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ITINERARY.

Here I am at Nashville. Have met this morning, bishops, editors, secretaries and doctors of divinity in considerable number. The first question at headquarters is, "How is the old doctor?" Still living, but passed a restless night, and is gradually sinking. The grand old man will be sadly missed by the whole church.

With the modern facilities for locomotion, we travel rapidly, comfortably, and ignorantly. We whirl along through such cities as New Orleans, Mobile and Montgomery, and see little but long lines of cars; crowds of people on the platforms, smoke-stacks and a hurry-burry of omnibuses and other wheel vehicles. Our ears are stunned with the scream of whistles, the clanging of bells and the rumbling of wheels over the paved streets. Thus we fly along seeing nothing—hearing nothing, learning nothing, worth remembering.

BIRMINGHAM.

In North Alabama is one of the wonders of what is called "the New South," though I dislike the cant phrase. It is now ten years old, and has a population of about thirty thousand. The manager of the principal manufacturing syndicate, testified before the Interstate railway commissioners, that that one company had expended about sixteen millions of dollars in coal and iron mines, furnaces, machinery, etc. Birmingham sends pig iron to Pennsylvania.

NEW HYMN BOOK.

From Dr. J. H. M. Linn, I learn that the Committee on the New Hymn Book has completed its work and handed the manuscripts over to the college of bishops for final inspection. It will be about one-fourth smaller than our former book, but contains between nine hundred and one thousand hymns.

PUBLISHING HOUSE.

I am domiciled with Judge East, a member of the Book Committee. He informs me that notwithstanding the general stringency in money matters, the Publishing House has had a most prosperous year. The House is now financially solid, and is doing a grand and successful work in circulating religious literature.

The annual report of the Board of Missions is not yet ready for delivery. Rumors indicate that our treasury is still embarrassed for want of funds.

The college of bishops is now in session for the final revision of the plan of Episcopal V. situation for 1887-8. Bishop Key has promised to hand me the appointments for the conferences in Texas so that I can telegraph them to-night.

I have just met Dr. John. He is well. But Mrs. John has quite ill recently; she is better now. The doctor is busy as a bee.

NASHVILLE, MAY 5.

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CORRELATION OF ALL CONFERENCE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN TEXAS INTO ONE SYSTEM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

REV. JOHN W. HEIDT, D. D.

The Methodist Church in Texas, has made history with remarkable rapidity, notably in the matter of her educational enterprises. Not to review in detail the several efforts and their results, we may reasonably conclude that the action of the convention of delegates from the five annual conferences which in the year 1869 formulated a plan for one central university, correlated with other institutions of lower literary grade, was the mature judgment of the church after a careful study of the entire question. As such, it was accepted and endorsed, and steps were taken to execute the plan. The system is larger than is apprehended at a glance, and involves time as an essential factor in its complete development. What was devised sixteen years ago as a possible attainment, appears now in the favoring light of these years as an approaching realization—the happy fulfillment of prophecy which when uttered seemed almost too bold. The growth of the church in its increasing wealth, membership and culture far from calling in question the wisdom of the movement, only makes it probable and enforces the obligation to achieve the end contemplated. Each one of the annual conferences in the State, at its last session, decided with singular unanimity, that the time has now fully come to "arrange for a homogeneous system of advanced schools preparatory to the university. The North Texas Conference accepted the tender of Central College with instructions to correlate with the Southwestern University. The Northwest Texas Conference adopted the following recommendations, which were offered by its Board of Education:

"Finally, we would state that it is the wish of the Board of Education that the plan for a system of correlated schools, which was adopted in 1879, be put into practical operation.

"The plan contemplates correlating all the church schools within the bounds of the five Texas Conferences, and any others that may wish to do so, with the Southwestern University, so that in Texas there will be a homogeneous system of church schools.

"The board heartily indorses this plan, and believes that if it is properly conducted, it will give to the church

schools in Texas the greatest success possible."

The West Texas, the Texas, and the East Texas Conferences took similar action, and provided for one or more delegates from each institution to meet the Board of Curators of Southwestern University at Georgetown for the purpose of putting "the plan into practical operation." It has been decided to hold this meeting on Friday, June 3, and special notice has been forwarded to Soule College, Central College, Alexander Institute, San Saba College, Coronado Institute, Granbury College, Belle Plaine College, Parker Institute, Brownwood District High School, inviting each to send representatives to the meeting. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance, and that a harmonious and acceptable system of correlation will be established. To lead in so important a work and successfully carry it out will be a glory to the Methodist of Texas which will rejoice the hearts of her people. It is proper to say that the conferees had in view their male and mixed schools and colleges, in providing for the proposed correlation. It is, however, greatly desired that the female colleges of the church join in the movement. Representation from each one of them is cordially invited. If the time appointed should conflict with the common duty of any institution, and the president or principal cannot be present, let the Board of Trustees empower one or more of their own number to act for them. The day was fixed upon as the only time at which the curators of the university could attend. They represent the conferences.

The advantages of the meeting in general will be an advancement of the interests of Christian education in Texas.

1. The leading thought of the church will come together to consider the best methods to do her educational work.

2. The methods decided upon will have the indorsement of the whole church in Texas.

3. There will be a better understanding of the needs of our entire educational system and more sympathy among the workers.

4. Each school will receive conference support and patronage.

5. Each will "provoke the rivalries of good works," and unbalanced rivalries will have no place among us.

6. The Lord Christ will be more effectively carried into the school-room, and the students will feel the power of the system in their studies, and after they leave them.

7. The spectacle of practical religion in school work will excite the emulation of Christians and patriots throughout the State.

8. May the Lord bless the movement with the best results.

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

THE GREAT MISSIONARY MASS-MEETING IN ATLANTA APRIL 26-28.

The Board of Missions of the North Georgia Conference, at its semi-annual meeting in April, 1885, resolved to hold a missionary mass-meeting in connection with the spring meeting of that body this year. According to custom, this meeting was appointed to be held in Atlanta. For several weeks the readers of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate have been kept posted as to the preparations the Atlanta brethren were making for this meeting. Rev. W. W. Wadsworth, presiding elder of the South Atlanta District, began early in the year to secure the presence and services of several of our bishops and other leading men in the church. It was announced that three, and possibly four, of the bishops would be on hand. The appetite of the Methodist public was whetted to an unusual degree for the "feast of reason and the flow of soul" at this mass-meeting. Nothing like it had been entertained before in the history of the church. Presiding Elder Wadsworth was nervous with anxiety. The public were eager for the entertainment. Tuesday night came, and with it a packed house at Trinity Church. Some forty or fifty preachers from every part of the Conference were on hand.

After the preliminary exercises, which consisted in reading a lesson from the Scriptures, a prayer and some sensible songs, Dr. Potter, the chairman of the Board of Missions, in a few appropriate words, introduced Bishop Key. You must not forget that the bishop is a Georgian, and was therefore before his own people. Those who have heard him oftener say that the address on that occasion was one of his best efforts. He was sufficiently self-possessed to appear at his best. The occasion inspired him and set the missionary blood to running red-hot through his veins. The bishop is a splendid specimen of physical manhood, with enough familiarity with the platform to render his movements easy and graceful. His style on this occasion was simple, his manner earnest, his theme the grandest of all and the nearest to sanctified human hearts.

I can only give a brief outline of a speech that held the attention of the audience from first to last. The bishop said that business methods and motives are inadequate in the work of saving

men from sin. We must put conscience into our missionary enterprises. The church must put herself under law and authority. The Divine command must be recognized. The Devil holds this world as a conquered territory. Heathendom is his citadel. Idolatry is devil-workshop. In vivid colors he painted the ruin wrought by the Devil in Heathen as well as Christian countries, and with the authority of the gospel he called upon his audience to look on this picture and then put conscience into the question of responsibility to save the world.

After a fitting song Bishop Hendrix was introduced. Dr. Potter stated that the speaker had been round the world and could give from personal observation accurate information of the condition of the heathen. The bishop spoke substantially as follows: One hundred years ago whoever should propose to send missionaries to the heathen would be looked upon as a fanatic. Now, whoever should propose to call them back would be regarded as an infidel or a crank. The missionary spirit is too deep to be eradicated. As well try to put the eagle as he soars in the face of the sun back into his shell. Our religion is based upon an empty tomb. The risen Christ commands the church to evangelize the world. Only by sharing our religion with others can we retain it. The security and power which belong to Christian nations are not found elsewhere. For one thousand years heathendom hasn't given to the world an invention, a discovery or a thought of any importance. Nothing but the Christian religion makes the difference between us and heathen nations in power, progress and general prosperity. The masses of heathendom are intensely, wretchedly poor. Two-thirds of the population of the globe can be hired to work all day for four cents. It has been so for one thousand years, and will continue so for all time unless they have the gospel. Material prosperity, said he, selfishly used is a curse and not a blessing. That is the tendency of accumulated wealth. Men of wealth owe their bank accounts to the Christian religion. Employing riches aright is the condition on which Christ remains in the church. Also, preaching the gospel in all the world is the condition on which Christ remains in the church. When the church has been most faithful to her commission she has been most powerful.

In conclusion the bishop mightily stirred his audience by relating the story of the starving, ship-wrecked man who, having been rescued, as soon as he could speak, whispered "there is another man." "I submit," said the bishop with telling effect, "would we be worth saving if, being saved, we should have no thought for the other man?"

Thus closed the first service of this missionary mass-meeting. The impression made upon the audience was good.

Bishop Granberry and Dr. John were announced as the speakers for Wednesday night at the First Church. The night was beautiful and the congregation large. Dr. Potter announced that Dr. John had been detained in Nashville on account of the severe illness of his wife; so Bishop Granberry was the only speaker. The bishop was with us in Atlanta a year ago last December and left the savor of a pure, good man, and we were all glad to see him and hear him again. His speech was good, full of facts and incidents from the mission field, some of which came under his personal observation. But the speech lost much of its effectiveness by reason of the bishop's hoarseness; still, those who listened were entertained and instructed. This service, while not quite so successful as the one at Trinity, had the effect of putting the people to thinking. The results will be far-reaching.

What will be the outcome of this experiment? The mere fact there was such a meeting, that it is possible to have such a meeting, will awaken interest in the cause of foreign missions. Methodism in Atlanta, at least, will receive a new impulse in the direction of missionary enterprise in foreign fields. The people outside of the Methodist Church will understand as never before what we are doing for the salvation of the heathen.

Having said so much, our beloved bishops will pardon me for saying that the meetings Tuesday and Wednesday nights were somewhat disappointing in that the speeches failed to give the information the people expected to receive. They did not go to those meetings so much to hear great principles discussed as to receive from these distinguished speakers statements of facts which they had gathered on the field. Thomas Carlisle said of Lord Wellington that he was the most eloquent man in the British parliament because he "talked facts."

Dear Bishops, give the people facts, living facts, and let these burn their way, as nothing but facts can, into the consciences of the people.

Thursday night this missionary mass-meeting, which marks an epoch in the missionary operations of the Southern Methodist Church, closed with services at all the other Methodist Churches in Atlanta. From some of them I heard charming reports. Doubtless the meetings at all were good. W. P. LOVEJOY, Augusta, Ga.

RETROSPECTIVE.

NUMBER ELEVEN.

After laying in our supplies we took leave of friends and journeyed westward, traveling fifteen to eighteen miles per day, resting ourselves and trains on Sundays. An acquaintance left ahead of us and traveled seven days in the week, reaching his destination with exhausted teams, and occupying more time; an argument in favor of observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, to say nothing about violating a positive command in the decalogue. Crossing the Mississippi river at Rodney, we found the bottom in good traveling order. After feasting on bacon hams and side meat for several days, we were anxious for a change; luckily, as we passed a mill, we saw suspended from a tree two dressed deer, just killed, one of which we purchased, and heartily relished. We crossed Red river at Natchitoches, the Sabine at Sabine town. The weather was pleasant; no swollen streams to cross, and no occurrence worthy of note, until one night, a few miles east of the Trinity river, we camped near a man who was leaving Texas for his old neighborhood in Louisiana. It so happened that an ox driver I had employed to drive the entire trip was acquainted with this man. That night arrangements were made between them for my driver to return with him. As I had no experienced ox driver, this somewhat disconcerted my plans. With an inexperienced negro by about fifteen years old, I was compelled to proceed. We came near upsetting several times, but finally crossed the Trinity and reached the Brazos river at a low stage of water, fordable where we crossed. On the opposite bank we had a long, much dreaded steep hill to ascend. Unwilling to risk my young driver, I went to an adjoining plantation and asked the overseer if he could furnish me with a good ox driver to bring my team up the hill. "Yes," said he, "as good as ever popped a whip." He called up Sam, and said to him, "go and drive the gentleman's oxen up the hill." When Sam came to the team, he looked at them a moment, and enquired the name of each ox. Said I, "Now, Sam, do you think you can pull this heavy load up this long, steep hill with these oxen?" He replied, "Yes, sir, if they don't stall before they start." The most remarkable thing about Sam was that he remembered the names of each of these six oxen. By soothing the wheels to rest several times, and by dexterous driving, we gained the summit of the hill. The overseer would not receive pay, but Sam accepted a half dollar for his expert driving. Sam said that some teams would look up at this hill and refuse to start. Hence he said, "if they don't stall before they start," etc. Alas! how many of the human race fail to make wonderful achievements in science, literature and the arts, because they "stall before they start." Many have offered a reason (?) for not enlisting among the soldiers of the cross, and do battle for the Master, that they may not be able to achieve final victory. They stall before they start. Their five miles further took us to our new home, in Burleson county. Here we found a rude cabin, which had been built as a temporary residence by persons who had a few years previously used it as headquarters for a marauding clan, some of whom had been summarily dealt with, and put out of the way of the more honest settlers. To save themselves from a similar fate, others left for the frontier of California. With some exceptions, this portion of Texas was settled with law-abiding citizens.

Land, in large tracts, could be purchased from fifty cents to one dollar per acre; productive when well cultivated. The range was in its prime, and well stocked with cattle, horses and hogs. Grass and acorns were the chief factors in furnishing supplies. Cow boys had more fun than did their pitching ponies. I am sorry to add, that in many instances they were more demoralized.

Houston was our trading mart, 100 miles distant. With bad roads and unbridged streams, it was a dreaded task to make a trip to market with an ox team, but this was a necessity. Before the Texas Annual Conference convened at Bastrop, in December 1851, we were living in our new, commodious, comfortable house, and could no longer "sing with the spirit and with the understanding also."

"No foot of land do I possess,
No cottage in this wilderness."
My next will find me in the pastoral work, with some incidents to narrate.

DANIEL MORSE,
MARSHALL, TEXAS.

YOUTH VERSUS AGE.

REV. W. A. SAMPBY.

The caption might suggest many things, but my mind is set on but one—a man's opinions in mature life as compared with his youthful thoughts. Who has not changed his opinions in minor things, if not in some of the most important? If a man has never changed, one of two things must be true: Either he has never entered into any close investigation, or he must have happened upon a most fortunate train of circumstances in his youth. Independent thinking is rare. But

few men venture out into an unknown forest, and blaze out the way for future travelers. It is comparatively easy to follow when once the way has been taken. Independent thinkers have to take great risks. Perhaps the greatest danger lies in the fact that when one has conceived a point new to himself and apparently new to all other people, he is too apt to fall in love with his own conception. It becomes his darling child, and he nourishes it as he would a baby. This would be well enough if men always changed for better, but unfortunately many change for the worse. These latter cling as tenaciously to their new-fangled ideas as do the former. A man's confidence that he is right is no evidence of the truthfulness of his position. Yet we are dependent upon independent thinkers for progress in all the sciences, including theology. It is not wonderful this class of men, if they publish their thought at different periods of life, should publish things contradictory. They may take the pains to explain these contradictions, or they may not. It is not every author who feels like stating publicly, that what he now publishes is contrary to what he published twenty or thirty years ago.

