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EDITORIAL NOD.

The "Clarendon News" represent the uttermost vanguard of civilization in western Texas. Our nearest eastern neighbor is at Henrietta, in Clay County, one hundred and fifty miles distant. We have in Donley County good soil, good water, good climate, good building material and fuel, with these essentials of success and the rapid approach of educated industrious and virtuous people we shall essay to build up a community and social institutions worthy the civilization of the present year. We expect culture, integrity and orthodox christianity will occupy the throne of power. The News will be true to facts, echoing as nearly as possible what we hear and describing as accurately as may be, what we see. We have no special Colonial walls, gates or bridges. We recognize no community of goods, but a solid and reliable community of interests, based upon the Golden Rule.

We extend a hand to the honestly industrious and welcome the rich and poor alike.

To the Newsy and Editorial brotherhood of the state and country, we brandish our fraternal quill, as we take our place on the skirmish line toward the western Star.

This, the first issue of our paper has been put through in great haste, and therefore does not present as an attractive appearance as we anticipate in future editions. The work of starting a new paper is about as much of a job as building a new house, or moving to a new country.

Our beautiful little town was first surveyed and laid out in town lots last Jan. It is therefore just 4 months old on paper, but the first company of inhabitants landed there on the fifteenth of March, which makes it but 2 1/2 months old, in reality, still Clarendon is a fixed fact, a real town already.

We have here as fine a stock of goods as is often found in towns of ten times her age, our society, though small is good, and we all agree on almost every point, but most thoroughly on this, that we are in love with Clarendon. A great many of the town lots are already sold, some are now building on their lots, and ere long we shall have fine stone houses to live in.

We need a few more people here now of the right kind. Good, reliable, industrious, such as, seeking a home in the mild climate of Texas desire to make that home in a community of Northern men, with religious principles and sound morals. To such we extend a hearty greeting and a brother's helping hand.

CHEAP HOMES FOR THE MULTITUDE.

320-160-80-40-20 acres. Select Farming Land, \$1.00 to \$2.00 per acre from one to five miles from the town of Clarendon. Growing rapidly, will be the seat of the County and center of an immense population. Apply early. 160 acres for \$160. Address, L. H. Carhart, Sherman, Texas.

SCHOOLS.

We expect so soon as a sufficient number of children are found at Clarendon to demand it, to open the first term of the Allenton Seminary. Next season we shall erect a church which can for a little space be used for the opening of the school, a temporary building will be erected if sooner needed. Our colony being largely composed of educated people we shall have no divided vote on the question of Public Free Schools.

At this writing, May 9th at Clarendon crops look splendid. Corn fine and very even, oats, millet, potatoes, and gardens fine, very fine, all the colonists well and in the very best of spirits feeling that Clarendon is a good place to be.

STOCK COMPANY.

Stock growing is known to be the most remunerative and the safest business in this on any other country, especially here when the cost of a herd is light, and when the grasses are nutritious and the winters so light as to obviate the necessity of feeding. The price of "stock" cattle varies. Near San Antonio and in the South Eastern part of the state they can be bought at rates from \$5 to \$8 per head,—this takes cattle one and two years old, also cows and calves.

A company is now forming to commence operations on a large scale. We have yet room for two men, of the requisite stamp with from \$2000 to \$4000 capotal each. Address the NEWS office. (P. s. Insert your figures on stock.)

HASTE.

"Is there need of haste?" Yes. A few months must absorb these lands and place it out of our power to procure you what you want in this country. An immediate application will be of great value to you. We endeavor to deal with all fairly and impartially. Lands now secured at a nominal rate must be worth several times the cost. Chances to buy good lands in Texas for nothing are about past.

HARVEST.

The wheat harvest begun early in May even in northern Texas, this year and the yield good. We have had abundance of rain, and everything for the sustenance of man and beast is in ample supply.

SHIPPING GOODS.

Farm machinery and household goods, if of good quality and not readily disposed of can be shipped to advantage by chartering a car in Dodge City, Kansas. Several families can thus occupy the allowed weight of twenty thousand pounds, together, at moderate expense, far better than to give everything away and then be compelled to do without or to purchase at larger prices. Price for car from Kansas City (special) \$50 or 60 cents per 100 lbs. on the Atchison Topeka and Santaface Road.—Rates from distant points can be obtained from agents on the ground.

For special terms on the M. K. & T. Road address J. D. Brown Sedalia Mo. On route to Dodge City, address C. F. Morse Gen. Supt. Topeka Kansas, from St. Louis for Iron Mountain Route address A. B. Ford, Gen. Passenger Agent, St. Louis Mo.

SMALL FARMS.

Can be had within a short distance of Clarendon embracing 320, 160, 80, 40 or 20 acres and suitable for tillage and hom s.

One hundred and sixty acres so situated is worth more for actual use than a whole section in some of the adjoining counties. A section of land—one mile square—640 acres, is an immense tract and needed only by a few. The good of our colony and town demands that we sell only in small lots inside of our ten mile limit. We have a surveyor on the ground to assist in running the lines and fixing the boundaries. \$150 to \$200, will now secure 160 acres of choice land near the town.

WHEAT.

A. M. Foster of Grason Co has for two years grown forty bushels of wheat to the acre.—He plows six or eight inches deep. If wheat grows rank during fall or winter, as it usually does, pasturing it is a necessity, can be pastured as late as March first offering lots of winter feed.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

An Ill. farmer near Whitesboro, Cook County has 55 acres. The present is the third crop and the best of the three. Douglass can be grown in Donley and other counties. The soil is a dark sandy loam and in every way suitable.

CLARENDON WATERWORKS.

This beautiful stream which flows through our town, has its source five miles north of Clarendon, and is fed entirely by springs numerous appearing along its banks. Artificial works of small expense could by ditch and trench easily divert this pure soft water, so as to make it flow past every house in town. Similar to the charming streams of San Antonio it will be a perpetual light and joy. The stream is also large enough for a good water power. Some enterprising spirit will, no doubt have a mill ready for our crops of corn and wheat next season.

THE MAY PARTY.

The party who were advertised to go to Clarendon in May, did not all go together as anticipated. Several smaller parties have gone, and are still going almost every week this month, and next probably, companies larger or smaller will start.

RAIL ROADS.

Clarendon lies on the projected line of the Dallas Wachita and Pan Handle Railway. The Texas and Pacific Line runs some distance south of us. The Atlantic and Pacific following the course of the Canadian—north of us may be built first of all. It will not surprise us if the Denver and Colorado narrow gauge should be situated directly through our portion of the state. At present we are not in pressing need of Railways, having a large demand for all our people can produce, at large figures. Roads will be built as soon as needed.

