



THE BAPTIST.

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The Law of Newspapers.

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscription.

Attention open to every man. Virtue and intelligence constitute our only aristocracy. Possessing these, there is no post either of honor or profit beyond the aspiration of the most humble citizen.

Inattention to the subject of practical piety in most of the religious newspapers of the day. I trust your paper, and especially the TEXAS DEPARTMENT, will constitute a noble exception to this remark.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the S. W. Baptist: I wish to occupy a short space in the columns of your invaluable paper, if you will permit.

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sacrifice, we must treat with due respect the outward tabernacle. We are to glorify God in our bodies as well as our souls, to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, as well as of the spirit; we must possess this earthly vessel in sanctification and honor.

indolently, unskilfully, or with worldly aims, we may expect him to reprove us, and disappoint all our expectations. We need then the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who only can bestow. Let us seek it; us seek it unfeignedly, humbly, earnestly.

Religion in New Orleans.

The first Protestant preaching heard in this city was Baptist; and the building first erected for Protestant worship, was built for the accommodation of Baptists in particular. It was erected by Mr. Paulding, and stood in Canal st., on the spot where Christ Church (Episcopalian) now stands.

We need, then, a literature which shall sympathize in all its length and breadth, with our social relations—that shall canonize a vernacularism suited to American society—that shall eschew all those phrases which recognize an original distinction between persons based upon hereditary descent, property, &c.—that shall transfuse such vitality to every portion of the system, as that every member shall feel that he is a part of it, sharing both its privileges and responsibilities.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT.

Houston, Texas, April 28, 1883. DEAR BRETHREN: In your paper which has just reached me, I find a communication over the signature 'T. C.' accompanied with an article from the 'Telegraph' published at this place, stating the fact, or rather the falsehood, I should say, that Bro. W. C. McMahon had presented the Baptist Church of this city, with a costly organ, and saying various other things, which I need not stop to notice.

The various means for the mental and moral improvement of society have been employed with much success. New Churches of various denominations, have been organized in different sections of the country. The whole State is being dotted over with Union Sunday Schools, which are to be found from the Sabine to the Rio Grande, and from the coast to the mountains. No institution was more favored by the people generally, than the Union Sunday School. Of all the people I have ever known, the people of Texas are the most cordial haters of sectarianism.

Later from Texas.

Accounts from Texas to the 31st inst. mention the occurrence of one of the severest storms ever experienced at Galveston on the evening of the 2d inst. The Aegis of the 2d gives the following account of it, and of the damage it occasioned. It says the weather had been cloudy and threatening rain until past five o'clock in the evening, when a gusty gale came up from the southwest, gradually changing to a steady wind from the north, and continuing in violence for about forty minutes, when it began to moderate. The wind was accompanied by a heavy fall of rain.

The first is the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos, and Colorado Railroad; this road is intended to unite the navigable heads of the Brazos, Colorado and Red Rivers with the waters of Galveston Bay, at Harrisburg. There are fifteen miles graded, and in a few months the whole will be ready to the Brazos to lay the rails to connect with that river. This project is the first step for a Railroad from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific.

A Short Sermon.

Ruth, i. 15, 17.—She (Naomi) said, Behold thy sister-in-law has gone back unto her people and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, &c. The partings of friends and relatives are common; and, inasmuch as they give birth to a great variety of emotions in the mind, they elicit the inward character with great fidelity. Such is the incident which we are now about to consider, and which will reflect peculiar light on the disposition of one who, though a Moabitess, was one of the progenitors of our blessed Lord.

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Soul-Prosperity—No. XLII.

As auxiliary to the wholesome discipline of the soul, we must bestow due attention to the discipline of the body. Does the warrior wholly condemn the scabbard that affords protection to his faithful and glittering blade? Does the jeweller overlook the soundness and order of the case that holds his precious diamonds? Does that merchantman give up without due arrangement and preparation to the rains and winds, the habitation which holds his princely importations from distant climes? The body is the scabbard, the case, the habitation of the immortal soul.

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Southern Baptist Convention—A Proposal.

I beg leave to propose to our Churches and Ministers throughout the South, that on the third Lord's day, and the day previous of the month of May, special prayer may be offered on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will then be in session. Earnestly do we desire that all our great work should be done in a right spirit, and in a right manner. The Divine approbation is the only security that we shall be successful. If we perform the Lord's service

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