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### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### FIRST DAY.

The forty-fourth session of the Texas Annual Conference was held in the Methodist Church in Galveston, beginning Dec. 12, 1883, Bishop Parker in the chair. The usual religious exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

The call of the roll showed a large attendance, for the first day, of both preachers and lay delegates.

H. V. Philpot was elected Secretary, and W. J. Young, assistant, and O. A. Dukes, Statistical Secretary.

The presiding elders were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees.

A communication from Dr. J. W. Hinton, editor of the Quarterly Review, was read and referred. Bro. H. M. DuBoise was made a special committee to represent the Quarterly.

Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced and made a bold statement of the operations of the Board, and an earnest appeal in his behalf.

M. S. Hotchkiss was chosen to take in charge the accounts of the Publishing House.

The address of the Centenary Committee was read, and referred to the Conference Centenary Committee.

A communication from Dr. W. G. E. Cummings, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was read, and referred to the Sunday-school Board.

The report of Dr. J. B. McFerrin, respecting the Publishing House, was read, and referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Several papers were presented by Shaw & Blylock, publishers of the ADVOCATE, and were referred to a special committee.

A communication from Dr. McFerrin, respecting the "Golden Harvest," was read, and referred to the Joint Board of Finance.

A communication from Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was read, and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

The Bishop announced the following transfers: J. A. Savage, from the Louisville Conference; E. B. Chappell, from the Memphis Conference; W. J. Young, from the West Texas Conference; J. W. Tarrant, from the Mississippi Conference; Wm. W. Graham, from the Little Rock Conference; J. B. Sears, from the Memphis Conference; and J. J. Canafax, from the Northwest Texas Conference.

Communications from the trustees of Andrew Female College, the trustees of South College, the trustees of Chappell Hill Female College and the trustees of Calvert District High School were presented and referred to the Board of Education.

Communications from the trustees and curators of the Southwestern University were read and referred to the Board of Education.

A paper containing "Rules for the Succession and Government of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University," which had been adopted by the Northwest Texas, North Texas and East Texas Conferences, was read and adopted by the conference. Under these rules the following were elected trustees: German Mission Conference, A. Behring, Houston; Texas Conference, J. T. Swearingin, Brenham; W. A. Shaw, Galveston; East Texas Conference, W. L. Shumette, Palestine; Hon. T. R. Bonner, Tyler; West Texas Conference, G. W. Fly, Giddens; M. N. Shiver, Giddens; North Texas Conference, Rev. Wm. Allen, Rockhill; Hon. Asa Holt, Terrell; ex-officio, F. A. Mood. Executive Committee: Hon. J. H. Henry, Mexia; D. H. Snyder, D. S. Chessler, J. W. Hodges and T. S. Snyder, Georgetown.

F. A. Mood, Regent of the Southwestern University; S. J. Hawkins, North Texas Conference, and J. I. Gillett, West Texas Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Reports from the trustees and trustees of Fairfield Female College were received and referred to the Board of Education.

#### NOTES.—

The west-bound train landed a carload of preachers and preachers wives, lay delegates and representatives of the Woman's Missionary Board on Tuesday, December 11. A very busy man was Bro. Wootton, but his combination was considered very soon a cordial welcome made each one feel that he had the best home in this goodly town. The preacher who takes care of an annual conference performs a difficult and important duty, and merits the gratitude of the conference. Our hat off and our best bow made to Bro. Wootton.

Despite the rain and slippery streets Bro. DuBoise had an excellent and attentive congregation Wednesday night. There was much hand shaking and many kind inquiries respecting absent friends, after the benediction. The meeting of Methodist preachers after a year's separation ever causes us to think of the meeting of long parted loved ones, which is ever going on around the gates of heaven.

The prayer of the Bishop, on opening conference, for wisdom and a Christian-like spirit to rule the deliberations of the conference, found a response in every earnest heart. At no time is grace so much needed as when we have the interests of the church in hand.

Some suggestions by the Bishop, in his opening remarks respecting the importance of good order in securing the dispatch of business, had a salutary effect on the conference. It behaved handsomely.

It was a graceful act on the part of the secretary to place at the head of the conference roll the names of the supernumeraries who, in other days, led the van in every battle. They deserve the place of honor among their brethren.

One voice was silent when the roll was called. At our last conference, with generous hospitality, Bro. C. J. Lane invited the conference to meet this year in Galveston. The preachers are here, but their old comrades is absent. He is waiting to welcome us on the other shore.

