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IN AND ABOUT RICHMOND.

How the Old Year Died—The Annual Exhibit—The Next General Conference—The Richmond Churches—A Striking Contrast—Vanity Fair.

If the brightness of this first day of the year "of our blessed Lord," 1886, is prophetic of the whole year, then the year will be bright indeed. It is more like October than January. This is pleasant and cheering to have the old year die in glory and the new one come in wreathed in smiles.

With all the surroundings of hard times, the annual exhibit, published this morning, shows that in the aggregate the year just gone was more prosperous than its predecessor. It has been free from distressing epidemics and has been eminently healthy. "O, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

As the next General Conference will meet in this city, many of your readers might be interested to learn something about the churches of the city and especially the M. E. Church, South. The population of the city proper is estimated to be at this date 75,000. With the suburbs and Manchester, just across the James river, at 85,000.

In the city proper are sixty-one churches and houses of worship, of which thirty-eight are white Protestant churches, with a membership of 13,963. The Catholics have four churches; the Jews three synagogues, and Christadelphians one. The balance are colored churches, containing (nominally) more members than all the Protestant white churches combined.

The Baptists, both white and colored, are largely in the advance in numbers of any other church. The Methodists are the next in number. They have in the city proper eight churches for whites, with a membership of 3,222. In Manchester they have three churches. Of the church buildings of the M. E. Church, South, Centenary is the oldest and largest. It was commenced in 1839 and opened for service in 1841; Broad Street is next in size and is about the same size as Centenary. It has recently been thoroughly fitted up, inside and out, and is the handsomest Methodist church in the city at present. Trinity, Union Station and Clay Street churches are large buildings, all comparatively new houses. Denny Street was finished last year; Laurel Street is now about reaching completion; Park Place Church will be the most modern in style and the prettiest of the Methodist churches, when completed. The walls are up and the roof nearly covered. It has been built mainly by the munificence of J. B. Pace, a wealthy member of it. The older building, erected a few years ago, will be connected with the new one, the whole, when completed, to cost nearly or quite \$60,000. Its location is in the most fashionable locality of the city, fronting Monroe Park. Manchester is now connected with Richmond by a street railway, which crosses James river on the Free bridge—making it very accessible. There are few prettier views than can be had from the Free bridge, in early summer, up and down the river. The James is spanned by three railroad bridges and two for wheel carriages and street railway.

It has not yet been determined where the General Conference will hold its sittings. Either Broad Street Church or Centenary will be elected, they being the most central, as well as the largest of the Methodist churches. Mozart Music Hall, now just completed, will answer for some special meetings. It will accommodate sixteen hundred people.

Last year at this time the evangelist Moody commenced his ten days' meeting here in the Armory Hall. During that time the hall was packed twice daily and sometimes thrice. For six weeks afterwards union meetings were held in a number of the churches. As a result one thousand members were added to the several evangelical churches, and a subscription inaugurated by Mr. Moody, amounting in one day to \$15,000, to build a hall for the Young Men's Christian Association. This was afterwards increased to over thirty thousand dollars. A fine lot on Main street has been bought and the hall will be commenced in a few weeks. The visit of Mr. Moody cost the good people of Richmond less than \$1000. He gave that much towards the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

This year the Armory Hall on the New Year's night is filled by "Vanity Fair"—in all its glory and pomp. Ostensibly the ball was in honor of General Fitz Lee, who was inaugurated on this day. He preferred a quiet and unostentatious inauguration, but the "children of this world" could not lose such an opportunity. Where all the churches contributed the meagre sum named, Vanity Fair lavished five thousand for one night's glittering show, not counting the untold thousands in silks and satins, etc. Tomorrow morning will leave nothing but "garlands dead" in the hall where revelry and the voluptuous dance hold carnival to-night, while many a "poor but proud" citizen will wake up to realize that the tinsel attire of wife or daughters has consumed the hard-earnings of months past, or what is worse, he will have to "fight shy" of dry-goods man and mili-

ner for many a day. Sic transit gloria mundi.

If a thousand dollars can be so used that under the blessing of God a thousand witnesses can be raised up for Jesus, and a building for Christian worship and fellowship which may stand like a lighthouse to bless and save the young men of the country for centuries to come, why should not the "children of light" be wise "in their day and generation," yea, as much wiser, as their work when done is more precious and enduring than that which is as a

"Snow-flake on the river,
A moment white, then gone forever?"
Pardon this moralizing, but a New Year is favorable to moralizing. A happy year to you and your readers.
RICH'D HURT.
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 1, 1886.

BISHOP FOSTER ON THE PROBLEM OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

REV. B. HARRIS.

This writer attended the late session of the Texas Conference, at Austin, and had the great pleasure of meeting many brethren, young and old, and especially those he had known in the days that are no more. Those members of this old mother conference, whom we had known when there were but two conferences in Texas, are looking older and somewhat worn, yet full of hope and ready as ever to do their Master's work. Of the conference I will not write, as the readers of the ADVOCATE have, ere this, had the proceedings in full. In company with Drs. Thrall and McLean, on Saturday morning, I went over to the church where the conference (colored) of the M. E. Church was being held, to hear Bishop Foster's address to the class to be admitted into full connection. The Bishop spoke for an hour—indeed, when we left he was speaking. He impressed me as a man of great force of character, a powerful and cultivated mind, of great piety, and, I may say, a great man—a leader of the people. The problem of educating and training the colored people, and of bringing them up to a Christian and moral standard, compared with that of the church of which he is a bishop, seemed to be the burden of his address, and, I may say, of his heart and mind. He excited my profoundest sympathy by his noble address, which at times rose to heights of genuine eloquence, and I was convinced that the Northern Church, so far as this good Bishop represented its spirit and aim, was sincerely seeking the elevation and salvation of the colored people. All good men can but bid them Godspeed in this noble endeavor, in so far as they seek this one object. The Bishop confessed that the "problem" was not yet solved, and that under great embarrassments they had hitherto prosecuted their work, and that now the discouragements were great and many. These discouragements did not grow out of the attitude of the Southern white people; indeed, the Bishop called attention to the fact that the State had made most ample provision for the education of the colored people—equal to that made for the whites. The discouragements were in the negro himself. We are glad to know that the Bishop knows and expresses so well the present sentiment of the Northern people as to the character of the negro and what is needed in the work of the church amongst them. After hearing the Bishop, I could but feel that all the churches should put forth more effort and do more than ever for the negro.

