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IN THE
TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER
1851
TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
1851-1859

TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER, March 29, 1851, p. 2, c. 5

Tyler Circuit.

Rev. Neil Brown writes:--"Our beloved Zion seems to languish, at present, in these parts of the Lord's Vineyard; but, I trust, she will awaken and shake off her slumbers, and put on her beautiful garments; and shine forth as the brightness of the morning, that sinners may behold her beauty and excellency, her grandeur and loveliness, and be speedily brought within her embrace, by her hallowed influence, that the pages of your excellent "Banner" may herald the joyful intelligence thereof, and the glad tidings be borne to Heaven—"the dead's alive—the lost is found!"

TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER, September 13, 1851, p. 2, c. 5

For the T. W. Banner.
Tyler Circuit.

REV. C. RICHARDSON—Dear Bro.—I take my pen to write a few items for the Banner, which may interest its readers. The Lord is reviving his work on Tyler circuits. At our third Quarterly Meeting, (held at Liberty,) embracing the 3d Sabbath in July, we had indeed a "time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Our much beloved P.E. was not with us, (owing to sickness I presume,) but a number of local brethren and sisters of the Presbyterian order, who lived near, acted nobly in assisting and sustaining the meeting. The Lord reward them liberally. Bros. Green, Long, West and others, labored faithfully and effectually. The result of the meeting was about 15 or 16 conversions, 18 or 20 accessions, and a goodly number deeply concerned about their soul's salvation. May God so rivet the good impressions then and there made, that they may finally terminate in sound conversion.

From thence I went to my appointment on Tuesday, and there (the Lord being present) had a good time; 5 accessions on that day. I am still looking forward for greater times.

The prospects on Tyler circuit, so far as I can judge, are very favorable. May the good Lord carry on his glorious work, over the head of all opposition; and to him be all the glory, now and forever amen!

My health is a little delicate, but, thank God, I am still able to attend to my

work.

Yours truly,
NEILL BROWN.

Smith co., Texas, Aug 23d, 1851.

TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER, October 25, 1851, p. 2, c. 4

For the Texas Wesleyan Banner.

Tyler Circuit, Sept. 24, 1851.

DEAR BRO. RICHARDSON.—Through Divine Providence, I am again permitted to send you another item of religious intelligence for your readers. On Wednesday, the 10th instant, at Pleasant Hill meeting house, I commenced a meeting, which was continued 5 days and nights successively. We had a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, a time to be long remembered by all who were present on the occasion. The result was, 8 converts, 5 accessions and a general revival among the membership, and many were deeply affected when the meeting was closed; and having no ministerial aid on the occasion, I tried to preach from 2 to 3 times per day, and urged the Stewards and Laity to assist me by exhortations, &c., which they did like good soldiers of the Cross, and I thank God that we have in our ranks men and women, too, of piety and intelligence who can greatly assist in the great work of saving souls and spreading Scripture holiness over the earth; and in [inkblot]w of th [inkblot] ectual labors of those who assisted me at this meeting. I was forcibly impressed with the great amount of good that might be effected by many of our good brethren, and sisters, too, if they would only take up the Cross and go to work in the vineyard of the Lord. I am fully persuaded that they could accomplish much good through Divine assistance, if they would try; and I hope that those who so much assisted me on this occasion, will be encouraged to take up the cross hereafter, and be actively engaged in the service of the Lord. O that all the members of Christ's mystical body were "lively stones," and would all become "workers together with him" each acting in his proper sphere, according to his gifts and abilities, as directed in Rom., 12 Chap., and elsewhere; but the oft repeated phrase "I can't," is a great (but dangerous) *opiate* paralyzing the noble energies which God has given for the best of purposes. But we should always bear in mind that "we are not sufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God;" and that "we can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth us." These, and the like phrases, are great *tonics* producing a most salutary effect on all who duly consider and appreciate them; they give proper tone to the whole system and stimulate to proper action. I am still looking forward with intense anxiety to a greater ingathering on Tyler Circuit, ere the close of the Conference year. The Lord grant it, for Christ's sake, and to Him be glory evermore.

Yours truly,
NEILL BROWN.