Dr. Morton, in his address to the conference, urged the members to secure a copy of the report on the church extension work and read it carefully, and induce each member to read it. Until the preacher is well posted respecting the enterprises of the church he will represent them imperfectly among his people. He called special attention to the catalogue of plans for churches and parsonages. His plans and suggestions would, if observed, often save the church from serious hindrances in the erection of inconvenient yet expensive buildings. A copy will be sent to any preacher who will send his name and postage, with a three-cent stamp for postage.

The Church Extension Society is not allowed to go in debt. Its plans for the year must be reached by the month of May; hence the importance of early collections and prompt remittances. This suggestion is made for the preachers in all the Texas conferences.

The loan fund, which is administered by the Parent Board, is destined to be an important feature of the church extension work. Its plan is simple. For instance, five hundred dollars, at a moderate interest, will sometimes enable a church to complete a house of worship when in the absence of such aid it would fail. In a few years, as the church grows stronger, both principal and interest can be repaid to the board, and it can be employed in aiding another church. Were \$50,000 at the command of the society it could be wisely employed.

The Doctor said he felt as devout when praying for the material success of the church as when praying for the conversion of a sinner, and had been as happy when preaching for money as when preaching for Christ as when administering the sacrament. If that happy disposition were to become common in the church, preachers and stewards would have a joyful time.

#### THIRD DAY.

The conference met at 9 a. m., Bishop Parker in the chair. Religious exercises conducted by H. M. Sears.

The committee of trial in the case of W. A. Lindsey reported that the main charges were sustained, and he was deposed from the ministry and expelled from the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The name of R. S. Duggan, formerly in orders in the Primitive Methodist Church, was presented, and on his certified subscription to our doctrine and discipline, and to our ordination vows, he was recognized as a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Under the question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" E. W. Barker, Seth Ward and S. N. Barber were called forward, and after an address by the Bishop, setting forth their duties under the vows they were to assume in ordination, the usual questions were propounded and they were admitted into full connection.

Under the question, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the following names were called and their characters passed: F. W. Rogers, G. W. Briggs, H. M. Sears, S. H. Werlein, S. H. Brown, R. F. Bessey, J. L. Murray, G. H. Phair and I. G. John, C. H. Brooks, A. E. Goodwyn, O. T. Hotchkiss, M. H. Porter, Jas. A. Duncan, M. S. Hotchkiss, James Wootton, C. W. Thomas, Z. T. Morris, J. M. Wesson, D. H. Littlejohn, E. S. Smith, A. L. P. Green, G. S. Sandel, J. L. Lenon, Pat B. Sims, S. C. Vaughan, F. L. Law, G. B. Bryce, H. V. Philpot, J. W. Kelly, H. M. DuBoise.

Rev. W. B. Rankin, pastor of the American Bible Society, and Rev. Dr. R. S. Finley and Rev. John Adams, of the East Texas Conference, were introduced to the conference.

#### NOTES.—

No class of men pass under such rigid examination as the itinerant preachers in the Methodist Church. Each year they are confronted by the question, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" Under the resolution, it is clear they are held under strictest scrutiny, and their lives and official administration are passed. Were lawyers and physicians, merchants and members of the legislature arraigned each year and compelled to show a clear record there would be a rapid thinning out of their ranks.

Though the ordeal through which the Methodist preachers are called to pass is so severe, yet the arrest of character for immorality is a rare event in the history of the profession. When the necessity arises they are prompt in their action and inflexible in their adherence to right. A good man may safely trust himself in their hands. A man with a guilty conscience may well dread their tribunal.

#### FOURTH DAY.

Bishop Parker in the chair. Religious exercises by Rev. H. M. DuBoise.

The names of the following brethren were called and their characters passed, viz.: E. D. Pitts, J. H. Chambliss, C. R. Shepard, T. L. Duggan, W. J. Phillips, F. T. Mitchell, J. C. Mickie, C. L. Farrington, F. L. Allen, W. G. Nelms, Samuel Weaver, H. T. Hart, S. C. Littlepage, J. F. Follin, W. K. Turner, W. E. Neaver.

John B. Adair was announced as a transfer from the North Mississippi Conference.

Rev. H. S. Thrall, of the West Texas Conference, and John B. Adair, were introduced to the conference.

A constitution for a conference and society, signed by J. A. Duncan, H. M. DuBoise and I. G. John, was presented and referred to the Board of Finance.

The next session of the conference will be held in Galveston.

The committee on district conferences reports presented their report.

A resolution, signed by H. M. DuBoise and I. G. John, inviting the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society to hold their annual meetings in conjunction with the conference, was adopted without a dissenting vote.

The committee on Books and Periodicals presented their report. Pending its discussion the hour for special missionary services, ordered by the General Conference, arrived.