There were some things in the Bishop's address we did not particularly relish, one of which we shall mention. In this, as in other remarks, we thought we could discern a little of the old animus. He stressed and peculiarly emphasized the fact that in *ante bellum* days the negroes had to take seats in galleries, and that in partaking of the Holy Sacrament the whites were first served and then the negroes. The ha'ed color line seemed to be before the Bishop's mind. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Where is the color line more strongly drawn than in the church of which Bishop Foster is a chief pastor? Right here in Austin the negro has his church, and the white man his, and all in the same communion. This want of consistency, and the animus referred to, were the only blemishes in this noble address. O that the negroes would heed his counsel!
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

GETTING THE HANG OF THE SCHOOL.

REV. ATTIES G. HAYGOOD, D. D.

The new boy at the old field school who missed his first lesson, arrested the descending rod of the impatient teacher by a plea that appealed to justice as well as mercy: "Wait, teacher; give me time to get the hang of the schoolhouse."

It is hard to exaggerate the difficulties that attend the new editor; they would be embarrassments if he could know them all at once. But he will surely find as he goes on that "sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." No amount of "journalistic genius," of industry, of good judgment, of good conscience, can save the new editor from trouble. He also must just "get the hang of the house." It may be that some who give him warmest welcome are among those who have somewhat against the retiring editor; they will rally to the

new leader—till their articles are rejected, their obituaries are abbreviated, their pet notions run over. Advisers will come to his help and his hindrance in troops. Some of them he will need—they will do him good. The most insistent will give him counsel, and it may be that the "hint" quietly dropped and mentioned no more may be the one thing it will not do to forget. I am of the opinion that, as a rule, the most capable advisers are least disposed to be clamorous with their opinions.

The new editor cannot introduce himself by a salutatory; his readers must see him in many attitudes before they get acquainted with him. A man, who is a real man, seldom shows to best advantage in making his bow to the company. He who can do his best in making his bow has not much that he can do. It is certain that every new editor, at all fitted for his work, will call out some new writers and lose some old ones. Readers must have opportunity to become acquainted with the new staff as well as the new chief. One trouble is that neither the new editor nor the new staff can do their best till they have learned each other's ways somewhat, so that they can work together. And the new and the old who stay by the incoming administration must also become acquainted. Even a six mule team newly made up works at a disadvantage—even mules must get acquainted with each other.

The new editor has other acquaintances to make; he must learn the ways of his brother editors. He may have read all the *Advocates* as a subscriber, but he has to learn them in another way when they become "exchanges." As a subscriber, he reads what he cared for; as editor, he reads to know what is going on, that he may know what to tell his readers—he must now consider what they care for. To do this he must "put himself in their places"—and it is not easy, for he must know his readers. Knowing them as people is not the same as knowing them as readers.

If the new editor has the common experience, he will find at first much more that is good than he can publish; after a while he will find still more, and his most delicate and difficult—perhaps also most important—editorial duty will be in leaving out what he would like to publish if only it were best to publish it. He will be obliged to leave out much that pleases him; he would publish it if he thought it would do good for the cause the paper stands for and there were only room. He will need more patience than any man is born with, for he will soon find that many very good men and women cannot be read of a hearing. Not every good and wise man will do as a certain Bishop did the writer of this article on one occasion—thank him for taking a whole page out of his article. But that Bishop had experience as well as grace—he had been an editor in his time.

The editor of a church paper needs all the help his brethren and sisters can give him—writing for the paper is not always help. Extending its circulation and strengthening its influence is help always. An editor does not cease to be one because he falls into the newspaper way of saying "we." * * * Few things encourage the new editor like an increase of subscribers. He is apt to think they come on his account, and his courage and zeal are greatly stimulated.—*Southern Christian Advocate*.

SOME THINGS TO DO.

REV. J. K. BECKLEY, D. D.

Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-five died in giving birth to its successor. As there was no interregnum between Arthur and Cleveland, so there is no vacancy between the years.

Some things that should be done at once may give the reader a moment's pause on the threshold. Every honest debt now due should be paid early in the year—to-day, if the means can be obtained. Your creditor needs it; it is his; if he is rich, nevertheless your honesty demands that it be paid. Your Christian influence needs it. "Owe no man anything; but to love one another." Extensions with consent are equitable if the truth be told in gaining the consent. To be able to pay one's debts requires that the creditor should collect what is due him under the law of justice where mercy is not plainly called for.

Old feuds should be settled. If you are to blame you cannot offer the Lord's Prayer in faith, hope or truth. If both are to blame, you should hold out the olive branch. If the other, in your opinion, be wholly at fault, you can afford to be magnanimous.

If all the family feuds—and, alas! that we must say it, all the church feuds, and again, alas! if all the feuds among ministers in conferences, presbyteries, consociations and dioceses—could be adjusted in this spirit at the beginning of 1886, the angels would have a new reason to make heaven ring with "Peace on earth, good will to men," and the alternative rendering, "To men of good will," would have a new meaning.

What will give more true joy to any community than a genuine revival of religion? It is so easy to promote if there

be a willing mind. Will not everyone who "names the name of Christ" immediately set about promoting it?

One thing is written by the finger of God on the door-posts of every new year. It accosts with special emphasis every man who has not made his peace with his Maker: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." If the history of 1885 and all preceding years does not show that done, tell us, friends with whom we have commended each successive week of the year that is dead, are there not in these hints the germs of the happy New Year that we wish for "each and every one?"—*N. Y. Advocate*.

INCREDIBLE DISBELIEF.

HON. WM. E. GLADSTONE.

But I own my surprise not only at the fact, but at the manner in which in this day, writers, whose name is Legion, unimpeached in character and abounding in talent, not only put away from them, cast into shadow or into the very Gulf of negation itself, the conception of a Deity, an acting and a ruling Deity. Of this belief, which has satisfied the doubts, and wiped away the tears, and found guidance for the footsteps of so many a weary wanderer on earth, which among the best and greatest of our race has been so cherished by those who had it, and so longed and sought for by those who had it not, we might suppose that if at length we had discovered that it was in the light of truth untenable, that the accumulated testimony of man was worthless, and that his wisdom was but folly, yet at least the decencies of mourning would be vouchsafed to this irreparable loss.

Instead of this, it is with a joy and exultation that might almost recall the frantic orgies of the Commune, that this, at least at first sight, terrible and over-whelming calamity is accepted, and recorded as a gain. One recent, and in many ways, respected writer—a woman long wont to unship creed as sailors discharge excess of cargo in a storm, and passing at length into formal atheism—rejects to find herself on the open, free, and "breezy common of humanity." Another, also a woman, and dealing only with the workings and manifestations of God, finds in the theory of a physical evolution as recently developed by Mr. Darwin and received with extensive favor, both an emancipation from error and a novelty in kind. She rejects to think that now at least Darwin "shows life as an harmonious whole, and makes the future stride possible by the past advance." Evolution, that is physical evolution, which alone is in view, may be true (like the solar theory), may be delightful and wonderful, in its right place; but are we really to understand that varieties of animals brought about through domestication, the wasting of organs (for instance, the tails of men by disease, that natural selection and the survival of the fittest, all in the physical order, exhibit to us the great *arceum* of creation, the sum and centre of life, so that mind and spirit are dehorned from their old supremacy, are no longer sovereign by right, but may find somewhere by charity a place assigned them, as appendages perhaps only as excrescences, of the material creation?

