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## A CHURCH CANCER

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The church is suffering from many "wounds, bruises and putrefying sores," but Pharisaism is the cancer which threatens disaster. In denouncing Pharisaism our Savior employs language very severe. "I shudder when I hear him say: 'Woe unto you Pharisees, hypocrites!' This language is specially remarkable when contrasted with the tender utterances made use of in connection with notorious, though penitent, sinners. 'Neither do I condemn thee. Go and sin no more.'" said the Savior to that weeping culprit. Though Pharisees do not now constitute a distinct sect, they are nevertheless woefully numerous in the Christian church. I will trace a few ulcerations of this cancer.

1. See the zealous advocacy of reformatory measures to the neglect of the doctrine of regeneration. Have seen the sculptor convert the uncouth block of marble into a beautiful statue. Design and execution charming. But it is lifeless marble, nevertheless. That the reckless are induced to abandon their evil ways is gratifying; but if with all morally divine life is not infused, they cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Man must be born again. Van endeavor to rectify the contents of a brook. The brook is but the exponent of the fountain. When the heart is right, the life cannot be wrong.

2. As among the disciples of Euclypius, "specialists" abound among the nominal followers of Jesus. They traverse the land and sea in the advocacy of their Sabbatists. Jephthah was not more merciless to the Ephraimites than they are to the question of the wisdom of their course. An old lady of my friend, Dr. N., who cured a lady in the last stage of lung disease of impending blindness. The impaired vision was restored, but the invalid died nevertheless. Why distinguish between sins? Are not all sins unto death? When the drunkard, though an honest man, will be banished from the presence of God, who can imagine that the dishonest man, though of temperate habits, would be tolerated? In denouncing sin the entire dark catalogue should be set forth. We should teach that lying, slandering, cheating, etc., are not less damnable than Sabbath-desecration, etc. Only few fathom the meaning of our Savior's remark about straining at gnats and swallowing camels. As "specialists" many ascribe great turpitude to sins which they habitually commit and of which they are free, but ignore or palliate sins not less heinous, and of which they are themselves guilty.

3. Self-complacent Pharisaic attacks on sin and folly have brought about a lamentable estrangement between the church and the world. As Christians we must certainly be separate, but we are not to be separated from the world; but where is the Christian who can truthfully say that he is a better man than the man of the world? Is not our merit all of God? By grace are we saved. Said that devoted man of God: "I the chief of sinners am, but Jesus died for me." Under such circumstances we can certainly not be censorious, applying harsh epithets to sinners. Withal, such odious Pharisaism tends to incense sinners and drive them away from our folds. Jesus wept over the lamentable condition of Jerusalem. Have heard sermons which were nothing more than fierce and lawless tirades against some prevalent vice. What sane physician would scold the suffering invalid because of his illness? Sinners should be pitied. Their condition and impending doom should awaken intensest sympathy in us. No wonder that sinners stay away from churches where they are held up to ridicule and are treated to fierce invectives.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

## LETTER FROM OREGON.

PROF. E. S. LONGACRE.

The church here at Dallas is rather weak, Dr. Kelsey, our pastor, is an excellent man, who has many warm friends outside of the church, and they are doing their part toward providing for his temporal wants, as you would have seen if you had been at the parsonage New Year's eve. On the day before, a friend stopped me on the street and said, I want you to get a few of the members to go around to Bro. Kelsey's to-morrow night and we will show you how to treat a preacher for New Year. Well, said I, you will have some help, won't you? No, said he, this is our treat, and all we ask of you is to see if you will, we want, and such a treat we never witnessed before. The procession came in headed by Hon. John J. Daley, J. J. Williams, Sheriff Smith, ex-Sheriff Groves, and many other of the most prominent men of Dallas, and deposited such a load of good things as would warm the heart of any preacher. To mention all would be too tedious, but in that pile we saw a thirty-dollar suit of clothes, ten sacks of flour, one of coffee, one sack and one box of sugar, one sack of beans, also of rice, one fat hog neatly dressed and a sack of salt to save him, and an order on the Dallas mill for feed enough to keep the cow and horse all winter. After these and all small articles one could think of, together with a fat fowler, they handed Mrs. Kelsey a purse containing money enough to swell the total to one hundred and seven dollars. Now, I wish I could give you some idea of that old man's looks and feelings on that occasion. He talked, laughed, cried and prayed by turns, but, as there was not even standing room in all the house, they soon dispersed, saying they would come to church next Sunday and hear the rest, when he (the preacher) was more composed, and in his usual suit.

DALLAS, OREGON.

## CHRISTIAN COURTESY

MRS. L. A. KIDD.

Truly has courtesy been likened to the silent influence of light, which gives color to all nature, and is far more powerful than loudness or force, and far more fruitful. Silently and persistently it pushes its way like the tiny snow drop which in early spring lifts the cloud. It is a most powerful agent for promoting peace and good will, and oils the creaking wheels of life.

Emerson says, give a boy courtesy and give him the mastery of palaces and fortunes wherever he goes. He is not the trouble of earning or owning them. They solicit him to enter and take possession. This seems extravagant, but upon one occasion the writer heard one of our Bishops (himself a model Christian courtesy) say while an itinerant preacher: "I have more homes than any man.

Wherever there is a Christian household I am not afraid to enter and tarry." If we would always remember that wounds can be inflicted without steel, that words are often more cruel than blows, how much sorrow would be banished from our midst. There is no vocation, no station in life, in which courtesy will not bring large returns, especially in Christian work, where the courteous manner so frequently turns away wrath. The man who exercises a dignified courtesy enforces himself with an atmosphere of calm untroubled strength, which to those who come into it gives confidence and repose. They whose faith and obligations are to do the Master's work should be careful in the observance of that courtesy embodied in the Golden Rule. "What so ever ye would have men do unto you do even so unto them." A following of this rule would render us more kindly to our neighbors, more civil to our enemies, would silence the scoffing of unbelievers; in fact, would harmonize the most discordant elements of life. True courtesy does not consist merely in idle forms and ceremonies, which sometimes lead to insincerity and are the regalia worn by many whose heads are more cultured than their hearts. It is the outward and visible sign of those inward and spiritual graces called unselfishness and generosity. That unselfishness which "seems miserable sin that end in self;" that generosity that in honor prefers another and gives hearty approval to merit and honest effort, even where their success might dim the lustre of their own glory.

Friends, let us practice this Christian courtesy and endeavor to carry out the Scriptural injunction, "to strive after the things that make for peace."

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

## SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

J. H. MURPHY, D. D.

It will be gratifying to the patrons and friends of the institution to know that thus far we have had a pleasant and harmonious session. No fatal sickness, and the students in the main have been tractable and attentive to duty. The Christmas holidays passed quietly and pleasantly. The new year brings additional students, and with the accessions anticipated at the opening of the spring term, we hope to equal, if not exceed, the matriculations of any former year. The Annex building is fast approaching completion, and we have assurance that it will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the new term, on the 25th inst. The building will be in the hands of Prof. Cody, who, with his wife, will have charge of the boarding department and look after the general comfort and welfare of the boarding girls. The building is commodious, well appointed, newly furnished, and will afford ample accommodations for all who may come. Our heating hall system is to be enlarged by the addition of cottages. The East Texas Conference has been held in this movement by putting a cottage of three rooms upon the grounds. The North, Northwest, and Texas Conferences, each at its late session, subscribed an amount adequate to the erection of a cottage, but, as yet, the subscriptions have not materialized, and the tendency is somewhat tardy. In this connection let me once more ask those who subscribed to the North Texas Cottage, to remit at once, that the anxiously waiting young men may have the immediate benefit of the building. Aside from those who subscribed, will not others contribute to this good cause? Will not the ladies furnish the rooms? One hundred dollars will do it—twenty-five dollars to the room. Who will furnish a room? Dr. Heild is still bearing precious seed in the North, hoping to come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Through weary, may he be heavy laden. The financial agent, Rev. C. C. Armstrong, is entering upon the duties of his office, and we trust, for favor and for fortune. With the finances well assured, we will have occasion for gratulation. The religious status is good; have had several conversions during the term. The pastor and presiding elder are active in their duties, and the faculty faithful to their trust. We invoke the prayers of the church in behalf of this important, responsible work.