Among the welcome visitors was the Rev. W. T. Thornbury, of the West Texas Conference.

The Bishop read the conference song a hymn. Rev. H. A. Bourland led in prayer. The Bishop delivered a brief address, which was followed by ten minute addresses by Revs. F. T. Mitchell, E. B. Chappell, F. A. Mood and G. W. Briggs. The conference adjourned with the benediction.

NOTES.—Missionary day is becoming a prominent feature in our conference deliberations. We wish we could give our readers the full text of the addresses delivered, when that hour came, and Dr. Bourland had led the conference very near the throne of God when he invoked for the church at home an enlargement of the missionary spirit and bestowed the Divine blessing on the field in foreign lands.

Bishop Parker in the brief remarks with which he introduced the speakers, noted the objection that the work at home was as imperative as the call for the work abroad. Usually, he said, those who made this objection did nothing either for the foreign field or the work at home.

Our chief difficulty, he insisted, was indifference. Our people do not think about the missionary work. They do not think of Sutherland and his associates while at work on the border mission. They do not think of the

consecrated spirits who are taking their lives in their hands as they bear the message to the nations. They do not think of the noble woman who are ready to send the gospel or bear the message to their sisters in foreign lands. They do not think of the millions in darkness. They do not pray for the success of the gospel and follow the messenger as he bears the story of redemption to the darkened tribes of earth.

The time will come in the history of the church when instead of anniversaries to awaken their flagging zeal and break up their indifference, our people, young and old, will run after our preachers with their offerings for this work. The time will come when people will be praying at home and around the family altar for the mission work. People will give of their wealth. Parents will give their children to the missionary work, and every interest of the church will receive liberal and prompt support.

He believed there is an awakening throughout the church. Texas is starting well. There has been a grand beginning; we do not know how it will end.

Preachers must lead in this matter. If they talk and pray, and preach and give, the people will respond. We must send out missionaries. It is the best answer the church can give to inability.

Dr. Mitchell, among other things, said: "Recently a noted lecturer in Texas said: 'When everything else is moving forward, the church is standing still.' If he meant anything that pertained to the power of God, or to the question of the world's redemption by the gospel, his statement is entirely correct. In the work of the church; in the management of its interests; in the proclamation of its truths; in the spread of its doctrine; in the establishment of missions, there is an upward trend to the work that keeps pace with all the movements of the age.

In the pulpit, in the religious press, in education, in our universities, more has been done in the past twenty-five years than in many general periods before. The church, in all its departments, is moving forward.

The church is not only moving forward, but is moving letters, art, science with it. All these are the agencies that civilize and ennoble the human race. In all the advance movements of the world it is at once the pioneer and the potential agency employed. All the forces of the present age have been directed to it, and have found the source of their power in the Christian religion.

Infidelity can never conquer the elements of evil in the world. Education cannot successfully master the adverse elements in man and elevate his nature and condition. Government cannot succeed in civilizing the heathen, but after repeated failures have been compelled to call on the gospel. Of all the aborigines on this continent, none have advanced in civilization and survived the wasting influence around them until they have been elevated and civilized by the teachings of the Christian missionary.

The same is true in other lands. The church is regenerating the world—not only the moral world, but the world of art, science, and of political economy. The church is standing still. It is moving out upon the world.

We take it for granted that every member of this body is a missionary. Go teach the people. Ten minutes of this body is a missionary.

Rev. E. B. Chappell said that nothing less than an episcopal mandate would have placed him in the position he occupied and impelled him to speak on this occasion. He was a child of the Methodist Church; was born and raised by a long people, so of whom thought he an impostor, and of whom he called him a heretic; to-morrow he would be called him a heretic, to-morrow he would be called him a heretic, to-morrow he would be called him a heretic, to-morrow he would be called him a heretic.

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Manhacha Mission	100 00
Total	\$ 350 00
CHAPEL HILL DISTRICT.	
Mount Pleasant Mission	\$ 50 00
Chappell Hill Mission	120 00
Total	\$ 170 00
HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.	
Waverly Mission	\$ 50 00
Montgomery Mission	100 00
Spring Creek Mission	100 00
Total	\$ 250 00
CALVERT DISTRICT.	
North Leon Mission	\$ 100 00
Huntsville Mission	50 00
Persimmon Mission	50 00
Bonnie Lake Mission	100 00
Total	\$ 300 00
Grand total	\$1573 00

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Colvin Fund Disbursed: Mrs. Woolbridge, \$1; Mrs. Smith, 75c; Mrs. Fisher, 75c; Mrs. Sweeney, \$1; Mrs. Carlton, \$1.25; Mrs. Whitworth, 85c; Mrs. Kerr, \$2.07; Mrs. Dashiell, \$2.23; Mrs. Spencer, \$3.00.

