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Sunday School.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

By B. M. MOORE.

FOURTH QUARTER—TENTH LESSON—Dec. 8, 1878

Luke xxiii: 10-20; The Cross. Time—A. D. 30; Place—Jerusalem; Rulers—Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome, Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea, and Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT:

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.—Gal. vi: 14.

"From the supper" to the cross the time is short—less than two days; but every incident of that precious history is an indispensable link in the golden chain of life. Having revealed the hand of the traitor, His disciples are cast down. He thereupon comforts them with the promise of the Holy Spirit, assuring them that He is the vine and they are the branches; that, though hated and persecuted, the Holy Spirit would comfort them when He should be taken away; and then we have His last prayer with His disciples. (See 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th chapters of John.) Then follows His agony in Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, where also He is soon betrayed and led before Caiaphas. Peter there thrice denies Him, when He is led away to the sanhedrim. Full records are found in Matt. xxvi, Mark, xiv., Luke, xxii, and John, xviii. He declared Himself the Christ both to Caiaphas and the sanhedrim; is mocked, smitten, and condemned. From the sanhedrim He is led to Pilate, the Roman Governor, for sentence. Without any result, He is thence taken to Herod, and thence back to Pilate, who seeks to release Him, but the Jews demand Barabbas instead. Pilate yields to the vindictive clamor for His blood, and orders Him scourged and delivered up to be crucified. Through the intercession of his wife, he makes another ineffectual effort to release Him. Judas, seeing his fell work, repents and hangs himself as Jesus is led away to crucifixion, followed by the jeering and reviling multitude. On the cross He is mocked, both by Jew and Gentile. From that cross He commends to John His mother; and in the gathering darkness He saves the repentant thief. He expires on the cross; the veil of the temple is rent; the graves open and the dead come forth; and the centurion who executed Him exclaims as He died, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

V. 33. "And when they were come to the place called Calvary, then they crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right hand and one on the left." And when they who had charge of His execution came to the place called Calvary—called also Golgotha, place of skulls—they crucified Him—a common mode then of executing the lowest class of criminals; and to emphasize His ignominy, He was executed between two thieves. Thieves, then, as now, were held in less esteem than robbers or murderers, though both the thief and murderer are real thieves, and add violence and murder to their thievery.

V. 34. "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots." It was reserved for the Author of Christianity to exhibit the sublime virtue of praying for the pardon of His own murderers. So prayed Stephen, the first martyr, for his cruel murderers; and so, too, have prayed countless martyrs since. They knew, as a man, He was unjustly executed, but they did not comprehend the fact that they were murdering by cruel torture man's Savior and man's Judge. "They parted His raiment;" they divided His clothing; "cast lots" for His vesture, His coat, one entire piece that could not be divided. What a scene—the Son of God on the cross in the agonies of death and the four soldiers, with callous hearts, so accustomed to such scenes of torture that they could sit down at the foot of the cross and gamble for His clothing! Such things were perquisites of the guards then.

V. 35. "And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ, the chosen of God." "The people stood beholding;" the people looked on in awe. The people that shouted His praises are now subdued in the presence of stern authority. "The rulers with them derided;" sneered or turned up their noses in mockery. They were there with the common people to accuse or excuse as might be necessary. They admitted that He had saved others, and demanded, like Satan when tempting Him, that He should save Himself, and thus prove Himself the Christ.

V. 36-37. "And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself." Heartless and cringing subordinates often try to secure favor by their cruelty to prisoners. It is the mark of a mean, low spirit.

V. 38. "And a superscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin and Hebrew—'THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.'" The superscription, something written above—called by others an accusation—was placed over Him by Pilate. Greek was the common or polite language then; Latin was the official language of His executioners; and Hebrew was the language of His persecutors. The sanhedrim desired His death because He claimed to be Christ the Son of God; but as that was no cause of death in the Roman law, the charge to Pilate was that He claimed to be "The King of the Jews"—just what He refused to be; therefore, the Jews hated Him.

V. 39. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us." Matthew and Mark speak as if both reviled Him; if so, one repented, and confessed the justice of his penalty, and prayed for salvation. "Hanged;" nailed or tied to the cross by hands and feet.

V. 40. "But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" "Dost not thou fear God?" do you not fear God; "same condemnation;" both were suffering execution, and were soon to appear before God.

V. 41. "And we indeed die justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss." The crucifixion of Christ was such a mockery that even these thieves knew that the charge was false. Pilate had said that He had done nothing worthy of death, and all knew Him to be innocent.

V. 42. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." "He;" the penitent thief; "thy kingdom;" when Christ comes as the Messiah to judge the world. He understood Christ's claims.

V. 43. "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, to-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." He asked to be remembered at Christ's second coming, but is told that he would be remembered that day. "Paradise;" said by some to be an intermediate state of waiting, and by others, the state of blessedness.

V. 44. "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." "Sixth hour;" 12 o'clock; "ninth hour;" 3 P. M.; "darkness;" an eclipse of the sun.

V. 45. "And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst." "The veil of the temple;" the curtain which separated the most holy place from the rest of the temple; "rent in the midst;" torn in two from top to bottom, indicating that Christ's blood had opened the way to God.