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

## FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

REV. J. FRED COX.

The work of Fort Worth district is moving on apace, as we believe. The preachers are all at their posts, and so far as we know are pleased and heartily received. I began my first round with the Whitely circuit, H. B. Henry, P. C. A fair attendance of the official members were present—some were absent who were missed because they are usually on hand, and some who were not missed because rarely, if ever, present. Bro. Henry is in favor with his people and starts in for a marked advance over the past year. My next stop was next to Arlington with E. M. Street, P. C. He had been on the work only a short while, but had preached a time or two, visited quite a number of different points on the circuit and made a good impression on the minds of his people. This is the largest charge, numerically, in the district, having 601 members, and are able, and I hope willing, to do a good part by their faithful pastor, and to co-work with him, to accomplish large results for the Master's kingdom. Our next quarterly meeting is to be at Kennedale, where such a gracious revival was enjoyed last year under the direction of Bro. Bond. Come over, Mr. Editor, and enjoy a meeting in the cross-timbers. At the solicitation of Bro. Nelms we held the quarterly conference on Monday night, Dec. 10, at Fourth Street Church in Fort Worth, as the brethren had kindly consented to allow him a month's vacation to visit Georgia, his former home. The station is in good condition, spiritually and financially. The brethren of this body are business men to the core, and religious withal. All was attended to promptly, pleasantly and satisfactorily. They are looking forward to a grand year's work for the Lord, and you need not be surprised to hear of a great moral and religious movement at this place at any time.

I boarded the Santa Fe Tuesday evening and soon found myself at the hospitable home of Bro. Langston, in the beautiful city of Cleburne, where the evening passed pleasantly away in the company of two of the daughters of Rev. L. B. Dennis, lately of the East Texas Conference. I found our Colliard already working his way into the esteem and affection of the Methodists of the station. The quarterly conference on Wednesday evening developed considerable interest, and

the prospect is somewhat cheering. At Alvarado the district stewards met Saturday 14th, at 2 p. m., and discussed the business placed in their hands by the church. Ten were present and five absent. Bro. J. M. Barcus was returned to this charge and grows in the esteem of the people and the love of his church. The business of the quarterly conference was despatched in just fifteen minutes. It followed a sermon by A. P. Taylor, of Missouri Avenue Church, in South Fort Worth. They were ready to answer every question without delay.

On the Saturday following, the quarterly conference for Abbott circuit was held at Abbott. J. W. Sanson serves this people the second year. A large attendance bespoke the interest felt in the cause. The session of the conference was somewhat protracted by a difference of opinion touching the pastor's salary. It was finally settled, indicating a slightly backward tendency. But they say they are going to pay it all this time. So mote it be. Bro. Sanson did a good year's work, and hopes to exceed it this year.

On Wednesday night following, Bro. T. W. Rogers, who had been delayed by sickness, having arrived, the quarterly conference for Hillsboro station was held. Bro. Rogers is still feeble but rapidly improving, and with his excellent wife and daughter as worthy helpers, is slipping into the niche occupied by his most popular predecessors. This is a plucky little station. They carry the heaviest apportionment made by the District Stewards in the entire district.

At West I rained on Saturday before the fifth Sunday, as it has occasionally done for more than a year. I found Bro. J. R. Steele and family in the parsonage, and hopeful. Only a few official members were present, owing to the rain and mud. The few present were unwilling to fix the pastor's salary, and it was laid over to the second quarterly conference, to be held at Lebanon. The financial report was fair, and would have been better had the brethren been able to get there. May the Lord give grace and wisdom to the pastor and brethren, and a single eye to his glory; then a glorious year's work will crown their efforts. On Saturday afternoon I was driven to the depot by my little daughter, Mary Alfreda, accompanied by J. Fred, Jr., and took the train for Fort Worth. Arrived safely, spent the night with Bro. J. W. Bortz, where I made the acquaintance of Mr. I. D. Parker, the Representative elect to the Legislature, now in session at Austin. He is an old Texan and uncle to Cynthia Ann Parker, who was captured from the Indians about the beginning of the late war. By arrangement I preached at Fourth Street Church at 11 a. m. to a large and attentive audience, and at night to a fine congregation at Missouri Avenue Church. On Sunday I enjoyed the pleasure of dining with my old friends, Mr. Ellis and wife and also their children. Sunday night I spent with Bro. George H. Mulkey and family. How pleasant to be in such company! He was present in the home of a Methodist preacher.

On Monday evening the quarterly conference for Missouri Avenue Church held its first session, with A. P. Taylor, preacher in charge. It will be remembered that this charge was organized at the close of last year, and that Bishop Hendrix dedicated the church on Sunday evening prior to the last session of our annual conference. The church is on an eligible lot, but too small for the addition of a parsonage, and the brethren are ready to let the contract for said building. Bro. Taylor and many of the brethren felt the need of more ground. So, when the twenty-fifth question was reached, Bro. Taylor and Way offered a resolution looking to the purchase of more ground. You may imagine their concern and surprise when Bro. Bortz arose and announced his opposition to the resolution, and proposed a substitute. The substitute was the purchase, for that was a deed "in fee simple," and for the love they bore to God and his church, to two lots conveniently located, signed by W. J. Boaz, an wife and O. S. Kennedy and wife, and laid upon the secretary's table, of course the substitute was carried, as it swallowed up the original resolution bodily. There was great rejoicing. The lots are valued at \$1200, and there will soon be a \$1200 parsonage on them. So the work goes on, and Fort Worth Methodist proposes still other advances in the near future. God grant that the work may move on all over the district until our example shall be worthy of us, and until, if other districts are not wide awake to the interests of Christ's kingdom, it shall stand at the very front of the moving column.

ABDOTT, TEXAS.

## THE WEST POINT OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Boys in Battle at New Market, Virginia, May 15, 1864.

JOHN S. WISE.

Lexington, Virginia, is a somewhat historic spot now, being the burial-place of Robert E. Lee and of "Stonewall" Jackson; and it is by no means insignificant, having no fewer than three railroads. When I first knew it, nearly twenty-five years ago, it not only had little pretense to fame, but was one of the most out-of-the-way spots in the State.

In the year 1859 the State of Virginia, having an arsenal at Lexington, established there a military school and placed her property in charge of the officers and cadets of the Virginia Military Institute. Under the control of its superintendent, Colonel Francis H. Smith, a West Point graduate, the Virginia Military Institute prospered up to the period of the war of 1861.

It was conducted in many respects like the National Academy at West Point. Virginia was a wealthy State in those days and took great pride in her military institute. And while the appropriations were not so large or the appointments so complete as those provided by Congress, the Virginia Academy was no mean institution of West Point.