CLARENDON LOCALS

—Just received a splendid "Buckeye" Mower & Horse Rake. Shall keep them busy. Our working stock will need good hay and feed.

—We send you a copy of the first issue of our new monthly, CLARENDON NEWS. If you desire to remain with us please send fifty cents to the publishers at Sherman, Texas.

—Good Board at corner of Summerfield Ave. and 4th street Messrs Byers & Reed keep the best house in Clarendon. Terms only \$5.00 per week.

—The Editor expects to make a trip to Dodge City, Kansas, soon; and make all needful arrangements for the outfitting of emigrants for Donley Co. By this route the distance will be reduced twenty five to fifty miles and the roadways more favorable for heavy hauling. The route will lie first to "Camp Contonement" thence to Fort Elliott thence to Clarendon, in all two hundred and twenty five miles.

—On May 3d two teams and four men started for Clarendon. One of the teams of three yoke of oxen was loaded with material for a house 12x14 including every stick and a surplus besides. The other team carried fifteen hundred pounds of flour, a Buckeye mower, horse rake, and sundry articles of furniture &c. Drake and Heldebront, two splendid fellows who went out with the February party are the conductors of this train. They are heavily loaded and will make only about fifteen miles per day.

The decree is signed. No whisky shall ever come to Clarendon. "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces."

—The Temperance war is spreading to Bonhom and Dallas.

—Send fifty cents as your subscription for one year for the "Clarendon News."

—The land on which our town is building is exempt from State tax for twenty years. This is better than to have the lots donated under ordinary circumstances. Taxes are low in Texas but even at a low figure the amount is considerable in twenty years.

—Our first trade consisted in the purchase of thirty buffalo hides at sixty cents each, paid for in goods.

—Those who go to Clarendon are so much improved by the health giving air that their friends scarcely recognize them after being there two weeks.

—Some one should begin this season to improve the water power in our county. There will be an ever increasing demand for milling of all kinds: a rare chance for some one.

—Our population is yet small but is rapidly increasing. We have a small army of sifted men and women there during the year.

—A good physician, who can afford to build up with the community can find a splendid opening at Clarendon.

Our stock of merchandise includes almost everything really needed for settlers. When our new store house is complete the assortment will be largely increased.

—We have asked Gov. Hubbard to make Mr. J. H. Parks Commissioner of Deeds at Clarendon. When the Legislature meets we will have a Notary Public also duly appointed.

—Roadways are being laid out in every direction. Streams are generally hard bottom and bridges do not seem necessary to general travel.

—Send fifty cents for the NEWS.

—Pigs—Just received two full blooded beauties from Sherman to-day.

—Letters for Clarendon, should be directed "via Fort Elliott, Texas."

—Send 50 cts. for the "Clarendon News."

—The marble found in Donley Co. takes a polish like Italian marble—smooth, white, beautiful; we all expect to see the marble fronts to our houses in Clarendon.

—Let no one owning or purchasing lands through agencies connected herewith give themselves uneasiness about the payment of taxes. Due notice and full directions given.

Our Colonists and Villagers having no whisky on which to waste time and taxation, will have no trouble in keeping closely up with every public improvement necessary. The endless waste in most towns, occasioned by paupers, courts and criminals we shall be mostly rid of.

See letter from Rev. Dr. Inskip President of the National Publishing Association, for the Promotion of Holiness. This proposed trip through the South next winter, will be an event of general interest. Nothing will cure the heartburnings, jealousies and prejudices, of multitudes, but an over helming baptism of the Holy Ghost. In combination, this association is the strongest and most efficient flying battery in the service. We welcome them again to the South. Formality will shudder, skepticism will bow, the devil will howl, and all good people will put shoulder to the wheel.

We heartily welcome this much honored evangelical force to the South:

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., May 16, 1878.

DEAR BRO. CARHART:—The Lord willing we purpose to visit Texas the coming winter, say during the month of December. We would like to hold two or three Tabernacle meetings, and earnestly desire your countenance, counsel and co-operation, as to where it is best for us to go. The expense of the journey we propose to meet by taking collections where we go. We will thus avoid being an incumbrance to anybody. Our plan is to go South, via. New Albany, Indiana, Nashville, Knoxville, Atlanta etc. So that the expense of transportation and travel will be small for each place, and can be easily met by collections without pressing anybody. From Texas we go to Florida. We propose to organize a large united movement which will be self-sustaining. A goodly number of leading laymen of means I think will accompany us. We are persuaded some wonderful good will come out of a visit to Texas. I wish you would put us in possession of

facts as to places, modes of travel, and points where most for God, and the spiritual welfare of all concerned can most readily be convened and promoted. God sent you to Texas and is moving others to come and help you. Yours Fraternally,

J. S. INSKIP.

Town lots in Clarendon sell from \$15 to \$50 each. Size 50x140. Business lots 25x140 ft.

Regular religious services are held every Sabbath at Clarendon, Rev. J. W. Reckard and Rev. W. A. Allen, officiating.

We send you the first copy of the CLARENDON NEWS. If you desire to continue it, please send your name and 50 cts. to the publisher, box 155, Sherman, Texas.

A great many gentlemen have been out to see for themselves, before moving their families here, and so far, all have been well pleased, and several are now preparing their families to come.

More than one-half of the land in Donley county is already sold, and the rest is fast going. Those desiring to secure land in this county should do so at once. Now is your time before the price is advanced, as it will be in a few weeks. We cannot hold it long at these low rates.

Regular church services are already held at Clarendon. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven."

OUR MARKETS.

Retail prices at Clarendon rate as follows, other supplies in proportion.	
Flour	Per 100 lbs \$6 to \$7.
Bacon	" " 20 cts
Beans	" " 10 cts
Butter	" " 40 cts
Coru Meal 100 lbs	5.00
Sugar	18 to 20 cts per lb
Syrup	1.00 to 1.25 per Gal
Corn	4 bushel 2.50
Salt	4 lb 5 cts

PERSONAL.

Little Faim Reid is our town pet, the first baby in Donley County. She shall be "Queen of the May" some day.

—J. F. Hess Esq., a wealthy business man of Lenark, Ill. has just made a flying trip to our place and looked matters over carefully, is much pleased and we expect his return to us in force at an early day.

—Parks, the Surveyor says, careful surveying develops increasing charms in every direction.

