

Texas Christian Advocate

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District Conferences.

Sherman District Conference.

The North Texas Sherman District Conference closed one of its most pleasant sessions on Saturday, 6th inst. It convened in our little town, July 5, at 9 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. M. Binkley presiding. Many preachers were present from all parts of the district, also several visiting brethren from other districts. The delegates elect were mostly in attendance. We had a good time. The opening sermon was preached on Thursday night before by Rev. W. C. Blair, from Honey Grove, Paris district, Bro. Blackburn, who was appointed to open the conference, being absent. Usual business transacted. Good reports from nearly all parts of the district. All things considered, we are glad to state that it was one of the most harmonious sessions we ever attended. Prominence was given to divine worship. Large congregations were in attendance, not only on divine service, but also on the deliberations of the conference. Our new church building, just complete, was crowded almost to overflowing, both day and night. The Sabbath was a happy, joyful day. Love-feast in the morning, and at 11 A. M., Brother Binkley preached to a large, attentive and appreciative congregation, in the mind of his Master and in the spirit and power of the Lord. Preachers mostly remained over until Monday morning. Services were also held at other points on the work during the session. So good and happy was the effect on the minds and hearts of the people that we thought best to continue on a few days in the good work. The Lord was with us in power. The meeting continued until last Sunday night, resulting in twenty odd conversions and sixteen accessions to the M. E. Church, South; closed in a blaze. "Bless the Lord forever for His goodness and wonderful works to the children of men."

W. F. CLARK, SAVOY, July 18, 1878.

Dallas District Conference.

Where was it held? At Cochran's Chapel, the oldest Methodist church in Peter's colony, beginning July 4th, at 10 A. M. Who presided? The presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Hughes, to the satisfaction of all the members. Was there a full attendance? All the pastors were present but two, and the charges were represented: the constituency, numbering about forty; besides Rev. W. C. Young and Rev. Wilson, visitors. What was the order of business observed? The plan was pursued item by item, as laid down in the Discipline, especial emphasis being given to religious exercises. The preaching, the prayer-meetings, the love feast and the holy eucharist, being occasions of sweet and gracious power. What is the spiritual condition of the church? Good, and improving; prayer-meetings are multiplying, and family altars are increasing, and a goodly number have been converted. Feuds have been broken up, contentions have ceased, and there is peace and harmony in our churches. What was recommended upon the subject of missions? We have committed ourselves more fully to this work. In answer to an appeal \$42 were contributed by the members of Cochran's Chapel to the missionary fund. It was further recommended to the annual conference to make a circuit of Grapevine Spring's mission, provided the work continued to develop, and the presiding elder deemed it best. What is the state of Sunday-schools, and what is being done in the cause of education? There were twenty Sunday-schools reported, and in them 1040 scholars. Our own literature is generally taken, and on the Grapevine circuit missionary societies are formed in two of the schools on that work. The following resolutions were ordered to be published in the TEXAS ADVOCATE:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee appointed to draw a series of resolutions in regard to the Dallas Female College, beg leave to submit the following report: Resolved, That we are profoundly gratified by the most excellent

record which this institution of learning has already made under the management of President W. K. Jones.

Resolved, That we rejoice exceedingly to know that this college, under the joint superintendency of Dr. A. C. Allen and Prof. W. K. Jones, has a radiant and prosperous future before it.

Resolved, That we unanimously and most heartily recommend it to the church and public as a female seminary in every way worthy of their confidence and patronage.

Resolved, That inasmuch as we have learned that this magnificent and commodious college building is embarrassed by debt, that we earnestly urge the citizens of Dallas first and especially to rally to its relief; and we would also request all the friends of Methodism and learning to do the same. Respectfully submitted.

W. ALLEN, T. E. PIERCE, W. F. CUSHMAN, Committee.

What is the state of finances? Deplorably low. It was

Resolved, That we earnestly appeal to the official boards and membership on this district to rally to the support of the ministry.

Resolved, That we recommend the assessment plan to be carried out for raising the salaries of our ministers.

Resolved, That preachers be requested to preach on the obligations of the church to support the ministers sent to them.

Who were elected delegates to the next annual conference? L. M. Martin, Rev. Wm. Allen, W. P. Cochran, J. S. Strother. Reserves—Robert H. Brown, R. M. Reed, E. B. Rollins.

Where will the next conference be held? Plano.

H. A. BOURLAND, Sec'y.

It affords me great pleasure to say to you that our late district conference of the Marshall district, at Henderson, was in many respects a glorious success. Our presiding elder, R. W. Thompson, in the chair, presiding with his usual scrutiny. Dr. I. G. John was present all the time, lending aid, which was gladly received. I am quite sure the Doctor's visit to our conference will result in much good to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I have heard several prominent persons say since they have seen and heard the Doctor they would subscribe for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; and several who have stopped their paper will renew their subscription. The Doctor's visit was hailed with cordiality, and will result in good. Brethren, I am very sorry that I have not been able to send you a single new subscriber from my circuit, this being the first year of my ministry that I have failed in securing subscribers for the ADVOCATE. I love the TEXAS ADVOCATE and her publishers and her editor, and am more than willing to do all in my power in aiding the enterprise. I think you may look for a list of subscribers from Troupe circuit before our annual conference. JOHN S. MATHIS.

Beaumont District Conference.

In compliance with a request made by the conference, I send you a synopsis of the proceedings.

The conference convened its seventh session in the town of Moscow, July 5, 1878. Conference sermon was preached by Brother Lacy Boone, on Thursday night. The conference assembled Friday morning and proceeded to business, with Brother E. L. Armstrong, P. E., in the chair.

All of the traveling preachers were present except Brother Jones, of the Homer circuit. The representation from the laity was small, not half of those elected being present.

Suitable committees were appointed on divine service, Sabbath-schools and missions. With these exceptions, the business of the conference was conducted as committee of the whole. Reports from the different charges were called and submitted, and particular inquiry was made in regard to each.

The report on the general state of the church was good. There has been some gracious revivals on the district. Membership has been largely increased, and the prospects for the future very encouraging. Attendance upon public worship very good.

The report on finance was considered tolerably good, considering the pressure of the times. The chair urged the importance of attending to all the collections required by the annual conference, and the preachers gave the assurance that their assessments would be met. So you may look for a good report from this district, Mr. Editor.

The report on missions was read and almost unanimously adopted. The report proposes many changes in the charges embraced in the counties of Polk, Tyler and Hardin. The Committee on Sunday-

schools, Dr. E. P. Angell, of the Wallisville circuit, chairman, submitted reports Nos. 1 and 2, with resolutions recommending our Sunday-school literature, and that we continue our most strenuous efforts for the conversion of the children. On Saturday evening the conference held a district Sunday-school convention which was largely attended. The following subjects were discussed: Qualifications of superintendents, by Bro. Lacy Boone; qualifications of teachers, by Bro. H. H. Vaughn; qualifications for teachers of infant classes, Dr. Angell; use of international lessons, D. M. Stovall; the object of Sunday-schools, the conversion of children, E. M. Sweet. These subjects were discussed to the satisfaction, and we believe to the edification, of all who were present; and we trust the result will be to give impetus to all the Sunday-schools within our bounds. We would also mention in this connection the Sunday-school mass meetings on Sunday evening, which proved to be a splendid success in the hands of Brothers Boone and Angell. We had singing, conducted by Bro. Boone, and then a catechizing and interesting talk by the same. Then we had black-board exercise, conducted by Dr. Angell, which interested the children immensely. Prominence was given to religious exercises, although every interest of the district was carefully looked after. The following delegates were elected to the annual conference: W. P. Chapman, J. A. Johnson, J. A. Abney, H. H. Ford. Reserves: Y. W. McNeil, R. M. Baker.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted: Resolved, That we cordially endorse the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, both in its editorial and publishing department, and heartily recommend it to our people as the best paper in the South for Texas Methodists, and that we will continually strive to increase its circulation.

LACY BOONE, E. P. ANGELL.

Resolved, That we, the preachers of this district conference, will endeavor to hold class-meetings at every monthly appointment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference be and are hereby tendered to our much appreciated presiding elder, E. L. Armstrong, for his efficient administration, and earnestly request and will hail with delight his return to this district.

We were much disappointed in not having you with us, Mr. Editor, but we will let you off now if you will come to our camp-meeting the fourth Sunday in August, eight miles east of Livingston. We have had the most pleasant and we believe the most beneficial district conference we have ever attended. The preaching was excellent. The meeting is being protracted, and we trust good will be the result. The next conference will be held at Woodville, Tyler county.

JAS. A. JOHNSON, Secretary Beaumont District Conference.

Chappell Hill District Conference.

Conference met at 10 A. M. of the 11th inst., and was called to order by Rev. R. Alexander, D. D., who opened the session with appropriate religious service.

The attendance was very small. The rains, with the usual accompaniments of swollen streams and heavy roads, doubtless prevented the attendance of some. Some had meetings in progress which seemed too important to be left by the pastor, and it was surmised that the expenses of travel by rail, in the midst of the general financial distress, which in this latitude finds its fullest utterance in the hollow exchequer of the itinerant some time between June and December, was another reason.