TEXAS WESLEYAN BANNER, July 19, 1851

THE TYLER TELEGRAPH.—This paper is published at Tyler, Smith Co., by Davis Clopton & Co., at \$2 per annum. We have only seen the first two numbers, which are quite respectable in appearance, and well filled with readable articles.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 27, 1857

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.

The examination occupied the larger portion of two consecutive days—beginning on Wednesday, the 29th of July—and embraced the principal branches taught in female schools of the higher grade. The Principal, Rev. M. H. Porter, commands our hearty approval for the fidelity with which he has devoted himself to the improvement of his pupils. He has succeeded in exciting in the minds of his scholars a generous emulation, which has manifested itself in their gratifying proficiency. Trustees, parents, and friends, who were in attendance, must all have been greatly pleased with the manner in which the young ladies acquitted themselves. Not the least remarkable feature in the examination was the fairness with which it was conducted.

Great praise is due Miss Robins for the skill and progress she has made in imparting the musical instruction afforded in this institution. The public concert gave ample evidence of her taste and genius.

Not less pleasing were the original essays, showing that composition had received its full share of attention, and that the young ladies were not content with merely admiring and treasuring the thoughts of others, but were capable of originating thoughts of their own, and giving them charming expression. It affords us pleasure to state that the occasion was one of thrilling interest, and this interest was greatly increased by the very able and appropriate literary addresses delivered at different hours during the examination, by the Hon. George W. Chilton, of Tyler, Rev. Isaac Alexander, of Gilmer, Hon. John Fowler, of Tyler, and Senator E. E. Lott, of this place. Each and all of these gentlemen did honor to themselves, as well as to the great cause which they advocated.

The committee, in conclusion, would express themselves as most favorably impressed with the high character, thorough discipline, and faithful instruction of this institution; and would heartily commend it to the fostering care of the patron Conference, and patronage of the community at large, as a school where the female mind may be enlightened, and the female heart may be kept pure, elevated, and

refined.

H. B. Hamilton, } Committee.
S. Lynch, }

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 27, 1857, p. 1, c. 3

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

STARRVILLE MALE SCHOOL.

MR. EDITOR: The undersigned, patrons of the above Institution, believing that a male school of high grade at this place will do much to advance the interests of the Starrville Female High School, under the patronage of the East Texas Conference, beg leave to submit a few facts in relation to its present prosperity.

We attended its public examination last week, and feel safe in saying it met the most sanguine expectations of its friends and patrons. It commands a most liberal patronage, considering its infancy and the local competition attending its start. The examination attested that the branches in mathematics had been successfully taught, while the other departments were all that could be desired. Such has been the prosperity attending this school during its first session, that it is the intention of the Principal to increase his corps of teachers, and to enlarge the range of instruction, so as to embrace very thing taught in our best academies.

It is the intention of the Principal and friends to provide such accommodations as will meet the necessities of the school in the amplest and most satisfactory manner.

R. W. Baxter, the Principal of the school, has won for himself a most enviable reputation as a first-class teacher and earnest Christian.

In conclusion, we most heartily recommend this institution to those who wish to educate their sons.

E. E. LOTT,
D. F. BARECROFT.

Starrville, August 4, 1857.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 2, 1857, p. 3, c. 1

The Reporter mentions a great railroad rally, in favor of the Southern Pacific Road, at Tyler, on the 16th proximo.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 1, 1857, p. 3, c. 3

Rev. Samuel Lynch, Tyler circuit, East Texas Conference, writes that at a protracted meeting at Rocky Mount, six were converted, and eight joined the Church. At a protracted meeting at Asbury Chapel, about fourteen were converted, and eighteen were added to the Church. At the fourth quarterly meeting, which was a camp-meeting, eighteen or twenty were converted, and seventeen joined the

Church. Brother Burks, the Presiding Elder, preached a missionary sermon, and the collection resulted in \$5.46. Well done for Tyler circuit! What circuit will beat her!

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 15, 1857, p. 1, c. 1

For the Texas Christian Advocate.

CENTRE CAMP-MEETING.