I contend that evolution in its highest form has not been a thing heretofore unknown to history, to philosophy, or to theology. I contend that it was before the mind of St. Paul when he taught that in the fulness of time God sent forth his Son, and of Eusebius, when he wrote the *Preparation for the Gospel*, and of Augustine when he composed the *City of God*; and, beautiful and splendid as are the lessons taught by natural objects, they are, for Christendom at least, infinitely beneath the sublime unfolding of the great drama of human action, in which, through long ages, Greece was making ready a language and an intellectual type, and Rome a framework of order and an idea of law, such that in them were to be shaped and fashioned the destinies of a regenerated world.

For those who believe that the old foundations are unshaken still, and that the fabric built upon them will look down for ages on the floating wreck of many a modern and boastful theory, it is difficult to see anything but infatuation in the destructive temperament which leads to the notion that to substitute a blind mechanism for the hand of God in the affairs of life is to enlarge the scope of remedial agency; that to dismiss the highest of all inspirations is to elevate the strain of human thought and life; and that each of us is to rejoice that our several units are to be disintegrated at death into "countless millions of organisms;" for such, it seems, is the latest "revelation" delivered from the fragile tripod of a modern Delphi. Assuredly on the minds of those who believe, or else on the minds of those who after this fashion disbelieve, there lies some deep judicial darkness, a darkness that may be felt. While disbelief in the eyes of faith is a sore calamity, this kind of disbelief, which renounces and repudiates with more than satisfaction what is brightest and best in the inheritance of man, is astounding, and might be deemed incredible. Nay, some will say, rather than except the flimsy and hollow consolations which it makes bold to offer, might we not go back to solar adoration,

or, with Goethe, to the hollows of Olympus?

When ascends the fire
From the glowing pyre,
To the gods of old we'll hasten,
—*Nineteenth Century*.

BE OF GOOD CHEER AND REJOICE.

REV. HUGH PRICE HUGHES.

"On earth peace, and good will among men!"—What a mockery it seems to echo the words with which angels saluted the birth of our Lord, when Europe is swarming with armed men; when partisan journals are filled with envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; when the volume which describes the real condition of the poor is written in his and without with mourning and lamentation and woe; when the name of Christ is used to justify deeds which express the very spirit of antichrist. From this point of view there is only too much ground for the awful impeachment of official Christianity contained in the most terrible line that Tennyson ever wrote:

The churches have killed their Christ.
But let us alter our standpoint, and the prospect grows brighter at once. Many of those whose bigotry and selfishness have made millions of Europeans hate the very name of Christ have no idea that they are bigoted and selfish, and are equally ignorant of the far-reaching injury which they are daily doing to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. Like the Pharisees of old, they sincerely believe within themselves that they are righteous, and that all who denounce them are under the dominion of evil. And in their private capacity, when they are not bewitched by the demon of social, political, and ecclesiastical prejudice, they really are righteous. They are pure, amiable, and well-meaning. For the evil in their lives they are not so much to blame as their teachers, and their teachers are not so much to blame as the Christian churches of the first centuries, which, instead of overcoming evil with good, allowed themselves to be overcome of evil. When Constantine cursed the Christian church with his political patronage, a voice was heard saying, "This day is poison poured into the veins of the church." It was too true, and that poison has never been expelled. It is swimming in her blood to-day, confusing her brain, chilling her heart, and numbing her conscience. That premature identification of the church and of human society did not make human society Christian, but it did make the church unspiritual and worldly. The mischief was completed when our Teutonic forefathers were baptized in regiments at a time, and considered Christian before they had any intelligent knowledge of the teaching of Jesus Christ, or any real sympathy with the spirit which animated him. The tares and the wheat have grown together indeed! But by an arrangement the exact opposite of that taught in our Lord's parable, the tares have been sown first, and in far greater abundance, so that the poor wheat has had to fight for bare life, choked and crushed, and imprisoned from the light of heaven.

Anyone who reads the remarkable work of Dr. Schmidt, recently noticed in our columns, will learn, if he does not know at present, that even to-day, nineteen centuries after Christ, the principles of Christ are believed and applied only in relation to one corner of human life. In relation to the most private and personal affairs of the individual life, the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount is accepted. But in many of our family arrangements, in most of the customs of society and business, and in nearly all questions of politics, Europeans are still under the dominion of heathen ideas. The social and political doctrines which are daily propounded in our newspapers are on a level with the ethical ideas of the ancient world which Christ came to revolutionize and purify. The ferocious sentiments of the *Times* in relation to the Irish race are precisely on a level with the doctrines current in old Rome when the fierce legions of the republic were trampling every where upon the liberties of mankind. The cynicism of the *Saturday Review* would have delighted the clever and unscrupulous statesman of Athens. The way in which the *Church Times* writes about dissenters is an exact reproduction of the way in which the literary classes of ancient heathenism described and denounced the disciples of Jesus Christ. A distinguished clergyman, recently preaching at St. Mary's, before the University of Oxford, somewhat disturbed that august assembly by calmly informing them that some of them were only about six months removed from barbarism, some of them about six weeks, and some had scarcely emerged.

Nothing is more important than to realize that truth. Man is a very complex being, and is strangely capable of being evangelized in one section of his nature while all the rest is as savage as ever. One room in the house of the soul may be full of light, while the rest are feebly illuminated or in utter darkness. Now, Christianity has hitherto been accepted only to a very limited extent by the thinkers and rulers of Europe. Very slowly and with great difficulty the leaven of Christian ideas is forcing its way into

every department of human life. When Christian men realize that the principles of Jesus Christ are to animate legislation, and inspire the public policy of States as well as to reclaim individual lives, we shall be on the threshold of such happiness as this world has never witnessed since the shadow of sin darkened the sunshine of Eden.

