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West Texas Conference Reports.

Sunday-School Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the West Texas Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS—It is a source of great pleasure to your Sunday-school Board to be able to report an increased attendance of seven hundred and eighty-one scholars during the past year. Of this accession we welcome two hundred and seventy-five from the territory coded to us from the North-West Texas Conference. While it is a source of congratulation to see so many added to our roll, yet we have reason to fear that the lambs of the flock are not being gathered into the fold as fast as the importance demands. Some one has remarked that the most beautiful picture of the world's best poets are but the representations of impressions made upon their minds in childhood. It has been asked, Where can better impressions be made than in the Sunday-school?

We were surprised to learn that the excellent publications of our Publishing House are not used in all our schools. We sincerely and earnestly recommend our own Sunday-school literature. We regret that so few of the fathers and mothers in Israel take an active part in this important department of church enterprise. In our opinion, the ideal Sunday-school includes the entire membership of the church. If for no higher reason, the older members should attend, as the old lady in Mississippi, "to smile upon the children."

We earnestly recommend that every school be organized into missionary society, and that the children be requested to make weekly contributions to the cause of missions. Should every Methodist child in Texas give but one cent a week for said cause, more missionary work would be collected than is now raised by our entire church in this State.

We would ask your prayerful consideration to the feasibility of sending a Sunday-school missionary to our sister Republic, which, with Macedonia cry, is appealing to us for the Bread of Life. Should the church see fit to recognize the sending forth of such a man, we believe the Methodist children of Texas will gladly provide for his support. This will be easily raised, as each child will be required to give but ONE CENT A YEAR.

P. C. BRYCE,
In behalf of the Board.

Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Members of the West Texas Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS—Your committee, to whom was referred the Bible Cause, beg leave to offer the following as their report:

Observation, experience, and the testimony of others, develop the fact that there is great destitution of the Word of God in our country, in our boundary, and even in our midst. Even in our own pastoral charge we have found families without the Bible. As regards the general field, we quote one paragraph from the report of the great American Bible Society: "During the last year the whole number of families visited by the representatives of our auxiliaries, by pastors and private distributors and by one hundred and sixty paid colporteurs of this society, was 714,636, of whom 111,932 were found without the Scriptures, and 81,995 were supplied, in addition to 46,430 individuals not included in these families. The destitution thus discovered and supplied embraces large districts of the West, South and Southwest, and regions in which we have no auxiliaries. In addition to this, 101,965 volumes of the Scriptures, in fifteen languages, were distributed among the newly-arrived immigrants at this port by the marine agent of the New York Bible Society."

The traveling agents, Bros. Rankin and Sewell, have been within the bounds of our conference, and there are also a goodly number of depositories of the Bible Society within our bounds; but there ought to be a great many more of them. The blessed Bible is the entire foundation of our holy religion, and of course should be in the hands of every one. The new sainted Bishop Asbury, when nearly worn out in body by a long life of faithfully preaching the gospel, took a load of Bibles and went to distributing them, when he remarked: "Whatever mistakes I may have made before, now I know that I am doing good." And so it is unto this day. That man who circulates the

Holy Scriptures knows that he is doing good; that he is sowing the good seed of eternal life, and preparing for a glorious harvest of precious souls to be gathered into the garner of God in heaven!

Your committee would recommend the conference to occupy this important field, already ripe for a fruitful harvest.

The pastors of this conference have collected for this cause \$14 75.

Resolved, That as pastors and presiding elders we will bring up at least one dollar each for the Bible cause at our next annual session of this conference; that we will see to it that each congregation in our charges shall be asked to contribute to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. LEATON, Ch'm.

Joint Board of Finance—No. 1.

To the Bishop and Members of the West Texas Conference:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS—Your Board of Finance submit the following report with reference to the funds submitted to them:

We find that for the Bishops' fund there was assessed against this conference, \$245. On this there has been collected, \$222 69—making an excess of \$4 90. The above amount of \$222 69 the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to Bishop Parker, presiding. There was assessed at the last session of the board for the conference fund the sum of \$900. On this there has been collected \$815 79—leaving a deficit of \$84 39. Brothens, this deficiency ought not to exist. Remember, old age and infirmity will soon overtake you or your families. It is your due that you be then supported. Labor to educate our people to a sense of duty on this point, that every preacher may feel that whatever may befall him, the church will see that neither he nor his family will ever suffer. Our superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans, have borne the heat of the battle, that we might reap the fruits of the victory of virtue over vice, of truth over error. While doing this they have sacrificed all accumulation of this world's goods. We owe them a debt of gratitude we can never pay. Let us see to it that their old age is blessed with at least a support.