With the outbreak of the war, came, as a new impetus to everything pertaining to military knowledge; and the Virginia Institute, being the largest and best-equipped establishment of its kind in the South, at once became prominent as a training-school. At a later period of the war it had, I believe, the exceptional honor of having sent its corps of cadets, as a body, into battle. It is to chronicle that episode that I write; for the single martial exploit of that young band of boys was as brave as the archery of the boy-marksman of the Iliad who launched forth dead to the foe from behind the shield of Ajax Telamon.

In the autumn of 1862 the writer, then a lad under the regulation age of sixteen, but admit-

ted as a special favor, reported as a cadet to the superintendent of the Institute. It was almost the only school then open in the State. Men had been killed in battle upon the campus of old William and Mary College at Williamsburg. Her lecture-rooms were filled with sick and wounded. Grass was growing upon the pavements of the Virginia university; the colonnades of Washington College were deserted. Teachers and scholars had marched away from all these to the great passion play. But never in the whole history had the Virginia Military Institute been so crowded to overflowing, or so aglow with life. Almost entirely depleted at the outbreak of hostilities by the draft of a splendid body of young officers from the corps, she had been replenished by the youngsters whom President Davis afterwards called "the sweet corn of the Confederacy," and scarcely a historic family in the South was without its youthful representative there, preparing himself in the military art. The times were stirring. The boy who sought military education then did so, not with the vague idea that at some future day it might prove useful, but almost in hearing of the thunder of the guns. And at the period of my entering the Institute the impatience of boyhood had been taught that there was little danger the war would end before we had our chance. Big Bethel and Manassas had been fought; the Merrimack and the Monitor had met; our armies had passed a winter in camp; the disasters of Roanoke Island, Forts Henry and Donelson, and bloody Shiloh; the seven days' fighting around Richmond—all these had tempered the courage and subdued the confidence of men. Predictions of peace in ninety days had ceased, and too many hearts were already bleeding to make the hideous death grapple longer the subject of empty boast or trivial jest. Both North and South were settling down grimly to that agony of war which God grant that you who have never known it may always be spared.

The ante-bellum equipment of the Virginia Cadet Corps had been very complete and striking. It was fully as handsome as the West Point outfit and very much the same. Several years before I had seen those wonderful shining caresses with their forty-four buttons of shining brass, those marvelous cross belts, and the patent leather hats with nodding plume or pompadour; and since peace has come again they have become trash, in all their princely glory. On my journey visions of all this finery had filled my youthful imagination; but when I arrived I found that the blockade and admittance had wrought great changes in the dapper appearances of the corps.

In May, 1862, the cadets had been marched to Jackson's aid at McDowell in the Shenandoah Valley. They had arrived too late to take part in the battle, but the effect of the march had been to wear out the last vestige of the peace uniforms. Then we had resort to coarse sheep's-wool jackets and trousers, with seven buttons and a plain black tape stripe, and a ten-inch cock-plume that never knew how to strut until, plucked from a rooster's tail, it was stuck on the top of a cadet's head. We were content with a simple fuzee cap, blue or gray, as we could procure it. The coat of day-drops sports himself in white cross-belts, shining plates, and patent-leather accoutrements. Then, we had a plain leather cartridge-box, and waist-belt with a harness buckle. The cadet of to-day handles a bronzed barreled breech-loading rifle, of the latest Springfield pattern. Then, we went into the battle of New Market with the unglorious Belgian rifle as clumsy as pickaxe.

As the war progressed, our uniforms ceased to be uniform; for as the difficulty of procuring cloth increased we were permitted to supply ourselves with whatever our parents could procure, and in time we appeared in every shade from Melton gray to Georgia butternut.

Cadet fare in those days was also very simple—very simple, indeed, that I doubt whether any body of boys were ever so neatly as we were. What we did eat was nutritious and palatable, save an ever-to-be-remembered lot of Nassau bacon that appeared to have been rancid with tar on its blockade-running cruises, and an apparently inexhaustible supply of pickled beef so old and tough that it glittered with prismatic splendor in the light.

The course of studies was faithfully pursued. The fell professors were nearly all too old for active service. General Smith, Colonel Gilham, Colonel Williamson, and Colonel Preston, after valuable services rendered at the outbreak in organizing forces, had returned to the Institute. Colonel Critchfield returned once, wounded, and then went back to die most gloriously. Stonewall Jackson, who had been professor, never, if I remember rightly, saw his class-room again; and after he went into the service never entered the building again, borne upon the shoulders of eight weary boys, his pale face looked up from the casket on the spot where he had taught, and his voiceless lips filled his old preceptor with a silent eloquence which made soldiers and cadets at a single lesson.

The Institute was an asylum for its wounded alumni, and many such, banished from home by invasion or distance, occupied the period of convalescence in teaching. One day Cutshaw, one of Lee's best artilleryists, shot all to pieces at the front and sent home to die, would teach us mathematics until he could wear his wooden leg back to his battery; another day Preston with his empty sleeve would show us that none of his Latin was lost with his arm. At another time "Tige" Hardin, pale and broken, would come to teach until he could fight again, or Col. Marshall McDonald, now famous as fish commissioner, would hobble in to point with crutch at problems on the blackboard until struck enough once more to point with sword to ward the "blooming-bashion fringed with fire."

From such as these we learned with zest and zeal. They had our hearts to back their efforts. Their very appearance taught us lessons every hour which have been dropped from the curriculum in these tame days of peace.

The esprit de corps of the Institute was superb. When the command marched forth for any purpose it moved as one man. The drill was perfect. Obedience was instant and implicit. As the war wore on, the stirring events following each other so rapidly and so near at hand bred a restlessness and discontent in every high-strung boy among us. Each battle seemed to infuse fresh impatience in the cadets, who would assemble at the salloppet for discussion; the mats were crowded with

letters begging parents and guardians for permission to resign and go to the war. Good boys became bad ones to secure dismissal, and as the result of these conspiracies regular disgraces would occur. Many a night have I paced the sentry-box, thinking now of the last ray party that had scrambled to the top of the departing stage, commissioned for active service; now envying the careless gavity of the veterans assembled in the officers' quarters, as from time to time their joyous laughter over campaigning yarns burst from the window of some lower room; then hoping against hope, as it seemed, for the day when, like them, I would be a soldier indeed.

The combat deepened. Sharpsburg, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and a hundred lesser battles were taking place around us. One day we buried poor Paxton; soon after Davidson was borne home to us; and a little later Stonewall Jackson, in the zenith of his brilliant career, was brought back by his comrades to his home. Who shall tell what yearning our eyes followed those brave officers as they hurried back to battle from his grave? They left us there, as if we had been babes.

But our hour was to come at last. Gettysburg is often referred to as the turning-point in the war. It was, indeed, in many ways. Not only was it so in the fact that it banished and disheartened the almost invincible army of Lee, but also in this, that for the first time it aroused the North to the dangers, the horrors, and the possibilities of fighting upon its own soil, and to the necessity of unprecedented effort if the recurrence of invasion was to be prevented. To such an extent was the Federal armistice recruited that from the surplus troops a series of raids and incursions was begun by bodies operating independently of the grand armies; and while our diminishing forces were grappling with Grant and Sheridan, raiding parties commanded by Sheridan, Stoneman, Wilson, Knautz, Averell, Hunter, Burbridge, and others rode on their flanks or in their rear with torch and sword. This policy was begun late in the summer of 1862. Averell, appearing in the neighborhood of Lexington, gave the Cadet Corps a long and fruitless chase. The winter of 1863-64 was gloomy enough in the Confederacy. Our soldiers no longer returned from the front exuberant with the joys of camp life and victory. They were worn and ragged, and, if not actually dispirited, were at least sober and reflective. The thoughtful, the wise, shook their heads sadly at the prospects of the opening spring campaign. But in one spot of the Confederacy, at least, the martial spirit still burned high, and the hope of battle flamed fresh as on the morning of Manassas. One little nest of fledglings yet remained, who, all untried, too young to reason, too buoyant to doubt, were longing to try their wings.