That joyous, long-expected day is nearer than mere politicians and journalists and their poor dupes imagine. Therefore, although our hearts are heavy with sorrow for the misery of mankind, we bid our readers be of good cheer, and rejoice. Slavery, after cursing the human race for immemorial ages, was suddenly doomed in the days of our grandfathers, and will be extinct in the days of our grandchildren. The decree has already gone forth against drunkenness, ignorance and lust. Our children will witness a great God-inspired movement against the hideous insanity of war. Political despotism is everywhere receding before the victorious advance of Christian democracy. To hasten the advent of the Good Time which God has promised us, we only want a few more "men of good will," true "sons of God," so full of love to the whole human race that they forget their rights in the joyous contemplation of their duties; that they do not covet lucrative monopolies; that they care nothing for caste privileges. Like Jesus Christ, their master and exemplar, they seek not their own; they look not at their own affairs; they are content with less than their strict due, in their intense desire to promote the happiness of mankind. They resent all appeals to their pride, to their prejudices, and to their selfishness. They have, therefore, what this world could never give them. They have what the angels called "peace," and what our Lord more fully defined as the "peace of God." We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! But their Christmas cannot be really merry, and their new year cannot be really happy, except so far as they emancipate themselves from the servitude of European heathenism, and accept the easy yoke of Christ's universal philanthropy.
—*Methodist Times*, London.

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CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

How the Preachers Were Received.

FROM SAN FELIPE.

New Years—Thanks. I do hope you will give me space to acknowledge with gratitude the reception of a large New Year's box...

FROM HUGGINS SPRINGS.

"A Thing of Beauty"—Quilted. We are moving on very well on Kellyville circuit. We are very pleasantly domiciled in our new parsonage...

FROM DEBBERY.

A Good Send Off. Since my return from conference we have been remembered kindly by our people. On the 21st inst. we preached in a family received some small presents...

FROM COMANCHE.

A Happy Time at the Parsonage. The night of Dec. 29 was a happy time at the parsonage in Comanche. It was a regular compounding occasion.

FROM DAVILLA.

Comfortably Domiciled—Watch Night. After a long and expensive journey we are comfortably domiciled in the parsonage at this little inland town.

FROM COLUMBUS.

How the Preacher's Castle was Stormed. Our preachers, here and there, write of "stormings" and "domiciles." And it is an axiom in law that a man's house is his castle.

FROM SAN FELIPE.

Christmas Has Come and Gone—A Good People. After the bustle, hurry and anxiety which frequently occur immediately after an annual conference...

FROM DEANVILLE.

This is Christmas, indeed, with us. With a heavy heart we left our home in Alabama on the 23d day of Nov. last to become a member of the Texas Conference.

FROM KAUFMAN.

Parsonage Rebuilt—"Founded." We reached the depot at Kaufman, Dec. 4, where we were met by Bros. Moore, Morrow and Carlisle with conveyances; thence we were taken to Bro. Morrow's, where we were warmly received by his good wife...

ing for a grand revival of religion all over this work this conference year, and by the help of God we expect it to come. We have had two times at Early chapel and I received two interesting letters...

FROM BARKSDALE.

Work on the Frontier. I arrived on my way on the 19th Nov. and am now half around for the second time. I have met with a hearty reception from all whom I have met.

FROM WHITEWRIGHT.

An Excellent Charge—"Gulliver and Archer." We are on the Mo. P. railway, in the southeast part of Grayson county. I am delighted with my work. Whitewright circuit is a most excellent charge...

FROM BLANCO.

First Quarter Paid in Full—Valley of the Rio Blanco. Blanco has not been represented in the ADVOCATE since conference. We wish to report a happy return, renewal of effort and increase of interest.

FROM LEESVILLE.

Young, Inexperienced, but Full of Hope. On Monday, after conference, I went home. The Friday following, the 13th day of Nov., I came to my work—only nineteen years of age, inexperienced, and weak.

FROM MARYSVILLE CIRCUIT.

A Warm Reception—The Outlook. The appointing power at conference, Paris, Texas, returned us to our former work, which we thankfully received; for here we have many kind and true friends.

FROM BROOKS CIRCUIT.

"Garden Spot"—No Churches—Prospects for Building. I have just completed the first round on the Brooks circuit and am ready to send you my first report. I am very much pleased with my work, and think the prospects are very flattering.

FROM DEANVILLE.

From Alabama to Texas—Well Received—The Outlook. This is Christmas, indeed, with us. With a heavy heart we left our home in Alabama on the 23d day of Nov. last to become a member of the Texas Conference.

FROM COLORADO.

A Lively Western City—Stewards Who Mean "Business." On Thursday, Nov. 23, 1895, at 8:10 p. m., myself, wife and two babies arrived at this pleasant and lively western city—only one week and one day after the adjournment of the Northwest Texas Conference...

summed to domicile "our pastor and family" in one of the first-class hotels of the city until his furniture, etc., should arrive. Mind you, a home had already been erected and ready for occupancy.

FROM WOODLAND.

Well Received—The People Desire a Christmas Service. By the providence of God and the appointment of the Bishop, we are at Woodland. If God had willed otherwise, doubtless we would have been elsewhere.

FROM CRANGE.

A Trip to Alabama—"The Arkansas Traveler and the Texas Ranger"—Home, Sweet Home. Immediately after receiving my appointment at Beaufort I took the cars for Alabama to spend a few days visiting my mother and other relatives and friends.

FROM LEWISVILLE.

A Local Option Town—An India Rubber Constitution—A Suggestion. Christmas has come and gone with but little that could not be written of all Christmas, and the "tide of time moves on with its drift-wood to the shores of eternity."

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OLD AND YOUNG.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

E. L. BENDISCH.

There were three little folks, long ago, Who solemnly sat in a row, On a December night, And attempted to write For the new year a good resolution.

"I will try not to make so much noise, And be one of the quietest boys."

Wrote one of the three, Whose uproarious glee Was the cause of no end of confusion.

"I resolve that I never will take More than two or three pieces of cake."

Wrote plump little Pete, Whose taste for the sweet Was a problem of puzzling solution.

The other, her paper to fill, Began with, "Resolved, that I will—"

But right there she stopped, And fast asleep dropped Ere she came to a single conclusion.

"HAS-BEENS."

GULLIVER.

One of the saddest sights, to my mind, any where to be seen, is a seely old gentleman!

There are a great many of these characters in our glorious Union—especially in the South.

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The residence of the bride's mother was a small log-cabin. This, then, was the place, and the time was August, when I joined together as husband and wife this blushing young "Would-be" and that rickety old "Has-been."

After the ceremony had been gone through with and the kissing of the bride had about subsided, I rose to take leave of the company.

But I could not stay; and so, after all necessary apologies for my hasty withdrawal, I took my leave.

My dear sir, the service you have rendered me to-day brings me under obligations that cannot be discharged with mere thanks; but such is the very embarrassed condition of my financial affairs at this present time that—

The following entries in my diary are to be placed to the credit of humanity, especially "Has-beens": "Oct. 15, 1875. Wednesday: Poor old man Bucks paid me two dollars this morning, a partial payment on a five-dollar marriage fee. This surprised me; I expected nothing."