V. 46. "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said this, He gave up the Ghost." We think these the last words uttered by our Savior before His death.

33. How gratefully we should follow Him to that hill of blood, that place of skulls, where He, in those hours of torture, wrought out for us eternal life!

34. He illustrated the commandment which He gave us—to pray for our enemies and for those who despitefully use us.

35. We sometimes, like the people who stood beholding Him as He was crucified, look on without protest when the wicked persecute the good, or stand awed when Right suffers violence at the hands of Injustice. And we ask our unselfish nature to do for itself what it would for another.

36-37. Many of the world's cruel soldiery proffer bitter cups to the lips of the world's pure teachers of truth, and deride them if they choose to suffer violence rather than use it.

38. The wicked have crucified the good from Cain up, and have written their derisive superscriptions over their crosses; but the crucifiers have perished, while the crucified live on in imperishable fame.

39. This railing malefactor has his imitators to-day: the evil call-

ing the good evil, and alleging as a reason that the good do not rescue themselves and all the evil from the hand of the law, executed unjustly or justly.

40. Sinful nature sees another's condemnation, but not its own.

41. Man, being fallible, often condemns the good along with the evil; but God will judge all justly.

42. The prayer of this penitent malefactor should be the daily prayer of every man, woman and child—"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

43. If this were the earnest prayer of each one daily, the answer to each on his or her dying pillow would be the same as his: "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

44-45. Nature was in sympathy with the triumph of crime over divine virtue. But it was only a temporary and necessary eclipse, for the natural sun appeared in the heavens, and the Son of Righteousness came up from the dungeon of death to live and reign forever.

46. As He commended His spirit to His Father from the cross, so should every dying Christian be able to do as the curtain falls on this life to rise on the next.

LESSONS FOR YOUTH.

NUMBER SEVEN.

THE SCRIPTURES.

My young friends, you remember that I stated in the introductory to these lessons, that I was perplexed in early life by things taught by others, viz: That we had nothing to do with the Old Testament Scriptures, and that there never was any church until John and Christ set it up at Jerusalem and the day of Pentecost had passed. We have now reached a point in our lessons that these things come in for thought. I am free to acknowledge to you my incapacity to instruct you as I would like to be able to do, yet, tied to short lessons increases the difficulty, so much so that I may be forced to divide my lessons into two chapters instead of one.

I propose in this lesson to show that Jesus did not dispense with the Old Testament. I have given the last lessons, showing that we needed the Old Testament to aid us to understand the New Testament. I will continue the same lesson in another shape, and remark that Jesus says in John, v: 29, "Search the Scriptures," etc. Luke xvi: 29, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." Acts xvii: 11; Acts ii: 16-18, "The Day of Pentecost." The descent of the holy Spirit is claimed by Peter and quoted by him as a fulfillment of the prophet Joel (see Joel ii: 28, 29), and mentioned by others, as referred to by a number of references.

Again, read the 5th, 6th, and 7th chapters of Matthew, called "Our Savior's Sermon upon the Mount," and you will find that all of the ten commandments, as given to Moses, are virtually embraced in that discourse—in the doctrines set forth. He, Jesus, says in that discourse (Matthew v: 17), "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Rom. x: 4; Gal. iii: 24, which read, I claim that neither Jesus nor His disciples taught any new doctrine in the New Testament which had not been taught in the Old Testament Scriptures, but constantly explained and enforced the doctrines contained in the decalogue, and quoted the teachings of the prophets as authority Divinely given through those prophets. I am only touching a few of the items that might be presented in this lesson.

J. W. B. ALLEN.

SEGUIN, TEXAS, NOV. 18, 1878.—I have been strongly impressed with the duty of writing a few lines for the columns of the ADVOCATE. If you can spare me a small space of your valuable paper, I wish to call the attention of church members to what seems to my mind the great need of the church just now. Strong, combined effort is of vital importance, yea, I would say an indispensable requisite to the life and spirit of the church; a united hand to guard and further all its interests. We need a union of heart and hands to labor, give of their means, and suffer if need be, that the cause of Christ be advanced. On this depends the prosperity of Zion, and the conversion and salvation of perishing sinners. What a formidable army could we present in our own State if all our churches were to assume the aggressive; if each professed Christian would come up to the help of Lord against the mighty? If in every pastoral charge the entire membership were to form a circle around their minister, hold up his hands by encouraging words, and pledge him their sympathy, prayers and hearty co-operation. The success of the gospel depends much upon the spirit, zeal and devotion of the church members. In many of our churches just now, there is

