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VOICES OF THE NORTH.

THE SONG OF THE CITY SEAMEN.

It is twice as bright by the city's chimes,
And my task is not yet done,
And through my weary hours of time
Must my heavy heart be torn.

I do not stop for my friends to come,
Nor suffer my heart to feel,
For each idle moment steals a crown
From my and tomorrow's meal.

It is very cold in this chamber room,
And my limbs are strangely chill,
My pulses beat with a sense of doom,
And my heart seems still.

But I shall not care for this so much,
If my fingers hold their power,
And the hand of sleep be not touch
My eyes for another hour.

I wish I could earn a little more,
And live in another street,
Where I need not tremble to pass the door,
And shudder at all I meet.

'Tis a fearful thing to see a friendless girl
Forever alone should dwell,
In the midst of scenes enough to hurt
A stranger to sell.

God knows that I do not wish to hark
In the pit which yawns around,
But I cannot stand on my very brink
As I could on yonder ground.

I do not think my strength is gone,
Nor fear for my shortening breath,
But the terrible water is coming on,
And I shall be a prey to death.

I wish I had had my sister Rose,
Ever kinder and more true,
For I felt the grip of the thought that grows
The lonelier the more it grows.

I am sure that the world will come to me—
The Father of all our race—
Did not mean the world he made to be
Such a dark and dreary place.

And spare me a moment's time to grieve,
With a little while to pray,
But would these fitful blessings come,
I may neither weep nor grieve.

For alas! 'twould cost me a precious crown
Of my and tomorrow's meal.

END.

ADDRESS TO THE STEWARDS OF EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DEAR BROTHERS:—Your official relation to the church is one of delicate responsibility. You have been chosen by the members of the Quarterly Conference, to control the finances of the District, Circuit, and Station. Dependence upon you are the presiding elders and traveling preachers for their individual claims and their tabular expenses. The Conference year has opened upon you; you will be called upon at the first Quarterly meeting "to give ways and means" to meet the preacher's claims for the current year. In your assessments, be liberal; lay your plans broad, so as to meet all the allowance of "quarterage and table expenses." Could you fully realize the feelings of some of those that served some of the circuits, stations, and districts, during the past Conference year, I am certain you would not envy their feelings, or desire their position—chagrined, crushed in their feelings to witness the little interest manifested for their support. Not unfrequently the itinerant has to borrow money to pay his way to his circuit from our annual sessions. This I have known almost every year I have been in attendance at Conference.

Another fact: At the first Quarterly meeting, which comes from four to eight weeks after the preacher reaches his work, when the question is asked by the P. E.—"What amount has been raised to meet the claims of the preachers?" Mr. Secretary calls the names of the various appointments: Zion, 00; Black Jack, 00; Pisgah, 00; and so on till the last preaching place is called, and the 00s summed up—not a dollar has been collected up to the first Quarterly meeting. The preacher, out of funds—in debt for borrowed money—had been looking to this meeting to be reimbursed; his feelings are crushed; many thoughts obtrude themselves upon him unbidden and unbidden. Listen to his soliloquy: "I am in debt; I am unacceptable to this people; they don't want me; I am not the preacher they expected." Now, brethren, can your preacher, under these circumstances, leave his first Quarterly meeting, travel round and preach with as much faith and zeal as he would had you been able to answer the question, "How much has been raised?" by saying, \$60, \$70, or \$100? I have witnessed the close of the second Quarterly meeting, and not a dime collected from a membership of from 300 to 500, and many of them with "broad fields" and "much of this world's goods."

Thank heaven, there many exceptions to this state of things; such I witnessed the last year. When the amount of collections was called for, the stewards reported moneys collected from nearly all appointments. This was as it should be. It is a gratifying fact that the finances in our Conference have improved during the past Conference year. The Conference collection about doubled. Our Missionary collection in cash receipts, I should judge, about doubled; also, the amounts collected and appropriated were not much behind either of the above, but I am inclined to the belief that, if the Conference stewards' report was footed up, it would be but a small per cent. over and above what was collected last year, in proportion to the claims of the preceding year.

If I am correct in this estimate, what is the legitimate inference? Namely, that the preachers were more active and energetic in taking up their collections than the stewards were on some of the circuits, stations, and districts, to collect the necessary amounts to meet the claims of the preachers. Come, dear brethren,

be ready at your first Quarterly meetings to report something handsome from each appointment. Don't let all be 00. Call upon the members and friends to aid you in the finances. Yours, in love,
TIMOTHY.

IL NY AURA PLUS LA DE NUIT.

(There shall be no Night there.)