"Nov. 3, 1875. Friday: Met the old 'perfecker' this morning at the ferry, and he offered to pay me three dollars, a balance due from him on a marriage fee. But the old man looked so seely, and, moreover, he told me that his wife had left him, that I had not the heart to take it. I told him to use it in the purchase of a pair of shoes. He was as polite as ever. Poor old man! I am glad he has scored another for common honesty."

The last I heard of the old man he and his wife had "made up" and were jogging along the path of life very peacefully.

STONWALL JACKSON. (Reprinted by request.) About daylight upon the Sunday of his death, Mrs. Jackson informed me that his recovery was very doubtful, and that it was better that he should be prepared for the worst.

"Tell Maj. Hawks—" then his voice was silent and the sentence remained unfinished.

An instant later a smile of ineffable sweetness and purity spread itself over his calm, pale face, and then looking upward, and slightly raising his hands, he said quietly and with an expression of relief: "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."

ROBERT TOOMBS. The "Southern War-horse," of whom the last and present generation have heard all their lives, has disappeared from the scene.

He was brilliant, eloquent, and roughly honest. An original advocate of Secession, unreserved in his declarations, and consistent in his actions, great as a lawyer, powerful as a debater in legislative halls, he belonged to the class that helped the other side by going so far that "the rank and file" could not follow him, and the more conservative could not defend him.

Well, the war is long since over, and the leaders on both sides are fast passing away. But the country for which Washington fought, Jefferson thought, Franklin planned, Jay and Adams negotiated, and Mercer and Warren died, still lives, and North, South, East, and West are its pillars, each worthily supporting its own right angle.

So many it remain here the world standeth: We read, some years since, of the baptism of Robert Toombs, we think, by the late Bishop Pierce, and of his reception into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We hope it was an earnest of the germs of saving faith, which may consist with errors of judgment and infirmities of temper, and we trust that "after life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

Is there a reader who objects to the olive-branch now? Is there one who thinks that it implies any renunciation of the principles which actuated us in the maintenance of the Union? We trust not.—New York Advocate.

THE LITTLE FOXES. CECILIA. Finished! The last stitch was just off the needle. A Lucy hid it up admirably.

"What a beauty!" exclaimed Emily. "Your mother will be delighted. I wish that I could knit one for my mother."

like them a little. Only Mary is stupid and Sara is vain, always trying to show her pretty foot. The girls make all manner of fun of Sara."

Something more, in a low tone, from Mac about the foxes. "What does he mean?" whispered Lucy "Is he writing a speech on Natural History?"

"Natural History indeed! Of course not." Emily thought it very stupid in Lucy to suppose so when Mac was to be Valdeictorian of his class.

"He will write about the good times that they had together and about the grand things that they mean to do in the world."

"We will make him tell us what he means," said Lucy. "We cannot if he does not choose," said Emily. "I call Mac my William the Silent. O, Lucy, if you were only going to stay all winter we would read Motley's history of 'The Netherlands' and 'The Dutch Republic.'"

"I don't know that he wouldn't tell." "Perhaps he didn't hear us," said Lucy. "I don't know that he wouldn't tell." "Perhaps he didn't hear us," said Lucy.

THE YOUNG NATURALIST. Little Edna Hayes is so fond of animals, birds, and insects, that her father often calls her his little naturalist.

While her playmates are busy with their dolls she can often be seen wandering alone in the garden or orchard, trying to find some new kind of insect to add to her store.

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hearts of this people that is certainly enviable. Her name is kindly mentioned, and there are those here who, through her counsel and prayers, were led to Christ.

FROM KELLER CIRCUIT.

The Christmas holidays are past and this preacher on Keller circuit was kindly remembered. At Keller we received some substantial presents, and at Smithfield many nice things for preacher and family were hung on the Christmas tree by kind hands; but to beat all in the night time, when we were sleeping soundly, suddenly there was a tapping, rapping, at my chamber door; the door was opened wide, and there I spied Santa Claus, with a score or more of other folks, no moment stopped or stayed they, but began to pile presents on the floor till the pile, a pyramid, rose to almost touch the ceiling. We rose higher in feeling, and with many thanks we acknowledged our gratitude to the kind people; and after much pleasant talk Santa Claus and his company left us; and this is not the end of our story; this very morning, in the early light, we saw a fat hog, cleaned and nice, hung in an oak near our door. And we again return thanks. S. SHIRBY.

FROM PALUXY CIRCUIT.

A Christmas Revival—A Reasonable Assessment—Money for Missions. I had a Christmas meeting at Rock Church, lasting four days. Was assisted by Mr. Roberts and Father Martin, of the local ranks. The meeting was good from the first to the last. These people are not afraid to shout when they feel like it. On Sunday at 11 o'clock eighty-two communed. It was good to be there. We had five conversions and recommitments; five additions to the church. A large part of the membership were revived. Just think, a revival in Christmas holidays. Why not? Well, I am pleased with my work. My stewards made a reasonable assessment for my support. The substantial of life have already come in until there is no fear of the wolf coming to the door soon. Have collected five dollars foreign mission money. This (Paluxy) circuit embraces grand country as to lands; some of as fine farms as I have seen in Texas; it is a land of plenty, and as clever people as I have ever known. J. J. HARRIS.

FROM KINGSTON

A Modest Preacher—Two Deaths—What a Precious Preacher—Thoughts of the Texas Christian Advocate. As the preacher on this circuit seems to be too modest to have his name appear in print, I beg leave to state for him that he and his excellent lady are comfortably domiciled in the parsonage, with a full larder, donated by the good people of the Kingston circuit; with a winter's supply of fire-wood, a good horse and plenty of corn in the crib. He has made one round on the circuit, and says if the people are as well pleased with him as he is with the people, he is well satisfied. Two deaths mark the beginning of the conference year—Bros. Burpo and Holloway—both good men, full of zeal and good works.

The Christmas service, led by the preacher in charge, was interesting throughout, and many rejoiced at the "glad tidings of great joy." The preacher is "talking" TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE on his round, and will succeed, of your correspondent is greatly mistaken. Good seeds, timely sown, will bring good fruit. Early pleading for our organ will bring early subscribers. Doubtless you have heard from him already. While he knows no north nor south, east nor west, he sticks to it that Texans must give the preference to the TEXAS ADVOCATE—can't do otherwise and be loyal. He asks for a fair and impartial comparison, and none will deny that the TEXAS ADVOCATE gives more reading matter than any on the list for the money. He claims to be a practical printer, and I "guess" he knows. The amount of missions pledged by the first of February will be forwarded. The preacher says it shall be done, and it will be. BUTT.

FROM ABBOTT.

