

Texas Christian Advocate.

Uncle Ike's Department.

Answers to Letters. Ora Sanson is welcome to the Bible class.

J. Cain Neal is right in saying Uncle Joe Barkis' battle was not a defeat.

Uncle Ike hopes David and Mary Williams and their sisters will be true soldiers of the cross.

Uncle Ike is glad to have Cora Hill, who tries to have good Sunday-school lessons, in his class.

Every little girl's papa, like the papa Mary C. Williams, would read to them Uncle Ike's Department.

It is a good sign when the children send such kind words of the preacher as Amanda E. Copeland sends of Bro. Lacy Boone, her pastor.

It was very kind in the "big sister" of Henry H. Copeland, a little boy of three years, to write for him such a nice letter.

BECKVILLE, JAN. 30.—Dear Uncle Ike: I am so proud of the ADVOCATE. It tells us so many good things.

When I announced the last opportunity for the little friends to contribute to the Tolosa church fund, of the "Coral Builders," I fondly hoped they would respond, speedily and liberally.

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Charles E. Gates and Maggie Shaw send correct answers to the questions in Jan. 19.

The questions of Feb. 9 are answered by Olive A. Houston, Annie E. Hughes, David and Mary Williams, Ora Sanson, Thenni Marshall.

Ellie C. Keith and Vannie Sweet send following answers to questions of Mary Belle Fowler: Moses was of the tribe of Levi.

Answer to Hidden Acrostic, in Feb. 9, sent by David and Mary Williams, is "Leviathan."

Cora Hill thinks Moses fasted forty days and nights only once, and Charlie Gates says twice.

Mary C. Williams sends two answers to enigmas: "TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE," and "In every thing give thanks."

OUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES. CENTENARY JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. BRENNHAM, Feb. 11.—Dear Uncle Ike:

I wish to join your missionary society. Do I have to pay for joining? If so, how much? I have started raising chickens for the missionary cause.

This inquiry of Allen's brings a matter of importance before us. This is the Centenary year of American Methodism, and the church is trying to arouse old and young in the cause of missions.

Dr. Hendrix in his "Centenary Watchword No. 3," calls for a centenary mission society in every Sunday-school in the Southern Methodist Church, and that every boy and girl shall be brought into this missionary army.

The Parent Board of Missions has suggested to build this centenary mission society in every Sunday-school, and that the money shall go as the Parent Mission Board has suggested.

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nearby ran their little legs off to feed it all the nice dry leaves it wanted.

Twice baby Willy, a darling two-year-old toddler, nearly fell into the fire in his eagerness to throw his tiny handful of leaves on the bonfire, but Neddly caught him in time.

The wind grew very strong, and blew the fire in quick flashes, first on one side and then on the other of the pile of leaves.

Neddly and Grace had run down to the corner for a fresh supply of leaves, and Kitty was racing after them.

Dickey was stirring up the fire with a broom-handle to make it burn more fiercely, and in an angry way he swept up the street.

In a flash the fire burst out on the other side, and three red, cruel arms about little Willy, who was standing there.

In an instant the white dress was all ablaze, and a cry of terror went up from the baby lips.

Dickey turned at the sound, and as he saw the cruel fire, his heart seemed to stop beating.

What could he do? Across the street stood Mrs. Bailey's carriage, with the pretty robe thrown upon the seat.

Dickey dashed across the street, snatched the robe, and, throwing it over Willy's head, pulled him to the ground.

Was the dreadful fire out? He pulled the robe aside, the flame flashed out; he beat it frantically with his hands.

All this was done in much less time than it takes me to tell it. The cries of the children brought Dickey's mamma and nurse to the sidewalk, just as Willy's mamma drove up.

She sprang from the carriage, and threw off the robe which covered her baby.

The little hands and face were scorched, the yellow hair was singed and matted, the white dress was burned near to pieces, but her darling was alive!

Dickey's mamma knelt beside him. "My brave, thoughtful boy, you have saved Willy from a terrible death. Are you hurt, Dickey?"