A very interesting volume might be written, giving the history of great men's contradictions. Dr. Bledsoe, like a man, master of the situation, handles well the case of John Wesley. The doctor's position is about this (I write from memory): "The Mr. Wesley of sixty was quite a different man from the John Wesley of thirty." Mr. Wesley, in his youth, seems to have been befogged with baptismal regeneration, but in mature life this was all cleared away. Dr. Bledsoe sets all this in a clear light so far as concerns John Wesley. When the doctor tackles the case of a certain great statesman, he shows the contradictions, but fails to make explanation. I can but wish that the doctor had done as much for that statesman as he did for Wesley, for I am assured that the same explanation will apply. Rev. Wesley Smith, in the last Advocate, has called my attention to another case, which, I think, falls under this head. Dr. R. Abbey, when comparatively young, wrote his book on Apostolic Succession; when in full vigor of life he wrote Ecclesiasia. In these two books there are some statements which do not accord. It did not become Dr. Abbey to state in Ecclesiasia that he was writing things discordant with what he had published before; if for no other reason, he wrote Ecclesiasia as an unknown author. I hope, however, that Dr. Abbey will rise and explain.

THE HON. B. GIBBS REVIEWED.

It may by some be deemed presumptuous in one so little known to fame "to enter the lists" in combat with the honorable gentleman whose name appears in the caption; but believing with Mr. Gibbs, that "every man should give a reason for the faith that is in him and stand by his convictions," and further, "that this question should be discussed in a calm, dignified manner, as becomes its importance," I proceed to review the printed speech as public property. Addresses of public men on all great issues affecting public interests become the common property of all parties whose interests are involved; and as we have had thus far no canvass of the aforesaid document, I shall endeavor, in the absence of some able reviewer, to show the errors in fact and expose the fallacies in the arguments adduced in opposition to the proposed amendment. I do this, not that I am anxious "to break a lance" with so distinguished an opponent, or ambitious to gain notoriety by placing my name before the public, but because of the vital issues involved and the necessity that the matter should be fully discussed, and every false argument and assumption be met and overturned.

From the prestige of the honorable gentleman's name, we naturally expected to see something new and startling in the discussion; but how great our disappointment when, clearing away the rhetorical polish of the speech, we found as postulates only the old, stale, hackneyed assertions and assumptions of the past half century, viz: "The liberty dodge," Democracy threatened, summary laws, and these prefaced and interlarded with church encroachment and the fear of church and State union, all so painted and adorned as to remind one of Gen. Ogelthorpe's ruse to drive the Spaniards from their purpose of invading his little colony at Savannah, by throwing up huge earthen fortifications and planting at the port holes large pine logs shaped and painted to resemble canons. But such are the stratagems to which men resort when in severe straits to save their lives or carry their point.

In the second section of the reported speech Mr. Gibbs says: "This is a political question. It is not a question of party discipline, but a question of political principle and expediency. It is not a great moral or religious question any longer, for when it is sought to legislate upon it, it becomes a purely political matter and must be voted upon and discussed as such." * * * * * It is a question involving the right of a

majority of the people to legislate out of existence a social and personal habit not in itself or its necessary consequences an infringement upon their rights. It is a question whether a government, set up by a free people for the exclusive purpose of protecting them in their lives, liberty and property shall, after years of successful operation, go further and prescribe the personal habits of its citizens."

In the first place, I would inquire of the honorable gentleman, what has so suddenly changed the character of this question from a "moral and religious" one, as stated above, to a "purely political" one. Is it simply because it has been at last recognized by the State Legislature and submitted to the vote of the people? Does it change the nature of the question to put it to a vote? Can the ballot affect the moral tone of a question? Are not the statutes regarding saloons, brothels, adultery, murder, etc., moral questions? Yet they have been subjected to a ballot by our representatives without altering their moral tone. How protean in shape, and chameleon in color, this question of prohibition becomes to these self-constituted guardians of liberty.

First Mr. Coke denounced it as "a church movement," "the work of priestcraft," and now Mr. Gibbs asserts that it is "not moral or religious," but a "purely political question." Let the doctors settle the dispute while we save the patient.

Next comes the "liberty dodge." Poor goddess! How many crimes are perpetrated, how many slander covered and justified, in thy name! Mr. Gibbs appeals to the people's rights and says "the amendment proposes to trespass upon rights and liberties guaranteed to us by our forefathers;" "to prescribe by law the personal habits of a portion of its citizens;" "to legislate and interfere with private morals," and "assume on the part of the government powers never contemplated at its organization." He calls this a new domain of legislation—"an assumption of power," and covertly assumes that it is a violation of the constitution of the United States.

The entire argument (?) is an assumption on the part of Mr. Gibbs, based upon that old, false doctrine, that "every man has a right to do as he pleases," and that "liberty is the right to act as one chooses." This doctrine is as false in fact as it is fatal in tendency. It is subversive of every principle of government, and is the basis of all the disorder and libertinism and anarchy that are to-day disturbing the peace of society and clogging the wheels of government. It assumes that man is a sovereign in himself and independent of all control. It leads to insubordination in the child, turbulence in the youth, and lawlessness and crime in the man.

No man has a right to do as he pleases, unless he pleases to do right. No man is independent. He comes into the world a subject of law. We draw our first breath under law; attain our growth under law; live under the restraint of inflexible laws; gain wisdom from the penalties consequent upon infractions of laws; and, if we ever make good citizens at all, it is by learning to respect the laws which regulate our intercourse with our fellowmen and our duties to our Creator.

To claim freedom exempt from law is but to claim justification for the libertine, the fanatic, the communist and the anarchist. Such freedom would overthrow the very foundations of government and sap the vital principles of society. Instead of being liberty, it is unbridled license—just such license as the saloonists claim, the right "to do as they please." Whence are such rights derived? And what must be the result of their exercise? Let us see. One man becomes angered, and in wrath slays his fellowman. Shall we justify this act on the plea that he acted as he pleased? Another pleases to lust after his neighbor's daughter or wife. Another takes your property by force or theft. Will you justify his act because of his personal pleasure in the crime? Away with such libertine ideas of government! Every man of judgment and purity must reject them. Absolute monarchy would be preferable to such liberty. The constitution of our country rejects all such ideas of freedom. "All men," before it, "are free and equal," born with inherent rights and privileges, but not his to the injury of his fellow or the prejudice of his neighbor's personal privileges.

Mr. Calhoun, the astute statesman and logician, says: "Society can no more exist without government in one form or other than man without society." * * * The worst form of government is better than anarchy, and individual liberty or freedom must be subordinate to whatever power may be necessary to protect society against anarchy within or destruction from without; for the safety and well-being of society are as paramount to individual liberty as the safety and well-being of the race are to individuals; and in the same proportion the power necessary for the safety of society is paramount to individual liberty. On the contrary, government has no right to control individual liberty beyond what is

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THE OLD SERVANT'S PLEA FOR SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Thanksgiving Ann had lived for years as servant to mistress of the establishment, they scarcely knew. She was a devoted servant of Christ, and counted nothing too precious for his service.

She was grieved that her loved master and mistress did not view the matter in the same light. "Counting up one's income and setting aside a certain portion for charity makes our religion seem too much like a tax," said Mrs. Allen.

"If ye haven't give so freely and gladly for Miss Susie's new measles, do ye your own new dresses, that ye don't have much when the time comes," interposed Ann.

One morning the Bible agent called, Ann brought out her Bible money, and her donation was found equal to her master, "which proves," says Ann to herself, "dat folks dat don't have no great 'mount can do as much in a good cause, by thinking about it a little aforehand, as other folks will do dat has more, and puts der hands in der pocket when der time comes.

Old Thanksgiving shook her head over the cheerful discussion of the subject, and pondered over the matter to a purpose.

As the dinner hour drew on the woman sat in the kitchen doorway, busily sewing on a calico apron. Mrs. Allen passed through the room, and a little surprised at the coyness and quietness at that hour, asked wonderingly: "What has happened? Thanking me 'ving? Haven't put us upon a fast, have you?"

"No, honey, thought I'd give what I happened to have when der time comes."

"It seemed a little odd, but the lady well knew that Ann needed no oversight, and went her way, half expecting a pleasant surprise at the dinner hour, but when it came both master and mistress scanned the table with astonished eyes, so plain and meagre were its contents.

"What's the matter?" said Mrs. Allen. "Dat's all de cold meat der was; sorry I didn't have more," said the old servant.

"But I sent home a choice roast this mornin', 'n' you have no vegetables, either." "Laws! yes; but den a body has to think 'bout it awhile aforehand to get a roast cooked, and just so with 'aters; and I thought I'd give you what I happened to have when der time comes, and I didn't happen to have much of nuffin. 'Care I forgot de bread."

Trotting away she returned with a plate of cold cakes. "What have you baked, honey?" "I fixed up a little cold, but the lady well knew that Ann needed no oversight, and went her way, half expecting a pleasant surprise at the dinner hour, but when it came both master and mistress scanned the table with astonished eyes, so plain and meagre were its contents.

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slisters will give liberally to many non-important and non-religious purposes, and, at the same time, see the poor and the gospel suffer—not because they are stingy, but because they are not really religious in the giving. No churches, no parsonages; or poor churches, poorly heated and ventilated; no Sunday-school literature for the children; no Bibles and hymn books, etc.

The same carelessness is seen among the people who undertake to support a minister and family. How often we see vegetables rot in the garden that they might as well have! How often is the meat salted away and the poor forgotten. How often is a lot of honey "taken" when the bees have been directed in its making by God himself, and God's minister, whom a number of people have undertaken to support, is forgotten. All this for the want of a "rule of action."

A. C. BENSON. MERIT, TEXAS. LOST NOTES. Through Deep Waters—Under a Cloud—Second Round, Etc., Etc.

From my notes of travel published recently I may say a part of the most important items seem to have been lost somewhere—maybe in the waste basket. But they must appear in the columns of the ADVOCATE.

Northeast of Roswell, where my first letter was written, about three and a half miles, on the Barends (Antelope) creek, there is quite a settlement of Mexicans, who never heard the word of Life. They really live on or near the farm of one of the best friends to the preacher and the cause; of Christ found in this country, Judge Stone, formerly from Missouri, via Colorado, and if I mistake not, formerly a Methodist, but now a member of the Christian Church. This brother, being quite intimate with the Mexicans, had arranged an appointment for me. So, on Monday (after lost notes of first letter), Bro. Carl kindly carried me over to the judges on a board—were you to see him you would not think very strange of this process, for he looks stout enough to carry even a bishop, not to say a little sun-dried presiding elder. But it was a buck-board drawn by his invincible little pony. I relished the drive very much, but would have been doubly eager had I been fully aware of the two treats that awaited me. The first I shall mention is one very familiar to the way-worn preacher—I mean the rare pleasure of finding a true home. The home of Judge Stone scores another of these delightful retreats for me and for any other man of God. Thank him! I have found them all over Texas, five states in the republic of Mexico, and now have a long list in New Mexico. For information to others, a word about this elegant farm. I believe the judge and his son, Mr. J. Stone, have taken up a claim of land each, under the several acts of the legislature, and have, to date, in a body near 1300 acres. Some of this they have planted in cottonwood forest (according to timber act), and the balance they have under a fine ditch of water, and are planting it in alfalfa as fast as possible. The trees are proving a perfect success, so is the alfalfa, and if memory serves me correctly, the judge holds his place at the round sum of \$50 per acre. In my opinion it is worth every cent of it. Here I spent, I believe, the most homelike and delightful day and night of the trip. I shall repeat the visit, too. The second treat was one which only a few of us enjoy. I glory in this, my exalted privilege—I refer to preaching to that audience! Not an angel in all Heaven but would have rejoiced to have participated with me in that service! A congregation of important souls, to whom the word of life had never before been heard, before me. Ah, sir, my heart filled and ran over as I saw tears in their eyes, while I told of the love of Jesus. God was with us there, and none could but feel that it was good to be present. After service, the older members of the settlement heartily thanked me and paid me this marked compliment (excuse the word): "You are the nice American that told us of the things." So grateful to God for the opportunity, I resolved to "tell it again" and "over and over till none can say of the children of men, nobody ever had told me before." I repeat, these bright notes must be published—such treats are too rare with us in life to forget them.

Not long since my eye fell on some words like these: "Marrying is the most important event in the ordinary course of life, since from it spring the sweetest pleasures of life and the bitterest pangs of death." Then I did not understand fully the truth they contained, but now God has taught us the lesson by taking from us our dear little boy. My wife started from El Paso with me on the 21 of March—all of us well. On the 10th, baby left us. And oh! how deep are these waters! On the 13th, she laid him away at Toyah, to await the call to the first resurrection; and only the blessed truth that against such a second death has no power, holds back the waters of woe that they drown us not with grief. Blessed hope of immortality! Pray for us.

Still the cloud hovers over us. My wife has too been well a day since baby's death, and at this writing is too weak to lay up an hour a time, and our little girl is greatly suffering with the fever of measles. My brother, B. B. Suggins, offered to come to this far-off land to help Bro. Mack as junior preacher on the White Oak mission. He was accepted by me, and joined us at Pecos for the overland trip of 300 miles. When about a xty-five miles from Pecos he took fever, but being on the road, we thought best to come ahead. The winds were high and cool, and he grew worse; and after five days of exposure and travel, we discovered that he had the measles. He suffered greatly, but we found most comfortable and convenient quarters at the Chisum ranch, where he is now convalescing, and three of his children are sick. He and wife are among strangers, and sorely afflicted, but are cheerful, and, hoping in God, are happy. We know not what a day may bring forth. We suffer and wait. Many friends have offered to aid us; some have done so, among whom I mention the family of an old Texas Methodist, Wiley Johnson, at whose home my little family is domiciled at present. To add to all of this, slow mails or confused business at headquarters or somewhere, has cut off our money supply. So I sum this up as the darkest trip of my life, and suffer, pray and wait to see what I shall see. Thus far my second round has been sad, and only partial work done. Pray for us. J. D. SCOTT.

IN AND ABOUT LAVERNA. I think it is perhaps proper for me to furnish the readers of the ADVOCATE with a statement of the condition of this part of the State, and of my own work in particular. I think, too, that, while we of this section are struggling with so many difficulties and embarrassments, and just along the borders of apparent and overwhelming disaster, we still have many reasons for gratitude to God; and

that the reasons why we should commit our ways unto him, and endeavor to believe from the heart that he rules the world wisely and well, are strong and obvious to the eyes of the intelligent of the times. We have as yet had no rain, or not enough to insure permanent good, and the prospect is now extremely gloomy. There was not much corn made here last year, and most of the cotton that was made was destroyed by the storm of last August, and hence the people began the year in debt for last year's supplies, and under the necessity of going in debt for supplies for this year, and so those who depend upon what they have for support of their families, are now almost, and in many cases quite, destitute of any means of support, except as they pick up odds and ends of work here and there, or as they can get sale for chickens, eggs, rags, bones or old iron, or indeed anything that will bring something to feed their little ones. I know of none actually suffering; but many have been resorting occasionally to the desperate remedy of supplying themselves from the crabs, and other pastures of their more fortunate or more industrious and better managing neighbors—this among the colored and foreign population principally. There is grass and other green things that stock can and do eat to keep them from actually starving, though where there is grass there is generally no water.

But, as I said, we have many reasons to be grateful, first, because we are far better off than others in different parts of the State, if reports are true; and, secondly, because much of the corn planted is looking finely yet, though it has never had rain enough to wet the ground since long before it was planted. Many, indeed, who did not believe there was moisture enough in the ground to germinate the grain when planted have now corn growing vigorously, and looking finely that has been out down once by the frost, and if we can get rain within a week or two, many of the farmers will probably make fine crops of corn, and it is still early enough for cotton to be planted, with a chance for a full crop. The most hopeful and encouraging indication is that the people have not yet less heart, and are still at work. I believe God will yet furnish rain from the fierceness of his anger, and send us rain, if the people will humble themselves before him and make united prayer for the mercy he has promised.

