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Correspondence.

"EMOTIONAL RELIGION."

"Red-hot Religion."

BY R. S. FINLEY.

ED. ADVOCATE—The epithets heading this article are specimens taken from the secular press, indicating the estimate which they as the leaders of public sentiment place upon the religious zeal which marks the aggressive movements of the evangelical churches of this age.

Vital aggressive christianity has always been opposed, and will be as long as vice and virtue are in the world and in proximity to each other. The antagonism dates back beyond the records of time and will continue until the fires of the last day shall forever decide the contest.

That opposition has generally been proportioned and gauged by the supposed demands. As, for instance, during the dark ages when true religion was seemingly in a torpor, when the *leaven* was hid in *meal* and the *treasure* in a *field*, the contest was so inconsiderable as scarcely to find a place on the pages of history. But when the *Angel*—vital christianity—awoke from the long repose and breathed upon the spirits of Luther, Malancthon, Zwingle, and a thousand others, and expanded his luminous wings over Germany, Switzerland, France and Flanders, scattering the sparks of living fire, which kindled into flame wherever they fell—even though it were in a monastery, or in a court of royalty, then, oh then, the contest waxed hot. Fire and sword, inquisitions, stakes and faggots were in demand, and the sanguinary scenes of the sixteenth century followed which blacken and brighten the pages of history.

The tactics of the enemies of vital religion have of necessity changed. The civil arm no longer responds to the demand for blood in matters of religious consciousness. The drunken harlot of Rome has been unhorsed from the scarlet beast, and now but sparingly distributes the wine cup of her fornication with which she once inebriated whole nations to madness, carnage and brutality. Pius the IX, though gouty with age and luxury, still holds the broken rod of despotism in his palsied hand, and although spasmodic howls of despair occasionally issue from the fallen throne of the Papacy, he keeps himself in heart by fulminating menacing anathemas at kings and governments with an audacity which vindicates the validity of his claim to the succession from Pope Leo the X.

The policy of combinations, massing and martialing of forces by the enemies of a living christianity which finds its type in the mending of the broken bonds of friendship between Herod and Pilot, and that was re-enacted in the dark ages by the conglomerated union of the Papacy with paganism and practical atheism, may not now assert itself in visible form, but the spirit, the animus, is the same in kind—only hedged in, bridled, restrained.

The friends of Jesus may as well be reminded that the opposition has not ceased—the enemy is not dead. He is walking through dry places seeking rest, and while men sleep, tares are being sown with a *liberal* hand.

While Tyndal is claiming for himself the *honorable* distinction of having lifted to careening the grand temple of christianity by the leaven of science, and is now only waiting, pausing, for christians to get out of the way and save themselves—preserve their bones—that they are now "running and wringing their hands" in dismay—(poor deluded man! The only apparent effect has been upon himself—that of mantling himself in the winding sheet of a defunct atheism; and being quietly laid away by christian hands to repose by the side of his illustrious predecessors of the same *faith* and *order*, in unenvied oblivion)—a mode of warfare has been adopted by others at a much less cost with not one tithe of the danger. It is a species of *sharpshooting, ambuscading, battery-masking*, etc. It requires years of patient toil to become a philosopher, and after the honorable distinction has been awarded to toil-won merit, the victor enters the arcana of the mental and moral laboratory of humanity, seeking to uncover to his own eye and to make manifest to the understanding of others the laws that govern the one and the other with as much trepidation as the skillful surgeon would apply the scalpel to the living tissues of his kindred in the most delicate operation, upon the success of which depends the life of the patient. Where the philosopher or even an angel would move with cautious tread, these *heroic ambuscaders* rush with an irreverent impetuosity which savors more of rudeness than of wisdom. They would invade the sacred precincts of man's spiritual nature and diagnose the modus of truth acting through the understanding upon the soul, or it may be of spirit acting upon spirit; just how far and in what direction the soul moves—if it moves at all; and what relation these motions—*emotions*—of the soul bear upon and influence the life to religion.

Whether these missiles come from the secular press or from the wit for the entertainment of the circle who "whittle the box on the corner," they cost but little in the way of patient thought. These epithets have been caught up and repeated until they form a feature in the parlance of certain circles who take an apparent pleasure in lightly speaking of sacred things. To what extent the secular press is responsible for this wanton mode of warfare is a grave question, which we may not answer. This imputation applies not to the secular press in general. So applied, it would be both untrue and damaging. But it is intended to apply to parties implicated in whom the virus has become chronic, the taste perverted and the vision jaundiced, until they see evil—only evil—in a religion which stirs the emotions of man's higher nature.

To them camp-meetings are resorts of lewdness and vulgarity. Earnest revival preachers are nuisances and pests to the commonwealth, and ought to be suppressed by *law*: for they run people crazy, and by their earnest ways produce cerebral disorders which kill *some folks*.

But it remains for the animus of these *sharp-shooters* to reach its maximum by connecting emotional religion with the Brooklyn scandal in the relation of cause and effect! I will not trust my pen in this direction further than to say that I cannot conceive of a grosser insult perpetrated against nine-tenths of the christian people of this country than such an imputation. But if there is anything that will vie for the mastery with this worse than gross absurdity, it is that—after a series of assaults upon a religion which is dearer than life to millions of God's people all over these lands, and complaint is made by the religious press in the form of criticism and rebuke—the offender, with an air of verdant innocency unsurpassed by the maiden who wipes the dew of roses from her ruby lips, declines controversy on the subject in *their columns—from which such subjects are excluded.* We had fondly hoped that an honorable retraction of the offensive words would have been made ere this; but in this we have been disappointed. Let the responsibility rest where it has been incurred and properly belongs.

What is meant by emotional religion? Do those who use it offensively intend to convey the idea that it is a religion based upon the lower nature of man? that it sends its *tap root* down into the animal nature, and that it fructifies upon the emotions of that nature? That thousands of ignorant people so infer from the manner of its use, there is reason to believe. Who is responsible for this gross perversion of both language and thought? The christian religion is by infinite wisdom adapted to man *as he is.* It addresses his reason, appeals to his judgment, expostulates with his will, alarms his fears and woos his loves. It is emotional because it moves the soul to actions of love and obedience. Emotion, literally, is the moving of the soul; motive power—the motion of the higher spiritual nature of man. In a religious sense, it is the moving of the soul to a higher plane of virtue—Godward and Heavenward.

To say that a soul can turn from sin to holiness, pass the ordeal of the new birth and come out a new creature full of love and joy, without emotion—no moving of the soul—is as bad philosophy as it is theology. Or to say that the stirring of these higher emotions by means of God's appointment—such as are used by the ministers of the gospel: working, praying, singing in churches—runs people mad, or kills them with brain fever and nervous disorders, is a humiliating forfeiture of all claim to originality. That saying dates back beyond the dark ages, and as a weapon has long since lost its edge; and, we had supposed, was buried with other implements of satanic warfare. I close this article, already too long, with the following syllogism: A religion that does not stir the soul to action is not the religion of the New Testament. The religion of the New Testament does stir the soul to action. Therefore, the religion of the New Testament is an EMOTIONAL RELIGION.

TYLER, April, 1875.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Agents *will* send subscribers on back of communications.

The report of Capt. Queen, of the U. S. steamer Saranac, who was sent to Acapulco to protect American citizens, confirms the report of the massacre of the Protestants by a mob, instigated to the bloody deed by the Catholic priest. The efforts of certain Catholic papers to palliate this atrocious deed is unfortuate—putting the matin its mildest light. We may make some allowance for the bigotry of that crowd of Mexican zealots, but were not prepared to hear Americans vindicate their use of the machete.

The Northern Methodist preachers' meeting in New Orleans have passed resolutions, in which they condemn in strong language any distinction in races in their houses of worship. This action was the net result of the effort of Bishop Foster to satisfy the colored preachers and people that their exclusion from Ames' chapel was not a departure from the pronunciamentos of their church respecting equal rights for both races in Church and State.

During the month of March the receipts of the American Bible Society were $99,297, and the volumes issued during that time were 63,399. During the fiscal year, ending the 31st of March, the total receipts were $577,569, and not including those issued abroad, the whole number of volumes issued for the year was 727,537. "The word of God is not bound."

Prussia has 3616 school teachers' positions vacant. This is the result of war, emigration and the want of proper support. The schools of Prussia were the chief agency which brought her to the front among the powers of Germany. Now it seems she is relying on her army. The result will prove that knowledge is mightier than the sword.

The New York *Freeman's Journal* has changed its mind in opposing an American cardinal. McCloskey was of the same opinion. It has now to say: "The wisdom of God is stronger than men; we renounce our previous judgment, change our mind, see a great deal of good that may come from it, and sincerely in our heart rejoice at it."

The following is credited to the *Arcadian*, said to be one of the leading organs of the drama in the city of New York: "The time has come when it is almost impossible for a virtuous woman to compete on the stage with her frail sisters." We have always questioned the claim that the modern stage is a school of morals, but our columns never contained so harsh a censure of the theatre as is found in the above quotation.

The Outlook.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.—The chemical apparatus purchased for Vanderbilt University cost $30,000.

NORTHERN METHODISM.—Ex-Governor Evans, of Denver, Colorado, has donated three lots to the Methodists of that city, on one of which he is building a brown stone gothic church, to cost $6000. A good investment. It may yield interest when all the gold is dug out of the hills of the Pacific slope and the hills on this side of the Rocky Mountains.

LUTHERAN.—There is complaint that the Emigrant Mission, in New York, must be discontinued, unless it recives better support.....The Swedes in Colorado are calling for help to support a missionary among them.....The *Lutheran Observer* condemns the spirit with which a leading paper in Sweden attacks the Methodists. It pronounces its assertions that they teach false doctrines a sad spirit for Christians to display.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The next meeting of the Evangelical Alliance Conference will be held in Edinburgh.... During the past year seven hundred saloons were closed in Brooklyn, two hundred licenses revoked, and eight hundred dealers pledged to abandon Sunday traffic. ....A Swedish church has been organized in Philadelphia. It has a congregation of about two hundred.....At the late annual session of Classical and High School Teachers of Massachusetts, Dr. Peabody, of Cambridge, advocated the reading of narrative portions of the Bible in the school-room. He insisted that sectarianism is better than ignorance of the Bible....A good work is going on in the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania since the day of prayer in February. Of eighty students now in attendance, sixty are professors of religion. ....The Massachusetts Commission of Taxation report as follows on the value of church property in that State: Baptist, $4,476,250; Catholic, $5,707,150; Congregational, $7,753,500; Episcopal, $2,164,050; Methodist, $3,319,000; Unitarian, $4,037,050: Universalist, $1,436,150; all others, $1,347,850. Total, $30,242,800.....During a recent revival in Natick, Massachusetts, on Sunday, the seats being filled, the Catholics offered to loan settees to accommodate those who had to stand. The Zion *Herald* pronounces this a "true Catholic spirit."....Rev. C. W. Howard, the Evangelist, is carrying on a successful work in Roanoke county, Virginia.....Rev. I. B. Fish says he has heard of at least fifty persons who have heard him say, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by"..... The Young Men's Christian Association of Boston, together with a meeting of the Congregationalist Methodist and Baptist ministers, have invited Mr. Varley to hold meetings in that city.....The Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and Canada will hold their twentieth international convention in Richmond on May 16th. This convention has not met in the South for fifteen years.