I was in Florence, the city of art and of beauty. It was impossible in three short weeks to enjoy fully all the objects of interest over which my bewildered eyes wandered, or to appreciate entirely all the charms that surrounded me. But there is no truer line than this—

"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever," and what the present could not give, the past has since bestowed. I close my eyes, and again I am amidst the enchantments of the Val d'Arno; again, I pass over the smooth, broad, white stones of the streets of La Villa Firenze, or wander in the bosky cascade, beside the Arno, and all the air is filled with its music mingling with the music of nightingales; again, I linger in the picture galleries, or glide over the pavement of Santa Croce and read upon the still, cold marble, names that stir, through all the world, burning thoughts of heart and brain. I look around the picture halls through which the magnificent Lorenzo di Mele has swept. I think of those conferences—their scenes strange to me—between him, the personification of earthly splendor, and the eager earnest Savanarola. I pass along the street where the sombre Dante, with his divine and dreary thoughts, has passed; I stand in the very room where Michael Angelo put off his slippers, and the room is arranged as if he had left it but yesterday. Then it is Sabbath, and works of art are laid aside for the day, except the eye will linger awhile upon the "four seasons," which ornaments the bridge by which I cross the Arno.

And now again I am in the Protestant chapel. A young French minister is preaching, and the frequent repetition of his text, like the melody that runs through a complicated piece with variations—"Il n'y aura plus la nuit" (there shall be no night there). Again and again it rings through the soul like the music of far off bells, and other notes are mingling with it in the breeze, until at last a chime is formed, and thus it runs:

Life hath many woes alas,
Swift or slow they all must pass,
If my aura plus la nuit,
If my aura plus la nuit.

Star by star shall fade away,
By setting in the light of day,
Birds shall sing on every tree,
If my aura plus la nuit.

Golden streets and crystal walls,
Gates of pearl, and jeweled halls,
Glistening missions built for me,
If my aura plus la nuit.

Mosses flow the waves,
Gifts in gold, and gifts in grace,
Gifts in gold—let it be so,
If my aura plus la nuit.

JEAN T. H. CARNS.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

LARISSA—HOME MANUFACTURES—FOURTEEN INST.

BRO. CARNS:—Find herein some of the events most worthy of notice, that have come under my observation since I left you at our peaceful and harmonious Conference in Palestine. We started from Palestine on Thursday morning, a cold, brisk Norther was blowing with a zeal seldom witnessed in this latitude; the ground was white with snow, and the thermometer stood at a point which indicated that the journey was destined to be not a very comfortable one. I came by way of Larissa, where I met many of my old friends and acquaintances. This place is remarkable for its good morals.—It contains four Churches; a Cumberland Presbyterian, Old School Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist. I am informed also, that the schools are prospering finely. After remaining at home a short time, I went to Shrewsbury and there renewed the friendship of those whose society I had enjoyed in former times. It is really pleasant thus easily to forget the cares and toils of life in the delightful associations of those whom we know to be true and tried. On my return, I visited our worthy Bro. Ware, who resides in Harrison county. I tarried with him for the night, and there saw that which need not be lost sight of in the South, viz: that manufacturing establishments can be sustained and made profitable at the South as well as at the North. Bro. Ware has two carding machines, runs 360 spindles, keeps constantly clattering seven looms, from which there is as good cloth made as I have ever seen—jeans in abundance, and of the first class. Tweeds, linseys, etc. He has also fulling mills—in short, every thing in successful operation to supply our wants in the way of good, durable clothing. Bro. Ware certainly deserves the praise of all lovers of home industry, and Southern independence. Thence I returned home just in time to escape the present severe storm. On the 1st Monday in January next, I and my worthy coadjutor, A. C. Robinson, will resume our labors in the Fowler Institute, on the same terms, as heretofore published in your excellent paper.

HENDERSON, Dec. 20, 1859. N. W. BURKS.

IN MEMORIAM.

OF MRS. MARY LYNN, wife of Rev. Samuel Lynch, who died at Crockett on the 23rd of November, 1859, after a long illness.

Long before the shadows lengthened
Or evening dew began to fall,
Her father's low life was weary,
And gave the blessed homeward call;

He doth all things well; we may not weep;
"For so he giveth his beloved sleep."
"Dust to dust," we gently lay her;
Yet, radiant through our fleeting tears,
Smiles the heavenly bow of promise,
To dissipate our earth-born fears.

Life's conflict o'er, why should we weep?
"For so he giveth his beloved sleep."
"Dust to dust," we gently lay her;
Watch and pray—the day is waning;
Thou shalt meet thy loved one again!
With thy trust life's light keep;
"For so he giveth his beloved sleep."