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WE FIND THE FOLLOWING IN THE GALVESTON NEWS OF SUNDAY, FEB. 21: THE ADVOCATE INSERTS IT WITHOUT CHANGE:

BEACH PARK SUNDAY 24th, 1 P. M. 100 MILES IN 5 HOURS.

Miss Nellie Burke WAGERS \$1000

To ride as above, making 2000 rounds of track and upward of Forty Chances of Horse, a Feet never undertaken by Woman.

A short time ago the legislature of Texas was assembled in special session to enact laws to suppress fence cutting and to strengthen the executive arm so that these laws could be enforced.

There are other laws on the statute books than those that relate to fencing land and the protection of property, and many of these laws are openly and persistently violated.

Article 185 in the Sunday Law of Texas reads as follows: "Any person who shall run or be engaged in running any horse race, or shall permit or allow the use of any nine or ten pin alley, or shall be engaged in any match shooting, or any species of gaming for money or other consideration within the limits of any city or town on Sunday, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars."

The Beach Park is within the corporate limits of the city of Galveston, and the News advertises the fact that the party riding the race wagered upon it one thousand dollars.

Miss Nellie Burke, the champion long-distance lady rider, yesterday afternoon fulfilled her promise to ride one hundred miles in five hours.

The reporter of the News could also have informed its readers that a number of saloons in close proximity to the Beach Park were open and were largely patronized by the assembled crowd.

The grand jury arraigned the liquor dealers for violation of the Sunday law the News vindicated the lawlessness of the saloons. Law is valueless unless it is impartial.

The State University opened at the temporary Capitol building, Austin, September 15, 1883, with 8 professors and 163 students.

It may gather some safeguard around those who are exposed to its influence, and shelter homes against the wiles of this insidious enemy of their peace.

The man who seeks to break these safeguards down and enrich himself by the ruin of others, proclaims himself an outlaw against the authority of the commonwealth and an open foe of his fellow-men.

Now, this State institution has been inaugurated, we wish it abundant success; but we beg of them to permit some doubting Thomases among the Methodists to continue in disbelief until it has survived the shock which all such ventures are subjected to.

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That scene of Sabbath desecration at the Beach Park, where a mixed multitude witnessed that unwomanly exhibition, with all its demoralizing influences and associations and surroundings, may present Galveston as a promising field for the gambler, the saloon-keeper and all those classes that enrich themselves by pandering to the appetites and passions of men and women.

There are other laws on the statute books than those that relate to fencing land and the protection of property, and many of these laws are openly and persistently violated.

With this statement, it may be confessed that the policy of establishing state educational institutions of a high order is of doubtful utility.

Less than ten years ago, the mechanical and agricultural college at Bryan was organized. At present not one of the directors then appointed holds office.

So exact is the correspondence between the physical wants of all living creatures and the provisions made to meet them, that this alone has been considered sufficient evidence of the existence of a good and wise first cause.

There is a canon of modern science, that whatever is needed to complement a race of beings in any constitutional respect always exists somewhere, or is attainable.

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Hundreds of explanatory foot-notes, prepared with care and labor, throw much light on the text, and customs of Bible times, and are such as will greatly aid and encourage every student of the Sacred Volume.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11, 1884. I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed recommendation of Wheeler's Analysis, by our Professor, Dr. Fizz—A high authority on this subject. At my request, he gives you the result of his experience in teaching the past two years. Hoping it may be of service to you, and aid to extend its adoption as a text book in similar institutions, I am truly yours, J. G. GRAINGER, D.D., HOWARD UNIVERSITY, Washington, D. C., Jan. 11, 1884.

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Christian Advocate

An Urgent Appeal for More Laborers in China.

(From the Wesleyan Advocate.)

Last year we made earnest call for more laborers for this field, and had hoped, ere the close of this year, to welcome a strong reinforcement, comprising at least four or five men under the Parent Board, and an equal number of women under the Woman's Board.