Assessments for Bishop: Galveston District, \$50; Austin District, \$75; Chappell Hill District, \$75; Huntsville District, \$50; Calvert District, \$50.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

As these notices appear but once, those interested will do well to preserve this paper for reference.

TYLER, TEXAS, Dec. 11, 1883.—The Marshall district conference will be held at Troup, embracing the fifth Sabbath in June.—JOHN ADAMS.

THE address of Rev. J. Thos. Murrish is changed from San Augustine to Hallville, Harrison county, Texas.

"No," said Bass: "I can't afford to pay you anything to tell my fortune. When I find the fortune I guess I'll be able to tell it without your help, thank you." He probably will.—Boston Transcript.

church was developed. They spread the light of the gospel to all surrounding nations. The ashes of the martyrs was the seed of the church.

The next era of the church was the meditative and reflective. Men read and studied and sought to comprehend the grand truths of their holy faith.

Then followed in the resistance of Luther to the arrogant assumptions and usurpations of Rome the combating element when men resisted error and battled for truth and right.

Then later still the mental assaults of Voltaire developed the logical.

Now we have reached an advanced stage. Under the assaults of worldliness, the influence of science, art, commerce, rapid intercourse and the presence and resources of vice as well as of religion, the church has been awakened by the inspiration of its principles and power of love. In the spread of the Anglo-Saxon vice spread, as well as truth. In the use of these powers and the contact with these forces the church has been awakened.

We do not see so much of the love side of the church in its early history. The love—the heart of the church—did not rally the powers of the church and direct and sustain its energies as now, impelling it to go out and save the lost.

How can we best promote the mission? We must promote love among our people. We must foster it among our children. We must teach and illustrate its obligation.

All extraneous agencies for raising money must be laid aside, and from true devotion and love we must be impelled along the line of duty as we give our labor in this cause.

Another view of the Missionary by him was given.

Rev. W. B. Hedges said: "The only contribution I can offer to the work of this hour is but of experience suggested to me by a remark of one of the speakers. I believe with the brother that the source of missionary enterprise is love to Christ, but I do not quite agree with him as to the small value of missionary statistics. It is a common objection to missions that they do not succeed; that these efforts yield but poor returns; that I have heard this objection so often that sometimes I am set myself to investigate and was astonished at the results. I was astonished to find that money sent in this way yields a greater return, dollar for dollar, than the money expended at home. I was astonished to find that the average value of missions among the Jews, and that one out of every thirty-five Jews the world over was an avowed Christian. I was astonished to learn that in the past twenty years India has multiplied her Christian population by ten percent. I was astonished to see her ancient idolatry, her honey-combed with doubt or tongue with the last paralysis of death. I was astonished to discover that while the first thirty years of missionary work in China produced but six converts, it now produces in the same time the present rate of increase, there will be in China at the end of this century a Christian community of one hundred millions of souls. I was astonished to discover that in Fiji, that home of devils, twenty-eight per cent. of the population are in attendance upon Christian worship, and that the soil of Madagascar has been sanctified with the blood of native martyrs while the lamp of the gospel burns in the palace of the Queen and the huts of the poor. These things reinforce and sustain my faith and furnish an answer to the doubts of those who ask, 'Are missions successful?' Yes; they succeed as of old. Age cannot wither him. No nation can out-grow him. No race can defy him. He is mighty in might, and he will give him a name that is above every name.

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#### SPECIAL NOTICES.

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TYLER, TEXAS, Dec. 11, 1883.—The Marshall district conference will be held at Troup, embracing the fifth Sabbath in June.—JOHN ADAMS.

THE address of Rev. J. Thos. Murrish is changed from San Augustine to Hallville, Harrison county, Texas.

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As Uncle Ike will be absent at Conference this week, he will not be able to answer the letters from his little people in this number. He gives them some excellent reading in place of the correspondence.

The Minister's Thanksgiving. A party sort of a man, in a chocolate brown overcoat, opened the gate of Parson Rowe's cottage one sharp, cold morning...

"What a wonderful mercy, rather," said the mother. "John, didn't I tell you the Lord would help us?" "Yes, Mary," answered the pastor. "Let us thank him for the mercies of the Lord, and for the gifts of his grace."

The Norton's Thanksgiving. "Oh, how nice it looks," said Meg. "You had a poor, ragged little girl eleven, who with thin garments fluttering in the wind, stood looking hungrily at the fresh cake, bread, and buns in the bakery shop window."