FOREIGN—A new church building in Jerusalem has been erected by the Church Missionary Society, and placed under the charge of a native pastor.....On the death of the Bishop of Braganza, Portugal, the government ordered a particular priest to be elected administrator of the diocese during the vacancy. The canons elected another man, upon which the Minister of Justice ordered the salaries of the canons stopped. The press sustains the government, while both the administration and opposition members in the upper house agree to support the government. Thus the breach between Rome and the secularism on which it once relied is widening. .....The *Asservatore Romano*, a Papal paper in Rome, speaking of the dedication of the new Baptist chapel in Rome, declares it to be a new scandal and new profanation of this holy city.....A spirit of fraternal love has prevailed among the Protestant Churches in Rome the past winter. Weekly union prayer-meetings (Italian) have been well sustained. The monthly meeting of the Evangelists in the Italian work has been delightful....There is a church in Norway the foundation of which was laid in A. D. 996....Rev. William Taylor, whose labors in Bombay have brought such great results, is now in London co-operating with Moody and Sanky. The *Christian World* speaks of one of his sermons as a "remarkable discourse, full of power, and this power made itself felt."....The 3000 Jews of Safed, in Palestine, have petitioned the Lord Mayor of London to lend his aid in promoting agriculture and industry in the Holy Land. They yet look for their establishment in the land of their fathers .....The English Wesleyan Missionary Society began its work in Australia about sixty years ago. It has now four annual conferences, 270 ministers, 26,305 members, and 965 churches....From the cannibalism of 1835, Figi is mow merged into a dependency of Great Britain, in which the Wesleyans can report 1000 houses of worship, over 100,000 members, 1414 schools, with 46,732 scholars. If ignorance is the mother of devotion, as infidelity asserts, why is it that the missionaries persistently build schoolhouses and teach the ignorant? .....There are 2000 Methodist converts reported in China.....Rev. Dr. Farrar, author of the "Life of Christ," has been made an Australian bishop. He has spent two years in that country and a longer time in India....From the *Independence Belge* we learn that Dr. Emilio Castro Boedo, until this time a Catholic priest, has opened, at Buenos Ayres, a church, calling itself "Christian Apostolic Universal." Other priests have joined him, and a number of persons have signed a declaration respecting church reform. Dr. Boedo, with his committee, are corresponding with the Old Catholics of Europe and desire to act in accord with them....A Wesleyan missionary, in Ceylon, lately bought from the Brahmin owner an idol temple, the ground around it, and the idol itself. It was the god Vyravan, the guardian of the other gods. After the purchase, the missionary put the idol in his pocket and walked away, and as he did not drop dead, as the horrified worshipers expected, and purposes to build a school and teach Christianity on that spot, there is no small stir among the worshipers of the god Vyravan, who was last seen going into the missionary's coat pocket. .....Two Japanese Christians have been tried for officiating at a Christian burial. The law requires all funeral ceremonies to be conducted by a Buddhist or Shinto priest. Case not yet decided..... We see it assrted that, during the the first ten days of the labors of Moody and Sankey, over 300,000 heard them, and yet the attendance of the churches in the vicinity was not lessened.....A Hindoo lady, "young and accomplished," recently discoursed on the unity of God, before an audience of forty Hindoo ladies.....$30,000 of the $50,000 required to start the mission on Lake Nyanza, has been subscribed in Glasgow. Pity they had not been as liberal when the Doctor needed help in his exploration..... Mr. Spurgeon, who for three months, owing to illness, was unable to preach, is again at work... ..Reports again come of the murder of a large number of Christians in the provinces of Romania and Bulgaria, Turkey.....The Bishop of Breslau refuses to resign his see, and legal proceedings have been commenced to enforce compliance with the decree of the court ....English Catholics are raising a fund to enable Cardinal Manning to maintain his new state in a suitable manner. The list is headed with $5000 by the Duke of Norfolk. Germany has 25,579,709 Protestants, 11,867,463 Catholics, and 200,000 Old Catholics. There are 12,000 Baptists in the province of Prussia, having increased from 5452 since 1861. They are largely supported by the Baptists of England and Scotland.....Hermansburg, Germany, has sent out seventy-two missionaries to Africa, eleven to India, fourteen to America, and five to Australia. They have now thirty-one students preparing for the mission work.....The Presbyterian churches in Scotland are contributing liberally toward the proposed industrial settlement in East Africa, as a memorial to Dr. Livingstone. They have asked the Government of Portugal to aid in the effort by imposing no unjust dues on goods entered at Zambisi. It will be the center of an important mission work.....A religious awakening in the southern part of France and Wales, under the direction of the Protestant churches, promises to open a new era in the religious history of that region....An Irish Catholic journal is authority for the statement that the Pope has issued orders that £7200 more be expended by the Apostolic treasury than was expended last year, "on the extension and support of Catholic newspapers." That is another proof of the profound sagacity of the papal church. It recognizes the power of the press.....A protest drawn up by Roman Catholic members of the Prussian Parliament against the recent encyclical, has received twenty-four signatures.... A new diocese of the Church of England has been formed from the island of St. Vincent and its dependencies in the West Indies..... Another Baptist church, capable of seating 300 people, has been opened in Rome. A large number of Italians and foreigners were present. .....Pere Hyacinthe has recently delivered a second lecture on the decalogue in Lausanne. He presented the claims of God due from the family, the school and the church. A large audience heard him.....We see it stated that sixteen thousand seven hundred Catholics, in the old province of Prussia, have turned Protestants the past year.....The Prussian bill for withdrawing State subsidies, takes from the Roman Catholic Church the sum of $900,000 per annum..... In Roman Catholic Portugal, monasteries were abolished in 1833; now they are suppressed in Italy. .....About 80,000 names of women alone appear on a memorial for the inspection and registration of nunneries in England.....The Catholics of France have organized a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It was to leave Marseilles April 22d.....Mr. Pearsall Smith, an immersed Friend, is holding holiness meetings in Berlin. Large congregations listen to the word....The *Rock* (London) announces that the Prince and Princess of Wales have ceased to attend the services of the ultra-Ritualistic Church, All Saints.

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The Family Circle.

THE HAPPY VILLAGE.

As often I pass the roadside,
When wearily falls the day,
I turn to look from the hill-top
At the mountains far away.

The red sun through the forest
Throws hither his parting beams,
And far in the quiet valley
The happy village gleams.

There the lamp is lit in the cottage
As the husbandman's labors cease;
And I think that all things are gathered
And folded in twilight peace.

But the sound of merry voices
Is heard in the village street,
While pleased the grandame watches
The play of the little feet.

And at night to many a fireside
The rosy children come;
To tales of the bright-eyed fairies
They listen and are dumb.

There seems it a joy forever
To labor and to learn,
For love with an eye of magic
Is patient to discern.

And the father blesses the mother,
And the children bless the sire,
And the cheer and joy of the hearthstone
Is as light from an altar fire.

Oh, flowers of rarest beauty
In that green valley grow;
And whether 'twere earth or heaven
Why shouldst thou care to know?

Save that thy brow is troubled,
And dim is thy helpmate's eye;
And graves are green in the valley,
And stars are bright in the sky.

[Scribner for May.

Robbie Goes to Live in the Playhouse.

BY OLIVE THORNE.

About an hour after the boys' visit to Eddy, and their feast of candy and cake, these unusual dainties began to make Chester a little uncomfortable—though he did not know what was the matter. Nothing seemed pleasant or good to him, and he talked to Robbie till he made him think it was much nicer over at Eddy's house than it was at home. When they had worked themselves up into a proper state of fretfulness, the two boys came in to mamma, who was reading by the last rays of light.

"Auntie," said Chester, "we don't want to live here any more; we want to go to live with Eddy's mamma."

"Indeed," said mamma, laying down her book and looking at them, "why so?"

"'Cause Eddy's mamma is nicer," said Chester, coolly; "she never makes us eat bread 'n' butter; we can have as much cake 's we can stuff."

"An' tea! 'tsreal black too!" broke in Robbie, "an' jam—'thout any bread."

"And sugar," exclaimed Chester; "we can just help ourselves."

"An' Eddy's got more things!" said Robbie.

"An' we like his house better 'n this old thing," said Chester, contemptuously.

Mamma was not surprised at this in Chester, for he was a very uneasy little boy always, and she knew that the things he had eaten had made him unhappy, but she was rather hurt that Robbie should want to leave her. After a moment she said:

"So my little boy wants to go away from his mamma—does he?"

"Y-e-s," said Robbie, hesitating, as he remembered the wonderful things over at Edd's.

"Course he does, 'cause its' nicer there!" said Chester.

"Well" said mamma, "I'll tell you what you may do. If you don't want to live with me, you may go and stay in your playhouse till to-morrow, and then, if Eddy's mamma will take you, you may go there and live."

"Oh, goodey!" shouted Chester. "Bring out all your things, Robbie, and we'll go live in the playhouse."

They quickly loaded themselves up with treasures—consisting mostly of chestnuts and the two pieces of cake, and, bidding mamma good-bye, went out.

The playhouse was in the back yard, and was a very nice one. It was built for a chicken house at first, but mamma did not have very good success with chickens, and, after they had all died off, she said Robbie should have it for a playhouse. So one day a man came there with a saw and hammer, and some other things, and he took down the roosts, made a nice door with a knob and a lock on—just like grown-up doors—and a neat little window looking towards the house. When he went away, another man came and whitewashed it all over, and covered the old chicken yard all up with green blocks of grass, and made a little walk up to the door, and then it was as cozy a house as one could have. Then mamma put down a carpet, and papa sawed off the legs of a small table, and put up a shelf for Robbie's dishes.

Robbie spent a great deal of time in his house; and had made several things for it. One was a bench made of a box, with legs of sticks of wood, which he found in the wood pile, nailed on. Another was a stool made of the end of a square plank, with pieces of lath for legs. This article, however, was merely ornamental, because the legs were not strong enough to bear Robbie. In fact, they would hardly hold the plank alone, and Robbie said he couldn't sit on it; it was so tipsy.

"Now, Robbie," said Chester, when they had taken possession, "we must have something to keep off bu'glars."

"I know what!" exclaimed Robbie. "I'll take the hatchet—I can hatch their heads off."

"Yes, an' the hammer," said Chester. "If one comes, I'll just—smash in his head."

The hatchet, and hammer, and a whitewash brush; that Bridget had left on a bench by the kitchan door, were carried into the house, the door locked, and the two discontented boys prepared to sleep on the floor, with their weapons beside them.

They could not go to sleep, however, and by and by they began to get hungry, and to their surprise they found that their cake did not taste so good as they expected, and at last Chester proposed that Robbie should go to the house, and get some bread and butter.

"But we don't b'long there now," said he.

"That's no matter!" said Chester. "Knock at the door, and ask her. She always gives it to folks. I've seen her."

So, in a minute mamma, who was in the dining-room, heard a faint little tap on the side door, and opened it.

"Me want some bread an' butter," said Robbie, meekly.

Mamma looked at him as though she had never seen him before.

"I haven't any bread and butter for children who don't live here," said she. "You'd better run home, little boy."

With a choke in his throat, Robbie turned and ran to the playhouse. Chester was very indignant over this repulse, and shook his head, and talked about running away.

Meantime it was growing dark, and Bridget lighted up the dining-room, so bright that the light shone in at their little window. Mamma told her not to put down the curtains. So they stood by their window, looking over into the cheerful room, while Bridget went about and set the table, without their little trays, and leaving their high chairs standing against the wall. Pretty soon she put on a great pile of fine white bread, and a nice slice of golden butter, and then came a dish of clear apple sauce, and a plate of fresh ginger-bread.

After awhile she rang the bell, and the family came in; and the two boys leaning on their window sill, and eagerly gazing at them, gather around the table, and mamma began to pour the tea; but she looked very sober, Robbie thought, and the choke came up in his throat again. Then they turned away from the window, but their little house looked dark and gloomy, and they felt forlorn and homeless.

So, in another minute there came another knock at the side door, and when mamma opened it, a very penitent little figure sprang in threw his arms around her neck, and burst into tears.

"Oh! I want to live with you," he sobbed, as soon as he could speak. "I'm your boy; I grew just for you, an' I'll never go 'way again!"

Chester walked composedly in, and said gravely, though with a husky voice, and a suspicious little grasp now and then:

"I want to stay—in this house—'cause you're my own—aunt, an' I'm willing to eat—bread and butter."

Mamma comforted Robbie, and rang the bell for Bridget to bring plates and high chairs, and soon they were seated in their old places, eating bread and butter with ravenous appetites. But every few minutes Robbie would turn around and throw his arms around mamma's neck, and sob, and cry out:

"Oh, I feel as if I should cry, when I think about going away from you to live!"

The Atheist and the Flower.

When Napoleon Bonaparte was Emperor of France he put in prison a man by the name of Charney because he thought he was an enemy to his government. Charney was a very learned man, but, as was so generally the case with the French people, he was an infidel. His cell opened into a little yard, and as he walked up and down there he would look up to the blue sky by day or the bright stars by night, and say to himself: "All things come by chance."

One day, while walking in the yard, he saw a tiny little flower just making its way through the ground near the wall. He was delighted to see it, for he had nothing to do, and he felt that it would be a great pleasure to watch it from day to day, for there was no other green or living thing within his sight.—He spent a good deal of time every day watching its growth. As he was looking at it one day, this question arose in his mind, "How came this plant here?" And as the plant went on growing, other questions were started like these: "How came those delicate little veins in its leaves? What made it so perfect in every part? How does it happen that each new branch should know how to take its exact place on the parent stem, neither too near nor too far off, and not all on one side, but on opposite sides?"

And as he went on in his loneliness, watching that little plant, and talking to himself about it, the tiny thing became his teacher and his friend. And when the flower began to unfold, he was filled with delight. There was a beautiful blending of white and purple and rose colors on it, with a fine silvery fringe.

