

Texas Christian Advocate

Our Postal Cards.

HENRIETTA, CLAY Co., Feb. 19.—My first quarterly meeting was held last Saturday. The presiding elder did not reach here on account of bad health. But few members present. I am sorry to see official members take so little interest in church matters. Is it the case in other charges that members of the quarterly conference are indifferent as to whether they attend or not? While Brother J. is on his circuit, can't he "circumrotate" this way and "do up" our new country? Would be glad to have him up here awhile. Cannot promise "fast transit," unless he is first rate on a Texas pony. Hope the ADVOCATE will push gambling and drinking houses to the "wall." Let the war be waged against these vices and every preacher in Texas take up the cry. On to victory in the name of Christ.—E. S. WILLIAMS.

MARSHALL, HARRISON Co., Feb. 24.—Good Brother M. gave me two of your cards with the injunction to write you. I know little except what I see in the papers. I can say, however, with sister M. C. B. that everything not intended to advance Christ's kingdom should go to the secular press. We want everything connected with our beloved ADVOCATE to be a means of grace to us all. My thoughts, lately, have been with our "well received" pastor. Let us remember his barrel of meal and cruise of oil will get empty, unless the people of his charge keep them filled, (especially, if he has six healthy children.) We are the instruments in God's hands. Let us not betray our trust.—ANOD.

BELTON, BELL Co., Feb. 22.—This week I have organized one council of U. F. Temperance, and given the pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors as a beverage to thirty-two persons. I hope to organize several other councils. There are five or six already in operation in the county. The Belton council, organized in November, numbers near 150 members, and it is considering the matter of building a hall of its own.—J. S. CLOWER.

BLANCO CITY, BLANCO Co., Feb. 24.—Our second quarterly meeting was held at Curry's Creek, Feb. 22d and 23d. Four persons were received into the church by letter. Bro. Fisher reached Blanco City, but was not able to meet his appointments. He will be able to return to his home in San Marcos to-day. Weather dry at this place. Hope to have rain soon.—JOHN C. C. BLACK.

ARLINGTON, PALO PINTO Co., Feb. 19.—The district conference for Breckenridge district will embrace the third Sabbath in July. We expect the editor of our ADVOCATE to be present, and would be more than pleased to see the publishers also. Bro. S. P. Wright, Dr. Mood, and we sincerely hope and pray that our beloved Bishop Keener, will be able to be in attendance. We cordially invite the brethren, and friends throughout the State.—J. G. WARREN.

HILLSBORO, HILL Co., Feb. 21.—Hillsboro council of U. F. of Temperance, was organized here last night, with 50 members. Quite a crowd went to the lecture. L. I. Sturgis, W. P.—YOUNG.

ARLINGTON, PALO PINTO Co., Feb. 19.—We have just closed our first round on the Breckenridge district, reaching home on the 17th. This is our second year on the district, and we sincerely hope it may be the best. Found all the preachers at their post of duty, save one. Bro. G. W. Devenport failed to go to his work on account of ill health. Supplied by Rev. Wyett, local. Our last quarterly conference, first round, was held in the town of Palo Pinto. Had a good time. People kind and orderly. Hope good seed was sown. E. W. Simmons, the right man in the right place.—J. G. WARREN.

BURTON, WASHINGTON Co., Feb. 24.—The church at Burton is moving on finely. Yesterday, 23d, Dr. R. Alexander, of Chapel Hill, preached the dedication sermon from "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." After the dedication, three joined and two were received into the church. Such occasions are proper times for self-dedication to the service of God. They felt what they were doing. The Doctor also preached an able sermon at night from these words: "Thou art Peter; and upon this rock will I found my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Penitents were invited to the front, and several came forward. He is said, by some, to preach with the freshness and vigor of his early manhood days. May he live long to adorn the doctrine of Christ.—B. G. BLACKWELL.

CALDWELL, BURLISON Co., Feb. 21.—Our town alive with improvements; one of which, we are most pleased to note just now, is a new fence around the parsonage garden. The ladies are projecting other improvements which I believe they will complete. I will tell you towards the close of the year what the Misses Ryan and Miss Velma Newell have done. They are full of energy; no telling now what they, with others whom I cannot mention now, can and will accomplish. A weekly prayer-meeting at every appointment on the circuit. A flourishing temperance council at Caldwell, to which nearly all the young people belong.—J. L. LEMMONS.

SPRINGFIELD, VA.—Weather cold and still snowing. Health good. Church prospering in this end of the earth. The ADVOCATE to me each week is a delightful visitor.—A. B. BLUE.

CEDAR BAYOU, HARRIS Co., February 19.—I do not think Bro. L. need make any fuss about fleas or fleas. Am confident his wife is not selfish enough to enjoy them alone, and I have no idea that she wishes to flea from him, besides I thought he had affiliated and associated with Methodist preachers long enough to take a joke even if it was a flea-eating one. You have heard, no doubt, the expression "Going on tick," but in some places I know of it is just the reverse, they not only go on but go for you and stick closer than a brother.—S. H. B.

WEST FALLS, FALLS Co., February 19.—The ADVOCATE is growing in interest on West Falls circuit. One man said that he did not like it much at first, but he now likes every number better. Always the case. We have our class-meetings in operation on this circuit and they are working finely. Our foreign mission assessment is up.—C. S. MCCARVER.

SAVOY CIRCUIT, February 19.—Allow me to state that, on my return from conference, I was greeted with many warm hearts, and entered immediately on my work. This country has suffered greatly from affliction during the past summer and fall, which compelled many of our Sunday-schools to stop, and ever since the cold season set in we have suffered from pneumonia; but we have great reason to thank God that health is being restored. We now have our schools and prayer-meetings at nearly all of my preaching points. We expect but few idlers in the vineyard on Savoy circuit this year. Brethren, pray for us. Our first quarterly conference met at Savoy February 15th. Our beloved P. E. (J. M. Binkley) preached some of the soul-stirring sermons, and dedicated our beautiful new church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. I believe we are on rising ground. We are believing, trusting, praying and expecting a glorious revival this season.—W. F. CLARK.

SHERMAN, GRAYSON Co., Feb. 24.—I have just closed first round on Sherman district; outlook encouraging in many respects; finances close; all the preachers are at work and well received, except Bro. Walker, who was compelled to return to his old home; his wife failing to consent to come to Texas. His place is filled by Bro. Norton, of Sherman.—J. M. BINKLEY.

MILAM, MISSOURI, Feb. 17.—We still have winter up North; ground covered with snow; the church nearly as cold as the weather, if not colder; I am trying to save our church, Masonic hall, school, and a thick settlement of clever people around. But, Bro. John knows all about Osage; hope he will come to our camp-meeting this year.—WESLEY SMITH.

GRAND PRAIRIE, Feb. 24.—Facts not comments: Fact 1st, of Dec. 28, moved more to tears than I imagined it would; 2d, Preachers that received second-class appointments—if they do make a noise about a reception they never got—are not as sensitive as those that slight the washerwoman; 3d, Stewards are so accustomed to being held on the track, that they are not as restive as ministers; fact 5th, A preacher or layman may travel where he pleases, write where he pleases, mail his communications where he pleases, and people may be mistaken as much as this please.—ZACH. ZIMMERMAN.

DENISON, GRAYSON Co., Feb. 25.—Sunday night, third fire in Denison since Christmas; on Main street, eight buildings; loss, \$6000. Denison has four railroads. Success to the ADVOCATE.—F. A. ROSSER.

BURKSVILLE, NEWTON Co., February 20.—We are having beautiful weather and farmers are making good use of it. Had a storm that passed through here on the night of the 10th inst., causing farmers and road hands trouble and labor. I am still known by the same name that I was last year. I

haven't done anything that I am ashamed to face. It has gone out through all the earth that my name is E. C. Brasher, but it is still E. T. Brasher. If this can be read it will let the world know my true name. ADVOCATE not forgotten.—E. T. B.

VAN ALSTYNE, GRAYSON Co., February 25.—This pleasant village is near the line of Grayson and Collin counties, upon the next greatest eminence on the Houston and Texas Central R. R., and midway of an air line of twelve miles, therefore, commanding a most magnificent view of the rich, healthful, and productive prairie country around, known as the black waxy lands. We have a good church building and membership flourishing. Sunday-school in working order, led by our beloved pastor Bro. Shea, of this and McKinney station.—LESLIE.

"ON OUR" MISSION, Feb. 10.—While sitting on our "saddle blanket," at the trunk of one of the old wide-spreading live-oaks, of which so many dot our high and beautiful prairies, and through whose branches the wind is roaring furiously, as the winds of our northwestern plains can roar, we are engaged in reading the ADVOCATE (a much esteemed visitor) of February 1st, while our pony is grazing, and we are resting at mid-day, several miles from any settlement. So situated, we can imagine that before our beloved editor has completed his "first round" and reached the "staked plains," he will find that the "Spanish pony," "stake-ropes," "inevitable saddle-bags," and "traveling across" "trackless prairies," are not so much things of the past in Texas itinerant life as he imagines. But we do hope that he will complete that "first round" before the year rolls by; for he has long been a faithful soldier in the Texas rank, and we would be glad to meet him on the frontier mission once more. We are glad to hear that he is on the "round." Bro. "Jallwell" come on.—N. W. TEXAN.

DEMING'S BRIDGE, MATAGORDA Co., Feb. 20.—I am 71 years of age and say the TEXAS ADVOCATE is about the best family paper I ever read. Knew Bro. John years ago. Have had very disagreeable wet weather. Great numbers of stock have died. Farmers are commencing to plow. Peach trees almost in full bloom.—THOS. J. WILLIAMS, SR.

ROCKWALL, TEXAS, Feb. 12.—Spring seems almost upon us here. Maples and elms in bloom; grass growing up so as to entice the stock; people sowing oats. I am gardening some, and I think others are venturing a few seeds. Religious prospects on Rockwall circuit brighten a little. Quarterly meeting just closed. Circuit paid more than any, or all on the district yet heard from. Bro. McDugald growing in favor with people. Elder pushing at the right channels. Class-meetings, social religious cultivation, prayer, and experimental piety. Several deaths on this and Farmersville circuit; nearly all heads of families and members of the church. May God raise up others from the embers of the sacrifice.—A. H. BREWER.

WEIMAR, COLORADO Co., Feb. 25.—This "supernumerary" has heard another sermon at last. Brother Spencer preached us an interesting sermon at Osage on last Sunday. Osage is one preaching place on Weimar circuit, Texas Conference. It was once something of a village, but now nothing remains but the church, Masonic hall, school, and a thick settlement of clever people around. But, Bro. John knows all about Osage; hope he will come to our camp-meeting this year.—WESLEY SMITH.

CALLAHAN COUNTY, Feb. 20.—I reached Belle Plain mission on the 12th of November last, and found it with two organized societies and five ADVOCATES taken. I am half round the fourth time. Have organized three new societies, with a prospect of more to be effected soon, and have sent twelve new subscribers. The spiritual condition of the church is tolerably good. Congregations steadily increasing; hope for a better interest. Weather is now pleasant.—GEO. W. RILEY.

IRENE, HILL Co., Feb. 26.—Have made two rounds on my work. Every church interest looked after, and the outlook cheering. Need three church-houses very much. Will try to stir up the membership in this direction. Religious interest good; congregations large and increasing. Some indications of a move to establish a new religious compact. Old Mother too impure to hold some of the new light. Will continue my efforts for the ADVOCATE. Wheat crops promising. Farmers getting ready to plant. Bad colds prevailing. Weather dry. Money scarce and provisions abundant.—E. L. ARMSTRONG.

MOUNTAIN CITY, HAYS Co., Feb. 24.—Since my last, I attended the wedding of Bro. Billie Stone to Miss Charlotte McGan; what a pity a fellow in my relation cannot solemnize the rite. Visited Bro. Ira Breedlove, and spent some time with him; he endures his severe affliction with Christian patience and fortitude. Though suffering so much as to cause him to remark, "I don't see what could make me wish to live in my condition," yet, he shows deep interest in the well-being of his neighborhood, temporally and spiritually. More serious sickness than has been known for years. Extremely dry for this season of the year.—W. H. KILLOUGH.

GEORGETOWN, WILLIAMSON Co., Feb. 24.—I write to inform you that my wife has received the Cook Book, and is delighted with it. And now she is daily preparing for the palate of two of the Professors in the University, by its directions; and they seem to be pleased with it. Let every body send and get one. But who will furnish the things to cook?—G. W. G.

DEXTER, COOK Co., Feb. 24.—Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered in Dexter. The funeral of Rev. J. M. Monroe, was preached by Rev. W. M. Robbins, of Gainesville, to a large and attentive congregation. Crowds came in from all parts of the work for miles around. Text—Mat. xx: 26-28. Bro. Robbins spoke in his usually strong and forcible manner, and the solemnity of the occasion was both seen and felt.—J. R. C.

PILOT POINT, DENTON Co., Feb. 24.—There is a well, 60 feet deep, on the farm of Maj. Stedman, two miles east of Collinsville. The water falls when the wind blows hard from the North. Will some scientist give us a satisfactory solution of the phenomenon? There is plenty of water in the well only when the wind is from the North. We put this down among the curiosities of Texas.—J. W. CHALK.

SCOTTSVILLE, HARRISON Co., Feb. 22.—First quarterly meeting, Harrison circuit. Claim of preacher in charge, \$400.00; presiding elder, \$100.00. Paid \$47.00. No Sunday-school in operation; outlook not very good. The people have western fever. Lands very low for cash. Some farms, well improved, offered for \$3.00 per acre—improvements worth more than the price. White men could make good wages on farms; no excuse for tramps. Men from the old States would do well to look at this county before going west. Bro. Boone expects to get many subscribers for the ADVOCATE.—R. W. THOMPSON.

MERIDIAN, BOSQUE Co., Feb. 20.—Our new church is now nearly ready for the roof. It is a nice substantial frame structure, 30x50 feet, and very eligibly situated. Our pastor, Rev. J. F. Hines, has been indefatigable in his labors to build this, the first house of worship in Meridian. He is now in the third year of his pastorate here, and should no other good be done, (of which, however, there is no danger,) than the building of this house, his labors will prove a great success.—K. K.

MADISONVILLE, MADISON Co., Feb. 25.—Preached at Midway Sunday. Some interest. Took up collection for domestic missions; result, \$5.75. Hope to get as much at all my appointments. Don't think I will be behind with my collections next conference. Weather dry; farmers at work; vegetation putting out. Have circulated the petition in regard to amending the Sabbath law, and forwarded it to the Legislature.—G. S. SANDEL.

HARRISBURG, HARRIS Co., Feb. 24.—Harrisburg has one Catholic church, three negro churches, and one union church for white Protestants. The ladies are the principal workers here, and labor in harmony; they have repaired the church, and have twenty-five dollars for a Sunday-school library, and are determined to instruct the children in the religion of the Bible once a week. This may be a small thing in the eyes of some persons, but one thing it proves, i. e., religion is not dead in Harrisburg, though it may not be full of life.—G. H. PHAIR.