Missions Without Method—Results of Five Years' Work—Tokens of Respect—The Advocate. Entering upon a new year, we naturally stop to review the past. Solemnly and slowly all the acts, good and bad, pass before the mind for serious consideration. Some appear as beautiful angels of mercy to give joy and pleasure; others, as ghastly hobgoblins to fill the mind with dissatisfaction and the heart with remorse. But come they will, bidden or unbidden, and however much they disturb us, yet they furnish food for profitable reflection. How we look at the frightful thing, and wonder if it is possible that we were so foolish as to produce that which so destroys our peace and happiness. We would gladly disown them, but we cannot. There they stand, as the product of our own free will. We would turn away, but behold! they stand before us still. We close our eyes and cry in our hearts that we will look no longer, but alas! their presence haunts us still. We cannot blot them out. Our power is too weak. What will we do? Will they mar our joy forever? No, not if we heartily repent of the wrong, and give our hearts and all anew to Christ. We will never be able to blot them out; they form a part of our record; but, thank God, it is our privilege, bought by the death of his Son, to have the blessing of him whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered, and, like Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before," we can "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." "Let us, therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded." And while we may deplore some things of the past, let them be marks unto us by which we shall be able in the future to avoid Scylla and Charybdis, and to run with safety upon the beautiful sea of peace and righteousness.

I am reminded that for five years past I have been traveling as a Methodist itinerant preacher, and by inspection I find the following results per year have been secured for the church: Moneys raised for the various interests of the church, \$378 87; members received, 81 4-5; infants baptized, 11, and TEXAS

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE placed in families, 56. I have traveled per year in buggy and on horseback about 324 miles, visited and prayed with annually about 100 families, had about 83 conversions per year, and received and averaged yearly salary of \$472 13. How small these figures seem except the last; that perhaps was more than I deserved, but by God's grace I am determined, if spared, that the other figures shall be increased for the next five years.

I start out this year with renewed consecration, and feel that I am wholly the Lord's, to be used according to his will and for his glory.

My people have not "pounded," "caned," nor "horsed" me yet as much as they have talked about it, but they beat the world to put to keens of respect, such as hams, sausage, butter, eggs, turkeys, chickens, and the like, into the preacher's buggy as the preacher starts on his journey homeward. A cleverer people no preacher ever had to pray for him and to labor with him. Peace and harmony prevail among us, and we have started out for a good year's work. God grant that our highest expectations may be realized.

Our first quarterly meeting is over. The stewards made a liberal assessment for our support, which we believe the people will pay willingly and cheerfully. They overpaid the assessment for last year. Our presiding elder was with us and indicated that he was wide-awake to the duties of his office. His sermon Thursday night was full of thought and power, and reminded us of his preaching years ago when he was a "circuit rider." If the presiding elder falls not, but continues as he has begun, you may expect great things from Fort Worth district this year.

The ADVOCATE takes well on my circuit. Long may it, its editor and publishers live. Our motto is to put the ADVOCATE into every Methodist family within the bounds of our circuit. God bless the church in all of her work. Amen. GEO. S. WYATT.

WOMAN'S WORK

The W. M. S. of the Texas Annual Conference—Annual Meeting—Proceedings—Personal.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Texas Conference had a very successful and profitable meeting in Austin, beginning Dec. 2, ending Dec. 5. There were three business sessions, held in the Baptist Church, our President, Mrs. Ireland, presiding. These meetings were well attended and full of interest. The Treasurer reported \$597.33 as the amount received during the year ending Dec. 1, 1885. The Corresponding Secretary read an interesting report, showing an increase of six societies. Our Conference Society now has twenty-three auxiliaries, which were well represented by delegates. We felt ourselves specially favored in having our missionary, Miss Holding, of Laredo Seminary, with us. Her presence and her beautiful, earnest addresses lent a charm to the meeting that will never be forgotten. Miss Haygood's school was made the special business of one meeting. Thirty shares were taken in the school. Chappell Hill auxiliary deserves special notice, as it took nine shares. The Bremond juvenile "Little Helpers" was the banner society of the conference this year. It paid \$53.60. On Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3 p. m. the society met in the Methodist Church to hold their anniversary. Bro. Chas. F. Moore kindly assisted the President in conducting the meeting. Devotional exercises led by Bro. H. S. Thrall. After an appropriate song by the choir, Mrs. Fisher, of Austin, read a very elaborate welcome address, which was responded to in a most beautiful manner by Mrs. Petway, of Giddings. Miss Holding was then announced, came forward and in a few earnest words impressed all hearts with her devotion to the work. With her it is a life-work. She gave us a very cheering report of her school, Laredo Seminary has paid toward its expenses \$1,000 in two years. It was wonderfully interesting to hear Miss Holding talk of the girls and of what they said and did. Dr. Heidt then delivered an eloquent address in behalf of woman's work. After which Dr. McFerrin addressed the audience in his usual happy style. There were two life members made—Mrs Ireland and Miss Marie Leslie, of Marlin. Mrs. M. C. DIMITT, Rec. Sec.

FROM HEMPSTEAD.

"Methodist Measurings"—The New Year's Work—Dr. Philpott.

Last Wednesday night, after a most delightful and profitable prayer-meeting in the name dear hearts (twenty-five thirty in number) to whom this preacher had just ministered in spiritual things, betook themselves to his home, and bestowed a profusion of temporal blessings upon him and his house. It was not a "pounding," but it was the most generous and thoroughly Methodist measuring that any pastor and his family ever received. I say, and with emphasis, that it was a thorough Methodist measuring, though there was a sufficient sprinkle of Episcopalian, Presbyterian Quakerian mixed with the affair to make it peculiarly interesting. It was, indeed, a refreshing scene, viewed through our eyes, that quantity of dress-goods and domestics, linen and laces, hosiery and handkerchiefs, and sundry notions too numerous to mention here. God bless the good people whose loving hearts and helpful hands are ever so prompt and profuse in ministrations of kindness and practical expressions of esteem toward us "which labor among them, and are over them in the Lord, and admonish them." Verily it should be gratifying and encouraging to Methodist preachers to observe such marked progress, in general, among our people in this essential respect. We have begun in earnest another year's work. We have "fired" in the enemy, and intend, by the help of God, to make things hot in this division of the opposing army. O that "Down and out with all sin!" may be the watchword all along the line this year, and that there may be a universal rally and forced march, even a pressing of the battle to the gates, throughout Zion in all her grand enterprises! Our first quarterly conference has just been held, and was a pronounced success—an occasion of profit to us all. The general expression is that the visitation of our presiding elder, Dr. Philpott, was good unto edification. GEO. C. STOVALL.