Before the flower came, Charney had written on the wall, above where it had sprung up, these words: "All things come by chance." But as he watched the growth of the flower it seemed to whisper to him words like, "There is One who made me so perfect and so wonderful, and it is He who keeps me alive." This made him ashamed of his infidelity. He rubbed out the lying words from the wall, and wrote instead of them, "*He who made all things, is God.*"

But God had another blessing to bring to the prisoner through that humble flower. There was an Italian prisoner whose cell opened into the same yard as his own. He had a little daughter, who often came to visit her father. She was very much interested in Charney's love for his flower. She told the story to the jailor's wife. Through her it reached the ears of the Empress Josephine. She felt sure that the man who was so fond of a little flower, and watched it so tenderly, could not be a bad man; so she persuaded the Emperor to set him at liberty. This man entered the prison an infidel; he left it a believer. He was converted through the ministry of a little flower.

A preacher of the gospel, on being introduced to a skeptic, with the explanation that the man was a skeptic, in the midst of an extended circle of friends, said to him:

"I suppose, then, you do not believe anything."

"O yes," replied the skeptic, "I do believe many things."

"Will you, then," said the preacher, "be so good as to tell us what you do believe?"

The skeptic replied, "I do not believe that old story of the Bible about Cain obtaining a wife in the land of Nod where there was nobody living."

"Never mind what you *don't* believe," said the preacher; "no doubt there is much of that, but tell us what you *do* believe."

The skeptic rallied and said, "well, I will tell you: I don't believe the account given by Moses that God commanded the Midianites to be destroyed."

"I am not inquiring for what you *don't* believe, but what you *do* believe?"

Recovering himself a little, and clearing up his voice, he made a desperate effort, saying, "I don't believe that old fable of the Bible, that God commanded the Canaanites to be destroyed."

His belief was all *disbelief*. It commences all the time with "*I don't believe.*"

Waste Basket.

THE first thing in a boot is the last.

GRAMMATICALY speaking, a kiss is a conjunction.

"BOYS, what is a stratum?" "A layer." "Mention an example." "A hen." "Yes, and a ship. She lays to."

MR. BERGH'S attention is called, by the Detroit *Free Press*, to the fact that the wolves of Wisconsin are actually starving.

MRS. PARTINGTON doesn't see what fun there can be in spelling matches, about which all the Western papers are full. She always spells them m-a-t-c-h-e-s.

IT was an Irish coroner who, when asked how he accounted for an extraordinary mortality in Limerick, replied, sadly: "I cannot tell. There are people dying this year that never died before."

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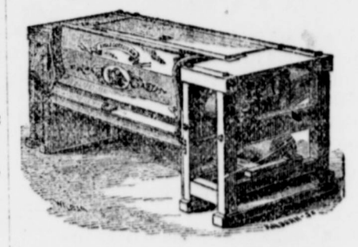
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NOTHING BUT LEAVES.

BY LOU LOVELAND.

"Nothing but leaves!" O, God! forbid
That when the Master comes this way,
And looks for fruit, that in its stead
He finds a worthless, barren tree.

"Nothing but leaves!" O, what a thought,
That life should yield no fruit for God!
To feel that I have never wrought
A work deserving of reward!

"Nothing but leaves!" It must not be
That mine should be a wasted life,
O Father! help me work for thee,
Until I'm called from earthly strife.

Help me to bring the gathered sheaves
Into thy kingdom, ripe and bright,
That I may have both "fruit and leaves,"
To be of use in thy pure sight.

Correspondence.

From Kauffman District.

Weather—Crops—Religious—Educational.

ED. ADVOCATE—Inasmuch as I see nothing from our part of the world in your paper I will venture a few dots, although I am no writer. We have been visited by a very late spring. Good deal of cold, dry weather. Crops backward. People are just getting through planting their cotton. Wheat looks fine—never better. From the acreage sown we anticipate a heavy crop. At present provisions are very scarce, and money matters tight.

Religiously, we are getting along slow on this circuit. We were disappointed about our preacher. The one appointed by the bishop failed to come. Again you Galveston folks got our next man away from us, and we don't blame you; for he is worthy of some effort on the part of any people to obtain his services. Hope that he and his charge may be mutually blessed.

It was our happy privilege to have the Johnson's Point High School located at this place. It is the district conference school for the Kauffman district. The friends of our church need not fear a failure in this enterprise of our people. There is no danger of a collapse here. We own ten acres of land, with abundance of good water, have a building 24x36, well seated and furnished, in a healthy locality, and a Methodist community; and the property, though humble in its pretensions, is out of debt. The school is under the joint guardianship of Bros. W. H. Wright, late of Kentucky, and S. D. Irvine (a son of James T. P. Irvine), a traveling preacher well known to you and many of your readers. We want it distinctly understood that failure as a church enterprise is not written in our vocabulary, and there is but one thing wanting to make it a grand success: that is for our people to give us their influence and patronage. It is true our pretensions do not rise very high, but we here say: Methodist families give us your influence and patronize us, and if we don't give satisfaction, then send your children somewhere else. We expect to receive in a few days a full set of philosophical and chemical apparati to illustrate science as it is taught, for which the church and community are under many obligations to Profs. Wright and Irvine.

I am sorry I have no revival news. Our preacher, the Rev. R. H. Neely, has been sorely afflicted, but is recovering.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN W. SHERWOOD.

Selections.

Shrewd Retorts.

A Romanist once said to a Christian, "You Protestants could not prove your Bible if it were not for the Holy Catholic Church, and her great men."

"True," said the Christian, "for the Bible predicted that there would be such an apostate church and priesthood, and here you are just as the Bible said."

After hearing a discourse in which much was said by the preacher about God, a skeptic said to him, "What is this God about whom you have been saying so much?"

The preacher replied, "God is a Spirit."

The skeptic fiercely followed up, "What is a Spirit?"

The preacher quickly turned on him, and inquired, "What is a cornstalk."

"Why—why—why, it is a cornstalk."

"Yes, sir," replied the preacher, "a spirit is a spirit, and if you cannot tell what a cornstalk is, which you have seen thousands of times, and know has an existence, why do you ask me to tell you what the Infinite Spirit is, or doubt his existence?"

A MISSOURI woman, who applied for a situation as car-driver, being asked if she could manage mules, scornfully replied: "Of course I can. I've had two husbands!"

A Unique Exhibiton in Paris.

A very interesting exhibition is now open in the Palais de l'Industrie in connection with that of "Fine Arts Applied to Industry." It is the retrospective museum of the costumes, a vast display of the garments of by-gone ages. Here may be seen the brocades and cloths of gold and silver of the reigns of Louis XIV and XV, the milk-maid caps and linen fichus of the Revolution, the spangled crapes and embroidered cashmeres of the Directory. Here, too, are numbers of old household articles pertaining to the Middle Ages—silver-mounted purses suspended to silver-studded belts, portable silver cases containing fork, spoon, and (oh! horror of horrors in such companionship) sometimes a comb as well; tiny knives in sheaths of silver or embossed leather; these two last being adapted to be suspended to the fair owner's girdle; specimens of the graceful feather fans so familiar to our eyes in Venetian pictures, with handles of silver or of ivory, sometimes studded with precious stones; fans of the Louis XV period, some painted by Boucher or by Watteau, some with a peep-hole ingeniously contrived on their pictured surface, were among the most interesting articles. A model of a poor little baby of the Middle Ages, swathed in swaddling-bands of silver brocade, as tight and stiff as ever was an Indian pappoose, made me wonder how the poor little creatures ever survived the treatment and lived to attain to years of maturity. There was a curious model exhibited of Bebe, a celebrated Polish dwarf, who must, when living, have beat Tom Thumb all hollow. His tiny suits of clothes, several of which were with the figure, were apparently just about large enough for a six-month-old baby. Buff coats and coats of mail, some of the former with significant holes and ominous red stains visible on their surfaces, took me back to the novels of Walter Scott and the days of chivalry and romance. Nor were the heroines of romance wanting in the shape of their pictured semblances. There was Gabrielle d'Estrees, sweet and fair enough in her quaint, stiff dress of scarlet and gold to fully justify the infatuation of that very gallant king, Henri IV; her blonde hair frizzed out into a very modern looking coiffure, and her sparkling brown eyes, rosebud mouth, and dainty features all portrayed with life-like touch. There was poor Marie Louise d'Orleans, that daughter of Henrietta of England who became the queen of Charles II of Spain, and was poisoned by the Countess de Soissons, sad, and sweet, and delicate-looking. There was Madame de Montespan, regal to behold in a mantle of blue velvet, and with her bright, fair hair in a cloud of ringlets about her undraped and beautiful shoulders, her almond shaped blue eyes looking languishingly from the canvas, a very type of material and sensual beauty. Then we came across a picture of the woman who hurled this earth-born Venus from her proud position and stepped into her place with a wedding ring on her finger—Madame de Maintenon—but painted in her severe and stern old age, cloaked and hooded and carrying a muff, but wearing a profusion of superb guipure lace. But one of the most interesting of the portraits was one of that lady whom some author calls "Maria, unrecognized queen of England," the beautiful Mrs. Fitzherbert, painted by Ramsay, and showing her as a most lovely woman with an aquiline nose, large blue eyes, exquisitely-molded throat and bust, and intellectual and womanly countenance. She wears the simplest of white dresses, with a blue ribbon in her hair.—LUCY HOOPER'S "*Paris Letter*" *in* "*Philadelphia Press.*"

Dirge of the Elephant.

The elephant, like the whale, is dying out. In India he is becoming almost as rare as is the red deer in England. The hunters have driven him further inland. Unless something be done to protect him, he will before long become, upon the main continent, at any rate, altogether extinct, and Sahib will have to import his elephants from Burmah and Ceylon, much as we in England import our horses from Ireland and our foxes from any country that will send them to us in sufficient number and of sufficient size and strength. In Africa, it is true, the evil is not yet past remedy. Over the vast table-lands of that unknown continent the elephant still roves in countless droves and still holds in undisputed possession vast tracts to which rum and glass beads, cast-iron muskets and clay pipes, printed calico and coarse gunpowder have never yet found their way. The respite, however, will probably be but brief. Almost daily caravans start from the Zanzibar coast to the interior, carrying with them all that the native heart needs to make it glad and willing to take payment in ivory for all that they have to offer. For ten or a dozen large tusks, the African chief can dress his wives out in beads and striped calico, furnish himself and his ministers with rum and gunpowder, and can so afford to wait patiently until next year's hunting season commences. The danger which the chase involves is exaggerated. The elephant is a dangerous beast to meet face to face; but he is easily circumvented by craft. He can be shot with poisoned arrows; he can be frightened by midnight fires and driven into pitfalls; or, if the hunter have the requisite nerve and courage, he can be followed and hamstrung. And so the butchery goes on. Year by year Zanzibar sends inland a larger number of bales, and year by year a larger number of trusks is carried down to the coast. We may regret the idle waste, but we are powerless to stop it. Nor is it, after all, easy to convince a native chief that it is his duty to allow the elephant to multiply in peace. We here in England are burning up our coal, and leaving posterity to take care of itself and pay its own national debt, and we can hardly expect the woolly-headed African to display a virtue of which we ourselves are ignorant. What is it to him if in a century or so the elephant be altogether extinct, so long as in the interval he is able to drink his rum and to dress out his ebony charmer in gaudy yellow and red?

But, after all, rapidly extinct as the great brute is coming, it is yet certain that we shall have supplied his place long before we begin to feel his loss. The tramway will supplant the elephant in India as surely as the train has supplanted the stage-coach in England, and science will discover some material fully as elastic as ivory and equally capable of doing service in the shape of a billard-ball—the one and only article of modern luxury for which at present ivory is absolutely indispensable. Indeed, it is not improbable that long before the elephant is finally extinct, science may have taught us to so fuse glass as to impart to it all the elasticity of ivory—exactly as it has already taught us to supply the place of the bamboo with cast-iron pillars and pipes, and that of the sponge with fibrous India rubber.—*London Telegraph.*

The Tireless Brain.

Our brains are seventy years clocks. The angel of life winds them up once for all, then closes the cases, and gives the key into the hands of the angel of resurrection. Tic, tac, tic, tac go the wheels of thought. Our will can not stop them, sleep can not still them, madness only makes them go faster. Death alone can stop them, by breaking into the case and seizing the ever swinging pendulum which we call the heart. silence at last the clicking of the terrible escapement we have carried so long below our wrinkled foreheads. If we could only get at them as we lie on our pillows and count the dead beats of thought after thought and image after image jarring through the tired organ. Will nobody block those wheels, uncouple that pinion, cut the string that holds these weights, blow up the machine with gunpowder? What a passion comes over us sometimes for rest—this dreadful mechanism unwinding the endless tapestry of time, embroidered with spectral figures of life and death, could have but one brief holiday. Who can wonder that men swing themselves off from beams in hempen lassoes: that they jump off from parapets into the swift and gurgling waters beneath; that they take counsel of the grim fiend, who has but to utter his peremptory monosyllable and the restless machine is shivered as a vase dashed upon a marble floor. If anybody would really contrive some kind of a lever that we could thrust in among the works of this horrible automaton and check them or alter their rate of going, what would the world give for the discovery! Men are very apt to get at the machine by some indiscreet means or other. They clap on the brakes by means of opium, they change the maddening monotony by the use of intoxicating liquors. It is because the brain is locked up and we can not touch the movements directly that we thrust these coarse tools in through any crevice by which they may reach the interior, alter its rates of going for awhile, and at last spoil the machine.