BONHAM, FANNIN Co., Feb. 21.—Nothing remarkable from this quarter; we are working, trusting, praying for a revival; we hope we see a cloud the size of a man's hand; prayer-meetings organized throughout the work; was at some of them; we have blessed times; pray for us. There is a man in jail here by the name of Steel, for an attempt to murder one Fox, but failed to get his money or kill him either. Wheat crops very sorry; health good; pressed financially; but little improvements outside railroad depots; a great stagnation in business.—M. D. WILKINSON.

LIPAN, HOOD Co., Feb. 19.—Sunday Creek mission looking up; held three two-days' meetings; good feeling in all my congregations; not a postoffice on my work; all want the ADVOCATE, but the uncertainty of the mails and scarcity of money is the great drawback; been a hard winter; many old cows poor; yearlings went to another range; tobacco, stake-ropes, quilts, spurs, selling fluently.—S. H. TRIMBLE.

JUNCTION CITY, Feb. 14.—Many persons in the county this week looking for homes. If they should all settle, a great many more could find homes in the county. No Indian excitement. People are all dissatisfied with the thought of having the frontier battalion removed. My address for the next six months will be at Junction City, Trimble county, Texas.—H. T. HILL.

KOSSE, LIMESTONE Co., Feb. 24.—Our Baptist friends have got their new house completed sufficiently to preach in. They christened it by a harangue on the new Baptist version of the Bible, by a man named Cress. Several of our fellow-townsmen go to Mardi Gras this morning. Take care of them. Cotton about all in. Farmers at work to make more. I feel encouraged at the prospect before me; spiritual life resuscitating; people are taking more interest in religious affairs.—W. L. ANDREWS.

TEXANA, JACKSON Co., Feb. 21.—I have just finished the reading of Bishop Simpson's lectures at Yale. The good Bishop has done his work well. Will it not be the beginning of a new epoch in the ministerial life of all denominations? To-day I feel that I am wiser and better than before reading those lectures; would that preachers who talk a good deal about the stars in their sermons, and not much about Christ, had the bishop's spirit.—M. A. BLACK.

WEIMAR, COLORADO Co., Feb. 22.—The first number of the "Quarterly Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," is received, but not read as yet. It is a well gotten up book of 192 pages, trimmed, good paper, etc. This is our quarterly; let us sustain it; price, 83 a year. God bless the ADVOCATE.—WESLEY SMITH.

LAREDO, WEBB Co., Feb. 17.—About five weeks ago, at the suggestion of several citizens, I saw the mayor of this city, and got his permission to preach on the following Sabbath in the court-room, and during the following week he gave me permission to preach there every Sabbath. Since that time we have had preaching there every Sabbath at 3:30 p. m. to a tolerably large American congregation. But at 11 a. m. last Sunday I was notified that it was to be otherwise occupied, and consequently we could not use it longer. On inquiring, I was informed that it was occupied that evening by the base ball club, and next Sabbath a ball is to be given there, I am told. The congregation came and were sent back without hearing any preaching.—JOSEPH NORWOOD.

COLD SPRINGS, SAN JACINTO Co., Feb. 24.—Col. H. M. Elmore died at his home in Waverley, Feb. 21st, at 7 p. m., in his 63d year. He came to Texas in 1854; was colonel of the 20th Texas Infantry, C. S. A.; had charge of the post at Galveston for a long while; has been an efficient member of the M. E. Church, South, for many years; was in the Texas Legislature in 1859-60; and was in every sense a high-toned gentleman and true patriot. His death was peaceful. I will send an obituary soon.—I. Z. T. MORRIS.

ELGIN, BASTROP Co., Feb. 24.—Our first quarterly conference over; four have joined our church this quarter; Bro. E. S. Smith, presiding elder, was very prompt to duty, and gave general satisfaction. Our people are not living up to their high privileges; but we hope for better times. We have no churches on this circuit that we can call our own; but the church question is being agitated some, and it is to be hoped, at least, that we can and will do something in that line. There are three saloons in Elgin and two in McDade, our depot towns on this circuit. Pray for us, and may God have mercy on us.—DAN'L MORGAN.

BOXVILLE CIRCUIT February 25. The above circuit includes a vast amount of most excellent farming and pasturage land. Lavaca and Navidad rivers run through it; includes all the territory south of Hallettsville to Morales, Jackson county. The people within the above county are, in the main, well to do. This county has been overlooked. I am much pleased to meet my old friends. They are a warm hearted people. We are doing something for you.—JNO. F. COOK.

MARCELENE, WILSON Co., February 24.—This is one of those extraordinary neighborhoods that a preacher loves to make his home entire. The good people here have determined to build a church sixty by thirty-six. When they determine to do any thing it is as good as done. The membership is eighty strong—physically strong. If you wish a genteel dressing, come to Marcele. A man can get a fight here at the drop of a hat.—QUILP.

MEXIA, LIMESTONE Co., February 26.—Everything freezing. Cold increasing. The time has not been in ten years when there was more sickness in our part of the State than at present. Typhoid and catarrhal fevers. Our church work is much affected. Every interest dependent on human efforts must stand still, or move, as disease abates or increases.—JNO. W. MCCARVER.

MINEOLA, WOOD Co., February 22.—Last Monday night I preached at Saxon's school-house, situated three miles north of Quitman, Wood county, on Sulphur Springs road, to a congregation in which there was an aged gentleman who had not heard a sermon in twelve years, and in the same neighborhood a young man who had never heard a Methodist sermon, and he was 22 years of age. Now all this is quite in the center of civilization and evangelism. Suppose, Mr. Pro. Tom., you send a specimen copy of the ADVOCATE to this man. He had no Bible, but has one now.—AGENT.

EMORY, RAINS Co., February 26. Sickness here in abundance—pneumonia. Great many deaths. Church sick, spiritually. Think it will revive, however, when spring showers sets in. Have been working hard for a parsonage; think we will have one ready for the next preacher.—A. C. MOYER.

WINCHESTER, FAYETTE Co., February 15.—Quarterly meeting here on the 8th and 9th. Presiding elder, on hand promptly and preached to us faithfully nearly a week. Many evinced a great interest in the salvation of their souls. People much pleased with our presiding elder. Three accessions during the meeting. Received last Sunday in public collection, for widows and orphans, \$8.90. Movement on foot to build a church at this place; also anxious for one at Pin Oak. Hope to see both completed before the year is out.—M. S. HOTCHKISS.

HENDERSON CREEK, Feb. 13 79.—Lest we be accused of asceticism, and astound every member of the annual conference of A. D. 1879 by reading the name of Henson's creek circuit, I would, just here and now, ask for a little space in your valuable paper to give notice of such a work.

I left home on the 19th of Dec. to fully consecrate myself to, and try the realities of, an itinerant preacher's wife. We traveled all day through the wind and rain (such as prove to be the production of our Texas northerners) to get to our first quarterly meeting, held at Macedonia December 21st and 22d. Though the introduction was severe indeed, we enjoyed the scenery exceedingly. I feasted my soul upon the wonderful views that came before me, and I could not in my loftiest flight of imagination do justice to those beautiful mountains and lovely valleys. Words can not express the changes of thought and feeling that arose from nature's deep impressions on my mind, which brought about a thorough stirring up of the mental faculties and inflowing of fresh thought and a glorious realization of the omnipresent grace of nature's great Builder and most merciful Father. We arrived in due time for our quarterly meeting; found our beloved elder and many others awaiting our arrival, who gave us many kind congratulations, but thought that I was very brave to consent to become the wife of an itinerant preacher; but I find it a great thing to be brave, for every day I feel more resolved to consecrate myself more fully to the Lord and set out anew for the kingdom. We are snugly domiciled in our pleasant parsonage home. Every day our friends and brethren prove to us our welcome by the many tokens of kindness and kind thought for our welfare. Our people are truly alive to the cause of God. Sometimes we have a good old-fashioned shout, not only in church services, but in our prayer meetings, which carries us back to scenes we have witnessed and joys we have felt in by-gone years, and such as we hope to witness ere this year closes. Pray for us.—MATTIE C. HENDERSON.

Wait not for some great cross to show
How much with patience thou canst bear;
Try now thy strength in bending low
To take the cross of daily care;
It may seem poor and small indeed,
But it may yet more useful be
To train thee, first of all, to tread
The path of true humility.

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Lie not down among the roses... Carry high thy cross and sword...

Brilliant Preaching.

Sir Astley Cooper, on visiting Paris, was asked by the surgeon-in-chief of the Empire how many times he had performed a certain wonderful feat of surgery...

Lesson from the Silk-Worm.

Raw silk is one of the principal products of Syria. The silk-worm are fed on mulberry leaves. When they have eaten enough, they spin their cocoons...

The Livery of Drunkenness.

As one man said to me, not a week ago: "I felt under the power of the appetite, as the rich man in hell must have felt when he longed for the drop of water; I longed for the stimulating influences upon my system, until I shrieked in my agony..."

consider what slaves to this appetite have been called upon, and are called upon, continually to endure, we shall have some idea of the mighty power of its influence...

Tobacco Again.

At one of our late Texas conferences a motion was made to refuse orders to any future candidate who persisted in the use of tobacco. The motion was quickly laid on the table without the privilege of discussion...

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. If any man defile the temple of God him shall God destroy." Like priests like people in an adage as old as the church...

The Great Master.

"I am my own master?" cried a young man, proudly, when a friend tried to persuade him from an enterprise which he had on hand; "I am my own master!"

Killed by Drink.

Dr. Norman Kerr, F. L. S., of London, says that in Great Britain two hundred thousand persons annually lose their lives one way or the other by drinking, limited and unlimited, moderate and immoderate. Of course these are not killed directly and immediately by actual drunkenness...

"Will you take something?" said a German teetotaler to a friend, while standing near a tavern. "I don't care if I do," was the reply. "Well, den, let us take a walk."

Children's Department.

SUN SHINE, February 15.—Dear Little Children: Your kind little letters received. Little Hattie's, Lizzie's, Sallie's and Earnest's names are now on the long roll of Bible readers, and Fount's name is down on the Testament class...

"Thou God Speed Me." "God can see me every day. When I work and when I play; When I read and when I talk; When I run and when I walk; When I eat and when I drink; When I sit and when I stand; When I laugh and when I cry; God is ever watching nigh."

SUNSHINE, Feb. 21.—Brother S. J. Shelley, Blow Out: You mistake when you would have us answer unanswered questions. We will do our best to answer "any little question any little boy or girl may ask."

SUNSHINE, Feb. 24.—The little letters from Texana received. The Lord bless the children. Little Annie will please send Uncle John the names of her schoolmates, so as he can enroll them with hers, and Thomas', and Lucius', and others, on his list...

CEGAR MILLS, Feb. 16.—Dear Uncle John: As you have promised to answer all the questions that the little children would ask you, please answer this: "What is meant in the 20th chapter and 16th verse of Matthew by 'The last shall be first, and the first shall be last?'"

MOONSHINE, Feb. 12.—Dear Uncle John: I write you a few lines to ask you a question or two: If a boy wants to go to church, and is too far to walk, and he has not got any saddle, what must he do? I have been in that kind of a fix several times. Write soon and often to your nephew.—BUSTER.

ROUND ROCK, Feb. 16.—Dear Uncle John: In the 10th chapter of Genesis, and 25th verse, the Bible speaks of the earth being divided in Peleg's time. How was it divided? I have been reading the Bible, and had gotten as far as the 21st chapter of Joshua, but I turned back again to the 1st, so as to begin with your class.—MAY MUNGER.

MOONSHINE, COOKE Co., Feb. 19.—Uncle John: You will oblige me by answering one or two questions: Who wrote the book of Psalms and the book of Job? I will close by saying, come and see us. Your nephew until death.—BUSTER.

GRAHAM, YOUNG Co., February 22.—Dear Uncle John: I wish to join your Bible class. I commenced to go through the Bible New Year. I have got to xxix chapter of Deuteronomy. I read three chapters every day in the week and five of a Sunday. That will take me through the Bible in one year. Father takes the Advocate and I like to read it better than any paper ever I read and don't think I could do without it very well.—WILLIE STROGALL.

GRAHAM, YOUNG Co., February 22.—Dear Uncle John: I see you call for names of those that will read the Bible through this year. Please add my name to your list. I like the Advocate and read it with interest, especially the International Bible lessons. We have no Sabbath school now, but hope that we will have one soon. Can't you come and see us this summer and give us a long talk? I am sure I would like to see you and hear you talk to the big children as well as the little ones.—NANNIE P. BROWNING.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL, NEAR MOULTON, LAVACA Co., Feb. 24.—Uncle John: Our teacher, who I am boarding with, told me you wanted the names of all little children who are reading the New Testament through this year. She opens school every morning by all joining in reading a chapter in the Bible. I hope you will not get tired of reading so many names from the same place. I will try to read it through this year.—MINNIE McLAUGHLIN.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL, Feb. 24.—Uncle John: I am a little black-eyed boy, nine years old; I have two sisters and a brother; my father died twenty-two months ago, and I am going to school at Young's chapel; I am reading the Bible; mother says I must learn fast, and be her little man when I grow older.—JONNIE THOMASSON.

Uncle John: Class my name among the Bible readers; I will try and read it through this year.—BETTIE THOMASSON.

Uncle Don: I am a very little girl; tant talk plain, two I am going to school, reading and reading the Bible.—LITTLE LUCY THOMASSON.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL.—Uncle John: I am reading the New Testament through. We expect to have a school picnic some time during the month of flowers. I would be so glad for you to happen along about that time, and talk to us little boys. My pa and ma belong to the Methodist Church, and maybe some day I may be large and good enough to join.—HARLEY ANDERSON.

Uncle John: Since you called for the names of little children who will read the New Testament through this year, I send my name: I read a chapter in the Bible every day except Saturday; I am eleven years old; joined the Methodist church when I was eight. My pa is dead. My aunt, whom I am now staying with, and going to school to, tells me I must be a good boy; study hard; read the Bible, and make a preacher. Has Cousin Jo. N. quit addressing his little cousins through the Advocate? We take the paper; I love to read it, and hear it read.—CHABLES E. LANE.

Uncle John: I am going to school and to Sunday-school; I read the Bible at both schools; I like to go to Sabbath-school when my teacher gives me pretty tickets; I am eight years old.—WILLIE P. EDWARDS.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL.—Uncle John: I am a little orphan girl, living with kind people, who are sending me to school, though I have no papa and mama to care for and love me. I am reading the New Testament. My teacher tells me, if I am good, God will love and care for me.—MARIETTA SANTON.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL.—Uncle John: I am reading the New Testament; will try to read it through this year. We take the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. I always look over the postal cards first, to see if there is one from my brother, who left us all and went away to preach.—AMANDA E. THOMASSON.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL.—Uncle John: I am reading the New Testament; will read it through this year, if nothing happens to prevent me.—BETTIE FRANKS.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL.—Uncle John: I am reading the Bible; going to school; and I love my teacher and all of my schoolmates.—MAHALA BURKETTE.

YOUNG'S CHAPEL, LAVACA Co., Feb. 27.—Uncle John: We are all reading the New Testament; and seven or eight more of our schoolmates, who will, perhaps, send their names some other time. We want to be good children and grow up to be useful. We have a nice time at school and at Sabbath-school.

