

The Christian Advocate.

GALVESTON, TEXAS. THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1861.

FINLEY'S PROPOSITION.—We hope our friends and brethren will keep this noble proposition moving until it is fully met. Give it "no rest" until the \$5000 is raised.

CATALOGUES, PAMPHLETS, &c.—Several friends have written to us about printing Catalogues of Colleges and Universities; also of Pamphlets. We take this method of saying to all that we are now well prepared for such work.

Books by Mail.—Notwithstanding we have repeatedly published that it is contrary to the regulations of the Depository to sell books on a credit and advance the postage on them,

admitted on trial, at the last sessions of the twenty-four Conferences in the M. E. Church, south, the money accumulated in the order, more than enough to make a new Conference larger than the largest of the old ones.

THE SOUTHERN PRINCIPLES.—This is the title of a March and Quaker, by Edward C. Wharton, Esq., of the Galveston News, and dedicated to the Southern Volunteers.

Good Advice.—A good preacher closes a good sermon "On the Love of the World," with the following good plan of avoiding or destroying the sin.

MIRACLES.—MORAL GEOGRAPHY.—A preacher says that miracles ceased with the apostolic age, because the moral, mental and physical effects of Christianity were afterwards to be sufficient striking evidences of its Divinity.

A venerable brother, seventy-six years of age, sends us an obituary with the remark: "I hope you will give it a place, for obituaries are the life of my soul; I pray over them every week, when I get them." Certainly we shall "give it a place."

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Two Nations.—An influential Northern paper, which has hitherto advocated Union, order, and death to traitors, is now getting its eyes opened to the march of events.

Some people learn slowly.—This editor was tremendously certain, only a few weeks ago, that the country was one, and that its inhabitants were one nation.

Ms. Lewis.—With painful sadness, we announce the death of Mr. CAROLUS LEWIS, wife of Mr. Allen Lewis, of this city.

Dr. Ruter.—We have received a communication from a member of Dr. Ruter's family, in which it is stated that all the family connected with the name of Ruter have been connected with a biographical sketch of Dr. Ruter with the proposed biography of the Rev. A. Bowley.

LITTLE FEET.

A piece of poetry beginning "Mother, watch the little feet, Climbing over the garden wall," is never weary of going the rounds, and readers never fail to get through the first verse, which concludes the appeal to the mother's vigilance over that part of the juvenile physical organization.

When the beloved child has been borne to the grave, none of the mementoes of his brief existence are so touching as the little shoes.

But the reason why the little feet have so much poetry in their path, especially to the mother, is that in her mind, where and what combine. She thinks of future paths where she cannot walk by the side of her darling, and that, in her imagination, is equivalent to danger which she cannot avert, and sorrows which she cannot soothe.

When the wife of Terah held the little foot of her boy in her hand, she did not know that it was to wander into Canaan, nor that it was to climb Mount Moriah.

Never had the feet of the great Reformer stood firm as fate upon the floor of the Diet of Worms, if their only wanderings had not been watched by a parent's eye of faith.

We know a preacher whose only recollections of his bare boy's feet would be associated with stumps and bruises, if he had not once looked at them in class-meeting, whether he has gone with his mother, and wondered whether a boy could speak in class before he was old enough to wear shoes in the summer.

DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY, 1860.

The obituary record given in the minutes of the conferences of the M. E. Church, South, for 1860, contains forty-three names. John James, of the Kentucky Conference, was an old preacher, a father in Israel.

Louisville Conference lost two promising young members—Benjamin F. Wilson, aged 26, and Gabriel A. Hardison, age not given.

James A. Cumming, of the St. Louis Conference, commenced preaching in 1849. "He was everywhere acceptable to the church, and tried to do all the work of a Methodist preacher.

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enjoyment of sanctification, which he found precious to his heart, and which he manifested in his life for about eighteen months previous to his death. The only anxiety of his illness grew out of a desire to make the best possible provision for his servants.

Georgia Conference—William Arnold, born in 1786. "He was an active laborer for twenty-two years; twice elected to the General Conference; served sixteen years as presiding elder.

Mississippi Conference was bereaved of four preachers who stood in the prominent rank of our ministry—B. M. Drake, Lewis Campbell, George C. Light and Thomas C. Thornton.

Alabama Conference: John Frost, born in 1799; converted in Tennessee, Winton county, in 1812. He was a plain, untutored Methodist preacher.

Florida Conference: Thomas W. Cooper—"one of our most successful ministers." Aged 42. William Edwards; born in South Carolina; embraced religion when a little boy.

Arkansas Conference: Joseph D. Andrews. "Few men possessed a sweeter Christian character." Aged 38. Stephen Caille—"filled with credit to himself and honor to the church.

Wisconsin Conference—Benjamin Kellough. He was a young man of exalted piety, and a faithful minister. Aged 24. Jacob Whiteside—"a devoted Christian and zealous minister."

Kansas, Holston, Western Virginia, and Indian Mission were no outliers. There were three deaths in the Pacific Conference, of W. Epps, N. B. Peterson, J. T. Coe—two in names, and one in person.

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WANTS OF THE MISSIONARY TREASURY. A DEAR AND VALUABLE FRIEND, We were intending to call attention to the wants of our Missionary Treasury when we received Bishop Andrew's communication on the subject.

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MEETING OF THE BISHOPS AND MISSIONARY BOARD.—The annual meeting of the Bishops and Missionary Board will be held in this city on the third Monday in this month, April 15.

NOTICE TO PRESBYTERIAL ELDER. Presiding elders and others in whose favor drafts have been drawn, have been earnestly requested to transfer those drafts before they mature.