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MARTYRS OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

Since the days of Sydney Smith, avowed unbelievers and pseudo Christians have made the zeal of the missionary the target for their wit. Unable to appreciate the heroism of a man that sacrifices all that makes life cheerful in an earthly sense to bear to nations coarse and filthy in their surroundings and debased as brutes in their moral natures, that gospel that will make them men on earth and angels in heaven, they see only narrow-minded fanatics going forth on a fool's errand to elevate people who in their estimation are not worthy a moment's thought. The secret of their antipathy to the mission work is their unbelief in the reality of the gospel, or a selfishness that renders them indifferent to the misery of their fellow-men.

Recently, in the interest of science, three men went up in a balloon from the city of Paris. Although fully conscious of the terrible risk incurred, sustained by their eagerness to add yet another truth to the wonders of scientific discovery, with firm hands they lightened the balloon as the air grew lighter; up, up they went, though their hands were benumbed with cold, and failing lungs and throbbing brains told them they were not only opening a new field of knowledge, but possibly entering the mysterious boundaries of the realms of death. When that balloon came to earth, it bore to waiting friends the lifeless bodies of two of the gallant voyagers, and the third insensible and almost dead. When the remains of the dead were borne to the tomb, their funeral cortege was composed of men whose names are held in honor among the learned of earth. Scientific bodies sent deputations to do honor to men who gave their lives in an effort to extend the boundaries of human knowledge. Our own land offered its tribute, and the wires tell us that "M. Somat, representative of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, made a speech tendering the homage of that institution to the martyrs of science." Correct words were chosen: they were martyrs, and the homage of their associates was their due. Men die in the cause of knowledge; men die for their country! Their grateful associates reverently around their biers and and scatter garlands over their tombs. Men die for Christ and for souls redeemed by his blood! Although the dull eye of unbelief fails to see the glory of the offering and lays no tribute upon their sepulchres, the Master marks their burial place and the heraldry of heaven will preserve the record of their devotion and reward.

MEXICAN WORK.—Rev. Joel T. Daves, Superintendent of Missions in Mexico, passed through our city recently, en route for New Orleans. He expects to sail for Vera Cruz by the first steamer—probably about the 15th of May. Serious family afflictions, as well as the pressing claims of his work at our neighboring Republic, shortened his stay in our State. His report of his Texas tour is, in the main, encouraging. Large and interested congregations met him at most of the points visited. And if, from the monetary pressure combined with the slowness of our people to move forward in the great work of missions, the result was a failure, yet we are led to believe information has been given and seed sown that will produce future results. Mr. Daves speaks particularly of the strong sympathy manifest, and liberal contributions made by the congregations at Dallas, Sherman, Corsicana, Bryan City, Bremond, Waco, Chapell Hill, Brenham and Austin City—the latter three leading the van.

CORRECTION.—*Ed. Advocate:* In my article in the ADVOCATE of May 1, the following occurs: "An interregnum of from two to four months ensues." I intended to say *weeks* instead of *months*.

JOHN ADAMS.

THINGS TO THINK OF.

Few, perhaps, have fully estimated the significance of events constantly occurring in the moral and religious world in the present day, and yet, as exponents of the moral and religious tendencies of the times, some of them may well be regarded with the deepest concern. The evident tendency on the part of many religionists to unwarranted latitudinarianism in reference to religious conduct, and the disposition of many within the pale of the Christian Church to set at defiance the plainest and most explicit teachings of the holy scriptures, and in their place give encouragement to the wild and extravagant theories of men who are unscrupulous in their teachings, and whose systems of scripture interpretation are at variance with the wisest and best scholars and experiences of the past and present, is something which demands serious and sober consideration. If we turn our attention to the views held by many in these days, in reference to worldly amusements, and the extravagances of church members in this respect, we are constrained by candor to make the humiliating confession that the standard of religion thus exhibited makes little or no distinction between the professed disciple of the meek and lowly Savior and the ungodly. It is a fact undeniable that many of the most flagrant vices and practices, which are eating like a dreadful canker upon the moral fabric of society, are indulged in and even defended by many of those who occupy prominent positions in the church of God. These practices are cherished under the cover of "peculiar views," held without any reference whatever to the plain utterances of the word of God. Indeed, the consisteney or inconsistency of such pretentious disciples and their views with the teaching of the scriptures is of no importance with them at all. The fact of their own personal preferences in the premises is paramount to everything else. But we may ask: If God's word is not to be regarded as authority in practical life, as a rule, then where is the rule? If it be the rule, how can any one hope finally to secure the divine favor who ignores the very law governing their conduct in order to enjoy such favor. No truth is more fully and explicitly set forth and maintained in the entire system of divine revealment than that the unrestrained gratification of a worldly mind is incompatible with true devotion and love to God:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

With such plain and explicit declarations of the divine attitude in reference to these things it is beyond reasonable comprehension to see upon what basis any Christian, or professed Christian, rests his or her hope of heaven so long as they are given to the habit of theatre-going, dancing, and almost any other device the devil may suggest. Nor does the evil stop with themselves; but the fact that their influence and means goes to sustain and encourage such things, adds the double sin of virtually weakening the cause of the Master and building up those things which are at war with the growth and progress of the kingdom of holiness. Well may we tremble for the church of God when the very children of the household are, in practice, at war with its growth and purity. Oh, ye who love God, take heed that ye love not the world to excess.

Your "peculiar views" may afford you a sort of *screen* for the moral deformities of your life here, but they will not avail when the honest hour comes. They will all dissolve like ropes of sand, at the gates of death, and we fear leave many hopeless then, who, if no sooner, will awaken to the awful consciousness that they were but a "*refuge of lies*:"

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

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THOROUGH CLEANSING.

We have, very frequently, heard preachers compare the church to a hospital—where were received the halt, the impotent and the sick, that they might be cured. This figure never struck our minds with any peculiar force until, a few days since, we were called upon to visit a sick man in the city hospital.—When we saw so many countenances "sicklied o'er with the pale cast"—not of thought, but disease—the figure came up in our minds, and, involuntarily, we exclaimed: "Is this, then, the symbol of the Church of God?" Of the *ideal* church, it is far from it; but of the church as the world generally beholds it, we fear the comparison is literally true! When we looked into the different wards, it seemed to us that, while all were sick, no two were affected alike: In one corner you could see the hectic flush and hear the hacking cough of the poor emaciated consumptive; in another bed, a man whose liver seemed to be in a very torpid condition; another looked as though his heart had almost ceased to pump blood into his arteries; another presented the appearance of Lazarus sitting at the gate of Dives. Disease and approaching death seemed to be masters of the situation. The physician in charge was the only healthy looking man we saw, and he was going from ward to ward with his astringents, and laxatives, and emollients, and irritants, and narcotics, and purgatives—giving to each according to his peculiar ailment.

The church of God is sick in a great many localities. There are more men and women in the lazaretto than in the field, and our impression is that what we need in many instances is a thorough cleansing. We have a great many Doctors of Divinity, but our Divinity is not sick. What we need is doctors who can make a diagnosis of individuals in churches—not a diathesis of our theology; and when it is made, we want doctors who can apply the remedy for which the disease calls. As a general thing, we administer too much narcotic, and not enough of the purgative. We have in our mind's eye several churches that are almost sick enough to die simply for want of a good heavy dose of discipline. When members of the church persist in having season tickets to the theater, and in accomplishing wonderful feats in the giddy rounds of what Lord Chesterfield calls that trifling, silly thing, the *dance*; and are the right-hand supporters of jockey clubs—and many other worldly indulgences against which the Vatican of the Methodist church sends forth her denunciations—pour into them the ipecacs and castor oils of our discipline, and we will begin to see health and vitality written on the countenance of the church. It requires a strong back-bone and a steady nerve to administer the dose sometimes; nevertheless, duty and God call for it, and when they call it is the business of the preacher to obey. We have known very many preachers who could give to their churches a narcotic, and sometimes a light aperient, but when the diagnosis revealed the want of a heavy dose of discipline, their nerves began to tremble. A preacher has to risk his salary and his personal popularity by its administration, but, in the name of God, we say give the medicine regardless of consequences. John the Baptist lost his head by fidelity; but better lose both our heads and bodies in the path of duty than save them in the path of wrong. Preachers are not faultless, by a great deal, in this matter: If some poor, uninfluential, hard-working man falls into intemperance, we find little difficulty in administering discipline; but how is it when the rich and influential of the church do the same thing or something as bad? Why, we generally palliate the offense and exhaust our ingenuity in hunting up pretexts and circumstances of justification. This is one reason why it is so difficult to have revivals in our churches. This accounts as much as any other one thing for the slow progress of our beloved Zion, when wind and tide are so favorable. Let us have a thorongh cleansing of the church of God! and if it leaves us, as Gideon was left with only his brave three hundred, we will raise the shout: "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" and, as from him, the Midianites will retreat with defeat and disgrace written upon their trailing banners.

These reflections are not intended for any special locality, but based upon our general observation of things.

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THE effort of the New York *Advocate* to absorb in itself all the other *Advocates* is compared to the apetite of Pharoah's lean kine.

A LIQUOR seller at Amboy, Illinois, was recently compelled to pay $2,000 to the widow of a drunkard who was killed in said liquor seller's saloon. Their is justice in such decisions.

A LITTLE girl nine years old recently traveled from Farmington, Minn., to Searsport, Me., with no money and no pass except a letter from a Masonic lodge stating that she was an orphan and the child of a Mason. When asked how she got along, she answered: "Everybody I met was a Mason."

CANADA is coming to the conclusion that prohibition is the only remedy against the evils of the liquor traffic. The United States is taking the back track on this reform. The evils attending the sale and use as a beverage of intoxicating liquors are so appalling that we are ready to accept any agency that has in it only the promise of reform.

THE friends of temperance in England fixed on the 13th of April as a day of fasting and prayer for the spread of temperance among all ranks, conditions and classes. Men, and women too, have appealed to the manufacturer, the vendor, the legislator, the drinker, for an abatement of this curse, and are now taking the appeal for help to the throne of God. Is there not a cause?

THE New York *Christian Advocate* is not gaining favor among the Western papers published by the Church, North, by its policy, which the Pittsburgh *Advocate* styles "squelching out all but one of the *Christian Advocates* west of the Aleghaney." It seems the New central favors the idea of centralizing power in church as well as State.

RICHES are sometimes a curse. This seems to be the case with Anthony Compton, of New York. He is worth $2,000,000, and is to inherit one-half of $2,000,000 on the death of his aged grandmother. The other $1,000,000 goes to his brother. He has conceived the notion that his wife, brother and other relatives are trying to rob him of this expected inheritance, and has gone deranged. He has been placed in the Bloomingdale Asylum.

THE Boston *Advertiser* has gone into statistics, and reports that, including Sunday-school libraries, there are now in the United States 164,812 public libraries; containing 45,528,938 volumes. It takes 522 volumes to catalogue the British library of 1,100,000 volumes, and in the same proportion it would take 45,000 volumes to catalogue the libraries of this land. The contract has not yet been let out.

"RELIGION AND AMUSEMENT."—It is due the ADVOCATE to state that the article which appeared under the above head in the editorial column of last week should have been over a *nom de plume*, as it was from the pen of one of our contributors. It appeared during the absence of the editor. Knowing as we do the sentiments of the writer, and interpreting his article by them, it might meet our approval, but others would possibly misunderstand it and think the ADVOCATE inconsistent with itself. Hence this explanation. The position of the ADVOCATE on amusements has been clearly defined.

PASSING EVENTS.