During the present year, nearly a dozen churches of different denominations have been destroyed by fire within the limits of the State of Massachusetts. Some of these, it is known, were set on fire by incendiaries. The loss of so many buildings of the same character in one locality, in so short a time, is unparalleled.

RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF THE RIO GRANDE MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Committee on Education, in presenting their report, beg leave—

First, to call the attention of the Conference to the interests of Sole University. This institution was designed by its projectors to be the great Central School of the M. E. Church, South, in Texas; and was constituted by its charter, the property of all the Conferences of that denomination, or, thereafter, of the States, and made subject to their joint control; and our ministers and members of the then conferences, have alike contributed to its endowment, and sent their sons to its halls. The success of the enterprise is no longer problematical. The University is in prosperous operation, with an abundant and two endowed professorships, about a hundred and fifty students; and the number constantly increasing. The Trustees have \$20,000 available means in hand, for the construction of a new college edifice; and two faithful agents in the field, relieving the horse-leech cry from Red River to the Rio Grande.—Money is flowing into the treasury from all directions, like the streams of Texas into the Gulf of Mexico. The building is under contract at \$30,000; and directed by a skillful architect, its walls are gradually rising towards heaven, and with them the hearts and hopes of its friends, who are ready to "bring forth the captive thereof, with shoutings—grace, grace unto it!" Your Committee would respectfully suggest the appointment of six trustees from your body, to co-operate with the boards appointed by the Texas and East Texas Conferences; and a visiting committee of three, to attend the next annual examination and commencement.

We beg leave—Secondly—to recommend to your warm affections and liberal patronage, the Paine Female Institute. This noble bark has passed through some perilous storms; and still with her precious freight of youth, beauty and intellect, and no pilot at the helm, she is struggling through dark and stormy seas. There is light ahead, however, and Faith sees a deliverer walking upon the waters. The faculty is well manned for the present, if not well manned, and the trustees will in all probability, soon be able to procure a suitable President. The building, though not large, is of the best quality, and well adapted to its purpose; and commendable zeal and liberty have been displayed by the citizens of Goliad in its recent improvement. This house and three thousand acres of valuable town land, are held by the trustees as the property of the Church for educational purposes, subject to the control of the Rio Grande Mission Conference. Let us not slacken our hand, but give the institution our most cordial and efficient help. What can be more important than the proper education of our daughters? and what avail all our improvements and enterprises, if this most important work be neglected? You may drive the Indian back from your northern frontier; and push your southern boundary far down into Mexico; and pile cotton bales miles high along your coast; and cover your vast prairies with sheep and cattle fatter than Jeshurun; and multiply your cities, churches, colleges and universities, and turn out your sons and daughters, full of philosophy and brilliant orators; but if, in your progress, you carry not woman along with you, you shall soon look sorrowfully back from your eminence, upon the monumental pillars of salt, standing on the margin of your ruined heritage; for if the wives and mothers of the State be not properly educated, the next generation of men will inevitably retrograde in mind and morals, and all your splendid achievements will end in disaster and defeat. Your Committee heartily commends to the fostering care of the Conference the Paine Female Institute; and respectfully suggest the confirmation of the election of Mrs. A. F. Cox, Thos. Holiday, Chas. W. Campbell, Miles H. Campbell, John A. Clark, and Wm. S. Faint, as Trustees of the Institute, and also the appointment of a visiting committee to attend its next annual examination.

We beg leave—Thirdly—to lay before you the claims of a new educational agency within your bounds. The San Antonio Female College commenced its career only a month ago, in the basement of the Methodist Church; and though all the city schools were then already opened for the season, it now numbers over forty pupils, and the list is constantly increasing, so that you need not be astonished to hear that the next session opens with a hundred. Four teachers are engaged in the institution, one of whom is a thoroughly educated German musician, and incidental measures have been taken to secure a competent Professor of the German Language. It is intended to make the school, just what its name imports, a female college, and second in educational facilities to none in the older States. The arrangements of classes is strictly collegiate; and it is the purpose of the projectors, in the enterprise, both in the course of study and in the mode of instruction, to aim at the lofty standard, and copy the worthiest models. It is proposed also, within the next five years at the utmost, to erect, in San Antonio, a male institution, of similar character, and under the same board of trustees, to be called the Alamo College; and these institutions are to be the property of the Rio Grande Mission Conference, and subject to its supervision and control. The best citizens of San Antonio are deeply interested in this noble work; and our people there promise to raise \$60,000 to furnish the requisite buildings and fixtures; not doubting that this conference, with its abundant means, will contribute an equal sum. It will require time and labor, and the appointment of an agent may be necessary to lay the claims of the enterprise before our brethren in the old Conferences; but the church has money, and we are fully persuaded that when the subject is properly presented, as it is in reality missionary work, in which the whole connection is interested, she will not suffer to give. Your Committee respectfully suggest, that, on the adoption of this report, the Conference proceed to elect a board of Trustees for the San Antonio Female College, and the Alamo College; and that the board so constituted be instructed to apply to the State Legislature now in session, for a Charter, incorporating said institutions with full collegiate powers and privileges; which incorporation will confirm their action, and complete the organization. Your Committee also suggest, that the Conference solicit of the Bishop, or President, the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Joseph