On the 10th of May, 1864, the Cadet Corps was the very pink of drill and discipline, and mustered 370 strong. The object of the last fall had passed through squad and company drill, and the battalion was now proficient in the most intricate maneuvers. The broad parade ground lay spread out like a green carpet. The far off ranges of the blue Ridge seemed nearer in the clear light of spring. The old guard tree, once more luxuriantly green, sheltered its watching groups of admiring girls and prattling children.

The battalion wheeled, charged, and counter-marched in mimicry of war, until at sunset we formed a line for dress parade. The band played up and down the line. The last rays faded upon the neighboring peak of House Mountain. The evening gun boomed upon the stillness. The colors of the Institute dropped lazily from their staff. Never in all her history seemed Lexington and her surroundings more gently beautiful, more calmly peaceful. Such was the sunset hour of that lovely day on which we sought our coats, almost forgetful of the troubled world elsewhere. At midnight, save in the guard-room at the sentry post, every light had disappeared. Suddenly the barracks reverberated with the throbbing of drums; we awoke and recognized the long roll. Lights were up; the stooks resounded with the rush of footsteps seeking place in the ranks; the adjutant, by lantern-light, read our orders amid breathless silence. They told us that the enemy was in the valley, that Breckinridge needed help, and that we were ordered to march for Staunton at daybreak—a battalion of infantry and a section of artillery—with three days' rations. Not a sound was uttered, not a man moved from the military posture of "parade rest." Our beating hearts told us that our hour had come at last.

"Parade's dismissed," piped the adjutant. Then came a wild halloo, as company after company broke ranks. Again in fancy I see the excited rush that saw them, eager as greynobles in the lurch, hurrying back and forth, preparing for the start, forgetful that it would be six hours before they should march.

Daybreak found us on the Staunton pike after a sleepless night and a breakfast by candle-light. We had jered the little boys who were left behind. We had tramped heavily upon the covered bridge that spans the river, until it rocked and swayed beneath our tread. Exuberant with the joyousness of boyhood, we had cheered the fading turrets of the Institute, as they sank beneath the hills. And now, fairly started upon our journey, we were plodding on right merrily, our gallant little battery rumbling behind.

At midday on the 12th of May we marched into Staunton to the tune of "The Girl I Let Behind Me." We were not quite as fresh or as neat as at the outset, but still game and saucy. I fear it was not the girls we left behind us that occupied our thoughts just then. Staunton then, as now, was filled with girls' schools, and we were very much occupied with the fair faces around us. Our preparation had been simple. Being nudgy to the knees, we had waded in a creek until our shoes and trousers were cleansed, and then picking our way daintily upon the rocks until we reached the pavements, adjusted our locks in a fence corner by the aid of a pocket-comb and glass and hurried forward to camp. The cadets were the favorites. Perhaps there was something of resentment for this that prompted a veteran regiment to sing, "Rock-a-bye, baby." When we marched past them in the streets. There was little time, however, for gawgery. Breckinridge's army, which had hurried up from Southwest Virginia to meet Sigel, soon filled the town and suburbs. Now and then a bespattered trooper came up wearily from Woodstock or Harrisonburg to report the steady advance of Sigel with an army twice the size of our own. Ever and

anon the serious sloop their heads and predicted hot work in the stock for us. Even in the hour of levity the shadow of impending bloodshed hung over all but the cadet. At evening parade the command came to move down the valley.

Morning found us promptly on the march. A few lame ducks had succumbed and were left behind, but the body of the corps were still elated and eager, though rain had overtaken us. The first day's march brought us to Harrisonburg; the second to Lacy's Springs, within ten miles of New Market. On this day evidences of the enemy's approach thickened on every hand. At short intervals upon the pike, the great artery of travel in the valley, the carriages and vehicles of all sorts filled the way, laden with people and their household effects, fleeing from the hostile advance. Now and then a haggard trooper, dispirited by long skirmishing against overwhelming force, would gloomily suggest the power and numbers of the enemy. Towards nightfall, in a little grove by a church, we came upon a squad of Federal prisoners, the first that many of us had ever seen. It was a stolid lot of Germans, who eyed us with curious inquiry as we passed. Laughter and badinage had somewhat subsided when we pitched camp that night in sight of our picket fires twinkling in the gloaming but a few miles below us down the valley. We learned, beyond doubt, that Franz Sigel and his army were sleeping within ten miles of the spot on which we rested.

For a while the woodland resounded with the ax-stroke, and the cheery halloo of the men from camp-fire to camp-fire; for a while the firelight danced, and the air was savory with the odor of cooking viands; for a while the boys grouped around the camp-fires for warmth and to dry their wet clothing. But soon the silence was broken only now and then by the fall of a passing shower, or the clamping of the colonel's horse upon his prodder.

I was corporal of the guard. A single sentry stood post, while the guard and drummers lay stretched before the watch-fire in deep, refreshing sleep. It was an hour past midnight when I caught the sound of hoofs upon the pike advancing at a trot, and a moment later the call of the sentry brought me to him, where I found an aid bearing orders from the commanding general. On being aroused, our commandant rubbed his eyes, muttered, "Move forward at once," and ordered me to rouse the camp. The rolls were rattled off; the short, crisp commands went forth, and soon the battalion debouched upon the pike, heading in the darkness and the mud for New Market.

Before we left our camp something occurred that even now will be a solace to those whose boys died so gloriously on that day. In the gloom of the night Captain Frank Preston, neither afraid nor ashamed to pray, sent up an appeal to God for protection to our little band. It was a humble, earnest appeal that sank into the heart of every hearer. Few words, but dry eyes, little the frivolity, if a command, when he had said to speak of home, of father, of mother, of country, of victory and defeat, of life, of death, of eternity. Those who, but a few hours later, heard him commanding "B" company in the thickest of the fight, his steady empty sleeve showing that he was no stranger to the perilous edge of battle, realized as few can how the same voice can at one time plead reverently and tenderly and at another pipe higher than the roar of battle.—Century Magazine.

(To be Continued.)

## THE HOME CONFERENCES.

DALLAS.

D. P. Brown, P. C. Trinity and Oak Lawn, Jan. 15: Quarterly Conference just over and salaries well up. Movement on foot to build a church and parsonage at Oak Lawn. Trinity will refresh and fix up generally before District Conference. We expect these movements completed before the year ends.

Cleburne.

J. H. Colliard, Jan. 15: We began our meeting on Sunday the 9th. "Our Abse" and his devoted Christian wife reached us on Monday. From the very first service God has been wonderfully blessing the people. The rain and mud do not effect the meeting one particle. They crowd out to church in buggies and under umbrellas. Five-fire conversions up to date. Forty-three have joined our church. To God be all the Glory! Will give an extended report when we close. Pray that the work will not cease until Cleburne is saved.

Leesburg.