All of the interests usually looked after in this conference were duly attended to. Prominence was given to the religious interests of the occasion; and this chimed in well, as there was a protracted meeting on hand when the conference met.

The conference adjourned on Saturday, having selected Buffalo camp-ground, in Burleson county, as the place for holding the next session.

The Committee on Sunday-schools, after glancing at the statistics in that department, find that not one-half of the children of Methodist parentage, within the district, are at Sunday-school, to say nothing of the children of non-professors, who should be gathered and trained in them. And as one means—and that a very important one—of putting the children of the church into the Sunday-school, they strongly recommend the righteous use of parental authority.

This surely is a good recommendation. If professedly Christian parents will not obey the law of God, binding them to the use of authority in the training their children according to the word and will of God, they should not be astonished when the legitimate results follow, i. e.: they form vicious

and damaging associations, and lay the foundations of character in bad habits well calculated to bring them to untimely graves. The church is cursed with simple Elisis, who would like well to see their children obey the law of the Lord, who yet will not compel them so to do, even in their minority.

The committee to whom was referred the matter, and whose duty it was to ascertain and report the spiritual condition of the church in the district, found things just tolerable, but with an upward tendency. They insist upon attendance upon church ordinances by the membership, and find that when this is done then the life and health of the church is better than elsewhere, and vice versa. They very properly "suggest to all preachers and church members, that a great necessity is upon us to attain unto a higher spiritual life."

This committee certainly did well to find the spiritual condition of the church so good, when the ordinances of the church are neglected as they are, and when not one-half of the children of Methodist families in the district are in attendance on the Sunday-schools.

But they were hopeful, and in many places the people are religious beyond anything visible in their lives calculated to convince the looker-on, if he be not familiar with their modes of thought. Some people do not see their religion in the judicious godly use of paternal authority; but in the strength of their purpose to get to heaven, or in something else, I hope they understand themselves, and that they will finally get there.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals made their report, like some that have been referred to, under the promptings of their better feelings. It is well to take all the chances to praise poor human nature, in the church and out, for it has been awfully abused by speakers and writers as a rule. And then, too, we must remember that if we do not seize upon small occasions and duly improve them, we may never have great occasions in this direction. Poverty or plenty, I have not heard of any of the people putting away their tobacco, or snuff, that they might save something to purchase food for their hearts and brains in the shape of *Advocates* etc. But may be so, they are just (a) going to do this. But the report speaks for itself.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals having had under their consideration reports from the various charges, find that about one-fourth of the Methodist families are supplied with the *ADVOCATE*. But we are gratified to know that the remainder would be pleased to have it, being only prevented by poverty. While, however, we appreciate their plea of poverty, and recognizing the stringency in money matters, still we think the importance of giving our people good and wholesome reading matter in these days when cheap and pernicious literature seems to be pervading the country, and corrupting the minds and hearts of our people, should stimulate the ministry to greater exertion on behalf of the *ADVOCATE*, whose columns have been so pronounced against the vices and dissipations of the times. If we do not get them to read our books and paper, they will come in contact with the vile, floating, sensational matter, with which our land is now flooded, and to a greater or less extent become contaminated with this seductive form of infidelity. Recognizing the fact that the circulation of the *ADVOCATE* is mainly due to the instrumentality of our preachers, and the saving influence it exerts over the minds of our people, and its importance as an auxiliary to our work, therefore we urge upon the ministers and preachers of this district conference to greater assiduity and more diligent labor in this direction, and as far as practicable place in every family our *ADVOCATE* and books of religious literature.

Respectfully submitted, P. C. ARCHER, J. H. STONE.

The Committee on Missions reported sundry patches of ground where missions might be propagated. There seems to be a great need almost everywhere for a class of preachers who will, for the love of the Master and of souls, go out into these places and preach the gospel. The local preacher seems to be the man for this work. Young missionaries who can be subsisted on a hundred and fifty dollars, are poorly suited to grapple with the difficulties of an unorganized state of things like that usually found in such places. But we have not the young men of ability to send to these places. Many of our local preachers are men of good intelligence and good preachers—good enough to preach anywhere—and they are so situated and so related to the community that they only lack zeal and consecration to enable them to do wonders in the

church, especially in places like these. Our more experienced itinerant could do more than any other in such position if they could be maintained there, and did not the work in other parts have stronger claims upon their services.

It is redundant to say that everything passed off pleasantly and in the most satisfactory way, and that Brother Alexander was every inch a bishop without the office.

Delegates to the annual conference: Wm. Philp, J. D. Thomas, J. H. Stone, and Thos. W. Willie. Reserves: Jno. Martin, G. V. Ridley, H. V. PHILPOTT, Sec'y. BRYAN, July 21st, 1878.

Rev. A. A. Killough, writing from Massey Grove camp-ground, Lavaca county, Texas, under date of July 17, gives the following cheering item: "The district conference of Victoria district has just closed. Had a pleasant and profitable session. We are in the midst of a gracious revival. Sixteen have joined the church. Fifty mourners at the altar last night. To God be all the praise and glory."

Episcopal Appointments for 1878.

FIRST DISTRICT—BISHOP IBERGE. West Virginia—Sept. 4.....Cattletown, Kentucky—Sept. 18.....Shelbyville, Louisiana—Oct. 2.....Caldwell, Virginia—Nov. 15.....Petersburg, North Carolina—Nov. 27.....Charlotte, South Carolina—Dec. 11.....Newberry.

SECOND DISTRICT—BISHOP KAVANAUGH. Illinois—Sept. 11.....Pana, Tennessee—Oct. 9.....Clarksville, Florida—Oct. 23.....Knoxville, North Alabama—Nov. 13.....Gadsden, Alabama—Dec. 11.....Mobile.

THIRD DISTRICT—BISHOP PAINE. Memphis—Nov. 13.....Paris, North Mississippi—Nov. 27.....Macon, Mississippi—Dec. 18.....Meridian.

FOURTH DISTRICT—BISHOP M'VEYER. Indian Mission—Oct. 16.....Muscoogee, C. N. Arkansas—Oct. 23.....Russellville, White River—Nov. 6.....Forest City, North Carolina—Nov. 27.....Marion, South Carolina—Dec. 11.....Thomasville.

FIFTH DISTRICT—BISHOP DOGGETT. Western Conference—Sept. 3.....Wyandotte, Missouri—Sept. 11.....Macon, Missouri—Sept. 25.....Clinton, St. Louis—Oct. 9.....Charleston, Little Rock—Nov. 27.....Hot Springs, Louisiana—Dec. 11.....New Orleans.

SIXTH DISTRICT—BISHOP KEENER. West Texas—Oct. 16.....San Marcos, Northwest Texas—Oct. 30.....Belton, German Mission—Nov. 13.....Industry, North Texas—Nov. 29.....Terrell, Texas—Dec. 11.....Chappell Hill, East Texas—Dec. 11.....Tyler.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—BISHOP WHITEMAN. Denver—Sept. 4.....West Las Animas, Montana—Sept. 18.....Helena, Columbia—Oct. 23.....Roseburg, Pacific—Oct. 16.....San Francisco, Los Angeles—Oct. 30.....San Bernardino, Baltimore—March 5.....Salem.

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After Thoughts.