The child ran out, and the parson, never dreaming what was in the next room, hearing very word through the crack of the door, said: "They can't worry me more than I am worried, Mary. I don't say much, but I feel all our needs, not for myself, but for you and the children."

Then there was a sound of a man's rising, and Squire Glover, feeling as if he didn't want to see his pastor just now, got up and slipped out before Parson Rowe came in.

"Well, well! Dreadful! dreadful!" he panted, as he trotted on. "Here's a pretty state of things. No meat, no money, no shoes, no clothing, no grace! I'll see the deacons, and if they won't, I will, out of my own pocket, too, God forgive me."

"I never could have found you, Polly, if it hadn't been for the parson here, as ever since the flood swept you away I've been tramping everywhere, only to find you about being hungry!"

The winter parson and his true-hearted little wife had lain awake the night before, for heavy rains made sleepless eyes, and they slept a little later than usual this morning.

Through the little parlor they trotted, Willie first and Laura following, to the front door, which, with some little trouble, they pulled open.

warm stockings and mittens, and several small articles, not forgetting a well-filled basket of nuts and candies, which proved that somebody knew what children loved, and which set Laura and Willie to dancing like little Indians.

In the bottom of the box was a warm gray shawl, with Mrs. Rowe's name printed on it. And when the shawl was unfolded, there dropped out an envelope addressed to Parson Rowe, inside of which they found the delinquent salary in good, new greenbacks, and a card, upon which was written:

"Will our pastor accept the little surprise gift which accompanies his salary, with the love of a grateful people?"

"What a pleasant, pleasant surprise!" cried Laura and Willie together, who were peering at the card. "What a wonderful mercy, rather," said the mother. "John, didn't I tell you the Lord would help us?"

"Yes, Mary," answered the pastor. "Let us thank him for the mercies of the Lord, and for the gifts of his grace." And in the little parlor they reverently knelt, and never a more fervent thanksgiving went up than ascended from the little circle in the parson's cottage that happy winter morning.

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essary to mention here, the God had been brought together, and a real, deep friendship sprang up between the two. There was a keen sympathy of taste and feeling which brought them near to each other.

For years this was Margaret's only gleam of pleasure in life. Her friend had too much tact to offer her money, which she was too proud to accept, but she gave her compassionately, she took her from the alley where she lived out to the green hills and river-side. She read to her; went with her to hear no music and to look at great works of art.

Margaret had known nothing but hard, coarse poverty. Her work would never be any higher than the sewing of cheap coats and trousers. The only glimpses which came to her of a more refined and beautiful life were her highest ideas, and of the loving Savior—who came to her through this one sympathetic friend.

In the winter of 1875, she was attacked by a slow, painful disease. Mrs. Rowe came to her every day, and cheered and comforted her in every way. About Christmas she apparently recovered. There seemed to be no necessity for daily visits. The cold was intense. Mrs. Rowe's visits were pressing, and she was not strong. In short, it needed a little effort to find her way to the obscure quarter where her friend lived, and she did not make it. In the meantime Margaret began to sink rapidly. She would not send for her friend.

"She is ill, or she would come to me," she said. Day after day passed, week after week, sleepless hours, Mrs. Loreng is, with a twinge of conscience for having neglected poor Margaret, so long, drove to the house laden with spring flowers.

"MARGARET!" she called; "Margaret!" The lady appeared. "We buried her yesterday," she said. "I wish you had come earlier, ma'am. Every day she would make me put her chair by the window where she could see the corner of the street you must turn, and when it grew gray, she would say: 'Maybe to-morrow she'll come. No, there ain't nothing you can do now, thank you. Her debts is paid, an' she's gone.'"

"Not all the sins of my life," said this woman afterwards, "hurt me as much to remember that she had this weakness, for it is irreparable. I never can ask Margaret to forgive me."

AN account, by Prof. G. W. Kraft, of the long-past existence of a Pecten in 1740 contains the remarkable statement that an ice-cannon was also made, from which, with a charge of a quarter of a pound of powder, a bullet is driven through a plank two inches thick at a distance of fifty paces.

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DAVID understood how to build houses for the Lord. He first gave of his abundance, and then he called on the people to give. If all the rich men in the church would follow David's example what grand results the church of God could achieve?

AN experienced pastor recently remarked that when he can get a religious paper into a family he is sure that one efficient missionary will make fifty-two visits to that household that year. Every pastor in Texas who has circulated the ADVOCATE in his charge will confirm the statement.