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self-reliant and full of resources. Associated with her should be at least two others in charge of schools, and assistants in woman's work generally; and one of them should understand music—not necessarily as a teacher, but sufficiently to enable her to lead the singing.

In conclusion, this is the sum of our immediate and pressing call, viz., five competent men for field and educational work under the Parent Board, and nine of our choicest Southern women—who can't be spared at home—to have charge of work under the Woman's Board.

YOUNG J. ALLEN, Sup't. China Mission, SHANGHAI, CHINA, Dec 26, 1883.

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Any party wishing to buy a Piano or Organ will do well before purchasing elsewhere, to write to Thos. Goggin & Bro., Galveston, Texas, for prices. They sell cheap for cash or on easy monthly payments. They are State Agents for Emerson and Steinway Pianos, and Mason & Hamlin Organs.

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The Central Methodist, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, a sixteen page paper, pasted and trimmed, an able, fearless, newsworthy, will be sent to any reader of this paper until January 1st, 1885, for one dollar, and a free paper given for each dollar thereafter. If you want a hearing, send us your name, and we will send you a Southern Methodist paper, here is your chance.

Alabama Christian Advocate. The only Methodist paper published in Alabama, and the special organ of eighty-five thousand Methodists in the State. Will be specially interesting to every Alabamian in Texas, and to many Texans. \$2.00 per year. Ministers half price. G. R. LYNN, Publisher, Birmingham, Ala. Rev. J. W. Resin, Editor.

A seven-year-old girl, living in Connecticut, a good reader and very fond of poetry. A few days ago a gentleman of eighty-eight years called on her grandfather, who is eighty-four years old. The little girl, wishing to entertain him, brought out her book of poems and selected one which she thought would charm, as it referred to old men, entitled, "What can an old man do but die?" every verse ending with that cheerful sentence. The hearty laugh that followed from the old man, and the special organ of eighty-five thousand Methodists in the State.

Black Leg in Cattle. A correspondent writes, asking: "Is there any advertised remedy which has proven a certain cure for Black Leg?" As a reply to the inquiry, we publish the following certificate, believing that they contain all the information desired:

BETTERPORT, Texas, Aug. 28, 1882. Messrs. Moseley Bros., Austin: Gentlemen—I have sold "Wonderful Eight" to several of my customers who used it for the cure of Black Leg by giving one or two doses internally and applying it externally. It worked like a charm. J. B. HENNINGSON.

BETTERPORT, Texas, Sept. 4, 1882. This is to certify that we have used your "Wonderful Eight" for Black Leg in Cattle by giving from 15 to 20 drops internally and applying externally one or twice to the parts affected, and it gave immediate relief.—A. J. McClure, W. B. Stewart, A. S. Stewart, Will McClure.

"Wonderful Eight" will be found on sale at all first-class stores. "The best suit I ever made," remarked the tailor, after proposing marriage and being accepted by his lady love. "Yes," she replied, "I am your maid to order." After they were married, he always declared that she was really made.—Cincinnati Saturday night.

As a Tonic take I. X. L. Chill Cure, one teaspoonful in a wine glass of water, three times a day. It will give strength and remove all Malaria. M. D. Conklin & Co., Proprietors, Houston, Texas.

A street-car collector carelessly tripped his bell-punch come and allowed his children to play with it. The next day the company informed him that he was \$9,000,000 fates short. He has offered to leave the children in pawn until he makes up the money.

If you have Chills and Fever, Ague, Bilious, Malarial or Intermittent Fevers, take I. X. L. Chill Cure, and if it does not benefit you, the dealer will refund amount paid for it. Sold by druggists, M. D. Conklin & Co., Proprietors and Wholesale Druggists, Houston, Texas.

There is something exceedingly cool in a Yankee's reply to the European traveler, when he asked him if he had just crossed the Alps: "Wall, now you call my attention to the fact, I guess I did pass risin' ground."