Cross to the Presidency of the Female College.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE BORING, Chm. Com.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE RIO GRANDE MISSION CONFERENCE.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the operations of the American Bible Society, and will cheerfully co-operate with it in the work of supplying our own land, and the Nations of the earth with the Word of God.

Resolved, That the President of this Conference, be, and is hereby respectfully requested to appoint the Rev. R. P. Thompson, Agent for the American Bible Society in the field assigned by the Board of Managers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Resolved, That we regard the Sunday School Visitor as essential to the well being of our Sunday Schools, and that we will strive to place it in the hands of every child in our charges who can read.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That we cordially approve the course of our beloved brother, Rev. J. E. Carnes, as Editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and that we regard it as unsurpassed by any paper in the South, and will earnestly endeavor to double its circulation in our bounds.

Resolved, That we fully approve the course of the Rev. Thos. O. Summers, Editor of the Southern Quarterly Review, and that we will subscribe for it ourselves, and strive to obtain at least one other subscriber.

Resolved, That we feel ourselves under obligations to the Rev. L. D. Houston for the able manner in which he has edited the Home Circle, and will strive to place it in every family in our charges.

SPANISH CATECHISM.

Resolved, That we request the Publishing House to publish a Catechism in the Spanish Language.

JOHN W. DE VILLERS,
Sec. Rio Grande Conf.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools, have the honor to submit the following report:—

The origin and history of the Sabbath School cause, together with its strong and permanent hold upon the regards and affections of Protestant Christendom, would render an argument in its favor unnecessary in this connection. It may be proper, however, to set forth the position and design of the institution, in order to promote, if possible, enlarged efficiency and success.

The Sabbath School is not designed, by any means, to supersede the instructions of the Scriptures. Parents are regarded, in the Scriptures, as the most prominent and constant religious teachers of their children. They are required to instruct them diligently in the facts and doctrines of revealed religion; to "train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." No agency can possibly take their place, discharge their sacred duties, or even lighten the obligations imposed upon them by Divine authority. The design of the Sabbath School is not to supplant, but to aid them in their "work of faith and labor of love." Viewing the subject in this light, parents should avail themselves to the utmost extent, of such aid in the great work of training their children for God and Heaven; as far as may be, their presence—they should see that their children attend, and that they get their lessons, and, in all respects, extend a full and hearty co-operation. Let no parent, for a moment, think, however, that when his children are permitted to go to the Sabbath school, his obligations are fully met. The instructions there received should be extended and enforced by the more constant and diligent religious culture of the home circle, promotive of piety and consecration to God.

Not is the Sabbath school designed to take the place of the pulpit in the religious training of the rising young. Sabbath school teachers can never occupy the position of pastors of the lambs of Christ's flock. Their instructions, however weighty and profitable, cannot, without immense damage to immortal interests, supersede the preaching of the word of life. Never does the Gospel of Christ make an impression so deep, so overwhelming, so permanent, as upon the youthful mind. The Master said to Peter, and through him to the ministry of all succeeding ages, "Feed my lambs."

Your Committee would earnestly invite the attention of parents, Sabbath school officers, and teachers, as well as of the members of the Conference, to this point. Attendance on the Sabbath school will constitute an era in the history of the Gospel. Let the session of the Sabbath school be sufficiently brief, and followed by sufficient recreation to allow the return of the children to the Divine services of the sanctuary; and let them be encouraged and urged to attend preaching. Let our preachers, in their congregations, constantly insist that parents bring their children with them to the house of the Lord. Let them constantly instruct the children in every place; let Sabbath schools wherever as many as ten children can be secured as pupils; attend the school as often as possible; form Sabbath school societies; set on foot plans for increasing the number of pupils; and raise means for purchasing the requisite books, as well as for increasing the publishing fund of the parent Sunday school society. It is earnestly hoped by your Committee that enlarged zeal will be manifested by the members of the Conference in carrying out our excellent "Rules respecting the instruction of children," as found in the Discipline. May the words of the Savior sink deep into our hearts—"Feed my lambs."

