor, manhood--a revival of debauched public opinion--a revival of grace and life--a sweeping shower of heart-thawing and transforming the nature of man, and leave him in love and sympathy with what is pure and good. That will save us, and nothing else will. Till that comes we but play at religion and sport with shadows.

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Home Reading.
"From Dark to Dawn."
"Oh, God, have mercy on me and my child!" It was a piteous cry, the young mother was seated on a low rocking chair, clasping to her bosom a little baby. Her eyes were an expression of intense sorrow, and the words, as they fell from her lips, sounded like a wail from a prayer. Presently she laid down her sleeping child, and put small pieces of coal on the fire. Then she turned to look at the clock on the wall, and saw that it was a quarter of twelve. There will be nothing coming in to-day. I will stay here, she thought, and I will have a little rest. Oh, mother, mother, if I only had listened to you and kept at home, and yet I love him. Presently she learned her arms on the bare mantelpiece and her face was pale. How still the room was! How slowly the moments rolled away! The very ticking of the clock became unbearable, and she began to pace up and down the brick floor. Presently she went to the window and looked out into the darkness. The white snow was thick on the ground and the wind was blowing fitfully among the trees. "Not coming yet," she said, and was turning sorrowfully away, when she thought she heard a voice. "Sit on the ground, and when the morning of the wind was hushed she heard a rough voice singing or rather shouting.

"Hit my case exactly."
Please allow me to speak in the highest terms of Hunt's Remedy, for it hit my case exactly. I had kidney and urinary trouble pretty bad. I was recommended Hunt's Remedy. I took one teaspoonful as directed. I felt a decided change at the first dose. I took two bottles, and have felt like a new man ever since. Please describe the sincere thanks of myself for the benefits which I sought vainly for and found only in Hunt's Remedy. I will cheerfully give this same opinion of Hunt's Remedy to any one who will be kind enough to call on me at my residence.

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the church where we were married, and oh, Tom, I couldn't pass it. The number of people who were there, and the pained, and two hot tears fell from Tom's eyes, upon her clasped hands. "I love you, Tom, oh, so dearly; and I would be so happy if you'd give up drinking. Have you forgotten the old days when home was a most life to us? Give me the drink, Tom, for God's sake, for my sake, for baby's sake, and I'll lay my very life at your feet." "Lucy, Lucy," he said, placing his brown hands upon her shoulders, "kiss me, and say you'll forgive all the past; and, God helping me, I'll never taste the drink again, never!"

A Story Moody "Never Will Forget."
A few years ago, in a town somewhat in this State, a merchant died, and while he was lying a corpse I was told a story I will never forget. When the physician that attended him saw there was no chance for him here, he thought it would be time to talk about a Christ in the dying man. And there are a great many Christians just like this physician. They wait till a man is just entering the other world, till the sands of life are about run out, till the death rattle is in his throat, before they commence to speak of Christ. The physician stepped up to the dying merchant and began to speak of Jesus, the beauties of Christianity, and the salvation he had offered to all the world. The merchant listened quietly to him, and when he had finished, he long have you known of these things?" "I have been a Christian since I came from the East," he replied. "You have been a Christian so long and have known all this, and have been in my house; have associated with me; you knew all these things, and why didn't you tell me before?" The doctor went home and retired to rest, but could not sleep. The question of the dying man rang in his ears, and he thought, "Why didn't I tell him before, but he saw he had neglected his duty by his principles. He went back to his dying friend, intending to urge upon him the acceptance of Christ's salvation, but when he began to speak to him, the merchant only replied in sad whisper: "Oh, why didn't you tell me before?" "Oh, my friends, how many of us are like this physician? If we don't practice in every particular the professions we make, and try to influence the lives of others, how can we expect our own salvation according to Christian precept, the world will go on standing over us."—Moody's *Annals*.

Father's Knitting Place.
The children were playing "Hide the Handkerchief." I sat and watched them a long while, and heard no kind word, and saw scarcely a ripple of movement; but after awhile, little Jack, whose turn it was to hide the handkerchief, came to the opposite side of the room, and tried to see if he was under the cushion of a big chair. Freddy immediately walked over to him, and said in a low, gentle voice, "Please, Jack, don't hide the handkerchief there; that is father's kneeling place." "Father's kneeling place?" It seemed like sacred ground to me as it did to little Freddy; and by-and-by, as the years roll on, and this place shall see father no more forever, will not the memory of this kneeling spot cast an impression upon the young hearts that time and change can never efface, and remain as one of the most precious memories of the old home? Oh, if there were only a father's kneeling place in every family, how many of the children would be better than they are now! Father's presence is often wanting, but his love is ever present, and his prayers are ever heard. Let us all have a father's kneeling place.