IMPORTANT. When you visit or leave New York City, save Baggio Express and Curragh Hire, and stop at the Grand Union Hotel, opposite Grand Central Depot. 60 elegant rooms, 500 up at a cost of one million dollars, reduced to 12 and upward a day. European Plan. Elevator, Restaurant supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroad to all depots. Families can live better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than at any other first-class hotel in the city.

Charlie Vere de Vere (sententiously)—"Geniuses, my dear Miss Marlborough, are men who just miss being fools, and fools are men who just miss being geniuses."—Miss Marlborough (awe-struck)—"What original things you say, Mr. Vere de Vere! I sometimes think that you are almost a genius."

As a Blood Purifier I. X. L. Sarsaparilla with Iodide of Potash has no equal. \$1.00; all druggists. M. D. Conklin & Co., Proprietors, Houston, Texas.

New Yorker (who has been "stuck" more than an hour with the intellectual young lady from Boston)—"You say you despise New York men. Then why do you come to New York, and why do you go to New York parties?" Young Lady from Boston—"For a complete intellectual rest."—Life.

Ministers of the gospel are now furnished with The Galveston News-Daily or Weekly—at half rate, viz., \$5.00 and 75c respectively per year. On this basis subscriptions should be sent direct to the publishers. Sample copies are sent free on application. Address A. H. Belo & Co., Galveston, Texas.

Two students who were not rolling in wealth used to go each morning, to turn, to buy provisions for the day. One day he whose turn it was to make the purchases had hardly put two cuts upon the table before the cat grabbed one and ran away with it. Ah! he said to his friend, "The cat has run away with my dinner!"—French Fun away with your dinner!

Are you Bilious? Are you troubled with Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Torpid Liver or Jaundice? If so, N. X. Liver Pills will cure you. Sugar-coated and pleasant in their action. One bottle, 25 pills, for 25 cents. All druggists. By mail on receipt of price. M. D. Conklin & Co., Proprietors, Houston, Texas.

She (holding out her latest "photograph")—"Now, Charles, you don't think it flatters me, do you?" Charles (cautiously)—"Well, no, my dear, I can't say that it does—it is so much like the woman you are."—Burlington Free Press.

Whitesmith's Child one is sailing for Paris to take the carriage to the Exposition. He is engaged in the other States. In the unincorporated districts of this State, where the Child makes their annual visit, a notice is published in the Advocate, read what the President of the Louisiana Cotton and Lumber Company has to say about it in another column.

"When Jack Downing comes visiting my daughter," said old man Hardtop, "I'll demonstrate the fact that every man can be his own head-jack."—Yonkers Gazette.

The publishers of the Advocate acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the new edition of Philadelphia, of Messrs. G. S. Potts, Goddard & Sons, which are valuable in design and arrangement. If you want a hearing, send us your name, and we will send you a Southern Methodist paper, here is your chance.

The publishers of a German novel scored a hit recently in the line of advertising. They had inserted in most of the papers a notice stating that a certain nobleman of means, anxious to obtain a wife, wanted one who resembled the description of the heroine in the novel named. Of course every marriageable woman who saw the announcement looked at the box, and some box much she resembled the lady in question referred to.

The Handy Companion. We have just received a copy of this excellent and most useful little work issued from the pen of Messrs. A. H. Belo & Co., the enterprising publishers of our Advocate, and Book and General Job Printer. It is a compact work, of 250 pages, containing a vast amount of most useful information in almost all departments of practical and business life. The following are some of the important features: Business, Legal, and Postal Laws and Forms, Etiquette, Letter Writing, Political and Religious Information, A Dictionary of Synonyms, etc., etc. It is many other useful bits, which are of great value to any practical business. I take pleasure in calling the attention of our people to this work, and recommend them to send for a copy. The price is 50c. per copy postpaid. T. W. ROGERS.

Feb. 25, 1884. News, Notes and Comments.

The Panama congress has declared Dr. Rafael Nunez president of the republic. Foote, the Freethinker, after completing in London a year's imprisonment for blasphemy, was greeted at the gates of his patrie by Mr. Bradburn and 2000 sympathizers with his views.