—Rev. C. Haney, A. M. a recent graduate of the Northwestern University and also of the Biblical Institute at Evenson, Ill. has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church at Sherman Texas,—and will enter upon his work at once. This is a grand field and worthy the best of metal. We have a new and well finished church, by far the best in the city; a live Sunday School and a growing congregation.—The new pastor will be heartily welcomed. Until the present, the labor of the pastorate has been sustained by the Presiding Elder of the District, Rev. L. H. Carhart, in addition to many other duties. Look out for a good record at Sherman.

—Bedal, wife and son of Oshkosh, Wis, Rev. W. A. Allan and wife and two children, of Dallas, Wilson Barnes Esq. of Broomfield Ill., George Walling of Iowa and others, are enroute and are some expected in our city to-day. Mr. Bedal is a first class mechanic and will have charge of building affairs.

—Mr. Mc Counill is our post man, leaving Clarendon on Thursdays, returning from Ft. Elliott, Saturdays, making the round trip of 90 miles in three days.

—M. Reckerd will go from Sherman to Clarendon late in June. Those who desire to go about that time will find him a safe and energetic conductor.

—Col. Goodnight has a thriving herd of 4000 head of cattle in southwestern part of our adjoining county.

J. W. RECKERD recently of Dallas is our general Superintendent at Clarendon, in every sense a Napoleon. He has had several years experience in railroading, is an intelligent reliable Christian gentleman. We feel safe when "Reckerd" is at the helm.

—E. M. Lyness Esq. of Harrison Ohio, and family are expected soon. Mr. Lyness and sons are smiths and mechanics—They will find work here.

—S. P. Reed Esq. has selected for his residence a beautiful lot overlooking the river and commanding a long view East and West.

—J. F. Hess Esq. of Lenark, Ill. is buying up a large herd of cattle preparatory to settling in Donley Co. He has just returned to Sherman from a sightseeing trip having fixed the location of his ranch.

—Rev. W. A. Allan was with us in our first separation of Donley county. His eye first fell upon the site, afterward chosen for the site of Clarendon. He is the Asaph, the chief singer of the establishment. Genial, companionable and can be reliably trusted for information. He may be addressed at Clarendon via Fort Elliott, Texas. Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Reckerd are expecting to go to Clarendon this month.

—James H. Parks Esq., our Local and Assistant in the editorial work has had several years of experience in similar lines of work. We esteem ourselves fortunate in securing his services at this juncture of our colonial development. He will have charge of local and Clarendon matters and may be addressed at Clarendon via Fort Elliott, Wheeler Co., Texas.

—Daniel Heffelbower Esq., of Albany Ill. was out to Clarendon in March, purchased a section of land a short distance above Clarendon and is now, with some neighbors, preparing to return this fall. He has been for years in a large lumbering establishment, is a first class and successful business man. We are now shipping a supply of lumber from his establishment to Dodge City. He will build and settle his family at Clarendon.

—James H. Howard one of our principle workman on the new Sherman church is now at Clarendon to supervise such architectural work as may be demanded. Several buildings are in process of erection. For such purposes we have the very finest kind of stone ready quarried not more than a mile from Clarendon. Five miles up the river is a large supply of the most beautiful red sand stone, easily cut and ready to load up without excavation. Lime stone buildings trimmed with red sand stone will be beautiful. Lumber for finishing purposes, will cost about \$60 per thousand feet laid down at Clarendon. We shall ship by ear load via Dodge City.

—Rev. H. Diener of Secor Ill. is arranging to send out a number of enterprising and religious German families to the Colony soon. We extend to our German brother and people a hearty welcome to the Colony.

Rev. J. W. Carhart, D. D., of Oshkosh, a cousin of the editor, last month made a flying trip to Texas his visit covering most of the points of interest. His letters in the EARLY DAWN of Oshkosh, and other papers, will be found racy and reliable.

In boyhood we coasted down the precipitous hills of Central New York together, and being of nearly the same age had many a day of rare sport. Since that time our lines of travel have fallen widely asunder. "Cousin J. W." has been a man since early boyhood, always studious, industrious, a poet of high grade, a genius, honorable, honored and successful. A little turned of forty and well preserved, he has yet more than thirty years of golden life left—Amen.

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BAD LITERATURE

The character of a book may be determined by the effect it produces. If the moral effect is bad the book is bad. If the effect is good the book is good.

Whatever in literature adds to human happiness, purity of heart and thought, and the power for attaining a better life in the future, is to be commended. That which is opposite in its effects should be discarded.

Experience and observation have satisfactorily demonstrated the moral effect of certain kinds of reading. Their consequences never vary. It is not worth while therefore, for people to experiment. They may be certain from the testimony of others what the sure result of their reading will be. Any book which tends to lessen the restraints of conscience, to encourage the indulgence of the base passions and appetites, to corrupt the imagination, to disregard the rights of man are bad, and should be shunned. The effect of Tom Pains Age of Reason on the uneducated German mind was such as to stamp out of it almost the last vestige of conscience and leave it perverse, base and Godless.

The replies to the infamous book were never read by the masses who read the Age of Reason. Many generations will pass before the influence of that terrible book will cease, if they ever cease.

What Tom Pains did for Germany, Bob Ingersoll is doing, to a certain extent for this country. A wordy, bombast full of egotism, malice and pride, he undertakes the impossible; throws his poor prostrate form across the path of Gods purposes, and, blinded by sin, so posing he has a strict and Omnipotence, is only held in fearful deception by the Devil until crushed by the inevitable wheels of justice.

His harangues read like poems, or profound philosophy. They are the froth of soda water with an infusion of sulphur and gall.

His undertaking can be accounted for on the ground, not of love to man, but of hatred to God. It is lamentable that his virus, in book form, should be offered to the traveling public, and crowded upon inquisitive, uninformed youth on our Railroad trains. There is, probably, no remedy for it; and it must work out its own fearful evils, before the folly of its circulation will be appreciated.

LIFE.

The general character of life is that of monotony. Whether we regard the life of man, or the life of beasts, we are struck by the same remarkable fact, that life, to all outward appearance, is a monotonous succession of scenes and movements—all but identical. We wonder how the interest is kept up. But we never tire of going to bed at night, and we are very sorry when we get tired of getting up in the morning. We never weary, except with regret, of breakfasting, dining, and supping, and yet these actions are repeated incessantly 365 times a year, with renewed excitement on every succeeding occasion. We take off our clothes once every day. We do this, at nearly the same hour in daily succession; and, when health is good, the pleasure derived from so doing is not marred by the repetition of the act; for the ebbing and flowing of our bodily sensations prepare us, without any efforts on our part, for all the vicissitudes of our existence. When hungry, food is agreeable; when warm, the cool air is agreeable; when cold, the pleasure derived from a cheerful fireside and a comfortable supper is delicious. The excitement is kept up by the contrasts, and we purchase the enjoyment of one feeling by encouraging the reverse. With health, and youth, and prosperity, we should never be weary. It is age, and weakness, and poverty that prepare us for death, and even that comes easy, upon most men at least, like a sleep, and the heaviness of the heart gives even the last sleep welcome.—Chicago Ledger.