DEAR BROTHER GILLESPIE:--I have cheering intelligence again to communicate to the readers of the *Christian Advocate*, from Tyler Circuit, East Texas Conference. The Camp-meeting at Centre Camp Ground, in Smith county, Texas, began September 10th, at early candle light, and closed Monday morning last, having been in session thirteen days and nights. It was the meeting of meetings. I never witnessed a more powerful display of divine goodness in the salvation of the people. We feel under many obligations to the visiting preachers, who labored so faithfully. We had some fifty conversions, during the meeting, and thirty accessions to the Church. We would say in conclusion, that Methodism is taking a deeper root in this portion of the country than ever before. Books and periodicals, explaining the way of holiness, are being distributed. We have the Missionary cause before the people, and they are responding nobly. A few more protracted meetings, and we close our labors in this interesting field, where we feel that the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

SAMUEL LYNCH.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 15, 1857, p. 1, c. 3

LETTER FROM RUSK.

. . . . Leaving this place, I started for Starrville, in Smith county, but getting out of my way, I did not get there, but about night came to "Old Uncle Joshua Starr's," where I spent the night pleasantly. Brother Starr lives some one or two miles from Starrville.

The schools, both male and female, in that place, are prospering, and with such men as Brother Starr *will* prosper. The Female High School, in particular, is doing very well in every department. I will have to close this communication without giving you the "good news," or protract it to too great length, so I prefer the former course. But one thing is certain, Tyler Circuit is going to send up Missionary money to do some good.—Respectfully,

T. W. R.

Rusk, Texas, September 29, 1857.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 22, 1857, p. 3, c. 1

A letter from Rev. T. W. Rogers, dated Rusk Oct. 6th, East Texas Conference,

says that preparations are being made to "make all at home" during the meeting of Conference. He says, also, that Tyler circuit, he is informed, will send \$1000 to conference; \$547 was collected at the camp-meeting lately held at Jamestown. Endeavors will be made to raise a \$1,000 Missionary fund.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 12, 1857, p. 3, c. 1

Rev. S. Lynch, Tyler circuit, East Texas Conference, writes us that they have since his last report, had two protracted meetings, and that ten more have been added to the church.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 10, 1857, p. 2, c. 5

Palestine district, N. W. Burks, P. E.

Tyler Circuit—Neill Brown

Tyler Col. Mission—to be supplied.

Milton H. Porter, principal of Starrville Female High School and member of Tyler Quarterly Conference.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 12, 1858

A GOOD SERMON BY A GOOD MAN.

Mr. Editor:--I heard to-day, one of the best sermons I almost ever heard in my life, preached by the Rev. Mr. Harris of the Presbyterian Church, from the 12th verse of the 92d Psalm. I believe the ministers of that denomination are partial to the Psalms, and King David is a great favorite with them. I feel sure you will give space in your columns for a brief account of his excellent discourse. . . . I never heard a sermon listened to with more earnest attention than was good brother Harris's by his large congregation, who for more than an hour delighted and edified them by his discourse. Many persons who heard him will never forget his beautiful and encouraging text, and his feeling and eloquent illustrations of the meaning of the sacred writer.

Bonnycastle.

Tyler, Texas, Nov. 29th, 1857.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 19, 1858, p. 2, c. 2

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL is reported to us as enjoying a degree of prosperity which is highly satisfactory. Located centrally in the Conference, in a healthy region of country, surrounded by the best social and religious influences, it should, as we think, enlist the interest of the entire Conference; especially as it is proposed to educate the daughters of the members free of charge for tuition. It is desired by the trustees, and recommended by your committee, that Rev. Milton H. Porter, be continued as the Principal of the Institution. He desires to erect a boarding-

house as soon as possible, and we recommend that our preachers and people assist him in the enterprise with all their might. We ask the appointment of the usual Visiting Committee.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, January 19, 1858, p. 2, c. 3
[resolution by the East Texas Conference]

THEATRES, BALLS, CIRCUSES, FAIRS.

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Conference, the attendance, by our ministers or members, upon theatres, circuses, balls, and dances of every description, is a palpable violation of our General Rules which forbid "the taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus," and that the Discipline should be rigidly enforced in all such cases.

2. That, as Suppers, Fairs, and Concerts are becoming very common in order to raise money for various benevolent objects, and as some of our people go to these entertainments, and justify themselves on account of their benevolent character, this Conference unqualifiedly disapprove them, and will not countenance the attendance of our people upon them.