It is complained by the liberals of Ecuador that the election as president of Gaetano was the result of a trade with the church, and a revolt is threatened. Russia proposes to reduce her armament on the German frontier if Germany will do the same.

The steamer Great Eastern has been purchased by the British government for a coal hulk at Gibraltar. A rumor reached Cairo, February 25, that the powerful tribe of Beshareen Arabs, who occupy the country between Khartoum and Wady Halfa, and eastward as far as Berber, have revolted. If it be true, Gen. Gordon, with Khartoum and other garrisons, are cut off. They admit the necessity of a second canal.

The messengers of El Mahdi are passing through the whole of Egypt bearing the simple message still unaltered, "be ready." It passes from mouth to mouth, and a deep impression is made on the minds of the people. Salmi Morse, of Passion Play notoriety, committed suicide by drowning in the Hudson river. His body was found Feb. 22.

A Snakin dispatch to London, says that the rebel army is formidable in appearance, and it will take the best kind of men to beat them. That is the opinion of everybody who has read of the battles in which they have already engaged.

Advices from Suskin, dated Feb. 25, strengthen the report that Tokar has surrendered to the rebels. The flood on the Ohio river is subsiding, people are returning to their homes, and relief is being distributed among the sufferers as rapidly as possible.

The Suez bond holders unanimously decided not to accept the agreement of DeLesseps with British ship owners.

The sleep of war Alert which the British government adds to the Greeley relief expedition, will be commanded by Commander Goodrich. The "Thistle," purchased by the United States for the expedition, was to leave for America this week.

The Opium Import. Upward of 418,939 pounds of opium were imported into this country during the ten months ending Oct. 31, 1883; the amount for the corresponding period in 1882 was 196,804 pounds. In October last we imported 50,015 pounds of crude opium, while the whole amount of opium imported in the same month of the previous year was but 23,545 pounds.

Luminous Harrows. Luminous harrows, the latest English device for making the dark horse visible at night. A phosphoric paint applied to the blinkers, collar and other prominent parts of the trappings is used to bring about the result, and the harrow, thus prepared, is said to resemble a lightning as he plunges into the darkness of the country side.

A Salt mountain. In the island of San Domingo there is a remarkable salt mountain, a mass of crystalline salt nearly four miles long, estimated to contain 89,337,600 tons, and so clear that type can be read through a block a foot thick. The mountain extends for a mile and a half on the plain at the bottom of the sea, and as the island rose from the ocean, this plain formed the bottom of a shallow lagoon, where the salt was deposited.

A Female Switchman. A woman has been tending a switch at a railroad junction near Mason, Ga., since 1852, having succeeded her deceased husband, who was switchman for ten years previous. She is at her post from six in the morning till six in the evening, and during the whole long period of her service has never misplaced a switch. She is sixty-two years old.

A New Cotton Region. Sir Samuel Baker writes: "There is no country in the world so favorable to the cultivation of cotton, as that portion of the Sudan within the rainy zone, where showers from May to the middle of September insure the growth of the cotton plant, and a crop time absolutely free from moisture, which is not out of order of the season, which assists the planter to collect his harvest in the best condition."

Underground Telegraph. Pro. John Barrett, city electrician of Chicago, recently visited New York and Boston to examine the underground telegraph system of those cities. He is thoroughly convinced of the practicality of the system, and a bill soon began to lay underground wire into Chicago's new City Hall. The system will embrace only the city and police alarms, and cannot at first be extended throughout the city. A sum not exceeding \$100,000 is being expended, but this will be gradually added to.

Long Sleep. Two years ago Anthony Kaunn, a German of Erie county, N. Y., declared that God had commanded him to sleep until He should awake him, and immediately went to bed for two years. All attempts to arouse him proved futile. Pins were stuck in him, and he was given electric shocks at intervals for two years, but he never awoke to feel any sensation. Food was given to him in liquid form. Two weeks ago, on approach of death, he having contracted consumption during his sleep, he awoke. He wrote several letters, and seemed to be in a natural state of mind, but he died instantly on his pillow and died instantly.