The Sabbath school is not designed to supplant the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the nursery of piety for childhood and youth. It is not an enclosure outside, so much as it is a department within the church. The institution is a suitable agency employed by her for the instruction and edification of her own children and those who should, in early life, enter her pale. Viewing the Sabbath school as being strictly a church agency, it should receive the unremitting attention of the pastor, the Quar-

terly Conference, and the entire membership, of every charge. The officers and teachers should, as far as practicable, be pious members of the church. The instructions given, should not only impose the restraints of correct manners and good morals, or familiarize the mind with the general facts and truths of Divine Revelation, but should constantly enforce the deep spiritualities of the gospel, and lead the children to the feet of Jesus. He said, "and suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." The highest design of the teachings of the Sabbath school, as well as of the fireside and the pulpit, is to bring these immortal natures in the freshness of childhood and youth to their only Savior; he will not turn them away; he will "touch" them, "take them up in his arms"—will "heal" and bless "them."

Your Committee are deeply grieved by the fact that so few of the young children of the Church are effectually brought to Christ—influenced willingly and heartily to enter His fold, and give their young hearts, with the bright morning of their lives to His blessed service. Even where the gospel is most constantly preached, where the adult population is generally religious, where Sabbath Schools are largest and most flourishing, few, alas! very few of the children are members of the Church. The immense contrast between the adult and the youthful membership is indeed deplorable.

Your Committee would respectfully and earnestly ask that these two facts be solemnly considered—that very few boys and girls are to be seen in our congregations, and fewer still are members of the Church of their parents.—Where are the children when parents are worshipping in the house of the Lord? And are we willing for the dear children of the Church to grow up with susceptible natures, exposed to temptation outside her pale? Shall the little lambs be shut out of the fold until they wander away into the wilderness among beasts of prey? Shall the tender plants grow up amid thorns and briars under the vineyard of the Lord?—Is it our design simply to restrain the children in a life of idleness and devotion to the world—to make them only less wicked than they would be? This is very far from being the Scriptural view of the subject. The children should be regarded as members of the Church in infancy, and the effort should be to sweetly influence every one of them, in tender years, to a voluntary union with the Church of Christ. The Sabbath School should directly and powerfully carry forward this work. Occupying, as it does, a central position between the pastor in the pulpit and the parents in the circle of loved ones at home, it should constantly and mightily aid both the one and the other in gathering the children around the Cross of our Saviour.

In subservience to these high spiritual interests, your Committee would recommend that regular Sabbath School Prayer Meetings be held as far possible, either in the morning or in the afternoon session, on the first Sabbath of each month or oftener, and that the children be encouraged to present themselves for special prayer, and to unite with the Church.

The following are the statistics of Sabbath Schools as reported at our present session:—

Number of Schools, 88; Superintendents, 84; Teachers, 283; Scholars, 2884; Vol. in Library 9915; Visitors taken, 742; Collection for Sunday School purposes, \$731 50.

The above exhibit, though far short of what it should be, is encouraging. We rejoice to see in our midst, and everywhere, increasing zeal in this great cause. An effort is being made in the Southern Church for the raising of \$100,000 for the purpose of extending the Publishing House at Nashville to enable and cheapen our excellent catalogue of Sabbath School publications. This is an important enterprise. The Conference having, during its present session, resolved to take up public collections in our congregations during the months of May and June next, for this fund; it is earnestly hoped by your Committee that all our preachers will attend promptly and zealously to this duty, and that our people will respond liberally to the call.

The Conference has also heartily gone into the organization of a Sunday School Society of the M. E. Church, South. It is hoped by your Committee that this will give a new impetus to the cause in our midst.

The call for a Sunday School Convention to be composed of one delegate from each Quarterly Conference, together with such preachers as may be able to attend, to meet in the city of Houston on the first day of next May, is an item of great interest. We hope that the Quarterly Conferences will generally elect delegates, and that the Sabbath Schools within reach of Houston will be present on the occasion. We anticipate a season of great interest and profit.

Your Committee would, in conclusion, express the hope that the present session of our Conference will constitute an era in the history of the Sabbath School cause within our bounds, and that the master will abundantly bless us in our enlarging efforts to feed his lambs.

The following items were adopted by your Committee upon suggestions made in the communication from Rev. Charles Taylor, the excellent and energetic Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Sunday School Society.

