

SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST.

THE BAPTIST. MONTGOMERY, ALA: FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 1853.

The Alabama Baptist Convention.

We reached Selma on Saturday Dec. 3d, just after the Convention had been organized. A large number of delegates were present...

The condition and wants of Howard College at Marion was presented before the Convention...

The Alabama Bible Society also had a session at Selma during the sitting of the Convention...

SEANNA MARY CLYTON—Capt. B. MEANS, of the Steamer Mary Clayton, very kindly said with a liberality...

Particular Providence.

Is there a special providence? is a question which is as frequently asked, as almost any other connected with the dealings of God with his creatures...

We apprehend the difference between general and particular Providence to be this—in the former, God uses secondary causes in the government of his creatures...

Scriptures; and secondly, "his wonderful works to the children of men." First, then, in regard to the teachings of the Scriptures, we remark, that our Saviour expressly teaches the doctrine of a particular providence in the following passage: "Are not two sparrows sold for the farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father..."

But let us see, secondly, whether the providence of God does not echo the voice of his word. The word of God teaches us what He intended to do—his providence teaches us what He does. They must, therefore, correspond in every essential particular.

What is the object of the many biographies which are recorded in the Holy Scriptures? Why clearly to vindicate this very principle in the Divine Providence: that there are particular lines of providence centering in each individual case, distinguishing it from all others.

The fact is in reference to all the improvements of the day, they need a controlling influence, just as the whole "Steam Engine" does, to prevent mischief, and to secure good. And it is the absence of that influence which claims our attention, and saddens our hearts.

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Young men drawing to a close, when according to the usages of the country, the business of the year must be closed, to give place to that which is to succeed in the new year. We trust therefore that all of our subscribers who are in arrears will remember the good old maxim, "pay the printer," and remit to us the amount of their subscriptions.

Texas Department.

THOMAS CHILTON, COR. EDITOR.

HOUSTON, November—th, 1853.

Progress.

We live not only in a world but in an age of world wide progress. And though not the oldest of men, I have myself lived to witness some of the greatest improvements in the "arts and sciences," which the history of the world records.

That class of improvements which fall within the general idea of "labor saving," have so operated as to place the means of luxury, and occasions for idleness, at the disposal of almost every one—and the question arises, what is the extent of the general good which is realized from them, when all taken together?

And the facilities too, afforded to convenience—these are multiplied beyond computation. Distant nations are brought into near proximity with each other, and they hold a sort of neighborhood intercourse.

Now let no one suppose that I stand in opposition to these improvements. Nay, verily, it is only the abuse of them that I deplore. They should jointly and severally operate for good. They are means of producing it—

And how to secure it, will be the subject of some thoughts hereafter.

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And further on, after disclaiming on his part any desire to enter into a discussion of the subject with any one, particularly me, he says—"If however, he still desires it, our allegiance to the 'King of Kings' forbids a declaration on our part."

The principal office will be at New York. A Sub-Board of Directors, will soon be appointed in this city. Mr. J. L. Ripley, of London, is the contractor, and by agreement, will be here in about 30 days. About 300 men have been engaged in Bremen, and are now on their way to this city.

Health.

Houston is now quite healthy. If a single case of yellow fever remains, I have no knowledge of it. Business is resuming its wonted activity.

Alabama Baptist State Convention.

This body meets at Selma, Ala. on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in next month (December). In spirit I shall be with them, though far distant in the flesh. I renew to them my standing prayer, that they and their families may have an interest in their progress.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

This community has been much disappointed in hearing of the resignation of Rev. T. Chilton, pastor of the Baptist Church. As a citizen as well as a minister of the gospel, he has greatly endeared himself to his people.

Election.

Bro. Chilton took a warm and active interest in the educational affairs of the community, as well as the Bible-Sunday School and Temperance associations.

Galveston, Houston and Henderson Road.

We are gratified to announce the arrival by the Louisiana to day, of Col. Lacey, who has been so long and so anxiously looked for by many of our citizens.