The Jefferson District Conference, held at Daingerfield, embraced the 5th Sunday in June. All of the traveling preachers of the district, and some of the local, and laymen were present. Due attention was paid to business presented by the Discipline, and prominence given to religious exercises, such as preaching, (no prayer-meeting exercises), love feasts and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The preaching and other exercises were spoken of as good. When the time for adjournment came, the presiding elder, in a few concluding remarks, thanked the members for their courtesy toward him and toward each other, pronouncing the occasion a very pleasant and harmonious one. The thanks and congratulations were accepted, and we were very well satisfied with the results of the meeting, as well as pleased with ourselves—the chief regret being that we had so soon to separate after so pleasant and harmonious a reunion. The secretary has, no doubt, furnished the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE with a synopsis of the doings. Some may read, and then—will that be all of our meeting forever, or till the final reckoning? During the last five days there were present more than a dozen preachers, instructing, exhorting, warning and encouraging from time to time, and yet, so far as the knowledge of the writer extends, no awakenings, no conversions, no reclaiming backsliders, no filling believers unutterably full of glory and of God. I do not intend any disparagement, nor to intimate that nothing done will abide the day that cometh, that shall burn as an oven, when the wheat and tares, the gold and the dross, shall be separated; when the proud and all who do wickedly shall be destroyed, but as an after thought, to pass in review the fact that none by conversion, were added to the number of those whom the Lord shall claim as His in that day when he shall make up His jewels. God, by the teachings of His word, authorizes us to expect, to look for the conversion of souls on such occasions, and imposes upon preachers and members the obligation of the duty to preach, to pray, to work, to labor in faith to the full measure of our moral ability for the realization of divinely authorized expectations. While immediate manifest success is not always an infallible test of faithful labor and service—for it is a true saying that one soweth and another reapeth, and some are sent to reap that upon which they bestow no labor—yet, if all were always sowing in righteousness, and sowing beside all waters, surely there never would be a failure of harvest, an ingathering of souls. There would be no occasion for idle reapers standing with unemployed sickles in hand, and saying in the language of unbelief, four months and then cometh the harvest, while the fields are white already for the harvest, and the promise is: "he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit into life eternal." If from a morally shriveled state of soul, from contracted and diminished capacity and desire to receive, we expect less than God is willing to give, and ask for less than He is willing to bestow, we dishonor Him, damage His cause, and dwarf ourselves. To fix our desire on crumbs, and seek them to satisfy our hungry, starving souls, and when per chance one is found, to cease our search, exulting, and call on others to rejoice with us, ignoring, neglecting the ample, glorious feast to which we are invited without money and without price, is a characteristic which we fear too strongly marks the present times. While we would carefully shun the error of despising the day of small things, we would likewise avoid the folly of choosing a crumb and rejecting a loaf, or continuing in a hungry, half-starved state while God, by the evangelical prophet, says: "Harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." If the success of the cause of Christ had any connection with any dependence upon, the preparing of the way of the Lord in the time of John, called the prophet in the highest, doubtless it does in our time. If the joy of the salvation of God was a necessity in David's time to qualify him to teach transgressors the way of the Lord, that sinners might be converted unto Him, it certainly is a necessity now. The joy of the Lord is your strength, is a truth which should not be lost sight of; other gifts and excellencies may be possessed in an eminent degree, but will prove powerless without joy, which means personal, experimental religion. A religion which a man does not experience, does not feel, has no joy, and all his

preaching, praying and singing are but bodily exercises, a mere sham, a form without power, stirring no dead souls to life, pulling down no strong hold of Satan, causing no grand forward move of Zion. Such pleasant, harmonious exercises as do not disturb the quiet of the wicked one, but leave him in peaceable possession of all his ground and master of all his positions may, as a matter of policy, be acquiesced in by him, forasmuch as he knows that they will never avail to the wresting of one soul from his grasp. A necessity of the times is repentance for the loss of first love, the loss of religious enjoyment, a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, a panting after God as the heart panteth after the water-brook; a grasping by faith and holding fast the great truth. Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation. God never precipitates a revival on the church undeserved, unsought after, unprayed for. It was after, or rather in the time of, patient waiting for and earnest crying to the Lord, that he brought the psalmist, David, up out of a horrible pit and miry clay, and set his feet upon a rock, and established his goings and put a new song in his mouth. The prophet, Isaiah, had in his mind something more intense than mere harmony when in the ardor of his soul he cried out: "Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!" And but let the ardor and intensity of desire and purpose get hold of preachers and people now, which shall cause them to cry out and shout, and hold not their peace day nor night, then shall the strengthless, undarned sleepers in Zion awake, and in their sins lie down no more, their beauty and their strength put on; the glory of the Lord shall be risen upon the church; her deliverance shall be accomplished, and she shall go forth leaning upon her beloved, clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners; her sun shall no more go down, neither shall the moon withdraw itself. The people also shall be all righteous. The Lord hasten it in His time. R. LANE.

RUSK, CHEROKEE CO., TEXAS, July 18, 1878.—Brother A. Little, preacher in charge on Cherokee circuit, commenced a meeting at Mt. Comfort church on Saturday, July 6, where they had not had a revival of religion for several years past. The members had grown cold and, in some degree, indifferent. The result was the church was greatly revived, sinners deeply convicted, some eight or ten conversions and ten accessions to the church. Several mourners left at the altar not satisfied, one of whom said that by the grace of God he would die a seeker or obtain the blessings of peace and pardon. Happy thought! to die a seeker and not obtain the blessing of pardon would be to "die as none have ever died." The neighborhood is one where there are two Baptist churches. The pastor of one of them, Brother Holloman, with his noble Christian spirit, called in his appointment and invited his church to worship with us, as our meeting was protracted so as to embrace his appointment. He labored faithfully and, I trust, profitably for the salvation of souls. I feel it is a pity all Christians do not come up to the "help of the Lord against the mighty." As Christians we should strive to see who can best work and best agree. May the Lord give our pastor many souls, not for his hire, but to journey with him to the better land. Pray for us.—WM. N. BONNER.

SCOTTVILLE, HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS, July 11, 1878.—I have just reached home from our district conference, embracing the first Sabbath in July. As this is the first district conference I ever attended, I am not competent to speak comparatively as to the results attained in this; yet I am inclined to pronounce the district conference held at Henderson a decided success. Conference presided over by the elder, Rev. R. W. Thompson, with marked ability, eliciting facts and figures that presented the practical workings of our church economy to the manifest interest and profit of all. The disciplinary injunction, "giving prominence to religious exercises," was inaugurated at the first and ruled supreme throughout the entire session, to the spiritual comfort of the congregations and ministers in attendance, especially the love-feast and sacrament on the Sabbath, which were times of profitable interchange of Christian experience with each other, and of sweet spiritual communion with the Master, the great Head of the church, that brought right down into our hearts a foretaste of those immortal joys that await the faithful. But I took my pen only to write a line of encouragement to the publishers of the ADVOCATE—

just a word of cheer, so you will pardon the above. Dr. John was with us, preached twice with the power of the spirit, and cheered us all with his pleasant smile and amiable Christian courtesy. His presence is the very best advertisement that the ADVOCATE can send forth. To illustrate: there was a member of my charge, a delegate to the conference, upon whom I had frequently pressed the claims of the ADVOCATE without effect. "Hard times, no money," etc., were his pleas, but when he saw the Doctor and heard him speak of the sacrifices that both editor and publishers had made in the bold campaign against vice and wickedness in the land, and the opposition encountered because of the noble stand taken by the paper, he came and requested me to secure the paper. I believe that the presence of the editor at Henderson was of, and will result in, incalculable benefit to the ADVOCATE. Keep him on the wing and then we can enjoy more of those flashes from his pen known as "edigraphs"—the outcroppings of these flying visitations. May God bless the editor and publishers of the ADVOCATE and make it yet a greater power for good in the land. B. H. SCOTT.

BUFFALO, TEXAS, July 22d, 1878. As this is the first time I have troubled you with a communication this year, you can do as you please—put it in print or in the waste basket. My third quarterly conference was held at Harrison Chapel, in connection with a camp-meeting, commencing on the 12th day of this month, and closed on the 21st. Brother McCarver, our beloved presiding elder, was with us in the power of the Holy Ghost, and preached to good effect. Brother F. P. Scruggs, of the North Alabama Conference, also preached in great power. Though physically weak, he is spiritually strong, and will long live in the hearts of his newly-formed friends and acquaintances. I was also favored with the help of brothers Vaughan and Swafford, who did, under God, good service. Brother G. W. Walker, and my father, W. S. Compton, of the local ranks, were at their posts ready to do and bear for the good of the cause of Christ. With this corps of ministers you are ready to say we had a fine meeting. Yes, 'twas a time of great joy. The church was greatly revived, backsliders wear reclaimed, sinners were convicted, and sought for pardon; nor did all seek in vain. About twenty-five found Him who loved their souls, and sang the songs of praise to Him who liberated them from the power of sin and made them free in Christ. The aggregate of conversions and reclamations was over thirty. There were eighteen additions to the church. To God be all the glory. Eight children were baptized. You will see from the following list that the ADVOCATE was not forgotten.—W. F. COMPTON.

SPRINGTOWN, TEXAS, July 14, '78. The Springtown circuit is situated in one of the healthiest and most productive portions of Texas. It comprises a part of Wise county and a part of Parker county. A portion of this country is comparatively new and undeveloped; but the experience of those who have come from older countries and settled on these timbered lands is that they are not only productive, but susceptible of a high state of cultivation. Having a stiff, red clay subsoil, it is peculiarly adapted to the drouthy seasons we so often have in this country. There is a spirit of enterprise and thrift manifest, and new and large farms are now opened here three years ago, when I first came to this country, the entire forest awaited the hand of industry. The crop prospects were never better in any country than we have the present season. With all these encouraging prospects before us, it seems that the church should move forward in the various enterprises of Christian effort. Surely it is necessary, for in the entire bounds of the circuit we have not a house of worship of our own, nor a parsonage. May God wake up His people to the importance of these things. A sad circumstance has just occurred: Bro. Wm. McCracken, of Springtown, while out on the road with some of his neighbors, making a trip to Fort Worth, camped at night on the prairie. Some of the company turned their horses loose to graze in the night. While all were asleep, it seems two of the horses came to the wagons. One horse likely bit or ran at the other, causing him to jump on to Bro. Mc., striking him on the chest just over the heart. The horse, being freshly shod, inflicted serious injuries, if not fatal. A physician was sent for immediately to Fort Worth. For several hours it seemed that it was impossible for him to live; but after a lapse of about twelve hours, he partially revived and his family were encouraged to believe that he would recover.