1. We recommend the election of Rev. Wm. H. Seat, as Vice President of the Parent Society.

2. We recommend the organization of a Conference Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the Sunday School Union, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and that its anniversary be held during each session of the Conference.

3. We recommend that each preacher be required to bring the Sabbath School Visitor in his charge, and that efforts be made to make the number of Visitors equal to the number of pupils in each school.

4. We recommend that a Conference Sunday School Convention be held in the city of Houston on the 1st day of May, 1860, to be composed of one delegate from each Quarterly Conference, together with such of the preachers as can conveniently attend.

5. We recommend that the preachers be required to take up collections in all our congregations, during the months of May and June next, for increasing the fund of the Parent Sunday School Society of the M. E. Church, South, which collections shall be forwarded immediately to Rev. J. M. McFerrin, Nashville, Tenn., and reported to the ensuing Annual Conference.

We commend the above items to the serious

attention of the Conference and all concerned. It is hoped that the organization of our Conference Sunday School Society, will give a fresh impetus to the cause among us. Our ally connected, excellent Sunday School Visitor deserves the special attention of Schools and families.—It is hoped that the call of the Sunday School Convention, to meet at Houston on the first of May, will be promptly responded to on the part of our Quarterly Conferences in the election of delegates, of those preachers who can attend, and of the Sabbath Schools within reach of Houston.

Your Committee earnestly hope that the inauguration of the above important measures will make our present session an era in the history of the Sabbath School cause in the Texas Conference. May the Head of the Church abundantly bless our increasing efforts to feed His lambs.

Wm. H. SEAT, Chm'n.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bible cause, having had the subject under careful consideration, beg leave to make the following report:—

Your Committee have had no information placed in their possession upon which to ground a report. We have been enabled to obtain only a few important facts pertaining to the subject. So far as we are enabled to learn, the American Bible Society has no agent within the bounds of our Conference; consequently we presume but very little is being done in this wide field for this excellent cause. With regard to the wants or destitution within our bounds, your Committee have but little knowledge. With a suitable agent in the field, and with proper attention to the subject, we are not prepared to compute the vast amount of good that might be accomplished. We could have no fears, were a suitable agent in the field, in pledging the hearty cooperation of the members of this Conference and the people under our charge.

In a report like this, it would be almost superfluous to say anything in reference to the importance of so noble a cause, or by way of commending it to the careful attention and prayers of our people. In an enlightened community like ours, the Bible is regarded not only as the foundation of our social and civil institutions, but the guardian of our liberties.

While it embodies the best and purest system of ethics, it is the richest, the most excellent, the most sublime of all classics. If we search for whatever is useful, excellent, or sublime, in history, philosophy, poetry, or eloquence, there is nothing comparable to the pages of inspiration. While it exhibits most Sinal enriched with its dark clouds, uttering forth its uttering thunder and the stern behest of the Law, it brings to view Calvary enlaced with the bow of promise—the glories of the cross, with its sweet voice of promise, whispering with angelic sweetness in the ear of penitence. While it is a correct way bill to guide amidst health and prosperity, it clears the couch of affliction, and sheds its mellow and hallowed light in the chamber of death, and whispers to the dying pilgrim, "Thou shalt live again, live in a brighter and purer climate, where tears shall be wiped away by the hand of Jesus, and sorrow and sighing shall be away."

Then, would not every enlightened and pious mind, send the Bible, without note or comment, to all the world? With telegraphic speed let the continents of earth and the isles of the ocean have it; send it to the city and to the wilderness; speed it to the palace and the wigwag. While it lies upon the center table of the prince, showing its light in the mansion of opulence, let it visit the fireside of the cottage, and shed its mellow sunlight around the hearth-stone of the peasant.

Let our politicians and statesmen have it, and may its truths be fully appreciated and its authority heeded in our State and National Councils. May the time soon come when it will be regarded not only as a popular, but as an indispensable text book, in all our schools, colleges and universities.

Your Committee would here take occasion to say, that we are satisfied with the Bible as it is, i. e., the present authorized English version; or what is generally called, King James' translation. In this expression we believe we are uttering the unanimous sentiment of both our ministry and entire membership.

Your Committee would further remark, that we have no sympathy with the mutilators of the Bible; or what is commonly denominated the New Version or New Translation movement, of the present day. As a body, we are decidedly opposed to any such sectarian scheme. In conclusion we would say, give us the Bible without change, without note, without comment, or sectarian gloss, to be sent out to all the world, and to all future generations of mankind. Your Committee would recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That in case the American Bible Society should appoint an Agent, that we will cooperate with said Agent, and welcome him to our charges, and give him all necessary assistance.