Read what Bro. Inskip says of the "Tabernacle" tent.

THE DEDICATION.

At length we have made the necessary arrangements for the dedication of the Tabernacle. This will take place, the Lord willing, on the grounds of brother G. Morse, of Putnam, Ct., Thursday, June 6. This brother is either a Baptist Methodist, or a Methodist Baptist, or both of these, and considerably more. He has for some years past, taken a deep interest in the operations of the National Camp Meeting Association. For the promotion of the cause, he has given freely of his time and resources. His invitation to hold the first Tabernacle meeting at Putnam, we have gladly accepted. It is expected it will be a large meeting, and will be participated in by all denominations. A programme giving full particulars will soon be issued. It may suffice at present, to say that the meetings will take the type of the National Camp Meeting. We trust our friends through all that region will attend. It will be a grand opportunity for Christian workers to dedicate themselves anew to the service of God. Come, brethren and sisters and join us in this dedicatory service and the meetings to follow. We trust the balance needed will be furnished, before the day of dedication. The amount needed is about one hundred and seventy dollars. A dear good brother who had engaged to pay fifty dollars of this, through the defalcation of an officer of an institution in which his means were invested, has lost all, and is stricken with extreme poverty in his old age. He is seventy years of age. But for this misfortune, we should only have needed one hundred and twenty dollars. But now we will need the sum above named. Who will take the place of our aged friend in the list? Any sum will be appreciated. Reader if you want to help us, now is your opportunity.

A WHOLESOME REBUKE.

A good story is told of the celebrated Whitelock and his servant, who appears to have been able to preach on occasions as well as could his master. When Whitelock was about to embark at Cromwells Envoy to Sweden, in 1655, he was much disturbed in his mind as he rested in Harwich on the preceding night, when he reflected on the distracted state of the nation. A confidential servant slept in an adjoining bed, who, finding that his master could not sleep, said:

"Pray, sir, will you give me leave to ask you a question?"

"Certainly."

"Pray, sir, don't you think God governed the world very well before you came into it?"

"Undoubtedly."

"And pray, sir, don't you think He will govern it quite as well when you are gone out of it?"

"Certainly."

"Then, sir, pray excuse me, but don't you think you may as well trust Him to govern it as long as you are in it?"

To this question, Whitelock had nothing to say, and turning about, he soon fell asleep. Great men are probably quite likely to underrate Gods ability, and to over-estimate their own.

The American Seamen's Friend Society held its jubilee anniversary, commemorating the close of its fiftieth year, at the Broadway Tabernacle last Monday evening. It was reported that the receipts for fifty years had been \$1,516, 986.78. The Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby and Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, made admirable addresses.

I do not recall an instance where I was tempted to use a foreign word, but that, on searching, I have found a better one in my own language.—Bryant.

Read the advertisement of the Brazilian Brilliant Company, and know that every word is true.

The Nursery for May is full of delightful little pieces for the amusement and instruction of the younger people.

South Australia is likely to become a rival to us in the matter of canned and dried fruits.

The Maine Conference took action against preachers contracting debt; preachers erring in this respect will be held accountable to the conference and their characters arrested.

From Early Dawn.

HOUSE WARMING AT ELO.

Rev. E. A. Wanless, with characteristic forethought and energy had made ample arrangements for the accommodation of his friends who were expected to visit him last Wednesday at the Donation and opening of the new parsonage.

The trains, each way on the Mil. & St. Paul Railroad on Wednesday and Thursday, stopped at Elo, to accommodate those from abroad. There was quite an attendance of elderly people in the afternoon, and a jam in the evening. All the rooms in the house were thrown open to the guests and gorgeously illuminated. A bountiful supper was provided by the ladies, to which ample justice was done by all present. It was 12 o'clock before the supper was concluded. The Donation amounted to \$112.

The Trustees and other officers of the church seemed pleased with the house, and the manner in which every thing had been done. The church property at Elo is now equal to that of any country charge in the Conference, and is superior to most.

Bro. Wanless is entitled to great credit for the manner in which this work has been done.

GOLDEN HOURS for June contains many excellent things, notable "The Home of an Earl," by Caroline B. Le Row, of Vassar College, it being one of a series of transcripts of her sight-seeing in Europe. A special feature is the fine Musical Selection given each month. It is wise to lead children to a high standard in this art, and it is especially fitting to do so in connection with literature. The readers of this moral juvenile are promised an interesting serial for the remaining months of the year. Published by HITCHCOCK & WALDEN, Cinn., O.

A Union Conference of the Norwegian M. E. preachers of the northwest convened in Neenah, Wis. May 15th 1878, and is now in session.

It is the best represented of any such Conference previously held in this Country.

The spirit prevailing the sessions has been specially hearty for of christian love and fellowship. The interest and zeal for the common work is very apparent, the subjects discussed of extended interest were: a) the educational cause reaching from the training of the Children to the preparation of the ministry for our missions in the Country. b) the Norwegian—Danish publishing interests including a weekly Church paper a semi-monthly, S. School paper and a book concern. c) to labor for publishing Norwegian—Danish books, especially the hymn book, catechism and disciplin in common with the Methodist in Norway and Denmark. d) the Norwegian Danish printing establishment located in Chicago. e) the extension and progress of our Missionary labor, the Conference thought that it would be best to divide the Wis. District into two Districts making four with the Minnesota and Iowa Dist's. f) to labor for an annual Conference among the Norwegian Methodists of the Northwest In connection with the Conference religious services are held every evening in the American M. E. Church at Neenah, Wis., Sec'y. of the Conference.

The weather has taken a decidedly cold turn again, and fires are comfortable in-doors, and overcoats and heavy wrappings out of doors. We are laying in a fresh supply of fuel. O, for a land where it is not winter nine months of the year, and cold weather the balance of the time.—THE EARLY DAWN.