This morning, however, just before daylight (about forty-eight hours after the accident), one of his sons came in and reported him sinking rapidly and little or no prospect of his recovery. We anxiously await results, but fear they will be but too sad. Bro. Mc. is a member of the M. E. Church, South, and one of our best citizens.—J. H. MILLER.

SAN MARCOS, July 23, 1878.—In the ADVOCATE of the 20th my account of the San Marcos District Conference is headed "San Antonio District Conference." I do not think that I could have made the mistake; but whether you "followed copy" or not, please state that it ought to have been San Marcos instead of San Antonio, and very much oblige.—O. A. FISHER.

The British Channel squadron off Cyprus. Minister Layard retires as to England's purchase of the island.

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YELLOW FEVER.—Reports received from New Orleans to July 31st, indicate that the fever is increasing in that city—the Board of Health reporting, for the twenty-four hours ending that date, thirty-one new cases and five deaths. Galveston is exercising great precautions against the admission of the fever, and as yet the city is perfectly free from the disease.

FREE LECTURE.—We have been informed by Rev. B. T. Kavanaugh, D. D., of Houston, of his purpose to deliver his lecture on "Electric Astronomy" in Galveston this week. The lecture will be free, and from the well known ability of the lecturer, the audience may rely on being both instructed and entertained.

We see by the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* that Emory College (Ga.) has conferred the degree of D. D. on Rev. J. W. P. McKenzie, of Texas, and Rev. E. R. Hendrix, of Missouri; and the degree of L.L.D. on Hon. G. J. Orr, of Georgia, and Rev. Y. J. Allen, D. D., of Shanghai, China. We are glad to find Texas so nobly represented in the name of one of the pioneers of Methodism and education in the great Southwest.

ATTACKED BY INDIANS.—The *Mason News Item*, of July 25th, tells of the recent escape of Rev. J. H. Tucker, of the M. E. Church, South, from the Indians. He was on his way to an appointment. When between Menardville and Brady City, he discovered two Indians in the bushes about two hundred yards in advance, one mounted and the other on foot. Seeing they were discovered, the Indians fired. Promptly raising his Winchester, the preacher aimed at the Indian on horseback, who was leaning over the opposite side of his horse to evade being shot. The shot was a true one, and the Indian, with a yell, reeled on his horse. The other Indian handed him something, which they applied to the wound, and both retreated at a lively gait. Bro. T. went to the spot and found quite a pool of blood. The preacher then quietly proceeded to his appointment.

ORAN M. ROBERTS, the nominee of the Democratic party for Governor of Texas, is a native of South Carolina; born in 1815. He was educated at the University of Alabama. Studied law, and entered upon the practice of his profession in 1838. After serving one term in the Legislature of Alabama, he emigrated to Texas in 1841, located at San Augustine and commenced the practice of his profession. He was District Attorney in 1844; the next year District Judge. After annexation, he resumed the practice of his profession and continued it until 1857, when he was elected one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. He was a member of the secession convention in 1861, and was the President of that body. In 1862, he raised a regiment for service in the Confederate army, and was assigned to duty in the division of General Walker. While in the army, he was elected Chief Justice of the State. He was in the first reconstruction convention in 1866, and was chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. The ensuing Legislature elected him and the late Judge Burnet to the United States Senate; but they were not permitted to take their seats, as Congress set aside the reconstruction administration of President Johnson. He resumed the practice of his profession, and in conjunction taught, in 1868, a law school in Gilmer. In 1874, when the Supreme Court was reorganized under Governor Coke, Justice Roberts was returned to his place as Chief Justice of the State, and under the new constitution was re-elected in 1876.

A WARNING.

There are evils in the land which send forth exhalations so foul that one feels soiled by even distant allusions to them. Yet they are ruinous to morals, and a voice is needed to point them out.

They often appear in the form of advertisements in papers which find free access into the family circle. One of this class is now before us. It offers for sale a book which will present the reader with a "physiological view of marriage." It claims to be a "treatise on marriage and the physical life of women." Its pages are illustrated. Another book is a "private medical adviser to youth and manhood," also illustrated, with suggestions which indicate the character of its contents. There are no means of detecting in these offers any violation of the laws which are designed to preserve society from the circulation of obscene publications; yet very often these advertisements are the thin coverings cast around an effort to make money by pandering to the lowest passions in human nature. A book that is so impure in its suggestions that it can not be offered for sale on the shelves of a book-store, is not the book any pure-minded man or woman should wish to read. Sent by mail, the seal secures the questionable engravings from the eye of the officer of the law, and the publisher and purchaser are both secure from punishment or public shame. How much satanic literature burdens the mails each week, no detective can tell; and how many lives are wrecked by this unholy agency, the secrets of the last day alone can reveal. The air of secrecy and mystery connected with a "confidential treatise" on a subject that decency banishes from social conversation, is alluring to many of both sexes, and assured that their orders will be carefully concealed from parents, guardians and friends, they fall into the snare. The book stealthily procured will be stealthily read by the light of carefully shaded midnight lamps, and the "illustrations," though ostensibly prepared in the interest of science or health, will be gazed over in secret until a leprous taint is left on the soul, which may break out in a life of sin.

There is a still more deadly evil lurking behind many of these questionable advertisements. They are often signals designed to indicate the place where the most corrupting publications can be procured. As the sale of obscene publications is punishable by law, the place of their publication is as carefully concealed as the counterfeit-er's workshop. All sales are made in secret, and to accomplish this end, the infamous publishers are ever seeking the addresses of parties of both sexes, whose prurient tastes will incline them to seek such publications. An advertisement of a confidential treatise of the physical laws of marriage is no offense against the laws of the land, and papers which enter the household see no reason for its rejection.

Many, without suspecting that they are dealing with men who, if opportunity offers, will place in the hands of the thoughtless and unsuspecting the vilest publications ever suggested by lust, will be led to send for these books. By these means the address of parties whose minds are already under unwholesome moral influences will be secured, and the way prepared for the introduction of other works graduated to the taste of the reader, until it is ready for vice in its vilest forms.

The efforts of Comstock, who is devoting his life to the exposure and arrest of the publishers of this vile literature, have revealed the fact that agents for the sale of these works are not only found in many towns and cities, but that boarding schools of both sexes have been invaded, and the sale of these vicious books has been carried on within walls supposed to be secure from every unholy influence. By means of an apparently innocent advertisement, so carefully worded that the law can be evaded, yet suggesting to the reader its real nature, a correspondence is opened with

some party whose tastes are already defiled, and by inducements adroitly offered, agents are secured for the introduction of these evil works into homes and halls where the parents or teachers little dream of danger. The moral and social ruin which has fallen without warning on peaceful and happy homes may often be traced to this pernicious agency. Parents should be warned against the presence of this serpent which possibly has gained admission into their home circle, and infused its deadly poison into the souls of sons or daughters.

Papers should guard their columns against these iniquitous lures and signals with which bad men are seeking to beguile the unwary from the paths of innocence.

FUTURE PROBATION.

Henry Ward Beecher, in his famous sermon on future punishment, merely threw out the suggestion that possibly—even probably—God might grant to those who die in sin a further probation during the period elapsing between death and the general judgment. If Bishop Garrett, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Northern Texas, is correctly reported, he takes even stronger ground than the Brooklyn divine. Our readers may remember that Bishop Garrett, when he reached his diocese three years ago, complained that the Methodists and Baptists had overrun the whole country—something like the Canada thistle or wild coco grass. We copy an extract from a sermon of the Bishop, said to have been preached in Dallas and reported in the *Dallas Commercial*. To orthodox clergymen this extract will prove painful and unpleasant reading. The Bishop, however, has the "indelible stamp" of Episcopal ordination, and if he should even go as far as "his lordship" of Colenso, and deny the inspiration of Scripture, and even the existence of a personal God, he would still be a true Bishop of the "only true church," and authorized to expound its doctrines and administer its ordinances. But to the extract:

He explained how the doctrine of hell fire and eternal damnation had been engrafted upon the formulas of the holy Catholic Church, and reprobated the idea that a great and beneficent Father would create only to destroy. He showed that the idea of a monster, who put men into this world, with all the weaknesses, passions and subject to all the temptations it afforded, only to punish them by eternal hell fire, physically and mentally, had done more to make atheists and infidels than all the writings in the French and German schools of what is called "advanced thought." This idea of a God who would punish without reason and condemn what he created, regardless of the conditions and circumstances with which it was surrounded, giving no hope or chance of atonement after death, was repugnant to the best and noblest instincts of man, and disproved by all reading of the Scriptures. As to the "intermediate state," the Bishop held that the spirit or soul of man went into this state before it answered bodily to the judgment seat of God for the sins done in the body. That this intermediate state gave a chance for repentance and change of heart; but if the sinful soul, in this state, which persisted in doing wrong eternally—then eternal punishment in the way the great God saw fit to order, was inevitable, and the destiny of all who persisted in defying God and His holy laws.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, July 23, 1878.—Just returned from Colorado chapel camp-meeting, about twenty-five miles down the river from this place. Meeting lasted twelve days. Twenty-nine additions to the church. Church members greatly revived and advanced in religious life. It was a joyful meeting and happy reunion to some of us. Several preachers from other charges were present. Money painfully scarce. Bro. Wooten, the pastor, has received but very little this year. He will write to you. He is a worker, and so is his devoted wife.—J. FISHER.