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Uncle John: Is conscience in all cases a correct moral guide?—STUDENT.

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THE TRUE BALANCE.

A secular journal, after carefully gathering up every tale of scandal against ministers of the gospel the past year, publishes a list of fifty who were found guilty of evil deeds, either by civil or ecclesiastical courts. As several of the parties named were pretended ministers, the number must be reduced. There happens to be between forty and fifty thousand ministers in the United States, and if they are judged by the same rules of life by which other men are tried, it is evident, from the above figures, that the preachers will lose nothing by the comparison.

When a preacher is charged with an evil deed, expressly forbidden in the Word of God, the case is promptly investigated. The pressure of public sentiment, regardless of the man's popularity, makes this imperative. If found guilty, the ecclesiastical court passes judgment upon him. Were each individual in any other profession subjected to the same rigid examination, what a thinning of ranks would be the result.

Were the lawyers in the United States held amenable to the same stern rules of life by which the minister of the gospel is judged, and for every violation of the law of Christian morality have their names stricken from the roll, it is possible that ample room would soon be made for aspiring young men in the lower as well as the higher stories of the profession.

How about the doctors? If every one who leads an immoral or unclean life were arraigned, many a trial would be in progress, and many a physician would exchange the pill-box for the plow, or be glad to accept the advice, "Young man go West." Let each profession or class pass before an impartial tribunal, and from how many a hand would the uplifted stone be dropped as a voice of authority says: "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

Editors have a great deal to say about the preachers. Every immorality is proclaimed, and often their indiscretions are magnified in order to answer the morbid craving of the public for the sensational. Sometimes in their anxiety to display their wit, the facts are distorted, regardless of the misery guilt may have brought on a once happy home, or the wrong hasty publications may inflict upon the innocent and defenseless. The judge is not superior to the law he enforces. If judged by their own judgment, how many of these gentlemen of the press who spread the guilt of the preacher in bold headlines before their readers would be found guilty of the same offenses. With what unctious does an acknowledged debauchee often gloat over the crime that in some unfortunate instance has soiled the cloth of the clergy? With what sanctimonious satisfaction does he dwell on the purity and perfection which should reign over the life of another, while his own garments and flesh are foul with the plague spot of the moral leper. The inexorable law of moral purity enunciated in the law amid the thunders of Sinai, and enlarged and enforced in the teachings of Jesus Christ, apply to all men without distinction. Let that law be applied to those men who are the first to summon the recreant preacher to trial and how many would fail to hold up clean hands and show unstained lives? Fifty preachers have been tried and found wanting. Let the editors enter the scale and how many would kick the beam?

We do not complain at the rigid inquisition to which the life of every preacher is subjected, nor appeal from the inexorable judgment that falls from every lip or pen against the man who forgets his

sacred calling and exhibits to the world garments soiled with the foulest sin. We accept it rather as the highest compliment which can be paid to the profession. We recognize in the stern sentence public opinion places on the clerical offender a proof of the moral altitude they have attained even in the judgment of their most relentless foes. As the voice of public condemnation which exiles from the walks of virtue the woman who has lost her highest crown is a token of the reverence with which the vilest men approach the shrine of woman's purity; so the voice of public reprobation which ostracizes with merciless judgment the minister of the gospel who has dishonored his profession is a recognition of the fact that the preacher has attained a moral plane to which his judges never have aspired. Will those who condemn the whole fraternity for the sins of a few be willing to abide by the same rules of life?

A TRIUMPH OF LAW AND ORDER.

For upwards of three years the ADVOCATE has persistently urged the demand of all law-abiding citizens that the State and municipal enactments against gambling and kindred offenses should be enforced in the city of Galveston and all other points in the State. It is an occasion of congratulation that the voice of public sentiment has at last secured a response, and that the recent municipal election in Galveston gives to all good citizens the assurance that the laws of the State and municipality shall no longer remain a dead letter on our statute books. Both the gentlemen whose names were before the people as candidates for the office of Mayor were interrogated respecting their purpose, if elected, to enforce the law, and each of them gave his pledge that his oath of office would be sacredly observed. We give the question propounded the Mayor elect and his response:

Question—The charter gives the Council, Mayor, Chief of Police, etc., large powers to enable them to maintain the peace and good repute of this city, empowering them to suppress houses of ill-fame, public gambling houses, disorderly places of every description; abate nuisances, and exercise control over many other matters that have been allowed, in a great measure, to go by default. Is it your purpose to enforce the charter and ordinances in these respects, and all others, without respect to persons, or places, or special influences?

Answer—The charter having given the city, through its Recorder as ex-officio Justice of the Peace, power to enforce the State law against vice, and the city ordinances being also framed with that view, I shall, as executive, see that these laws are enforced.

We are confident that Mayor Leonard will have no occasion to resort to the subterfuges with which his predecessors have cloaked their want of fidelity to their official obligations. The plea that the laws cannot be enforced against gaming unless some one volunteers to make affidavit against the houses in which gaming is carried on in open daylight, or with gaslight gleaming from doors and windows, is too thin a guise to shield official delinquency. What are the police force for but to see that the laws are obeyed, and report and arrest the offenders? It requires but a small measure of intelligence to satisfy any one that when the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen and the police honestly propose to suppress these offenses against the municipal laws, it can be done. Good citizens are becoming weary of maintaining an army of public officers who lack either the nerve or the honesty necessary to the discharge of the duties which they have with all the formalities of the law solemnly sworn to perform.

The Preacher's Study.

I mean a place for study. It may be well, however, to introduce my subject by some general reflections on study.

Is preaching such a vocation as requires application? Is there any need of habits of study and conveniences for study?

We have both profane and sacred authority for answering yes.

Mr. Wesley has long enjoyed the reputation of a wise man. He is good authority on this or any other kindred subject. He seldom advised an unimportant thing. His eminent wisdom is manifest in requiring his preachers to study six hours a day, and this in the forenoon if possible.

Dr. Alexander says: "Tell me how you spend your forenoons in your early ministry, and I shall be

better able to predict how you will preach. If you idle, stroll or habitually visit before noon, your mental progress may be divined."

Bishop Simpson says: "As far as practical, the morning should be spent in study, and kept as free from interruption or intrusion as possible."

Many German students spend fifteen hours a day in study. Calamy spent sixteen; Poole, while writing his commentary, averaged fourteen. The habit of night study is almost universally condemned. With great unanimity writers agree that the morning is the best season in the twenty-four hours. We can't now name a single person who has risen to eminence in letters, or any profession or calling, who did not have this habit fixed upon him.

Learning is not acquired by snatches. That question is settled. So much for the human. Now take some statements from the divine side of this question.

Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures." Search is a chosen word. None other in any language could convey such a large meaning. The Savior had all words at His command, and selected this for its immense resources. It means intense, uninterrupted and long continued application. Many suppose they do, but few really search the Scriptures. An occasional half-divided reading is the rule. The average Christian may survive for a time with such a habit, but the preacher must do as Jesus commands or he is a quick and consummate failure.

St. Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This a very explicit and comprehensive statement. The word study appears with its best meaning. The matters, manner and purpose of study are all given. Paul said of Timothy that he had known the holy scriptures from a child, and that they were able to make him wise unto salvation. This is a high compliment to the value of Bible knowledge.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Here is the work of assimilation. This can only be attained by intense admiration, and this by thorough acquaintance and great familiarity. The other side of the question is given in that woeful passage: "My people perish for lack of knowledge." These passages serve to show the divine estimate put upon the habit of study. We conclude, therefore, that to study in any human or divine sense implies a habit of laborious and long restrained application.

To measure up to these divine commands and human precedents, the preacher must have certain conveniences. The duty of providing the place is laid upon the conscience of the church. The duty of improving such advantages is with the account of the preacher. The preacher can no more run a church on the divine model without a study than a bank can do its legitimate business without room and fixtures, or a cabinet workman carry on his trade without shop and tools.

The following reasons for the demand are offered to whom they may concern:

1. The habit of study can not be formed without a time and place for study. No mind can do its best without thorough discipline. To discipline the mental powers you must have the fixed place and times for study. Think how you managed when at school. A day lost there was a serious matter. The peculiar work of a preacher commits him to a life of study. It is a perpetual school day. The hour he throws loose reins upon his mind and breaks up his habit of study, he begins to become weak like other men. Sometimes this becomes the curse and weakness of middle and old age. The preacher loses vivacity and is no longer in demand.

2. Secret prayer, self-examination, communion with God and meditation are essential characteristics of piety.

No one, much less the preacher, can maintain a healthy Christian experience without these habits. Deep, thorough and honest self-examination must be the work of every day. Spiritual death ensues in the absence of secret prayer and meditation.

The preacher must have time and a place for these. The time compels the place. If he has no place he can command and control at will, he can't have the time for prayer.

3. The preacher ought to have a place for everything, and everything in its place. How any one can live happily and be useful, at loose ends, is an enigma to me. There must be a place for books, magazines, maps, charts, papers and writing apparatus. There are many things essential to a successful prosecution of his high calling, demanding a place for safe and convenient keeping. No life is symmet-

rical without order and system. No preacher can be pleasant and useful in the midst of such confusion as must reign in the absence of the above conveniences.

4. The preacher needs privacy not alone for his own good, but for others. If he is a true pastor, his counsel will be sought on many delicate and important matters. Persons in trouble will come to him with their tale of woe, and inquirers for salvation will want interviews with him. These interviews are to be conducted in the most private manner, and with reading the Scriptures and prayer. No argument is needed to prove the value of this feature in the life of the preacher. Deprived of it, he is not a full pastor. Nor need I insist that this department can be inaugurated and carried forward in the midst of a family.

5. My fifth and last reason is founded in fairness and justice: If you leave your preacher in the midst of his family to do his praying, thinking, composing, arranging, communing, and to hold all private interviews with solicitous friends, you do an injustice to all parties.

1. To his family. His demands are peculiar. He is the only one in the house called to preach. Upon his conscience is laid a special burden. Certain convictions and obligations concern him alone. The true wife will seek in every reasonable way to conserve and promote the interests of her husband's high calling, but I submit that it is an injustice to convert her room and the children's play-ground into a preacher's study. They have no sermons to prepare, and those seeking advice would rather they were not about. The wife and children want company, cheer and pleasure. To compel silence and stay the romp of the little ones is a wrong. To allow it, precludes the possibility of his carrying on successfully his arrangements. Here is a serious conflict. A compromise is a heavy sacrifice to both parties.

2. To the preacher. He is cramped, confused and hindered. If he stops to help entertain every caller, his life is dissipated. If he goes on with his reading or writing, he accomplishes but little, besides is voted morose and unsocial.

3. To those seeking a private interview, no place is provided, and the poor man must go without help.

4. To the church he serves and the public generally. I have indulged no speculation. I have not dared to guess. I have not named luxuries. My reasons for urging every appointment to supply its pastor with a study are at the very bottom of his happiness and usefulness. No young man can grow in grace and knowledge without it. No middle-aged or old man can maintain ground won in its absence. I can name and describe a case taken from average ministerial life. The one room is for family use, reception, parlor and study. All the company is to be received and entertained there. Add these to the noise and confusion incident to house-keeping, the coming and going of callers on business and pleasure. Add to these the coming of the washer-woman, wood-chopper, delivery man, agents, tramps, and persons inquiring for the residence of Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith, said to be living near the Methodist church, and I defy the ages to show me a preacher who, under these circumstances, has maintained a good temper and grown steadily in grace and knowledge. Bring your pastor from this bedlam to his pulpit on Sunday and find a man prepared to edify an average congregation, and you will have produced the eighth wonder of the world. To arrange, methodize and beautify his thoughts is impossible. The thing can't be done. That man, woman or child who could dare to say an unkind word of a sermon prepared in the midst of these unfriendly and confusing conditions is capable of a superlative injustice. I write in righteous wrath. I pronounce this, my anathema, on the heads of congregations who make extravagant demands, and yet make no adequate provision for their pastors. You teach your children to abhor the character of Pharaoh, and feel sorry for the poor Israelites. They were required to perform impossibilities. Here at your door is a repetition of the same injustice. You demand sermons and yet fail to supply the opportunity of their preparation. Preachers can't tell what they don't know. They can't study without times and place for study. You demand in the pulpit accuracy, precision and readiness of statement. These can only be attained after laborious research and painstaking care in preparation. You demand fervor, pathos and piety in the deliverances of your preacher. These are the fruit of much secret prayer, meditation and heart communing. Without a study and these habits the preacher goes inevitably into generalizations, platitudes and ragged utterances. The laws of mind and conscience compel this state of things. Somebody will have to account to the Lord Jesus for the good that might have been done. Your selfishness and want of attention to these prime needs of the ministry will be chargeable in the last day with the loss of souls. I fear many souls will be lost for the want of a study.

M. H. WELLS.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

True Words.

If I were worth \$10,000 I would send Shaw & Blaylock one-fourth the entire amount with instructions to print and circulate throughout the State, "Education by the State, No. 11," by E. D. Pitts; and "Drink and Crime, by Hard Brick." Shame on pseudo Protestants, who are willing for Rome to drive your Bible from the halls of learning. "Romish intolerance," it is said, "is a thing of the past," eh? One month has not passed since a Catholic priest, known to this writer, issued orders to his flock to "visit no more Protestants." No hearsay about this. I will give names, date and locality, if demanded.

And then about liquor and those who sell it. How damaging the one, how much to be dreaded the other. I recently saw its effects. Two men are in their graves tonight, who a month ago were sound and hearty. Liquor was sold to them until they were drunk. Then followed the affray. In one case the seller was killed; in the other the drinker. I met as a vagabond and tramp the other day a young man whom I knew to be in good repute and fine circumstances five years ago. Whisky wrought the ruin. Would the laws of Texas punish for poisoning food or water? Why not then punish rather than permit him who would sell or furnish that which has resulted in greater loss of life than war, and of property than storm or fire? Legislators and law officers may wince at these suggestions, but they are true. BRICK AGAIN.

Missions—No. 1.

At the solicitation of the Treasurer, Rev. J. S. Mathis, of the Missionary Society of the East Texas Conference, the writer would seek with all his pen power to give emphasis to the profound convictions produced in his own mind and the minds of others by the impressive deliverances of Bishop Keener at our last session, upon the great subject of missions, and thus stir up his own mind and heart and those of his brethren by the iteration and re-iteration of the evangelic utterances of our Bishop upon the great theme. There can be but one conviction, intensified to the utmost extent, in the heart of every Christian man and woman, to say nothing of God's minister, whose soul is aflame with the inspiration of the Divine philanthropy that prompted the blessed Son of God to die for a lost and ruined world, and that conviction is the primal one of intensified desire for the world's conversion waked up in the soul by its own conversion to God.