Come out to Kansas, oh, frozen wanderer! The summer breezes blow vigorously up the Kaw, laden with balmy breath of apple orchards and onion beds. We will give you a seat on the sunny side of the house where we think you will be quite comfortably thawed out—by the 1st of next August.

Topeka Daily Blade.

We are obliged to our Kansas friend for the kind invitation extended to us and but for the fact that we have found the paradise of this world in Northwestern Texas, we should assuredly accept the invitation and leave this country where frost lasts all the year round.

Bishop Bowman was one of the judges at the contest in oratory of the International State Collegiate Association at St. Louis, May 8th.

Our editorial sanctum is very much brighter since we received those panes. Much obliged to you Mr. Echols.

The strawberry festival at the First M. E. Church on Tuesday evening was a success. The weather which had been so unpleasant before, changed and was quite propitious during the afternoon and evening, and there was a large crowd in the church.

A bed of fine amber, extensively used in the manufacture of paint, has been discovered in Dalton, Mass. Nearly all of the amber used in this country comes from Turkey and the Isle of Wight. It is found in only two other places in this country, one in Oswego County, N. Y., and the other in North Carolina.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the National Temperance Society was held in New York city on Tuesday last. The Hon. W. E. Dodge was re-elected President. The report for the past year stated that the society, although much embarrassed financially, had published more temperance literature than ever before. Attention was called to the work of the society in the matter of petitioning Congress for a commission of inquiry into the liquor traffic. Such a bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House. The total receipts of the society were \$54,080.75; the total expenses, \$54,070.20. The evening session was held in the Broadway Tabernacle. The body of the church was completely filled. The Hon. William E. Dodge presided, and spoke briefly. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. Drs. T. L. Cuyler and J. P. Newman and the Hon. Neal Dow.

Nothing is easier to men of genius, nothing more certainly a proof and part of it, than to compose what raises men's wonder and admiration; nothing more difficult than to show them distinctly the simplest and most obvious truth.—Landor.

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Shreveport La., 204 ft.	Dallas, Texas, 481 ft.
Jefferson Texas, 220 ft.	Ft. Worth, 629 ft.
Marshall, 377 ft.	Weatherford, 1000 ft.
Lougview, 344 ft.	Sherman, 734 ft.
Silver Lake, 350 ft.	
Divide between Trinity and Brazos, 1495 ft.	
Valley of the Pecos River, 825 ft.	
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OUR TEXAS LETTER.

THE OLD MISSIONS.

We were in San Antonio at the end of Lent. Roman Catholics, of all nationalities were in high expectation in regard to Easter, and elaborate arrangements were made for its observance.

At an early hour in the morning we made our way to the Cathedral of San Fernando, from whose dome waved the blood-red flag when the Alamo fell. It fronts on Military plaza, and is a beautiful and imposing structure. The principal part of the building is modern in architecture, but the dome that surmounts the sacristy is ancient in appearance, having been built in 1736, and is a model of venerable antiquity.

The new and main part of the edifice is joined on to the old so as to make one building, and cost \$36,000. Father J. M. Troucy, the priest of the cathedral, received us very kindly, and showed us all through the building, taking us to the dome of the old part of the structure, whence with his field glass we had a delightful view of San Antonio, and the surrounding country.

We were shown a pulpit and confessional made in 1736, which gave evidence of long use. A baptistry of solid stone of enormous size, elaborately carved stood in one corner, protected by a rail. The stone was gypsum quite soft; the priest allowing us to cut into it with our pocket knives.

A little Mexican wooden statue was honored with an elevated position in one corner of the church. It was of very great antiquity, but whom it was intended to represent we did not learn. It seemed to be highly venerated.

We were shown in the sacristy, a cross of solid silver, nearly two hundred years old, of very beautiful design wrought out entirely with the hammer. There were originally four of these crosses, three of which had been stolen. We were shown through into the vestry in the old part of the building, where was an old altar with its ancient furniture, and where are kept the holy vestments.

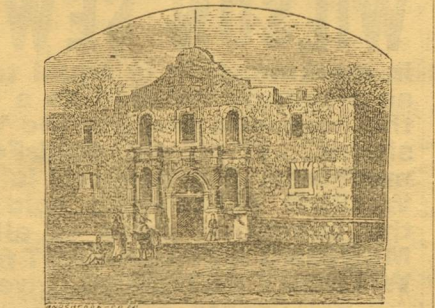
Father Troucy showed us a solid silver chalice, covered with gold of exquisite design, wrought out with the hammer, with elaborate finish. The priest would not allow us to touch it with consecrated hands. There were originally three of these, two of which were stolen. The weight of the chalice was two pounds, and constituted quite a temptation for unsanctified hands.

The old part of this building was erected by the Franciscan Friars who were paid by the King of Spain. It is built of clay and gravel, the walls being eight feet thick. There is a central dome over the altar, of great symmetry and beauty, and on the four sides, four magnificent arches. The roof is of the same material as the walls, and resists, like a stone, the action of the elements. All the Mission buildings about San Antonio are of the same material. This old church and the Mission buildings were designed both for worship and defense. Around the top is built a parapet, which served an important purpose in the war of 1836. Around this old church the battle raged furiously. The sides of the wall, on the south and east, bear numerous bullet-marks, and the edge of the parapet, flecked off by bullets has been repaired. About one hundred soldiers were buried about the old church who fell in its defense. Father Troucy said that in digging recently, near the wall for the purpose of planting a tree, he came upon numerous human bones. A number of persons of distinction were buried under the old church; on the walls were several tablets of stone to their memory, on one of which was the following inscription: Aquie Yace Da Ma Gertrudis Peres espasa de, D. Y. Car', ano.

The room of the old sexton was a regular curiosity shop. Everything was covered with dust and in complete confusion. The furniture, once rich and costly, was antique enough. Quite a library filled an old book-case, a musical instrument of some description, lay bottom up, evidently undergoing repairs. An old clock had been entirely dissected, and the parts scattered about a sofa which looked as though it might have constituted a part of the furniture of Noah's ark.

Numerous small doors and narrow passages, leading we know not where, invited our inspection, but time would not allow us to gratify our curiosity. The priest showed us a small door of cedar, richly carved, lying out in the yard against the wall, once the door to the old sexton's room, which was constructed by the Franciscan monks, evidently without a jack plane. He said he was offered \$10 for it not long before. We brought away a sliver of it for a pen holder.

The most remarkable of the Mission buildings is the Alamo, situated on Alamo Plaza, in the center of the town a cut of which, furnished us by Dr. Chess, is herewith presented. The grounds on which naturalization has been refused to a Chinaman in California are at least plausible. The law names white persons and persons of African descent; "but," says the judge, "John Chinaman is yellow." Strict construction seems to shut out the Mongolians.