an astonishing apathy, a fearful indifference. When we consider the magnitude of the interests involved, its intrinsic excellence, and the shortness and uncertainty of the time allotted for the improvement of it, how alarming the negligence and drowsiness which has paralyzed our people. Oh, brethren, there are matters of eternal interest awaiting our efforts and action. There is fearful responsibility here—the well being of the church and salvation of souls depend upon our exertions, sympathy and prayers. Then let the duty come home to every heart, and let it be performed. Let each church member and every Christian intercede with Christ in behalf of His church and precious redeemed souls. Why is it that a very small proportion of the members whose names are enrolled on the church record claim to be partners in this grand, glorious work, while the remainder, according to their own status, are actually blanks outside of their own firesides, persuading themselves that they are so insignificant as not to be missed from duty. Brethren, how strangely you underrate your talent, and with what criminal blindness you underestimate the work the Master has entrusted to your energies. We have full authority for saying there is a place for each and all, a work assigned to every one. God is omnipotent it is true, and we might say could carry on His work without our co-operation, but His plan is to work through means, and has in His wisdom seen fit to select humble instruments to carry out His great design. Then it behooves us to lay ourselves upon the altar; to stand in readiness to obey His calls whenever and however He may deem right. Now, I earnestly, and with great emphasis beseech you timid brother or sister, as you regard the welfare of Zion, as you desire the salvation of souls, as you love Christ and His cause, be up and doing, for the "night soon cometh when no man can work." A willing heart and ready hand can always find needful duties. Every Christian can be a co-worker, a fellow-helper to the truth. How great the privilege, and how thankfully should it be embraced.

"Lord, send me work to do for Thee, Let not a single day Be spent in waiting on myself, Or, wasted, pass away." For the Texas Advocate.

A Picture from Life.

There came on the street, one day, an old man with tottering gait, and eyes blood-shot and dim. His matted locks were thin and gray, his hands trembling and weak; and, as he raised his old slouched hat, he showed a face marked with deep traces of wickedness and sin.

"Here, boys," said he, "I'm almost at the end of my row; give me a lift and I'll give you a preach."

"Here's a drink, old fellow, now give us some fun."

"Well, first I must tell you how to have had times—you know I've been over the road and know every foot of the way; the very one you are traveling—and now, boys, listen to me: If you have any money spend it as quick as you can. If you don't know what you want, hunt around till you find something—he (pointing to the liquor dealer) will help you to spend it fast enough; and then, when it is all gone, you can borrow, beg, steal or starve, as you like. One young man, I read about a long time ago, wasted his property in riotous living, and then tried husk diet with the swine. As tobacco costs more than bread, buy tobacco, of course; and when your money is out, get your bread as you can. When work is plenty, strike for higher wages, and spend your time in idleness, until there is nothing to do, at any price. Attend all the circuses, theaters, and monkey-shows within your reach, and pay well for the privilege. Wear clothes of the latest fashion, and buy every new style that comes out. When you can get no more, and the finery is gone, wear rags for the want of the clothes you have thrown away. Do not be penurious; who cares for a dollar? Spend money freely, and make fun of those who save their dimes, and wear old clothes; it will be more pleasant for you, some of these times, when these same people keep you from starving. The price of two glasses of liquor will buy a dinner for the family, therefore buy the liquor for yourself, and let the family go hungry. Try to get all the pay you can, and do as little work for it as possible. Be so cross and unobedient that your employer will discharge you so soon as he can find some one more accommodating. Never think about the future, but have a 'good time.' Eat, drink and be merry while you can; 'sow your wild oats,' and think they will never come up. Now, boys, if you follow these rules and do not find 'hard times,' I am sure you will never succeed at anything. 'Look at me! My chances once

were as fair as any of yours. I was my mother's darling boy—I broke her heart (he wipes his eyes with his old coat sleeve)—she is under the sod now; years ago I saw them put her there. If I had followed her advice how different it would have been! Ah! I can see now, when it is too late, how it 'might have been.' There is no going back. Nature's laws can not be violated with impunity. I'm paying the penalty of my 'wild oats.' You see I'm old, worn out and feeble before my time. I'll not live many more years—not live out half my days; they are cut short by my own hand—

"In a worthless cumberer of the ground, A burden to myself, and all around."

"Here, old fellow, take another drink; it will drive dull care away." "Ah, boys! I've lost my relish for even this now, and everything else; yet, I must have drink! Keep on, boys! keep on! if you want to be like me. I was once as you are: gay-hearted and frolicsome, with my boon comrades. They are gone where the drunkard goes, and I'm left alone as a blasted tree, to fall by the next gale. They are gone and I'll follow soon."

These sad thoughts pressed upon the old man's heart as the scenes of happier days came before him; his eyes suffused with tears, and suppressing a sob, he again wipes his face with the sleeve of his old ragged coat. He paused, while the coarse laugh went round, among the jeering crowd.

"It is all very funny, now; you may laugh, but I tell you, boys, there is a time coming when you will be sorry that you ever mocked a poor old drunkard. There is a day of retribution—I feel it in my bones; I feel it in my nerve—it is terrible, terrible; you can't see it. You will go on to the bitter end. I know how it is. Some of you would turn back if you could. Ah! go back to the cradle—be rocked in your mother's arms once more—be the innocent boy if you can. Ha-ha-ha! The fiends of the lower pit are laughing at you as they see you forging your own chains. Some tell us we sprang from the monkey, and it don't take long to go back to the original brute. Ay! worse, a thousand times worse, than our monkey ancestors. Who ever heard of them killing their children, or beating their wives, or gorging themselves, or getting drunk and ruining all who are near and dear to them? I made my father's hair gray before his time, with sorrow for his wild boy. My wife—bless her good soul—has gone to heaven. I tortured her life away—killed her and all the little ones with the misery I brought upon them. They are away up yonder, where the good and innocent go. I'll never see them again. There is a great gulf between them and me. My doom is sealed. I know it; I feel it. Good-bye, boys—

"We will meet below, Where the drunkards go."