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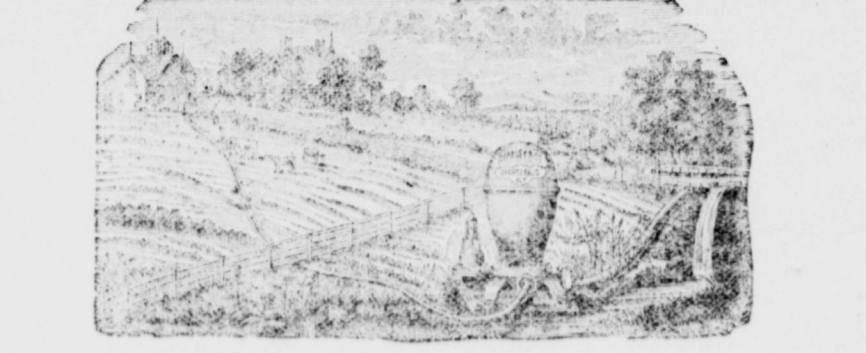
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Our lives have a planting time and a harvest time. The planting time is now. The Bible says, "Come now to the Lord for wisdom; seek his face now; call upon him now; serve him now, and he will make all the beautiful fruits of the Spirit to grow in your lives."

The worst of all will be that perhaps you may not stop to think about this till it is too late. For when you are old, if you wish to plant good seed, you will find your hearts are like the frozen ground, so hard and cold that goodness will not grow in them.

Every wrong thing you do, every wrong word you speak, every time you turn away without listening to God's voice, your heart grows harder, and more like the frozen ground, in which the good seed cannot grow.

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Texas Christian Advocate. SECULAR.

WAR RUMORS. There are rumors that Russia and Austria are secretly arming for war...

THE REASON WHY. It will not be sent to the United States Senate.—Merle Lotger.

THE COLD WAVE. Nothing within the memory of "the oldest inhabitant" has thus far been produced to compare with the weather in Galveston from Friday of last week to Tuesday of this.

GREAT FORTUNES. Dr. Howard Crosby, of New York City, writes a letter to the Sun explaining his views on overwealth.

Through Texas. Land near Waco is selling for \$30 per acre. Sherman shows a good record of wheat and other cereals this year.

UNANSWERED LETTERS. Jan. 6.—J. G. Putnam, subs. J. W. Blackburn, subs. M. S. Holzhuis, subs. C. W. Thompson, subs. W. E. Lester, subs. W. J. C. DeWitt, subs. J. C. O'Leary, subs. Sam'l Weaver, subs. J. C. Bates, subs. J. W. Davis, subs. Eugene Palmer, subs. H. C. Trammell, subs. C. S. McFarver, subs. W. Henderson, subs. E. P. Moore, subs. W. A. Coppinger, subs. A. H. Shook, subs. J. C. Weaver, subs. J. D. Rogers, subs. Sam'l Morris, subs. J. Moore, subs.

Vanderbilt's Will. The will of Mr. Vanderbilt was, last week, admitted to probate, without opposition from any quarter.

The Ford and Murphy Case. The Louisiana Board of Pardons met week before last. Some minor cases were disposed of, but the Ford and Murphy case was not considered.

The Vanderbilt Property. Well-known bank people in New York City estimate that the Vanderbilt property will net the heirs \$300,000,000.

Mineral Resources of Texas. Texas is looming up as a State of vast mineral resources. Coal and iron ore in eastern Texas, and oil, gas, and silver in the west.

A Citizen of Venice. Robert Browning has become a citizen of Venice, having purchased the Manzoni Palace, on the Grand Canal, with his own, an Austrian. It is described by the British "Standard of Venice" as "a perfect and very rich example of Byzantine renaissance; its warm marbles are magnificent."

The English Parliament. The next English Parliament will be composed largely of professional men. Among them will be 134 lawyers and 30 journalists. In the last Parliament there were but 60 Roman Catholics, and in the new one there will be no less than 60.

The Best Range. The Prosidio News affirms with some show of modesty that the county is the best range in the world, situated between the Rio Grande, embracing 13,500 square miles, the finest grasses abound and an abundance of excellent water.

Prohibition Prohibits. It is claimed that prohibition does not prohibit when man's companionship is through four doors and two long halls, down a flight of winding stairs, and into some obscure back room, or a dimly lighted cellar.

The Year's Crop. The estimate of the statisticians of the Department of Agriculture for the principal cereal crops of the year are completed, and the aggregate bushels are as follows: Corn, 1,936,000,000; wheat, 757,000,000; oats, 629,000,000. The area of the crops is as follows: wheat, 34,000,000 acres; corn, 23,000,000 acres; oats, 23,000,000 acres.

Insecul in Trouble. Early in October the ninth annual congress of the Liberal League of America was held in this city, and one of the advertised attractions was a lecture by Col. R. G. Insecul. The invited cause on the last day of the congress, and delivered his discourse to a large audience.

Money Makers. There are times in the lives of men when more money can be made than in any other way. It is not by the use of force, but by the use of wit.

Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod-Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites. An excellent in Lung Troubles.

Prussian dairymen are fighting artificial butter. That is an old story. The ancients used to fight the artificial butter—the battering ram.

Mrs. Bacon writes some one that she did not think "President Cleveland" was so strange a frivolity and expense, by saying, as he did in his message, that "Parties seem to be necessary."

PRAYER AND PRAISE. The greatest book published for church and Sunday-school. Words, 25c. per copy; per doz., \$2.50.

A mule having received a nice present, hid it carefully away in a hollow tree. "Why did you hide your present?" asked one of the animals. "Because I intend to keep it for my children."

What are the last teeth that come? False teeth, man, replied a boy who had just waked up on a bare seat.

Pond's Extract. "The Vegetable Pain Destroyer" never fails to afford relief from Pain. Try it once, and nothing could induce you to be without it.

What is Woman's Worth? He asked a fair damsel of a crusty old bachelor, who asked no more, so she said: "W. O. man" (double you, O man) But a woman feels that if she has a man in her house, she is daily sapping her strength. For all the "Favorable Prescription" stands unrivaled. It cures all kinds of ailments, and is sold in all parts of the world.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—First Round. Independence. Jan 15. Brennan. Jan 16, 17. Burton. Jan 18, 19. Giddings. Jan 20, 21. Caldwell. Jan 22, 23. Davidson. Jan 24, 25. Cockkade. Feb 1, 2. Wilcox. Feb 3, 4. Cameron. Feb 5, 6. Cameron. Feb 7, 8. Davidson. Feb 9, 10. Mayfield. Feb 11, 12. The district stewards will meet at Brennan, on Jan. 13, at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is greatly desired. Let all Boards of stewards meet and fix the salaries of their pastors at what they can, with reasonable effort, pay, and then go to work and raise one-fourth of the amount for the first quarterly payment by the first quarterly meeting. H. V. PHILPOTT, P. E.