My work embraces, or lies in, a part of three counties, and contains a very mixed population—Americans, English, French, Germans, Poles and negroes—hence, of course, will not go solidly for prohibition, but I am speaking as often as I can, and endeavoring to work for the cause all I can, among those I can reach, white and black, and I think perhaps two of those three counties—Wilson and Guadalupe—will give majorities for prohibition. May God speed the time when Texas shall be free from the rum curse. Fraternally, J. B. DENTON.

REV. K. ABBEY, D. D., OF TOLUQUE, MEXICO.

A press of other matters has prevented me from noticing sooner the reply (7) of Dr. Abbey (published in ADVOCATE of March 21) to my article in same paper of March 3. I am sorry to find Dr. Abbey's memory so sadly wrecked. That a man can receive a complimentary copy of a book, review it, and have a controversy through the press with its author for several months, and within two years forget the very name of its author, can be believed only in the theory of a hopelessly impotent memory. Another illustration of the sad state of the doctor's recollection is in his classing me among a large class of brethren, that he intimates have applied to the "master of wisdom" for information "about Greek, baptisms and baptism, and such things." No, no, doctor; I have done many silly things in my life, but not that. Then comes the insinuation that the animus of my article is to be found in the fact that in the controversy with Dr. Abbey alluded to above, "the Greek did not get exactly right some way," etc. I leave the readers of any of the papers to judge whether my article of the 3d ult. was not a fair juring of a logical issue with Dr. Abbey on an important subject. Bro. Weaver had said that the church was organized in the days of Abraham; Dr. Abbey says he "cannot reconcile this with the merciful salvation of man by Christ." He also said, "Christianity is as old as man; then the church must be very early in its origin." Now this language means a flat denial of Weaver's position, or it means nothing. At the suggestion of Bro. W. (who was otherwise fully engaged), I replied to Dr. Abbey's article, taking squarely the position that the seventeenth of Genesis contains both the charter and the account of the organization of the historic church of the Bible. Now I submit, as Dr. Abbey has begun the controversy, and his position is in the hands of the people, that it is my duty to state Weaver's accredited representative; Dr. Abbey is bound in courtesy and honor to meet squarely my arguments, instead of that, he tortures his enfeebled memory to find out who Alderson is. I incline to think a more appropriate query would be: how are Alderson's arguments to be met? I would always be well content for an opponent to select personal ridicule in preference to arguments, if it were victory rather than truth for which I contend; for all know that that is only resorted to when logic fails. But the question at issue is an important one, and as Dr. Abbey has raised it, the church expects something better from him than ridicule. In his last he says: "I reminded him [Weaver] that while I readily concede all that is generally understood by theological writers concerning that arrangement with the great Hebrew patriarch, etc." Excuse me doctor, in your first article you "conceded" nothing, but emphatically denied the position which you seem now desirous of covertly admitting. As the Doctor must mean I presume, "generally understood" by Pedobaptist theologians; and as these generally understand this "arrangement" to be the organization of the church; this statement flatly contradicts Dr. Abbey's previous emphatic denial of the organization in the "days of Abraham," and admits the correctness of my position. But would it not have been more ingenious to have said cordially: "My first article did not clearly represent my views, and there is really no im-

portant difference between Bro. Alderson and myself?" If the last article correctly represents Dr. Abbey, there is no issue; but he ought to re-trace the first, for they are in absolute contradiction. But if he still holds to the first, let him meet the argument urged against his position on the same. Meanwhile, I will say to the Doctor, that the "Greek" "went" exactly "right" in our little controversy two years ago—that is so far as I am concerned. Especially since I found, after the discussion had closed, that I had taken, and he had strenuously controverted a position that he himself had assumed in Ezece Ecclesia. If the Doctor thinks the "Greek" will "go right" another time he has my permission to make the experiment at any time. It makes me heart-sick to think that my name is unfamiliar to the great Mississippi Doctor. But I think if I will write for all the papers at all times, and on all subjects, and "keep it up" for half a century, I may gain as much notoriety as Dr. Abbey has.

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"'Tis true that many have fallen, Become filthy drunkards, and, worse, Harmed others. No, I don't uphold them; I say, when they're drinking, I'm sure, Must I be denied for their sinning?"

Must the weak ever govern the race? Why ev'ry good thing God has given Is only a curse out of place. 'Tis only excess that destroys us; A little is good now and then." From the white-haired, pious old deacon Came a fervent, loud-spoken, "Amen!"

A murmur came up from the people, From the lips of the list'ning throng; They came from the r' homes with a purpose To crush out an ir' temple out wrong. But their time honored, worthy physician, Grown portly in person an' t' parse, Had shown in the demon of darkness A blessing instead of a curse. And no v' they were eager, impatient, To vote when the moment should come. They felt it their right and their duty To license the selling of rum.

Then, up from a seat in the corner, From the midst of the murmuring throng, From among the people there gathered, To crush out an' tr' temple out wrong, Rose a woman, her thin hands uplifted, While out from her frost-covered hair Gazed a face of such agonized whiteness, A face of such utter despair. The vast throng grew hushed in a moment, Grew silent with terror and dread; They gazed on the face of the woman As we gaze on the face of the dead.

Then the hush and the silence were broken: A voice so shrill and so clear Rang out through the room: "Look upon me! You wonder what chance brought me here; You know me and now you shall hear me. I speak to you, lovers of wine, For once I was young, rich, and happy-- Home, husband, and children were mine. "Where are they? I ask you where are they? My beautiful home went to pay The deacon who sold them the poison That dragged them down so low each day. I pleaded, besought, I entreated; I showed them the path they were in; But the deacon said--they believed him-- That only excess was a sin. "Where are they? I ask you where are they? False teachers of God's Holy Word! My husband--my kind, loving husband-- Whom my tears and prayers might have stirred, Remembered your teaching, turned from me-- My kneeling, and pleading with him, 'T was a God-given blessing, you told him, And only excess was a sin. And where are my boys? God, long've you! They heeded your counsels--not mine; You, doctor, looked and respected, You could see no danger in wine For my boys so strong and so manly. How could I ever hope to win When their doctor said 't was a blessing, And only excess was a sin. "My husband, so noble and loving, My boys, so proud and so brave, They lie side by side in the church-yard, Each filling a drunkard's grave. I have come from the poor-house to tell My story, and now it is done. Go on, if you will, in your madness, And license the selling of rum. "Before the great judgment eternal, When the last dread trumpet has come, They'll stand there to witness against you. My dear ones the victims of rum, When the shadows of earth are lifted, And life's secret thoughts are laid bare, By the throne of the Great Eternal, I shall witness against you there."

PHYSICAL SELF-CONTROL.

Christian Union.
It is not possible to sit in an assemblage of people and not be impressed with the lack of physical self-control manifested. No matter how eloquent the speaker, how entrancing the music, for but a few minutes at a time are they able to control perfect silence on the part of the audience; constantly are there useless and unnecessary movements, revealing the aimless, untrained mind. For were the mind held, the body would be unrecognized and held by the grip of its power. It is the dual life that causes the constant movement, change of position, arrangement of clothing, movements of hands and feet--all showing that the mind has not the sovereignty of the body, because it has not been trained to that sovereignty, or the body yielding to the higher power.

Perhaps one, if not the one, annoyance to speakers and hearers is the endless coughing, hacking, clearing of the throat, which is one of the evidences of lack of control physically. The least self-restraint on the part of each individual would reduce the volume of sound enormously. The constant gratifying of an impulse acquired, not innate, the result of nervousness that grows by what it feeds on, is an evidence of untrained intellect. The effect of gratifying this needless impulse by fifty or sixty persons at the same time, in the same place, is out of all proportion to the individual effort. If a fraction of the effort made in gratifying the impulse were made in restraining it, great good would result to health and comfort.

We have associated the idea of self-control with the moral and mental nature, ignoring its immense influence in the development of the physical, and its reflex action on the higher powers through the physical. The woman who cannot occupy a rocking-chair without keeping it in constant motion is the woman who cannot meet the everyday annoyances with a self-poised calmness. Trifles distress her; and she excuses herself for displays of irritation because of "nervousness," when it was nothing but lack of self-control. The mantle of charity is much enlarged by this modern fringe we call nervousness. "I must do something; I cannot sit with idle hands," is not the expression of normal industry, but the expression of abnormal activity. It's the physical Martha instead of the mental Mary that has gained control. Martha would serve herself and the world better if she recognized the moments when to sit still meant the learning of a lesson that would reveal true serving.

Last Sunday night a boy of sixteen sat in an audience apparently listening to the addresses being delivered. He hung his hat on his umbrella, and putting his finger in the loosely-hanging silk, swayed the hat back and forth for nearly one-half hour. To do this he was forced to make a motion of the right arm from the shoulder. Think of the wasted strength! A pale, thin youth, who needed every bit of strength and vitality in his body to make legitimate effort, to accomplish any purpose. The

movement simply revealed the empty, unused mind. Restless, aimless, wandering about, or purposeless movements, should be educated out of a child. All are the result of a purposeless mind.

Physical restlessness can be overcome in an adult who will once acknowledge the tremendous waste of energy, vitality and force in useless, purposeless movements. Compel yourself to sit still in a comfortable position that pays every attention to conventionalities. Do not give to restlessness, which is the result of mental inactivity, and to abnormal physical activity, which results from mental barrenness and irritability, the name of nervousness, and hug the delusion to the soul that nervousness is an evidence of a "highly strung nature" --to use a much abused term. Physical self-control is the result of education and good breeding, and its possession is as necessary to sound health as mental self-control to sound morals.

HOMESICK.

Young's Companion.
Near one of our large cities there is a small asylum for aged blind men. It is a quiet, airy house, and stands inside of an orchard and old-fashioned garden. Under the trees and in the shaded alleys you may see the grey old pensioners sitting together, telling the same stories for the thousandth time, feeding the poultry, playing with the janitor's child. They have found rest and friendly quiet, in which to wait until death--that silent, kindest friend of all--comes to lead them home.

Among these old men was one, Sandy McFarquhar, an old fifer who had belonged to a Highland regiment, and had strayed in his old age to this country to join his son. The son had died, his wife married again; and poor old Sandy, nearly eighty, crippled and blind, had been placed by some kind souls in this asylum. As he grew more feeble and nearer the end, old memories woke within him. "If I could only once see the house where my nithor lived!" he would complain perpetually. "If I could throw my line in the Tay again!"

As time passed this homesickness grew intolerable. He gabbled all day of his home, and woke from his sleep crying out familiar names.

"If it were possible for him to bear the voyage," said the superintendent to some visitors one day, "it would be only right to send him and let him die in his native village."

One of the visitors was a gay young fellow of the town, with a kind heart under his folly. He listened with dull eyes while old Sandy talked of the glory of his regiment. "You'll hear the bands play as they march down the streets a' the auld times--Roy's Wife an' 'The Campbells are Comin', an' the girls'll rin out, an' the bonnie children, an' they'll be there but me!"

The young man asked a question as they left the room. "He will hardly last till midnight," was the answer of the physician.

At dusk that evening one of the best orchestras of stringed instruments in the city quietly entered the garden of the asylum, took their places beneath the windows, and began to play. The dying old man raised himself in bed.

"What's that? 'Young Lochinvar' Hark! Be still! 'The Campbells are Comin'. It's the regiment comin' home--the regiment--to Scotland!"

The music rose higher. It was an old martial strain of triumph to which he had marched many a day. He threw off the covers, and stood on the floor trembling, his arms raised high.

"It's the regiment! We're at home! We're at home!"

They caught him as he fell. Sandy was at home.

THE CATTLE TRAIN.

A touching incident was related some years ago by Miss M. L. Alcott, the well known author. We give the story in her own words, as published at the time:

"Somewhere about Fitchburg, as we stopped for twenty minutes at a station, I amused myself by looking out of a window at a waterfall which came tumbling over the rocks, and spread into a wide pool that flowed up to the railway. Close by stood a cattle-train; and the mournful sounds that came from it touched my heart.

"Full in the hot sun stood the cars, and every crevice of room between the bars across the doorways was filled with pathetic noses, sniffing eagerly at the sultry gases that blew by, with now and then a fresher breath from the pool that lay dimpling before them. How they must have suffered, in the sight of water, with the cool dash of the fall tantalizing them, and not a drop to wet their poor parched mouths!

"The cattle lowed dismally, and the sheep tumbled one over the other in their frantic attempts to reach the blessed air, bleating so plaintively the while, that I was tempted to get out and see what I could do for them. But the time was nearly up, and while I hesitated, two little girls appeared, and did this kind deed better than I could have done it.

"I could not hear what they said; but as they worked away so heartily, their little tanned faces grew lovely to me, in spite of their old hats, their bare feet, and their shabby gowns. One pulled off her apron, spread it upon the grass, and emptying upon it the berries from her pail, ran to the pool and returned with it dripping, to hold it up to the suffering sheep, who stretched their hot tongues gratefully to meet it, and lapped the precious water with an eagerness that made little barefoot's task a hard one.

"But to and fro she ran, never tired, though the small pail was so soon empty; and her friend meanwhile pulled great handfuls of clover and grass for the cows, and having no pail, filled her 'picking-dish' with water to throw on the poor dusty noses appealing to her through the bars. I wish I could have told those tender-hearted children how beautiful their compassion made that hot, noisy place, and what a sweet picture I took away with me of those two little sisters of charity."

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."

LITTLE WOMEN.

Cassell's Family Magazine.
The seven-year-old daughter of a very busy mother who, in consequence of her husband's early death, was obliged to carry on his business, was asked one day by a friend what she was able to do in the way of help.

"I can only pray to God and hem the dusters," was the child's reply in all seriousness; but it showed that she had learned to do the duty that lay nearest her. As years went on she developed into the steady, reliable, cheerful girl to whom the whole household looked for help, and seldom, if ever, looked in vain.

Very pleasant are the hours spent by our little Mary in the kitchen, still under "mother's" wing or that of some trusty and reliable servant. How she enjoys picking the bits of stem from among currants, stoning the rais-

ins, buttering the cake-lins, and cutting any spare dough or paste that may be over, when the pies are made, into rounds with the top of a glass. And what a crowning joy it is when she is allowed to have a whole gooseberry or a tiny apple to make into a dumpling for her own dinner or a nursery-feast! And what an important personage she is when on busy days she may even be trusted with washing up the breakfast things!

If all little girls were allowed these early visits to the kitchen, with real participation in its work, the world would not hear so much about undomesticated wives and housekeepers, who cannot teach their servants what they have never learned themselves.

I WON'T HEAR BAD WORDS.

A little boy in the city, who had no nice play yard, was sometimes allowed to play in the street. His mother always told him to have nothing to do with boys who used bad words, and Johnny felt a great responsibility for good behavior when trusted alone.

One day another boy, to whom he had lent his drum, got vexed, and broke out in rude, disagreeable language. Johnny marched right up to the boy, and asked for his drum, saying: "I must go to my mother."

"Why? What for?" the children all inquired.

"Mamma never lets me play with boys who use bad words," said Johnny.

"Well, I won't use any more bad words if I may play with you," said the boy, sorry to lose the music of the drum.

"I'll ask my mother," said Johnny, "and if she says I may, then I will; but I shouldn't like to learn such words."

"Tell your mother, Johnny," answered the boy, "I'm done now; she needn't ever be afraid any more of my using bad words, for I just won't--that's all, if she thinks so."

Johnny's mother watched the children at their play for a time afterward, and she never learned that the boy broke his promise not to use bad language any more.

TIT FOR TAT.

This is what a boy of 10 wrote for St. Nicholas after joining the Audubon Society:

There was a bird that lived in spring, And he had a beautiful feathery wing, And a beautiful voice to rejoice and sing; He could fly up to the sky, And see the moon with his little eye.