Of the amount collected for conference fund the following apportionment has been made:

To Sister Gilbert.....	\$71 28
Sister Davidson.....	71 28
Sister Hoar.....	71 28
Sister Laffery.....	89 10
Brs. A. A. Kilough.....	89 10
Bro. J. W. Brown.....	89 10
Bro. J. W. DeValls.....	113 82
Bro. Myers.....	113 82
Bra. Bolvin.....	106 92
Total.....	\$815 70

For the cause of education the board, at its last session, made an assessment of \$432 60. On this there has been collected \$186 69—leaving a deficit of \$245 90. Of the amount collected the following apportionment has been made in accordance with former action of the conference: To Southwestern University, \$93 30; to Coronal Institute, \$93 30. Total, \$186 60.

Your board regret that the urgent appeals made to the conference at its last session by both the Boards of Finance and the Committee on Education had so little effect in arousing our ministers to the importance of extraordinary efforts in behalf of Christian education. But after diligent inquiry into the cause of this want of interest, we are satisfied that it grows to a considerable extent from the fact that the fund is divided between Southwestern University and Coronal Institute. We would therefore recommend that in the future the whole of the educational fund be appropriated to the Southwestern University.

Now that our Discipline provides for the establishment of a Board of Education, your Board of Finance would ask to be relieved of the duty of managing the educational fund, and that the same be entrusted to said Board of Education.

Your board have made the following assessments for the current year 1883: For Bishops' fund, the sum of \$272, to be apportioned to the several districts as follows:

San Antonio Mexican Mission District.....	\$5 00
San Diego Mexican Mission District.....	5 00
Mason District.....	32 00
Corpus Christi District.....	40 00
Texas District.....	45 00
San Antonio District.....	24 00
San Marcos District.....	80 00
Total.....	\$273 00

Assessment for conference fund, \$1020—apportioned to the several districts as follows:

San Diego Mexican Mission District.....	\$30 00
San Antonio Mexican Mission District.....	30 00
Mason District.....	120 00
Corpus Christi Dist. L.....	150 00
Texas District.....	180 00
San Antonio District.....	210 00
San Marcos District.....	300 00
Total.....	\$1020 00

Your board have declined making any assessment for educational purposes, leaving the matter entirely with the Board of Education.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity of our country, and the evident increased disposition on the part of our people to con-

tribute to the advancement of the cause of Christ, your board submit this their report.

Geo. W. L. FLY,
Sec. Bd. of Finance.

Joint Board of Finance—No. 2.

To the President and members of the West Texas annual Conference, in session at Seguin, 1882.

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS—Since the preparation of this report your Board of Finance have received from J. B. McFerrin the sum of \$9.35 as the proportion to which this conference is entitled as its pro rata share of the interest on the Colvin bequest, for the widows and orphans of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which amount has by your board been apportioned among the three widows of our conference, as follows: to wit: Sister Gillet, \$3; Sister Laffery, \$3.30; Sister Davidson, \$3.

We have also received from the Preachers' Aid Society the sum of \$50, which is one-fourth of the annual interest appropriated under the law of the society providing that as soon as the principal should amount to \$2000 one-fourth of the interest should go to supplement the conference fund. This is the first installment paid into this fund by this society. God grant it may annually increase until all of our superannuated preachers' widows and orphans are placed beyond want.

This fund has been distributed as follows: Brother Hoar, \$4.15; Sister Gillet, \$4.15; Sister Davidson, \$4.15; Sister Laffery, \$5.55; Brother Brown, \$5.55; Brother De Villias, \$6.65; Bro. Myers, \$6.75; Brother Bolvin, \$6.65; Brother Kilough, \$5.55, making a total of \$50.

Respectfully submitted,
M. N. SHIVE, Ch'm.
Geo. W. L. FLY, Sec'y.

Books and Periodicals.