GEN. FRISK said at Drew University he did not believe in one man alone endowing a University. Let the people build their own institutions. There is sound sense in this suggestion. If all help, all will be interested. Again, very few rich men will invest their money in that way. If the people want schools they must build them.

THE man who spreads a bountiful table for his own household while beggars are starving at his gate, has but a slender supply of the grace of benevolence, and the church which provides well for its own children and withhold from the nation's starving the bread of life, has failed to comprehend its mission in this world.

"HE is worth two hundred thousand dollars." That is all he is worth. Strip from him his property and he would not be missed by a human being the day after his death. If he has invested in bonds, draws and spends the interest, but somebody will do that when he is dead. Nobody will weep happily by his life and no one will weep when he is dead.

"AS he thinketh in his heart so is he." The wise man who wrote the book of Proverbs was a master in moral philosophy. Thought is the true standard of character. A man may be moral in outward conduct, yet by the indulgence of impure thoughts can defile his whole nature. Sin is born in thought before it expresses itself in outward act; hence the need of a faithful sentinel at the portals of every human heart.

"THE conduct of a preacher during the week should re-enforce the sermon he has delivered on Sunday." These true words, says the Southwestern Methodist, were uttered by Bishop Granberry at the St. Louis Conference. It would be well for each preacher to write them in his note book and read them over every Monday morning. If he gets down on his knees and asks God to help him to preach with his life what he preaches in the pulpit, he will not lose either personal piety or influence in his congregation.

WE knew a man years ago who was pronounced by his neighbors the meanest man in the community. By accident he learned the character he had won for himself and was prodigiously surprised. He was honestly of the opinion that he was a model of manliness and generosity. He was the readiest man with his tongue of all his acquaintances to arraign the meanness of other people, and when the looking-glass was presented before his own face he was unable to recognize the resemblance to his own spirit and deeds. Many of us are perhaps in like condition. We think we are generous and just, liberal and public-spirited, when other people may know us to be moral frauds. Searching the heart and life is sometimes a severe tonic, but is also a profitable means of grace.

N. Y. PREACHERS' MEETING. O. Dux, in the Central Methodist, tells us that in the New York preachers' meeting Dr. Todd read a thesis, which was "logical, pictorial and pathetic, and calculated to carry the heart, despite any divergence a cool, calm and calculating judgment might exercise." Among his illustrations was this: "Much of the world's heroics is made up of incidents of vicarious sacrifices, such as the Curtall, Horatio, Zelevus, Damon and Pythias." We may well imagine that the meeting was "fully under the sway of the tender sentiments, voiced in a most plaintive manner, and punctuated by a tear."

DR. COWRY, "the noblest Roman of them all," the "Ajax Telamon of the meeting," seems to have entered the lists and saved the fortunes of the day by commanding "a national hearing." Such is a "field day" in the New York preachers' meeting, "in which is congregated more Methodist talent and learning than in any similar place." The writer from whom we quote declares, in regard to the song with which the meeting closed: "The effect was not electrical--it was celestial." "The meeting caught the Promethean spark," etc. Luke, perhaps, would have said: "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost."--H.

COMMUNION WITH GOD.

We venture to assert that no one but a true Christian can hold communion with God, as a Christian can and does--that is inward, true spiritual communion with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In support of our position we might most confidently appeal to reason, Scripture and experience; but as this article is intended chiefly for God's own believing children, we deem it unnecessary to prove our assertion, being more than willing to allow any who are skeptical to enjoy the luxury of doubting. (?)

Holiness, as all must concede, is indispensable to the communion mentioned above. St. Paul pertinently demands, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." This Scripture is in perfect harmony with the thought of the prophet Amos, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Reconciliation must precede communion with God. As God is holy, man must become holy, that he may be qualified for communion with him.

Light and darkness are dissimilar. They can have no fellowship; nor can Christ and Belial affiliate. The believer and the infidel are antipodal, so they can have no part, fellowship or communion with each other. Hence God's people are to come out from among infidels--are to be separate and apart from them. They are to be distinctive, a holy people, symbolized by the temple of God, as contradistinguished from the temple of idols.

God's promise is, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." All these phrases and images indicate communion between God and his true spiritual people--between the renewed soul and the author of salvation.