NORA. ANDERSON, TEXAS, November 21, 1878.

Speak to that Man.

By S. L. HAMILTON.

Be quick, for he's in danger! His soul is in peril! The danger is imminent. He is a sinner against God and death is on his track. The grave yawns to receive him. The mouth of hell opens to admit him, and devils, with fiendish exultation, rejoice at prospect of his coming. This day a voice may divide the sky which will summon him to the judgment, or you to your account, and should the voice fall on his ear or yours, the opportunity of the hour will be gone forever. Should he die in his sins, and you live, guilt will be on your soul, because you failed to warn him of his danger and invite him to one only Savior. Should you die and he live, having before your dying spoken the word, warned him, invited him, plead with him, won him to Christ, you might carry the news to heaven of a soul saved from death and hell, and thus cause the angels to rejoice by the glad intelligence which you convey to them, for there is joy in heaven among the angels of God over one sinner who repenteth, and an added star would sparkle in the crown of your rejoicing brother, if through your instrumentality the repentant one was brought into the fellowship of the divine.

Oh, then, for the sake of Christ who died for the perishing, and who yearns over them with a pitying tenderness begotten of His sufferings and His love, for the sake of the perishing themselves, who sleep, carnally, while dangers gather thick and dark about them, for the strength which would come to your own soul as you help others, and because the claims which humanity unsaved has on humanity saved, speak to men—that man! Do it now. Do not put it off till to-morrow. The chances are if you put it off till to-morrow, you will not do it to-morrow. Now is God's time for that

man's salvation, and now is your opportunity to press him to accept the gracious offer. A present opportunity brings a present duty. The duty and the opportunity are in blessed agreement. If you discharge the duty, harmony will result, and great possible good. If you fail, discord and danger—great danger to "that man," and danger to your own soul will be the product of such failure. There always comes a jar and hurt to a man's soul when he fails to do his duty—the bidding of his God. It is never safe for a child, especially God's child, to say no, and be disobedient. Beaten with many stripes shall that servant be who knoweth to do his Master's will and doeth it not. Duty! duty! duty! Some think the word is harsh, but to the obedient child there's music in it, and the path of duty only is the path of safety.

Speak to that man because it is your duty, and also for the high privilege of being Christly in your work, of engaging in such work as occupied the Son of God. Are you riding by his side? Speak to him. Are you walking with him alone? Speak to him. Do you sit and converse with him at his fireside or yours? Speak to him. Speak to him kindly, lovingly, judiciously. He is worldly, engrossed with care. Turn his thought toward God and heaven. Make him think about salvation. Compel him to feel his need of an almighty and redeeming Savior. He may be thoughtless; get his attention and fix it on things of deepest concern. You may be surprised to find that he is thinking, but has not had the courage to speak. In his heart he has been sending forth the wailing cry: "no man cares for my soul." He has felt thus because no one has spoken to him. He is thy brother, neighbor, friend. Oh, for love of God do speak to him! Be quick! Speak to him about his soul.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

The Layman's Sphere of Usefulness.

The sphere of lay effort ought to be just as broad as the field of opportunity. It embraces all that is needful for the full development of every individual, and the full play of every agency of the church. Its chief object is to glorify God through the moral character of the world. The great aim of the layman, as well as of the officer, ought to be to "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." It was to this spirit that Justin Martyr appealed when he would arouse the early Christians to a higher standard of excellence and to a greater degree of activity. "It was this," says Neander, "more than anything else that wrought to the conversion of the heathen."

The purity of their morality, their hearty, fraternal love, that sought its neighbor's good; their charity, that found its reward in acts of beneficence; these exhibitions stood in strange contrast to the narrow, selfish spirit of paganism and won the world to Christ. God's sovereignty in the heart, finding expression in acts of kindness to all that came within reach of its helping hand, this, was, in the early church, and to the end of time will be, the chief human instrumentality in converting the world.

The work set before the church is the renovation of the world, and the victory over the flesh and the devil. Anything that will help on in this grand enterprise lies within the sphere of Christian effort. But it is not so much the effort as how to beget the spirit that inspires the effort, that demands the attention of our church courts. A vigorous spiritual industry is the great need.

While the world is the theatre, the number and quality of talents committed to each one is to determine what and how much he is to do. Each Christian is bound to service—bound to do by example, by precept, by exhortation, by reproof and advice, all he can for the furtherance of truth and righteousness, and for the suppression of error and of vice.—From a paper read before the Synod of Kentucky by the Rev. Miles Saunders.

To aim at pleasure, to single out our own good to the exclusion of others, to seek the gratification of our desires and appetites, is to lead an ignoble life. You were not made for yourself; you are a part of God's greater universe, and find your true place of honor in the service of the whole. The perfect man was the one who pleased not himself, and whoever would imitate him must deny himself and rise above the temptation to live simply for his own satisfaction.