It happened one day that a cruel hunter came that way, And he shot the bird with the feathery wing; And he stood and laughed with scorn, Because the Audubon Society was born. Then down came a condor quick as light, With his broad, black wings as dark as night; He took the cruel hunter in his beak, And flew to his nest in the rocky peak.

Then that awful condor, he Made his breakfast and dinner and tea Of the man who laughed with scorn When the Audubon Society was born.

ACTIVE, PASSIVE, AND NEUTER.

Some of the books used in our schools are beautifully and appropriately illustrated. The reading books in these days are really artistic. Instead of a wooden looking boy and girl staring at an impossible sun, and "The sun is up. Let us go up too," for a reading lesson, we find pictures of scenes that every child knows about, and sentences that make sense and can be read with expression.

It seems it used to be the fashion to illustrate grammars as well as reading books. The Waterbury American says that an old grammar found in a garret in Portsmouth, N. H., has a picture to explain the difference between "active, passive, and neuter" verbs. It represents a father whipping his boy. "The father is active, the boy is passive, and the mother sitting by herself on a stool looking on, but doing nothing, is neuter."

This is certainly forcible and would be likely to help the memory of any boy who had ever been in that sort of a "passive mood."

Analyzing the Baking Powders.

"Royal," only, found free from lime, alum, and phosphatic acid, and absolutely pure.

Under the direction of the New York State Board of Health, eighty-four different kinds of baking powders, embracing all the brands that could be found for sale in the State, were submitted to examination and analysis by Prof. C. F. CHANDLER, a member of the State Board and President of the New York City Board of Health, assisted by Prof. EDWARD G. LOVE, the well-known United States Government chemist.

The official report shows that a large number of the powders examined were found to contain alum or lime; many of them to such an extent as to render them seriously objectionable for use in the preparation of human food.

Alum was found in twenty-nine samples. This drug is employed in baking powders to cheapen their cost. The presence of lime is attributed to the impure cream of tartar of commerce used in their manufacture. Such cream of tartar was also analyzed and found to contain lime and other impurities, in some samples to the extent of 93 per cent of their entire weight.

All the baking powders of the market, with the single exception of "Royal" (not including the alum and phosphate powders, which were long since discarded as unsafe or inefficient by prudent housekeepers), are made from the impure cream of tartar of commerce, and consequently contain lime to a corresponding extent.

The only baking powder yet found by chemical analysis to be entirely free from lime and absolutely pure is the "Royal." This perfect purity results from the exclusive use of cream of tartar specially refined and prepared by patent processes, which totally remove the tartrate of lime and other impurities. The cost of this chemically pure cream of tartar is much greater than any other, and it is used in no baking powder but the "Royal."

Prof. LOVE, who made the analyses of baking powders for the New York State Board of Health, as well as for the Government, says of the purity and wholesomeness of "Royal":

"I have tested a package of 'Royal Baking Powder' which I purchased in the open market, and find it composed of pure and wholesome ingredients. It is a cream of tartar powder of a high degree of merit, and does not contain either alum or phosphates or any injurious substances."

"E. G. LOVE, Ph.D."

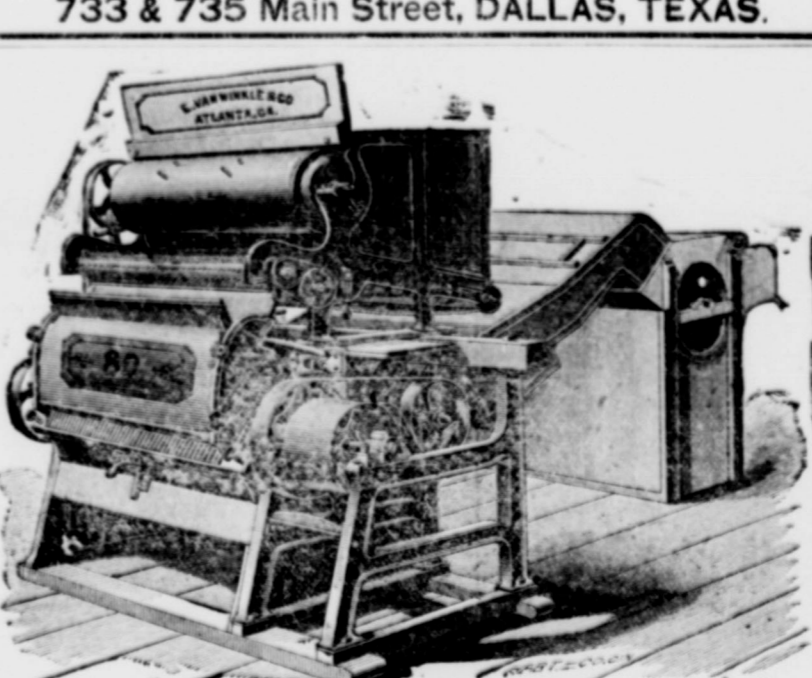
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AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

The News would have the country believe that in the event the amendment is carried the governor will be forced to call an extra session of the Legislature to provide for the immediate enforcement of the law. If the amendment is carried its friends will, of course, be in the majority. The governor will not call an extra session if they oppose it. Certainly they will oppose it. We will surely be courteous enough to our friends to allow them eighteen months in which to consume their goods. This will prevent any loss of property. Of course, driving the whisky trade out of business houses will not hurt the houses. As for the liquor on hand, if the anti-prohibitionists fail to drink up every drop now in Texas in eighteen months, we have greatly underrated their capacity.

To answer agitation of this sort, however, an authoritative announcement is necessary. Let us hear from the Central Committee. Let them put beyond all question the fact that the prohibitionists will oppose an extra session.

A LITTLE SIN.

Better leave that phrase out of our vocabulary. Men may speak intelligently enough to each other when they say that the peak of a mountain is nearer the sun than its base, but from the telescopic heights of nature the surface of the earth, if seen at all, is a dead level. Sin, to be understood, must be viewed from the throne of God. The little inequalities of degree are of no moment when we contemplate the gulf which sin has opened between earth and heaven. When we come to measure sin we must use God's rule, not ours. This comes of its very nature. Sin is the transgression of the law of God. With what vast moment does this definition clothe it. A crime against an individual is punishable under the laws of the State, but the highest crime known among men is not crime against the individual, but crime against the State itself-treason against the government. And what is sin? It is not crime against man or the State, or an angel or an archangel, but against God-treason against the government of the universe. Nothing can be small that the Lord God omnipotent commands. The hope of man and of the universe is in it. Where his command falls a duty vast as the weal of the universe arises. A single offense may seem a small matter to human sight and human thought, but it bears a mighty significance as it rises to the throne of God. The report of a single rifle breaks the stillness of the night, and the "picket is off duty forever." It might have seemed to be a small matter, but it was the evidence of a vast war that involved half a continent and changed the course of history. Every overt act of sin, no matter how small, every compromise with evil for the sake of pleasure or profit, is the evidence of a wide-spread rebellion which made vacant thrones in heaven, which brought death into the world and all man's woe, and which, if not checked, would plunge the universe into ruin.

Can any sin, however small, be washed away with less than the blood of Christ? Then by the length of the chain it takes to reach you, learn the depth of the gulf into which you are plunging.

USE AND ABUSE OF HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

We cheerfully give place on this page to the following protest from our esteemed brother at Rusk:

To the Editor: It is not common for one occupying an humble position in the church, and especially for me, to differ with our much loved editor. But on the above subject we must join issue. While you leave all men free to their opinions, yet your opinion is highly valued among Methodists in Texas, and that opinion is, that we should not use our churches for prohibition meetings. You "urge, persuade and exhort our people everywhere not to hold prohibition meetings in our churches." Ordinarily I am opposed to holding anything in the church but religious meetings. But just now what are we to do? Our people are now called on to settle the mightiest question, and if we ever been called to grapple with, and if we carry this question it can only be done by the most persistent effort. Thorough organization, and the largest amount of intelligent discussion and information that can be given in the time allowed, are positively necessary.

Our only way of reaching the masses will be in these prohibition meetings. We are not able to compete with the whisky interest in a moneyed way, and we can't send out literature to reach one-half of those to be reached without it. Now, if we shut our churches against prohibition speakers and organizers, the result will be they will have no place to speak and organize, and in the absence of these agencies we stand many chances of defeat. But you say "organize in the courthouse, or schoolroom, or private house, in the open air." As to the courthouse and schoolroom, that will do, where we have them. But church, and in those places it is used for a schoolroom, grange hall, alliance hall, temperance hall, debating society hall, and often for holding elections. Now, just at a juncture, when we most need information and can only get it in the way mentioned above, shall we discriminate against prohibition organizations, and shut them out? I hope not. As to private houses and the open air, that is wholly impracticable. J. T. SMITH, RUSK, TEXAS.

We have nothing to add to or take from the exhortation against holding prohibition conventions in our churches, and if our brother's communication dealt only with that question would print it without comment. But he gives us some information we did not have before, namely: that in many parts of the country the Methodist Church is used as "schoolroom, grange hall, alliance hall, temperance hall, debating society hall, and often for holding elections." This most amazing state of affairs calls for one or two remarks.

1. The discipline says of Episcopal decisions that "all such decisions, when approved by the College of Bishops, shall be recorded in a permanent form and published in such manner as the Bishops shall agree to adopt; and when so approved, recorded and published, they shall be authoritative interpretations or constructions of the law." (Disc., p. 74)

2. Among the decisions "so approved, recorded and published," is the following: "The powers of trustees over a house of worship deeded to the church according to the discipline are limited. They have no right, by virtue of their office, to grant the use of such houses for schools, for courthouses, for political assemblies, and such like. The trust vested in them is for a specific purpose. This requires that they shall defend the title, and keep the property in a suitable condition for the public worship of God. They have no right to permit such houses to be used for other than the purposes specified in the trust." (Man., p. 66)

3. The "purposes specified in the trust" are as follows: "In trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said church and the annual conference within whose bounds the said premises are situate." (Disc., p. 209)

4. Hence the sentence of dedication reads: "Forasmuch as God has put it into the hearts of this people to build this house for his worship, and has blessed them in their undertaking, we solemnly dedicate it to his service, for the reading and expounding of his holy word, the administration of his ordinances, and for all other acts of religious worship." (Disc., p. 282)

5. In view of the foregoing, it is our firm belief that the preachers in charge and trustees who have, in the face of the law, allowed our houses of worship to be turned into school-rooms, grange halls, debating halls, and polling places, should be called upon to show cause why they should not be disciplined.

LETTER FROM GEN. NEAL DOW.

The Prohibition Committee of this city, Captain Wm. White, chairman, have received a letter from Gen. Neal Dow, which we take pleasure in printing. Writing from Portland, Maine, April 29, he says:

Dear Sirs-I see in the Dallas Morning News, of the 30th inst., a letter from Horace Clifton strongly objecting to the adoption of the prohibitory amendment to the constitution of Texas, upon which the people are soon to vote. The letter is moderate in tone and courteous in manner, but written by a gentleman who has little or no knowledge of the temperance movement now going on throughout the English speaking world, nor of the reasons which have induced temperance workers to unite upon the policy of prohibition and suppression of the liquor traffic.

This traffic is inconsistent with the public good. No system of regulation or mere restriction can eliminate from it its dangerous qualities which wage deadly war upon every interest of nation, State or people. More and greater mischiefs come from it than from all other sources of evil combined, at the same time that no good comes from it in any way.

The liquor traffic earns nothing; it adds not a dollar directly or indirectly to the national wealth, contributes nothing whatever to the welfare of society, at the same time that it wastes directly and indirectly more than \$1,500,000,000 annually of the earnings of the people and spreads poverty, pauperism, wretchedness and crime broadcast through the nation. All the labor and capital employed in this traffic is so much withdrawn from productive industry, and is an absolute loss to the nation. The men engaged in the liquor traffic live upon the earnings of other people, giving in exchange poverty, misery, disease, crime, premature death.

If the liquor traffic were suppressed every family in the Union could have a good home of its own in fee, while poverty and pauperism would be almost unknown in all our country. This great fight against the liquor traffic is founded entirely upon the ground that an immense mischief comes from it to the nation, while no compensation is made by it, or any thing however small. It is all bad, and so bad that nothing else in the world is or can be so bad. Twelve years ago Senator Morrill

said in the United States Senate: "The liquor traffic is the gigantic crime of crimes," and from no quarter has there been a suggestion that this declaration was overstated. As the liquor traffic flourishes every legitimate industry languishes and dies. It cannot live without changing good men-good citizens into bad ones; peaceful, industrious, thrifty workers into burglars, paupers, tramps, beggars, thieves, liars, horse-burners, robbers, murderers. It disinclines those under its influence to honest industry, and at last unites them for it, and blasts as with pestilence or fire thousands of homes, which but for it would be peaceful, prosperous, happy. After thirty-three years of experience of the benefits of prohibition the people of Maine put it into their constitution by a majority of 47,075. The affirmative vote within a small fraction was three times larger than the negative. It is so strongly founded in public opinion here that no voice against it is heard in any quarter. All our people, of whatever party, accept it as the settled policy of the State, and they would no sooner abandon it than they would give up free and universal education. By this policy the liquor traffic in Maine has been reduced to at least one-twentieth of its former volume; every distillery and brewery has been suppressed, and our people save at least \$24,000,000 annually, which, but for prohibition, would be spent and wasted in drink. As the result of this our State has become one of the most prosperous in the Union, while it was the poorest in the old rum time, when in drink our drinking people wasted a sum equal to the entire value of all the property of every kind in the State in every period of twenty years, just as the people of the nation are now doing in every period of less than thirty-five years. We exhort the people of Texas earnestly with every feeling of brotherhood to put the liquor traffic under the hand of the law and to put prohibition into the constitution. NEAL DOW.

A PROTEST.

We met on the street this week a prominent Dallas member of the anti-prohibition convention. During the conversation he remarked: "We have lost some votes this week. A saloon has been set up on Ross avenue in a very pleasant part of the city. The property owners in the neighborhood are anti-prohibitionists, but they say this thing is going to be a nuisance and will cut down the value of their property. I told one of the whisky men yesterday he must have it stopped or it would lose us a thousand votes."

Now against this outrage we offer the following solemn protest:

1. We oppose the breaking up of that saloon on the upper end of Ross avenue because it will take from the citizen his most sacred and inalienable right, and is therefore undemocratic and anti-Republican.

2. We oppose it because this course of action is sumptuary and will vex the citizen and interfere with personal liberty.

3. We oppose it because it is at war with the fundamental principles of Anglo-Saxon civilization, and will destroy that inalienable right of the citizen to determine for himself by what method he shall pursue his own happiness without interference with the rights of others, which principle is the basis of our liberties and the sole hope for the perpetuity of our institutions.

4. We oppose it because it will enable the rich citizens of that ward to import from other parts of the city the liquors they use, and prohibit only those people of the neighborhood who are too poor to buy their liquors in unbroken packages, and, therefore will favor of class legislation, which is odious to our people and contrary to free government.

5. We oppose it because if driven from this chosen spot this saloon might not be set up at all. This disaster would decrease by one the number of saloons in our city, and by so much, unskillful business, impair property values, and paralyze our commercial interests. It will narrow the source of our city revenues and increase a corresponding amount the burden upon lands and the necessities of life, already overburdened with the exactions of government.

6. We oppose it because one of the leading agitators in the movement is a preacher. Preachers are dangerous people. They are more dangerous to society and government than any other class of men. We cannot afford as free citizens to yield our inalienable rights at the demand of an intermeddling, dictatorial Protestant priesthood. We must stand by the old Jeffersonian principles and oppose to the death the union of church and state.

7. In conclusion we warn our people of this threatened danger, and call upon them to rebuke this sinister conspiracy against the growth and prosperity of the city and the fundamental principles of American liberty.