Resolved, That we have no connection with the Revision movement of the present day; that we are satisfied with the present English version of the Bible, known as King James' translation; and that we are decidedly opposed to any mutilation or change.

R. CRAWFORD, } Committee.
M. H. PORTER, }

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on the Sabbath School cause would respectfully submit the following report:—

From the statistical report of this body, there are within the bounds of the East Texas Conference, 86 Sabbath Schools, 91 Superintendents, 480 Teachers, 2,528 Scholars, 7,720 vol. in Library, 389 Visitors taken, and \$560 50cts collected and appropriated for S. S. books. This shows a considerable increase over last year. This is as it ought to be; yet, we hope that next year will be still more abundant. Surely this Conference knows the utility of this enterprise. Will each preacher exert himself to train the children in his charge in the science of salvation? Therefore, be it

1st. Resolved, That this Conference elect a Vice-President, as provided for in the Constitution of the Parent Society.

2nd. Resolved, That this Conference form itself into a Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the Sunday School Society of the M. E. Church, South.

3rd. Resolved, That we recommend a Sunday School Convention, composed of one delegate from each Quarterly Conference, be held in the town of Rusk, commencing on the third Monday in May next.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference exert themselves to swell the subscription to Sunday School Visitor to at least 5,000. We think more ought to be done for this indispensable cause. Let us bless the children. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. ANGLE,
J. S. MARTIN.

The following resolution was offered upon the adoption of the above Report:—

The Christian Advocate.

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5.

Rev. H. M. Glass, writing on business, says, "Send me the accounts; I shall press my collections in the early part of the year."

We take this method of saying to our friends in the country, positively we are not engaged in the commission business.

THE OUTSIDE.—A distinguished gentleman contributes "Voices from the North."

Thanks to Sister Cross, for her beautiful contribution. An article bearing the indorsement of her signature is always sure of the reader's first attention.

The Secretary of the East Texas Conference sent in his documents in fine order—all ready for the printer.

The matter headed "Rio Grande Conference," makes us feel gratefully proud. Read and rejoice—and help.

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We commend it to all—have read it twice, and expect to read it again.

THE MINUTES OF CONFERENCES.—The Book Editor will be greatly obliged if the Secretaries of the Missouri, St. Louis, Kansas, Louisiana, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, East Texas, Ouncelita, and Holston Conferences, will forward as soon as possible the Minutes of their respective Conferences, as it is desirable to publish the General Minutes without delay.

All our Church papers will copy a favor by copying this notice, as the Book Editor does not know the names and post-offices of all the Conference Secretaries.

W. H. R. IN THE TEXAS TIMES.—We prefer to be quite as liberal as most men to the views of others, and if we seemed otherwise in the letter of which W. H. R. complains, it was wholly unintentional.

THE PACIFIC METHODIST COLLEGE.—The Methodist of the 2d ult., brings the intelligence that the College of the Pacific Conference has been located at Caswellville, in the county of Yolo, with encouraging prospects.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Messrs. Hull & Livingston advertise the removal of the Galveston Male Academy to rooms under Morian Hall.

We are indebted to Jones & Co's Express for Boston papers of the 29th ult.

THE SAVOR OF THE SALT.

"The quality and heat of our attempt brooks no division."

Quality is distinguishing and realizing. To distinguish by means of quality is to keep within the limits of the real as opposed to the imaginary.

It is not sufficiently constant or habitual to designate the man, it is a "humor," but whatever so possesses a man as regularly and constantly to draw him wholly one way, is a quality.

To return for a moment to things as distinct from beings. When you speak of the polar star, the distinguishing idea is constancy, expressed admirably by Shakespeare thus:

In thought we may unite a heap of gold and a heap of brass under the idea of metal, but it is impossible to think them in an essential quality.

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We never would have attained to the wealth and prosperity as a nation which is now ours, but for our connection with these very much reviled and injured slaveholders.

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PAUSES IN READING.

When Christ assures his disciples that faith as a grain of mustard seed could remove the sycamore tree, he immediately impresses upon them the ideas of order and subordination, by the case of a servant waiting upon his master.

Browning, in his poem "Saul," hits upon the thought that the need of Christ and true faith in Him are high each other when we attempt to do good to another, from pure love, and find ourselves weak to bestow the benefit which we yet yearn to give.

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NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

41st Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church at Newark.—Great Union Meeting at the Academy of Music—20,000 assembled, a fair of the Constitution, Laws, and Rights of the South.

Last night in Newark, near by, was held the 41st Anniversary of the Missionary Society. It was a large and successful gathering, many from the city attending.