This report was mislaid after being copied into the journal, and the secretary did not therefore send it with the other reports. The report was a very practical one—impressing forcibly upon preachers their duty touching Christian literature, especially commending the Texas and Nashville Advocates, and our general church publications.

District Conference Records.

To the President and Members of the West Texas Conference:

Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to submit their report, as follows:

The Journal of the San Marcos District Conference is the only journal before the committee, and consequently the only one we have been able to examine. This journal has been well kept. We were especially pleased with the use the secretary has made of marginal notes. These notes are well arranged and are very convenient. The general index (which it might be improved by being made more full) is good. And while the reading of this journal is marred in some places by the admission of words for the purpose of abbreviation, yet, because of its precision, correctness and convenience, we can but wish that all our church records were as well kept as this one.

Whereas, We are dependent upon the church records of the district conferences for many facts connected with our church history; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge upon presiding elders the duty and importance of seeing that these records be properly kept, and that they are brought to the sessions of the annual conference, so that they may be examined.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. BIGGS,
A. G. MOLES,
T. H. SUGBART.

Board of Education.

To the Bishop and members of the West Texas Conference, in session at Seguin, October 21, 1882.

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS—Your Board of Education submit for your consideration the following report:

According to the disciplinary provisions, this board is required to take into consideration the interests of the schools under the care of this conference. In obedience to these provisions we report,

1st. Southwestern University is a connectional institution, in the care and under the patronage and support of the six annual conferences in Texas.

We are gratified to report this institution in a most flourishing and prosperous condition. From the Eighth Annual Report of its board of trustees we learn many facts that should encourage us. First, under the management of F. A. Mood, D. D., the university has come to be recognized as the equal, if not the superior, of any school in the State. Second, the Christian influences thrown around the students are manifested in the fact that there have been forty conversions in the school during the past session, and the further fact that out of two hundred and eighty-two students one hundred and twenty-eight are members of the church. These are gratifying facts, and show that the religious and spiritual life of the school is good, very good. Third, the university contains pupils from one hundred and sixty-eight towns and counties in the State, demonstrating the fact that the university is a State institution; one in which the whole State is interested,

and whose benign influences will be felt in church and state throughout the extent of our great and growing State.

In view of these facts we commend Southwestern University to all citizens of Texas, and especially would we bespeak for it the support and encouragement of all Methodists in the State.

2d. Coronal Institute, the San Marcos district high school, under the supervision of Prof. R. O. Rousseval, is an institution that we can cheerfully commend to the support and patronage of our people. Under its present management it has taken a high stand as an institution of learning, located in a healthy neighborhood and surrounded by moral and religious influences, and offering superior advantages for acquiring a Christian education.

3d. San Saba Academy, located in San Saba, has come to us by the action of the general conference, ceding to us the territory in which it is located. It was established as a district conference school. The district that had charge of it has been discontinued, and the school in its infancy comes to us as an orphan, begging for sympathy and encouragement. Let the warmth of love and sympathy from our hearts go out to it in its bereavement.

In Prof. Spellman, who has charge of this school, we recognize Christian gentleman and ripe scholar, in whose hands we can safely entrust the interest of the school, and by whose exertions we may hope for the promotion and success of this institution.

This school is in debt to the amount of \$1500, to raise means to pay which we recommend the appointment of a traveling agent.

Your board recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That as an annual conference we recognize it to be our duty to do all in our power to promote the cause of Christian education, and to this end,

2d. That we will do all in our power to foster, encourage and increase the usefulness of Southwestern University.

3d. That to the two district schools in our border, to wit, Coronal Institute and San Saba Academy, we extend our sympathy and good cheer, and for them bespeak liberal contributions and patronage at the hands of our people everywhere.

4th. That to the district conference to which San Saba may be attached we commend San Saba Academy, and bespeak for it their careful and prayerful consideration and support.

5th. That we respectfully ask of our presiding bishop the appointment of Rev. A. J. Potter as agent for San Saba Academy during the conference year of 1883; and we would extend to him or any other agent of the academy a cordial welcome and our prayerful aid in his labors in this behalf.

6th. That the Board of Education be requested to make annual assessments for the cause of education, and that the educational fund thus raised be reported to said board, to be by them appropriated to the use and benefit of Southwestern University.

7th. That our preachers be requested to preach upon the subject of Christian education, and by every means in their power strive to arouse our people to a realization of its importance.