IN THE HANDS OF PIRATES.

The New York Advocate says: "The assassination of Dr. W. T. Northup, of Haverhill, Ohio, by a saloon-keeper, his brother (a postmaster), and two nephews, because of his active work in favor of local option, is another instance of the murderous venom of the rum traffic. The country is in the hands of a band of pirates. They burn houses and churches, shoot down ministers and doctors, and threaten the lives of judges. Yet let no man by fear be deterred from the discharge of his duty. To awaken the nation to its peril may be necessary to its salvation."

A CASE OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The Courier-Journal says: "In response to an appeal from a committee of Texas liquor-men, consisting of Col. W. J. Berton, of Dallas, S. Klein, of Galveston, and Mr. Schurbert, of Fort Worth, the wholesale dealers of Louisville have contributed four thousand dollars to be used in the fight against the prohibitory constitutional amendment, which will be submitted to the voters of that

State in August. The distillers will subscribe through the National Protective Association, which starts out with a donation of three thousand dollars, and will add to the sum if necessary. The Cincinnati trade will contribute also, but through the western pool. The Texas committee left yesterday for St. Louis, where they hope to add to their funds."

IS DR. ARCH COCHRAN CONVERTED?

Dr. Cochran will be remembered as one of the principal speakers at the late anti-prohibition convention. The following extract from the proceedings of a recent session of the Dallas City Council appears to put him on the other side of the fence:

"The City Council met last night, May 10, in adjourned session, to act on the salary ordinance. Before taking up the latter the following petition was presented by Mr. Cochran, on whose motion it was referred to the city attorney:

We, the undersigned citizens of Dallas, residing in the neighborhood of where Ross avenue crosses Griffith street, beg to submit this protest against longer tolerating the opening of a saloon at the crossing of said Ross avenue and Griffith street, the same being, in our estimation, an intolerable nuisance, we basing our complaint on what appears to us an outrage on common decency, and detrimental to the peace and happiness of our neighborhood, and we humbly beg of you to have the enterprise suppressed."

WHISKY MEN BURN A TOWN.

The current number of the Methodist Advance, of Memphis, says: "We have been told by a witness from the place that the town of Henning, Tenn., which was burned in May, 1886, was rashly threatened with destruction by fire, after the saloons were forced to close. Put the two things together. The threats were made. Soon the fire broke out in a house made vacant by the closing of saloons. The wind seemed to charge its direction, and many houses were burned not plotted against, while some escaped which no doubt were expected to go. Shall we still feed and clothe and fatten and strengthen the class of citizens or aliens among us, who can, in cold blood, mob our people and burn our towns, for trying to protect our sons?"

WHISKY MEN MURDER A PHYSICIAN.

The current number of the New York Independent, says: "The murder by saloon-keepers of a preacher in Iowa for his activity against the saloon has been duplicated now by the murder of a physician in Ohio for doing the same thing. It seems to be the most wanton murder conceivable, and two saloon keepers were the assassins. We trust the vengeance of the law will be swifter and surer than has been the case in Iowa."

GIBBS SHELVED.

J. W. Mitchell, Esq., of Galveston, a member of the anti-prohibition convention was interviewed by the News on his return. In his report he said: "Gibbs was not looked upon as a strong card and was in a manner shelved."

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

I wish to God I could alienate these prohibitionists! -R. Q. Mills.

WHEN a law does not receive the sanction and support of the masses of the people, it will not be enforced. When any law is thus brought into contempt it affords an excuse for violating other laws, and the whole system of laws becomes corrupted and falls to pieces. -Col. Giddings.

But the whisky interest defies law. This defiance encourages other law-breakers, and tends to corrupt the whole system. In the foregoing the speaker really made an argument for prohibition.

If Col. Mills were absolute ruler of Texas there would be about two hundred thousand voters exiled-the prohibitionists.

If it is not crushed out now the next issue to follow will be woman's suffrage, and others of that character will come on which should have no place on the soil of Texas. -Col. Giddings.

No, not woman suffrage; but woman's prayers to God to bless a State that protects her from the demon of drink.

WILL somebody please inform Col. Mills that you cannot exile people under free institutions?

WHEN I saw honest and good Democrats who had fought for personal liberty all through their lives following the banners of these men (Prohibitionists) * * * I was led to apprehend it might be possible that the evil day had come. -Col. D. C. Giddings.

And that is just what the "honest and good Democrats who had fought for personal liberty all their lives" thought-that the evil day had come! They knew it had come-had been brought by the whisky traffic; and as chronic office-seekers all over the land were afraid to meet it, they, "as honest and good Democrats and lifelong fighters for personal liberty," determined to meet the issue. It is about time for some people to begin to "apprehend."

WHAT to do with people who have beaten you in debate: Alienate them!

THIS is a fight for civil and religious liberty against religious intolerance. -True Blue.

It is-on your side-a fight for whisky against civil and religious liberty.

I ASK you what is the verdict of a jury in a criminal trial in this or any other country but the expression of public opinion in relation to the particular law charged to have been violated. -Col. Giddings.

juror. We regret that a public man of Col. Giddings' reputation could endorse so pernicious a practice.

WHEN Col. Mills locates the reservation for the prohibitionists he proposes to alienate, the next question will be, how to keep them on the reservation?

TEXAS has long been famous as a battleground. But the country is astonished that it is a scene of a great battle for temperance on prohibition lines. Very few have realized that temperance sentiment has developed to such an extent in Texas that it can engage in this conflict with any prospect of success. -N. Y. Observer.

The country will be still more astonished on the 4th of August. San Jacinto will not be any more memorable than that day on which we shall free ourselves from disgraceful bondage to the league of politicians and rum-sellers.

COL. MILLS' new plank in the Democratic platform: "Preachers are more dangerous to society and government than any other class of men."

THIS prohibition movement is not so much a war on whisky as it is a movement to get office. -True Blue.

Physician, heal thyself: J. W. Mitchell, Esq., a member of the anti-prohibition convention was interviewed by the News on his return, and said:

There were many prominent young men in attendance-in fact, the older crowd that have been running the machine were not so prominent; still, there was plenty of machine work. Mills had the call on the convention and used it. It looks now as though he will succeed. -Coke!

WHY should Northern Texas run over Southern Texas and say we will drink our tea and coffee, but you shan't have your wine and beer? -True Blue.

WHY should Anheuser-Busch Company run over all Texas and say you shall not amend your constitution if our money can prevent it?

EVERY person shall be at liberty to speak, write or publish his opinion on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege. -Bill of Rights.

Col. Mills would amend the Bill of Rights by adding, "Unless such person is a prohibitionist, in which case he shall be alienated."

THE prohibitionists employ men who have led the lives of drunkards to tell sober men how to vote on moral questions! -True Blue.

Well, it is a mere matter of taste. Our opponents can continue to employ drunkards if they want to, but we prefer to employ men who have sworn off and sobered up.

WHY vote into the constitution a provision that will make babies, hypocrites and liars out of an honest, self-reliant people? -True Blue.

Is it possible that whisky so owns us, body and soul, that we are ready to become hypocrites and liars to obtain it? Then the sooner we root it out the better.

THE liquor traffic driven from the hands of responsible parties to a class that will evade the law will result in evasions as it always has done and will do. -Col. Giddings.

Driven from the hands of responsible parties! Did not Col. Giddings mean-driven from the hands of men whom office-seekers can use in elections? That would have been nearer the truth.

It substitutes the drug interest for the saloon interest. Instead of going to a saloon and paying for his drink, he will go to the drug store with a lie in his mouth, and a man professing to be a physician certifies to the lie, and gets the nearest kind of a drink. -Col. Giddings.

The people have about as much confidence in druggists and physicians as Col. Giddings seems to have in saloon men. He thinks saloon-keepers more worthy of confidence; the people do not. Merely a difference of opinion.

SOME of the weak old men, after swearing for years that prohibition was a fraud, have been scared into swallowing their words, but the young and vigorous Democrats are still standing by the constitution and the national platform. -True Blue.

And when the fight is over these young and vigorous Democrats will be like the little boy that the mule kicked-they won't be any prettier, but they will be a long sight smarter.

EVERY true Texian will blush for shame if this radical amendment is adopted. We could claim no longer to be a free people, but men in leading strings. -True Blue.

Rather shall we blush for shame if it be not adopted, and leave us in the leading strings of whisky.

It took Reagan forty years of public life to discover that prohibition was a good thing, he is and always has been too stupid for a leader. -True Blue.

Is this a country of free thought or not? The people who can publish officially such a slur upon an old and honored servant of the commonwealth ought to be hurled from power.

ALIENATE THEM - R. Q. Mills.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

THE Methodists of Vicksburg, Miss., are building a house for Bishop Galloway in that city.

NEW YORK Advocate: Texas is the greatest of States; its development has been marvelous. Every visitor returns amazed at the speed with which the State is taking on the form of a thoroughly settled community.

in which I was moved to all parts of the State, so that I met my assembled friends everywhere. I remember most distinctly of old Beaufort, where I had last been. I saw immense assemblages, and as I looked down upon them a grave personage approached me and touched me on the shoulder and said to me: "These people are praying for you. Live! Live! Live!" I never realized anything like it before. It seemed a vision. I woke the next morning feeling a life-blood creeping through my veins, and I told my family that the crisis was passed and that I should get better."

DR. MCGLYNN said in a recent speech before a Catholic audience, which cheered him to the echo: "Religion will never be right until we see a Pope walking down Broadway with a stopehat hat and frock coat. He will be the biggest of all popes, and instead of being carried on men's shoulders he will carry all men in his heart."

THE call to prayer by Mrs. Hayes, in the May number of Woman's Missionary Advocate, for the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, should have been appointed for the 27th of May, instead of the 22d, as published.

CHARLES R. CARTER, son of Dr. Carter, of the New Orleans Advocate, has been licensed to preach.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER, of London, who had accepted an invitation to deliver a memorial address in honor of Henry Ward Beecher in Plymouth Church, on Mr. Beecher's birthday in June, has postponed his coming till October. The reason assigned is fear of hot weather. The Plymouth Church people are greatly disappointed.

TAXES in Atlanta have been reduced from forty to thirty cents on the \$100.

IF this prohibition law passes and is attempted to be enforced, there will be enough dead prohibitionists in Texas to fill the Brazos river. -Postmaster Gerald, of Waco.

REV. MARK GUY PEASE, author of "Daniel Quorn," "Mister Horn," and other popular books, and one of the most widely known of English Wesleyans, is now visiting this country.

MICHIGAN Advocate: You thought the sermon rather dry Sunday morning, did you? We have not the slightest doubt of it. You allowed the devil to pre-empt for the day your whole mind and soul when you sat down after breakfast to read that Sunday paper. You were dry, not the preacher.

A NOTE from Rev. John H. McLean, written from Memphis, August 4, says: "The Hymn Book Committee turned over their work to the Bishops on yesterday for their investigation. I cannot anticipate the action of the Bishops; suppose, however, the work will, in the main be approved. Great pains have been taken to meet the wants of the church, with what success the future must determine."

THE ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in Catlettsburg, Ky., the opening session on June 11, 1887. Delegates from all the conference societies are urgently requested to attend. They are requested, also, to send a notice of their purpose to Miss Lida Moore, at Catlettsburg, that she may make suitable arrangements for their comfort. Visitors are cordially invited. Bishop Wilson will preach the annual sermon on the 12th of June.

THE Timpson Times: "It adds a great deal to the fire of eloquence to talk about inalienable rights, but if all these same eloquent gentlemen were about to take a trip by rail, they would very seriously dispute the engineer's inalienable right to be drunk."

THE Nashville Advocate: "The Hymn-book Committee has been in session at Nashville several days, and is still in session as we write. Present: S. K. Cox, D. D., and J. H. Carlisle, LL. D., of the first section; O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., W. F. Tillet, D. D., and C. W. Carter, of the second section; and John H. McLean, D. D., R. H. Mahon, D. D., and Rev. W. L. C. Hinnicutt, of the third section. It was much regretted that Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, of the first section, was prevented from being present by severe sickness. The committee is working hard and harmoniously. They have found that the making of a new hymn-book, or the reconstruction of an old one, is no small matter. But we may be allowed to say that their work is now so far advanced that we venture the opinion that they will present to the church a hymnal not surpassed by any other. They have reaped and gleaned a wide field, and are still glean- ing. The bishops will review the work of the committee at once, and soon the printers will be at work on the new Hymn-book."

THE Fort Worth Gazette: Rev. A. A. Allison, and all the members of the Fourth Street M. E. Church, present, must have felt highly gratified yesterday, May 4, at the large and refined gathering that had assembled to see the corner stone of the new church laid. By 4 p. m., the hour for the ceremony to begin, there were at least 1000 people on the spot. The beautifully dressed stone was put in position by the Masons of the city, after the ritual of the order. Rev. M. Tinnon, the eloquent and able pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, made the address, which, impromptu though it was, was in exceedingly happy style and worthy of the occasion. He asserted that Masonry and the church, as they derived their authority from the same high source, should work in harmony to do good to mankind. The exercises occupied something over an hour, and no one seemed to tire. The congregation and pastor are to be congratulated that by August they will have an elegant new building, an architectural ornament to the city. Following is a list of the articles deposited: Holy Bible; Discipline; Christian Advocate, Nashville; TEXAS ADVOCATE; addresses, "Our Mother Tongue;" the Railroad, as an Element in Education, by Prof. Alex. Hogg; list of county and precinct officers of Tarrant county; board of trustees, superintendent, principals and teachers of the public schools of the city of Fort Worth; list of the membership and officers of the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South; catalogue of the Texas Wesleyan College; catalogue of the Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas; minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference; Christian Observer; list of city officers; Fort Worth Daily Gazette; Evening Mail; list of Sunday-school officers; list of building committee; Fort Worth Masonic Journal; Daily Reporter; masonic deposits.

FROM THE AUSTIN DISTRICT.

THE Ridge Chapel quarterly meeting was my first in the country in Texas. I never have liked the way city people of the present day treat quarterly meetings, and I enjoyed seeing the occasion appreciated as it was at Ridge Chapel. These good people actually found time to go to church and worship on Saturday, though they might have plead excuses, for they truly have been smitten and afflicted in the past year. The hail and wind beat their growing crops to the ground, and

stripped the forest actually as bare as winter. Then came the drouth, and then worse than all, an epidemic that seemed to follow the track of the storm, preying chiefly on the little ones. Like Rama, there was a voice of weeping through that country, for many, many little mounds were raised above household doorsteps, and the sable gurnets and saddened faces of mothers still spoke of their deep sorrows as in chastened joy they knelt at the table to commune with Him who, by tasting life's deepest woes, had opened the path of hope and light to brighten the path of all earth's sinned ones, as if he were a man, I thought of this, as I saw them kneel, and as I saw their offerings to spread the glad news of salvation to others. For even after all these misfortunes Ridge Chapel paid its quarter's missionary assessment in full.

At Bishop we found the church taking time to worship God on Saturday, too, and learned that one of its members had opened a Friday. There was also another feature in that church—a woman's prayer meeting, and one of Sister Wooten's work, and it bore fruit too, for the spirit that came down on that little band of women helped them to gather in some straying ones, and some of the lambs of the flock. The church was revived and now ready, I hope, to go to work with Bro. Godbey, who is expected there this week to assist Bro. Graham in another protracted meeting. Bro. Graham strikes us as the right man for Bishop at this juncture—many new people are moving in, now that they have railroad connection with the rest of the great world, and Bro. Graham is looking them all up, as well as taking care of the former members.