P. R. Eaglehart, Jan. 15: Having been for one month and more on the Leesburg circuit, I am prepared to speak. I have met a kind reception at every place. Good congregations and attention constitute the character of this work. I can say from what I have seen that mine is a goodly heritage. The good people of Leesburg care in due time with kind words and nice presents. All taken together make quite a pleasing; in fact, the people of Leesburg are capable of doing the right thing. Leesburg is a quiet little town. Schools and churches have thrived here. The people are saved. It is a very happy community. Local option carried by 115 to 19 against.

Lockhart.

H. G. Hor on Jan. 9: Preacher and family kindly received; all wants provided for; a comfortable parsonage home, nicely furnished; prospects for a good year's work opening up; two new appointments taken in; large congregations and spiritual services. Two members have died in the faith the past quarter, Robert W. Iylander, a noble Christian gentleman, son of Rev. T. R. Iylander; also died, Mrs. E. P. Ballard, widow of Rev. Mr. Ballard, local Methodist preacher, and mother of the late W. M. Ballard, deceased, of West Texas Conference. W. H. Bages, P. E. of San Marcos district, and family, are now resident in Lockhart. The San Marcos district parsonage has been located in this growing town, upon lots donated by that veteran Methodist, J. G. Wiley, this place having old red a bonus much larger than any other locality in the district. At quarterly conference last Saturday trustees for holding district parsonage property were elected; also a holding committee was named, consisting of W. H. Bages, J. J. Smith, J. H. Wiley, Capt. Holmes, B. F. Sparks. A large subscription has been raised, donations of work and lumber being made and plans for a comfortable district parsonage are now being prepared by the committee. The new district will be called on to start in this work, which will commence immediately. Our town is growing in all directions, business lively and the new railroad depot to be located nearby in the heart of the town. Our church here is abreast of this advancing condition of things. We hope in the near future to erect a new and commodious Methodist church on the lot adjoining the parsonage. The next San Marcos District Conference will be held at Lockhart. Rev. J. T. Gillett of San Marcos circuit has lately built a neat home here, to try to make his family comfortable as a people on him. New Methodist families are arriving and casting their lot with us. A marked feature of our religious interest is that all the churches seem to have a kindly, brotherly feeling for each other and the prayer meetings are well attended.

Texas Christian Advocate

About the Lesson.

LESSON IV, SUNDAY, JAN. 27. FOR LIVES AND HEALING. Mark 2:1-12.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

The interval between the present lesson and the last one was brief (v. 1: "after some days"). At this point in the history the account of Matthew is most remarkable in its variation from the chronological order.

The place was Capernaum (Matt.: "his own city"). The time according to Robinson, was immediately before the second Passover of the intervening event being the call of Matthew, probably at the beginning of April, 781, A. D. 28.

TEACHING POINTS.

Power to heal souls or bodies always draws a crowd. One Wesley, Whitefield, or Moody will draw more than a whole circus. The churches preaching a gospel that saves, are the full churches (v. 2).

The main point in this lesson is that men can bring others to Jesus. When men have faith, they let no obstacle hinder; they carry the paralyzed, they shrink from no crowds, they surmount all obstacles, break up all separations, and force men into the presence of the Healer.

Men need to be carried. There is a paralysis of the soul as well as of the body. It brings dullness, or entire insensibility of feeling. Some are "past feeling." Among the ancients, paralysis also signified cramps, spasms, and lock-jaw. So the will is cramped to more than iron obstinacy. Spasms of fury break out. And there will be a "shaking palsy" when fear is aroused.

If it takes four to bring a body to Jesus, it may take forty to bring a soul. Do not be slack, or begrudge effort, when more than world-values are in peril.

Christ recognizes their faith; that of the bearers for healing, and his for pardon. He accepted the greatest faith first; that is, that for pardon. That for healing was not ignored.

But the same eye that gleamed on hidden faith glared on a hidden hate that accused him of blasphemy; that is, slandering God.

We are ashamed that Christ could not reveal his sublimity without men revealing their contemptibility. These wrangling vermin of objectors who had known of Christ's divinity in a thousand instances, could not let him step beyond their preconceived limits of his power.

Why not welcome all that God could show! These rabble were rabid with sin's rabies. They were worse than the paroled man. He was on his way to cure; they, to death of all sorts. There are men who act as if my allusion to a Christian life or fact is a personal affront to them. But man's wrath praised God. They said God only can forgive. Christ showed by healing that forgiveness had been granted; and therefore on their conditions he was God.

Sin, consequent paralysis, pardon and cessation of punishment, and reviving life, are here a spectacular object-lesson.

Men find what they seek. The bearers see a neighbor healed. The penitent has forgiveness. The critics discover faults even in perfect faultlessness. If men see blots on a perfect sun, the difficulty must be in the eye or the glass.—Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., LL. D., in Sunday School Times.

SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

1. The first scene which this narrative sets before us, that of the arrival of the paralytic, is a characteristic account of the mutual help which the Christ comes to establish among men. These four bearers put their shoulders and limbs at the service of the sick man who is unable to move; and the latter for his part communicates to them the enthusiasm of his faith, and draws them to him who may become their Savior also—a living representation of the true Church as a society of brotherly love, in which the strength of all is at the service of each one, and that of each one at the service of all.

2. But there is something more than mutual help in this narrative. The second scene sets before us the help which is given to the feeble, to the poor, by Him who alone is truly strong and rich. The supplicating look with which this sick man contemplates Jesus is a silent prayer that touches the Lord's heart; and the latter, divining the meaning of this look of the sick man who appears before him in such an extraordinary way, understands that it is not only the need of healing which brings him there, but, above all, the need of pardon. Ought we to suppose that this man's sickness was the consequence of his own sins? It is not so said. Undoubtedly, if we look at things in a general way, sickness and death proceed from the beginning of sin in humanity. But it is impossible to apply this principle to every particular sickness, as if each infirmity were the result of some special sin. That which Jesus said of the man born blind (John ix.), and the whole book of Job, prove the contrary. But we may properly think concerning this impotent man, the suffering had awakened a lively sense of his sins, and from that came the need of pardon, to which Jesus immediately re-

sponds. The healing was not the immediate effect of pardon; a second miracle and a second word from Jesus were necessary to effect it. Consequently, it is not necessary to identify sickness with sin, nor to make healing the direct and natural consequence of pardon. We can say that when pardon is once obtained, if healing is then granted, as in the case of the impotent man, our body and our life with their new strength ought to be still more entirely given to God than before; and if healing is refused, we can find in pardon the strength and joy of filial submission.

Old and Young.

THE WARMTH OF A WORD.

Margaret J. Preston, in Christian Union. "I was a day in the dead of winter. And the echo of hurried feet Struck sharp from the icy pavement Of the pitiless city street.

Each passer by was loath to linger, Though wrapped in a fur-clad fold; For the air was a-tingle with frost flakes, And the sky was benumbed with cold.

The cimeter wind, in its fury, Bore down like a sweeping foe; The tempest was waiting the onset, And abroad were its scouts of snow.

Yet, midst it all, with his tatters A flap in the whirling blast, A child who seemed born of the winter— A creature of penury—passed.

So tremulous were his accents, As he shivered and crouched and sung, That the names of the mumbled papers Seemed frozen upon his tongue.

He paused for a bitter moment, As a wondrously genial face Arrested his voice and held him With a pity that warmed the place.

"Have a paper?" The kind eye glistened As the stranger took the sheet, And glanced at the stiffened fingers, And thought of the icy feet.