A pretty extensive interchange of views with the members of the legislature now (Friday evening) in the city, has impressed us very gratifyingly with the prospect of favorable legislation at an early day of the session on the subject of the Pacific Railroad.

One hundred men were engaged to leave New York for this city by the brig Lemarine on the 23d of October, consigned to Messrs. R. & D. C. Mills.

An hundred more were engaged to leave New York for this place about the 15th of this month, by one of the Texas line of vessels, consigned to Wm. Henley & Co.

Prof. Forshey, with a corps of engineers, will be here by the steamer Pre-severance, on Friday next.

The road will be graded for a double track, and the work will be commenced in this city.—Galveston News.

BRAZORIA COUNTY.—The Columbia Democrat, in an article setting forth the advantage of the county of Brazoria, says:

"We do not believe a region of the same extent and population can be found in Texas, or the South, where there is less sickness either epidemical or indigent, and as for mortality it will compare favorably with any part of the world in the fecundity of the deaths occurring among the citizens."

What further, then, is wanted by the settler? We have excellent lands, good society and a salubrious climate.

Col. Smith is making a prime article of sugar this year. We were at his mill when he was commencing. The machinery—which is doubtless the best in Texas—was working well.

Colonel Jesse Walling, of Rusk county, has raised a beet weighing 17 1/2 pounds.

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GREAT REVIVALS OF RELIGION.—We are happy to learn from various parts of the southern and western states, that the cause of morality and religion is in a most prosperous condition. We believe that much of the sickness and misery of this life is the result of our own depravity and wickedness, then may we not promise ourselves better times, when thousands are daily crowding to the anxious seat and making the earnest inquiry, "what shall we do to be saved?"

No doubt the sceptic and the infidel will sneer at our humble suggestions, yet we honestly believe that "in the path of duty, there is safety. And that man is to a great extent the architect of his own happiness or misery."—Texas Star, Gilmer, Texas.

From the Nacogdoches Texas Chronicle. Editorial Brovities.

The Galveston Civilian says the dog crop of that city has turned out well. He seems to think that there are no dogs in this city, unless their supplies are obtained. Our experience leads us to concur in the above. The standard of a man's poverty is governed by the number of dogs he keeps. The poorer the man, the larger the cur.

The country around San Patricio is rapidly improving. Corpus Christi is also going ahead in good style.

The South Western says the Comanches wish to remain on a tributary of the Colorado. Provision will be required to keep them quiet.

Dr. Steiner, the murderer of Major Arnold, has been tried at Corsicana, and acquitted. He has yet to be tried by a court martial.

The Brownsville correspondent of the Success Valley says some \$250,000, from the interior of Mexico, has arrived at Matamoros for shipment.

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Correspondence.

Dear Brethren of the Baptist Association:—By looking over your last minutes, you will find that the Association determined to appoint a Book Depository, and to have the supervision of the same. At the same time recommending that you take a annual contribution towards the wishes of the Association. Board had a meeting in Montgomery, on Tuesday the 6th of December, (Inst.) and it is less than \$50 as yet. I carry into effect the design of procuring a higher amount of the purchase of books for the churches, and have thought I should take this method to call for the purchase of books, to the amount of \$50, and have thought it may bring this thing up, or us to go forward at once, pick out for the present the books of Rockford, and appointing R. SUTTE, Superintendent, and his brethren on Bros. McWaters, who are both merchants, for they both inform me every week made almost daily. Yours in Christ, JAMES M. L.

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Poetry THE OLD MAN'S DREAM

From the New York Recorder. BY MANSAB E. BRADY.

November's cheerless, drifting sheet Swept harshly 'gainst his pane,

The deepening shadows on his wall, The fading of his fire;

For angel hands now touched the strings Of Memory's golden lyre.

The frosty locks upon his head, His footprints on his brow,

For visions of his sunny spring, Bathed in a gorgeous dye,

Once more a boy, he roamed again Through his ancestral halls,

And young love's familiar voice Heard echoing through its walls;

His mother's hand in blessing lay Upon his childish head,

And fervently he prayed for him, And kneeling beside his bed.

He drew her to his side, And seemed unconscious that she slept A shadow for his bride.