At Webbville we found some praying women, too, and we said, "Women who can carry on a prayer meeting can also carry on a missionary auxiliary," so we organized one there with eleven members, which, I trust, will form a lasting link in the great chain of loving womanhood that is to extend the happiness suffering ones who are not safe in the arms of Jesus, but far off on the "mountains wild and bare," so far, that the loving words of peace will never reach them unless we bear them thither. We had the pleasure of spending two weeks at our beautiful capital, and at the parsonage, were with Sister Pinson, another of Tennessee's consecrated daughters, who has left home and friends to come to work in this grand garden of the Lord—and in its possibilities. What a privilege to be permitted to strew some seed in this fertile soil, and look forward with hope to the day when it shall be as Sharon. I wish every Texan could see the elegant new church at Austin, and the grand capitol that is rearing up its dome three hundred and eighty feet from a base five hundred and fifty feet in length and three hundred in breadth. The machinery for elevating the stone gives it the appearance, at a distance, of a large ship. It is built of gray stone, brought seventy-five miles by rail. I think no Texan can look on our capitol without receiving an impulse to be a larger man himself, or a larger woman herself; for we are not of a people who can do great things. Austin abounds in large and beautiful buildings that are well shown off by their elevated sites. I think it has even more hills than Rome. I am satisfied it has a better Southern Methodist Church. I had pleasant association with some of the noble women of that church; among them are the widows of Dr. Fisher and Prof. Stacy, whose hands, weary with labor, have been long since folded to rest, but their wives still labor on, looking with hope to the time when together they shall present their sheaves to the Lord of the harvest. I had the pleasure also of meeting Sister Ireland, who was there on a visit, and who made a record in the "mission" record in no respect to that of Mrs. Hayes in the White House. Wine, cards and the dance were all banished from the mansion while this Christian woman was mistress there. Would that all who shall follow her there could have her fidelity and heroism. Truly it would be as a light to all the women of Texas. Mrs. Ireland made no compromise with the world, but chose rather to enjoy herself with the people of God in Austin, than to suffer the allusions of sin for a season with the officers and fashionable of the capital; for this is the true state of the case these days. Things were harder for the people of God when "Moses suffered affliction" with them than they are now. However, it does take nerve to tear down shrines and set aside customs for which the people are clamoring as their "rights." The young people of Austin thought their rights were trampled on when the mansion was shut against the dance; and the same young people will think their rights are trampled on when prohibition is carried. Thieves imagine their rights are trampled on when the combination shuts them out from the treasures of the safe. Sin of all kinds clamors for license and freedom. I heard Mrs. Chapin, of South Carolina, address the negroes of Austin on prohibition.

I don't think I ever believed in female suffrage; in fact, I never gave it much thought. I never admired any politician enough to want to vote for him, and I never remember of any moral question ever having been submitted to the people before. The question of female suffrage has fitted through my brain several times lately, but the editors of the Nashville and Texas Advocates both pronounced against it, and I thought they ought to know. They wrote like they wanted to protect us from demoralizing influences and impure contact, and keep us sacred and secure in the home sphere, and I thought that was so chivalrous in those dear brethren, and that we ought to be so thankful and trust everything to the care and wisdom of our brave protectors of the stronger sex. But when I entered that courthouse and heard a refined and venerable woman pleading with a set of ignorant, degraded negroes, on whom this same wise, strong sex had conferred the right to vote; the opportunity to infamy and destruction to the boys that she had borne and nursed and reared and loved and prayed for, while she, with her intelligence and heaven-born desire, had no right to a voice in the matter, I said, "Why, how is this?" I know the saloons have been dragging our boys to perdition. I know the mothers have made every possible effort to save them. I know they can't vote. This does not look like being kept safe and sacred in the home sphere; to see these mothers having to beg these negroes for the security of their sons, and yet I know the negroes have it in their power to help save or ruin them. I did not know how to fix this thing up. My mind is troubled; the foundations of trust are shaken. I know the saloons would all be wiped out of Texas and out of the world if women could vote. I have no doubt but God has called the

women of the W. C. T. U. to their work. Because men had not done their duty in this matter. The women have worked the temperance question up to its present state, and if men do not carry it on to victory by their votes, God will call women to do it. He will not disregard their prayers ascending to him daily for the safety of their children. We will wait and see. If the men carry prohibition, and by their voices keep down the voices and traps to ruin our children, we can keep our quiet places in the sweet home sphere; but if not, God will doubtless call us out and keep us from the danger predicted; for right must triumph. God must be glorified in the lives of our sons.

I intended to say more of the successful work of the Austin churches, and tell about the missionary meeting at Central Church; at which Bro. Pinson made such an effective address for the woman's missionary work that ten new names were added to the roll of the Austin Auxiliary, and steps taken to advance the interest of the juvenile work. But this letter is growing too long. I have heard that exasperated editors sometimes cut down lengthy articles, and anything further would probably be left off; for I know Bro. Briggs is too fair and generous to leave out the woman's suffrage part, especially as I have made up my mind not to decide until I see the result of Aug. 4.

"What matter I, or they— Mine or another's day, So the right word be said, And life the sweeter made."

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG, ELGIN, TEXAS.

PARSONAGES FOR INDIAN TERRITORY.

There is gratifying growth in our church in Indian Territory, and an increasing demand for missionaries, but our progress is hindered by the lack of comfortable homes for our brethren already in the field who labor on small salaries out of which they pay a large per cent. for "hired houses." It would greatly relieve the board of missions, and add efficiency to the work, if these parsonages could be procured.

The Indians are not only a heathen people in the center of a Christian country, but have a peculiar and well known claim upon American Christians. They have taken from them their homes, their hopes—treating them more like wild beasts than human beings—and now coolly predict for their annihilation. Shall we also quietly resign them to eternal death? A ruined people they appeal to us for the word of life. Shall we refuse it? Shall we not at least aid in procuring homes for those who are giving their lives to work that is ours as well as theirs. If we can render this assistance, the Board of Missions will be freer to send missionaries—as it sees urgent need of doing at this time—to other parts of the Territory to rescue those poor souls dying without hope. Let every reader of this call forward a contribution for this purpose to Rev. David Morton, 520 West Chestnut, Louisville, Kentucky. LUCINDA B. HELM, Sec. Woman's Dept., Church Extension. I endorse this call.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

HOUSTON PREACHERS' MEETING.

The meeting convened at Shearn Church on the 21st of April, with Bro. Follin in the chair. There were present Bros. Follin, Green, Timmons, Seth Ward, of Galveston, and L. P. Davis, of the Bolivar work. The experience meeting was one of much warmth; it did all the brethren's hearts good. Shearn Church: Bro. Timmons said that the revival meeting showed signs of decided success. There have been, to date, five conversions and five accessions to the church. Financially and spiritually the Sunday-school is in a promising condition. Last Sabbath attendance at the revival services were exceedingly large. Quite a number of persons are manifesting concern in the salvation of their souls.

Washington St. Church: Bro. Green said that his social meetings are keeping up well, both in numbers and interest. His new members are advancing in the divine life. Some of them pray in the congregation and manifest a desire to do their whole duty for the sake of Jesus. Sunday-school is thriving. St. James, Galveston: Bro. Ward said there was manifest improvement in all departments of the work. His prayer-meetings are well attended. At these meetings the brothers and sisters feel the presence and power of the good Lord. His Sabbath services are better attended. The Sunday-school is doing a grand work. Bro. Ward has a woman's weekly prayer-meeting that is doing great good. Bolivar Circuit: Bro. Davis is making advances in his work. On the work there are weekly prayer-meetings that are well attended. Several have been added to the church. His brothers and sisters show a willingness to help their pastor in his work. He is collected and forwarded to Bro. Pinson for foreign missions, \$18.00.

Galveston District: Bro. Follin reported that his last Sabbath and Sunday were well spent. He has inaugurated a children's meeting that is doing much good. On Sunday the congregation was large. Several children have been baptized, and one person added to the church. Bro. Phair is trying to get ready to build a new church. He has succeeded in raising about \$65.00. McKee St. Church: Bro. Hendry reported his work in fair condition. Attendance on his work is very good. Last Sunday he took a collection on Church Extension, and raised the assessment. His juvenile society is doing very nicely, and the boys and girls are saving up lots of missionary money. The children are beginning to take quite an interest in their own society. The pastor is confident of raising more than the amount assessed. The revival meeting near the city, at Little White Oak School-house, after running two weeks, closed last Monday night. Bro. Green and Bro. Phair were with Bro. Hendry, and after a precious experience meeting the Lord's Supper was administered to more than forty members. Then a church was organized with forty-seven members, the result of the meeting. Bro. Hendry procured six new subscribers among the new members, and two more among his old people. J. L. HENDRY, Sec'y.

that has ever been in this place), some said it does not seem necessary for him to come; the people have had so much preaching they are "Gospel hardened," and the professing are so cold and worldly minded that the meeting will be a failure like so many we have had before." But Bro. Burnett did come directed by God, and ended with power from on high. A few did not like him at first, but had occasion to change their minds before he left. He seemed to win all hearts; both saint and sinner said they had rather hear him preach than any body that has ever preached in Rockdale. The large, attentive audience day and night here was evidence of that fact. In a few days the Methodist Church could not hold the congregation, and the services were conducted at the Baptist Church. The meeting was not sectarian; all churches worked in harmony, and had the salvation of souls in view. When all additional seats that could be put in the doors and windows were full of persons to hear this good man. The last night was the largest congregation. Bro. Burnett was well, but he seemed to forget all physical disability, and labored incessantly. He is truly a consecrated servant of the Lord. The meeting closed on Friday was appointed as a day of fasting and prayer—asking God to send rain. Friday's morning sermon was the grand sermon of the meeting. He is indeed a man of God, and the church crowded to its utmost capacity; nearly all the business men of the town were represented. God of love, ply any adamantine heart that hard the "accuse of Calvary" and was not melted and moved. We have never heard anything so pathetic; so full of love to a dying sinner. He prayed for the souls of the different churches were opened, and some fifty or sixty joined the different churches. Many backsliders were reclaimed, and quite a number of the Lord's soldiers were added. We will yet spring up and bring forth fruit. Many persons were skeptical and curious to see that "man of God" who had so much power and prayer. God be praised! He has sent the natural rain, just the kind that was needed—gentle and penetrating; no wind; no lightning; no hail; no storm; just a steady rain that does not feel like a kid, loving Father for thus sending it upon "the evil and good, the just and unjust." How much deplored must be what suffering and wretchedness it will avert if God can be made for man and beast. May God be with Bro. Burnett over her labors, and "abundantly bless his labors in the Lord." M. B. B.

PARSONAGES

To Presiding Elders: Dear Brethren—It being the purpose of the woman's department of church extension by a general, thorough organization of the women in every charge to aid in procuring parsonages wherever needed, it must, necessarily, when once fully organized, prove a great assistance to you, in looking after this interest of the church; that among so many others has been put in your care. In consideration of this, as well as your own interest for the prosperity of the entire church, we ask that you will everywhere urge this work upon the pastors and women of your different districts; that you will have the subject well presented to the district conferences; that you will inquire after the needs of your districts in respect to parsonages. Through our parsonage societies in each charge we hope to aid the church work in moving on regularly without that load and hindrance of care. Look at the change of preachers—according to whether the incoming one be active or indifferent. The influence of a conscientious man will do this, and our people together will be benefited through our secretaries, and interest kept up by reports and articles in our Advocates, which in every department of the church seem to aid our people together. Look at the universal interest in this subject already created by this means. Verily it appears as if every charge in the church that has been organized and determined to have a parsonage this year positively this year—waiting impossible. The whole hive of bees is stirred out and buzzing about, and doing all that is possible in our garden where all blooming that we might have honey for each. We beg that you will utilize this opportunity and give the general interest now aroused upon the subject of parsonages an authorized substantial form, that it may last until the best results are accomplished.

In regard to the local needs of a parsonage that stands in the way of some, I would call attention to the provision of our constitution and regard the special cases (pages 4 and 5). These can be secured by our secretaries, in this local need, and so reported. Please look up that point. Let the ladies raise such sums as they can for this purpose, but let dues and mitts-box collections be sent in through the treasurers according to the constitution. The common fund thus formed is administered by the conference. The conference collection, 50 per cent remaining in the conference to be appropriated by the conference Board of Church Extension, our conference secretary representing the "Woman's Department" by her presence or through her report. In the appropriation of this fund, our conference secretary representing the "Woman's Department" that have contributed to the fund will, of course, be the first considered.

Our secretaries are now very much in earnest and are doing all that is possible before you give them that assistance in introducing the work they must necessarily expect of you. Be sure that interests of this parsonage work are represented before the district conferences, and that we are remembered in your prayers.

Yours in Christian fellowship, LUCINDA B. HELM, Gen. Sec. Woman's Dept. Ch. Ex. ELIZABETH TOWN, KY.

That Tired Feeling Season is here again, and nearly every one feels weak, languid and exhausted. The blood, laden with impurities which have been accumulating for months, moves sluggishly through the veins, the mind fails to think quickly, and the body is still slower in response. Hood's Sarsaparilla is just what is needed. It is, in a peculiar sense, the ideal spring medicine. It purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, makes the head clear, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling, and imparts new strength and vigor to the whole body.

TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE. From Six Conferences. —E. G. Duval, Phelps, Texas, April 23: We had an excellent rain in Walker county on yesterday evening, for which we are thankful. All nature is blooming this morning. I am doing all that I can. —A. M. Shelton, Springtown, April 25: We are having a gracious revival at Springtown. Last night there were seventeen at the altar and nine were converted. The whole town seems to be moved. —G. W. Owens, Moody, April 26: The grandest meeting ever known in Moody—seventy conversions up to date, in one week; twenty-one conversions last night, and between seventy-five or one hundred up for

prayer. In our large church there is not situated room. Prohibition is booming. —J. W. Hinton, Taylors Valley, Bell county, April 17: I had to have a good meeting at this place; organized a church of fifteen members; quite a number of conversions. Still very dry in this part of the country. I am doing the best I can. The people are very kind to me. God bless them and send rain upon our thirsty earth, is my prayer.

—W. Wootton, Richmond, April 23: While absent from home last Friday evening, the people of Richmond took possession of the parsonage and gave us one of the "cheapest" poundings I ever heard of a preacher getting. We are certainly under obligations we can well forget. The preacher now walks around in a new pair of pants, under the watchful eye of \$20 in gold in his pocket. Bless God.

—Sam'l Weaver, Lancaster, April 27: Our second quarterly meeting has just passed. R. C. Armstrong, our presiding elder, was on hand, attending to the business of the church, which he did well and preached some good sermons. We are now moving on very well. Finances have improved this quarter. Prohibition is having a hard fight in this county; hope to succeed in the end. Crops are looking very well; would like to have some more rain. We do not forget the ADVOCATE—expect to prove our faith by our works.

—J. S. Gillett, Luling, April 27: We have just closed an excellent meeting at this place under the direction of Rev. W. B. Godbey. Almost the entire membership received rich blessings—indeed all Christians co-operating were blessed. Many were converted—just how many, I am not able to state—and several were reclaimed. The doctor's method had its origin, but he does good work. Bros. Iron and Stamer rendered valuable service. Our prayers are praying and hoping in God's name.

—J. M. Wesson, Montgomery, April 25: Ever and anon, some of your clerical correspondents make grateful mention of favors received from liberal friends. In imitation of their worthy example, I crave space to acknowledge my indebtedness to my friend, J. M. Gary, merchant of this place, who, this morning, mercifully suited me with a suit of new clothing; also to Mrs. Dr. Iron and Bro. Joe Jones for kindly remembering that the preacher has use for handkerchiefs and socks.

—E. J. Perrin, Eagle Pass Mission, April 21: We have just had a good meeting at Carroll Springs in connection with our second quarterly meeting. Seventy conversions and many accessions, and an influence exerted over the congregation which we trust will bring much fruit in the near future. This was followed by a meeting of five days at Batesville, where I was assisted by Bro. Shaw, of Valde. Here we had two accessions by profession and one by revival. I regard this as preparatory to a good meeting at our third quarterly meeting, which will be held at Batesville. We feel greatly indebted to Bro. Harris, our presiding elder, for his labors with us. Our work on this border mission is taking shape, and we hope for a sweeping revival at every point.