Hope is the blossom of happiness.

An evil conscience is always fearful and unquiet.

Have a good conscience and thou shalt have joy.



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E. F. BOONE, F. M. STOVALL.

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T. W. ROGERS, CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS, NOV. 19, 1878.

The delays in the issue of the ADVOCATE recently have been occasioned by unavoidable delay in obtaining the appointments. Owing to the smash up of a freight train on the Central last Tuesday, we were compelled, on returning from the conference at Terrell, to lay over one night at Hutchins and another at Houston. We found the press waiting for us. We are sure our readers will be forbearing, as it is important that the appointments be published promptly. The delay occasions to us far more trouble than to our readers.

We see it stated that Catholic missionaries in foreign heathen lands have no adequate protection from any powerful government; while the British and other great powers protect Protestant missionaries. The reason is obvious. In secular matters, the Romish Church demolishes what it dominates and ruins what it rules. Even the Papal nations, such as France and Austria, decline to support the pretensions of the Pope in his claim to universal sovereignty over secular affairs.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The twelfth session of the North Texas Annual Conference, assembled in Terrell, at 9 A. M., Nov. 20th, Bishop Keener presiding. The usual religious services were conducted by the Bishop. The roll of the conference called by the Secretary of the preceding conference, shows 99 clerical and 28 lay delegates. There was a full attendance of the clerical and a fair attendance of the lay members. One death was reported. Job M. Baker. A veteran soldier has passed to his reward.

W. A. Shook was elected Secretary, and S. J. Hawkins and S. R. Hamilton, assistants.

Among the visitors present, were Rev. — Armstrong, of the North Alabama, R. A. Young, D. D., of the Tennessee conference, P. C. Archer, of the Texas conference, W. A. Shaw, of Shaw & Blaylock, Publishers of TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Rev. Mr. Spencer, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Sherrill and I. G. John, Editor.

Transfers—H. H. Sullivan and W. C. Young, from the Northwest Texas conference, and P. C. Archer from the Texas conference.

J. D. Whitehead, T. R. Pierce and W. F. Clark, transfers of last year, were introduced to the conference.

Admitted on trial—James H. Shaw, Madison D. Willeford, James W. Lively, Elias Robertson, Edger S. Williams, Charles B. Fladger, Charles W. Walker, William W. Bridwell.

Remaining on trial—Isaac N. Crutchfield, Seth B. Bush, Newton A. Keen, B. T. Hayes, Sebron Crutchfield, Emmett B. Thompson.

Admitted into full connection—T. A. Rosser, S. H. Renfro, George W. Eller, J. H. White, W. F. Cark. Samuel Jones, already ordained deacon, was admitted.

Advanced to the 3d year—Reuben G. Sewell, W. R. Manning, I. S. Ashburn, J. E. Walker.

Traveling preachers elected to elders' orders—J. W. Hill, J. R. Crowder.

Located at their own request—H. W. Hawkins, W. A. Shook, T. B. Norwood and W. M. Thompson.

Traveling deacons ordained—Francis A. Rosser, Shelby H. Renfro, Geo. W. Eller, John H. White, Wm. F. Clark.

Traveling elder—John R. Crowder.

Local deacons ordained—James H. Shaw, David Morehead, David Campbell, Lemuel G. Watkins, Benj. F. Blanton, Benj. T. James, E. Webster Alderson.

Local elders ordained—Calvin Crane, James P. Rogers.

The statistical report shows 252 local preachers, 21,057 members, 832 adult baptisms, 557 infant baptisms. Admitted by profession during the past year, 1299; by letter, 1158.

Removed by death, 233; by letter, 769; by withdrawal, 93; by expulsion, 66; by order of church, 391.

Number of churches, 140; valued at \$128,800. Number of parsonages, 23; estimated at \$12,750; other church property, \$26,000. Moneys expended in building and repairing churches, \$14,813.

Sunday-schools, 124; number of officers and teachers, 801; number of scholars, 6196. Volumes in library, 5224. Moneys expended for Sunday-schools, \$1,380.11.

There was assessed on the different charges \$7,223, for the support of the presiding elders. On this claim \$4,269 was paid, showing a deficiency of \$2,954.

The assessments for the support of the preachers in charge amounted to \$33,855. The collections amounted to \$21,383, showing a deficiency of \$12,472.

The amount assessed for the conference fund was \$2,354. Collections, \$916; deficiency, \$1,438.

Bishop's fund—claim, \$450; collections, \$355.

Collections for other purposes, \$6,709.

It was explained by many leading members that the past year has been one of unusual financial pressure within the bounds of this conference. A large wheat crop was

made, but in portions of the conference it was injured to a large extent or destroyed by heavy rains. Only a small portion of the cotton crop has reached the market, and less money is in circulation than for many previous years.

The collections for foreign missions was \$788.00, and for domestic missions \$902.15.

Dr. Young presented claims of the Publishing House, showing its indebtedness to be \$300,000, with assets of like amount. The debt the Book Committee propose to meet by selling 4 per cent. bonds. After an appeal \$3,000 in bonds were subscribed.