Bro. Samuel D. Wrogo, of Caledonia, Smith county, says: "I must say that I can not do without the *ADVOCATE*. I am determined to be a paying subscriber to it as long as I live. I have been a reader of all our church papers. I look upon the *TEXAS ADVOCATE* as being equal, if not superior, to any of them."

EXPLANATORY.

Dr. Trowbridge called in to complain that in our comments on the affair between himself and Dr. Howard, injustice was done him. As we desire to do injustice to no one, we give Dr. Trowbridge the benefit of his statement. He says he did not "exchange the lie" with Dr. Howard, and at no time accused him of falsehood. He says:

He charged me with falsehood at least four times before I took special notice of it by telling him to instantly leave my office, and that if he did not, I would kick him out and down the stairs. He started to go, but when he reached the door he stopped. Then it was that I put my hand on his shoulder and told him to go. From the office door to the head of the stair is probably thirty feet. I did not touch him after he left my office door, and did not in manner or word threaten to strike or knock him; but I did follow after him, saying and repeating: "Do not call me a liar again." At the head of the stair he again stopped and faced me, and here it was that the knife was drawn, and the language used that he himself acknowledges.

Our comments on the affair were based on the statements which appeared in the *News*, and our purpose was neither to vindicate nor condemn either party, but to express our convictions respecting the course pursued by the *News*.

DR. FITZGERALD.—The Nashville *Christian Advocate*, of the 27th ult., brings to us the salutatory of Dr. Fitzgerald, who enters gracefully on the discharge of his responsible duties. His long experience, able pen and genial spirit will command for the Nashville *Advocate* high rank among the religious journals in the land.

Religious News.

Peter's pence in France alone have fallen off four-fifths.

Bishop Colenso will not attend the Pan-Anglican Synod, after all.

The British Wesleyan Methodists have adopted the international Sunday-school lesson service.

Nearly one hundred Congregational churches have paid off their debts during the last three months.

Two millions of dollars have been spent upon the still unfinished Roman Catholic cathedral in New York.

The Old Catholics of Basle have increased in numbers the past year from three thousand to four thousand.

There are four Japanese converts in Dr. Gibson's congregation in the Chinese Mission House, San Francisco.

Flourishing Sunday-schools have recently been established in Portugal, Spain, Italy, and especially in Sweden.

The Maine Conference has but two presiding elders' districts, with from 70 to 80 preachers to each.

The Cathedral of St. Peter, Rome, will seat 54,000 persons; that of Milan, 37,000; St. Paul's, London, 25,000.

Eighty-seven students are in training for the ministry in the school of Rev. J. D. Davis of Kioto, Japan.

As a result of a recent revival in the colored churches of Richmond, Va., 2,841 persons were baptized June 16.

There are one hundred and thirty candidates for the Wesleyan ministry this year. This is considered a fair number.

A revival is going on among the thieves, murderers, burglars, and other sinners in the penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Mongiardino, an agent of the British Foreign Bible Society, has been stoned to death at Buenos Ayres for selling Bibles.

Twelve clergymen are said to have withdrawn from the Church of England within a month, to join the Church of Rome.

The larger churches in New York have been pretty well thinned out by people going into the country or to Europe.

The Baptists, North and South, unite in purchasing a chapel in Rome, Italy, to hold service under the care of the Southern Baptists.

The first number of the *Southern Methodist*, the newspaper to be edited and published at Louisville, Ky., by Dr. Redford, will be issued September 5.

Statistics show that over one-third of the Sunday-school scholars in the United States are found in three States, as follows: New York stands first, with 903,390; Pennsylvania is next, with 782,025; and Ohio third, with 621,702—making in all three, 2,307,117.

A translation of Bunyan's immortal allegory has just been completed in the Russian language, and is published in a cheap popular edition.

A member of the church of Scotland offered \$5,000 to begin a mission in Ichang, China. A minister and three colporteurs have already sailed.

As many as four hundred persons have lately been received into the New Haven churches on profession of faith—the result of the Moody revival.

A correspondent of the *Christian Standard*, of Chicago, claims "there is no close communion in the Baptist denomination, but rather close baptism."

The English Wesleyans are devoting much attention to the church extension, and have recently expended \$40,000 to aid in building 100 chapels that may provide 20,000 sittings.

The Catholic Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, will not permit the burial of Hibernians in the Catholic cemeteries, or of any person who is a member of a secret society.

The little church at Gaboon, West Africa, gave nearly as much to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, as all the Indianapolis churches, and more than three times the sum sent by the five churches at Toledo, Ohio.

The Minister of War, of Greece, at the request of the Grand Rabbi of Corfu, has granted religious privileges to the Jewish soldiers, and just before their passover chartered a steamer to convey them to their homes that they might suitably observe the festival.

It is stated that the Rev. T. S. Tyng, pastor of St. James' P. E. Church, Cambridge, a grandson of Rev. Dr. S. H. Tyng, of New York city, has determined to become a missionary in Japan, and will shortly depart for that field.

Cardinal Cullen says there are 400 Polish priests and 100,000 other Catholics in exile in Siberia, notwithstanding the Emperor of Russia lately wrote to the Pope that persecution was unknown in Russia, and that Catholics were free from molestation.

The Church South has organized a Woman's Missionary Society, headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee. The President is Mrs. Julia Hayes, of Baltimore. The Vice Presidents are the wives of the Bishops, including Mrs. Marvin.

A. H. Colquitt, the Christian Governor of Georgia, while in Charleston, was invited to conduct worship last Sunday in Trinity (Methodist) Church. He discoursed from the chancel-rail, much to the interest and edification of the congregation.

The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly adopted a report strongly condemning lay preaching as contrary to the Word of God, against the peace and harmony of the church, and contrary to the church government. It urges ministers not to allow them to enter their fold.

Mr. McAll and several others under his direction are carrying on an important mission among theouvriers, or laboring men of Paris. During the past year four preaching stations have been enlarged and three new ones founded. Not less than 5,100 meetings have been held, attended by over 460,000 persons.

From the seventh "Evangelization Report of the Free Christian Church of Italy" (Father Gavazzi's Church), it appears that there are now 10 ordained ministers, 12 evangelists, 1,649 communicants (nearly all of whom are converts from Catholicism,) 606 Sunday-school scholars, 34 churches and 32 out stations.

The *Catholic Review* estimates the contributions of British and American Protestants to foreign missions at \$6,000,000 per annum, against about \$1,200,000 furnished by Catholics, and confesses that "the comparison of figures is one that should make all Catholics, and in particular Catholic Americans, blush for shame."

A number of the members of the Fifth Church of Chicago made up a purse to send its pastor, Rev. C. L. Thompson D. D., to Europe, but he was not to be disposed of in that way. Knowing the temptations to which his people would be exposed in such a city as Chicago during his absence, and desiring to keep them well in hand, he declined the generous offer.

It is proposed to hold a General Conference on Foreign Missions in London from the 21st to the 26th of October, to which all Foreign Missionary Societies are invited to send delegates. Among the conveners of the assembly are the Earl of Shaftesbury, who is expected to preside, the Rev. Dr. Mullens, the Rev. Dr. W. Morley Punshon, and many other well-known men.

The Spanish minister of public worship tells the Cortes that the government view of the clause in the constitution on religious liberty permits liberty within the walls of churches and cemeteries only, and bills will be presented for its sanction for the suppression of manifestations or propaganda in the streets, and of public teachings in the schools, universities, or books of doctrines contrary to the state religion.

The English Society of Friends has adult Sunday-schools in which ignorant grown persons are taught to read the Bible and to write, the writing lessons generally consisting of Scripture passages. The work was started about thirty years ago, and the large part of its success is due to the efforts of the late Joseph Sturge, of Birmingham. There are now 10,000 scholars in these schools, principally artisans and farm laborers, Birmingham having 1,500, the largest number of any one place.

BRACKETTVILLE, July 27, 78.—A band of Mexicans crossed over the Rio Grande at night and fired into the houses of two of the citizens of San Felipe. Thirty-six shots were fired this morning. A young man followed the trail across the river, and six shots were fired at him. Nobody hurt. The war clouds hang heavy over all this frontier.—A. J. POTTER.

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Rev. H. V. Philpott says: "Our meeting continues with interest; this is the twenty-second day."

Rev. G. W. Swofford: "Having a revival on my work—seven conversions and accessions at one point."

Bro. John Harvey, of Salado, who has been a subscriber to the *ADVOCATE* since 1856, says "it is the best paper he takes."

