

Texas Christian Advocate.

THE GREAT SHIBBOLETH.

AVILLUS FLACCUS.

"A word which was made the criterion by which to distinguish the Ephraimites from the Gileadites, after the defeat of the former by Jephthah."

Among other things they say that some of our ministers are "wonderfully and fearfully made," and like all other men, are imitative creatures.

They get so full of isms that anon for joy they let it off in the pulpit to let the people know that they are "posted," and well up with the times.

They are ministers in Texas who have only been in the ministry for twenty or thirty years and have accumulated a "barrel of sermons."

devoid and prayerful heart, yet, if we are fed from the same old rusty spoon and out of the same old rusty barrel, we will go away from the house of the Lord hungry, O, how hungry.

"I had been fed, fed by the hidden manna of God's word. But time passes, the revival season comes on apace, he sends down to Egypt for help, the evangelist comes, and we know the rest.

"I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world."

INGERSOLL'S SOPHISTRIES. R. G. Ingersoll is a worshiper of humanity. But all that's good in humanity with him has been condensed, fossilized, and merged into one gigantic personage: a lawyer of the United States, noted in the annals of criminal practice (especially the star route trials); the blasphemer of the God of the Bible, and yet himself the little god at whose footstool all nations should bow.

to God and Christ and worship me! Robert! (That is so like the devil.) He represents faith as credulity, and yet seems not to have supposed that it would require a miraculous stretch of credulity to subscribe to his theories.

"There has been no revelation to us to the effect that certain people were inspired. It is only claimed that the revelation was to them. For this we have only their word."

"He is sensible enough to tell us, however, what it was in the life of this "great and tender soul" to which he objected. It was his miracles. He knew well enough that if Christ wrought miracles "he would complete by his life what he had begun by his birth."

Dr. Sheldon's History of Christian Doctrine. The above is the title of one of the most valuable and interesting works that it has ever been my good fortune to read, and as I have derived so much benefit from this work, I have thought a notice of it through the ADVOCATE might do my brethren in the ministry some good.

disagreed with his fellow-professors, by which he lost his office. (Like Ingersoll he disagreed always with his superiors.) In 1826 he was attacked with what he called "a cerebral crisis."

A MODEL FATHER. BY JOSHUA. A couple of Sabbaths since this scribe was attracted to a lengthy article on the subject at the head of this column. It was in a secular paper (Dallas News) setting up a high class to be a standard in everything, from a Saturday evening chicken fight to a Sunday morning service.

JUDAS AGAIN. REV. J. W. FANBOM. There appeared in ADVOCATE of the 13th inst., over the signature of "S."

SHELDON'S HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

REV. W. W. HORSER.

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One of the most effectual ways to demolish error and refute doctrinal heresy is to trace the origin of that error to its source and show when, how, and by whom that error was first promulgated.

Dr. Sheldon is eminently well qualified for the task he undertakes to perform, and has given us a work full of sound reasoning, cogent logic, evincing profound research into the vast fields of theological and historical lore.

scrutinize it with due care and energy will derive at least two great advantages. In the first place, he will find illustrations of the natural tendencies, theoretical and practical, of different doctrinal positions.

Our author divides the history and development of doctrine into five different periods as follows: I. From the close of the Apostolic Age to 320.

He then traces the origin and development of the many different and conflicting doctrines to their respective sources, and refers to reliable authorities all along through the progress of his work.

He shows that the great fundamental doctrines that differentiate our Arminian system of theology from other systems were taught in the primitive church, and that these doctrines were dominant in the Apostolic Age.

"On the freedom of the will, he says: "Illustrating the general subject under consideration by comparison, we may say that the church of the first three centuries maintained quite as strongly as does Arminian Methodism, the actual possession of free will by the descendants of the fallen Adam, but on the whole fell somewhat below the latter in stress upon inherited corruption and dependence upon divine grace."

"On the subject of predestination, he says: "It stands as an assured fact, a fact knowing no exceptions, and acknowledged by all well versed in the matter, that all of the pre-Augustinian fathers taught that in the appropriation of salvation there is a co-working of freedom and grace."

"On the doctrine of a second probation, which is being revived in our times, he shows that Origen, and a few others, advocated the idea in the third century, but that it was not generally received by the church."

