

Texas Christian Advocate.

Providence Vs. Fate and Necessity

To the Advocate. The word fate is derived from the Latin noun fatum, of which Cicero says: "Fate is all that which God hath decreed and ordained shall come to pass..."

The fate was said to be three sisters, the Fates, called Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos... Clotho gave life to each, Lachesis determined the period and the events of human life, and Atropos ends it by death.

Damasus says providence is that divine will by which all things are ordered and directed to the proper, and Simplician says: "If God does not look to the affairs of the world, it is either because he cannot, or will not; but the first is absurd, since to govern cannot be difficult where to create was easy; and the latter is both absurd and blasphemous."

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The wounded foreigner home, entertains him, and makes of his people and his country; when it is discovered that the father of the wounded man and his horse are friends, Eureka!

Yes, eureka! there are possibilities in horsehoof nails! There is an "accomplished young lady" in that house; the traveled foreigner makes her acquaintance; Augustus is glad he hurt his shoulder, and he recovers and then makes some more acquaintance, and then marries--and George Washington is the fruit of the union--all from a horsehoof nail; and had that nail not been made, George would never have been born.

The myth of the horsehoof nail remains the myth of the cherry tree and George's little hatchet; the facts of which, without the trimmings, are said to be this: That the little hatchet was not a hatchet at all, but an old hand-axe which George's grandfather had brought over the water with him; that the cherry tree had no cherries on it; indeed it never had any, because it was a sugar tree, and George was tapping it for the water, which he had been forbidden to do for the old man was not ready to make sugar, so he warmed George up with a switch, thereby laying the foundation of his future greatness, and by which he became the father of his country.

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of the great and powerful city of Nineveh? The initials of these answers will give the name of our pastor. By J. Walter Mills: 1. Who made a parable of the trees? 2. What did Elshah obtain for three kings, their host and cattle? 3. In what place did Elshah take Samson to wash seven times? 4. What king had an iron bedstead? 5. Where was Abner buried? 6. Who was the father of Joshua? 7. Out of what country did Joshua send two men to spy secretly? 8. Who hid a hundred prophets in a cave? 9. In what land did Cain dwell when he went out from the presence of the Lord? The first letters of the answer to the above compose the name of our dear presiding elder.

By Benton McMahon: 1. Who was called Israhel? 2. Who was the father of Jesse? 3. Who was the second son of Jacob? 4. Who was Samuel's mother? 5. From what land did God call Abram? 6. Who was the brother of Moses? 7. Who was it that Abram rescued? 8. Who was made queen in the place of Vashti? 9. Who was the youngest son of Joseph? The initials of the answers form the name of our Sunday-school superintendent at Liverpool.

By Lizzie Wheeler: Who was Jacob's youngest son? What arose in Egypt while Joseph was there? What book do we prize most? Who was Moses' brother? Who was cast in the sea? Who was the Philistine giant? What prophet was the son of Boaz? Who was the son of Nahor? What is the 15th book in the New Testament called? The first letters in the answer will form the name of our loved pastor.

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BERRY--Joseph A. Berry was born in Williamson county, Texas, June 5, 1851, and died at the residence of his parents in Coryell county, Texas, March 17, 1884.

ROWLETT--Col. A. H. Rowlett was born in Virginia, Nov. 7, 1809; died in peace in Panola county, Texas, Jan. 20, 1884. In Rowlett's death the country lost a writer of its best efforts.

MURPHY--Nancy Ann Malissa, daughter of W. B. and Margaret F. Murphy, was born in Onachita county, Ark., Oct. 2, 1810, and died in Houston, Texas, March 10, 1884.

WEST--Ellisor West was born in Georgia, Jan. 10, 1810, and died near Uvalde, Texas, March 31, 1884. Her maiden name was Odum.

CORLEY--The loving husband, the tender father, the trusty friend, the sympathetic neighbor, and the devoted Christian, Berry Corley, finished his course at the altar of God's service, March 18, 1884.

JONES--Thomas Lee Jones was born in Hillsborough, Scott county, Miss., Oct. 25, 1829, and departed this life at Baymond, Texas, March 27, 1884.

Jesus last summer at Mt. Comfort Church, in Marion county, she was told to declare her precious gifts of God's love.

PHILLIPS--WHEREAS, The hand of Divine Providence has removed from our midst our beloved sister, Mollie I. Phillips, who was in every way worthy of our highest respect and tenderest affection; therefore, be it

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