Dr. J. A. B. Renfro, of LaGrange, says: "I like the paper; can not do without it. God speed you in the good work of demolishing sin."

Rev. M. C. Simpson, Kaufman county, has the following to say: "We have fine crops in this county. The *ADVOCATE* is very popular, and is gaining ground all the time."

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Rev. John B. Denton, writing from San Marcos, inclosing a good list of subscribers, says: "I secured all these names but two by one speech before the church conference. I had never tried it before, and my success was a matter of great surprise."

Rev. W. N. Bonner has the following good words for us: "It is my intention to do all I can to increase the circulation of the *ADVOCATE*—feeling that in so doing I shall promote the cause and kingdom of Christ. While it is courteous and respectful, it is bold, and makes no compromise with sin and sinners, though they may be in high places."

Rev. J. M. Mills, of Carthage, July 23, says: "The district conference for San Augustine district was held here. A revival followed. Some thirty conversions. Fourteen joined our church, and others will join; while other denominations will share largely in the fruits of the meeting. The meeting closed Sunday night. Crops fine."

Col. R. M. Moore, with whom our readers are well acquainted, and who has recently removed to San Antonio, posts a letter as follows: "Plenty of thunder, lightning and rain in this rainless region. Indians say white men brought thunder and lightning to this continent; perhaps it required carpet-baggers to introduce them here. San Antonio reminds me of an old military puzzle, and San Antonio river is a modern meander. I never know on which side of it I am."

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News of the Week.

Miscellaneous.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Cotton tending upward. The spinning demand has been fair so far this week. It is feared the fever at New Orleans will check the receipts of cotton at this port.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Cotton closed strong on an active spinning demand. Liverpool closed at the highest points of the day with the trade buying freely.

Hides are slightly more active at full prices. Wool is offered freely at quotations, but buyers operate very moderately.

Sales of four per cents during July foot up \$20,000,000. There are 1,163 provident societies in England, with over 420,000 members, and accumulated funds amounting to nearly \$31,000,000.

Hon. Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, estimates the amount of money annually expended in the United States for liquors by consumers to be nearly \$596,000,000.

It is unauthoritatively reported that the Porte is about to grant to an English company a concession for a commercial and strategical railway from Messina to Diarbekir and Erzeroum.

The number of failures in the United States reported for the first half of 1878, is 5,825, against only 4,749 during the first half of 1877.

It is estimated that the wheat crop in Nebraska this year will not fall short of 15,000,000 bushel. The corn crop last year was 35,000,000, and will reach 50,000,000 this year.

The Washington Monument, at Washington City, which has been neglected for some twenty-five years, is to be completed. It is not yet decided whether its height shall be 485 or 550 feet. The latter height would make it the tallest structure in the world, not excepting the Pyramid of Cheops or the Cathedral of Cologne.

A workman by the name of Edward White lost his life in New York, a few days ago, under very impressive circumstances. He was at work at the base of the steeple of the new Central Presbyterian Church (Rev. J. D. Wilson's) during the prevalence of a thunder storm, and became so affected by the near presence of electricity that he fell from his seat to the pavement below and was instantly killed by the fall. His companion, who supplied him with mortar from inside the steeple, was actually struck by lightning, it having left its mark upon his head, knee and foot, and yet his injuries were only temporary. But for the fall it is probable that White would have soon recovered.

Mr. Gladstone made a bitter assault upon the Berlin treaty on Saturday night before the liberal association of Southwark, London, prefacing it by declining a resumption of the party leadership. He assailed the manner in which the people had been governed, and said no despotic government in Europe would have dared to assume the responsibilities it imposed upon England unknown to the people. The despotic rule of Russia is replaced over Bessarabia, which belonged to free Roumania. Russia retains her claim to a heavy indemnity which can be early made a pretext for war; the integrity and independence of Turkey are destroyed, and the conquests of the brave Montenegrins are sold to Austria's jealousy and selfishness, the Greek to Turkey, and lastly Turkey to England.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

July 25.—H Scott, it pleases us to begin a week with a list like the one you send, particularly so when the postscript promises more. James A Johnson, report of district conference. C Evers, paper changed. E F Boone. H V Philpott, report of district conference. B T Kavanaugh, too late for last week. John B Denton, will take pleasure in so doing. J Honeycutt, subscribers. O Fisher, communication. N W Keith, communication. C M Carpenter, subscriber. J M Pugh, subscriber. J W DeVillibus, subscriber. G Onderdonk, have written. W G Veal, subscriber. W D Robinson, subscriber.

July 26.—A J Potter, communication. M Mills, subscribers. Ed McCoy. G W Owens, subscribers. O A Fisher. M B R, communication. W M Thompson, subscribers. Thos M Smith, editor will be engaged on that date at Columbus. Jas Campbell. A D Strickland, communication; will send statement. Geo W Graves, communication. Asa Holt, referred to editor. J M Mills, obituary.

July 27.—Thos R Gathright. Jno B Smith, subscriber. G W Cottingham, \$1.25. R Crawford, \$15. Will have attention. J M Wesson, subscriber. Can send you as many as you wish. R W Thomson, subscriber; will remind editor. C S McCarver, will examine the matter. R G Sewell, subscribers. C L Farrington, subscriber. Thos A Gibbs, have written.

July 29.—H Griffin, subscriber. J H Chambers. A J Potter, subscriber and communication. W S South, subscriber. G V Sandel, have written. C T Morris, sample sent. R S Munger, \$10. W S May, will receive attention. Jas M Jones, renewal; do as seems to you best. W B Rankin. G W Swofford, subscriber. A Little, subscribers. D S Watkins, subscribers. J W Vest, subscriber. J W Fields, subscriber and communication. R M Powers, referred to editor. Jno E Verner, renewal.

July 29.—J H Chambers & Co. Thos G Gilmore, subscriber. O T Hotchkiss, communication. W F Compton, subscriber; will see to it. Wm Philp, Sr, renewal—\$2.50. J W Kelley, all right. A L P Green, will have attention. Col R M Moore, Sunday-school lessons. W R McDow, \$2.40. Books will be forwarded. J B Tullis, paper changed. J Clark Smith, obituary.

July 31.—W M Robbins, subscriber. W H H Biggs, \$15 and subscribers. W P Ferguson. T W Hines, appointments. J L Lemons, subscriber. S S Morris. Col R M Moore, lesson papers. Atte, send us your full name. A J Potter. J W Fields, subscriber and communication.

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Miscellaneous.

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BROWNSVILLE, July 29.—It is learned from a reliable source that on the 27th Jose Maria Amador Miguel Palacios, Pedro Martinez and Estanalo Martinez, revolutionary leaders, with 300 men, attacked the town of Real de Catorce, Mexico, and were defeated. Amador and Palacios were killed, and Estanalo Martinez wounded.

Gen. Escobedo arrived at Monterey on the 23d, and is confined in the Palacio del Gobierno. He is furnished with comfortable quarters, and receives courteous treatment from his captors. It is expected he will soon arrive in Matamoros en route to the city of Mexico via Vera Cruz steamer.

Foreign.

PARIS, July 30.—The preliminary meeting of delegates to the congress for the consideration of a commercial treaty between France and the United States was held yesterday. A draft of the treaty was submitted and will be discussed at a future meeting. It is proposed that the French government shall engage to admit all American productions at the same rates as are imposed upon the productions of the most favored nation, and that the United States shall make the same arrangements regarding the productions of France, and that if either nation imposes a domestic duty upon its own productions the same duty may be imposed upon the productions of the other party to the treaty.

LONDON, July 30.—In the House of Lords last night a sharp discussion took place between Granville and Beaconsfield relative to the latter's attack on Gladstone. Beaconsfield defended his conduct. Salisbury incidentally expressed the belief that the Russians would evacuate Turkey within the allotted period.

LONDON, July 30.—Lord Salisbury went to Osborn this morning to receive from the Queen the insignia of the Garter. Thus has England recognized the services of the eminent Statesman she sent to the Berlin Congress.

PARIS, July 30.—On account of their connection with the Berlin Congress, Hohenlohe and Von Bulow have received the grand cross of the Legion of Honor. MM. Radowitz, Holstein and Busch received minor grades of the order. These appointments are regarded as an indication of good feeling between France and Germany.

VIENNA, July 29.—A special from Constantinople announces that the Sultan has ratified the treaty of Berlin.

BERLIN, July 31.—The Crown Prince, Frederick William, has ratified the treaty of Berlin. Ratifications will be exchanged Saturday.

BERLIN, July 30.—Elections for members of German Parliament were held to-day. The Progressionists were successful in five districts in Berlin. A second ballot between a Social Democrat and the Progressionist candidates is necessary in one district. Cologne elected an Ultramontane, Cassel a national Liberal, and Konigsberg a Conservative. Second ballots with the Socialists are necessary in Breslau and Elberfeld; and between Delbruck and a national Liberal at Stettin. At Strasburg the Protest party elected their candidates.