This latent, deep-seated and impelling power is the mighty force which is to regenerate humanity, and proportioned to its flaming impulses, will the progress of the work of God in the redemption of the world. In apostolic times a single generation illustrated the wonderfully aggressive power of the true animus of our Christianity as embodied in its first and greatest missionaries. In the signal failure of the antagonizing forces, arrayed against the Gospel in its embryo and inherent energy, whose impotence was so distinctly realized by the exclamation of its enemies—"Behold the world is gone after him"—we have the pledge and assurance that the same divine afflatus moving the Christian heart will ever challenge the wonder and bid defiance to all the opposers of the onward and irresistible progress of that great cause energized by Omnipotent power. The only concernment of the church of God in its varied organizations is that the very genius of the gospel, which is missionary, inheres in its constitution and finds its expression in the extent of its missionary efforts. The prime object of church organization is to give unity and concentrated power in its world-wide effort to redeem the world. Divest the church of this primal test of its divine mission, and it proclaims unmistakably its failure to accomplish that mission and must die, and as Bishop Keener so emphatically said, "ought to die." As the conditions of life are involved in the development of the missionary spirit and its world-wide activities as characteristic of an apostolic church divinely endowed and qualified for its mission, it becomes every minister and member in every church in Christendom to maintain at every sacrifice this chief evidence of apostolic descent and discipleship, and hold in subservience, if not in contemptuous abeyance, the silly pretence of lineal

succession. The great question of the hour with the M. E. Church, South, is, shall we signalize our lineage as the successor of the true apostolic church, symbolized by every church organism on earth, making any just pretensions to apostolic succession, by efforts commensurate with our numerical and financial strength in the evangelization of earth's teeming millions? Our Wesleyanism or our apostolicism is a vain boast, unless we exhibit a higher test of either than the mere pretension without their characteristics. It becomes a vital question that we institute a comparison between our professions and performance. We claim a membership of 700,000, ranking among the first churches of the world in numbers; and fall below, it is said, every other in mission contributions proportional to our membership, save one, and that one ignores missions altogether and exhibits all the evidences of decadence and death. It does not afford relief to our contemplating religious philosophy that as a people we have been shorn of our heritage by a hostile and alien government in its abnormal, vindictive, tyrannical and fanatical action at the time of its magnificent frenzy; because in the recuperative energies of our people, despite the incubus of a plundering dominant reign of terror, we have shown greater progress in material development in every other line of operation than in efforts for the accomplishment of the chief design of church organism—the conversion of those who sit in the region of the shadow of death. It is well worthy of our Christian philosophy as a communion of the household of faith, ardently desirous of the maintenance of our church in the front rank of evangelic effort for the world's conversion, to earnestly inquire into the causes and the remedies of our defection from the high standard and true test of apostolic and biblical claims to be in the regular succession of a genuine evangelism, which will be the subject of subsequent inquiry.

H. M. BOOTH.

Use of Tobacco.

A manifest needless self-indulgence; a lust of the flesh and at war with the spirit, and, as such, specially condemned of God. "This I say, then walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary one to the other, so that ye can not do the things that ye would." (Galatians v: 16-23.) Now, the works of the flesh are manifest. Which are these? "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedition, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like—of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance—against such there is no law." "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." The servants of the flesh shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Christians can be in no doubt as to which side of these opposing forces they are united and wielding their influence; and yet how surprising it is to see so many who profess godliness, and especially God's ministers, holding the white mantle of the church over these nasty, filthy, disgusting, wasteful, self-indulgences.

JAS. LAF. LESLIE.
VAN ALDYNE, TEXAS, JAN. 16, 1879.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. R. H. Rivers, D. D., has been appointed to Auburn station, Alabama. Transferred from Tennessee.

Ira D. Sankey is still holding evangelistic services in Great Britain. He spent the first and second weeks of January at New Castle.

Senator Vance will make his home in Charlotte, N. C., again, and will practice law when not in Washington.

Mr. Gladstone, it is rumored, will shortly visit Ireland. He has just given \$100 toward rebuilding Woodwich parish church, in England.

Ex-Governor Marshall, of Minnesota, is now in search of his son George, a boy of fifteen, who has run away from home after an injudicious course of reading boys' trashy books and papers.

"Father Chintiquy" is in Australia, and is making no small stir in that distant land. The agents of Rome defamed him, but crowds went to hear him, and his published lectures ran through several editions.

President Grevy is described as a man of republican simplicity in dress, tastes and habits. He wears a wide-awake hat, saunters along the boulevards, rides in the cabs and omnibuses, although a man of considerable means. He is a keen sportsman and an able agriculturist. He smokes much, speaks forcibly and frankly, and never loses his temper.

Bishop Wightman is spending his vacation from his Episcopal duties at his home in Charleston. He generally preaches once on Sunday in some one of our city churches. He is especially engaged now in preparing a biographical sketch and study of Bishop Coke, for a forthcoming work, to be gotten up under the editorial supervision of Dr. J. O. A. Clark, of the Wesley Memorial Church, Savannah, Ga.

The remains of Bishop Foley, of the Catholic Diocese of Chicago, who died there last week, were embalmed and removed to Baltimore.

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LESSONS FOR YOUTH.

NUMBER TEN.

ONE LAWGIVER—ONE MEDIATOR—ONE SAVIOR.

There is another feature in which we wish to present the Christ of the Old and New Testament. You noticed in the list of names and titles by which Christ was spoken of that in Psalm xxxiii:22, and in James iv:12, it is said, "For the Lord is our judge. The Lord is our lawgiver. The Lord is our king: he will come and save us."

1. There is only one lawgiver. Jeremiah xxxiii:22. James iv:12. 2. There is only one Mediator. 1 Tim. ii:5, 6. 3. There is only one Savior. Acts iv:12.

Either of these three would furnish data for a full lesson, but I prefer to present them together as a cluster of central or leading truths in the teachings of the Scriptures both in the Old and New Testaments. These three truths or doctrines conceded carry with them and imply much more than you would at first thought be apt to suppose.

For the present upon this lesson I will only say: I. That there never has been, (since the first transgression) nor ever will be any other lawgiver to the church but Jesus Christ—using the New Testament term Jesus as connected with the Old Testament term Christ.

II. That there never has been nor ever will be any other Mediator between God and men but Jesus Christ.

III. That all who have ever been saved, or may ever be saved, have and will be saved through and by Jesus Christ as the one and only Savior.

The truth and importance of this lesson you will more clearly see as bearing directly upon the ritual of the church in a variety of changes in the Old and New Testaments in future lessons.

J. W. B. ALLEN.

Weatherford District.

We stated sometime ago in the ADVOCATE that Rev. T. W. Hines (who was appointed to Weatherford station) was, as we believed at that time, in the act of leaving us; God in his infinite wisdom has thus far spared his precious life. He was perfectly willing to exchange his pastoral charge for a home in heaven, but like other itinerant preachers he was troubled with the thought of leaving his companion and children amid the trials of life and the cold-hearted charity of the world.

Rev. B. F. Stone, from the Tennessee Conference, will take charge of Acton circuit. We are glad to find Bro. Stone well pleased with his new home in Texas. His postoffice is Caddo Grove, Johnson county. We regard him as a valuable accession to our conference. As he is now one of us and will transfer at his earliest convenience, we feel safe in saying that we will give him a hearty welcome, plenty of hard work to do, and short rations. We have attended all our quarterly meetings with one exception. We were unwilling to leave Bro. Hines and go to Graham station. Our long acquaintance and true brotherhood forbid us leaving him at that critical moment when we thought in all probability he would soon ascend to the church triumphant. Affliction seems to be in the way of our success. Rev. S. B. Ellis, on the Weatherford circuit, has been down for some time with pneumonia, but is now in a convalescent state. Rev. L. H. Trimble, in charge of Christian mission

has not been able to preach for several weeks, but he is now in Weatherford under the treatment of an eminent physician and we hope that his health will soon be restored, as his disease is some derangement of the liver; hence, with all our trials we will trust in Him who hath said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

We are much pleased with our locality, and especially the people. In their visitations they cheer us with smiles and expressions of kindness. The morals of our city excel that of any other in Texas with the same population; at least we judge so from observation. The most of the young men are members of the church and nearly all the others are morally disposed. We have several drinking saloons, but they are not extensively patronized. We have not heard an oath nor seen a drunken man on our streets from the 5th of December until now. We have six denominations in the place, and as far as we know, they are living in peace and attending to their own business. We expect that the railroad between this place and Fort Worth will be completed sometime this year, and we fear that we will then have a flood-tide of immorality to encounter. ADVOCATE editorials on the popular and "damnable" evils of our times ought to be circulated and read throughout the world.

W. PRICE.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS, Jan. 26, 79.

PINE HILL, TEXAS, Feb. 10.—Carthage is the county seat of Palo Alto county. It is one of the most pleasant county towns within my knowledge; contains four to five hundred inhabitants, and is surrounded by a belt of fine farming lands that are thickly settled by a thrifty, industrious, enterprising people. My health has improved since conference, so that I was able to meet my appointment the first Sabbath in this month. It is truly refreshing to a preacher to return to a charge that he has served respectively as preacher in charge and presiding elder; for five years and be greeted with such a hearty welcome as I received from this good people. The bell rang on Sunday morning and called together a fine congregation of eager hearers. I endeavored, by Divine aid, to preach from the words: "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Had some degree of liberty and trust good was accomplished. We have a membership of 133 at this place, and some active, working members, though not as many as should be in a church of this number. There has but little preaching done at Carthage since conference, as I was unable to get there on account of sickness, and our Baptist brethren have failed so far to get a pastor.—J. C. A. BRIDGES.

MOSCOW, POLK COUNTY, Feb. 18. My colleague and myself arrived on our circuit in due time; were kindly received both at Moscow and Livingston and at other points on the work. Notwithstanding the past inclement weather and the almost impassable roads, the Sabbath services have been well attended. At Moscow a weekly female prayer-meeting has been established, which is also well attended. The Lord has been present with us at every coming together. The church prayer-meetings, both at Moscow and Livingston, are well attended by the young people. At each of these points there is a Sunday-school in fair running order. The Moscow school is superintended by Dr. Angell, the Livingston by Major Crosson, both of whom are doing excellent service. A thorough system of pastoral visiting is being faithfully carried out by both the preachers. We look earnestly for a year of religious prosperity, and many believe that God will not disappoint us. More anon.—THOMAS WILSON.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Dakota has twenty-five Congregational churches, a growth from one in ten years.

The Greek Archbishop of Adrianople has been assaulted by some Bulgarians, though not killed, as at first reported.

Dr. Vincent will open a Sunday-school Congress in Chicago, March 6, 1879.

Another church has been consecrated in Chicago by the German Catholics.

Cincinnati has 106 Protestant churches, with church property valued at \$3,300,700, and 20,822 members.

A list of perverts from the Church of England to that of Rome in the last 45 years contains 1,816 names, of which 716 are of women and 335 of clergymen.

The first Young Men's Christian Association in Germany was organized in 1831. There are now 150 associations in that country, with 6,000 members.

The native Christians on Formosa, who were heathen ten years ago, recently contributed \$500 for the relief of the famine in Northern China.

Ten students from Cyprus have entered the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut.

The contributions to Foreign Missions in Great Britain last year were \$5,503,965.

There is now a Baptist church near the place where Jesus had the conversation with the woman of Samaria. The congregation averages one hundred persons.

The English Friends have during the past year opened two new schools in Syria and Palestine, making six in all that they now have there.

There is a Sunday law in Baltimore which will not permit the opening of theatres, opera-houses, or concert halls for any purpose whatever. It is said to be the quietest city in the country on Sundays.

The English Wesleyan Methodists have raised thus far \$208,830 of the proposed Thanksgiving Fund of \$1,000,000. The executive committee recommends that, in view of the success met with, the Fund be increased by \$20,000.

It is stated that in consequence of the shattered condition of the Pontifical finances and the falling off of the offerings of the faithful an attempt is being made under the auspices of the Confraternity of St. Peter to give a new impulse to the collection of Peter's Pence.

The Presbyterian General Assembly of Victoria, Australia, reports 15,000 members and 62,000 attendants at public worship. The income for last year was \$375,000. The sum of \$50,000 has been offered for the benefit of the Theological College, and it is hoped that Mr. Laidlaw, of Aberdeen, Scotland, may be persuaded to become president and professor of theology.

Another massacre of Christians has taken place in China in a district bearing the name of Pong-nan-teh. It is the same old story of opposition of the literati, the exciting of the populace by them, the indifference of the Mandarin, the loss of life, and destruction of property. Eleven persons were killed, their wives carried off, and their houses razed. Two children were among the victims.

The 489 churches in New York have sittings for 375,000 persons, the Protestant churches alone for 275,000 persons. The number of religious, missionary, and charitable societies and institutions reaches 300. These societies receive about \$10,000,000. Of this amount \$6,000,000 comes to national societies. The rest is contributed wholly by New Yorkers.

The Moravians report 323 missionaries, occupying ninety-five stations in Greenland, Labrador, among our Indians, in the West Indies, Surinam, South Africa, Australia, and Central Asia, at which have been gathered 70,646 adherents, including 23,185 communicants. The receipts for 1877 were \$83,255, of which \$34,430 were from "societies and friends of other Christian denominations," leaving \$28,835 as the amount received from their own membership.

The Japanese Government have authorized the issue by a Japanese publisher of an edition of the Book of Genesis in Chinese, prepared by the American Bible Society. This is the first portion of the Scriptures the publication of which in Japan has been authorized by means of the Government stamp; and, having in view the great distance which the authorities have so long entertained to the introduction of foreign religions, the fact is significant and worthy of record.

The Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, has written a letter to the clergy and vestries of the several churches in his diocese, forbidding the use of flowers at Easter or upon any other occasion in the churches. The use of fruit and vegetables upon Thanksgiving day is also forbidden. In the same letter the Bishop prohibits the use of alt-cloths, except one color—in other words, he inhibits the practice of changing the altar-cloths at different ecclesiastical seasons.

VARIETIES.

This is a story of what happened not long since in the Pine Tree State. A new Baptist convert wished very much to be baptized by one minister and to join the church of another. She went to the first, and asked him if it could be done. "Yes," he replied, "I could do it, but I don't take in washing."

"Why," asked a teacher in the Sunday-school, "did Solomon tell the sluggard to go to the ant?" "Because," said a thirteen year old boy, "he knew his ant would have him at the woodpile or in the onion

bed every afternoon as soon as school was out."

"Do you make any reduction to a minister?" said a young lady in Richmond, the other week, to a salesman. "Always. Are you a minister's wife?" "Oh, no; I am not married," said the lady, blushing. "Daughter, then?" "No." The tradesman looked puzzled. "I am engaged to a theological student," she said. The reduction was made.

I saw a tender remark made by a young child, in the St. Nicholas. The little thing was in her father's lap, being caressed by him. He asked her to kiss him; but the mother, wishing to see the effect it would have upon her, said, "Kiss such a homely man as papa?" "Oh!" said she, "but he's pretty in his heart!"

A bright little Shoreham boy, who had been engaged in combat with another boy, was reproved by his aunt, who told him he ought always to wait until the other boy "pitched upon" him. "Well," explained the young belligerent, "but if I wait for the other boy to begin I'm 'traid there won't be any fight."