—C. C. Davis, Sumner, April 25: We have had no revival on Maxey mission yet, but our congregations are usually large and attentive. We have organized one Sunday-school, which is in a prosperous condition. I regret very much that we have no church buildings of our own. It is very difficult matter to run a Methodist Sunday-school in a union church or school-house. We hope to build one church this year. We have collected about eighty-five dollars for our school. We are working and praying for a revival on our work.

—G. H. Collins, Elliotts, April 19: Second quarterly meeting over. Rev. J. F. Follin on hand as usual. Preached five revival sermons. Our love-feast was a refreshing time. Many testifying to the glory of God, and asking prayers for husbands and friends. During the second quarter sixteen were added to the little band fighting for the Lord. Church all aglow. Bro. Matthews, of Caney, has not spared time and money for his general interest, but for preaching at that place, and souls might be saved. Brethren, if any of you have a first or fourth Sunday to spare, come and help us.

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—D. J. Martin, Plano: Everything seems to be moving on well in this section. Plano is expecting to have another railroad soon—the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas. The Central is talking strongly of building a branch road from this point northwest, in the direction of Wichita Falls. When these roads are constructed Plano will boom, although she stands so close to the city of Dallas. She stands on black soil, and is surrounded with a fine farming country. Methodism is thriving here—we have a membership of some 250, with a good church building and parsonage. Our second quarterly conference is over. Rev. R. M. Powers was with us, and did his work well. He preached and visited to the satisfaction of every one. Finances well up—nearly one-half of salary paid. The long-looked-for rain came in the time to start vegetation, and to refresh man and beast, so that everybody seems to be in a good humor. And while I pen these lines the clouds are dark and heavy, and low distant thundering are distinctly heard, and so rain again is confidently expected. A public debate was carried on four days last week at Lebanon, in this county, between Elder Jarrell, of the Baptist Church, and Elder Horn, of the (so-called Christian) Campbellite Church. I heard the last day's debate. The subject of controversy that day seemed to be this: "What is the last step a sinner takes to put him into Christ?" Elder Jarrell said it was faith; Elder Horn said it was baptism—immediately. What good was done I am unable to say. Each denomination claimed, or seemed to claim, the victory. I heard of no one whose opinions were changed by the debate. And so the matter stands, and will stand, until the judgment. Prohibition is spoken of and somewhat discussed on nearly every occasion where people chance to meet. It seems that this question has come to stay, and we had just as well carry the State for prohibition on the 4th of August next, and settle the matter, and let it rest in peace.

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Cooking Mackerel.—A very nice way to cook mackerel for breakfast is, after freshening it, to boil for ten minutes, take it out of the water, strain it, remove the scales, then pour over the fish a gravy made of milk thickened with flour, and with a lump of butter added...

Chocolate Filling for Cake.—Half a cake of sweet chocolate grated, half a cup of sweet milk, the same of powdered sugar, the yolk of one egg, and a tablespoonful of extract of vanilla. Stir the chocolate in the milk, add the eggs, sugar and vanilla; set it in a vessel of boiling water, and stir until a stiff jelly. Then add the other ingredients...

Warm Gingerbread.—One cupful each of sugar, molasses, butter and "loppered" (or curd) milk or cream, 4 cups of flour, 1 teaspoonful of soda, 1/2 of a teaspoonful of salt, 1 tablespoonful of ginger, 1/2 teaspoonful of mixed mace and cinnamon, 3 eggs; beat the eggs, strain it, remove the scales, then pour over the fish a gravy made of milk thickened with flour, and with a lump of butter added...

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SPRING FEVER. Doctor, what is good for Spring Fever? Take a bottle of Morley's T-X-S Cordial. When these things occur, the daily recognized it will be well for the employer and the employed...

Consumption Surely Cured. To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. My father-in-law has been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy...

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections...

The Skin Can Be Kept Soft, White, and free from taint of perspiration by adding Dary's Frothing to the water used in bathing. It removes all offensive smell from the feet or any part of the body...

Artist—The public makes me sick. Criticize what I do, Europe is to do in America? And the smart boy spoke up from his accustomed place at the foot of the class: Because we do not stay in Europe as much as we do in America.



DYSPEPSIA

Up to a few weeks ago I considered myself the champion Dyspeptic of America...

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HOMEOPATHIC

Dr. H. P. Galtie, M.D., has been in the city of Houston, Texas, for several days...

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SKIN TORTURES OF A LIFETIME instantly relieved by a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP...

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MARRIAGES.

MURPHY-ORRIS-At the residence of Capt. D. H. Snyder, Georgetown, Texas, April 11, 1887, by Rev. H. A. Bourland...

MORRIS-SPANGLE-At the home of the bride's parents, April 11, 1887, by Rev. J. W. Cooley...

HOLCOMBE-LANHAM-At the residence of the bride's father, April 11, 1887, by Rev. J. W. Cooley...

CURL-MAYES-At the residence of the bride's father, May 1, 1887, by Rev. A. C. McDonald...

REAVES-MORRIS-At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George Morris, May 1, 1887, by Rev. J. E. Hudworth...

DEVOTIONAL.

SPEECH AND SILENCE. One has known individuals, whose harangues were almost wholly about themselves...

There is a subtle form of evil here, such as a thing as talking away all sense of feeling. And the talker, amid his expressions of abject sorrow...

Well, said, and good woman! There is just the one remedy for the disease of your human soul. There is no need to know parsons. We are all sinners...

JOHN MILTON'S PRAYER. Come, O Thou that hast the seven stars in thy right hand, appoint thy chosen priests...

HEAVEN. I cannot tell what are the forms of its material beauty and sublimity. I cannot catalogue the new powers with which the redeemed and glorified spirits have been endowed...

SELEATED. Let the minister sent of Christ, delivering Christ's message to his fellows, have good courage. Let those who receive him with his message have like good courage...

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OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries, twenty to thirty lines, is reserved for condensing an obituary notice...

WEBB-Wm Webb died in peace with God April 7, at Dodge. He was a very promising young man, and a great favorite in the community...

DODGE, TEXAS. JEFFREY-James M. Jeffrey was born near Texasville, Tex., April 3, 1827; married to Miss C. McDonald...

Doss-Bro. William Barton Doss was born near Texasville, Tex., April 5, 1857. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church...

REAVES-Fannie Viola Reav, daughter of W. H. and E. E. Reav, was born Jan. 25, 1879, and died at her father's in Navarro county, Texas...

ALLEN-Mrs. E. E. Allen lived at Millerton, Tex., where she and her husband, John Allen, died at her son's in Washington county, Texas...

Graham-Bro. R. D. M. Graham was born May 4, 1845 in Cass county, Texas; was converted to the Christian faith in 1871...

GUTHRIE-H. P. Guthrie was born in Linn county, Mo., April 14, 1833; moved to Mississippi and joined the M. E. Church, South, in September, 1861...

STANLEY-George A. Stanley, son of T. S. and M. A. Stanley, was born in Homer, La., Jan. 29, 1853; died in Kingston, Texas, April 24, 1887...

Snyder-Myrtle Snyder, daughter of Thomas N. and Letitia Snyder, of Georgetown, Texas, was born Jan. 25, 1857...

Bennett-Mrs. Jane Bennett, wife of William Bennett, deceased, was born May 1, 1816, in North Carolina...

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necessary to the safety and well being of society."

On these principles the compact of States and the constitution of the United States were formed, subordinating the individual to the civil rights, and the local to the general good. Under this compact police powers for local self-government were reserved to the States respectively, that each State might decide for itself on all matters directly affecting its interests and more successfully prevent and punish crime. It is therefore no usurpation of power to regulate even by prohibitory statute or constitutional amendment an evil of such immense magnitude and deleterious effects as the liquor traffic.

Hear what Senator Maxey says of the amendment (Open Letter, Paris, April 5, 1887): "The State of Texas has complete power over the whole question (of prohibition) as an integral part of the great police powers never granted to the general government."

Hon. D. B. Culbertson writes (Le Ter, April 10, 1887): "Prohibition is the simple exercise of a police power inherent in and abiding with the people. The courts, State and Federal, have so declared and adjudicated. No question arising out of our form of government has been more definitely settled and adjudicated than this."

Which of these authorities shall we believe? Mr. Gibbs, a man not over forty years of age, and but recently elevated to position, or these old, staunch, well-tried exponents of the law—our trusted leaders in many struggles that tried the hearts of men and the strength of the State? Let no man be deceived by a euphonious title or misled by fallacious arguments and a false battle-cry.

The only question at issue is, whether "the manufacture, sale and exchange of spirituous liquors" is a nuisance to be abated or not. If it is injurious to the interests of the people or a majority of them; if it is destructive of life, liberty and property; if it is a source of crime and a promoter of evil generally, it should be restrained and abated. Mr. Gibbs admits that these results flow from it per se and necessarily. Messrs. Coke, Culbertson, Maxey, Reagan, Bonner, Gov. Martin and Sen. John all assert the truth of the allegations; and all good men, even anti-prohibitionists, are swift witnesses against it. Hence it ought to be abated and legislated against, that the evils growing out of it may be removed.

"But," says Mr. G., "it abridges personal liberties and controls personal habits." So does the law against rape, arson, murder, robbery; and yet we hear no cry against these. What "personal habits" are prohibited? The habits engendered in a degraded appetite, the outgrowth of lust and the product of lust—a lust destructive in itself and the parent of other lusts more dark and damning still. What are sensuality, and fornication, and adultery, but lusts of the lowest grade—the outgrowth of passion fed and indulged in secret. And shall they go unabated because they are personal habits? And murder is but the fruit of malice, and bitterness and revenge matured and indulged till they lead to bloodshed. Will Mr. Gibbs say: "Put no restraint on it because it is a 'personal habit'?" Ye victims of the terrific rum habit, with bleared forms and bloodshot eyes, look upon your beggared families, your weeping, fainting, hopeless wives, your degraded families, your ruined fortunes, your wrecked lives, your blasted hopes and forlorn spirits, and tell me whether the whisky traffic ought to be abolished.

One more subterfuge of the honorable gentleman—a dodge more artful than all the rest, and more to be condemned than all the rest—remains to be exposed; but as this already exceeds my anticipated space in your columns, I withhold it for a future letter, if this should meet your approval. A. H. BREWSTER, ELMO, TEXAS.

THANKS

We wish, through the ADVOCATE, to return our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who have written kindly letters of condolence to us since the death of our dear baby. They have indeed helped us to look away from earth for the true comfort. Furthermore, we return thanks to friends and brethren at Marfa, Toyah, Pecos and Midland, for kind service and comfort rendered us. We trust all in name of disciples, and hence they shall not lose their reward. Yours in trial, J. D. SCOGGINS, KATE SCOGGINS.

MISSIONS

New Auxiliaries. Please announce the following new auxiliaries, W. M. S.: Webersville, 14 members. Hempstead, 12 members. Cor. Sec. Texas Co., W. M. S., 616 E. Ave. K., Galveston.

West Texas Conference

As I see other secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Society in Texas are reporting in the columns of our grand paper the number of auxiliaries organized in their several conferences, I thought probably it would be best for me to send a report from West Texas, also. All new auxiliaries are reported, in our Woman's Missionary Advocate, so I had not thought of having them published in the organ of our church in the State.

Adult Societies, Helena, 8 members. Thompsonville, 16 members. Golden Society, reorganized with 25 members. Juvenile Society, San Angelo Pioneers, 35 members. Dora Rankin Memorial Society, at Pleasant Grove, 30 members. The Gankins Busy Bees, members. The Busy Bees have been earnest and willing missionary workers for several years, and only recently connected themselves with the

Woman's Missionary Society. May they prove a great blessing to the work. Although West Texas is suffering from drought, still we intend doing all we can to advance our woman's work for the year. We cannot afford to neglect the work the Master requires at our hands. We love our dear old ADVOCATE, and wish it success in its new home. Mrs. H. T. STEELE, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

CHURCH NOTICES

Abilene District Conference. Will all the brethren willing to attend the District Conference, July 14, Abilene, Texas, notify me by postal card or letter? We are hoping for a good time. J. A. HYDOR.

To the Preachers of the North Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences: Will you be kind enough to fill out and return the blanks forwarded you some weeks ago, as the time is at hand for sending out catalogues. By so doing you will oblige me no little and will do a service which I will gladly return in any possible way. W. T. POINTEA, Trip. Science Hill School, Shelbyville, Ky.

Odds and Ends

Buildings for nine different colleges are now going up in Wichita, Kan. A rule for planting all kinds of garden vegetable seeds is to cover them with earth of a thickness four times the diameter of the seeds. The Jersey cattle are said to be increasing in size. Those in this country are much larger and harder than those brought over twenty years ago, and we have better stock here than can be procured elsewhere, not excepting even the Isle of Jersey.—People and Patron.

It is usually allowed that the sooner young cattle can go to grass without actually suffering of hunger the sooner they will reach the butcher's block. Pasture springs may well be examined to see if they are all right before the cows go out, and any decayed leaves, or anything calculated to affect the water supply, should be removed.

Young chickens will eat wheat when they are two weeks old, and they should be given plenty of it. When they drop from rapid feathering they should be allowed a small proportion of meat daily. Perspiring Man—Direct me to a surgeon as quick as possible. Cool Man—Somebody met with an accident? Not yet, but there is no time to lose. My wife is going to drive a picture nail.

Most kinds of grass seed are very small. Any method of cultivation which puts these seeds over an inch under ground seems to us wrong and wasteful, although such seeds may possibly be heard from at some future time.—Exchange.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

The Kentucky Democrats. The Democratic State Convention of Kentucky met in Louisville, May 4. From its platform it is plainly seen that Kentucky hopes to blaze the way for the National Democracy. The Hon. Jno. G. Carlisle and H. Watterson drew the document. President Cleveland was highly eulogized—and the inference is that he would suit Kentucky as a standard bearer. While favoring civil service reform, life tenures, civil pensions, and all other benevolent systems were denounced. The favored the honest money of the constitution—gold and silver, or paper convertible into coin at demand. They denounce sumptuary laws—believing that present laws are ample to protect public morals without infringing upon private rights. Ireland was sympathized with and England denounced. Public appropriations of money were deprecated. States rights was insisted upon. The present war tariff was vehemently denounced as having robbed the many to enrich the few. Its reduction is demanded to reduce the surplus, and as an act of justice to the people.

What a Texas Cowboy Can Do. The Williamson county fine stock show offered a prize of fifty dollars for the best roping. It was required that each roping should, in its turn, remain on horseback near the gate of the pen where the cattle were enclosed, and after the beef was turned out and advanced in a run some thirty or forty yards from a signal sound dash after, untying his lariats from his saddle as he ran, form a noose, throw the rope and catch the steer and then throw him to the ground and tie him. The record below shows the space of time consumed from the first dash until the steer is tied fast on the ground: John B. Barnes 2:18, W. T. Brown 1:29, R. E. Barker 1:22, J. E. Barker 56 seconds, Billie Smith 3:11, L. W. Barker 1:30. It will be seen Mr. J. E. Barker took the prize, he having roped and tied his steer in 56 seconds. This is the quickest time on record.

Shrocco in Hungary—Vegetation and Villages Destroyed.

VIENNA, May 9.—A hot shrocco blew the whole week throughout Hungary, parching vegetation and rendering it inflammable. At Terezoze four hundred houses were burned, and four lives lost. The conflagration lasted two days. At Roskburg and Chereben thirty-seven houses were destroyed. Many houses burned at the village of Mericevo. At Eperyo all the churches and public buildings were destroyed and the cemetery was devastated. It is estimated that the total losses will exceed \$2,500,000. The fire at Magzy Karsly was caused by a terrible storm of wind, which carried sparks to distant woodyards and set fire to them. Altogether four hundred houses were destroyed. Five thousand people deprived of homes are camping in the open air.