Bishop Simpson is a very eloquent man, and his health, so seriously affected at one time, is again restored.

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TEXAS ITEMS.

NEW POST OFFICES.—Wild Cat Bluff, Anderson county, Texas; Cedar, Fayette county, Texas; Aquilla, Hill county, Texas; Willow Hole, Madison county, Texas; Fork Point, Tarrant county, Texas; Norton Grove, Tarrant county, Texas; Mustang, Van Zandt county, Texas.

LEGISLATURE.—The frontier bill has passed both houses. It provides for the raising of ten companies, if needed; each company to consist of 83 men, rank and file, to be enlisted for 12 months, unless previously discharged.

THE COLONEL is to receive \$180 per month; Lt. Colonel \$150; the Major \$125; Captains \$100; first Lieutenants \$75; 2d \$60; Sergeants \$45 in addition to privates; Corporals \$35 in addition to privates; privates \$25 per month extra. Surgeon non-commissioned, \$8 per month extra. Surgeon \$120 per month.

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Child's Corner.

SMILES. Weep not at what the world can do, Nor sorrow when you are wrong...

CHILDREN'S MISSION.—Away up in the Northern States somewhere a number of children are engaged as a society in relieving destitute children...

Verba Vale, Dec. 19, 1859. Mrs. MARY LYNCH, wife of Rev. Samuel Lynch and daughter of Jeremiah and Frances Henson...

THE GIFT.—Victoria is queen of the richest nation in the world. Yet this fact does not make her so proud as to despise the Bible...

FOUND OUT.—Early one morning the scholars of one of our district schools were assembled...

A WIFE PLAYS.—A celebrated comedian arranged with his green-grocer, one Berry, to pay him quarterly...

THE POPE'S PAY.—It is said that his holiness the pope receives out of his states some \$8,000,000 a year...

A good story is told by the Chicago Times as to the appointments of Postmasters in that State. One unbecomingly was compelled to decline for the reason set forth below:

Obituaries.

A DEATH-BED SCENE. About two months ago it was my privilege to witness the death of a truly good man...

Christian Eisenbach, a German, who had been brought up in the Roman Catholic church, and still devotedly followed her tenets...

During his last illness his sufferings were of the severest kind, (pneumonia) but he bore all with a fortitude truly astonishing...

His wife who had been quite inconceivable till this evening, now became fully resigned, and never in my life have I seen the benefits of christianity so charmingly display their influence...

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Galveston Advertisements.

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WILLOW AND WOODENWARE. HOUSEKEEPING ARTICLES, &c. I have removed from old street to Market Street...

MARBLE YARD. MARBLE DEALERS AND IMPORTERS of Italian Marble Direct from Italy.

DR. ING'S AROMATIC TANNINO. MOUTH AND NOSE WASH. Disinfectant and Whitener of the Teeth.

EDWARD ING, DENTIST, GALVESTON. STRAND FURNITURE DEPOT. NEW FALL STOCK.

VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE. THE ONLY ARTICLE. UNRIVALLED MARKET. HOME AND EUROPEAN DEMAND.

STEAM MANUFACTORY. WINDOW SASH, Doors, Blinds, by HENRY C. BERRY.

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NEW SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS. THE OLOTHING EMPORIUM. BRIGGS & YARD.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Family Residence. At Chapel Hill, For Sale. I own a very comfortable family residence...

Balances and Scales. L. H. WOOD & CO. MANUFACTURERS. (Successors to Dearborn).

Milam Liberal Institute. CALAMITY COUNTY, TEXAS. THIS Institution will open on the second Monday in January...

Waco Female College. OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE. THE Second Session of this Institution will commence on Monday, the 1st of September...

McKenzie Institute. THIS Institution will open on Monday, the 1st of September. It is a school of practical agriculture...

TEXAS MASONIC INSTITUTE. At Waco's Station, Fort Worth, Texas. THIS Institution will open on the first Monday in January...

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Central College of Louisiana. THIS Institution will open on the first Monday in January. It is a school of practical agriculture...

Baptist Military Institute. THIS Institution will open on the first Monday in January. It is a school of practical agriculture...

Travel and Transportation.

SOUTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. New Orleans, Texas, Florida and Havana U. S. Mail Lines.

From New Orleans to Galveston and Houston. From Galveston to New Orleans, Texas, Florida and Havana U. S. Mail Lines.

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Professional Cards.

COOK & COLLIER. ATTORNEYS AT LAW. AND AGENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF CLAIMS.

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FRANKLIN CUMMINGS. ATTORNEY AT LAW. AND AGENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF CLAIMS.

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