8th. That in the opinion of this annual conference there should be appointed a financial agent of Southwestern University, and we recommend the appointment of such an agent, provided the other conferences concur therein.

9th. That the 16th Rule, adopted in 1877 for the government of the Board of Curators, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"16. The absence of a member of the board from two successive regular meetings, without written explanation or excuse, will be regarded as a resignation of his office, and the vacancy shall be filled by the bishop presiding."

Your board would respectfully recommend the election of M. N. Shive as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University.

Your board has made the following assessment for the cause of education: \$500, to be apportioned to the several districts as follows, to wit:

San Marcos District.....	\$100 00
San Antonio ".....	100 00
Texas ".....	100 00
Corpus Christi ".....	75 00
Mason ".....	75 00
San Antonio Mexican mission district.....	25 00
San Diego ".....	25 00
Total.....	\$500 00

Praying the Lord to arouse our people to the importance of energetic action in behalf of Christian education, your board respectfully submit this report.

Geo. W. L. FLY, Sec'y.
W. H. SEAT, Chairman.

Church Extension.

CONSTITUTION OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BOARD.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Board of Church Extension of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

ART. 2. The officers of this board shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and five managers, to be elected at the session of the annual conference next succeeding each session of the general conference. The president, secretary and treasurer shall constitute an executive committee. The duties of the officers shall be the same as usually pertain to such officers in similar bodies.

ART. 3. The object of this board is to assist, as an auxiliary, the Parent Board, and to take charge of all the interests and work of church extension in the West Texas Annual Conference, according to the provisions of the discipline.

ART. 4. The funds of this board shall be derived from contributions from the Parent Board, from collections taken by each preacher in every congregation, donations and bequests. All moneys are to be paid to the Treasurer, who shall receipt for the same.

ART. 5. This board shall hold a regular meeting at each session of the annual conference, at which regular meeting provision shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be held on call of the Executive Committee. Five members of the board shall be a quorum at a regular and three at a special meeting. Vacancies in the interim of the conference shall be filled by the board.

ART. 6. Any church solicited aid from this board shall present to the Executive Committee a well authenticated statement as to the value, size, and eligibility of the building to be aided, and the membership and congregation to be aided. In no case shall the Treasurer pay moneys to aid any church building until ordered to do so by the Executive Committee.

ART. 7. All applications for aid shall set forth:

1. A description of the building for which aid is asked.

2. The estimated and probable cost when completed.

3. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions now on hand.

4. The nature of the title, its validity; whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

5. The names of the Board of Trustees.

6. The number of church members, Sunday-school children, and population of the place—if within a town or city.

7. Any additional facts that may be required by the board, or that may be deemed necessary or useful to the board in making a decision.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of the board that the amount assessed should be five cents per annum.

O. A. FINN,
H. G. HORN,
J. FARMER,
A. F. COX,
J. S. GILLETT,
B. HARRIS,
A. H. SUTHERLAND,
W. J. JOYCE,
J. W. VINEY.

To the Texas Christian Advocate.
Our South Carolina Letter.

My views on the subject of camp-meetings have provoked thought in Texas. I expected, and am glad to see that some of the brethren have given it a passing notice. I do not oppose camp-meetings simply because I want a radical change. I am opposed to any change in anything that benefits our church. I love the old paths, and I would go as far as any man to walk therein. If I knew that more souls could be saved through the instrumentality of a camp-meeting, than through some other kind of service, I would forfeit my right arm before I would strike a blow that would drive them from our church. But I do not believe this, and I am convinced that we need a radical change. I will offer a few comparisons that have come within my purview. During the year 1880, two meetings were held in my district. One a camp-meeting, the other a protracted service. The camp-meeting was held at a point that was "beautiful for situation." There were more than one hundred tents occupied by people "given to hospitality." The crowds that attended preaching were large, orderly, intelligent and attentive. The preaching was first-class. All the sermons plain, pointed, and soul-stirring. Heaven and hell were painted in graphic colors. The common comment on the preaching was, that there had not been such able preaching at that point in ten years. What was the result? As far as could be seen, not one soul was converted, and not a person applied for membership in the church. The other meeting was conducted by two or three brethren. The word was preached in a plain, pointed manner, with telling effect. The church, "frozen in talent to the point of dying," was warmed, sinners were awakened, and converts multiplied. More than one hundred were added to the church, and it was thought that more than two hundred were converted. This year, I know of more than three camp-meetings that have been held, where the accessions will not reach fifty—nay, not near that number. I also know of protracted meetings where the accessions will double that number. It might be asked, why do you have such results? The reply could well be, that at camp-meetings