Copies of a statuette of the late Rev. Hector Brownson can be had for five dollars of Mrs. L. B. Hinton, Rhinebeck, N. Y., who may be addressed for details.

ing was erected in 1744. The battle of the Alamo is the distinguishing fact or incident in its history, and has rendered it historic. It stands the monument of a battle greater than Thermopylae, for while one Greek led to tell the story of the heroic defense, not one Texan ever opened his lips to relate how his comrades died. One hundred and eighty-three men perished at the hands of a relentless Mexican soldiery, driven on by that fiend in human form, old Santa Anna. Lovers of liberty in centuries to come will gather from afar to kneel on the spot where Travis fell; to gather a stone in memory of the chamber where Bowie was slaughtered on his bed, and to see the place where old Davie Crockett, the heroic bear-fighter of Tennessee, shed his blood for the freedom of Texas. A monument is erected to the memory of these gallant men, in the vestibule of the State House at Austin, from which we copied the following inscriptions: "Blood of heroes hath stained me; let the stones of the Alamo speak that their immolation be not forgotten.

March 6, 1836, A. D. One face bears the name of Bowie, the other, Crockett, the third Bonham and the fourth Travis.

FROM FT. WORTH TEXAS.

Mr. Andrew Bedal, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Oshkosh, in a private note says: I have completed the new church; and am now ready to start for Donely County, (the Christian Colony.) I have looked over the circular and the map you sent me, and have seen some of the letters, written by parties who are there, and I have seen others who have been in that county and all speak favorably of it. I want to get my outfit here, and put in some wheat this fall. Harvesting has commenced here.

We were very much disappointed that Dr. Carhart did not stop longer with us, but we are very much obliged for the call he made us. There are a great many false reports about this country. I have been told that vegetables did not do well here, but that is not so, for we have in the market all kinds of vegetables, grown here. There can be two crops of Irish potatoes here. There has been a great many cattle driven through here, as many as three thousand in a drove.

A youth from Fond du Lac, claiming to represent a newspaper there, came to this city a few days since, and falling in with some of our "fast" (professional) young men, imbibed too freely of Oshkosh "ardent" and went home and wrote some maudlin notes for a newspaper, which the *Daily Northwestern* copied. What a pity that boys will throw themselves away so.

The *Methodist* has added a new department to its pages, entitled "House and Farm." Do not engage in the objectionable practice, in the pulpit, of making apologies. If you have nothing worth saying, the people will find it out soon enough without your telling them; if you have a really valuable thought, they will consider your apology a misstatement, or an act of unpardonable vanity. In either case it is better to speak out plainly what you have to say. You need have no fears that the people will not know the value of your utterances. They know you better than you know yourself, and after all your attempts to hide your defects under shallow apologies, will estimate your services for just about what they are worth.—*Zion's Herald.*

The Oconto Quarterly Conference, held at Peshtigo Sugar Bush on Monday afternoon, decided to hold the Peshtigo Camp Meeting in the Sugar Bush, on the ground occupied last year. The meeting will be held the early part of August; the definite time will be announced in due time. A list of committees will be published next week. A bus will run regularly from Peshtigo to the Camp ground, connecting with each train. Boarding and lodging will be provided on the grounds at reasonable rates, for all who may desire. A large attendance is anticipated.

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When we know how to appreciate a merit, we have the germ of it within ourselves.—Goethe.

A gentleman was going through the Common one Sunday, and came upon some youngsters "playing marbles." "Boys!" he said; "Boys, do you know what day it is?" One of the imps turns to bystander with, "Here, can you tell this man what day it is, he don't know?"

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Leave Winneconne, 2:25 p.m.	Arrive at Chicago, 5:45 p.m.

RETURNING ACCOMMODATION.

Leave Chicago, 9:30 p.m.	Arrive at Ripon, 12:10 p.m.
Leave Milwaukee, 6:30 a.m.	Arrive at Berlin, 1:15 p.m.
	Arrive at Winneconne, 4:31 p.m.

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Leave Chicago, 10:00 a.m.	Arrive at Ripon, 7:25 p.m.
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Night Express.....	11:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Frigh.....	10:00 p.m.	10:15 a.m.
Frigh.....	4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Frigh.....		8:15 a.m.

GOING NORTH.

Day Express.....	6:10 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
Night Express.....	4:15 a.m.	4:05 a.m.
Frigh.....	4:15 a.m.	4:20 a.m.
Frigh.....	11:05 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Frigh.....		2:45 p.m.

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	ACC.	PASS.	ACC.
a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	a. m.
Leave Milwaukee 7:20	3:10	5:00	
Leave Pt Wash'n 9:35	4:15	7:07	
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Leave Sheboygan 1:10	5:24	9:15	
Arr Manitowoc 3:00	6:24	11:00	
	p. m.	a. m.	
Leave Manitowoc	6:30	11:00	
Arr Two Rivers	7:30	11:30	
	p. m.	a. m.	
Leave Manitowoc	6:20	7:00	
Leave Forest Junct.	7:42	9:14	
Leave Appleton	8:27	10:35	
Leave Appleton Jun.	8:46	10:41	
Arr New London	9:35	12:00	

GOING EAST AND SOUTH.

	PASS.	ACC.	ACC.
a. m.	p. m.		
Leave New Lon'n 5:45	3:00		
Leave Appleton J. 6:50	4:30		
Leave Appleton 7:00	4:45		
Leave Forest Jun.	7:49	6:02	
Arr Manitowoc 9:03	8:40		
	a. m.	p. m.	
Leave Two Rivers	8:15	12:20	
	a. m.	p. m.	
Arr Manitowoc	8:45	12:50	
	a. m.	a. m.	p. m.
Leave Manitowoc 9:10	7:30	1:00	
Leave Sheboygan 10:15	10:53	3:00	
	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Leave Pt Wash'n 11:27	12:50	5:20	
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
Arr Milwaukee 12:31	2:35	7:10	

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Closes.....		8:10 p.m.
Menomonee Ex. C. & N. W. R. R.		8:10 p.m.
Arrives.....	9:20 p.m.	Closes.....8:10 p.m.
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OUR TEXAS LETTER.

THE JESUITE MISSIONS.

The history of the Jesuite Mission of San Antonio, has never been written and never will be. The secret workings of the institutions they represent are without the range of history, so dark, so secret, so weird and strange that they must ever remain unknown to the outside world, unique and unfathomable. But few facts concerning them have ever come to light. Their designers are unknown and their founders and builders have long since passed away, and their names are unknown to this generation.