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Saturday night and admirable addresses were delivered by Dr. Young and Bishop Keener. The collection was about \$200. We often measure results by a wrong standard. We have seen larger collections raised on such occasions, but have seldom seen a body of ministers more deeply impressed with their personal obligations respecting the mission work. There was on the mind of each one a solemn conviction made that as a church and as preachers, we are not measuring up to the standard of duty imposed on all who hear and respect the great commission delivered by the Master on Mount Olivet. Three cents and one-third is a small payment on that debt which is due from the church to-day, as well as from the great apostle to both "Jew and Greek"—to both "bond and free." Unless we do our part in the work of sending the gospel to the heathen world, it is time we set aside from our songs the missionary hymn in which the solemn inquiry is made—

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted  
By wisdom from on high,  
Shall we, to men benighted,  
The lamp of life deny?"

Texas Methodism should send up one dollar per member to meet this demand.

THE report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals on the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, was eminently satisfactory to editor and publishers. We most gratefully acknowledge the cordial reception both of the representatives of the enterprise received from the conference as a body, and from the members as individuals. "Our Shaw" was specially delighted over the result of his settlement with the agents. With the exception of a few who were Providentially absent, the settlement of accounts was satisfactory. This may indicate that the publishers have an admirable collector, but we are of opinion that it also says a great deal in behalf of the promptness and efficiency of the preachers. We have heard very frequently that Methodist preachers are bad financiers. We are not convinced that this censure is just. Men who can live on the meagre salaries they receive must be good managers. And the accuracy with which they keep their accounts with the paper, and their promptness in settlement, furnishes further proof of their capacity in financial affairs.

The conference paused just before its adjournment to hear the report of the Committee on Memoirs. Job M. Baker, who had lived four score years and had been a preacher for sixty, full of years and full of faith, had passed to his reward.

The closing address of the Bishop was deeply impressive. The obligations which rest on the hearts of those men who feel that God has set them apart for a special work in this world, are weighty. At times we are made to feel what the prophet was talking about when he said "the burden of the Lord is upon me." May all who listened to those parting words bear in mind their high commission.

The time of hold the session of the Louisiana Conference, at New Orleans, has been changed by Bishop Doggett from December 11th to January 8th, at the request of the preachers of that city.

CORPUS CHRISTI, NOV. 23, 1878.—On yesterday, Rev. R. H. Belvin, who was here to hold his quarterly meeting, received a telegram which called him home to see a sick child. Rev. F. T. Barnes has resigned the charge of the Rockport circuit.—H. S. THRALL.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

At the session of the Central Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held on the first of November, the following appropriations were made for the ensuing year: For Foreign Missions, \$570,000, distributed as follows: Siberia, \$5,500; Boporo (interior work), \$2,000; South America, \$6,700; Central America, \$500; Fochow, \$16,000; Central China, \$7,988; North China, \$12,596; Germany and Switzerland, \$20,000; Denmark, \$8,000; Norway, \$11,000; Sweden, \$20,000; North India, \$60,000; South India, \$1,000; Bulgaria, \$5,000; Italy, \$22,000; Mexico, \$22,000; Japan, \$25,957—making a total of \$245,881, as against \$234,089 appropriated for 1878. To this must be added 10 per cent. for exchange. For Home Missions appropriations were made on Monday as follows: Arizona, \$5,000; New Mexico, \$8,500; Scandinavian Missions, \$14,350; General Missions, \$37,300; California Chinese Missions, \$11,450; American Indian Missions, \$3,480. For Domestic Missions in the Southern Conferences: Mississippi, \$5,000; Tennessee, \$2,500; Texas, \$4,500; Virginia, \$5,500; North Carolina, \$5,000; Western Texas, \$3,000; Savannah, \$3,000; South Carolina, \$7,000. A motion to appropriate \$10,000 for the disseminating of missionary intelligence, half of which to be used for the publication of monthly magazine, was voted down.

PROPHETIC CONFERENCE.

Our northern religious exchanges are filled with an account of the proceedings of what they denominate "a prophetic conference." An assemblage of ministers and laymen of different ecclesiastical affinities, who hold to the doctrine of the "Millenarians, or Chiliasts," i. e., that Christ will appear in person again on the earth; that the saints will be raised, and that Christ will personally reign on the earth for the period of a thousand years. This conference was held in Holy Trinity Church, New York, and for the three days of its session was attended by an audience amounting to about 6,000 persons. Of the speakers on the occasion, two were Episcopalians—the two Tyngs, father and son—Bishop Nicholson, of the Reformed Episcopal Church; Professor Lummis, of the M. E. Church; Dr. Gordon, of the Baptist Church; Dr. Goodwin, of the Congregationalists; and eight Presbyterians—that body being more largely represented than all other religious denominations. The venerable Dr. Tyng presided and spoke briefly several times. The best statement of the position of the body is furnished in the following extract from the address of Dr. Craven, of Newark:

"The central doctrine of pre-millennarianism is this: That an Advent of Christ, in his glorified body, is ever imminent for the establishment of what is generally known as the millennium. We believe that when the gospel of the kingdom has been preached as a witness in every land (as it has already been) that when the elect number—the pleroma, the fulness—of the Gentiles has been gathered in (which may be for aught we know before the sun sets), which may not be for centuries. We who stand on this platform are no calculators of the secret things which God reserves in his own knowledge. We believe that then the Redeemer shall come to Zion—that then he shall destroy Antichrist by the brightness of his appearing; that then he shall gather now-blinded Israel to his side; that then "the kingdom and dominion and greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the Saints of the Most High."