many people simply go for recreation and pleasure; that many diversions are presented which call off the mind; whereas, at protracted meetings these things do not occur. I have read Bishop McVey's excellent letters on the camp-meetings visited by him; Dr. Bennett's stirring letters on "old-time camp-meetings"; also, letters by various brethren in our church organs upon the same subject, yet I hold have not been changed. I do not advocate a total abolition of camp-meetings. Far be it. In sparsely settled sections, they do good and they should be held there; but where the country is thickly settled, protracted meetings should supersede them. I can join my good Bro. Graves in much he says in his article on this subject. Truly has my heart been strangely warmed, as the "mighty congregations" at camp-meetings, have sung—

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels protest in awe,
I too have seen sinners 'melted' as they sang—

"Then shout, true
May the Lord help you to sing."

But I have seen the same thrilling effect, and felt the same "heart-warming" at protracted meetings. If we need no change at this point, may God forbid that it should come; but if we need a change, may it come, and come speedily. I am glad to see the "local preachers' discussion" in your paper. The pros and cons as presented by them, have been interesting reading. I will not give my views on the subject, as I might stir some good local brother. For the local brethren, I have much love and respect. They occupy a position that can be advantageously used for the up-building of the cause of Christ. Standing as they do, between the itinerant preacher and the people, they can take hold of both and bring them into closer union, and thus foster the cause of the Master. Many of them are fine evangelists. This year, I had two of them with me in a protracted meeting, and they worked nobly for God. Through their instrumentality, a fine revival was brought about. Often, we traveling preachers do not give them the encouragement they should have, and the result is, they become derelict in their duty. Continue to stir your local preachers, and help them to stir themselves, and you will reap fine results. Whenever I write on the subject of local preachers I am reminded of an incident that occurred two years ago. I wrote a strong defense of local preachers against the charge of their being idlers in God's vineyard. The defense was no sooner published, before I was assailed by many of my local brethren. They mistook the animus of my article, and turned a true token of friendship into a crossbow article. I didn't reply, as I knew they had fired at random. It was not long before I met the parties, and they gladly made the *amende honorable*. Our local preachers have a fine opportunity of becoming cultured workmen. If they will simply master the "course of study" selected by the bishops for them, and will preach as often as possible, they will soon reach a high point of cultivation. I must stop. This letter is longer than I intended it should be, and for fear of being tedious, I will sign my name.

J. THOS. PATE.

CORVATH, S. C., October, 1882.

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We claim the forbearance of our correspondents during the conference season, conference reports must take precedence of everything else. All other departments for the time must be condensed, and the editorial page, with the space for correspondence, will share like treatment.

"What caused him to commit suicide?" The question had reference to a young man of good family and fair prospects in life, who had been sent into eternity by his own hand.

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The drinking habits of Europe sustain 40,000 breweries, and consume 2,250,000,000 gallons of malt liquors every year. A recent traveler, referring to the statement often made, that a drunkard was seldom seen in a German beer drinking town, said, that this might be true, but in many of the towns he visited it would have been difficult to have found a man who was thoroughly sober every hour in the twenty-four.

I have recently been present at four Annual Conferences, viz., Kentucky, Illinois, Western Virginia, and St. Louis. The last three need ministerial help. Several additional efficient preachers could find interesting fields where they could do much for the Master's cause.

SPIRITUAL MILLIONAIRES.

God intends every man to be rich. It is not his purpose that there should be a pauper on the face of the globe. If a man lives and dies poor, a bankrupt for time and eternity, it is because he refuses, as a gratuity, a magnificent inheritance. It is natural for every man to desire wealth.

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PERSONAL LIBERTY.

BY A. C. GEORGE, D. D.

There is a great cry, in certain quarters, "for personal liberty." A stranger might think that the forces of government among us had been seized, or were about to be seized, by some usurping and despotic power.