Being a Boy.
One of the best things in the world to be, is a boy; it requires no experience, though it needs some practice to be a good one. The disadvantage of the position is that it does not last long enough. It is a boy, not a man, and it is to be a boy, it is to be something else, with a good deal more work to do, and not half so much fun. And yet every boy is anxious to be a man, and is very uneasy with the restrictions that are put upon him as a boy.

Drop of Oil.
The sewing-machine went hard. Brother Will came and looked over my shoulder and knit his brow, as if he was giving me a puzzle. At last, turning back the machine, he laid down over the works and said: "Do you oil it here, Amy?" "Why, no; I never thought of that." A drop of oil was supplied, and in another minute the slender needle was flying through the work like a fairy.

It was now easy to turn the wheel that drop of oil on a dry spot in the machinery and all right.
There are many other places where a drop of oil works just as great wonders. For cold mornings, when tempers are apt to get frosted, as well as toes and finger tips, there is no magic like a few drops of oil. It is a most useful thing, in anger, and ready to do or say rash things. Just give him a "soft answer," and you will see how it can cheer and brighten the way for yourself and all about you.—*Young Worker*.

IMPORTANT PIECE OF ADVICE.
Few readers can be aware until they have had occasion to test the fact how much pain and expense is often saved by an early attention to any slight bodily ailment. In this connection it would be hard to explain by way of illustration that any irritation of the skin or symptoms of Piles should command immediate attention and an immediate application of Swayne's Ointment, otherwise it might develop into something more than superficial.

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WINDOM.—Mary A. Windom was born December 22, 1830; was married to John H. Windom, October 18, 1871, and died July 19, 1883. She leaves to mourn for her kind husband and four children and many friends. Early in life she thought to live, she found her Savior who was to her a dearest friend. To please her Maker was her choice, and to wait His good pleasure for her reward. Husband and children live to live again. You will be welcome in my Father's house.—*R. C. WALKER*.

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GATES.—At the quarterly conference of Chappel Hill mission, Texas Conference, Aug. 5, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:
WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to take to himself the soul of our beloved brother, Amos Gates, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and pray for His grace to sustain us in our sorrow.
Resolved, 2. That we extend our sympathy to his sorrowing family, and will endeavor to hold them up by prayers in this sad loss.
Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of this quarterly conference; also a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.
I. Z. T. MORRIS, P. E.
E. G. HOOPER, P. C.

FALVEY.—Lilla, 19-month daughter of Dr. J. C. and Mathia Falvey, died July 30, 1883, aged 3 years, 8 months and 4 days. She was one of earth's loveliest flowers. Having been blessed with religious parents, she had developed a most extraordinary spirituality of mind and a sweetness of disposition. She made glad the hearts and home of her parents during her transient stay with them, and now she is gone to make heaven brighter and more attractive. Bereaved parents, with your broken hearts, heed over this withered flower, remember that the hand of God has glorified it in a world of light and glory, where it is a tongue to sing the praise and thanksgiving to the will of Him who said, "So forth your children to come forth, and I will bring them out, for such is the kingdom of heaven."—*J. C. CALVERT*.

COOK.—Class No. 2 of the Lighthouse School, Sunday-school met at the residence of Mrs. Cook on Monday, August 6, 1883, to hold memorial services relative to the death of Miss Madie Cook, a member of that class. Appropriate services, conducted by the pastor, the following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved, 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Almighty God.
Resolved, 2. That we shall sympathize with her bereaved parents and children who linger in earthly sorrow, and let them be encouraged to rest their souls in His arms. We will sympathize with her bereaved parents, and let them be encouraged to rest their souls in His arms. We will sympathize with her bereaved parents, and let them be encouraged to rest their souls in His arms.

JONES.—To the presiding elder and members of the Broadwood district conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Texas Conference, August 18, 1883: Your committee on minutes have to report the sad intelligence of the death of Bro. P. P. Jones, local elder in our church and member of this conference. Bro. Jones was about fifty years old, a good preacher, and a faithful and devoted servant of God. His death, which occurred on the morning of the 27th of July last, was the occasion of universal sorrow throughout the community. He was a bright and noble man. He was a bright and noble man. He was a bright and noble man.

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News Notes and Comments. There were 735 deaths from Cholera in Egypt August 10.

Boston just now is jubilant over the fact that the champion pugilist, "Sluggery" Sullivan, is a Boston boy.

The Vatican has sent instructions to the Bishops of Spain to abstain from sharing in the present political agitation in that country.

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took good care of his slaves. They were property. The manufacturer and mine-owner of the North has no interest in child or man, boy or girl, after they have wrung the last drop of sweat from their bodies, and hence the law comes in to protect these miserable ones.

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