The following resolutions, passed at the close of the session, still more carefully express the the objects of the movement:

- I. We affirm our belief in the supreme and absolute authority of the written Word of God on all questions of doctrine and duty. II. The prophetic words of the Old Testament Scriptures, concerning the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, were literally fulfilled in his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension; and so the prophetic words of both the Old and the New Testaments concerning his second coming will be lit-

erally fulfilled in his visible bodily return to this earth in like manner as he went up into heaven; and this glorious Epiphany of the great God, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the blessed hope of the believer and of the church during this entire dispensation.

III. The second coming of the Lord Jesus is everywhere in the Scriptures represented as imminent, and may occur at any moment; yet the precise day and hour thereof is unknown to man and known only to God.

IV. The scriptures nowhere teach that the whole world will be converted to God, or that there will be a reign of universal righteousness and peace before the return of our blessed Lord; but that only at and by his coming in power and glory will the prophecies concerning the progress of evil, and the development of Antichrist; the times of the Gentiles and the ingathering of Israel; the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the transfiguration of his living saints, receive their fulfillment, and the period of millennial blessedness its inauguration.

V. The duty of the church during the absence of the Bridegroom is to watch and pray, to work and wait, to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and thus hasten the coming of the day of God; and to his latest promise, "Surely I come quickly," to respond in joyous hope. "Even so; come, Lord Jesus."

A supplementary resolution, offered by Dr. Brookes, and unanimously adopted, was as follows:

Resolved, That the doctrine of our Lord's pre-millennial advent, instead of paralyzing evangelistic and missionary efforts, is one of the mightiest incentives to earnestness in preaching the gospel to every creature "till he come."

OUR POSTAL CARDS.

GRAHAM, YOUNG CO., NOV. 19.—Fine seasons enough for cropping all this year. Too much rain at harvest sprouted much wheat. Solid and rapid improvements here. Only one saloon in this place; never hear carousing. Times very hard is the chronic complaint. Corn 45 cents; wheat 75 cents per bushel. Many immigrants looked for.—S. D. AKIN.

PEDIDO P. O., TEXAS, NOV. 20.—My first quarterly meeting embraced last Saturday and Sunday. We had a good meeting. Several persons asked the prayers of the church as penitents, and the membership were much revived. Rev. R. H. Belvin, presiding elder, was at his post of duty and labored faithfully. We expect a revival in a short time. Brethren, pray for us all. We have had a good rain. E. G. DUVAL.

NEW FOUNTAIN, TEXAS, NOV. 20.—Have made one round on my work; kindly received by the people; prospects at some points good; at others gloomy. This is the most picturesque country I have seen in Texas—high mountains, deep canyons, rich valleys between the mountains; and the most beautiful running streams of fine water as there is in the world. This is the country for those who want good health, good water, good land and timber. Rains abundant of late.—W. MONK.

CORSICANA, TEXAS, NOV. 23.—The pastor was sick. His wife was teacher of the infant class, and a strong believer in prayer. She lectured the little fellows, and they promised to pray for the sick husband. One of the little ones said to his mamma: "I promised to pray for Bro. Goodnight." "Well, my son, it is time you were at it." Down on his knees: "Now I lay me down to sleep; if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take. Amen." "My son, you didn't pray for Bro. Goodnight." Down again: "Now I lay Brother Goodnight down to sleep, and if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord his soul to take. Amen." —JAS. CAMPBELL.

WRIGHTSBOROUGH, TEXAS, NOV. 19, 1878.—I have just closed my first round on Leesville circuit; find the church in tolerably fare condition; met with very warm reception; find many warm-hearted people; some staunch Methodists; a church-going people. I am snugly quartered at Bro. R. Floyd's, near Wrightsborough, Gonzales county. You will therefore change my office from Leesville to Wrightsborough. We have had a fine rain. Crops pretty well gathered. Health good. I am urging the claims of the ADVOCATE. I think that I will be able to send a list of subscribers soon.—N. W. KEITH.

The convention of the Methodist Local Preachers at Trenton, N. J., recently, adopted resolutions of thanks to Prince Bismarck "for his noble and broad defense of evangelical Christianity."

CURRENCY CIRCULATION.—A late reliable table gives the following statement of the aggregate amount of money in circulation and also the amount per capita in four of the leading commercial nations:

The population and per capita circulation of the four leading nations of the world at the latest dates, the amounts reduced to the currency of our own country, are thus stated:

Table with 4 columns: Country, Circulation, Population, Per Cap. France: 4,000,000,000, 36,903,788, 12.48; U. Kingdom: 212,965,000, 33,174,000, 6.80; Germany: 118,015,000, 42,757,300, 3.46; United States: 668,597,275, 47,000,000, 14.65

It will be seen that the aggregate, as well as the per capita, amount of paper circulation is larger in this country than in any of the other countries named, and largely in excess of any except that of France. In that country, however, the circulation has been reduced to the amount above stated since November, 1873, from \$602,000,000, a reduction of \$141,093,000, while, in the same period, the metallic reserve of the banks has increased from \$146,000,000 to \$435,000,000.