A venerable and very worthy minister was present at a service in the church of the late Dr. Fuller, of Baltimore. The Doctor, out of courtesy, invited him to preach; and the visiting brother preached a long and quite a dry sermon. Dr. Fuller, some time after the service, said to his friend, "You preached too long. I was tempted to pull your coat-tail."—"If you had done so," replied his visitor, "I would have kicked you."—"Then," said Dr. Fuller, "you would have done more execution behind you than you did before."

There are in Texas 966,977 horses and mules, valued at \$20,242,896; 3,263,373 cattle, at \$18,048,529; jacks and jennies, at \$178,816; 2,227,839 sheep, at \$2,820,104; 223,417 goats, at \$161,134; and 1,286,033 hogs, \$2,257,702. Total, \$54,717,915.—Ten men were legally executed in Texas during the year 1878.

GALVESTON, March 6, 1879.

As President of the association of ladies of St. James church of this city, who organized and conducted an entertainment during the week, which we call Mardi-Gras week, for the benefit of that church, I ask to submit in the ADVOCATE a report in brief of my stewardship, and the result of the noble efforts of the kind ladies associated with me in behalf of the undertaking.

The entertainment continued during the greater part of two days, and realized the sum in gross of \$270.70.

We were sustained almost exclusively by the members and immediate friends of the church. All performed their duty to my great satisfaction; and in behalf of the church as a body, and of its able, zealous and faithful pastor, Rev. G. W. Briggs, I feel it incumbent upon me to return grateful thanks for their untiring and earnest co-operation in my efforts to carry forward the enterprise to substantial success to the following gentlemen, ladies and misses: Messrs. Capt. G. O. Cherry, John A. Davis, Shepherd Boyle, George Gother, T. J. Hawley; Mesdames Shepherd, Mrs. A. Davis, Waters, Clothier, Perkins, B. B. Davis, Smith, Eldiers, and Odell; Misses Nellie Lund and Annie Kells, assisted by petite Misses Phoebe Duble, Pearl Couner, and Phoebe and Pauline Hawley; Misses Sallie and Mary Clothier, Mary and Sallie McKee; Misses Maggie Crawford, Nellie Davis, Kaufman, and Alice, Annie John, Edlin, Norah Dealy, and Aggilette; Misses Harding, Tamika, Pedrick, and Carrie Dealy; Misses Smith, Kaler, Pogliesso, and Aggie Frossen.

When we consider that only a few weeks have elapsed since the church offered a similar entertainment, I believe we can justly claim this as a success. Very respectfully, etc., MARY LEAD, President of St. James Ladies' Association.

YOUR PASTOR'S WIFE.—Remember that your pastor's wife has a woman's heart. Do not be so frank and free in criticising her to her face, she may keep a calm countenance in your presence, but the flood-gates will give way when you leave the house. Do not be too unjust or ungenerous. You have a small church and pay a very limited salary. You think your pastor's wife should do her work without the aid of a servant. Some of you have no such assistance. While she is struggling to do this, possibly without your request health, do not lecture her because she visits so little and does not attend all the social meetings. You can readily visit her; but there are fifty families in the congregation to whom she must pay equal attention. She heard your well-meant but sharp criticism the other day, and tried faintly to pass it off with a smile and response like a Christian woman; but she sank under the weight of it when you left, and her husband found her utterly discouraged, exhausted by weeping, and reclining upon the couch in quite a high fever. Carry balm when you visit her, not an irritant.—Zion's Herald.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

February 28.—M H Wells, marriage notice..... W D Robinson, subscribers..... Samuel Morris, subscribers..... J K Lane, subscriber..... S C Littlepage, subscriber..... R J Perry, change made..... W L Nelms, subscriber and postal..... A H Sutherland, card inserted..... R F Beasley, subscriber..... M H Wells..... Leslie, postal..... I S Ashburn, postal..... Native Texan, postal..... Uncle John, postal..... F B Rodgers, will write you..... Horace Bishop, don't do it; the threat has sufficiently "bulldozed" us; the actual experience would completely demoralize us; we see you know how to get a prominent place for your; go up for..... E I Armstrong, postal..... J Canafax, will change the address as directed..... J Clark Smith, subscriber..... G S Sandel, subscriber, thanks for information..... J S Lane, subscribers..... F A Mood, will do so with pleasure..... R G Sewell, subscriber..... R W Thompson, subscriber and postal..... L W Harrison, renewal; we will send spring to that time; all right..... S W Jones, marriage notice..... C Meyer, subscribers and postal..... M C Crawford, will change..... Samuel Morris, we do our best to prevent such annoyances, yet they seem to be the fate of the newspaper man..... W A Bowen, \$2.50; will send statement..... Stump Ashby, \$2.50; subscriber and renewal..... March 1.—J F Sherwood, subscriber..... B Womack, postal..... A H Sutherland, report of Mexican work..... A Davis, subscribers..... Betty Spivy, renewal..... J P Mussett..... E F Boony, will do so..... J F Hines, subscriber..... E M Wiggins, subscriber..... J H Tucker, subscriber..... W M Robbins, subscriber..... J H Tucker, subscriber; why, we will just send you some more..... H A Graves, all received..... J L Lemons, subscribers..... J R D Taylor, subscribers and renewal..... James M Jones, subscribers..... M R Minton, all right..... H V Philpot, renewal..... S S Scott, subscribers..... A Davis, obituary..... J H sends an obituary from Mother Texas; will change address; comes under the rule; must have name before publishing..... Mrs Mary L Hazewood, \$1.75 for Buckeye Cook Book..... March 2.—D Clayton, have sent the papers asked for..... T J Thompson, postal..... Homo, postal..... P P Reese, subscriber..... S Crutfield, subscriber and postal; will change address of G W Jones A Black, subscriber; you will find obituary in paper of March 1..... W A Bowen, postal..... Lay Boone, in printer's parlance, you are having too far time of it; plenty to do, and weather too bad to work..... J W Billington, see paper of March 1st..... S W Jones, marriage notice..... W S McAnany, postal..... John M MeLean, all right; the Minutes are out; postal handed editor..... John S Powers..... S A Thomas, will change and correct..... L M Fowler, subscribers..... D J Martin, obituary..... O M Addison, subscriber..... J Sherrill, will send..... D C Morehead, subscriber..... J V Callaway, will send obituary..... 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MARRIED. HANNA—JOHNSON.—By Rev. J. F. Hines, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Johnson, Feb. 18, 1879. Mr. James T. Hanna and Miss Emma Johnson. All of Basque county, Texas. CHAMBERLAIN—CRUME.—By Rev. Jas. R. Prickett, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 13, 1879. Rev. L. S. Chamberlain of Pecon circuit, Northwest Texas Conference, and Miss Maggie E. Crume of Brown county, Texas. HANNA—KIRKPATRICK.—By Rev. Dr. J. B. Tullis, at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Hamill, in Jefferson, Texas, Dec. 12, 1878. Mr. S. L. Hanna of Pittsburg, Texas, and Miss M. A. Kirkpatrick, of Jefferson, Texas. SLATER—LANGLEY.—By Rev. Dr. J. B. Tullis, in the Methodist Church, at 12 o'clock m., in Scottville, Feb. 2, 1879. Mr. R. M. Slater and Miss B. Langley, both of Harrison county, Texas. WILLIAMS—BRYANT.—By Rev. J. D. Martin, at the residence of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Wm. J. Williams, Feb. 23, 1879. Mr. J. Williams and Miss Willie Bryant. All of Red River county, Texas. FORD—SHARP.—By Rev. J. Clark Smith, at the residence of the bride's mother, Jan. 15, 79. Mr. M. N. Ford and Miss Emma V. Sharp. All of Cass county, Texas. GARDNER—POPE.—By Rev. Joel Sanders, at the residence of the bride's father, W. A. Pope of Troup, Smith county, Texas, Feb. 23, 1879. Mr. Frank Gardner of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Miss Alice Pope. McBRIDE—HAMILTON.—By Rev. A. R. Craven, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. Newton Hamilton, in Wise county, Feb. 12, 1879. Mr. William E. McBride, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Miss Emma Hamilton. HALL—DANCY.—By Rev. J. L. Sanders, at the residence of Mrs. McNelly, in Washington county, Feb. 25, 1879. Mr. T. A. Hall and Miss Ella P. Dancy. Both of Fayette county, Texas. RICHARDSON—WILCOX.—By Rev. S. W. Jones, at the residence of the bride's father, in Hopkins county, Feb. 25, 1879. Mr. James C. Richardson and Miss Alice Jane Wilcox. WREN—EDWARDS.—By Rev. S. W. Jones, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 27, 1879. Mr. A. M. Wren, of Mineola, and Miss Julia M. Edwards, of Winsboro, All of Wood county, Texas. WESTBROOK—CHERRY.—By Rev. S. W. Jones, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 29, 1879. Mr. B. B. Westbrook and Miss L. J. Cherry. All of Wood county, Texas. COX—REDDING.—By Rev. S. W. Jones, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 29, 1879. Mr. W. G. Cox and Miss L. G. Redding. All of Wood county, Texas. All the blessings of God rest upon them. TUCKER—ARCHER.—By Rev. M. H. Wells, Feb. 16, R. H. Tucker and Miss Lou Archer. All of Fort Worth, Texas. JOHNSON—ANDREWS.—By Rev. M. H. Wells, at the parsonage, Feb. 23, Mr. John Johnson and Mrs. S. C. Andrews. SWENSON—BROWN.—By Rev. M. H. Wells, at the Methodist Church, Feb. 25. Mr. S. J. Swenson of Louisiana, and Miss Klazie C. Browne, of Fort Worth, Texas.

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Good Cheer for Consumptives.

There is a form of Consumption which was better indicated by the old-fashioned name of "Decline." It is the dreaded scourge of some parts of the Southern States, claiming more victims every year than are swept away by the most terrible visitations of the yellow fever. The malady arises from the inability of the patient's system, to take up and assimilate the nourishing ingredients of the food that is eaten. Some years ago the medical profession, with remarkable unanimity, agreed that Cod Liver Oil contained the most concentrated and easily absorbed elements of nutrition. If the nauseous taste and smell of the oil could be avoided it would unquestionably be the most sovereign remedy that ever shed a healing blessing on the human race. And these repulsive properties are successfully removed by the union of pure Cod Liver Oil with the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda in Scott's Emulsion. The combination is a most elegant one, pleasant as milk in flavor, congenial to the stomach, and acting directly as a powerful yet gentle tonic of the brain and nervous system.

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A Touching Scene.

On the 4th of February, 1879, we stood by the grave of Smithie, son of J. M. and A. L. Porter, aged 4 years and 7 months. The body was placed at the grave's mouth, surrounded by relatives and friends. We read those precious words of our Savior, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," etc.—remembering, though now in heaven, He still lovingly receives them unto Himself. Then the following remarks were made: Life—This, (referring to the scene before us,) closes up the present. Beyond, is the never ending future. How brief is the present; but the future is forever. How solemn—how suggestive! The course pursued in life determines the manner of its ending, and fixes the destiny of the soul in the beyond forever. The Bible alone, of all books, teaches man how to live so as to triumph over death; how to live so as to die, and "be forever with the Lord." It was "The light of the knowledge of the glory of God shining from the face of Jesus Christ" into Job's heart, that enabled him to say, when his children were all dead, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord." It was the mighty vision of Christian faith which looked up into heaven when the martyr, Stephen, was dying under a shower of stones, and fixed its gaze upon the ever blessed Son of God; and the language of Christian submission, and an all victorious faith was, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge; Lord Jesus receive my spirit." It was the sublime language of Christian exultation that St. Paul used when he wrote, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that day." My dear brother and sister, how full of comfort are the words of Jesus, which He spoke concerning little children. "Their angels (spirits) do always behold the face of my Father in Heaven." Our Bible, God's blessed book, and the Holy Spirit, authorize me to say to you, that your precious boy is not dead; but is now, with enraptured delight, looking upon the face of our most glorious Heavenly Father, and resting in the arms of the loving Savior before the great white throne, wondering and admiring the beauties of his new and eternal home. There he will wait to fill his place in the now broken family circle. May it be complete. Then we sang those beautiful lines, beginning:

"Ye mourning saints, whose streaming tears, Flow o'er your children dead,"

Which was followed by an earnest and fervent prayer by Bro. S. F. Tenney, and the benediction. Then the beautiful boquet was laid upon the grave, and we all said in our hearts, farewell, Smithie, till the sounding of the judgment trumpet.

CROCKETT, TEXAS, Feb. 9, 1876.

Can a Bishop of Our Church Resign?

The question "Can a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, resign," having been agitated at Texana, and creating some little sensation, it was submitted to Bro. H. S. Thrall. For the benefit of all concerned, we send his answer to the ADVOCATE, and trust he will pardon the liberty.

M. A. BLACK.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Jan. 20, 1879.

Rev. and Dear Brother—Your postal card came duly to hand, asking, "If a Bishop in our church has a right to resign, and for the law on the subject." I should answer, unhesitatingly, that he has the right. Though none of our Bishops have resigned, two Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church did resign. Bishop Coke, to become a missionary to India, and Bishop Hanlin, because his health had so far declined that he felt incompetent to the duties of the episcopal office. He was rich and did not need the support accorded to a superannuated Bishop. He became a superannuated member of an annual conference. As to the second question—the law: There is none, unless it is the great law of free-agency; by which any man in a free country and free church has the right to resign any official position he has voluntarily assumed. No church has a law permitting either ministers or members to withdraw, and yet such withdrawals, both from the ministry and membership, are of common occurrence.—H. S. THRALL.

The clergy and laity of Louisville, Ky., are organizing a movement to suppress Sunday amusements and general Sabbath desecration.

The Use of Tobacco.

[Dedicated to the Clergy.]

1. It is unnatural. The taste has to be acquired. Often, if not always, with great difficulty this is done. Sickness follows upon the first efforts either to smoke or chew: the premonitory evidences of its power to injure the human system.

2. It is a boundless habit. Beyond the mere gratification of an abnormal taste, there are no inducements to keep it up. It gives no health; it brings no wealth; it advances none to honor.

3. It costs much—much money, much time, much influence for good. It is classed among the vices, and no man being himself addicted to it, can with any propriety reprove it.

4. It defiles. 1st. the breath. Expand your nostrils and you have the proof. And there is nothing more disgusting to one who does not use tobacco, than to receive its fumes or vile exhalations into his face from the very jaws of the consumer. Think of a spiritual guide, bending over some penitent soul, and breathing at once the promises of Christ and the vile odors of tobacco into the very face of him or her, who is seeking purity. 2. The conscience—This is not universal. There are some who have no conscience on this subject. It is dead. Others have trained conscience to sympathize with their unnatural tastes. Appetite and conscience have come ultimately to agree. But there are many whose "conscience is defiled." They think of purity, they want it, they ask for it; but, with them, tobacco is the bar to full salvation! This has been confessed.