Young ladies on the eye of marriage, now give "spinsters dinners," at which female friends only are entertained. They are allowed to talk of every thing, and never fail to mention the numerous virtues of Dr. Bull's Compound Syrup, that cures all coughs, colds, bronchitis, croup, and sore throat.

An old lady was viewing the exposed stock of some burnt-out dry-goods store a few days ago. The burnt-out goods were a pair of slippers, a pair of shoes, a pair of socks, and a pair of drawers. She said: "Another sacrifice!" said the old lady. "Yes, burnt-offerings!"

Dr. W. L. Tucker, of Waco, in a private letter, says of his improved iron invigorator, advertised in these columns, "I mean every word I have said. I have used it for three years ago. It was all my life long a confirmed and most miserable wreck from dyspepsia, but am now, and have been for a long time, completely cured. Dr. D. K. Wallace (in 1882, when I first drafted the formula) took the very first pint, and has ever since recommended it." Read the advertisement in the Liberator.

"Little Bess": "Tommy, do you think Noah took the ark?" "Yes, he did." "Why, of course, he did." "But wouldn't they have stung Noah and the animals? Where did he keep 'em?" "I don't know. In the ark." "I guess."

"Brown's Bronchial Trochees" were introduced, and from that time success as a cure for Coughs, Croup, Hoarseness, Asthma, and Bronchitis has been unparalleled. Sold only in boxes, etc.

"How old are you?" asked a justice of the peace of "Jim" who was arrested for stealing chickens. "I dunno," said the dorky. "When were you born?" "What an odd question, your honor, you ask me to answer it when you tell me to go to jail!"

A gentleman, who is fond of what, says that he never enjoyed a rubber so much as when he had rheumatism, and his wife cured it by rubbing him with Jacob's Oil. When he had a severe cough a few doses of Red Star Cough Cure effected a complete cure.

A stranger stepped into a lawyer's office the other day, says the Wilmington Star, and inquired: "Is this the water office?" The lawyer answered promptly: "No, sir. This is the wind office; the water office is next door."

The bright little four-year-old, seeing a fine pro-cession approaching, called to her mamma, "Oh, come and see the circus go by!" "What?" "I mean the caterpillar."

An Atlanta man is dying from the bite of a mule. When the mule bit him on the neck, it is time to pronounce the conundrum, "Whither are we drifting?"

There is nothing that adds so much to personal beauty as a set of purely white teeth and pure sweet breath. Buy using OHLIXONTO the Teeth and Gums are kept in perfect order and a fragrant breath is secured. OHLIXONTO is a pure, liquid and powder. At all Drug and Fancy Stores.

"Pa," said a little Kentucky boy, "what is a ghost of a smile?" "A ghost of a smile," the father replied, "is something that is found in empty bottles."

Have you heard of Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Lung Balm? It is really wonderful how rapidly it cures Coughing, Throat and Lung Troubles.

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Neuralgia. CAN BE CURED WITHOUT THE USE OF OPIUM OR MORPHINE! The Medical Brief, published at St. Louis, says: "I used Tongaine in a case of Neuralgia of 12 or 15 years standing, which had resisted all treatment. This was six months since and the patient has enjoyed perfect freedom from the disease."

DR. J. H. M'LEAN'S HOMEOPATHIC LIVER AND KIDNEY BALM. The Most Wonderful Liver and Kidney Cure in the World. Will relieve all cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys, and Urinary Organs, such as Inflammation, Yellow Fever, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Torpid Liver causing Headache, Bright's Disease, Female Troubles, Leucorrhoea, Menstrual Pain, Dropsy, Gravel, Gout, Rheumatism, etc.

This entire family was cured and made happy by taking DR. J. H. M'LEAN'S HOMEOPATHIC LIVER AND KIDNEY BALM. M. A. Crowder, Lead Hill, Ark., writes: "Dr. J. H. M'Lean's Homeopathic Liver and Kidney Balm cured my wife's Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Torpid Liver causing Headache, Bright's Disease, Female Troubles, Leucorrhoea, Menstrual Pain, Dropsy, Gravel, Gout, Rheumatism, etc."

USE THE MEDICATED GLASSES. A WONDERFUL AND SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY. These Glasses are chemically treated in the process of manufacture, and possess the property of keeping your eye in good condition, as when first you use them. They have been carefully examined and analyzed by American and European oculists, who claim that the MEDICATED GLASSES have no equal, and can in some cases restore the sight if used in time, but in no case can the eye become impaired by their use for the following reasons: 1. The chemicals soften the light to the eye, completely doing away with that tiresome sensation that is usually experienced in using glasses after one or two hours' use. 2. The chemicals make the glasses hard, they retain their polish hence you will always see through them as bright and clear as at first. 3. The chemicals keep the glasses cool, and the result is that the optic nerves are always cool, doing away with any feverish sensation to the eye. 4. With these glasses you can read, write or see all night, the light having no effect on the eye, with no distressing or tiresome sensation, which necessarily improves the eye.

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COMMERCIAL. GALVESTON, JANUARY 11, 1896. Official quotations at the Cotton Exchange. Sterling, sixty days, 4.32 4.38. New York sight, 4.18 4.24. American silver, 4.18 4.24.

COTTON—GALVESTON SPOT MARKET. CLASS. This day. Last day. Saturday. Ordinary, 6 15-16 6 15-16. Good, 6 17-18 6 17-18. Low Middling, 8 5-6 8 5-6. Middling, 8 10-11 8 10-11. Middling Fair, 9 9-10 9 9-10.

Galveston Live Stock Market. Receipts and Yearlings. This day, 169 49. Last day, 159 49. This week, 4 25 2,711 5,774. 26,027. 4-cow pens, 310 83 681 79.

Quotations—Grass-fed cattle, 2 1/2 @ 3; grass-fed cow, 1 1/2 @ 2; 2-year-old cow, \$10 @ 12; 3-year-old cow, \$12 @ 14; 4-year-old cow, \$14 @ 16; 5-year-old cow, \$16 @ 18; 6-year-old cow, \$18 @ 20; 7-year-old cow, \$20 @ 22; 8-year-old cow, \$22 @ 24; 9-year-old cow, \$24 @ 26; 10-year-old cow, \$26 @ 28.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Wholesale prices for all the following quotations per dozen for 2 1/2 cts: Beans, \$1.00 @ 1.25; peas, \$1.25 @ 1.50; corn, \$1.50 @ 1.75; tomatoes, \$1.75 @ 2.00; fruit, \$2.00 @ 2.25; fruit, \$2.25 @ 2.50; fruit, \$2.50 @ 2.75; fruit, \$2.75 @ 3.00; fruit, \$3.00 @ 3.25; fruit, \$3.25 @ 3.50; fruit, \$3.50 @ 3.75; fruit, \$3.75 @ 4.00.

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