R. S. FINLEY,
J. B. TULLIS,
J. W. FIELDS.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 15, 1858, p. 3, c. 2

Besides those already noticed at Tyler, there have been several cases of smallpox in Rusk county, and one or two at Canton in Smith county. There was one death at Canton or vicinity. From the care taken to prevent the contagion, it is hoped there will be no new cases. The persons who brought the disease into the country, came up Red River.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 23, 1858, p. 2, c. 7

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL, under the patronage of the East Texas Conference, Rev. M. H. Porter, Principal, is an excellent and prosperous institution, deserving of the largest patronage. The East Texas Conference commended it in the most flattering terms. Read the advertisement in this paper.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 23, 1858, p. 3, c. 2

Mr. Reagan has introduced a bill into Congress to provide for the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Federal courts, and for a post office, at Tyler, in Smith county, in the State of Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, February 23, 1858, p. 4, c. 4

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.
Under the control of the East Texas Conference.

This institution is located at Starrville, Smith County, Texas. The next session will open on the first Monday in October next, and close on the last Thursday in July, embracing a term of ten months.

Board of Instruction.
Rev. M. H. PORTER, Principal.
Mrs. CYNTHIA HAMILTON, Assistant.
Mrs. MATILDA TULLIS, Music Department.
Terms of Tuition per Session of ten Months.

Spelling, Reading, Writing, Primary, Geography, Grammar and Mental Arithmetic.	\$20 00
The above continued, with English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, Familiar Science, Natural, Mental and Moral Philosophy, History, Composition and Letter Writing.	25 00
Chemistry, Algebra, Geometry, Astronomy, Botany, Rhetoric, Logic, Butler's Analogy, Latin and Greek.	30 00
Music on Piano Forte,	40 00
Use of Instrument,	10 00
Embroidery	20 00
Drawing or Painting	20 00

Students charged from the time they enter, and no deduction made only in case of protracted illness.

Payment required at the close of the term. Ten per cent. allowed on money paid in advance.

Board, washing and lights, at from \$7 to \$10 per month. Persons wishing arrangements made for boarding, will address Rev. J. M. Gill.

H. B. HAMILTON, Pres. Board.

H. H. Curl, Sec.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 9, 1858, p. 3, c. 2

RAINS IN THE EAST.—The *Tyler Reporter* says: "From every direction we hear of tremendous rains and consequently high rivers. At Kemps' Ferry, the Sabine is out of its banks and the ferry, we learn, has stopped. The Neches is higher than was ever known before. Old Red River is "booming," and full of boats. The small-pox has left Tyler.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, March 30, 1858, p. 3, c. 2

The *Tyler Reporter* gives the valuation of negroes in Smith county as

\$1,500,000, and of lands, as \$1,076,566. The editor says the value of improved land in that county is from \$8 to \$12, and of unimproved land from \$2 to \$5 per acre.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, April 13, 1858, p. 1, c. 4

ONE DOLLAR.

To the Preachers, Members, and Friends of the East Texas Conference.

I propose to be one of five hundred, or more, who will give one dollar, or more, for the benefit of Starrville Female High School, to be paid by the fourth of July next. The object of the donation is to enable the Trustees to finish and furnish the buildings as they should be, for comfort, and convenience. The citizens have done well, and have not asked this Conference to assume any liabilities, or appoint an agent for said institution. There are certain improvements, absolutely necessary to be done this year. As it is hoped, as the Conference comes near to have the Bishop and many members to visit said school, and deliver addresses on the subject of education. As this is the only Female School directly under the control of the Conference, we should make it worthy of the Conference, and merit liberal patronage. The school is every way worthy of a liberal support, doing well in all departments. I do not set down the sum at the extreme low figure of *one dollar*, because the people are not able, or willing to respond to any call that is necessary to sustain the interest of the church. The above sum will not interfere with any other contribution whatever. The donation will be judiciously applied by the Trustees to the use above stated. Now let every preacher, brother, sister and friend, as soon as you read this enclose, or hand your preacher, your donation, and let it be sent to Rev. M. H. Porter, Starrville, Texas, who will record your name and amount. Come that dollar,--come send it along, and help build an edifice where our daughters can be comfortable, and well instructed. We shall expect a general response to this call, feeling satisfied that all desire the cause of education still to go on. Hoping we will have prosperous times, spiritually, temporally, and a dollar for Starrville School. I bid you adieu for the present. More anon.