Then dropped in his hand the value Of his fifty papers sold; "Ah, poor little fellow!" he faltered, "Don't you shiver and ache with cold?"

The boy, with a gulp of gladness, Sobbed out, as he raised his eye To the warmth of the face above him, "I did, sir—till you passed by!"

THE SNOW STORM.

Noravian.

It was a dark December night, wild and stormy. Ever since midday the snow had fallen with unwearied perseverance, and now lay deep on the ground. I had been detained at my office later than usual, and had to cross a dreary moor for some two miles to reach my home. I confess I felt chilled at the prospect of such a walk in such a storm; but wrapping my plaid around me, and staff in hand, I set forward, thinking of the bright little home I should soon reach, and the dear ones who were waiting my return with a loving welcome.

Soon I left the busy town, and its many lights, behind me, and stepped out into the dismal moor. The snow lay much deeper here on the untrodden footpath, and seemed to fall more heavily than before—so thick and blinding, that I found myself perpetually straying from the roadway, and, with difficulty retraced my steps; the cold felt keener also, and a sharp east wind had risen. At times I grew almost breathless with the struggle, and had to pause for gathering strength, ere I faced the storm once more.

At length I rejoiced to see the guiding-post, which was placed where three roads met and against which I was thankful to lean for a few seconds; until I had recovered breath. I was just on the point of starting off afresh, when a faint sound of a human voice caught my ear. Startled, I listened, but all was still; I shaded my eyes with my hand, and stared anxiously into the surrounding darkness; but naught could I discern beyond a wilderness of snow, and I was just concluding that my imagination had deceived me, when again the same murmur came floating through the air.

Feeling that, with the guide-post so near, I could scarcely lose my way, I hastened forward in the direction of the sound, and soon distinctly heard a child's voice repeating the Lord's Prayer. It had a strange effect in such a storm at such a place, and my heart beat high when the gentle "Amen" was said.

I called out, "Whose voice is that?" but there was no reply. I called again, more loudly than before, and then the timid answer came, "Johnnie's," and a few steps brought me to a boy some eight years old, standing shivering in the snow.

"My poor little man," I said, "are you all alone?" "No," he replied, "Nelly is here; but she grew so cold and tired I could not get here on, and now she is fast asleep. I felt sleepy, too, but thought I would say my prayers first." And as I swooped down to the bundle of snow he had indicated as being "Nelly," he whispered softly, "It is Jesus sent you?"

"Surely, he has," I answered; "had you not said your prayers, Johnnie, you might have both perished. But how came you here, my boy?" "We went into town this morning, to see grandma. It was snowing then," he said innocently, "when we left home."

"And where is your home?" I asked, "and who is your father?" "Farmer Rathland," he replied; "we live at High Farm."

"High Farm" happened to lie on the road to my own house, so I told Johnnie we would all go home together. He rejoiced when he heard my name; and remarked to himself, "How well it was I said my prayers!"

I found Nelly indeed half asleep, wrapped in a heavy cape, which the devoted little fellow had divested himself

of in his endeavor to keep her warm. Nor could I induce him to put it on until he saw me raise Nelly tenderly in my arms and wrapping her in my great plaid, gathered her close to my bosom, prepared to carry her.

"Now, Johnnie," I said, "you keep hold of the skirts of my coat, and we will soon be at 'High Farm.'" The cold seemed to have become more intense, the falling snow more dense than ever. Manfully the little fellow kept up to my side, though the snow by this time reached up to his knees. I tried to cheer him as we trudged along, but I felt the drag upon my coat becoming greater, and it was evident his strength and heart were failing him—then a suppressed sob broke from him, and he clung more closely to me as I bent down, trying to soothe and comfort him.

"You are a brave little man," I said; "we will soon reach the farm now. Think of the bright fire there, the nice warm milk and bread, and mother's loving kiss, all waiting for you."

"I cannot walk further," he sobbed. "Oh, take Nelly home, but let me lie down here. I will say my prayers again, and perhaps Jesus will send some one else to help me."

"No, no," I answered quickly, "I cannot leave you behind, Johnnie; you must make a horse of me, and mount my back. There you are now, hold me fast around the neck, and whin hard to make me go better." And again I started forward, endeavoring to keep him awake with questions and sallies; but I felt the additional burden in such a storm was becoming beyond my already exhausted strength, when suddenly a wailing speck of light shot out of the darkness, then vanished, and appeared once more, becoming nearer and brighter. I hallooed loudly, and my shout was answered, and Johnnie called out in a faint, and glad voice, "Oh, that's father!"

And happily, so it was, the poor father becoming alarmed at the lengthened absence of his children had started with his two men and a lantern in search of them, and great tears of thankfulness fell from his eyes when he beheld his loved ones. Johnnie was at once taken into his loving arms, and a quarter of an hour's walk brought us to the farm, where the anxious mother received us. Nelly was soon aroused by the warmth and light of the great fire, little or none the worse for the night's adventure, but poor Johnnie was badly frost-bitten, and it was long before he recovered.

Deep was the gratitude of the honest couple for the aid I had afforded their child, who, doubtless overpowered with sleep, would have been hidden in the snow ere their father had reached them, and must inevitably have perished but for the prayer which Johnnie's trusting, simple heart had prompted, and had been the means, with God's blessing, of my saving them.

"THE OLD, OLD STORY."

F. G. Clark, D. D., in The Evangelist.

Don't be forever scolding or reprimanding your children, especially in the presence of strangers. Of course children need to be instructed, and sometimes reproved; but to be constantly scolding them, and depreciating them, and comparing them unfavorably with others, is an infallible recipe for making them sullen, hateful and impudent. To tell a child he or she is the worst you ever saw, even if it were true (but is generally false), is very unwise, for a child is almost sure to be what you tell him he is if it is anything bad. It is not an uncommon thing for some parents to keep up a running fire of such reproaches as, "Sit up straight there; what will your shoulders be like sitting bent over in that way?" "Don't pick your teeth;" "don't walk so heavily;" "don't cross your limbs in that way;" "don't scratch your head;" "don't make such a noise; you're the noisiest child I ever did see;" "don't drag your chair over the carpet in that way; it seems as though you wanted to destroy as much as possible;" "don't put your elbow up that way; your elbow is almost through your coat now; dear, O dear! was there ever so destructive a child;" "don't speak that way; you're the most impudent and hateful child I ever saw." To reprove a child in the presence of strangers is to give his self-respect a deadly wound, and leave a memory that will be bitter through all the years.

If every little folly and indiscretion of a child is to be mentioned and reproved, the heart of the parent will be forever in a fret, and the child will be forever annoyed and angry, and so cultivated a hasty and reckless spirit, and become hardened and impudent as well. Some parents are forever reproofing their children in the presence of company, seemingly unconscious that it is a most disgusting and disagreeable thing to the child. Many of the follies of a child will speedily cure themselves if not noticed or commented upon. To notice, reprove, or comment upon them is to cultivate a spirit of resistance and rebellion in the child, and he will in all probability do the same thing again out of pure perversity. When a thing cannot be improved by speaking about it, it is best to keep quiet. Let me beseech you, parents, for the sake of your children, and in view of their salvation or ruin, consider the effect that your words will

do you the best of all. The grave could not hold Jesus," and she went on to tell about the resurrection and ascension. Her listener was spell-bound, as he heard still further of Christ's praying for Jimmy, and that he was just as near to him as the boy was to the teacher, and that Jesus had a home for him in heaven by-and-by.