It is no marvel that temperance men, and Christian men--men of conviction and conscience--men who feel that they must vote as they pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom, and that the needs of humanity are greater than any party necessities--are beginning to say "If there is no longer any use for the Democratic party, or for the Republican party, except to record the decrees of the Liquor Dealers' Association, then we must seek different political affiliations."

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free, unrestricted sale--to minors, on election day, to all classes and at all hours, as the selfish interests of the dealers may suggest.

The policy of regulation by high license and strict police surveillance is not satisfactory either to temperance men or the saloonists, and is not commended by any good and sufficient reasons. It is too late in the contest for a compromise line to be drawn.

It is no marvel that temperance men, and Christian men--men of conviction and conscience--men who feel that they must vote as they pray for the coming of Christ's kingdom, and that the needs of humanity are greater than any party necessities--are beginning to say "If there is no longer any use for the Democratic party, or for the Republican party, except to record the decrees of the Liquor Dealers' Association, then we must seek different political affiliations."

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and demand a better and more substantial sign of inward grace than mere outward ceremony. That can indicate, but can alone but feebly indicate, an indwelling Christ. It is easy for a man to say, "I was baptized," or "I took the Lord's Supper, and so this is my sign of Christian grace."

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SOUTHERN METHODISM.

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CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

12 Accessions--7 Conversions. E. C. DEJERNET, Decatur, Oct. 23: Have just closed a meeting of three weeks' duration. The results visible are, 7 professions and 12 accessions. Eternity will report the result which we cannot see.

40 Accessions During the Year. R. F. DUNN, Sweetwater, Oct. 23: We have just closed our year's labor on Colorado mission. Our association with this people has been pleasant indeed. We will not soon forget their substantial tokens of regard. May the Lord reward them for the kindness shown to their humble pastor. Received 60 members this year, 40 by letter, 20 by ritual.

20 Accessions--25 Conversions. JAS. B. HALL, Kilgore, Oct. 21: Revival meetings are all over, resulting in 25 conversions and 20 accessions, by ritual. Results unsatisfactory. Want of a proper rally in all the enterprises of the church. All the finances fully one-half behind, notwithstanding an abundant crop. Fourth quarterly meeting over. Causes of such results will be seen in eternity.

8 Accessions. S. H. BROWN, Fields' Store, Oct. 18: I reached home last night from one of my appointments as yet as our immersionist friends could wish, except it was applied by pouring--scriptural mode--instead of my being applied to it by being dipped. We had expended this year, I think, between four and five hundred dollars in building churches. One on Willow, 30x44 feet, framed and weather-boarded, was built when we had only nineteen members, and that we had no ladies, but they always do well. The land was given by Bro. Davis, a good Baptist brother, deed and all fixed up, *secundum artem*. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the members and people at that point, both Methodist and Baptist, saint and sinner. They always come up with their assessment for the preacher. God has greatly blessed them with good crops. The other--old Kirby Chapel--has been rebuilt by the exertions and liberality of Bro. E. Bowknight, our steward, and Mr. R. A. Glanville. The house is, I think, 21x36 feet. There we have sixty-two members. The finances are behind, though God has greatly blessed all with good crops. Probably that is the reason the presiding elder and preacher in charge have received no more. I hope to bring up all the conference assessments. At my last appointment I received two into the church by ritual, baptized one adult and two infants.

J. G. JOHNSON, Cedar Hill Oct. 21: The fourth quarterly meeting for Prairie Plains circuit was held at Martha chapel Oct. 14-15. There was a good attendance of the official members, but the number of converts were very much behind. I am glad to report that old Martha chapel paid up all that was assessed for the preacher and presiding elder, and raised in cash and good subscription twenty-one dollars for foreign missions. I hope that other appointments will come up with the collections before conference. I will say to all the preachers in the Texas Conference, make an extra effort to collect missionary money. It is greatly needed, and we would be glad to get it.

N. A. KEEN, Honey Grove, Oct. 24: My work, spiritually, has been very good this year in the church. But few conversions, and fewer accessions. The good brethren at Mt. Pleasant circuit have built and completed a nice church house. The brethren at Rogers have had a building erected for a new church, and the workmen will soon be driving nails for the Lord. Two new Methodist church houses will be our best work this year, and they are the best, for they never backslide.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness.

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CENTRAL Ointment. Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Gout, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Inflammation, Burns, Scalds, Pains in Back and Chest, Tooth Ache, Head Ache, and all other bodily pains and aches.