Millwood, Texas, March 11, 1858.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, May 18, 1858, p. 4, c. 5

SITUATED WANTED.

As instructor of Mathematics, by a young man of some experience, who is prepared to teach all the branches usually taught in our best Academies and High Schools.

His present engagement will terminate in August and he will be pleased to confer with those who may desire his services either for the remainder of this year, or for 1859.

His experience has been in Schools of the first order.

REFERENCES.—Faculty of the Georgia Military Institute, Marietta, Ga.; C. C. Richards, Principal of Greenway Academy, Thomson, Ga.; Rev. J. R. Mason, Professor Mathematics, LaGrange Female College, Lagrange, Ga.

ADDRESS

J. T. STROTHER.

Tyler, Smith Co., Texas.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, August 11, 1859, p. 3, c. 3

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.

The fifth session of this School will open on the First Monday in Oct. next, for the Term of Forty Weeks, under the Superintendence of the Rev. John T. Kennedy, assisted, if necessary, by a competent Teacher.

Mrs. M. J. Tullis, Music Teacher.

RATES OF TUITION:

Orthography, Reading, Writing, Primary Geography, and Oral Arithmetic	\$20 00
English Grammar, Geography, Written Arithmetic, Familiar Science and Composition	25 00
Natural Philosophy, History, Botany, Algebra and Composition	30 00
Mental and Moral Philosophy, Geometry, Chemistry, Rhetoric, Logic, Latin, Greek, French and Butler's Analogy	40 00
Incidental Expenses, each pupil	1 00
Music on Piano Forte and use of Instrument	50 00
Drawing and Painting	20 00
Embroidery	10 00

All Students charged from the time they enter until the close of the Term, and no deduction made except in cases of protracted sickness.

Ten per cent. allowed on all advance payments, and the same will be required if not paid at the close of the term.

For Boarding, address Rev. James M. Gill, or Dr. I. P. Lowery.

JAMES M. GILL, P. B. OF T.

H. H. CURL, Sec. B. T.
Starrville, Texas, July 14, 1859.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, September 29, 1859, p. 2, c. 7

Jasper Starr proposes to publish at Starrville a new paper to be called the Student's Guide.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 6, 1859, p. 2, c. 6

Rev. M. H. Porter writes from Smith Circuit: At the Jamestown and Chapel Hill Camp-meeting we had quite a revival; mostly, however, among the Church members. Several were happily converted. At the Antioch Church, some six or seven miles from the Camp-ground, there was a gracious revival going on during the Camp-meeting. This meeting resulted in the conversion of quite a number, and some twenty joined the Church. By dividing our ministerial forces, we did double the work that time. Bro. s. K. Stovall, the Junior Preacher, was here wonderfully blessed; preached afterward far beyond what he had done before.

Another correspondent writes in relation to the same meeting and Circuit: The Missionary collection was six hundred fifty dollars. We have it in contemplation to build a male school of a high order, and locate it in Jamestown. The house to be built of brick fifty by seventy feet, and two stories high, and then to make a presentation of it to our Conference. We have now about five thousand dollars pledged for it, and still expect to get more. Our country is proverbial for health and good society.—Our crops of corn are abundant, but cotton is cut short by at least one half—such a failure as was never known before in Smith County.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 13, 1859, p. 2, c. 6

JAMESTOWN, Sept. 28—The Methodists at Jamestown, Smith County, Texas, contemplate building a two-story brick house, 50 by 70 feet, the upper story for a M. E. Church, South, and the lower story for a Male High School. We anticipate offering the School to the Conference. We have \$5000 subscribed and want as much more.

On the second Saturday, inst., we commenced a meeting at Asbury Chapel, on Smith Circuit; held five days, and the Lord blessed us abundantly. Bros. Neal Brown and J. B. Hall assisted—thirteen conversions and 16 accessions to the Church.

W. B. LONG.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, October 13, 1859, p. 2, c. 7

PACIFIC RAIL ROAD.—The Tyler Reporter speaks favorable of the prospects. Other papers are also abundantly encouraged. Those who have hitherto been unbelievers "are now convinced that the road will be built." It is believed that "T. Edgar Thompson, so justly celebrated as the greatest railroad man in America, will, at an early day, assume the Presidency." The State suit against the Railroad has been decided in favor of the Company.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 3, 1859, p. 1, c. 1

STARRVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.