The story had now penetrated Jimmy's heart, and he said: "I don't see how anybody could help loving one that died for 'em; but how can I tell what he wants me to do? I can't see him, nor hear him talk. I wish I had seen him before he died."

The teacher went on to tell about the Bible, and about the strength Christ gives to them who try to obey him, and how near we can all be to him now that he is risen from the dead.

Jimmy said inquiringly, "You told me that Jesus would come and live in my heart, but I know he won't stay where there is so much badness. Only yesterday I tried to steal some apples, and when I feel awful hungry I just think I could steal anything. How can I get this awful feelin' out of me, so as to be good?" to which the teacher replied by telling more of the love of Christ and his cleansing blood.

"Now please, teacher," said the boy, "won't you tell Mr. Jesus who I am? I don't know how to ask him, as long as I can't see him. Maybe I won't ask him mannerly-like, and he won't answer me."

The teacher replied that praying is talking to Jesus. "You can tell him just what you want, and ask him for it." "Well," replied Jimmie, "I think I would like to have you tell him about me first, for you have known him so long, and he will take more notice of Jimmy if somebody comes with him."

They knelt in prayer, the teacher introducing Jimmy to Jesus, as the boy expressed it. Then in honest and rude faith Jimmy said: "I feel so well acquainted with him now, you bet it won't be the last time I'll talk to him."

The boy took up his old torn cap, as if hurrying away, when the teacher said: "What is your hurry, Jimmie?" In a subdued and confidential tone the boy replied: "I want to hurry home and tell Benjamin about Jesus; he is so sickly like, and it would be an awful thing if he should die and not hear about Jesus." Then, half covering his mouth with his hand, he whispered, "And he told me to steal the apples, and that is why I am in such a big hurry. Good-by."

This is a real incident. Such paganism may be found within pistol-shot of our church spires. Here we see the charm of "the old, old story," as fresh and powerful as ever. If many of us could tell the story so simply? What Christianity wants most to-day is not a better philosophy, but lives so true and hearts so loving that it shall not be so hard to get the story told.

A WORD TO PARENTS.

By One, in N. W. Advocate.

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likely have upon your children. Don't scold, don't fret, don't fuss.

KISSING.

H. A. H., in January Wide-Awake. "It is borne in upon me," as they used to say in old times, that I have a message for girls on the subject of kissing; such a message as an older sister who has had more experience of life may give to one who is younger.

Yet a baby of three once gave me a lesson on this subject. I was "getting well" for some weeks at one of the numerous health resorts which are dotted all over our country, and for the most part a cherry group of invalids were gathered there. This wee girl was the daughter of one, and was at the bewitching age when every woman of us all who was true to her womanly instincts wanted to catch the child in her arms and hug her.

In common with the rest, one day I sought her to give me a kiss. The baby drew herself up with an air and said, "Mamma tells me not to kiss!" At once the wisdom of the mother impressed me, and one phase of indiscriminate kissing was presented as never before. To touch lips that might carry with them the breath of illness—the wisest mother meant her child should run no such risk.

Girls are impulsive; they would lose much charm if they were not; they make their dear five hundred friends, and every time they meet and every time they part they kiss one another. The dear five hundred or the most of them drop out of daily life as the years go on, and are replaced by others, and the habit grows until now you may see women kissing each other everywhere, in the cars, at railway stations, in all public places. Women, too, who are not friends, but who have only the barest acquaintance with each other; perhaps they met a week ago for the first time. Many who never offer salutes after this fashion, yet submit to them with an inward protest, lest they be thought discourteous in refusing.

A sensitive, delicate lady told me that she was forced to live for some time in a boarding house where there were frequent changes. It was one of the annoyances of her life that she was so often obliged to submit to this disagreeable contact, or be counted rude. She said in the case of one woman whom she particularly did not like, she dreaded for days the time of her departure, expecting she must receive her good-bye kiss. But, as she put it in her bright way, "Providence kindly interfered in my behalf, and made me ill in bed just then, and so I did not see the woman when she left the house."

Do not think I counsel any unkind feeling toward others; far from it. Only remember, a kiss is the most sacred expression of love which you can give to your mother, or your sister, or your dearest friend; and I tell you now what I know to be true, that really refined women, as they grow older, grow chary of scattering such gifts right and left to every chance acquaintance.

After all, my message may be packed that into one word; so expressive in its modern use, "Don't."

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GLORIFY HIS NAME.

Abstractly, there is little or nothing in a name, but concretely there may be a blessing or a curse, and a great responsibility. It matters little whether a man be named John or James, but it may make a great difference whether he be John Andrew or James Smith.

FAR AND SMALL—NEAR AND LARGE.

When Mary said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord," she expressed what to her was a reality. The Lord was neither better nor greater than formerly in fact, but Mary had an enlarged view of his goodness.

NO MAN BELIEVETH UNTO HIMSELF.

Noah believed God and prepared an ark by which the world was saved from utter depopulation. Abraham believed

God and the Lord honored his faith by appointing him to be the father of the people who were to receive and keep the oracles of God, and especially that promise that in his seed should all the nations of the earth be blessed.

THE SIX-SHOOTER.

An effort is being made in the Legislature to modify the law against carrying pistols. Some claim that the penalty is too severe, and operates against the execution of the law.

THE COLLECTION.

We regret that some of the home conference readers and other valuable communications have been unavoidably crowded out for want of space.

THE CHARITY SUBSCRIPTION FUND IS EXHAUSTED.

We have in hand the names of several worthy persons who should receive the Advocate. Since the fund was started thirty-eight families have been supplied with the paper who would otherwise have been deprived of its weekly visits.

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stand the test of the divine standard of measure. "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord," and "shall drink neither wine nor strong drink," and "shall turn many to the Lord their God."

THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

This Advocate has already entered its protest against certain extremists in the South who seemed determined if possible to thrust a sectional policy upon the president elect. We have always thought that Mr. Harrison would be equal to the emergency, and can see no reason as yet to fear that he will not be the President of the whole people.

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child was born to R. W. T., R. M. P., or U. B. P. The way to inaugurate this plan is for the preachers to send us notices on postal cards promptly without waiting to be asked.

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is one of the candidates to whom the Independent object: Here is a candidate for cabinet honors who is a brilliant, magnetic, popular leader. He might have sailed in his own boat in the recent campaign; but he did not. What of him? The country knows him well. It knows that he is brilliant, but not strong; magnetic, but not safe; popular, but not trusted. He leads a powerful faction; but his appointment would surely divide the party. There are other important respects in which he falls below the Harrison standard. His presence in the cabinet would be a source of mischief. It would both weaken the party and the administration. He is an unsafe man to have on the quarter-deck.

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Impetuous fashionable meeting of old friends in the street—Oh, Countess, how do you do? I'm glad you're back, haven't you seen your brilliant wedding...

The average American kitchen and Laxador both know dyspepsia, the one cures it, the other don't. A Laxador costs only 25 cents.

Charcoal ought to be fed occasionally to chickens, as it promotes digestion. Make your own charcoal by filling up hard dry wood and firing it, allowing it to burn until it is a mass of glowing coals, when it is extinguished...

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 18, 1887.—To the editor of the Morning Register. With a respectful request to thank Dr. W. J. Thurmond publicly for his wonderful Loxo Star Catarrh Cure, which has had a wonderful effect on my ten-year-old son...

Smith (to milkman)—I'll have to ask you to check it up, Milkman (abstractedly)—Oh, that's all been attended to—oh—er—er—your pardon, certainly, make your own line.

Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, of Tolu, Cherry and Tor, is the best remedy we have ever found for coughs and colds of the throat and lung diseases. We have used it in our family for years. It always effects speedy cures.

Youngest Daughter (to father of seven of them)—Papa, I can't positively get it, stand the strain I'm under, I had planned to come to-night! Papa—just my luck! I've got to go to school for now! I suppose I've got to stop you.

Readers of the Advocate are referred to the advertisement of The Panhandle Machinery and Improvement Co. For Worth, Texas. Read what they say and when you need anything in their line it will pay you to write them for prices.

A Chicago clergyman married three couples on the same day. He has refused to allow himself to be patented as a car copier, however.

For catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, try Morley's Peppermint Laxative and Laxative Superior to anything hitherto used or known. Relieving relief in some cases in a few minutes. For sale by druggists for \$1.

President-elect Harrison's pathway is strewn with flowers—strut-mo-nos.

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Offensive Breath. I was afflicted with sore gums and very offensive breath until I used a box of Morley's Ointment, which entirely cured me. The Ointment is superior to any dentifrice I have ever used or sold. W. LEAK, Pleasant Point, Tex.

Do not let your child be troubled with the common ailments of childhood. Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, of Tolu, Cherry and Tor, is a pleasant and certain cure.

Paternal (after admonition in another form to his child)—"Take that, an' set to work! Fussy 'till you know 'at de zaminion 'er' wuan know 'a B C com' 'er' 'albet'."

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 10, 1888.—I find after two months' use of Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup, that it regulates the bowels and gives tone to the digestive apparatus; and also acts as a relief to my general condition in other medicine. It is nimbly, respectfully, Rev. W. A. HYDE.

Jackins (at the opera)—"What's that? De Music! 'The sinner's Jammin' 'Hello! Didn't know a score could be kept on a game like this. Which side is ahead, the sinner or the singers?"

Worth Hundreds of Dollars. My wife used only two bottles of Morley's Friend before she was cured. I saw she would not be without it for hundreds of dollars. Had not half as much trouble as before.

EL PASO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bonito mts. 1st Sun in Feb. 23. In Feb. 24. In Feb. 25. In Feb. 26. In Feb. 27. In Feb. 28. In Feb. 29. In Feb. 30. In Feb. 31. In Feb. 32. In Feb. 33. In Feb. 34. In Feb. 35. In Feb. 36. In Feb. 37. In Feb. 38. In Feb. 39. In Feb. 40. In Feb. 41. In Feb. 42. In Feb. 43. In Feb. 44. In Feb. 45. In Feb. 46. In Feb. 47. In Feb. 48. In Feb. 49. In Feb. 50. In Feb. 51. In Feb. 52. In Feb. 53. In Feb. 54. In Feb. 55. In Feb. 56. In Feb. 57. In Feb. 58. In Feb. 59. In Feb. 60. In Feb. 61. In Feb. 62. In Feb. 63. In Feb. 64. In Feb. 65. In Feb. 66. In Feb. 67. In Feb. 68. In Feb. 69. In Feb. 70. In Feb. 71. In Feb. 72. In Feb. 73. In Feb. 74. In Feb. 75. In Feb. 76. In Feb. 77. In Feb. 78. In Feb. 79. In Feb. 80. In Feb. 81. In Feb. 82. In Feb. 83. In Feb. 84. In Feb. 85. In Feb. 86. In Feb. 87. In Feb. 88. In Feb. 89. In Feb. 90. In Feb. 91. In Feb. 92. In Feb. 93. In Feb. 94. In Feb. 95. In Feb. 96. In Feb. 97. In Feb. 98. In Feb. 99. In Feb. 100. In Feb. 101. 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"As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God!" What a sense of the analogy of the natural and spiritual does not underlie these words! As the hart after its environment, so man after his, as the water-brooks are fitly designed to meet the natural wants, so fitly does God implement the spiritual need of man. It will be noticed that in the Hebrew poets the longing for God never strikes one as morbid, or unnatural to the men who uttered it. It is as natural to them to long for God as for the swallow to seek her nest. Throughout all their images no suspicion arises within us that they are exaggerating. We feel how truly they are reading themselves, their deepest slaves. No false note in all their aspiration.

"How artlessly they call upon him to entertain them in his pavilion, to cover them with his feathers, to hide them in his secret place, to hold them in the hollow of his hand, or stretch around them the everlasting arms! These men were true children of nature. As the humming bird among its own pines-trees, as the ephemeris in the sunshine of a summer evening, so they lived their joyous lives. And even the full share of the sadder experiences of life which came to all of them but drove them farther into the secret place, and led them with more consecration to make, as they expressed it, "The Lord their portion." All that has been said since, from Marcus Aurelius to Swedenborg, from Augustine to Schopenhauer, of a besting God as the final complement of humanity, is but a repetition of the Hebrew poets' faith. And even the New Testament has nothing higher to offer man than this. The psalmist's "God is our refuge and strength," is only the earlier form less defined, less practicable, but not less noble, of Christ's "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." -Henry Drummond.

FAITH.

The evidences of Christianity are the gift of God to you. In this sense, faith is the gift of God. But to receive their convincing effect you must study them with a candid mind, willing to follow wherever the truth leads. If you would have faith in Christ, become familiar with his character and his teachings. It may be that we have four gospels in order that the Son of God, in the perfection of his manhood and the splendor of his Godhead, may pass four times before your eyes. As he who would be a perfect orator or poet is exhorted by Horace "to handle the Grecian models with a daily and a nightly hand," so must the believer who aspires to be a perfect Christian sit before the great Exemplar by day and by night. An enduring faith is largely grounded in the intellectual grasp of the truth. There is a sense in which we must know in order to believe. A man's character must be favorably known to the banker before he will entrust him with his money. The more we know of Jesus by the study of his four-fold biography, the deeper and broader the foundation for our faith in his promises. -Love Enthroned.

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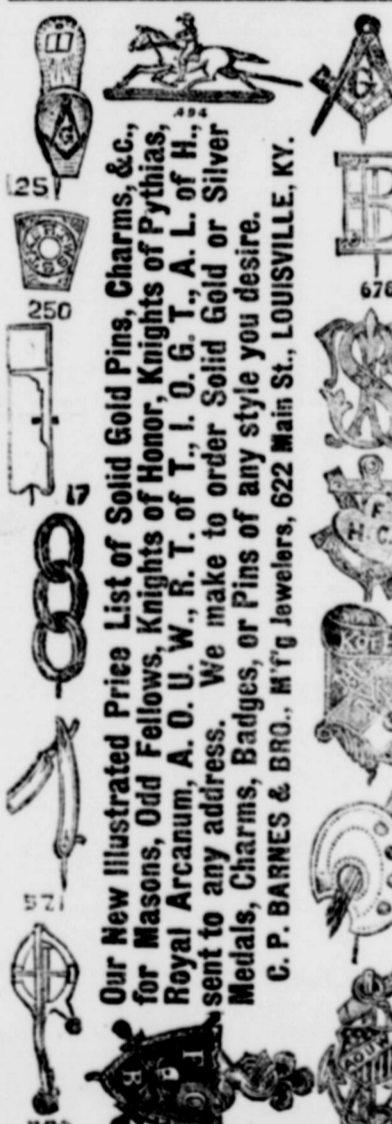
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The German emperor has ordered the dismissal of all French cooks employed in the palace. They will be replaced with Germans.

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