A Russian journal states there are two hundred women in the department of medicine and surgery of the University of St. Petersburgh....Ii is now asserted that geraniums will drive away snakes. A missionary in South Africa has his house surmounted by a belt of geraniums, and is effectually protected....Judge Martin, of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, has enjoined the New York and Hartford railroad from issuing free passes to members of the legislature. No bribery permitted.... Four thousand salmon trout have been distributed by Seth Green, the fish culturist, in different rivers and lakes in the country. It would be a wise act to stock the rivers of Texas....At a meeting of Confederate soldiers in Memphis, to arrange for the decoration of the Confederate graves on May 22d, a resolution was unanimously adopted inviting Union soldiers to participate in the ceremonies. Among those present were Jeffersou Davis, Isham G. Harris, Generals Cotton, Gordon and Green....The Mayor of New Orleans calls for proposals to plant around that city a great number of the *enclayplus globulus*, or Australian fern tree. If this tree is a prevention of fever, as asserted, it ought to be introduced throughout the South. Think of Old Caney, the Brazos, Colorado and Trinity bottom lands made fever proof! They will hold the population of an empire....Gail Bordon started a big business when he invented condensed milk. There are a large number of factories in this and other countries, and in addition to the immense demand in this country and Europe a large business has been opened in China, where this milk is a great favorite. ....It is intimated that the Emporor of Japan purposes visiting France in August, by the way of the Suez canal. The ends of the earth are coming together....It is announced that a monument stone, in honor of Thothmes III, of Egypt, has been discovered. His reign was 1491, B. C., at which time the exodus of the Israelites is supposed to have taken place. More than 400 geographical names have been decyphered....They are now talking about a bridge over, instead of a tunnel under, the English channel....The English parliament has had before it a bill instructing the sale of beer or other fermented or distilled liquors on Sunday.....At last account the Lowell mill tumbles were not ended.....The Apache Indians, in Sonora late in March, killed three men and robbed a pack train.... Hon. W. S. Groesbeck, of Cincinnatti, has deposited $50,000 with the City Treasurer, to be invested and the income expended forever for music in Burnet Wood's Park. It will not only supply the poor with music, but will withdraw many from the haunts of vice, and bring them under pure moral influences....It is ectimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 have been converted through the instrumentality of Moody and Sankey during their labors in Great Britain. ....An aged man recently died, who, for years, has been sending thousand-pound checks to different benevolent enterprizes. He has in this way given away over a million and a half dollars....Every student in the Baptist Female College in Lexington, Missouri, has professed conversion. Has there been a revival in each one of the different church schools in Texas this year....A bereaved family desiring to devote $10,000 in the erecting of a memorial to a departed member, decided on the erection of a church at Ogden, Utah. It bears the name of the "Church of the Good Shepherd."....A monument is to be erected in Glasgow in honor of Campbell the poet....Gov. Tilden was recently seriously injured by being thrown from his horse....The yield of gold in Australia is said to be steadily declining....An alarming increase of murders and robberies by the negroes is reported from the upper districts of North Carolina.

NEWS ITEMS.

WASHINGTON.—Judge Edward Pierrepont, of New York, has accepted the position of Attorney General, and will enter on his duty May 15th....It is decided that National banks are not responsible for counterfeit money sent to them for redemption....Leverriere has announced to Prof. Henry the discovery of a new planet....The Freedmen Bank Commissioners have $300,000. It will require $600,000 for a 20 per cent. dividend. Depositors number 75,000. Many are selling their bank books at 10 cents on the dollar....Citizens of the District of Columbia generally pay little attention to the new tax law of the District.... Hon. W. D. Kelley, after a long tour, speaks generously of the feeling of the Southern people, their justice to the blacks, the absence of Ku-Klux, and regrets he was for the Force Bill last winter, and asserts that there is no more occasion for Federal troops in the South than in Pennsylvania or Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS—John F. Wood has made interesting discoveries at Ephesus, which are important on account of their connection with early Christian history....Daniel Webster's library, which, till now, has remained at Marshfield, is to be sold at auction....Complaints continue to come into Memphis of the fearful destruction of horses and mules by the buffalo gnats. Many of the small farmers have lost all their teams and cannot replace them. In Fayette county 200 mules had died within ten miles of the county town....Jagger was consecrated Bishop of Southern Ohio, April 28th, at Philadelphia....A Negro preacher at Georgetown, Del., murdered his wife and secreted himself in the attic of the church and heard her funeral sermon. He was arrested....A Negro by the name of Wright recently grossly insulted a widow. Her cries brought her son, when Wright fled. He was captured and hung....In Atlanta, April 29, a Negro quarreled with a white boy, aged 17 years, over a game of cards, and cut his throat. The boy died instantly, and the murderer escaped....Over two hundred houses in Oshkosh were burned April 29, besides a dozen saw and shingle mills, and millions of feet of lumber. Three lives lost. Women and children are lying about the streets or roaming about for shelter. Gangs of thieves are prowling around. Police impotent....A misunderstanding between the Governors of Tennessee and Alabama has led each to disregard the other's requisition for fugitives.....A cargo of salt brought out by the Niagara from Liverpool to New York, is found by chemical analysis to be impregnated with arsenic, several packages having broken and mixed with the salt.....The Georgia Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons has resumed relations with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, which were severed in 1861.....Three fishing boats from St. Joseph, Michigan, were lost in a gale. Eleven persons are missing....The residence of Mrs. Beckwith, sister-in-law of Anderson, at Shellyville, Kentucky, was burned April 30th, with Anderson's libaary, containing eight hundred volumes....Vice President Wilson was in Louisville, April 30th, the guest of Gov. Barlow. He was to visit Hon. John C. Breckenridge, at Lexingtou, the 1st of May....A Negro named Reed, on the 30th of April, shot and killed a policeman who interfered when Reed was whipping his wife....The *London Times* announces that an International Congress, on the history of America before its discovery by Columbus, will meet at Nancy, France, July 22....A young woman by the name of Fitgzerald, in Paterson, N. Y., was fatally injured by upsetting a kerosene lamp.....Several thousand ticket holders of the late Louisville library lottery are about trying a suit to recover their money. ....The Czar is to visit Berlin.

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NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

Some Account of the Woes of Louisiana—America's Jack Sheppard—Gov. McEnery's Law Firm—The Starving People of New Orleans—The Blessings of the Soup-House—Impressive Reflections and Pertitent Suggestions by "Rutherby Biggs."

(Special Correspondence of Advocate.)

NEW ORLEANS, April 30, 1875.

Nero of old playing his fiddle over the smouldering ruins of burning Rome is not a more pitiful picture than is that presented in the indifferent attitude of the administration toward the decadence of Louisiana, and with it of the once prosperous city of New Orleans. The congregated history of nations unfolds no more pitiless example of the avarice of a conqueror than is recorded in the annals of the much-vexed Louisiana question. The fate of Poland, the Niobe of European nations, is hardly a match for the woes and ills that the citizens of this State have suffered since old Ben Butler, many a year ago, earned for himself a fame in the records of the Republic's life only rivaled by such heedless, heartless criminals as Jack Sheppard and Dick Turpin. A more patient people under oppression, however, it would be difficult to point to. The days of the revolution, whose centenial anniversary we are this year beginning to celebrate, were fraught with less of tyranny than that which has rested for many a year on the afflicted soil of Louisiana, paralyzing her industries, and making her riches and her prosperity the sport of knaves without conscience, and villains without remorse. But it is not my province to criticize the past or its fatal consequences. The vengeance which the Lord claims as his own prerogative, will, in his own good time, be visited on those who have acted the oppressor's part and brought ruthless ruin on so many of his flock. Until then it were well that the people should exercise some of that christian fortitude and forbearance which are their own reward in order that the bloody scenes of last September may not be re-enacted in our midst.

The question of the governorship seems to have dwindled into insignificance, and is no longer the subject of excitable controversy either at street corners or at political headquarters. Gov-elect McEnery, with a degree of wisdom and good sense which all conservative people will not fail of fully commending, has again betaken himself to the practice of law, and is at present senior member of a law firm which promises to become no less prominent than successful. He certainly carries with him into private life the good wishes and personal friendship of a numerous constituency, who will not fail of seeing him fully righted when the ballot-box again assumes the ascendency in the political history of Louisiana.

But few of those who knew New Orleans in her palmy days would recognize in the quiet seaport of to-day the queenly and majestic American capital of *ante bellum* times. The life and bustle of those days have passed away, and with them the glittering magnificence which attracted the worldly inclined from every section of our vast continent. Her commerce is quietly dwindling into insignificance, and she to-day bears all the evidences of the silent march of Death. Shall the queen of the gulf become in the history of the future the sorrowful sister of the queen of the Adriatic, and will as many thousands bemoan her fall as have wept over the decadence of old Venice? Or is there enough of that American enterprise which has built up thriving cities in the midst of waste and desolation left in the veins of the merchants of New Orleans to enable them to rise superior to the calamities of the hour and become as great and prosperous as her position and natural advantages entitle her to become. This is the question of the day, but, as the old proverb has it, "while the grass is growing the horse will starve." So, while, Micawber-like, the people are waiting for some improvement in the present very unfortunate condition of affairs, there are thousands of indigent people who, homeless and houseless by night, are daily feeling the bitter pangs of hunger. I venture to assert that there are to-day in this city 3,000 people who have not tasted bread for twenty-four hours; and, wandering through the streets to-night, how many of these homeless representatives of the misery of thousands will be tempted to leave the ills they have and fly to others that they know not of? Perhaps some one—possibly a poor, lone woman, half crazed by the terrible responsibility of several little mouths to feed, and no hope of obtaining for them even the scrap of meat that the rich man's dog refuses—will to-night walk blindly into eternity from some quiet spot on the levee, and pass away unmourned, unwept and misjudged—the victim of social despotism—another willing sacrifice to the fathomless problem of futurity. Are times what are known as "hard" in New Orleans? Had you, reader, walked with me through the city markets to-day and seen the pallid misery that pride could not hide and even youth could not combat, you would hardly require a reply to your simple question. Hard times! aye, very, very hard! and there is no promise of early relief ahead. There is a cheap charity here known as the soup house. Ah! my christian friends, what a multitude of blessings are showered on weak and sinful humanity each day as the prayer of thankfulness goes up from its humble threshhold to the good God who provides. Many a tear would start to your eyes, reader, if you could but see the pallid and squalid poverty that each day congregates at that temple of charity to rejoice in a meagre plate of soup and a small dry crust of bread—to many, the only thing that lies between them and starvation.

I could go more into particulars and recite special instances of actual want that have been brought to my notice since my arrival here, but I shall not go deeper into the subject than to say that this state of affairs exists to some extent in the more exalted as well as in the humblest walks of life. An instance in question: a gentleman at one time associate justice of the Supreme Court of a neighboring State subsists an entire family on from $8 to $10 per month. Many live on the remnants from the tables of their friends. There are thousands of able-bodied men here willing to work for anything—almost nothing—but there is no work, and there is no alternative for many except begging or starvation. Three hundred and fifty laborers were, a few days since, discharged from the Improvement Department—cause, no money to pay them with. I have given you a truly conservative view of the situation. The charitably disposed can find a fertile field for their labors in our midst. Can't you establish a *charity* revival in your more prosperous city. RUTHERBY BIGGS.

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Correspondence.

Design of Christian Baptism.

Faith of the Campbellite Church

BY REV. WM. PRICE.

Elder Clark Braden says: "We are then brought to the blood of Christ shed in his death in baptism."—*Braden and Hughey Debate*, p. 245.

The above statement is a part of Mr. Braden's comment on Rom. vi, 3–4. Believing that the apostle alludes to water baptism, he affirms that we are then brought to the blood of Christ "in baptism." Yes; if Mr. B. is correct, no one can be brought to the blood of Christ by faith and repentance. We must find the blood of Christ in baptism" (?) If the blood of Christ or its efficacy is not in the water, why should we be "brought" to the water in order to find it? I infer from Mr. B.'s terms that a penitent believer is incapable of obtaining the blood of Christ by his own agency, and therefore he must be carried or led by a Campbellite elder *down into* the water in order to meet with the blood of Christ. In view of this statement, as quoted, I now allege that Campbellites generally believe that the blood of Christ or its efficacy is *in* the water, and that the same can only be obtained by the penitent when he is *plunged* beneath its surface. I claim Mr. B. as one of my witnesses to establish the fact that the followers of Mr. Campbell teach that a moral fitness for heaven is to be obtained *in* the act of immersion.

In order to demonstrate my position more clearly, I will quote another feature of Mr. B.'s comment. On same page, he says: "Again we are said in baptism to put off the old man or our sins and sinful life, and arise to walk in a new life—Rom. 6. This means pardon. Again the old man means our state of condemnation. The new man, our state of pardon or acceptance with Christ. We lay off the former and put on the latter in baptism."