The delegates of the American Young Men's Christian Association to the Geneva Congress arrived in London on the 30th of July, and were entertained at breakfast that morning at the rooms of the London Association in Aldersgate street. A general meeting of welcome to the American delegates will be held Friday evening. On Monday they will proceed to Paris.

LONDON, July 31.—The flagging interest in the debate on Lord Hartington's resolution in the House of Commons was revived yesterday by a speech from Gladstone, which is generally regarded as one of the ex-premier's best efforts, and probably is the culminating point in the present discussion.

Beaconsfield, replying to a toast at the banquet given by the Carlton Club, awarded Salisbury the greater share of merit in the labors at Berlin. He defended his conduct toward Greece, saying he had counseled Greece to abstention, and facts proved that Greece obtained more than the revolted principalities which had lavished blood and treasure. He passed a great eulogium on the present sultan, who throughout was desirous of acting in a conciliatory manner toward Greece. Beaconsfield maintained that by the convention with Turkey we diminished, not increased, our responsibilities. He brought back from Berlin the conviction that neither the Crimean

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BENTON, July 13, 1878.—My third quarterly meeting was held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. The results were great. Our much esteemed and well beloved presiding elder, W. T. Thornberry, was there full of the spirit of the Master, and preached in his usual manner of zeal and power. Brother W. Monk, of Frio city, was there and preached with power. We feel much indebted to Brother Monk for his zealous labors. We had a very good meeting, though not as great results as we anticipated and desired. The church was greatly revived. Several backsliders reclaimed and four converted. There were five accessions to the church. One more thing I wish to mention for the benefit of all who may read this article: There was one old sister about sixty-five or seventy years old, who came and camped on the ground; sacrificed everything else for the glory of the Lord, and she was blessed more than they all. Two of her daughters and her son-in-law were converted and joined the church. This reminds us of the fact that he that sacrifices most for the Lord's sake will receive the greater blessing. Glory be to God.—T. J. THOMASSON.

ACTON, July 11, 1878.—You will confer a great favor on those interested by publishing in the columns of your excellent Advocate the following: "Dr. J. C. Reese, recently from Alabama, originally from Georgia, has lost sight of his daughter. Her maiden name was Penelope F. Reese. The last he knew of her, she was in the State of Arkansas in 1861. She is now thought to be in Texas; probably near Houston. Her mother's maiden name was Lucy Johnson, daughter of Reese Johnson, of Warren county, Georgia. She is now married, or is a widow, and is about thirty years of age. Any information with reference to her, if this should not come under her own observation, will be gratefully received by the father. The preachers are especially requested to interest themselves and procure the desired information if possible. Address Dr. J. C. Reese, Acton, Hood County, Texas. Respectfully, OSCAR HIGHTOWER. Houston and Austin papers please copy.

BOXVILLE CIRCUIT, July 22, 1878.—I drop you a few lines from my work, giving you the result of our district camp-meeting, which was held at Mossy Grove church after the business of the conference was over. All the interests of the church were closely looked after by our worthy presiding elder, A. A. Killough. Prominence was given to religious services. The brethren preached in demonstration of the spirit and of power. The word of God had free course, run and was glorified. The spirit of God came down in convicting and converting power. We had some fifteen conversions and thirty additions to our church. The membership was greatly revived. Glory be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Unto His name be all the praise. Thanks to the brethren of the district for their efficient and faithful labors in the meeting.

Crop prospects are fine; no worms yet to do any damage. I think that I will be able soon to increase my number of subscribers to ADVOCATE. The people say if they had the money they would take the ADVOCATE. I will still urge its claims.—N. W. KEITH.

From the Frontier.

I left Fort Clark on the 16th, at 5 o'clock P. M., bound for San Felipe, thirty miles distant. Owing to the excessively hot weather I thought it better to make a night drive. At midnight I encamped on Sycamore creek, ten miles from the Rio Grande, into which it empties. After hobbling my horses I laid down to rest. A boy, who was my only companion, was roused by the snorting and running of my horses. With a gentle touch and low tone of voice he said: "Some one is driving your horses." Putting on my shoes hurriedly and seizing my trusty Winchester, thus equipped I ran in my night-clothes in hot pursuit through the thorns of mesquite and prickly pear, and other kinds too numerous to mention. I paid no attention to the piercing and scratching of the thorns. As my horses were hobbled I soon came in sight of the thief, when by a shot from my Winchester the question of ownership was settled.

Whether Indians or Mexicans, many or few, it was all the same to me. I was determined to fight till I died, rather than be robbed of my horses fifteen miles from any white settlement. After recovering my horses I hitched up at once, and reached San Felipe in safety, where I received a hearty

welcome and that generous hospitality these frontier people know so well how to bestow, and all the necessary appliances for extracting the thorns from my limbs. A. J. POTTER.

July 13, 1878.—We have just closed our protracted meeting at Benton City. This church has been in a backsliden state for some time. It was greatly revived during this meeting. On Wednesday, especially, we had a great outpouring of God's spirit, and great refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord. The brethren and sisters were all happy, and I believe sinners were affected. There were no professions; no accessions to the church. This community is so mixed up that it is hard to have a good meeting. The fact is, nearly all the material is worked up. That which is here I believe is mostly Campbellite, and of course do not like the mourner's bench and the term "get religion." Well, I am not satisfied with the results of the meeting—intend to try it again after awhile. I thank the Lord for what was done; for it was a great work at last. I have done nothing for the Advocate yet. The people all complain of hard times. But I have not lost all hope yet. I hope to do something for it before the year is out.—T. J. THOMASSON.

SAN BERNARD, July 20, 1878.—We have just closed a profitable camp-meeting at West Bernard, Eagle Lake mission. The number of conversions, as near as could be ascertained, were twenty-five. Twelve were received into the church. Some will go to other communities.

There were some remarkable features about this camp-meeting:

1. It was chiefly gotten up and sustained by persons making no pretensions to religion.

2. There being but few religious people in the community, the congregations were wholly composed of sinners.

3. I have never witnessed better order or more profound attention to the preaching of the word of God, than was on this occasion. So far as I could learn there was not a single indiscretion on the ground during the entire week.

We had a sufficient supply of ministerial help, all of whom had their expenses paid to and from the camp-ground, except one, who refused to take anything. It was one of the best camp-meetings, all things considered, that I ever attended. Local opinion has prevailed in the county where it was held for more than a year. Does this explain some of the above facts? Doubtless. There was a remarkable scene on Tuesday night of the meeting: There were twenty seekers of religion at the altar, fifteen of whom professed conversion in the space of about an hour. Yours—R. W. KENNON.

July 13, 1878.—We held a protracted meeting in the Sand Hollow community, embracing the fifth Sunday in June. Great were the results. This is a new settlement, and the people have had very little preaching. We commenced the meeting Friday night before the fifth Sunday, and held on until the next Sunday night week. We had very little help most of the time, so we had to do all the preaching, exhorting and leading in singing most of the time. But the Lord was with us and blessed us. A good many backsliders were reclaimed. Two were converted. There were eight accessions to the church. I had to go off and leave the meeting in its greatest interest. On Sunday evening before the meeting closed, at our grove prayer-meeting, there were fifteen or sixteen young men all deeply affected and desiring salvation. I had no one to sing nor help in any way, except in prayer, and I was broken down, having worked so hard all the week, so I could do nothing but stand there and talk to them about Jesus. I had to go off and leave them thus. May the Lord bless and convert and save them. The Lord deserves all the praise. Amen, and amen.—T. J. THOMASSON.

Notes by the Way.

On Thursday, the 23d of June, we left home for Austin, arriving at Hempstead the next day by nine o'clock A. M. Finding that we had a full hour to go upon before the train would arrive, we sat down and gave a few jottings to the brethren on the work we had just left. Hearing the train coming, we hastened to the platform, and to our joy met Brother J. D. Giddings. He was just down from Waco; had been attending a Sunday-school convention at that place. We entered the car, took seats, and had a pleasant conversation. In other days we had shared his hospitality, had met him at our annual conferences and other places. He was always pleasant,

but we never saw him so free and feel so pleasant as on this occasion. He had been to the General Conference, was just from a Sunday-school convention. He was full of church enterprise; the Sunday-school interest seemed to lay near his heart. We were deeply impressed with his zeal; received from his lips much that was good and encouraging in the work of saving souls. Reaching Brenham, we took the parting hand, giving us at the same time an invitation to call at his home whenever we could. In parting, little did we think that his end was so near. That evening he received his death blow. How true are the following words:

"Dangers stand thick through all the ground. To push us to the tomb."

From the evidence we had on the train, he was ready. No one could say and do like he but who is ready. He had fought the good fight of faith.

Leaving Brenham, we soon reached Elgin, the seat of the Austin District Conference. Brother Morgan, the pattern of humility, met us at the train, led us to the church; found the conference at work under the mild and pleasant rule of Rev. W. Shapard, D. D. It was a season of interest. The reports from the various charges showed improvement. The ministers appeared to be in good spirits. We spent a week in Elgin, preaching as best we could. Thursday evening we arrived in Austin; met many old friends and made many new ones. Had a delightful visit. Found Bro. Shapard greatly beloved. He will build that parsonage. Leaving Austin, we could but pray that the blessing of God might rest upon our blessed Zion every where.—THOS. WHITWORTH.