Again he hears the patter of feet, Of tiny, childish feet,

And now a young girl's step comes clasp His by with sunny hair,

And he stoops to kiss his dimpled cheek— Alas! he is not there.

A change comes o'er the old man's dream: He stands beside the bed

Of his young, joyous-hearted bride, And weeps—for she is dead!

His little boy, with sunny hair, Sleeps by his mother's side,

He draws no more life's current now Flows with a chilling tide.

And now each drop that sweeps his pane Seems laden with deep woe,

giving instruction to 14,064 males and 4,843 females.

Thus it appears that in Russia 257,597 young persons are receiving instruction of some kind, from 14,577 teachers—at the rate one teacher to 17 1-2 pupils—a very favorable proportion to the student.

We know more about the quantity than the quality of these schools, as Russian publicists have seldom anything to say on the subject; but it is generally admitted that the military institutions are of the highest order.

The agricultural school of the imperial domain is said to be admirably managed, and is under the immediate supervision of Nicholas.—Two hundred and fifty peasants are thoroughly instructed in theoretical and practical cultivation, and are then sent to model farms in various parts of the country, to set a reforming example to the neighborhood.

At the last exposition of the agricultural products of Russia, at St. Petersburg, the various objects sent in by this school excited great attention. The leaders, in particular, were of so fine a quality that they were selected for exhibition in the World's Fair at London in 1851.

Public instruction was commenced in Russia as far back as in the early part of the 17th century; but it was not until the time of Peter the Great that it began to take the shape and direction it has since assumed.

There are 21 theological seminaries belonging to the Greek Church, with 72 teachers and 1,261 students; 14 of the Arminian doctrine, with 45 teachers and 728 students; 8 teachers and 665 students in the Lutheran establishment; and 11 Mohammedan schools, 7 of which are of the Shute order and 4 of the Sannite persuasion, instructing in all 586 students.

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There are 2 schools of civil engineering, with 55 professors and 416 students; three law schools, with 93 professors and 591 students, and three schools pertaining to the Post-office department, with 93 professors and 591 students; and six institutions under the direction of the Secretary of State, with 96 professors and 993 students.

There are 26 agricultural schools, with 124 teachers and 1,591 students; and 2,695 village schools in the domain of the crown, employing 2,788 teachers, and

he saw a curious pile of leaves. Without stopping to think what had made it, he cautiously removed the leaves, when what was his astonishment to find his own darling boy lying there sound asleep!

It is not only the young men, but the young women, who are receiving instruction in the various departments of the school. The method of mental training introduced by these teachers has proved eminently successful, and the influences brought to bear in the school-room are such as to stimulate the student to high attainments in intellectual culture.

The Springs Sem. will begin Monday, the 30th of January, and close the 30th of June. The Fall Session will commence on Monday the 7th of August, and close Friday, the 30th of November. There will be a public examination of all the classes at the expiration of the first Term.

Now it strikes us that if a few persons would qualify themselves theoretically and practically as farm engineers, they would find abundant employment at good wages, particularly in the neighborhood of large towns; and if in addition they are good practical farmers and gardeners, and had some knowledge of chemistry, geology, botany, arboriculture, and the science of breeding and improving domestic animals, it would be all the better for them and the country.

Some things are now taught at the public schools which are of little use to the rural population; but if Farm Engineering could take their place, it would be found of great service to the farmers individually, and add much to their land resources and the value of their land.

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Farm Engineering.

This is a branch of education that is almost entirely neglected in the United States, and yet in no country is the daily practice of it more required.

Some things are now taught at the public schools which are of little use to the rural population; but if Farm Engineering could take their place, it would be found of great service to the farmers individually, and add much to their land resources and the value of their land.

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400 REWARD.

AN AWAY from the subscriber, Oct. 14, a Negro man named BOB. The said boy is about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, rather dark, no marks of distinction, only a cane in his left side, caused by a stab. The said boy was raised by Temp. Read, of Montgomery county, and when Temp. Read was sold, his plantation in the Big Bend below Montgomery, and was kept there a number of years.

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