If this view of the subject be correct, and all just criticism we think declares in its favor, then it follows most conclusively that to address this Scripture to prove (as some insist that it does) that those who belong to different religious denominations ought to exclude each other from a joint participation of the emblems of our Lord Jesus Christ, is not to expound the Word of God correctly, but to give it a meaning repugnant to reason and Scripture. We now ask our readers, after this digression, to return to the original subject, communion with God. We maintain that communion with him is promised to the loving, obedient soul. One Scripture puts this subject beyond equivocation. It is this: "Jesus answered and said to him, (Judas, not Iscariot) if a man love me, he will keep my words, and my father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." According to the plain meaning of this Scripture all who love the Master keep his commandments and have communion with him. Hence, to deny that a professed lover of Christ holds spiritual communion with the Father, and the Son, is equivalent to an affirmation that he neither loves Christ nor keeps his commandments, or, in other terms, it is equivalent to affirming that the party in question is self-deceived, or is a hypocrite; for Christ teaches that all who love him keep his commandments, and hold spiritual communion with him. It cannot be denied, we presume, by any who truly respect the authority of God's word, that all true Christians hold communion with him in meditation and prayer. With David such souls are ever crying, "As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips." The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep their hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

All true Christians, properly commemorating together in the holy eucharistic feast the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, hold spiritual communion with the Lord Jesus through whom they have union and communion with each other. Hence, says St. Paul: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being one body, are one bread, and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread." Regarding these views as being in harmony with both the letter and spirit of the Scriptures, we hope to see the glad day when denominational prejudice shall no longer give occasion to the enemy to speak reproachfully of Zion by continuing the sad spectacle of division at the sacramental table of our common Lord.--H.

LINGERING AT JERUSALEM. How slowly the disciples learned that the gospel is the heritage of all mankind. Their commission sent them into all the world, yet after they were "endued with power from on high" they still tarried in Jerusalem, regarding it as the metropolis of the kingdom of Christ. The veil of the temple had been rent in twain, and the way to the holiest made open to all; yet they lingered around the temple, though its mission was fulfilled and its glory departed. It was not until Peter was taught by the wonderful vision at Joppa that he "should not call any man common or unclean," and he beheld the Holy Ghost descending on those "who heard the word" in the house of Cornelius, the centurion, that he was prepared to grant them baptism "in the name of the Lord." Even after this proof that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness shall be accepted of him," the fires of persecution were needed to drive them from Jerusalem, preaching as they went, to Jew and Greek, the unsearchable riches of Christ. Yet when they comprehended their broad commission, with what zeal those disciples spread the news of salvation among the Gentiles. They passed not for societies at home to provide the means, but, prompt to answer every call of God, they went forth bearing the news that salvation was free for all. Far towards the east, and deep into the heart of Africa the gospel was preached before the men who witnessed the flames of Pentecost had won the martyr's crown. On foot Paul proclaimed Christ through the cities of Asia Minor, and with a solitary companion undertook the conquest of Europe for his Master.

Many at the present day still linger within the walls of Jerusalem, while the call for the gospel comes from the ends of the earth. Magnificent churches are built, and the ministry at large is well supported, while only a pittance is given to send the gospel among the nations. With the wealth and organized forces at its command; with the facilities the age provides for rapid transit; with a world accessible and waiting for the gospel, were the church alive to its grand commission, how swiftly would the messengers bear to the nations the news of salvation through Christ. That the church will one day reach that elevation is more than a prophet's dream. In the supreme hour of his earthly mission, when the grandeur of his wonderful career had reached its culmination, and he was passing from the sepulcher to the mediatorial throne, Christ left this sacred charge for his followers of every generation. It reaches beyond the thresholds of our homes, beyond the churches in which we worship, beyond the society where we are securely sheltered, beyond our tribe or nation, and comprehends all the families of the earth. Christians are waking up to the fact that God's business is their business, in this life as well as the life to come. Men are learning that wealth should be gathered, not to enrich a prodigal posterity, but to extend the kingdom of Christ. The claim that each man is a steward of the wealth and brain and culture with which he is endowed will be, one day, not only a theme for the preacher's eloquence, but the law of every Christian life. Steadily, as the hand of God unfolds the map of the nations, and new fields are opened to the gospel, men are rising up and saying: "Here am I, send me." Now and then a Christian heart is kindled by the missionary flame, and gifts are laid upon the altar that fill the church and the world with wonder. Now and then a new movement is projected in some newly opened field, and the church gladly responds to the call for help. Every year larger gifts are poured into the missionary treasury, and the army of invasion in the open field extends its line of battle. The church is waking up to the fact that it is a militant organization, and that the command of its chief contemplates the spiritual conquest of the world. He is a poor soldier who refuses to march beyond the parapet; and what of the soldier, reclining securely in camp, who refuses to equip his comrade who has volunteered for march or battle?