3. The things that are without. Spotless linen, snow-white curtains deftly looped at the windows of private residences, floors on which much labor has been bestowed, and costly carpets spread for the comfort of those who defile them—these home delights and evidences of the housewife's thrift too often take the place of the vile spittle, and he who should always leave a blessing provokes disgust, excites the temper, and leaves no trace of good behind. This is not fancy. Again: How the house of God is defiled by it! Even the pulpit and altar do not escape. Approach to that holy place is often difficult and provocative of the deepest disgust, because men, (even ministers,) will chew and spit, they know not where. Brethren, stop! If you must chew, let it be as private as possible and without offence, at least to mortals.

HILLSIDE, Jan. 15, 1879.

Sunday School.

[PREPARED FOR THE ADVOCATE.]

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

BY E. M. MOORE.

FIRST QUARTER—NINTH LESSON—March 16, '79. Psalm LXXXIV: 1-12. Delight in God's house. Time—During Absalom's rebellion, probably 1025, B. C. Place—Somewhere in Judah: Ruins—David, King of Israel, (in exile): Hiram, King of Tyre; and Euphrates, King of Assyria.

GOLDEN TEXT: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Psalm LXXXIV: 4.

It is generally admitted that David was the author of this psalm, and that he wrote it when driven into exile by his son Absalom. Deprived of the privileges of the sanctuary, he appreciated them as he never had before. He had been indulgent to a fault. Absalom's ambition overleaped itself. This psalm is regarded as one of the sweetest of the whole collection. The subdued heart of the King uttered notes that will thrill the hearts of all through all time, who delight in God's sanctuary, and find pleasure in His service.

It is in three parts, separated by the interlude, "Selah," and each part has four verses. It was sung by the sons of Korah, with an accompaniment on a stringed instrument called gittith, or a musical instrument of Gath. The first seems to be devoted to God's house with its blessings to those who worship therein; the second has reference to the happiness of those whose strength is in God; and the third expresses David's longings for the tabernacles of which the Lord of hosts is the "shield" and "sun," with the confident statement that his desire will be granted, and with a blessing on the man that puts his trust in God. Spurgeon calls this "the pearl of Psalms." If composed, as is generally believed, while in exile, it shows how little he was depressed, even when a "host was encamped against him."

V. 1. "How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts," "How amiable:" how worthy of love; "tabernacle:" a tent. Moses made the first as a place wherein to worship Jehovah. It is here used in the plural to indicate its various apartments. "Lord:" Jehovah, the Creator; "hosts:" all created beings, men, angels, and all the forces of the universe, as

countless as the sands and as unbounded as the stars.

V. 2. "My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." "Longeth" implies intense hunger for, while "fainteth" is added to express the last degree in which one fails if unsatisfied. "Courts:" enclosures of which there were several; "crieth out" is the intense cry of one in imminent peril for one to save; "soul," "heart," and "flesh" indicate a consecration on the part of David of his entire self. He longed for the courts of the Lord, but it was for the "living" God that he dwelt there. He uses the word "living" in sublime contrast with the dead gods of the nations about Israel.

V. 3. "Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young. Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God." Some find figurative beauty in "the sparrow" and "swallow" as connected with the sanctuary of God, claiming that they typify God's people flocking to His house. We see no reason to wrest these words from their plainest significations. Both these birds are migratory and semi-domestic. Doubtless year after year David had seen these birds twittering about the sanctuary at home, without fear, finding shelter and secure places for their nests. As he remembers the sanctuary, he remembers the sparrows and swallows also. He remembers it as it is, and longs for the privileges of these innocent birds. These birds were all allowed the freedom of public buildings. Many nations regarded them as sacred. "Lord," "king" and "God" express the complete homage of David.

V. 4. "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising Thee. Selah." "Blessed," as in other parts of the Psalms, is plural, and, as the Rev. Mr. Poloubet says, is about the same as "oh, the blessedness;" or we would say "what blessings." "Dwell:" abide in, not those who visit. We think the author here alludes to those who abide in the sanctuary like the sparrows and swallows; and he adds a further resemblance: "They will be still (or ever) praising Thee," as the birds sing almost continually about their abodes.

V. 5. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are the ways of them." That man is blessed whose character is the growth of God's truth and grace in his heart; and the heart that trusts God has God's "ways" there—the highways of the Holy Spirit. They whose hearts are set on these ways long like David for the house, the worship, and the services of God.

V. 6. "Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools." "Baca" means mulberry tree. "The valley of Baca" was a barren, desolate place; here an emblem of destitution. "Make it a well;" turn it into a fountain; that is, God's blessing converts the thirsty land into one with perennial springs, and the rains fill the usually dry pools.

V. 7. "They go from strength to strength; every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." Here we have the final triumph of the Christian's career; that is, the career of "man," as given in the fifth verse, whose "strength" is in God, and who has God's "ways" in his own heart, and who is represented in the fifth verse as passing through the desert and causing it to bloom and blossom as the rose. They go on increasing in spiritual progression, and none are lost; all appear "in Zion before God."

V. 8. "O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob." "O Lord God of hosts" expresses David's faith in God's sovereign power; and his appeal to Him as the "God of Jacob" has a twofold meaning; it places himself in Jacob's stead, and implies that as God heard Jacob, so He must hear him. But few prayers as brief express as much.

V. 9. "Behold, O God, our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed." "Behold:" look upon; "shield:" a defense. The sense is look upon or favor our defense. "Look upon:" favor. "Thine anointed:" himself the anointed king of Israel. Samuel, God's messenger, had anointed him king of Israel. He was taking his cause to God, appealing against Absalom's rebellion.

V. 10. "For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. A day in God's service is better than a thousand in sin. Again he says he would rather sit on the threshold of God's house than to dwell in houses of wickedness or pleasure. He would prefer to be the lowest servant in God's house, than to be the master of a palace of pleasure."

V. 11. "For the Lord God is a

son and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will be withheld from them that walk uprightly." To appreciate the full force of God as a "sun," we must conceive if possible what earth would be without a sun. There is no better figure to represent God in all His vast universe. It is the source of all heat, light and life. It finds the immense bodies of the universe with its invisible but omnipotent forces, and holds them in their orbits. The shield, when used, was a sure defense against the assaults of enemies. So God is our defense, our refuge, our wall with towers. "Grace" is an inward possession of divine favor, but "glory" is its manifestation. "Grace" is God's divine cause in the heart, while glory is its resultant. "No good thing;" no spiritual good. God withholds no grace, no spiritual consolation from those who walk uprightly. Those who seek riches cannot expect God's cheer. We reap what we sow.

V. 12. "O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee." This is the conclusion of the whole psalm. As before said, the word "blessed" is full of meaning. It is brimful of bliss. He that is "blessed" wants no "good thing," and he shines with God's "glory" beaming from the inward "grace."

APPLICATION.

1. Those who love God love His service. David here illustrates the truth so often quoted, "How blessings brighter as they take their flight!"

2. As we seldom appreciate God's gifts as we should until they are out of our reach, so when they have gone the remembrance of them creates in our hearts those intense longings that all have felt. When the clouds are darkest we sigh for the sun shine.

3. The exile feels the loss of companionship and the man of God hungers for communion with God's people when deprived of it. The true Christian derives much support in religious services, which his heart pants for when he is without them. It is then he almost envies the "sparrow" that finds shelter in the eaves of the sanctuary and the "swallow" that builds her nest in security about the altars of God.

4. In David's day God met His people only in His house, but now, He will abide in our hearts if we will only invite Him, and keep our hearts always pure; and if we will do this, we, like the birds, when His glory is about us, will be always "praising Him."

5. The man who looks to the world for his support or who leans on the world, must sooner or later find himself leaning on a broken reed. God's service furnishes the only sure basis of happiness and hope.

6. They who walk in the paths of duty, though they lead through the comfortless regions, will find their springs and wells of pleasure overflowing. They will find, too, strength sufficient for the labor required. There are those whose lives have rendered beautiful the paths they tread.

7. Growth in grace is the law of love. It is either growth or death. The still water stagnates. We must all appear before God; but it is the daily growth in God's love that will enable us to appear before Him "in Zion."

8. Jacob's God is our God, and His success is given us to assure us of success when we pray as he did. Let every one pray David's prayer: "Give ear, O God of Jacob."

9. God will be a "shield to every child of faith, and will save all whom His Sox has anointed heirs of everlasting life."

10. One day with God is far better than a thousand without Him, because it is only with His blessing that we can enter eternal life. The world can give us nothing that we can take with us when we go hence.

11. Christ must be the Christian's "sun and shield," or be without defense and without light and life in this world or that to come.

12. "O Lord of hosts," ever give us a saving trust in Thee.

Church Notices.

- PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Kickapoo cir. at Kickapoo, March 29, 30. Cherokee cir. at Mt. Comfort, April 5, 6. Rusk and Jacksonville, at Rusk, April 12, 13. Pennington cir. at Weldon, April 19, 20. Crockett and Augusta, at Crockett, May 3, 4. Palestine sta. May 10, 11. Palestine sta. at Field's Chapel, May 17, 18. Larissa cir. May 24, 25. Athens cir. May 31. Trinity cir. June 7, 8. Tyler sta. June 14, 15. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.
- GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Gainesville sta. March 15, 16. Galesville cir. March 22, 23. Denton cir. March 29, 30. Denton cir. April 5, 6. Lewisville cir. April 12, 13. Denton cir. April 19, 20. Maryville cir. April 26, 27. Henrietta mission, May 10, 11. West Fork mission, May 17, 18. Montague cir. May 24, 25. Roston cir. May 31 and June 1. W. H. MOSS, P. E.
- DALLAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Dallas cir. at Oak Lawn, March 15, 16. Dallas cir. at Dallas, March 22, 23. Lamar sta. March 29, 30. Plano cir. at Franklin, April 5, 6. Grapevine cir. Walnut Grove, April 12, 13. Bethel, April 19, 20. Grapevine mission, April 26, 27. Grapevine cir. at Grapevine, May 3, 4. W. H. MOSS, P. E.

Grand Saline, Apr. 5, 6. Elysian Fields cir. at Mount Zion, Apr. 12, 13. R. W. THOMPSON, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lexington mission, March 8, 9. Giddings circuit, March 15, 16. T. W. ROGERS, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Flatonia cir. at Flatonia, March 8, 9. Weimar circuit, at Weimar, March 15, 16. Columbus station, March 22, 23. The quarterly conference of Columbus mission will be held at the same time with that of Columbus station. The district stewards' meeting will be held at Austin on the 1st of February. The interests of the work require a full attendance. E. S. SMITH, P. E.

TEXANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Boxville cir. 2d Sunday in March. Sande's mission, 3d Sunday in March. Concrete cir. 4th Sunday in March. Leesville cir. 5th Sunday in March. Halleysville cir. 1st Sunday in April. Mountain cir. 2d Sunday in April. Clinton cir. 3d Sunday in April. Lavaca River mission, 4th Sunday in April. A. A. KILGORE, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DIST.—SECOND ROUND. Rockport cir. at Rockport, March 8, 9. Corpus Christi sta. at Corpus Christi, Mar. 15, 16. Nueces River cir. at Mesquite, Mar. 22, 23. Oakville mis. at Oakville, Mar. 29, 30. Helena cir. at Escobedo, April 5, 6. Rancho cir. at Sande's Chapel, April 12, 13. JAS. B. DIXON, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Lockhart cir. at Prairie Lea, March 8, 9. Gonzales cir. at Belmont, March 15, 16. Mountain City cir. at Cherry Springs, Mar. 29, 30. Seguin at Mt. Creek, April 5, 6. San Marcos station, April 12, 13. Thompsonville cir. at Liberty, April 19, 20. Each quarterly conference will elect three delegates to the ensuing district conference. O. A. FISHER, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Milam, at McMahon Chapel, March 8, 9. Melrose, at Melrose, March 15, 16. The district stewards will meet at Center Feb. 8. My postoffice is Kilgore, Gregg county, Texas. WM. A. SANDY, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Spring Creek, Mar. 8, 9. Navasota and Millican, at Navasota, Mar. 15, 16. Melrose, at Melrose, March 22, 23. Huntsville on Saturday, March 29, at 2 o'clock P. M. Arrangements will be made for their entertainment. Call on arriving, at my house. C. LITTLEPAGE, P. E.

PALESTINE DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Athens cir. at New York, Mar. 8, 9. Trinity cir. at Merideth's school-house, Mar. 15, 16. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

BEAUMONT DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Liberty cir. at Liberty, 3d Saturday and Sunday in March. Moscow cir. at Moscow, 4th Saturday and Sunday in March. Homer cir. at Homer, 5th Saturday and Sunday in March. The district stewards will please meet at Woodville on Saturday, 23d of Feb. next, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Methodist church, to attend to the business entered on. (See new Discipline, chapter III, section 15, page 116.) The names of the following brethren have been furnished me by my worthy predecessors: viz: B. Z. Powell, T. J. Cartaway, J. C. Beldin, Henry Stearns, G. W. O'Brien and Y. L. McNeil. Others elected, but not named, will consider themselves notified. It is to be hoped that these brethren will feel it their bounden duty to meet at the specified time and place for the purpose indicated. DANIEL MONSE, P. E.

PORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Alvarado cir. at Pleasant Point, March 8. Caldo Grove cir. at Midway, March 15. Cleburne sta. March 22. Hillsboro cir. at Hillsboro, April 5. George's Creek, April 19. G. Graham, at Towash, April 26. Covington, May 3. Fort Worth sta. May 10. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

BRACKENRIDGE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Belknap mis. at Upper Fort Valley, March 8, 9. Clear Fork mis. at Upper Fort Valley, March 8, 9. Brackenkridge cir. at Pleasant Hill, March 15, 16. Belle Plain mis. at Hart's school-house, March 29, 30. Taylor mis. at Buffalo Gap, April 2. Jean cir. at McKitties school-house, April 5, 6. Coleman mis. at Coleman City, April 8, 9. Sabana cir. at Mt. Pisgah, April 12, 13. Hillsboro cir. at Bell's Chapel, April 19, 20. Palo Pinto, Sharp's Mill, April 26, 27. Brethren, remember the delegates will be elected to the district conference on the second round. Please attend promptly. J. G. WARREN, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Jacksonboro and Center sta. March 8, 9. Cartersville cir. at Vent's Station, March 15, 16. Weatherford sta. March 22, 23. Acton cir. at Bear Creek, March 29, 30. Lake City cir. at Bethesda, April 5, 6. Elomado cir. at Pleasant Grove, April 12, 13. Weatherford cir. at Wade's Chapel, April 19, 20. Springtown cir. at Lolla Branch, April 26, 27. Christian mission, May 3, 4. W. PACE, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Atlanta cir. at London, 1st Sunday in April. Soda Lake cir. at God's Exchange, 2d Sunday in April. Queen City cir. at Queen City, 1st Sunday in April. Clear Fork mis. at Clear Fork, 2d Sunday in April. Boston cir. at Three Springs, 3d Sunday in April. Jefferson sta. 4th Sunday in April. Hillsboro cir. at Dixey, 1st Sunday in April. Dexter cir. at Cedar Mills, 2d Sunday in April. Sherman cir. at Friendship, 3d Sunday in April. Collinsville cir. Collinsville, 4th Sunday in April. Pleasant Grove, 4th Sunday in April. Terrell, 1st Sunday in May. Kaufman cir. 2d Sunday in May. Rockwall cir. 3d Sunday in May. E. M. POWERS, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Trinity cir. 2d Sunday in March. Severe cir. 3d Sunday in March. Forney mission, 4th Sunday in March. Wils Point, 1st Sunday in April. Farmersville cir. 2d Sunday in April. Elmo cir. 3d Sunday in April. Pleasant Grove, 4th Sunday in April. Terrell, 1st Sunday in May. Kaufman cir. 2d Sunday in May. Rockwall cir. 3d Sunday in May. E. M. POWERS, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Denison cir. at Georgetown, 3d Sunday in March. Pilot Point sta. 4th Sunday in March. Bonham sta. 5th Sunday in March. Hillsboro cir. at Dixey, 1st Sunday in April. Dexter cir. at Cedar Mills, 2d Sunday in April. Sherman cir. at Friendship, 3d Sunday in April. Collinsville cir. Collinsville, 4th Sunday in April. Pleasant Grove, 4th Sunday in April. May Swoyer cir. at Belle Plain, 2d Sunday in May. Pilot Grove cir. 3d Sunday in May. J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. East Waco cir. 2d Sunday in March. Marbleton cir. 3d Sunday in March. Kosse cir. 4th Sunday in March. Bremond cir. 1st Sunday in April. Calvert and Hearne sta. 2d Sunday in April. Mt. Vernon cir. 3d Sunday in April. Wheelock cir. 4th Sunday in April. THOS. STANFORD, P. E.