Waco Female College.

We have purposely delayed writing of our visit to this excellent institution in order that your columns might be perfectly clear of General Conference business, etc., in order to insure a better audience. Waco is fast taking rank as a great educational centre in Texas. There are two large, well appointed colleges there, foremost of which is the institution above named. It is under the patronage of the M. E. Church, South, and is almost the property of the Northwest Texas Conference. "I would to God that it were not only almost but altogether ours. It may be more certainly ours if we will only raise five hundred or a thousand dollars by conference; for we have assurances that this amount will cause the indebtedness to change from rough to gloved hands. Many have prejudices against colleges, and we do not know but some of them amount to sound objections. However we may deprecate the use of iron-clad ships, yet as long as others employ them, we must resort to them also. So with colleges. The country at large may never enjoy the direct benefits and influence of colleges, but it must and will have an educated leadership, and it is this which we propose to furnish through the medium of education in our own colleges.

Waco is a delightful place, beautiful for situation, and is noted for the generous hospitality and enterprise of her citizens. In the midst of such a people as those of Waco, and of such a conference as ours, there ought to be neither doubts nor fears with reference to ultimate success. Waco Female College is the equal of any of the far-famed schools, even (we mean no presumption) of Virginia. The buildings are of a fine character, durable, imposing and excellently arranged. Adaptation is seen in every part of the institution. For the comfort and convenience of the young ladies, we have never seen rooms better situated or more neatly furnished. The grounds are spacious, and are gradually reaching a fine state of improvement. This much for the externals of the college. The more important parts of the college machinery are within. The mainspring of all its enterprises is the excellent and genial President, Rev. Samuel P. Wright, who is one of the truest friends of female education that there is in the South. He believes that women can be educated in the fullest sense, and that they can give the most rigid tests of their proficiency. He demonstrated this theory in his examinations in a manner calculated to convince the unbelievers. He adopts the written examination system. No other system presents so fair a test of proficiency, nor is any other so free from objection. All schools of low grades object to written examinations, which is a very strong argument for them. We expected to find everything, during our visit to the college, dressed in Sunday clothes. We were disappointed. Everything was in home dress, and no one knows better than Sister Wright how to entertain visitors so that they may have the privilege of feeling like "home folks" about her house. We can not give you a full account of the

concerts and graduation exercises, as it would be too lengthy, but we enclose you an extract from the Weekly Telephone, which, reported at the time, grasped all the salient points of the exhibition. Our conference was honored by having one of its members selected to deliver the literary address. It dealt not with literature so much as it did with woman, though it surveyed a wide field of literature to point out her excellencies, her capacities and her influence in the ages past. If there was a single man in that congregation who did not believe in female education, we venture he did not tell it. Mr. Editor, we have heard of the "powers" of both the present world and the world to come. What "power" is there superior to a well equipped female college in the centre of such a State as this Western "Empire?" There is no use of sending the daughters of Texas to Virginia to acquire the cast-off finery of the "first families," when they can get real, beautiful garments with which to adorn themselves right at home. A brother visitor to Staunton College speaks of the advantage to health up there in those mountains, but if he will send some of his Virginia girls down to Waco we pledge him they will become so rosy and healthy their friends will not know them. We were once dazed by the splendid name of Virginia, but the moon has passed over her disc, and if this thing at Waco goes on, there will be an annular eclipse, which in a few years will become total. We have seen girls from Staunton, and we have seen them from Waco. Ours will go to Waco or not go at all. Bishop Keener, a friend of Southern education, believes that a line from Centenary to Mansfield, La., and thence to Dallas and Waco, is far enough north for either young gentlemen or young ladies to go to receive a first-class education.

In admiration of Waco and yourself, we are, Mr. Editor, yours humbly.

MINORITY VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Wants of the Church in Texas.

As you furnished me with a subject to write upon, and also requested me to give you an article upon it, I will do the very best that I can, by the aid of God's grace.

The great want of the church universal in Texas is holiness of heart and practice in their lives. Now, I propose to begin with the priest or preacher first, as God has called them to this department; and this department requires holiness of heart and lives. He has also commissioned them by the Holy Ghost to go forth and be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Now, I read in God's Word these questions: "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle?" "Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?" "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart," etc. "He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." Now, brethren in the ministry, have we not taken a solemn obligation to God, made to the church, calling God to witness, (which is more binding, more sacred than the oaths taken to our country in the civil courts of the land) that we will keep the Discipline of the church and not amend it? Now, that Discipline holds us as preachers and overseers of the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has placed us to do certain work, and to see that that work is done by others; and, alas! do we do it? Now, by analysis, let us see how the thing stands, and if we are not guilty; "for like preacher, like people." Now, if a man is brought into the courts of our country, the oath is administered to him "to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God," etc. He is now put upon the stand and is interrogated, and he tells something which is afterward proven to be not the truth. This man now stands in the sight of the respectable part of the world as a perjured man, and therefore unfit for society. The respectable world don't take such a being into their association, and especially as the associates, teachers, tutors and instructors of their children, and husbands for their daughters. The answer comes thundering, rolling, rushing back: Nay! nay! But, why not? Is the world purer than the church? I trow not. But, alas! here we are. We have taken a solemn obligation to keep God's Holy Word, and to keep the Discipline of the church; and that Discipline requires us to do many things which we do not do. It requires us to see that we have its rules obeyed by others, and if they will not keep them, after a season of forbearance, to cut them off; and because many of them are moneyed men we do not cut them off. That Discipline requires wherever ten children in any of our congregations can be gathered together to form them into a Methodist Sunday-school; and many of us are

content just here with a union school. I would like to know to what church they belong, and to whom it is, with its superintendent and teachers, accountable for the doctrine taught to the children, and the manner of its conduct. Again: That Discipline requires us to hold, and to have holden, class-meetings regularly, and to see that all the members attend; for it is one of the institutions of the Methodist Church. And all the members took the solemn obligation to attend upon the public worship of God, and is not the class-meeting a public worship of God? And they promised to support its institutions. Is it not an institution of the Methodist Church? Again: The Discipline requires of its members, both clerical and laity, to hold family prayer; also to search the Scriptures. All of these things each member has obligated himself to do, whether he so understood it that way or not. He understands now, and if he does not intend to keep it, the Discipline says he must be cut off, for he has no more place among us. Now, brethren, we go up to our district conference, and there we resolve and repledge ourselves to see to these things; and go back home, and that is the last of it. What becomes of our obligations? Remember the analysis. And there is the dear Advocate, it is an institution of the church, and do our people, many of them, support it as they ought? And yet the larger part of those who do not support the dear Advocate, support some secular paper which is being used as the devil's hand-bill. They are too poor to support the religious enterprises, but they can lay out their money freely on and in the enterprises of the world and the devil, while they claim to be Christians. And yet the Discipline says of such that, if they repent not and keep not their obligation, they shall be cut off; and we promised to keep the Discipline. The Discipline says cut off all such as break any of the rules continually and will not keep them. But we say, by our action in the matter as well as by our words, hold on to all such members. Brethren, I leave you to make the application. O that God would send down His spirit from above to sit upon the ministry in refining fire, that it may be holy. O that the preachers would seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire sent down from heaven, to give them power in the pulpit, to speak with words such as the world can not gainsay nor resist, instead of trying to make a fine display of what they have learned from books, and how differently would the case be. Holiness, holiness unto the Lord becometh His servants. J. F. HENDERSON. LOVELAND, TEXAS, July 17, 1878.

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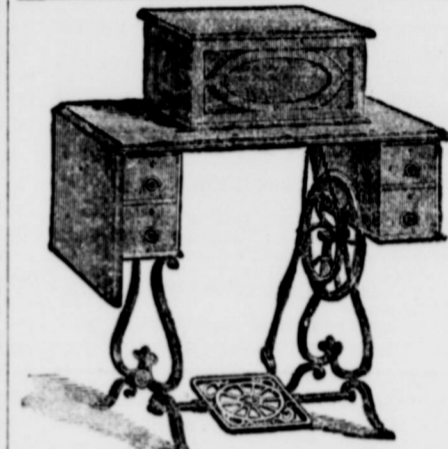
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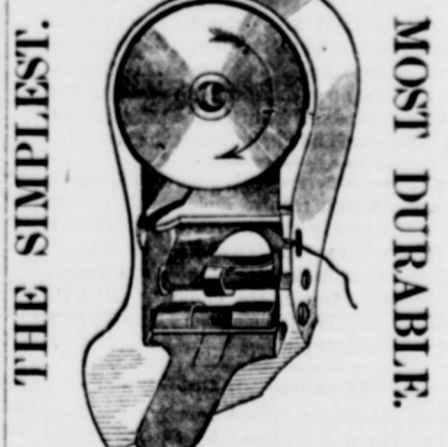
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