Vast amounts of money were expended in the erection of these Mission buildings, and the very best skill of the age was employed in their design. Those who built them built wisely and well, for time has touched lightly some of these structures, and unless violence shall rob them of their present stability, they are likely to remain for hundreds of years to come, as they have endured through hundreds of years past. No one, in the least given to reflection, or to the admiration of the beautiful and ancient, can contemplate these structures without something of awe, and a measure of veneration for the men who, in a land so remote from the home of their nativity, and in the midst of a stupid and barbarous race should spend their lives, and leave such splendid monuments of genius, skill, and devotion behind them. Could these massive walls speak, what tales could they tell of strange, ignorant, perhaps at times, acceptable worship; of song, sermon, stupid idolatry; of crosses borne, penances done, consciences benumbed, and the darkness of ignorance made more intense in the minds of the poor, enslaved aborigines, who counted their beads for acceptance with Heaven, and kissed the crucifix for pardon and everlasting life. These walls could tell, indeed they still speak, of desperate conflicts, when battles raged round about them, and priests turned generals and monks commanders, and fought with a desperation and bravery, which strong religious enthusiasm alone can give. Hundreds, if not thousands around these Missions fell, slaughtered, at times in the most cruel and brutal manner. The walls still bear the marks of battles, and one can almost imagine blood-stains on the roofs and parapets where the grass now grows, and Texas moss finds a congenial foothold.

After the Alamo, an account of which was given in our last week's letter, we visited the Mission of La Purissima Concepcion Acuna, which is two miles below the city of San Antonio, and has, like the others, a style peculiarly its own. It has been characterized as Christianized Moorish. The front is a square, flanked on either side by a dome-covered belfry. The whole outside of the building is covered with a coat of cement or mastic, which was painted in various geometrical forms, somewhat after the style of tiles.

One contained a room in which the sacred vestments and articles not in daily use were kept. The other was the baptistry, which also had an altar. The walls of this room are painted with various emblems, among which the cord of the Franciscans, a serpent and the seven dolores or sorrows, which pierced the heart of the Virgin Mother, are conspicuous. The entrance to the church is between the towers and through a vestibule.

The auditorium is not large, but is lighted by a dome of remarkable symmetry and beauty. The altar is still furnished with the gaudy decoration of a barbaric christianity, upon which the doves who inhabit the sanctuary, have deposited their litter. The cells of the monks are inhabited by a German family which is said to be the filthiest family in Texas. The entire building is composed of adobe, or clay and gravel, mixed in certain proportions, and as solid as a rock.

The gallery stairs have disappeared and a very slender ladder furnishes the only means of access to it. Up this ladder our two female traveling companions Mrs. Dr. Jones, and Mrs. Rev. J. H. Carhart, were easily persuaded to climb, thence by a flight of adobe stairs as solid as stone, we ascended to the roof of the building and to the dome. The height was so great as to make one reel on looking over the parapet. The roof is of the same mate-

rial as the walls, and is arched, the adobe being eighteen or twenty inches thick. Over the door may be clearly seen, carved in the solid stone, the date of the erection of the building 1694.

The Mission of San Jose* is on the west side of the river, and four miles from the city. This is the grandest of them all. The principal door-way is a wonderful work of sculptural art. It is about thirty-five feet high. Fronting the door, which is semi-circular, there is a sculpture of foliage and scriptural emblems intermixed. On the right stands a statue of St. Joseph and on the left, of the Virgin Mother and infant Savior. Above the keystone of the arch is the statue representing the Virgin in the posture which, in ecclesiastical art, indicates the doctrine of the Immaculate conception, the arms partly raised and extended, with palms of the hands turned outward. Above this is a large window, with ornamental surroundings of sacred emblems, flowers and foliage. There are also three statues of friars in the habit of their order.

The baptistry window is almost equal to the main door, in beauty of sculptural art. It is quite evident that this immense building was never quite completed. An old Mexican woman living near, unlocked the rear door to the chapel containing the baptistry and admitted us, for which service she piously expected and received a small fee. A smell of mould was on the air. Everything betokened age and a grandeur which had long since passed away. We were carried back in fancy, to the days when these halls, chapels and cells were filled with priests, monks and converts to Romanism, from the thousands of ignorant and degraded Indians inhabiting this splendid and fertile country, who were never made any wiser or better for the numerics of their new religion.

It was sunset when we left San Jose for home, and as we watched the lingering sunbeams aslant across the dome and spires of this marvelous edifice, and saw the dirty Mexicans lead their mules out of the cells of the monks, we could but feel that the condition of these Missions after such splendid opportunities, and years of magnificence and power, is but a prophecy of what Rome shall be hereafter. The flap of the dove's wing and the squeak of the bat, tell the tale of her coming desolation.

*Pronounced, San Hoza.

QUESTION CORNER.

We invite any queries concerning Texas and our colony.

E. B. B.—Is a family in danger of their life? Is property safe? There is not the slightest danger to persons or property; we consider both as safe here as in our city homes. Some families are now on the ground, and several now preparing to go. Two families start next week.

Are you troubled with Colorado bug? No, have never seen or heard of them here.

B. F.—Can sheep and cattle remain out the year round? Yes, no cattle are housed or fed in the winter unless working cattle.

L. T.—What is the best route to Clarendon? The shortest route is to Dodge City, Kansas, by the Atchinson Topeka, & Santa Fe R. R. Then to Camp Supply, thence to Fort Elliott, thence to Clarendon. The distance from Dodge City to Clarendon being 225 miles.

H. C. S.—Have you good water in Donely Co.? Yes, splendid pure, soft running water, and in abundance, fine springs and living streams.

What is the cost of building in Clarendon? Very light if built of stone; beautiful marble, lime stone, red sand stone in abundance, and may be had for the hauling. Lumber is worth laid down in Clarendon \$60 per thousand feet.

Have you fuel? Plenty of wood for present purposes. Coal abounds on the Canadian, 100 miles north of us, and a rich vein near Ft. Griffin. We have not prospected in Donely Co., but expect to find coal very near Clarendon.

E. B.—Does stock raising pay? See another column. Is any disease prevalent among the sheep and cattle? No.

At what rates can cattle be bought? In herds from \$5 to \$10 per head.

What kind of timber? Cottonwood, Hackberry, Cedar, Musquit, etc.

What is the prospect for education? Schools will be organized as soon as needed.