COMANCHE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Plum Creek cir. at Williamson's School-house, March 8. Henson Creek cir. at New Olive, March 15. Lampasas cir. at Lampasas, March 22. Burnet cir. at Burnet, March 29. Llano mission, at Llano, April 5. San Saba cir. at San Saba, April 12. Mountain mission, at Center City, April 19. Brownwood cir. at Brownwood, April 26. C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Mexia and Cotton Gin, at Cotton Gin, March 8, 9. Corsicana cir. at Wortham, March 15, 16. Dresden cir. at Frier's creek, March 22, 23. Mt. Calm cir. at Bowman's Grove, March 29, 30. Centerville cir. at Pleasant Ridge, April 5, 6. Marquez mission, at Marquez, April 12, 13. Bullfinch cir. at Jewett, April 19, 20. North Leon cir. at Liberty, April 26, 27. JAS. MACKAY, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. San Gabriel, at Lawrence's chapel, March 8, 9. West Falls, at West Falls, March 15, 16. Cameron, at Fort Sully, March 22, 23. Blackland, at Conroy Lake, March 29, 30. Bolton, at Cedar Creek, April 5, 6. Salado and Davilla, at Salado, April 12, 13. Georgetown, at Grand Hill, April 19, 20. Belmont station, April 26, 27. Georgetown, May 3, 4. Georgetown and Round Rock, May 10, 11. Liberty Hill, May 17, 18. J. FRED COX, P. E.

MARSHALL DIST.—FIRST ROUND. Starrville cir. at Antioch, Mar. 8, 9. Garden valley cir. Mar. 15, 16. Mineola cir. at Mineola, Mar. 22, 23.

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Obituaries.

[Brother J. W. Tidwell and his son both died on the evening of the fourth Sabbath in January, 1879, and were buried in one grave, side by side, in the graveyard at Irebell, Bosque county, Texas, where their dust awaits the resurrection morn.—M. M.]

TRIMBLE—Thomas Jefferson Trimble, son of T. L. and Mary J. Trimble, was born in Cherokee county, Texas, A. D. 1836; was married May 12, 1857; died of immaturity, Jan. 15, 1879. Doubtless heaven will be more glorious on account of earthly sorrows. Let this comfort all who mourn.—S. J. HAWKINS.

VICK—Died, Dec. 5, 1878. Geo. A. Vick, aged twenty-six years. Bro. Vick was at church on December 21 in perfect health; that night he was taken with black jaundice, from which he never recovered. He joined the church when quite young; was a steward of the church when he died. May his dear mother and his brothers meet him in the better land.—C. L. FARRINGTON.

TIDWELL—John Franklin Tidwell, son of J. W. and F. E. Tidwell, was born in Limestone county, Texas, February 26, 1851; moved with his father to Bosque county, Texas, where he died in the triumph of a living faith, Jan. 26, 1879. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about fourteen years of age; lived a consistent life, and was loved by all who knew him. May the good Lord comfort the bereaved family, and may they so live that they may constitute an unbroken family in a blissful eternity.—M. M. MILLS.

SNOWELL—Died, at her residence, in Navarro county, near Spring Hill, February 17, 1879. Mother M. A. Sidwell. She was too well known for me to attempt to say anything in her behalf. I was with her all through her sickness, which commenced in August, 1878. She had a type of religion that exhibited itself rather in good works than in noisy demonstrations. She served God from principle, and she was a presence when suffering severely she trusted in Him and her end was peace. This makes our home sad. We will miss her everywhere. May the Lord help us to follow her as she followed Christ.—S. E. JETTOS.

COX—Died in peace, at her home, in Dallas county, near Spring Hill, February 17, 1879. Sister Mother M. A. Sidwell. She was born in Pike county, Illinois, Feb. 4, 1815; emigrated to Dallas county, Texas, Feb. 28, 1844; joined the M. E. Church, and made profession of religion in June, 1843. The writer, by her request, visited, sang and prayed with her. At which time, while in her mind, she expressed an unwavering confidence in her Savior, and a willingness to give up her weeping husband and children, and leave them in the hands of the Lord. May her husband and all her dear ones be prepared to meet her again on the happy banks of an everlasting deliverance. W. M. L. KNOX.

CAMPBELL—Mrs. Ellen F. Campbell, daughter of G. and L. P. New, was born in Henry county, Ky., in 1822, and there professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church. In Navarro county, Texas, on Nov. 19, 1867, she married Bro. W. M. Campbell, and in 1876 joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband. She died at her home in McLennan county, on the 6th of January, 1879. Sister Campbell was a consistent Christian and an affectionate wife and mother; leaves a husband and four little children in deep sorrow. May the good Lord comfort and protect those stricken ones. Sister C. was not afraid to die.—W. SWOFFORD.

HIDDLESTON—Sister Isabel Hiddleston was born August 14, 1838, in Calcasieu county, Illinois; moved to Texas in 1850; was born of the Spirit in 1855, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1856; was married to Bro. L. P. Hiddleston, October 12, 1856. She lived a consistent life, walked orderly before the world, and was an affectionate wife and a good mother. She died January 10, 1879, and went on to be with four of her children who had preceded her to the glory land. She leaves six living children and a devoted husband to mourn their loss, but her gain. May God bless them.—J. P. HENDERSON.

TIDWELL—John Wesley Tidwell, son of D. J. and S. Tidwell, was born Feb. 15, 1829, in Giles county, Tennessee; moved with his father to Minion county, Mississippi, when about four years old. Was married to Miss F. R. McCreese, September 18, 1859, and moved to Limestone county, Texas, the same year, and subsequently to Bosque county, where he died with pneumonia on the 12th of January, 1879. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about fourteen years of age, and was a consistent member until his death. A few minutes before his death he said, "I am ready." He leaves a dear companion and six children to mourn their loss. May that God that loves all a husband to his wife and a father to his children. The church and community have lost one of their best members.—M. M. MILLS.

GANDY—Mrs. Mary E. Gandy, consort of Mr. T. Gandy, of Texas, was born March 3, 1849, and departed this life November 20, 1878. She embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1871. She was a good woman, loving and beloved. She leaves a weeping husband and three lovely children, an aged mother, sister and seven children to mourn their loss; but not as others who have no hope. Sister Gandy lived a beautiful Christian life. At our protracted meetings at Gandy's, her soul was saved. But her work is done on earth, and she, through Jesus' blood, has been crowned victor. God grant that husband, brothers and sisters may be benefited spiritually. Let a free discussion of the providence of God.—JOHN F. COOK.

FERRILL—Sam'l P., son of Dr. S. P. and sister Amanda Ferrill, was born in Jackson county, Texas, Feb. 4, 1874, and departed this life Dec. 1, 1878. Little Sammel was a bright, cheerful and a sweet, winning child. He was the comfort and joy of a tender mother's heart. He has gone to meet his sainted father and little sister and other loved ones. His mother said, "I suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." His mother, grandmother, two little sisters and other relatives and a number of friends were present at his funeral. May this dispensation of God's providence awaken them all to faithfulness, and may they so apply their hearts to wisdom and to the love of Him in the mansion above, where parting and sorrowing and sighing will be no more, is the prayer of the writer.—A. G. NOLLEN.

OWEN—Sister Sarah A. Owen died at her home in Llano county, Texas, February 4, 1879. She was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., Dec. 31, 1807. Her parents emigrated to Ohio, and she was born in that State in 1809. She was married to Bro. D. J. Owen, Jan. 17, 1836. In 1860, moved to Llano county, Texas. Sister Owen embraced religion in early childhood, and was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and much loved by those who knew her. She bore her severe afflictions with patience, saying, "I have resigned, and I will not regret her death; she was happy in the anticipation of getting to heaven. Whatever affliction could do to minister to her in her last days, I will do." She leaves a husband and several little children. May God be with them and bring them all home at last in the prayer of their sympathizing pastor and friend.—H. B. SWAFFORD.

LANDON—Sister Rebecca Landon was born November 8, 1820; made a profession of religion and joined the M. E. Church in her fifteenth year, and departed this life December 28, 1878, at her residence in Wood county, after an illness of twenty-three days. She was a sweet-spirited Christian mother. Her daily walk exhibited the indwelling Christ, and the love of God shed abroad in her heart. She requested the writer to be present and attend the burial service. When told by her friends that death was approaching, she called her children and friends around her and gave strict charge to her children to so live that they might meet her in heaven. This passed away one of the pillars of the M. E. Church, at least in Grove church, leaving nine children, fifty-four grand children and eight grand grand children, with numerous other friends to mourn their loss. Her home has ever been the preacher's home. She will be remembered by many of the servants of God who have labored on this work.—S. W. JONES.

BISHOP—Sister Mary T. Bishop, (maiden name Tippin,) was born in Anderson county, South Carolina, on the 20th of Jan., 1808; was married to Absalom Bishop, Jan. 1823; was converted to God and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1845; came to Texas in 1852; and departed this life at Decatur, Wise county, Texas, Jan. 29, 1879, at the age of seventy years and four days. She has been an acceptable member of the church thirty-six years. She had been a sufferer for several years, when death came, releasing her from pain. She left behind her a husband and several children, and many friends and friends to mourn their loss. May the blessings of heaven be upon the bereaved husband and children, and may they be prepared to enter their Master's joy when the summons of death shall come.—R. N. BROWN.

Tribute of Respect.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE—DEXTER CIRCUIT. WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-wise Father to remove from earth to heaven our dearly loved brother, Rev. James M. Monroe, and WHEREAS, Bro. Monroe was one of the most able and faithful ministers of the M. E. Church, South, within our bounds; therefore, be it Resolved, That we, the undersigned, do hereby record the death of one so fondly loved and universally respected. Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Crowder, preacher in charge of Dexter circuit, be appointed a committee of one to devise and carry out a plan to raise funds to erect a monument to his memory. Resolved, That resolutions be read and forwarded to the family of the deceased, and a copy to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Respiration for publication. REV. J. R. CROWDER,) Committee. REV. J. M. COOPER,) REV. L. G. WATKINS,)

Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, The Great Architect of the universe has removed from our midst one beloved brother, Rev. Wm. N. Hays, a worthy and much esteemed member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 413, A. F. and A. M., we the officers and members do hereby record the death of one so fondly loved and universally respected. Resolved, That we have sustained an irreparable loss in the death and removal of our beloved brother; and, therefore, be it Resolved, That while we have suffered from the loss, labors and sufferings of this life to that bright and glorious mansion prepared for all the faithful. 2. That we, the brethren assembled in regular lodge, do tender our sympathies to the sadly bereaved widow and children of our deceased brother. 3. That we wear the usual sign of mourning for one month. 4. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our lodge, and a copy of the same be tendered to the sadly bereaved family of our deceased brother, and also a copy be transmitted to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication. T. H. SHUGART,) Committee. A. T. BRADFORD,) A. G. SWEENEY,)

RHODES—Died, at Elm, Smith county, Texas, Feb. 5, 1879, in the 34th year of her age, Mrs. Ella Rhode, wife of Byron C. Rhode. It was not the good fortune of the writer to have met this estimable lady until sympathizing friends, with solemn tread, had borne her lifeless form to the gloomy chamber of her present resting place. It was there we met her, and while she lay in her death, read over her disheveled tabernacle, in hand, earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. We learned from those who knew her well and esteemed her much, that she possessed and practiced all the graces of a true and refined lady, as well as the virtues of a disciple of Christ, and for fifteen years of marital life adorned the domestic circle as wife and mother with a brilliancy that the bloom of death will not soon efface. So sterling was her moral worth, that his impress was made upon her husband and children, and for years to come will be the beacon light along life's troubled sea to guide them in the way of right. As we hang this wreath upon her broken urn, our prayers are lifted high in behalf of the snitten husband and three motherless children who now mourn her death. H. B. PHILIPS.

DAVIDSON—Sister E. A. Davidson (maiden name Polins) was born in Tennessee, Sept. 22, 1820; was united in marriage to J. P. Davidson, January 1, 1848; emigrated to Missouri in September, 1848; from thence to Texas in December, 1854, where she lived happily with her husband and children till her death, which occurred December 21, 1878, at her home in Eastland county, Texas. She started on her journey a little town on Saturday morning to procure some presents to be placed on a Christmas tree for the children. She had not proceeded far when she fell in a hole in which she was riding and into a deep gulley, threw her out and ran over her body, which so injured her that she died the same evening. Sister Davidson professed faith in Christ at Salem, Camp-ground, Tennessee, in August, 1846. She united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent and useful member until her death. Sister Davidson was an affectionate wife, a kind mother, a good neighbor and a devoted Christian. She leaves a kind husband, eight dutiful daughters and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May we all take warning and be also ready.—Geo. F. FAIR.

ROBINSON—Martin C. Robinson was born in Marlborough district, South Carolina, July 18, 1821; moved first to Georgia; thence to Alabama; thence to Union county, Arkansas, near the Louisiana line. He married Martha C. Jamison, on the 16th of March, 1841. In the same vicinity he was united by a living faith to Jesus, in 1843, and entered the communion of the Methodist Protestant Church. In 1862 he was married to Miss M. E. Church, South, in company with the writer, his pastor, and twenty-eight others. A wonderful revival followed the union of the two churches. This was in Collins county, Texas. About one hundred shared in the glorious outpouring of the Spirit. Bro. Robinson was a very faithful, devoted Christian. Though he was blind, he yet had his wagon driven to the window that he might enjoy the preached word. His quarters were punctually paid as a duty and not by emotion, and his family altar was kept warm with daily sacrifice. Truly, a good man has passed away. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his absence. May they have God's wisdom to comfort and sustain them and His presence to direct their lives to perfection.—A. H. BREWER.