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This is what Mr. Gladstone recently said in the English Parliament. Will anyone dispute the right of the state to legislate on the question of war, or its wisdom when it establishes quarantine regulations to guard the people against the pestilence; or its duty in times of famine to make provisions to save the people from starvation?

Mr. Boardman, aged 104 years, and Mrs. Lee, 40 years of age, were united in marriage in Bibb county, Alabama, recently.

The catalogue of the University of Vienna this year contains the names of 1,825 students, the largest number since the year 1650.

There is an enormous amount of coal accumulating up the Monongahela. The mines are all busy, and nearly all the coal packages available are being filled.

Walter Nevegold, 15 years of age, living in Bristol, Pa., has patented important improvements in rolling mill machinery.

Nancy Lee is 107 years old and lives in Lexington, Ky. She is not the famous "sailor's wife," but a negress, who lived on the site of Lexington before the town was ever thought of.

By means of a chemical refrigerator corpses are now frozen as hard as blocks of marble before they are laid out for dissection in the Paris morgue.

The McAllister gun, invented and patented by Dr. A. H. McAllister, of Union county, Mississippi, has twenty-four rifle barrels and discharges five hundred cartridges a minute.

A young man in Washington county, Oregon, named Harms, is quite a hero. While hauling timber for a bridge that is being built between Glenwood and Greenville, recently, a skid broke, letting the heavy timber fall on his leg, and both bones were broken.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla. cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Rheumatic Gout, General Debility, Catarrh, and all disorders caused by a thin and impoverished, or corrupted, condition of the blood.

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IF YOU WANT PURE, GOOD TOBACCO, ASK FOR CHIEF! EXTRA FINE SWEET NAVY. AND BLUE JEANS! FIVE NINE-INCH.

To the Texas Christian Advocate. A Timely Suggestion. I wish you would use your influence to have the biographies of our chief men written in such condensed form that our people at large may read them.

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The registration lists in Boston have closed with a total of about 51,000 names. The Knights Templar of Illinois have elected Henry Turner, of Chicago, grand commander.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has closed a career of thirty-five years as professor of anatomy at Harvard University, desiring to give more time to literary pursuits.

Abadi Pasha complains because he is treated like a common criminal. On the contrary, he ought to congratulate himself, for if he had been treated like a criminal he would have been hanged long ago.

Indian trust funds to the amount of \$153,000 were in 1880 invested in common bonds of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and Louisville road.

The British parliament reassembled the 4th. Lord Randolph Churchill moved an immediate adjournment of the house of commons as a protest against an anti-temple session.

Kilauea, the Hawaiian volcano, is in eruption on a grander scale than for twenty-five years.

To the Texas Conference. Those brethren who purpose bringing their wives or daughters to conference will please signify this intention to the undersigned, chairman of the Committee on Entertainment.

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News Jottings.

The report of the superintendent of foreign mails for last year has been received by the postmaster-general.

Heavy rains have caused floods in the Thames valley, especially at Oxford, Windsor and Egham.

A Tithes newspaper states that an encounter has occurred between Chief Obedallah's band and a detachment of Turkish troops.

General Sir Garnet Wolseley landed at Dover Oct. 23, on his return from Egypt.

Promotions in the army consequent on the retirement of Major-General Irwin McDowell were announced by the president Oct. 26.

Sidi Mohammed El Sadak Bey, of Tunis, died Oct. 27th.

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The minutes of a cabinet council held before the war have been found among Arabi Pasha's papers.

Some genius has invented a little article called a "fire-kinder."

When you visit or leave New York City, save baggage expressage and carriage hire.

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The school census of Vinton, Iowa, shows: Boys, 447; girls, 413.

A mill at Fall River, Mass., was burned Oct. 28, loss \$500,000.

THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTIVE CURE."

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COMMERCIAL.

Exchange and Coin. Official quotations of the Cotton Exchange are revised as follows:

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Live Stock Quotations—Galveston. Receipts, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

Cotton Freight. FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC. STEAM—Cotton to Liverpool direct.

The great evil of scandal is that every effort made to contradict its venom only adds to its violence.

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* The only additional report for Church extension was \$12 by the Goidad Charge. † The Clinton Circuit paid the Joint Preacher \$100.00.