ED. ADVOCATE.—By the permission of the editor, we wish, through the columns of the Advocate, to call the attention of the public, and particularly of the Methodists, to the Starrville High School, as a suitable place for their daughters to receive a full, critical and polished education.

Our school is now supplied with a full corps of competent teachers, who will spare no pains in instructing and advising the young ladies entrusted to their care.

Although their advancement in those sciences which will be most useful to them through life is the primary object of our School, yet their moral and religious training is a consideration too important to be overlooked, and will be carefully guarded by the Faculty of this institution. We would, by no means, make the impression, that sectarian sentiments are here taught. Mothers who may entrust their daughters to our care, may feel assured that they will be parentally and carefully managed. The Methodists of East Texas have long enough given their daughters to others to be educated in their institutions, and our own schools have been neglected, while our daughters have been entrusted not unfrequently to men by no means strictly pious or even moral. It is time that our Church awake to their duty, and to their interest. The time has arrived in the history of this country that the Methodist Church must take a decided stand in the great cause of education. Within the next five years we must raise a high standard of mental training, or the influence of our church must wane in this great land of Methodism, for which our hardy and Christian pioneers have spent their fortunes, their talents and their lives.

We expect to make Starrville High School a standard of female accomplishment—a place where young ladies may be proud to have received their education.

The academical year of this Institution commenced on the third instant, and will continue forty weeks. If we are not mistaken, this is the only female school under the care of the East Texas Conference; and we would be glad if the preachers would keep their respective charges posted on this subject.

In sending your daughters to Starrville, you are not only sending to one of the most quiet and pleasantest villages in the South, but you also educate them cheaper than in any like school in the country. Good boarding can be had, all things found, for ten dollars per month. Tuition as low as any good school. Brethren, send your daughters, and give our school a fair trial. We offer you good society, a healthy location, and temperate community, (for no liquors are allowed to be sold in the place,) as inducements to patronize our school.

B. W. S. ALEXANDER, Principal.

Starrville, Smith Co., Texas, Oct. 10.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 17, 1859, p. 2, c. 1

Rev. R. W. Thompson writes from Garden Valley, Nov. 1st: "My year's work is almost done on this circuit. I have received more than one hundred members into the Church this year."

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 17, 1859, p. 4, c. 2

SAMUEL THOMAS STEWART, son of Rev. George A. and Mary Stewart,--formerly of Coosa county, Ala.—died at the residence of his father Smith co., Texas. Sept. 17, 1859.

He was born April 29, 1838, lived to the age of 21 years, 4 months, and 18 days. Samuel was a member of the Temple of Honor, had filled every office in the same with dignity and honor. The Order appreciated him while living honored him with a decent interment when dead, and felt, in his death, that one of its most valuable members was taken away. Our beloved brother had also been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for several years. He loved his Church, was devoted to her interests; was an obedient son, even to the end. We had no young man to whom we looked for more than was promised in him. He was a young man of more than ordinary mind, kind disposition, simple heart, rarest prudence, and unquestioned piety; blending in himself the humility of a child and discretion of a father. He was studying for the ministry, and would have made a man of whom we would not have been ashamed. His death was as much lamented as that of any young man could be. We have lost a brother, God received a child; we are one less on earth, the pious dead one more in Heaven. May God sanctify his death to our good!

J. ALEXANDER.

Jamestown, Oct. 17, 1859.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, November 24, 1859, p. 4, c. 2

The house of J. B. Hall has been visited by the angel of Death, on two occasions during the present year.

DR. J. W. H. HALL, son of J. B. and Mary C. Hall, was born June 24th, 1835, and departed this life June 7th, 1859.

James spent the winters of '56 and '57 in Philadelphia, as a medical student—returned home in March of '57, and spent the remainder of the year at his father's house. Early in '58 he began to practice his profession with great promise of success, but during the summer found himself too feeble for the labor of his calling, and returned home to recruit his health. He remained feeble during the winter, and early in the spring it was too clearly seen that his condition was no better. About the first of May, he was afflicted with a pain in his eye, which was accompanied by disease in other parts of the body, and, seemingly, to cure one disease was but to encounter another. Thus he lived in great affliction up to the 7th of June, and fell asleep at 8½ o'clock in the morning.