A Big Suit

D. S. Fotheringham, the express messenger who has been advertised over the entire country as a robber, and who was last week discharged by the courts, now sues for \$100,000 damages. The prospects of a verdict in his favor are favorable.

A Big Claim

The chairman of the executive committee of the Union Labor party claims that the party had 900,000 members within sixty days after organization; and that it now numbers 1,300,000.

The Cattle Business

The movement in cattle is living up to some extent. The drives will shortly be lined with several different herds aggregating over 15,000 head.

Blocked.

Abyssinia being in a state of war, a blockade has been established along its coast from Amphylla to a point opposite the island of Dufcin.

Vandalism

The Washington Monument Commission is discussing the necessity of closing the monument on account of the continued acts of vandalism perpetrated by visitors.

Good Wheat Crop

The general wheat crop report for the week ending May 6 is good in all the States except Kansas, where the outlook is unpromising.

IMPORTANT

When visiting New York City, save Eugene Express and Carriage Hire, and stop at the Grand Union Hotel, opposite Grand Central Depot. 600 Handsomely Furnished Rooms at \$1 and upwards per day. European Plan. Elevators, and Modern Conveniences. Restaurants supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroad at all depots. You can live better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than at any other first class hotel in the City.

Earthquake. Earthquakes have been of frequent occurrence the past two weeks—and the western coast of Texas has not escaped. A shock felt at El Paso early in this month, created the most intense excitement among the people. A number of buildings were cracked. A correspondent of the Dallas News thus describes it: "Old mother earth began to oscillate like the pendulum of a clock, buildings vibrated and creaked, windows rattled, clocks stopped and confusion reigned supreme. Brakenms pale, timid women became frightened and children were paralyzed with fear. Out of the buildings they rushed pell-mell into the streets as the ominous words, 'an earthquake,' passed around. There was no rumbling sound heard or unusual commotion in the atmosphere perceptible. The movement seemed to be from north to south and was more like an upheaval. The motion appeared to be rather slow and regular. The News correspondent was standing by a table writing with his face to the south. Suddenly the floor of the room seemed to rise up several inches and then to settle slowly down, the sensation being similar to that of falling a distance, accompanied with nervousness and nausea. The house, which was constructed of brick, reeled like a drunken man and the walls gave out a creaking sound. The shock lasted at least eight to ten seconds and was succeeded by a distinct quiver in the earth. Some persons report three or four shocks."

A Tucson, Arizona, dispatch, May 8, gives an account of a violent shock in the San Jose mountains: "A party who has just returned from the Santa Catalina Mountains report the canons full of water. The water was brought to the surface by the earthquake. This is a great boon for this region, as there are thousands of acres of good farming land at the base of these mountains, which only need water to make them valuable. Another good effect of the earthquake is the opening of two large gold veins, which were discovered in the Santa Catalina mountains at a point where the whole side of the mountain slid down. A Benson dispatch says that place experienced several shocks yesterday, the heaviest one occurring at 4:30 p. m., and lasting about ten seconds. A Guaymas dispatch says the earthquake started a terrible volcanic eruption at Calispe, destroying Monte-zuma, killing 150 persons and igniting the woods. Twenty persons were killed at Opopa by the falling of buildings. Many persons were injured at Grandas and Gussabar, which towns were almost destroyed."

Later accounts received at Nogales tend to show that a report of the volcano having broken out in the Weststone Mountains is true. A gentleman who arrived from Sonora yesterday says there is strong evidence of a volcanic eruption at a point about forty miles southeast of Magdalena, and it is confidently stated that one peak is throwing out large volumes of smoke, accompanied by streams of lava. Smoke and fire can be distinctly seen from several points along the line of the Sonora railroad. As far as can be ascertained the volcano is in the Sierras Azul range. From the appearance of the country and the heavy earthquakes that have occurred, it is believed that other volcanoes will break out in a few days.

A Frigid Disaster

NEW ORLEANS, May 8.—At noon today several thousand people assembled on the river bank at the head of Lizardi street to witness the baptizing of several new converts in the river by Elder Williams, of Mount Zion Baptist Church, colored. Baptizing was done in the shallow water of a slip between two wharves. Along the edge of one of these wharves ran a stout wooden railing. Crowded against this railing were between eighty and one hundred white and colored people, principally children under thirteen years of age. Two thousand people occupied the remaining part of the wharves and in the river several hundred people were viewing the ceremonies from skiffs. In the midst of the baptizing the pressure against the railing was so great that it gave way and about 100 people were precipitated into the river. In the descent they struck the skiffs and some ten or fifteen of these were overturned and their occupants thrown into the water. An indescribable scene followed. The water was alive with struggling and drowning men, women and children, who fought each other savagely for possession of the empty and overturned boats. One of the dripping victims would drag himself into a boat only to have it overturned by another seizing the galleasses and frantically struggling to gain possession of the frail craft. As the railing went down people in the skiffs and on shore were panic-stricken, and for a few minutes could do nothing. More mind of the boatmen plied their paddles and left the scene, while negroes on the bank screamed in terror and filled the air with groans and supplications to God. A few seconds later a number of skiffmen forced their frail crafts right into the midst of the people in their eagerness to rescue some of the drowning. These boats were seized by a half dozen people at a time and quickly overturned. Cooler headed ones remained out in the edge of the struggling mass and drew fifteen or twenty people from the water. Others were rescued by those on the wharf, who held out broken pieces of timber, and still others made their way to shallow water between the two wharves. Several, however, were carried out into the stream and sank. Seven people are known to have been drowned, and the police place the total number of lives lost as high as fifteen.

The True Blue

The anti-prohibitionists have issued an illustrated paper called the "True Blue." It contains eight pages, four of which are used for full-page illustrations; two more are utilized for a double-page illustration, and yet ample room is left to paragraph about all the argument that has been offered against the prohibition amendment; and even this could not be accomplished without following the example of Mr. Gibbs' opening campaign speech, in which the arguments in one part were answered by those in another. If they had repeated in this document all the falsehoods and slanders their orators have uttered against the church, its ministry, and morality generally, the supply of both types and paper would not doubt have been lacking in Dallas. If they had put in one more illustration, it would have given readers a better idea of their side of the campaign: Mr. Mills ought to have been represented as standing over the prostrate form of a venerable preacher lashing him with a horse-whip—Col. Barnett Gibbs standing by "sleeking him on," while in the distance the agents of the Anheuser-Busch Co. should have been seen touching torches to churches, in which were assembled women and children worshippers. This would have given an idea of the spirit in which Messrs. Gibbs, Mills & Co. are conducting their side of this great struggle.

Young and middle-aged men, suffering from nervous debility and kindred affections, as loss of memory and hypochondria, should increase in vitality, using for that purpose the medicine in stamped form, for large illustrated pamphlet suggesting cure. Address, Verlo Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Red Button. The Pope nominated Mr. Aclardi as his legate to Pekin, but withdrew the nomination because of threats of the French government. The government of Pekin has now conferred upon Bishop Laghaine, of Pekin, the rank of mandarin, denoted by the red button. By this means the Pope can communicate officially with the Chinese government, not with the standing opposition.

Easily Guiled. Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show are drawing thousands of spectators in London. Our friends across the water are easily guiled.

Over the State

A peculiar disease is killing cattle at Grapevine, Texas.

The Texas Association of Pharmacists met in Fort Worth, May 10.

Mad dogs are creating some uneasiness in Robertson county. One bit of a son of Mr. J. W. Boelter, of that county. He procured a madstone of Mr. Marion Wilcox, of Bryan, to apply to the wound.

The St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas prop-osed to take Greenville in a route to Plano and Fort Worth if a right-of-way was given through the county; and Greenville has already raised \$11,000 of the necessary \$30,000. Plano people are also moving in the matter for the Collin county right-of-way, and the line will doubtless be extended as proposed.

The Austin Dispatch, a Republican paper, in resenting the statement that foreigners put down the rebellion, publishes official figures, showing that only 49,928 foreigners served in the Federal army during the war. The North had double the population of the South to start with, and of course this little half million more did not amount to much.

Obituary

May 7.—F. L. King, a druggist, died at Fort Worth. Julius Pabst, an old citizen, died at Tyler. N. O. Lauve, a prominent insurance man, was buried at Austin. Tump Dumbor, master of the Grege County Grange, died at Campbell on the 6th, and his body was prepared at Longview the 7th. Mr. Dumbor was popular all over the county. Mr. Thomas Kinney, formerly a merchant at Farmersville, died at McKinney.

May 8.—Rev. J. W. Beverly and Mrs. J. P. Kendrick died at Plano. Rev. John Powell, a Methodist preacher, died at his home in Cleburne.

May 9.—W. W. Foreman, who came to Texas in 1849, died at Gainesville, aged seventy-eight.

In General Debility, Emaciation, Consumption and Wasting in Children. Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hyposulphate, is a most valuable food and medicine. It creates an appetite for food, strengthens the nervous system, and builds up the body. Please read: "I tried Scott's Emulsion on a young man whom Physicians at times gave up hope. Since he began using the Emulsion his Cough has ceased, gained flesh and strength, and from all appearance his life will be prolonged many years."—JOHN SULLIVAN, Hospital Steward, Morgantown, Pa.

Factories, Etc

The Farmers' Alliance is moving in a direction that is commendable, to-wit: the establishment of co-operative cotton mills and other manufacturing industries throughout Texas. A congress called by the chairman of the Alliance met in Waco, May 4. About 100 delegates attended, a committee of eleven, one from each congressional district in the State, whose duty it is to examine all plans submitted by the convention by delegates for the most advisable modes of operating co-operative mills and select from them and report at the earliest opportunity, was appointed.

The cornerstone of the new Methodist Church at Fort Worth was laid by the Masonic fraternity May 4. The ceremony was witnessed by not less than two thousand people, who blocked the streets in the vicinity of the church. When completed this will be the handsomest and most costly church edifice in Fort Worth.

Don't Get Caught. This spring your blood full of impurities, your digestion impaired, your appetite poor, kidneys and liver torpid, and whole system liable to be prostrated by disease—but get yourself into good condition, and ready for the changing and warmer weather, by taking Hood's Sarsaparil. It stands unequalled for purifying the blood, giving an appetite, and for a general spring medicine.

There are 60 distilleries now in active operation in this country. They turn out 200,000 bushels of whisky daily, using for that purpose 25,000 bushels of corn and 2000 gallons of molasses. Disease often lurks in a dirty dish-cloth, a greasy sink, an unclean teakettle and poorly-ventilated room.

Advice to the Aged

Age brings infirmities, such as ringing in the ears, weakness of the eyes and bladder, and torpid liver.

Tutt's Pills have a specific effect on these organs, stimulating the bowels, giving natural discharges without straining or gripping, and IMPARTING VIGOR to the kidneys, bladder and liver. They are adapted to old or young. SOLD EVERYWHERE.

MUNGER IMPROVED COTTON MACHINE MFG. CO.

Advertisement for Munger Improved Cotton Machine Mfg. Co. featuring an illustration of a cotton gin and machinery. Text includes: "Using Mungers Improved Cotton Gin Machinery", "Manufacturers of Improved Cotton Gin Machinery", "Suction Elevators, Cleaners and Distributors, Spiked Belt Elevators, Revolving Double Box Presses, Gin Feeders and Condensers, etc.", and "New Illustrated Catalogue".

Church Union. It is stated the Pope and Czar are negotiating, through a noble Lombard monk, with the view to a reunion of the Greek and Latin churches.

Both the Nevada senators live in San Francisco, although they have no-tenable residences in the State they represent.

UNANSWERED LETTERS

May 4.—W. M. Wainwright, sub. D. J. Martin, sub. E. G. Roberts, sub. John Todd, sub. S. L. Ball, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. W. O. Shugart, sub. S. B. Ellis, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. R. A. Hall, sub. Sam'l Weaver, sub. I. N. Reeves, will be discontinued. Jno S. Davis, sub. R. V. Galloway, sub. A. J. Briggs, sub. J. D. Whitfield, sub. S. J. Hawkins, sub. H. M. Haynie, sub. will have attention. G. W. Owens, sub; Pat Sims, sub. B. M. Stephens, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub. Sterling Fisher, change made. May 5.—L. M. Fowler, sub. Wm A. Edwards, sub. J. A. Smith, sub; will be discontinued. J. H. Minnis, sub. F. W. Rogers, sub. A. P. Taylor, sub. J. L. Lemons, sub. E. M. Sweet, sub. J. M. Binkley, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. J. P. Slack, sub. E. H. Hiltner, sub. J. T. Gillett, sub. Jas P. Rogers, sub. J. K. Lane, sub. E. F. Boone, change made. W. M. Wainwright, sub. H. B. Watts, sub. W. W. Moore, sub. W. W. Johnson, sub. May 6.—Sam'l Morris, sub. E. B. Thomas, sub. J. F. Butworth, sub. S. W. Jones, sub. W. B. Patterson, sub. R. A. Hall, sub. W. K. Simpson, sub. M. A. Stewart, sub. F. O. Miller, sub. J. F. Ayer, sub. T. F. Booth, sub.

SANGER BROS

LINEN HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS SALE.

In order to obtain the necessary room to specify a few items we dispense with our usual introduction.

TOWELS. Full size Linen Damask Towels 15c, worth 25c. Extra large size Huck Bath Towels 25c, worth 40c.

Large size fine Bleached Damask Towels, knotted fringe, handsome borders, 37 1-2c, worth 65c.

Knotted fringe Bleached Damask and washed Huck Towels, extra large size, handsome borders, 27 1-2c, usually sold at 42 1-2c.

TABLE LINENS. Full bleached heavy Table Damask, 58 inches wide, worth 65c, for 45c per yard. Red bordered cream Table Linen, 58 inches wide, worth 75c, for 50c per yard.

Our specialty in German Table Linen, full 62 inches wide, at 65c, really worth 90c. Extra fine cream Scotch Table Linen, 62 in. wide, at 72 1-2c, worth \$1.70-inch extra fine German Table Linen at 85c per yard, worth \$1.15.

72-in. extra fine Irish Table Linen at \$1.15 per yard, reduced from \$1.50. Real German Turkey Red Table Linen at 65c per yard, worth 85c. Scotch Turkey Red Table Linen at 60c per yard, worth 80c. Fine Cardinal Table Linen, genuine oil color, at 72 1-2c, worth \$1.

TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS. Single Dining Cloths, Cream with colored borders, Turkey Red and oil Cardinal, from 5-4 to 8x14, at one-third less than usual price.

Napkins to match all our advertised Linens at correspondingly reduced prices. Table Sets, consisting of Cloth and 12 Napkins, cream with fancy borders, 8-4 at \$2.75 a set, 8-10 at \$3.25 a set, 8-12 \$3.75 a set, 8-14 \$4.25 a set, 8-16 \$4.75 a set, original price one-half more. Finer quality of Table Sets at about same reductions.

Lace Bed Sets and Marseilles Spreads. Marseilles Spreads at \$1.50, reduced from \$2.50; at \$2, worth \$3, and at \$3.25, worth \$5. Extra heavy and extra large crochet quilts, our own special make, at \$1.25, usually sold at \$1.75.

Lace Bed Sets at \$2, \$2.50, \$3, up to \$5, specially reduced for this sale. This department is now offering the largest and best selected line of Felt, Flannel, Tapestry, Chenille and Jute Velour Table Covers, Scarfs, Mats and Ties.

Scotch Crepe and Madras Ties, Antique and Nottingham Lace Ties and all classes of stamped Linen Goods, the most complete stock ever shown by any one house, at prices lower than usual. Special prices on Dress Goods advertised in Sunday's News will remain as long as a yard of the goods is left.

Orders Filled Same Day as Received. And if amounting to \$2 or over will be forwarded by Express, prepaid, to any point in Texas.

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