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does not prove that he never was a believer.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

Having been appointed visiting committee to the North Texas Female College at Sherman, Texas, and it being our duty to attend the annual commencement, we were promptly on the grounds May 31st.

We were greeted by a host of girls whose sparkling eyes and cheerful faces tell of happy hearts and contented minds.

The examination papers reveal the fact that thorough work is being done. Prof. Powell has proven himself worthy of his position. On entering the art hall one is impressed by the work exhibited that Miss McEwen is fully equal to the task assigned her.

The commencement exercises were highly satisfactory and intensely interesting. First night—Evening with the Greeks—was a rare treat, strictly classical and of the highest type.

T. J. MILAM, C. E. LAMM, Committee.

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District Conferences.

DALLAS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-third session of the Dallas District Conference, M. E. Church, South, was held in Trinity Church, Dallas, June 13-15, 1889.

T. R. Pierce in the chair. All the preachers in charge of the fifteen appointments in the district: W. R. Manning, Supernumerary; W. F. Clark, Sunday-school Agent; and J.



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PARLIN & ORENDORFF CO., Dallas, Texas. To whom it may concern.

Obituary-Texas. DIED- U. A. Moore, at Plano.

State is almost paralyzed and completely hedged in by the enormous local freight rates. The mines and minerals of Texas must remain undeveloped.

Manufacturers' Association, of Dallas. PROGRAM. Of a Farmers' Institute to be held at Calvert, Texas, July 3 and 4, 1889.

THE INTER-STATE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION. This body, which was organized at Atlanta, Ga., in August, 1887, is composed of representatives from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

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SILKS. 20-inch black gros grain Silk, our \$1 quality at 79c a yard.

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PASTOR'S MEMORANDUM BOOK. PRICE 25 CENTS. SHAW & HAYLOCK, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Advertisement for Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, featuring an image of the product and text describing its quality and availability.

Advertisement for Fischer Pianos, mentioning 'OVER 78,000 MANUFACTURED' and listing the publisher Will. A. Watkin & Co.

Advertisement for 'HOMES FOR ALL' by the Texas Land and Loan Co., detailing various real estate and financial services.

Advertisement for 'Perfection' pianos, highlighting their quality and the expertise of the manufacturer.

Advertisement for 'THE CAPITOL HOTEL' in Dallas, Texas, listing amenities and contact information.

Advertisement for 'ROYAL CURE' for various ailments, including catarrh and rheumatism.

Advertisement for 'PASTOR'S MEMORANDUM BOOK' by Shaw & Blaylock, featuring a testimonial from a pastor.

Obituary-Deaths section listing several individuals who have passed away, including Mrs. Nettle Rose Moore and Mrs. M. A. Barrow.

Texas Casualties section reporting on various accidents and incidents, such as a heavy gale at Whitney and a fire at a house in Cameron.

Texas Incidents section detailing local news items, including a fire in Vanover, a duel in New Orleans, and a robbery in Dallas.

THE INTER-STATE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION section providing information about the organization and its activities.

What is CASTORIA section describing the benefits and uses of the Castoria medicine.

A TELESCOPE FOR ONLY \$1.00 section advertising a low-cost telescope.

LIPPER BICYCLE section advertising a bicycle and providing contact information for the manufacturer.

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Program section listing various agricultural and industrial events, including the Farmers' Institute at Calvert, Texas.

How to Cure Skin & Scalp Diseases section featuring an advertisement for CUTICURA REMEDIES.

Advertisement for 'What is CASTORIA' medicine, detailing its effectiveness for various ailments.

Advertisement for a telescope, highlighting its features and the low price of \$1.00.

Advertisement for Lipper Bicycles, showcasing the product and providing contact details.

UNANSWERED LETTERS section listing several letters that have not been responded to.

Advertisement for 'How to Cure Skin & Scalp Diseases' using CUTICURA REMEDIES.

Advertisement for 'What is CASTORIA' medicine, emphasizing its safety and efficacy.

Advertisement for a telescope, describing its quality and the special offer price.

Advertisement for Lipper Bicycles, featuring an image of the bicycle and promotional text.

Advertisement for Parlin & Orendorff Co., Dallas, Texas, listing various products and services.

Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER, featuring an image of the product and the slogan 'Absolutely Pure.'

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