From the beginning of his sickness, he was deeply engaged in seeking that peace which passeth understanding. A few days before his death, he called me to his bedside, and said: "The Lord has blessed me." The state of his mind, and the manner in which he afterwards bore his afflictions—which were exceedingly severe—make it evident that a change had passed upon him. I asked a few hours before he expired, if he knew he was soon to die? He answered: "I do." "Do you feel that the Lord will sustain you?" "I know he will." This was perhaps his last sentence. Oh! Father, sustain us all in this hour!

VIRGINIA CLAYTON, younger sister of James, was born August 23rd, 1852, and died at 8 o'clock, Sept. 7th, 1859.

Virginia was a child of promise, beloved by her little associates, and devoted to her Sabbath School, in which she learned something of that land to which she has gone—and of Him who took her to Himself:

"This lovely bud, so young and fair,
Call'd hence by early doom;
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom."

J. ALEXANDER.

Jamestown, Nov. 10, '59.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 1, 1859, p. 2, c. 6

ED. ADVOCATE.—We have just closed an interesting protracted meeting of two weeks continuance, at which we have had some twelve conversions, and as many accessions to the Church. Last night I closed my years' work in this station. We have had a net increase of fifty white members, besides some among the blacks. We have an interesting Sabbath School. The Superintendent and Teachers intend keeping it up through the winter. We have organized a juvenile Missionary Society. In a word, our cause has a hold on this community that it never had before. May the Lord continue to bless this people, and send them pastors after his own heart, who shall feed the flock with wholesome food.

We had the efficient aid of our much esteemed Bro. Tullis, P. E., and Bro. Williams, of Virginia, at our late protracted meeting. We are leaving this little station with claims all met, and a heart full of love to the people. Yours truly,

J. W. FIELDS, Pastor.

Tyler, November 14th, 1859.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 15, 1859, p. 2, c. 3

APPOINTMENTS OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Palestine district—J. B. Tullis, P. E.

Tyler Station—J. W. Fields.

Tyler Circuit—W. K. Masten.
Starrville Female High School—B. W. S. Alexander, Principal.
Greenville District—L. R. Dennis, P. E.
Garden Valley—W. J. Popham.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, December 22, 1859, p. 1, c. 2

STARRVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

A Female Institution located at Starrville, Smith County.

The Board of Trustees report that the material for the brick building, recommended by the Conference at its last session, is being collected, and that a contract has been made for its speedy erection—that, owing to failing health, Rev. J. G. Kennedy, the late able Principal, has resigned, and that his place has been filled with Rev. Benj. Alexander, late of the Missouri Conference, whom they represent as possessing complete qualifications for the position. The number of pupils in attendance was fifty-two. The entire amount of collections by the Agent, Bro. Starr, is \$1865; and the amount paid out by him for the repairs, painting, &c., of the Institution, and received by him for expenses, is \$1069 41; leaving a balance of \$795 59.

Resolved, That we retain full confidence in the Starrville High School as an excellent Conference Institution, and rejoice in the evidences of its prosperity—that we concur in the appointment of Rev. Joshua Starr as Agent, and will cheerfully cooperate with him in his good work—that the following named persons will be appointed Trustees for the ensuing year: Traveling preachers—R. S. Finley, J. W. Fields, John B. Tullis, Wm. B. Hill. Laymen—Joshua Starr, J. M. Gill, D. F. Barcroft, R. T. McFarland, Dr. F. W. Holland, Asa Holt, Wm. B. Ross, Josiah Ogburn, J. P. Lowery.

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DEATH OF REV. H. B. HAMILTON.—The Presiding Elder of the Clarksville District, East Texas Conference, died of Typhoid fever, at Paris, on the 5th inst. The Paris Visitor says of him:

"From our brief personal acquaintance with the deceased, we had a high opinion of his character, as a man, and as a sincere and devoted christian: While he was plain and straight forward in his manners, he was earnest and zealous in the service of his Master. He was one of those christians who *act* as well as talk religion, and hence he exerted a great influence upon those around him. He illustrated the principle, that a good example and a consistent course of life exert more influence than many precepts. He will not be soon forgotten by the members of this community."