If Mr. B. does not absolutely teach that a moral fitness for heaven is obtainable "in baptism," and if this is not the faith of his church, he certainly made an inappropriate selection of terms. His ability cannot be doubted. He knew what he was doing when he framed the sentence. His terms are forcible from the fact they are of a biblical character. They express a radical change of the *whole man*. "We are said in baptism to put off the old man, or our sins and sinful life." If Mr. B. is correct in his interpretation of Rom. vi, 3–4, Campbellism is true; but if on the other side he is wrong *his* reasoning is fallacious. The baptism in Romans effects a death, burial and resurrection. By it the subject is initiated into Christ. It is not my object to comment on this portion of scripture, but my design is to analyze Mr. B.'s faith. He says: "We are said in baptism to put off the old man." Campbellite teachers and commentators say the same thing, but Paul does not. On the hypothesis that he does, no Campbellite, living or dead, has ever been able to prove that Paul has any allusion to water. Mr. B.'s comment is given on the supposition that water baptism is implied. Hence *in* water baptism, according to *his* views, the baptized subject in the act of being *dipped* puts "off the old man." Now, I ask, is not the subject who has "put off the old man" a fit subject for heaven? Every Bible christian on earth would respond that he is. Campbellites will not deny it. Where does the subject "put off the old man?" Mr. B. responds: "In baptism." In putting "off the old man," by what means is the work accomplished? By water? By the administrator? To these questions Campbellites generally respond: "Not *by* water, but through the blood of Christ." Well, with this response, I ask where does the penitent find the blood of Christ which *alone* can "wash away sins?" He cannot have his soul cleansed out of the water (?) but, according to Mr. B.'s faith, the "mighty change" must be wrought "in baptism." He teaches that as soon as the subject puts "off the old man" *in* baptism he is raised up a saint "to walk in a new life." This is true, *provided* he meets with the blood of Christ *in* the water. Mr. B. explains his faith and position as follows: "Again the old man means our state of condemnation. The new man, our state of pardon or acceptance with Christ. We lay off the former and put on the latter in baptism." If Mr. B.'s position is correct he (the subject) lays off the old man (*in the water*)—is pardoned and accepted "with Christ."

I will not attempt to analyze this statement further because it is plain and positive. I submit another extract from the pen of Mr. Braden to which I call special attention:

He says: "Baptism saves us by bringing us into the death of Christ, and we are raised as he was raised. He was raised for our justification or pardon, and we in baptism are raised or partake of his resurrection, and are justified or pardoned." *Braden and Hughey Debate*, p. 251.

Mr. B. emphatically declares that "baptism saves us." He does not say that we are saved by the blood of Christ, but by baptism. Faith and repentance are only prerequisites to pardoning mercy (?). Neither one nor the other can secure pardon (?). Both may be evangelical, but they cannot *save* (?). "Baptism saves us." How does it save us? Mr. B. responds: "By bringing us into the death of Christ." If a man ever gets to heaven he must be baptized into the death of Christ, and this death, as Paul says, is "unto sin." *Water* baptism never was designed to bring any one into the death of Christ. Death unto sin is the work of the Holy Ghost, hence cannot be effected by dipping a subject *in* the water. Mr. B. strikes a death blow to his cause in saying: "And we are raised as he (Christ) was raised." How was Christ raised? I give the answer in the words of Paul. He says: "But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus Christ from the dead dwell in you," etc. Paul teaches that the spirit of God raised up Jesus Christ from the dead. In what sense are Campbellites raised from a death of sin? Not by the spirit of God, for they deny his personal agency in salvation. Mr. B., then, made a fatal mistake in saying that they are raised up as the Son of God was. They are not raised by the Holy Spirit from a state of moral death; but if their doctrine is true, they are raised from the "*watery grave*" by the physical force of *immersers*. I grant that Christ was raised for our justification, but deny that heaven instituted baptism for a means or condition of pardon. I would like to know in what sense a baptized Campbellite is made a "partaker" of Christ's "resurrection"? Wonder if they are entitled to the consequent blessings of *his* resurrection because they were immersed for remission. If baptism "saves us," the work is complete, and all who are saved in this Campbellite way are made partakers of Christ's resurrection. The consequences of baptism as set forth above are as follows: 1. Death unto sin. 2. Pardon. 3. We are made partakers of Christ's resurrection. The subject who passes though *the* water and obtains the forementioned blessings is certainly prepared to die. The reader can readily perceive that Mr. B. stands on the same platform with Mr. Campbell in teaching that a moral fitness for heaven must be obtained in the water. If the blessings set forth by Mr. B. are obtained *in* the water, the blood of Christ *must be in it*. *Water* can never effect such a glorious work. There must be some hidden power *in* the water. If there is not, Campbellites are laboring under a wild delusion in expecting such glorious results *in* baptism. If Mr. B. could prove that we come to the blood of Christ *in* baptism many would seek to find it in the act of dipping. But no man living has ever been able to prove that any one can find the blood of Christ "in baptism." Can water alone clense the conscience from sin? No Campbellite in his sober senses will say that it can. Well, then, there must be cleansing power somewhere. It must be *in* the blood of Christ *exclusively*, in the water *exclusively*, or in both combined. As we come to the blood of Christ in baptism, as Mr. B. teaches, the blood must be in the water, hence I infer that the Campbellite theory is this: *The blood of Christ is in the water, and we are saved* through the blood" "in baptism." I challenge every Campbellite in the world to successfully confute *this* position. Let those who deny it show any other means by which baptism can be made efficient in the salvation of sinners. Mr. Braden tells us that "the merit is not in the act alone but in obedience to God's command, but this obedience can never exist without baptism."—*Braden and Hughey Debate*, p. 191.

Mr. B. teaches in the above quotation that "the merit" is in "obedience to God's command." If *the* merit is in obedience *alone* there is no merit in baptism, nor in the blood of Christ. This philological dodge of Mr. B. deserves special attention. In the first clause he affirms that "the merit is not in the act (*baptism*) alone." I infer from *this* that there is a degree of merit "in the act" (*baptism*), but not in that alone. In the second place, he says that the merit is "in the obedience to God's command."

In the third place, he says that "this obedience can never exist without baptism." Every logical mind can now understand his true position, which is this: There is nothing meritorious or efficient in the salvation of penitents—*out of the water*. But in *the* "act" there is some merit, and in *the* "obedience" there is more; but "*in* baptism" the two are united and consummated. As this obedience "can never exist without baptism" the reader will doubtless observe the fact that *all merit* is blended *in the water*, hence it is on this principle that Mr. B. and Campbellites generally teach and believe that "we come to the blood of Christ in baptism.

Reflections.

ED. ADVOCATE—Milk for babes and strong meat for strong men in Christ; but neither milk nor meat for those who are neither babes nor men—and such are all the world to-day who know not God. They are asleep, blind, dead. They have no existence such as they ought to have; no spiritual life; no spiritual discernment. They cannot see, they cannot therefore "know" the things of Christ. The work of every preacher, the work of God, is to awaken these, to beget them, to quicken them, to see that they be born again; and after that to nourish, to build up, and to confirm in the faith. This is the whole work of the preacher, the work of God. This is the perfecting of the saints. Now, God makes no mistakes in any part of his work, however difficult or intricate. His is the perfection of wisdom which allows no room for experiment, and makes no provision for change. He always does the best thing in the best way, and at the first trial. All law, all order, all creation leaped forth from him—as to plan at least, what ever may be said of the processes of development—at once, and had then all the perfection they ever had. They worked with as much accuracy, and harmony, and success, the first time they moved as they do now, and as perhaps they ever will. The same is true of spiritual operation—of spiritual law—for spiritual operation, spiritual law, are but the highest manifestation of the infinite God, and are therefore perfect. But man is an experimenter. He is full of methods, and his plans are for the most part contradictory and vain. Such is he by nature, and such by practice. Often is he compelled in consequence of this to look upon disaster and defeat, the results of his own folly; and in nothing is his folly more conspicuous than in his spiritual life. How difficult is it for him to adopt God's methods even in the salvation of his own soul. How loth to repent. How he avoids simple, yet mighty faith. How remiss in duty; and when these are admitted into his creed, what an effort he makes to reverse God's order. Works first, then repentance; and last of all faith, when he knows that without, it it is impossible to please God. Nor is this perversity of nature wholly taken away in conversion; nor yet in sanctification is the judgment so rectified as never to fall into error. Sanctification does not make men infallable. They, as all the rest, are under the same necessity of following implicitly the same guide, and of working up to the same plans. Preachers, laymen, all, in their efforts to save men, must talk repentance, faith, justification, sanctification, life, a whole gospel, a complete system of religious truth—but this must be done according to the divine arrangement. One doctrine must not be magnified at the expense of another, nor must the lesson of sanctification be taught to him who has not yet learned the lesson of repentance. Otherwise an incomprehensible doctrine (to him) may fill with discouragement or drive into infidelity. Sanctification is a knowledge too high for one who is now and has all his life-long been moving upon the plane of human depravity. Let him be justified first; let him get his spiritual vision cleared up; then let him look into the perfect law of liberty, and continue therein—and that man shall be blessed in what he does. We have heard preachers preaching sanctification to unrenewed men, and we close as we began: Milk for babes and strong meat for strong men; but neither milk nor meat for those who are neither. Awake them first. Let them be born first. JOHN S. GILLETT.

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Corn Cakes without Eggs.—Three cups of buttermilk, three of cornmeal, one of wheat flour, one tablespoonful of salt, two of sugar, one "level" of soda; dissolve the last three ingredients in water, stir all together; if the meal swells too much to spread nicely, add more water.

Why, in frying fish, should the fat or butter be made very hot before the fish are put in? Because if the temperature is low when the fish is put into the frying pan, it becomes sodden in the steam formed by its water, but if the oil be very much heated, the water will be at once driven off, and the fish nicely browned.

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Farm and Garden.

Farmers will always remain poor as long as they allow others to do their thinking.

Never train or support a plant unnaturally. Climbers will not succeed hanging about. Trailers will do no climbing. Grow it as it would grow naturally, and supply only in such cases where nature does not.

When the weather is such that teams cannot go out, clean and oil the harness, look to the nuts and bolts on the wains, and tighten those requiring it. In cleaning and oiling harness, all of it should be unbuckled, and thoroughly examined and cleaned.

The Springfield, Mass., *Union* says that of the 12,000 tons of broom corn raised in the United States annually, 500 tons are purchased by Hampshire county men, and manufactured by them for the New England trade, South America, Australia and other foreign countries.

Salt should be furnished to all animals regularly. A cow, or an ox, or a horse, needs two or four ounces daily. Salt increases the butter in milk, helps the digestive and nutritive processes, and gives a good appetite. The people of interior Europe have a saying that a pound of salt is worth [illegible] pounds of flesh. Of course, salt only assists in assimilating the food it does not make flesh nor muscle.

The Sunday-School.

Speaking of keeping good order, it is useless, says the *Sunday-School Times*, to expect even the best superintendents to accomplish much if the classes are not under firm and gentle control. It then tells teachers that the principal responsibility rests with them. It has no patience, for instance—and who has?—with such individuals as "Miss Amiable Inefficiency, who, with six or seven little girls around her, laughing, playing and annoying their neighbors by conspicuous inattention, will look up with the gentlest of deprecating smiles, and observe, 'I can't do anything with these children. They don't pretend to mind me.'" Nor does it take to that sweet soul, that serenely sings the last hymn, while half a dozen of her class walk out of the room without her knowing it.

In a recent report on the Sunday-schools of the British Wesleyan Methodists it is stated that of 5,797 schools 3,433 are without libraries. Of one district it is declared that of 255 schools 188 are thus destitute. This would seem to indicate that a library is not essential to the existence of the Sunday-school. Is it, however, probable that schools thus deprived of the average Sunday-school library literature are more effective for intelligent Bible study than schools which have libraries?

A Sunday-school teacher told her class about the wise and the foolish virgins, and asked them the next Sunday to repeat the story. All but one little miss had forgotten, and she only remembered that it was about "them women who forgot their kerosene."

A gentleman of Raleigh, N. C., not a member of any church, has given, unsolicited, one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of Sunday-school books for Edenton street Methodist Sunday-school.

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Omnibus.

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"A dead man can drift down stream, but it takes a live man to pull up against it. That is the time that tries a man's soul—when the tide is against him."

If you know anything that will make a brother's heart glad, run quick and tell it; but if it is anything that will cause a sigh, bottle it up.

Has it never occurred to us, when surrounded by sorrows, that they may be sent to us only for our instruction, as we darken the eyes of birds when we wish to teach them to sing.

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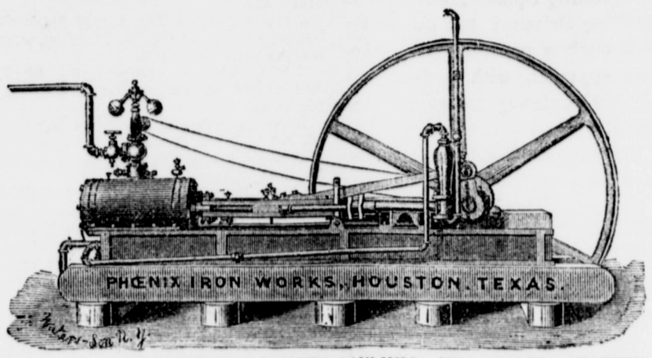
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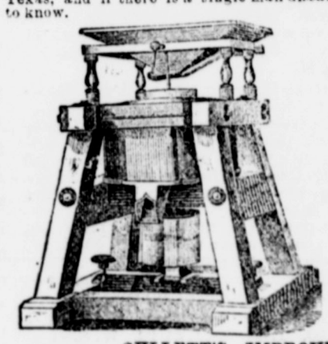
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WEEKLY REVIEW.