THE supper and concert for benefit of St. James Church, of this city, which took place Tuesday evening of this week, is reported to have yielded the handsome sum of \$500. A notable feature of the entertainment is the fact that the different denominations, both Catholic and Protestant, contributed liberally. The use of Thos. Goggan & Bro's. building, as well as one of their fine pianos, was given gratuitously.

We were unable to secure the postoffices of all the preachers of the North Texas Conference and have followed the most reliable data at hand. Will the preachers of that conference, and especially the presiding elders, aid us? If there is an error or oversight please correct without delay. Can some one furnish us the offices of those superannuates to whose name no office is attached in the appointments?

After a lapse of three months we again have on our table a copy of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. It is dated November 21st. In spirit, as sprightly as ever; in size, a half-sheet. Now that the fever has about run its course, and business is reviving in the plague-stricken city, it will again resume its former size, and continue to gladden the hearts of its numerous readers weekly. It says:

"The total number of deaths from all causes for the week ending Sunday, November 17, was, 135. Of these twenty-nine were from yellow fever. The city is regarded as safe for unacclimated persons, and the absentees have already returned by thousands. At this writing, November 19, we know of no cases of yellow fever, and physicians of large practice inform us that they have met with no new cases. Our churches on last Sunday were well filled, and the business thoroughfares have a lively and bustling appearance. Thank God! we are done with the yellow fever for this time."

According to Science pour Tous a new method of giving signals of warning at sea has recently been perfected, and is now employed with success at one of the most dangerous points on the coast of Bretagne. The signals consist of sounds, which are repeated at short intervals, and can be heard, even against the wind, at a distance of six kilometres. The apparatus by which these sounds are produced is self-acting and very simple. It consists of a hollow cylinder, a few centimetres in diameter and three or four metres long, closed at the lower end and secured by an anchor to the bottom of the sea. In this cylinder is found a pump which sucks in the air, compresses it, and sends it out through a whistle, and this pump is worked by a huge fagot, floating on the surface of the sea, and whose movements, rising and falling with the waves, furnish the sufficient force. This apparatus, which is said to have been invented by an American, has, we are told, many and great advantages in comparison with the bell-apparatus hitherto used in such places.

According to the Swiss tables of mortality just issued, 597 persons committed suicide last year in Switzerland, which is at the rate of one in every 4600 inhabitants, a greater proportion than obtains in any other European country.

Rev. E. L. Armstrong requests us to announce that his postoffice is Irene, Hill county, Texas.

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Notice. The Class of the Second Year, Texas Conference, will meet the committee at the Methodist church in Chappell Hill, Dec. 24, at 10 A. M.

Notice. The Class for the Fourth Year, East Texas Conference, will please meet the committee at the Methodist Church in Tyler on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1878, at 8:30 o'clock A. M.

To the Members of the Texas Annual Conference. Dear Brethren—It is respectfully requested of each of you who will be accompanied by your wife to the session of the conference, to inform me at the earliest date practicable.

Notice. The undergraduates of the Third Years' Class will meet the committee at the same at the Methodist church, in Tyler, on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, December 10th, to be examined, previous to the opening of the session of the East Texas Conference.

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Table with columns for APPOINTMENTS, PREACHER, and POSTOFFICE. Lists various districts and their respective ministers.

Supernumerary. TRANSPORTER—D. M. Proctor, Southwest Missouri Conference; H. M. Booth, East Texas Conference; J. G. Worley, to North Georgia Conference.

Notice. I was threatened with Consumption, took AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, and am cured.

Notice—East Texas Conference. The preachers and delegates, on their arrival in Tyler, will call at the Methodist church for instructions.

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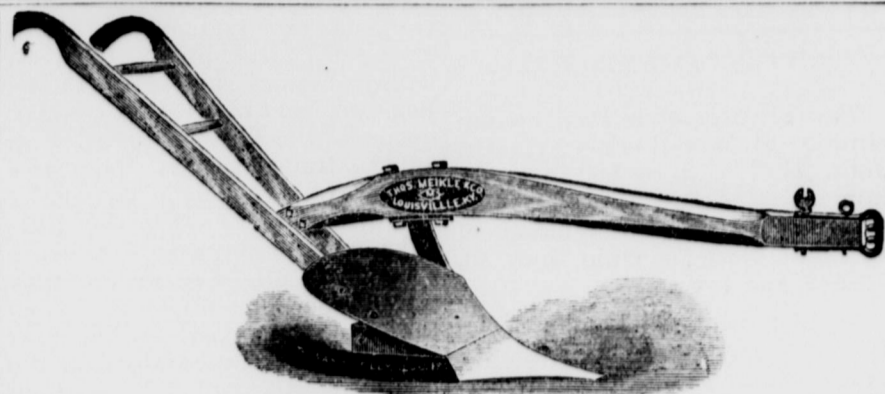
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