A Strange Phenomenon. Three days ago the Fenian refugees at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were startled by a loud report in the direction of Captin's Creek. A party proceeded to the spot and found that a dense mass of sand, gravel and mud were issuing from a hole two feet in diameter and was rising a height of eight or ten feet. The eruption was accompanied by a terrific roar. The party was soon put to flight by another geyser breaking through the ground amidst in their midst and covering them with mud. The hole, which was about six feet in greater height than the first. Hundreds of curious people are visiting the spot.

A Strange Accident. A singular and fatal accident occurred at an oil well near Bradford, Pa., recently. Jacob Dickey, to lighten the load on a derrick, had a rope fast long down the tube until it reached the bottom. The agitation caused a strong flow of gas, the red being blown from the tube into the derrick. In its descent the rope struck the heavy cog on the top of the head, passed through to the left, came out the occipital bone, passed down through the left shoulder and lung, grazing the heart and coming out below the last rib. The man never lost consciousness, but slowly without flinching, the operation of having the rope pulled from his body. After giving directions about his funeral, he died.

Evil the Church. The Times-Democrat reports the following: St. Procop's Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio, has 4000 members all Bohemians. Trouble has existed between the church and Bishop Gilman. The Bishop recently appointed four members of the church, which the members refused to accept. Thereupon the Bishop excommunicated the whole church. He says: "This interdict means that neither mass will be said, nor sacraments administered, within the limits of the parish, and the dead shall be buried without funeral service. Nor shall the members of St. Procop's parish be entitled to receive the sacraments in another parish, or at the hands of any other priest in the diocese of Cleveland." The malcontents have held a meeting, and defy the Bishop.

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MARRIED. KNOX—WYATT—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. Vanhook, February 13, 1884, at Old Round Rock, Texas, Mr. W. W. Knox and Miss Ella Wyatt, by Rev. J. S. Turner.

ROBERTS—CHAPMAN—Near Oakland church at the residence of the bride's mother, Feb. 10, 1884, by Rev. W. W. Townes, Mr. J. W. Roberts and Miss Julia Chapman, all of Risk county, Texas.

EVARD—HILFERTH—At the residence of the bride's mother, February 8, 1884, at the residence of the groom's mother, Braemar county, Texas, by Rev. J. L. Murray, Mr. Jas. B. Nickel and Miss Hilferth, all of Garza county, Texas.

MARTIN—WHITELY—Jan. 23, 1884, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. L. Murray, Mr. W. H. Martin and Miss Mary Whitely.

SCHEISS—TIMELY—Feb. 2, 1884, at the residence of the groom's mother, Braemar county, Texas, by Rev. J. L. Murray, Mr. Jas. B. Nickel and Miss Scheiss, all of Garza county, Texas.

TRIBBY—COOPER—At the Methodist Church in East Oak, Feb. 20, by Rev. J. D. Whitehead, Mr. J. D. Tribby and Miss A. B. Cooper, all of Jackson county, Texas.

SCOTT—MANGUM—At the residence of the bride's mother, February 21, 1884, at the residence of the groom's mother, Braemar county, Texas, by Rev. J. L. Murray, Mr. W. H. Mangum and Miss A. B. Cooper, all of Garza county, Texas.

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Mr. Millin's Terrible Gun. On the floor in one of the rooms of the Norwalk Iron-works company is a long, heavy cylinder. Its length is about twenty-eight feet, and the diameter of the bore is about four inches. In another department men are at work constructing an air compressor. When the latter is completed it will be connected with the tube mentioned above, and what the inventor confidently believes will be a most tremendous engine of war, will be completed and ready for use. Several years ago, while in Washington, a gentleman from Ohio heard a naval officer say that if a gun could be constructed that would throw dynamite it would thoroughly revolutionize modern warfare. Mr. Millin—that was the gentleman's name—proceeded at once to invent such a gun, and he has reason to believe that it will be a perfect success. It would do, for its sudden action would explode the dynamite cartridge at the start and blow the gun to atoms. 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