ADVOCATE OFFICE,
Friday Evening, May 7, 1875.

The week under review opened with a holiday, which, being generally observed, there was not even an attempt made to do business, and general stagnation prevailed in mercantile circles. The celebration of May day, however, brought quite a number of visitors from the interior to our city, most of whom were merchants, who combined business with pleasure, and on Monday and Tuesday there was quite an active trade in some departments, which was increased by the usual inquiry from our local retail dealers which is apparent during the first days of each month. Toward the close of the week, trade again relapsed to nearly its previous degree of quiet, and the close is marked by the absence of any important movement. Advices from the English markets evince a decidedly limited inquiry for manufactured goods, and the general dulness of trade manifest everywhere on this side of the Atlantic is decidedly evident on the other also. It can scarcely be expected that for the next three or four months there will be any great degree of activity in this section, as, with the exception of the wheat crop—which, though now fully assured, is small—there will be but little in the way of produce seeking a market in any portion of the State. Thus far prospects for good crops of corn and cotton are very flattering in all directions; yet it is very early in the season, and much may occur to cut them short. Particularly is this liable to be the case with cotton, as the experience of many previous seasons has fully proven. The general conservative feeling which has been, and is still manifest in all sections of the State, and the evident tendency of our people to a system of close economy, while having the effect of temporarily paralyzing trade and causing a general dulness to be apparent, has also had the effect of strengthening the financial condition, and the opening of the coming season will find our mercantile communities, both urban and rural, much more fully prepared to meet the reqnirements of trade than for several years previously. While the financial troubles of the past two years have borne heavily upon the business of this country they have purified the commercial atmosphere, and those who have been able to withstand the shock of the storm will find themselves in the end strengthened and benefited by the ordeal through which they have been called to pass.

Transactions in hides and wool have not been heavy, though sales of 16,000 lbs. of the latter have been effected—the clip still continuing to come to hand quite freely; in the former there have been about average transactions for the season, all offerings having been readily taken. The cotton market has been almost entirely stagnant, the inquiry having been to a very large extent nominal, and the transactions of the week inconsiderable. The decline and downward tendency apparent in all markets during the week has had the effect of checking the demand at this point until prices shall have been somewhat more settled.

On the whole, the business of the week has probably been no heavier, if as heavy, as that of the one previous, and we may now look for a gradual but steady decline, until the usual summer standard is reached.

MONETARY.

The business of the week has not been heavy in any direction, the demand for bank accomodation having been only moderate, discount rates remaining steady at 12 per cent. Street rates for money on call are also steady at 10 per cent. Long-time loans on real estate securities continue to be made at 12 per cent., and loans on short time with same securities at 15 per cent.

Offerings of commercial bills have been almost entirely nominal, and transactions very light. Rates for all classes have been steady.

GOLD—Closed in New York this evening at 115½. The rate here closes at 114½ buying, and 115 selling.

SILVER—Rates at the close are 107½@108 buying and selling.

EXCHANGE. — Rates are firm and generally unchanged.

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	SAIL.	STEAM.
Liverpool direct	1-2d	
Via New York	—	1-2d
Bremen	—	—
Havre	—	—
Cork for orders	—	—
Amsterdam	—	—
New York	—	3-4c
Providence, Fall River Boston via New York		1c
Philadelphia, via New York		3-4c

COTTON.

GALVESTON MARKET.

During the entire week there has been an almost total absence of demand. Saturday having been a holiday and no market, on Monday the sales were only 125 bales, purchased by one broker. Tuesday's sales amounted to only 368 bales, while on Wednesday there were no transactions. Yesterday business was again light, sales reaching only 406 bales, while to-day the total is 387 bales, making a total for the week of 1281 bales against nearly 3000 bales last week.

On Monday prices were steady, but the markets were dull at all points; but on Tuesday, Galveston, New Orleans and Mobile declined each ⅛c on all grades, and on Wednesday New York and Savannah followed, while Mobile again declined ⅛c. Yesterday and to-day all markets have been steady, but dull.

The closing figures are:

	To-night.	Last Friday.
Low Ordinary	10½	10½
Ordinary	12½	12½
Good Ordinary	13½	14
Low Middling	14½	14⅝
Middling	15¼	15⅝
Good Middling	15½	16

GALVESTON STATEMENT

Friday, May 7	This Day	This wk	This year	Last year
Net receipts	80	1,389	339,516	354,470
Gross receipts	80	1,184	345,188	354,470
Excess of stock				
Exports to—				
Great Britain		129	176,973	188,826
France			2,496	21,687
Continent			10,967	18,126
Channel ports			6,712	22,293
Total foreign exps		129	197,148	250,932
Exports to N. Y.		277	43,155	38,429
Exports to N. O.		368	15,278	16,305
To other ports			46,222	31,321
Total c'stwise	91		110,656	85,955
Total exports	91	774	307,803	336,887

	This Day.	Yesterday.	Last Friday.	Th's d'y. last y'r
Stock	41,899	41,991	41,180	22,462

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—7 DAYS.

Receipts	22,815
Exports to Great Britain	34,616
France	6,897
Continent	1,831
Channel	
Stock	446,216
Against last year	363,715

Visible supply, according to "Financial and Commercial Chronicle":

April 30, 1874	2,800,665
May 1, 1875	2,844,859
Deficit for 1875	45,806

NEW YORK MARKET.

SPOTS.

The market closed quiet but steady at following comparative quotations:

This week.	Last week.
Ordinary 13¾	13¾
Good Ordinary 15	15¼
Low Middling 15¾	15⅞
Middling Uplands 16¼	16¼
Middling Ala 16¼	16⅜
Middling Orleans 16¼	16⅜
Middling Texas 16¼	16⅜

FUTURES.

This market closed steady as follows:

This day.	Last Friday.
April ——	16 3-16
May 16	16 7-32@1-4
June 16 1-16	16 5-16
July 16 9-32@5 16	16 1-2
August 16 15-32@1-2	16 5-8@21-32
September 16 9-32	16 15-32@1-2
October 15 25-32@13-16	16 1-16@3-32
November 15 9-16@5-8	14 7-8
December 15 5-8@21-32	16 23-32
January 15 13-16@7-8	16 16-32
February 15 31-32@16-32	——
March 16 1-8@1-4	——

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The market closes quiet at the following comparative quotations:

This Week.	Last Week.
Ordinary 13⅝	13¼
Good Ordinary 14¼	14⅜
Low Middling 15	15⅛
Middling 15½	15⅝

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

SPOTS.

The close of the week ending 30th ult., exhibited a rather firm market, quotations being 7⅞@8d for Middling Uplands, and 8⅛d for Middling Orleans; but during the past week a general dulness has been apparent, with a decline of 1-16d@⅛c, closing to-day dull and heavy.

The comparative closing quotations are:

This Week.	Last Week
Middling Uplands 7⅞d.@—	7⅞d@8d
Orleans 8-16@—	@8⅛

ARRIVALS.

The tendency of this market has als been to lower figures, and quotations as given last week are advanced 1-16.

The closing figures received by cable are (basis Middling not below Low Middling): May-June delivery Upland, 7 15-16@8d. June-July delivery Upland, 8d.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY STATEMENT.

	This Year.	Last Y'r
Sales—Total	54,000	74,000
Forw'ded from ship side	10,000	——
To exporters	7,000	6,000
To speculators	6,000	6,000
Total stock	951,000	781,000
Of American	583,000	412,000
Actual Exports	10,000	10,000
Total receipts	117,000	47,000
American	100,000	27,000
Total since Sept. 1	2,610,000	2,454,000
American	1,473,000	1,379,000
Amount afloat	430,000	674,000
American	148,000	275,000

THE GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations not applicable to small orders, but represent cash prices for large lots.

Ax-Handles—per doz., No. 1, $2 75.

Bacon—Supply in first hands small market fairly active. We quote Clear sides, 14½c.; clear rib, 14½c; shoulders 10½c. breakfast bacon 15c.

Bagging—Dull and unchanged.—Domestic—heavy, 12½c. ₱ yard; light, from store, 13½@14c.; India, 11c. in bales.

Bran—Is steady but unchanged $1 85@2 00 per 100 pounds. Job lots $1 50@1 60.

Beeswax—Prices are steady at 25@26c. for prime yellow, with light receipts and not much inquiry.

Belting, Rubber—Sold according to list, with 20 ₱ cent. off.

Butter—Stock heavy and demand light for all grades; prices easy as quoted choice 38@40c.; fair 33@35c; ordinary 28@30c.; Western and Kansas City, choice 28@31c.; Medium 24@26c; Ordinary 20c; Texas 20@25c.

Brooms—$2 25@4 00 per dozen
3 00 No. 2, $2 00; No. 2 [N] $1 65.

Candles—Quiet but steady favorite brands 16½c.

Candy—Light demand; assorted stick 16@17c; fancy 20@25c; rock 23@25c; cream 25@26c; gum-drops 30@35c. maple sugar 25@30c.

Coffee—Stocks in importer's' hands 2,400. First hand quotations are firm at Fair 19, Good 19½, Prime 20, Choice 20c. Dealers are selling from store about 1c. advance on these figures for ordinary order lots.

Can Goods—Per dozen cans: Peaches, 2 lb, $2 50@2 55; strawberries, 2 lb, $2 60@2 75; pine apples, 2 lb, $2 40@2 50; damsons $2 25; oysters, 2 lb full weight, $1 75@2 00; 1 lb full weight, $1 10; corn, 2lb., $2 25@2 50; tomatoes, 2lb. $1 40@1 50.

Cheese—Western factory nominal English dairy 18c.

Corn—Limited supply; prices easy at 80@90c. for Texas in round lots; Western $1 10@1 15c. from store. Texas $1 00@1 05.

Corn Meal—Fair supply. Selling at $4 60@4 75.

Crackers—In fair demand. Soda 5½c; cream and ginger 11½c.

Drugs—Acid Citric $1 40; acetic 16c; tartaric 66c; oxalic 25c; sulphuric in carboys 4½c; C. P. 40c; Aloes cap. 10c; alcohol $2; alum 5c; ammonia aqua 3F, 10c; ammonia spirits arom. 48c arsenic common powered 7½c. Bismuth, subnitrate, $2 25. Blue Vitrol 15c. Borax refined 28c. Caustic, lunar, pure $1 15; Chloroform $1 10. Copperas 3c. Calomel, English, $2 75; American $2; stock $1 60. Cinnamon bark 35@60c. Cream Tartar, pure, 48@50c; grocery 25@40c. Chloral hydrat 25@28c. Morphine, sulph, $6 25. Logwood extract 18c. Gum assafetida 34c. Gum camphor 35. Gum opium $10. Hops (1873) 35@40c. Quinine $2 60.

Eggs—Easy, selling at 13@15c. per dozen, packed in patent boxes.

Fish—Mackerel, barrels No. 2, $12 50@13; half-barrels No. 1, $7 50@8; No. 2, $6 50@7; kits No. 1, 1 90@2 10; No. 2, $1 50@1 60; herrings, Dutch, $2 15@2 40 per keg; dried No. 1 80@90; No. 2, 60@65c per box; codfish, quarter-boxes, $2@2 10; half-boxes $3 50@3 75; 100 lb boxes 7½c per pound.

Flour—Sales have been a trifle larger with prices about steady. Stocks are ample. Treble extra $7 50@7 75; choice extra 7 75@8 00; choice family $8 00@8 25; fancy family $8 50@9 00.

Fruit—Dried—Raisins: layers per box $3 25@3 50; figs per lb 15@20c; prunes, fine French, none: currants, Zante, per pound 10@12c; apples per lb, 9@10c; Dates 12½cts; almonds, soft 24@26cts; shell, 23@25c; hard shell 23@25c filberts 15c; pecans none; Brazil nuts 15c.

Fruit.—Fresh—Lemons in fair supply. Sicily 6 50@7 00; Apples, supply small. Western, $6 50@8 00. Northern, nominal. Oranges, Louisiana and Mexican, nominal. Sicily 4 00@4 50 per box. Havana $9 00@10 00 per barrel, Cocoanuts, per 100 $6 50@7 00.