THE FELTON STREET PRAYER MEETING.—At a late meeting in New York, held by Dr. De Witt the following note was read from a little boy in San Francisco, California.

THE OIL WELLS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA.—Rev. S. Harpiss writes, from personal knowledge and observation, to the Nashville Advocate: The head-quarters of the oil region are in West Virginia, about fifty miles from the mouth of the Kanawha river.

Several years ago there was a salt-well bored on the bank of Little Kanawha, near the house, and on the land of Gen. R., above named; and from some cause it had not been used for many years.

There are about 15 wells in full and successful operation, and about 450 in course of boring, and the number of leases of land for oil has increased at this time about 1500 more than the diggings, and still they are coming every day.

Some of the wells are worth at the rate of \$1000 per acre per day, and some are worth \$2000 per acre per day, and some are worth \$3000 per acre per day, and some are worth \$4000 per acre per day.

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INDIAN INTELLIGENCE.—One of our correspondents writes from Fredericksburg, Gillespie county, as follows: "The Redskins killed and murdered a man by the name of Stahl, only 14 miles from this place. He is father of seven children, the youngest of whom are yet small. The country is full of the red rascals, who steal horses, and kill people in broad daylight. About ten days ago, a party of Indians was met by a negro man and an American boy, about ten years old, when they were just about driving off a large caldado, belonging to a gentleman in this neighborhood. One of the Indians, dressed like all the rest, in blue shirts, (or rather drab coats of G. S. soldiers), took the negro man in good humor, (the man and the boy had been sent after them), and had better give up their saddle horses too, if they wanted to be spared. The black man then told the negro man, and whipped the saddle horses off. The boy, however, fired his six shooter off, and is said to have wounded badly, or killed the audacious Indian. I would not, however, vouch for the latter part of the story, as the horses, said to be stolen, are all on hand, and the saddle horses also fit their usual place at the empty corn crib."

Martin, tried at the last session of the District Court at Georgetown, Williamson county, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Several families have recently left Texas, to settle in Southern Mexico, with the intention of engaging in the cultivation of coffee.

Oscar Dalton, late editor of the Crockett Printer, died on the 20th ult., leaving a wife and a large family of children. TALL RYE.—We are in possession of several stalks of rye from the patch of Mr. Ben. Duncan, near two miles above the mill, which, under eight feet, with heads eight inches long, we believe, is about as tall as it generally grows.

We learn that several more companies have arrived on Great Salt water, or crosses to embark for the North. Upwards of 1000 are already taken passage, and we presume our State will soon be rid of this foreign force.—Nashville Herald.

The prospects of good crops were never better. Wheat, oats and barley in the adjoining countries can't be beat, but a little rain would help very much just now to bring out the oats and corn. Northern Texas will produce this season, enough grain to feed the stock, besides several regiments and one or two families.—Grasson Monitor.

We have been shown one of the new counterfeits of the Citizens Bank of Louisiana. A printer, by close examination, would readily discover the fraud, by the general appearance of the plate, and the want of finish in all the fine parts of the engraving. But for the people generally, there is no description that can be given, which will distinguish the counterfeit. The only rule is to have absolute nothing to do with 10s and 20s on the Citizens Bank.—Telegraph.

We have now growing a fine bunch of lettuce, which we have raised on a small home, about a quarter of an inch in diameter, and are very long. We keep it in water, and it flourish as the "green bay tree."—Columbus Citizen.

Never before, at any time, has the wheat crop so promising, and never before has so large a quantity of grain been prospectively promised to reward the exertions of our farmers. A large surplus of wheat and corn from last year's crop still remains on hand, and helps to swell our grain to most profitable sale.

We have heard of caterpillars eating up a cotton crop, but the idea of stopping a train of cars was somewhat novel. The thing was accomplished, by the use of a general proscription. A large surplus of wheat and corn from last year's crop still remains on hand, and helps to swell our grain to most profitable sale.

A young man, a printer, named Osterhout, died on the 10th inst. He was a native of New York, and had been residing in this city for several years. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was a very good man.

The contractor on route 8,550, from San Antonio to Eagle Pass, has been instructed to discontinue service.—S. A. Ledger.

We were out at Col. Wilcox's, on the evening of the 10th of March, and picked several keep down. It will probably ripen by the 10th or 15th of April. Pretty early for grain.—Savina Conference.

Some days ago, our citizens were surprised to find among them Col. Lander, an agent sent by the Government to examine the positions and bearing of the various forts. He had an interview with Col. G. Houston, and left immediately.—Austin Gazette.

We are pleased to state, that our farmers are giving more attention this season to the growth of wheat, rye, oats, &c., than at any former time.—Galveston Advocate.

On Monday last, our townsmen, Mr. U. G. Beavers, informed us that he had in his garden, cabbage, 20 inches across; long blood beef, 9 inches in circumference, and corn over half leg long. He is to take charge of the vegetable garden, which were thriving and would be ready for table use very shortly. The garden at Navarro, at present, can't be beat. The prospects for planting, realizing heavy crops, were never better in Western Texas than at present.—Baptist Advertiser.

PAINE FEMALE INSTITUTE.—Our School—though suffering somewhat from the pressure of the term, is doing well. The Rev. E. H. Selwin, the present principal, having expressed a desire to resign his position so soon as a suitable successor could be procured, we are pleased to announce to the friends and parents of the school, that the Trustees have secured the services of Prof. Franklin, of Andrew Female Institute, as successor.

ARRIVAL. New York, America, at 3:30, via Queen Howells says the advance during the voyage. They add that the porters were very good, and the import duties were light.

Private letters cotton market of an upward trend. Manchester market, and the price of goods and yarns were all on the advance.

George Holt, a steamer from the pool cotton market. They quote at a lower value.

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