MORRIS—Died, on the 7th of January, 1879, after an illness of two days, Rev. J. C. Morris, of Rock county, Texas. In the fortieth year of his age, he was a wife and seven children to mourn his death; also, an aged father and mother, loving sisters and a large circle of friends and neighbors. He was married in the State of Georgia, and he was a member of the Methodist Church—subsequently withdrew from the ministry—was re-ordained by the ministry of D. S. Watkins, and joined the M. E. Church, South—was licensed to preach on the Mount Enterprise circuit during my pastoral charge last year. Few other men are permitted to share so largely in the confidence and esteem of their neighbors and acquaintances. He exercised without ceasing to know it a controlling influence in Bethel church, where his ministrations were a blessing to the members of the church. Bethel society will long feel the loss. The whole community is in mourning. The writer of this sketch shares this feeling of bereavement. May God sustain the bereaved widow and fatherless children. I think of Nemo, his darling, his eldest daughter, will miss his father, and raise the younger members of the family for God and heaven. The grief-stricken wife said the last prayer she heard him say was the best. To God's tender mercies I commend his bereaved family.—F. M. STOVALL.

WILLIAMS—Rev. Wyatt Williams was born on the third day of December, 1801, was married when quite young to Miss Nancy Williams. He professed religion at the age of sixteen years, and commenced preaching at the age of nineteen years. Though illiterate at that time, he learned to read, and became a good reader, and ministered in the Holy Scriptures, in which he became wise unto salvation. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Wm. J. Jones, on the 10th of February, 1879, in the 78th year of his age. He was married to Miss Nancy Williams, who died two years previous to his death. During his last illness he said he was going to meet his dear friends in heaven. He leaves a wife and several children. His request was that Bro. J. L. McClellan should arrange his grave according to instructions and preach his funeral sermon. He was interred in the cemetery on Hog Creek. The burial service was by M. K. Little. He passed away like the morning star, which goes not down until the darkest clouds of night, but serenely melts away into the light of heaven. S. W. McLENDON,) Committee. B. BOYD,)

Adopted by the conference, and resolved that a copy be furnished the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication. S. W. McLENDON, Secretary.

In Memoriam.

Miss Mary E. Trotman (nee Puckett) was born in Giles county, Tennessee, April 19, 1821; was married to Wm. T. Trotman, in Nobeux county, Mississippi, Dec. 29, 1854; emigrated to Texas in 1860; and to Kaufman county in 1869; died at Turner's Point, that county, February 9, 1879. She was raised by parents of Campbellite faith and joined the church in early life. Some years afterward, at a Presbyterian meeting, she was aroused from a lethargy into which she had fallen, became a deep penitent, was restored joyfully to the peace, and joined the communion of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After her marriage, at the first opportunity, she joined the church of her husband—the M. E. Church, South—and remained a faithful, steadfast member of the same till death. The writer had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance of her estimable mother for some nine years, having been her pastor, the teacher of her children, and an inmate of her family for ten months. Her husband was an exemplar of her Christian faith—a living epistle, known and read of all men. Her piety, simple, unobtrusive, consistent and uniform, expressed itself more in holy

life and godly deeds than in noisy demonstration. She loved God, His Word and His service; delighted in the reading of the scriptures, religious conversation, and attendance upon the means of grace; and cultivated that holy piety which sanctifies and brings peace and purity to the heart. As may be expected, she died serene in a living, peaceful Savior, and a happy in the hope of a glorious resurrection. May God comfort the bereaved husband and children and sanctify their affliction to the performance of their duty in the better world.—A. H. BREWER.

GILMORE—Died, December 1, 1878, Mrs. Parlee Gilmore, wife of Samuel E. Gilmore, and daughter of Jesse M. and C. A. Clements; she was born the 11th of February, 1818, in Randolph county, Ala., and in 1850 moved with her parents to Louisiana, and remained there until the fall of 1857, when her parents emigrated to Texas and settled in Smith county. In the fall of 1857 she professed religion under the preaching of L. C. Cruise, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a devoted Christian up to the time of her death. In 1857 she moved with her parents to Kaufman county, Texas, and in February, 1862, she was married to her husband, S. E. Gilmore. In August, 1874, she moved with her husband and parents to Loyal, Texas, where she died. She was a devoted Christian, a devoted child, a kind and affectionate wife and mother. Her death was a great loss to her husband and never dreamed to meet. She said her way was clear, and that all was right with her only a few days before her death. All she dreaded was to leave her dear parents and dear children. I will add: I regarded sister Gilmore as one of the excellent of the earth. Her death as an affliction upon her husband and children, is not easily estimated; yet her loss is certainly her gain. The righteous have hope in their death.—J. W. B. ALLEN.

ADAMS—Mrs. Bettie G. Adams, wife of Captain Z. T. Adams, of Kaufman county, Texas, and daughter of W. D. and Evaline Radford, died December 1, 1878, in the 41st year of her age. She was born in Henderson county, Texas, May 16, 1838; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1853, and was married to her now deceased husband, August 26, 1854. Trained from early childhood by pious parents, she was an exemplary Christian, an ornament to society and a blessing to her friends. Her death was a great loss to her husband and children. I will add: I regarded sister Gilmore as one of the excellent of the earth. Her death as an affliction upon her husband and children, is not easily estimated; yet her loss is certainly her gain. The righteous have hope in their death.—J. W. B. ALLEN.

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TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on the 19th, bill to erect a capitol was taken up; the bill is now a law; bill to dispose of school lands for the benefit of public lands, passed.

On the 20th, a resolution, inquiring into the practicability of establishing a manual school in connection with the Bryan College was adopted; bill to provide for the payment and redemption of the bonded indebtedness, due July 1, 1879, passed. Joint resolution, appropriating \$30,000 to pay interest on bonded debt up to March 1st, 1879, passed.

On the 21st, bill to reorganize the fourth district and to provide for holding court in same, passed; bill changing place for holding court in Marion county, passed; bill providing that the treasurer shall keep special deposit account with general land office, passed; the House report on civil code and House amendment, concurred in—bill goes to the governor; a bill requiring payment of taxes on land before recording titles thereto, was engrossed; joint resolution providing for supreme court, district courts, and such inferior courts, civil, probate or criminal, as may be established by law, and providing for a supreme court of nine judges, one chief and eight associates—the court to be in three divisions—to consider civil, criminal, or either civil or criminal cases; also, providing the manner of election, and that the present judges of the supreme court and court of appeals shall constitute a part of the court for the term they were elected. The Governor shall appoint them.

On the 22d, joint resolution to ascertain whether Bryan College is actually a mechanical and agricultural college, and ascertain its needs, was adopted and sent to the House. Joint resolution to request Congress to pay Texas Senators and Representatives elected in 1866 passed.

On the 24th, bill to set aside public lands of Greer county for public debt and schools, passed. Bill providing for attaching the counties of McMullen and Duval to 25th district, and providing time of holding court, passed.

A joint resolution to ask the United States for the loan of four batteries of artillery for use of the State, passed.

Bill providing for appointment by the governor of a commission of three judges not to exist longer than two years, and to decide causes referred to it by the supreme court is designed to accelerate the working off of the great mass of business now pending for adjudication.

On the 26th, a bill to create the 31st district passed. Bill to provide for special terms of district court when necessary, in view of accumulating business, passed. Bill to determine criminal and civil jurisdiction of county court of Polk county, and conform district court to same, passed. On the proposition to elect judges, the vote stood 16 to 8. Amendment providing for legislation to fix salaries of supreme and district judges, adopted.

Section 11 was then read, and provides inferior tribunals for the business of estates; district courts to have original jurisdiction of same. Adopted.

Section 12, for legislature to confer on inferior and criminal courts jurisdiction exclusive of district courts have not exclusive jurisdiction; but no inferior court shall have jurisdiction over causes involving over \$1000. Adopted.

Amendment that judges of inferior courts having jurisdiction to the amount of \$250 and over shall be lawyers of known capacity and learning. Adopted.

The bill amending bill organizing twelfth judicial district passed. The House reporting passage of joint resolution for joint committee to visit and inspect Bryan College, the chair appointed Messrs. Mim and McCormick Commissioners for the Senate. The House concurrent resolution: For both houses to meet and elect six State Directors for Bryan College, adopted. The House joint resolution, exempting all farm products in hands of producers, adopted. Bill requiring owners of land to pay taxes thereon before recording the letters thereto, passed. In executive session, Senate confirmed Judge Jos. Abbott for 28th district and J. M. Moore for 12th district, and confirmed a number of notaries. Bill to create Travis county into one judicial district—the 16th, passed.

Judiciary article resumed, and Section 13, in reference to District Attorneys, adopted as amended, so as to provide that salaries and manner of removal of said officers shall be fixed by the Legislature. Section 14 provides for election of District Clerks and for removal by trial by jury, the judge to fill vacancies. Adopted. Section 15 provides for Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Constables; and Sheriffs shall not be eligible for more than four years in every six. Adopted. Bill to regulate factors and commission merchants, passed. Judiciary article resumed; Section 16, judiciary article, provides that prosecutions shall be carried on in the name of the State. Adopted. Section 17 provides what shall be disqualification of Judges in trial of certain causes and cases. Adopted after immaterial changes. Section 18 provides for mode of special courts, where regular Judge is disqualified, and that the Legislature may create and abolish special courts. Adopted. Sections 19 and 20 for mode of removing Judges and county officers; and Section 21 for the mode of filling vacancies, adopted, and are about the same as the present law. Section 22, as to right of State to appeal; Section 23, for grand juries; Sections 24 and 25, as to right of defendants to juries, adopted, and do not differ materially from the present law. Section 26 contains six subdivisions and provides for judicial machinery to continue as provided by the laws now in force until otherwise provided by law; also, provides for the whole judiciary article to be submitted to a vote of the people on the first Tuesday in July, 1879. Section 26 was amended so as to have the terms and places of the Supreme and Appellate courts remain as now until otherwise provided by law and in no event shall such terms take place in more than three places in the State. Bills to provide for special tax to build court-houses and jails; to grant leave of absence to Judge Acken; to enable part owners of land to obtain partition thereof; to amend penal code so to prohibit keeping ten-pia alleys—were taken from the President's desk and passed. Bill to regulate juries in capital cases, passed. It provides one venire to be summoned at the beginning of court, to apply to all capital cases tried at that term. Bill to regulate railroads, and for reimbursement of persons injured thereby, passed. Bill to change the County Court of Trinity county, etc., same passed. Bill to create 32d judicial district and same passed. Bill to sell the public domain for school and public debt, was taken up and engrossed. It makes the minimum price of pasture land twenty-five cents per acre, and of arable land fifty cents. Bill appropriating twelve hundred dollars for painting the portraits of the Presidents and Governors of Texas, passed by a vote of 19 to 7.

On the 4th the Vice-President notified the Senate through Secretary Graham that he would not again occupy the chair, in order that the Senate might elect a President pro tem. Thomas W. Ferry, of Michigan, and A. G. Thurman, of Ohio, were nominated. Ferry elected.

At 12 A. M., President, pro tem., Ferry announced the 45th Congress adjourned.

Bill providing for better ventilation of representative hall passed the House. Conference report on internal revenue bill passed the House. The bill provides a reduction of the tobacco tax from twenty-four to sixteen cents. It goes to the President.

On the 28th the Sergeant-at-Arms appeared at the bar of the House having Geo. F. Seward, Minister to China, in custody for contumacy, in failing to answer certain questions propounded him by the committee and producing certain books. Seward replied in a written legal argument, in which he claimed protection under constitutional rights, and refused to surrender the books. The matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee and Mr. Seward discharged on his own recognizance. The case was afterward reconsidered, and dismissed without action. On the 1st the President sent in his message vetoing the bill to restrict Chinese immigration, on the ground that it would be an abrogation of the Burlingame treaty with China. The vote was then taken: "Shall the bill pass, objection of the President notwithstanding?" Yeas 109 to 95. Not being two-thirds, the bill failed.

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The London Daily News correspondent at Berlin says fifteen feet of snow is reported in Schleswig. The Pall Mall Gazette's Rome correspondent says the pope has sent Dr. Newman an announcement that he will be created cardinal at the consistory to be held March 3.

Capetown advices to Feb. 11 say the situation is unchanged. Lord Chelmsford was acting strictly on the defensive. The British loss in the fight at Korke's drift on the 22d ult, including native contingent, is estimated at 1500 men.

every Thursday night.....Daingerfield is nearly a mile square and contains about 800 people.

Graham Ledger gives the following: Our schools are progressing finely..... Beautiful weather..... The farmers are all busy preparing their lands for the coming crop. Corn will be more extensively cultivated than last year. Wheat looks tolerably well.

We learn from the Henrietta Journal that Indians have been depre-dating through the county, stealing everything that they can get hold of. They stole fifteen head of horses from John Casner, four head from Goodnight, and one horse from Campbell. Goodnight has been feeding the Indians for a month to keep them from stealing his cattle. They stole and burned White out.

San Marcos Free Press says: Spicewood spring, a narrow gulch, well timbered with all the varieties common to this country, is an interesting place. But at Dauche's spring, a similar mountain gorge, but on a much grander scale, the scenery verges upon the sublime. For several hundred yards a regular perpendicular precipice rises more than a hundred feet above the chasm below.

From the following it would seem that Kimble county is an inviting region. Kimble county—a county nearly as large as the State of Maine—abounds with high mountains and lovely valleys. There are forty running streams in the county, and they abound with fish, beaver and otter, while in the mountains deer are plentiful and some bear are found. There are a great many wild turkeys here—so many, in fact, that Judge Patterson, killed twenty in one night last week. Honey is also very plentiful.

Religious Denominations in the United States.

We find in the Herald and Presbyter the following statistical table said to be compiled from the latest reports, exhibiting the numerical strength of the several religious bodies in this country:

Table with 2 columns: Denomination and Number. Includes Adventists, Anti-Mission Baptists, Baptists, etc.

Van Zandt county claims a population of 12,000.

Gardening is progressing in the northern counties.

Eggs sell at two cents a dozen in Paris, Texas.

The paupers of Washington county cost it \$180 a month.

Last year Caldwell county raised 140,000 bushels of wheat.

The San Antonio Express estimates number of sheep in Texas at 3,500,000.

Navarro county has \$5,000 in bank to the credit of her school fund.

Several farmers in Victoria county have turned their attention to tobacco growing.

Round Rock has received 15,000 bales of cotton this season.

The loss in sheep in West Texas, by the late severe winter is estimated at 25 per cent.

At Weimer, Colorado county, chickens sell at 10 cents apiece, eggs five cents per dozen, and corn fifty cents per bushel.

Marrying fever has reached an epidemic form in Bastrop county. Over forty persons have been married during the past month.

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Commercial. At New York, the market opened weak and closed quiet. Sales to-day 288 bales. Quotations for all grades are as follows: Ordinary, 8 1/2c; Good Ordinary, 9c; Low Middling, 9 1/2c; Middling, 9 5/8c; Good Middling, 10 1/2c.