Glass Goods—Per dozen, in cases—Pickles per gallon, $5 25@5 50; half-gallon $3 65@3 75; quarts $2 65@2 75; pints $1 40@1 50.

Hams—Steady. Choice sugar-cured, 15½c.; 2d quality, 14½c.

Hay—Is in ample supply and fairly active. Western, $34 00@36 00 per ton, forchoice Timothy. Northern $21@25. Supply ample.

Hides—Quiet but firm. We quote, dry flint, selected 18½c. kids and calves ½ off, as they run, nom.; wet salted, selected, 8c.; as they run, 7½c.; butcher's green, 7@7½c; dry salted are sold as dry flint with allowance for salt; glue stock 5c.

Hardware—Axes per dozen: Collins Kentucky light $12; medium $12 50; heavy $15 50.

CASTINGS—Hollow ware, etc., 6c; sad irons, 5½c.

COFFEE-MILLS—Per dozen, Parker's No. 50, $5; No. 60, $6; No. 70, $7.50, with ten per cent. discount.

CHAINS—Trace, per pair, 6½, 10, 3, 65c; 6½, 10, 2, 75c; 6½, 10, 1, 85c; Ox, 12c ₱ lb.

HOES—Per dozen, planter' A B No. 0, $7; No. 1, $7 50; No. 2, $8; No. 3, $8 50. H B No. 0, $6 50; No. 1, $7; No. 2, $7 50; No. 3, $8.

IRON—Per pound, common bar, 4½@5c.; band, 6@6½c.; hoop, 7@8½c.; sheet, common, 7c; R. G., 8c.; galv., 17c.; Russia, 30c.; imitation Russia, 22c.; plow slabs, 6½c.; nail rods, 10c.; axles, 8½@9½c. horse-shoes, Burden's, $7 25@7 50; mule-shoes, $8 00.

Leather—Best Louisville and Cincinnati Oak Sole Leather, 42c ₱ lb; do second quality 40c; do. fair saddle skirting 44c; do. oak harness leather 41c; do. second grade do. 38c; do. black bridle do. 50c; do. fair bridle do. 55c.

Lard—Market firm. Tierces, 17c.; kegs, 18.

Lumber.—The demand is fair, and stocks ample. Rough yellow pine, $22; second quality, $20; dressed weatherboards, $25@28, surfaced boards $25@28; ceiling, $20@25; flooring, $25@30; cypress lumber by the cargo, $25@30; ash, $40; shingles, $4@5 by small lots; $3@3 50 by cargo lots.

Lime, Cement, Etc.—In limited demand. Austin lime, $2 25 per barrel; Alabama $2 50; cement, $2 25@2 75; plaster, Paris, $4 00@5; laths, $4@4 50 per M.

MEAT-CUTTERS—Per dozen. Woodruff's, No. 100, $15; No. 150, $18.

Molasses.—Supply fair; demand good, prices 5c per gallon higher; selling 65c.; prime, and 70 for choice per gallon, barrels, half barrels 5c. advance, kegs 10c advance. Job lots 60@65c. for barrels.

NAILS—Are unchanged Quotations are as follows: 10d to 60d, $3 75; 8d, $4 00; 6d, $4 25; 4d and 5d, $4 75. Flooring, casing and boxing, 75c advance on above. Finishing $1 advance.

Oils.—Linseed, raw, 95; boiled, $1 00. Lard, No. 1, $1 00. W. S. $1 15 Proctor & Gamble's, $1 12½. Turpentine, 45c. Kerosine, 24@27c.

Oats—Western selling from store at 88@91c per bushel. Texas, nominal job lots, Western 85@87c. for prime.

Onions—In light supply prices firm Red Northern $4 75@5 25 ₱ barrel.

Potatoes—Stock light; prices steady; market quiet. Western nominal; Northern $3 75@4 00; according to quality. Sweet potatoes 75c.; per bushel

Peltries—Deer skins 25@27; goat skins 20c. per lb.; sheep skins, full wool, 50c., half-wool 25c., shearlings 15@20c. each; wolf skins 25@75c, each; dressed deer skins, Indian-tanned, $1 50@1 75 per pound.

Poultry—Receipts ample and prices easy. Chickens $4 00@4 25 ₱ dozen. Turkeys quiet; small $10@12 00; grown, $12 00@$14 00. Ducks $3 50@4 00 ₱ doz. Geese 4 50@5 00 Partridges $1 25.

Salt—Stock small; prices firm. Coarse from first hands by car load $1 10 gold; fine $1 75, gold.

Starch—Dealers supply the demand at 5¼@5½c.

Sugar—Market steady for Louisiana and Texas, for which there is a fair demand. Fully fair 8c.; prime 8¼@9½c.; choice 9¼@10c; coffee C 11¼c.; coffee B 11¾c; coffee A 12c.; crushed and powdered 12¼@13c; Demerara Choice 11¼@12c.

Soap.—In full supply. Olive 7c. for large lots. Ordinary orders filled at 7½c.

SIEVES—₱ dozen, iron, $1 75; plated $2 75; brass $3 75.

Tobacco—Supply ample and prices firm, with upward tendency. We quote: 12 inch, extra fine for lbs, 70c.@$1; 11 inch extra fine, 65@70c.; 11 inch, fine, 60@65c.; 11 inch, fine medium, 55@60c.; 11 inch, good medium, 50@55c.; 11 inch, good common, 46@50c.; 11 inch, common sound, 44@46c; twist, all grades, 50@75c.; smoking tobacco, 35@85c.; snuff, per dozen bottles, $4 00@4 13; cigars, domestic, per thousand, $12@100; cigars, imported, per thousand, $25@250.

Ties—Iron cotton baling ties 7c. per pound for Arrow and for Beard.

Tin—In plates, per box, in gold, IX $14 50; IC $12 50; IC, leaded, $11 75; I'ng 30c ₱ lb.

Tallow—Receipts light: pricessteady good to prime 6@7c.; common 5@5½c;

Twine—Cotton bailing twine is in ample supply; selling at 17c. per pound.

TUBS—Painted, ₱ nest, 3 in $2 25, 8 in $3 25; white pine, 3 in $3; 8 in $4; cedar, 3 in $3 75; 8 in $6 50.

Vinegar—Fair supply and steady at 28@40c. ₱ gallon for cider and white. White wine, imported, 65c.

Woodware—PAILS-Painted, two hoop, ₱ dozen, $2 10; three hoop $2 40.

WELL BUCKETS—₱ dozen, L. S., $6 75@8 00; extra $9 50@11 00.

Wool.—Spring clip, free of burs—Medium 26@28c.; very long and bright 29@30c. Mexican 19@23c. market firm, fair offerings and better demand. Sales this week 16,000 pounds.

Zinc—In gold, per pound—Pig, none in market; sheet 11c.

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Quarterly Meeting Appointments.

GALVESTON DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Washington Street, at Houston, May 15, 16.
Shearn Chapel, at Houston, May 22, 23.
Matagorda, at the Mouth of Caney, (via Velasco,) May 29, 30.
Houston cir., at Sandy Point, June 19, 20.
Cedar Bayou, June 26, 27.
St. John, at Galveston, July 3, 4.
Velasco, July 10, 11.

District Conference at Galveston to commence July 2, in basement of St. John's Church. I. G. JOHN, P. E.

AUSTIN DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Oso cir., at Joy's S. H., May 8, 9.
Austin cir. and Walnut miss., at Merilltown, May 15, 16.
Bastrop and Hill's Prairie, at Bastrop, May 22, 23.
Austin sta. and swede miss., May 29, 30.
Melrade cir., at Pleasant Grove, June 5, 6.
Giddings cir., at Giddings, June 12, 13.
Cedar Creek cir., at Manchac, June 19, 20.
West Point cir., at Post Oak Grove, June 26, 27.
District Conference will meet at Bastrop on Thursday, May 20, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
A. L. P. GREEN, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Thompsonville cir., at Zion, 2d Sab. in May.
Mountain City cir., at Salem, 4th Sab. in May.
Gonzales cir., at Prairieville, 2d Sab. in June.
The District Conference meets at Lockhart on the 8th of July, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Essay to be read at that time: Importance of and Best Manner of Conducting Sunday-schools, by O. A. Fisher; Pastoral Visitation defined and best method, by J. W. Vest; Itinerancy, history and necessity of, by B. Harris; Support of the Itinerant Ministry, reasonableness of and Scriptural requirement, by J. B. Denton; Education, by G. W. L. Fly; Pastor's Duty to Children at Home, by E. H. Hollbrook; Relation of Infants to the Church, by W. T. Thornberry; Bible Study, best manner and importance of, by J. W. Brown; Necessity of Church Discipline, by W. L. Redout; Pulpit Proprieties, by R. H. Belvin. Essays to be written and of half an hour's length. W. J. JOYCE, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Brenham station, May 8, 9.
Richmond, at Richmond, May 15, 16.
Burton cir., at Burton, May 22, 23.
Hempstead cir., at Hockley, May 29, 30.
Chappell Hill sta., June 5, 6.
San Felipe cir., at Glover Chapel, June 12, 13.
Bellville cir., at Bellville, June 19, 20.
Birch Creek miss., at Mt. Pleasant, June 26, 27.
T. B. BUCKINGHAM, P. E.

CROCKET DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Pennington cir., at Pine Grove, May 8, 9.
Neches cir., May 15, 16.
Palestine cir., May 29, 30.
Homer, June 12, 13.
Shook's Bluff mis., June 19, 20.
Moscow cir., July 3, 4.

The amount assessed by the Board of Finance for conference and bishops' claim for Crockett District ($250), apportioned as follows:

	Conf. Claim.	Bishops' Claim.
Crockett station	$32 00	$8 00
Crockett circuit	32 00	8 00
Pennington circuit	32 00	8 00
Moscow circuit	32 00	8 00
Homer circuit	32 00	8 00
Palestine circuit	24 00	6 00
Neches circuit	16 00	4 00

D. P. CULLIS, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Beeville cir., at Blanco, 3d Sunday in May.
Corpus Christi, 4th Sunday in May.
Nueces Town cir., 5th Sunday in May.
Rockport, 1st Sunday in June.
A. A. KILLOUGH, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Weatherford, cir., at Spring Creek, 2d Sabbath in May.
Mansfield, at Thomas' schoolhouse, 3d Sunday in May.
Springtown, at Grant's S. H., 4th Sabbath in May.
Cleburne and Marysville sta., 5th Sabbath in May.
Cleburne, at Ft. Graham, 1st Sabbath in June.
T. W. HINES, P. E.
Waxahachie, Lock Box 119

COMANCHE DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Cowhouse miss., at Willow Springs, 3d Sunday in May.
Lampasas miss., at Bethlehem Church, 4th Sunday in May.
Burnet cir., at Burnet, 5th Sunday in May.
P. W. GRAVIS, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Zion cir., at Zion church, May 8, 9.
Willis cir., May 15, 16.
Navasota, May 22, 23.
Madisonville cir., at Oxford, May 29, 30.
Bryan station, June 5, 6.
Cold Springs cir., at Big Creek, June 12, 13.
J. M. WESSON, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Uvalde cir., at Uvalde, 2d Sabbath in May.
San Antonio sta., 3d Sabbath in May.
Sutherland Springs cir., at Sandie's chapel, 4th Sabbath in May.
Cibolo cir., at Wesley chapel, 1st Sabbath in June.
District Conference will embrace the 5th Sabbath in May, and will be held at Selma, or Cibolo circuit. Conference will open on Thursday at 1 o'clock. Brethren, please be prompt. Come prepared to represent your charges. Come praying.
JOHN S. GILLETT, P. E.

MARSHALL DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Harrison circuit, at Blocker's Chapel, 2d Sabbath in May.
Hallville circuit, at Maple Springs, 3d Sunday in May.
Elysian Fields, at Harmony, 4th Sunday in May.
Henderson and Bellview circuit, 5th Sunday in May.
DANIEL MORSE, P. E.

CORSICANA DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Butler circuit, 2d Sunday in May, at Harrison Chapel.
Centreville circuit, 3d Sunday in May, at Beaverdam.
Redland circuit, 4th Sunday in May, at Leona.
Navasota mission, 5th Sunday in May, at Donnelson's shool-house.
W. C. YOUNG, P. E.

PALESTINE DIST.—SECOND ROUND.

Jacksonville cir., at Burk's chapel, May 8, 9.
Tyler sta., May 15, 16.
Athens cir., May 29, 30.

The following apportionments were made by the district stewards:

	Conf. Claim.	Bishops' Claim.
Kickapoo circuit	$25 22	$7 50
Tyler circuit	21 95	6 50
Rusk circuit	44 40	13 75
Palestine station	59 64	15 00
Jacksonville circuit	46 40	13 75
Tyler station	59 06	17 50
Athens circuit	20 25	6 00
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