F. H.—How far must stone be hauled for building? From the creek banks and ledges. No stones scattered over the surface.

What is the price of living at Clarendon? See market report.

C. L. C.—Are there any special conditions to be observed upon entering the colony? *None at all except good behavior. Drive in.

What is the present vote of Texas on such property, and will not county tax in the near future be very large?

Ans. The state tax (except on city property) will be light and is limited to the half of one per cent ad valorem. The County Tax will not be large if we keep clear of whisky, crime, and pauperism as we expect to do.

Can a person purchase and hold these lands without in any way fencing or improving?

Ans. Yes. We endeavor to sell only to such as expect to improve and occupy, but there is no law compelling it. A reliable local agent can look after the taxes etc.

OUR NEW CHURCH.

Our new church at Sherman challenges the present generation of church builders for an equally brilliant record.

It was dedicated April seventh, the entire property cost at least wholesale cash rates \$6,400 including parsonage. It is furnished and complete, including fresco, gas with most improved compound reflection made by C. C. Charles of Chicago, stained windows, carpeted throughout and Hymn books and Bibles in every pew. Not a thing lacking and all completed in 90 days. Where is its equal?

Prof. S. S. Steele of Chanute Kansas was architect and superintendent.

TOBACCO AGAIN.

Thousands of christian men are becoming convinced that the use of tobacco is a sin against God. The filthiness, the demoralization, the degradation that it occasions is sufficient to convince any rational being that the use of the weed is not to be tolerated in christian men.

When we remember that it is not only demoralizing upon the user himself, but that its effects are surely entailed upon posterity, in idleness, enfeebled intellect, rickets, or in some moral obliquity or obtuseness the thought ought to be sufficient to startle a christian man out of the use of the filthy weed.

The vast numbers of old pine trees killed by the fire in 1871, through all the Oconto and Peshtigo country are now exceedingly dangerous. Whenever there is the least wind they come crashing down, to the destruction of whoever may chance to be in their way. Cattle are killed in the woods; wagons are some times crushed, passing along the road, whilst many people have had narrow escapes, many have been injured and some have been killed.

KEEP THINE HEART.

"As a man thinketh, so is he" is a truth every where illustrated and demonstrated. The thoughts of a man give character. His thinking is the source of his actions; not that he always does what he thinks he will do, but his actions will correspond to the character of his thoughts. How important then, that the heart be kept, for out of it are the issues of life. What recklessness of thought and imagination prevails, stimulated by unwholesome reading, idleness or imprudent associations. Multitudes in the church make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience by the indulgence of impure imagination. At first it is but occasional, the habit grows like any other habit, until it is fairly master, and the soul and body become enslaved and cursed with an awful curse. The habit is not among the young alone—perhaps not chiefly—but among the middle aged and the aged. It is an awful thought that, though a man given to evil habits may reform and become virtuous during the vigor of his manhood, when the weaknesses of old age come on the ghosts of the sins of his youth are apt to return, and will assert themselves, with fearful dominion over his soul, without stubborn resistance and the aid of divine grace.

"Keep Thine Heart."

CLEANLINESS.

We are all sensitive to human presence. We are affected, consciously when we know that a pair of intel-

ligent eyes are upon us. And indeed when we are not conscious of a steady gaze, it may awake us out of sleep. This experiment has often been tried to the satisfaction of those who have tried it. How important it is that the presence we encounter should give us pleasure. How important that we should give pleasure to our friends with whom we come in contact. This is especially true in the family circle. If one of the members of the household is in any condition of person to be offensive he brings discomfort to the whole family. Little things about us—little matters of personal cleanliness have much more to do with others happiness than we are aware of. Carelessness about the teeth,—disregard of the breath may part husband and wife. A breath made foul and offensive by tobacco has led to much discomfort and unhappiness and to multitudes of divorce suits.

Carelessness on the part of persons who do not chew tobacco nor defile themselves with an old pipe, may render the breath so foul and offensive as to make their presence an intolerable nuisance. When will christians learn that "Cleanliness is next to godliness," and that it is their solemn duty to render their presence a pleasure rather than an offense; not by tricking themselves out in costly attire with showy ornaments, with cheap perfumery to conceal the lack of cleanliness of person—cleansed teeth and a pure breath and pleasing adjustment of hair. Habit will do much to render us sweet and to make the outlay of labor required a delight. In order to the formation of proper habits in this direction, begin young. But if you are old—begin.

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.

The first grove meeting of the season, on Appleton District, was held last Friday, Saturday and Sabbath, about two miles west of Oconto Falls on Oconto Circuit. Bro. C. Sanford, the Preacher-in-charge had appointed it at that time so as to take in the Quarterly meeting. It was held in a beautiful maple grove, belonging to D. S. Ferrigo. It is a charming spot for such a purpose. Rev. S. H. Couch, of Suamico was there and preached twice on Friday. The Presiding Elder preached on Saturday afternoon, and held the Quarterly Conference. Love Feast was held on the ground at 9 o'clock on Sabbath morning, followed by preaching by the Presiding Elder, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

The congregation was large and attentive,—the Love Feast spirited, and all seemed profited. The shower which occurred at about 2 o'clock p. m. frightened a number from the ground, but the meeting in the afternoon was of peculiar interest and profit. After another sermon by the Presiding Elder, the brethren and sisters gathered about the altar for renewed consecration and prayer to God for a special blessing. It was a hallowed season. The meeting closed with a good spirit prevailing, and we trust that God's work will revive on Oconto Circuit as the result of this meeting.

Measures were taken in the Quarterly Conference to hold a Donation soon for the benefit of Bro. Sanford. He has been on the charge seven months and has received, all told, about \$73. There is wealth enough on Oconto Circuit to support two ministers, if it could be made available; but until the right methods are adopted Christ's kingdom must go dragging along at starvation rates.

LETTERS TO A PHILOSOPHER.

A little child might well confound, With almost perfect ease, The wisest man, though quite profound, By questions such as these: First, tell across what river lies That famous work, the Bridge of Sighs? Then answer, the hardest of things, From whence descends the reign of kings? Pray give the weight, and from what stack, The straw that broke the camels back? How large a broom ought there to be To sweep a storm across the sea? Now name the tree, and tell how high, That bore "the apple of the eye?" Who has ever wished or sought To ride upon a train of thought? Upon a sea, and at what rate Sails that proud, haughty Ship of State? Upon whose tender face appears Wrapped this weary vale of tears? To what ocean and through what clime Flows that non-ending river Time.

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