UNBELIEF. The Bible clearly teaches that the unbeliever shall not enter into rest; shall not be established; shall never see life! These are terrific declarations. In most positive terms the Bible declares that the unbeliever shall die in his sins; shall be condemned; shall be destroyed; shall be cast into the lake of fire! In these Scriptures impending vengeance stands revealed. We further learn from the Bible that the unbeliever has not the word of God abiding in him; cannot please God; is condemned already; has the wrath of God abiding upon him! One might reasonably suppose that such declarations would deter the chief of sinners; and yet we find that all men, unrenewed by divine grace, are concluded in unbelief. As in former times, men believe not God's works. They stagger at his promises. They question his power. They reject his word--the gospel of his grace. They reject Jesus Christ who spake as never man spake and who confirmed his word by the most stupendous miracles! Unbelief challenges the veracity of God, tramples on his mercy and scoffs at his almighty power. In the Bible, unbelief and defilement are inseparably connected in the relation of cause and effect. It proceeds from an evil heart. A heart slow and hard and dead. A heart self-deceived; deceived by man; deluded by Satan; or judicially hardened by God himself; a heart filled with ambition--burnt up by lust--deprived of the word of God--abandoned by the Spirit of Truth! Christ often rebuked his disciples for their want of faith. Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!--H.

REV. HORACE BISHOP, of the Northwest Texas Conference, after his attendance upon the Texas Conference, visited Galveston supervising the editorial work of the Conference Minutes. He is doing a good work for Texas Methodism in supplying it with this valuable publication.

J. W. P. McKENZIE, D. D., To the Advocate. The late Dr. McKenzie, without disparagement to others, we may say, did a work for Christian education that has been done by no other one in Texas. His students are scattered all abroad, and filling honored stations in private and public life. We find them in all our travels, and they all revere his memory. One of his old students proposed to me to give liberally to build a monument over his remains. I proposed to him a monument more durable than marble, and finer than Corinthian brass. Such one as we proposed we know he would prefer to all others. Our friend took notice to the idea. We have mentioned it to others; they all approve. So we now address all the class scattered abroad. We propose an endowment, to be called "The J. W. P. McKenzie Chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy." We will report, when the donors will permit, names and amounts. Students of McKenzie, let us hear from you. Send a check or postoffice order, or give your note, and let us finish this work before his honored widow goes to heaven.--H. A. BOURLAND, Agent Southwestern University, GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, Dec. 9, 1883.

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

SAM'L MORRIS, Mastersville, Dec. 11: Thank God, I am able to stand on one foot and preach. Preached twice last Sunday to large, sympathizing and attentive congregations. Weekly prayer-meeting and Sunday-schools at every appointment on the charge were well attended. I am still suffering from my injuries and fear I will all winter.

H. B. HENRY, Granbury, Dec. 10: I find this a very pleasant charge. So many of the brethren, and of the true disposition to grumble. Have received twelve members since I came on the work. Have been here three weeks--was sick one, so I could not work, but have visited nearly one-third of my neighbors, and in a school in fine condition and doing a grand work. Good society. Our new church will be fully equipped with stoves, lights, etc., by next Sunday. Our Sunday-school is the best I know of anywhere.

JOHN W. STOVALL, Uvalde, Dec. 11: Preached at Uvalde first Sunday after adjournment of conference. Since my arrival a room has been erected on the parsonage lot to be used as a living room and study, and a good number of charge. It has been handsomely furnished by the ladies, to whom my sincerest thanks are due. Everything promises a pleasant and profitable year.

J. D. W., Postok Mission, Dec. 5: I reached my work in time to fill my first appointment. Am well pleased with the manner in which I have been received, and trust to do much good in this field. We had a shower of rain here yesterday, which was a great relief. The action of the pastor of one of our leading churches in holding his members to the law touching popular amusements, was the occasion of a memorial to the conference praying for a veto on such things, such as dancing, theater-going and the like. The committee to whom the matter was referred brought in a strong report squarely endorsing both the disciplinary statute and the pastoral address of the bishops on this subject. The report was unanimously adopted, and if the advocates of dancing hoped for relief from the North Georgia Conference, its action gave them little comfort. Much of the time of conference was consumed with matters of this sort, not regular conference business, still of great if not vital importance to the church.

E. H. HOLBROOK, Prairie Lea, Dec. 10: We observed Thanksgiving day at Harris camp, San Marcos circuit, to some extent, in religious services at the small congregation, our remarks have been suggested from reading and meditation on the one hundredth and eighteenth Psalm. It was customary in former times, in the old States at least, to observe Thanksgiving day thus. We hope you will, and the people will, in this year with some strong editorials on pastoral work, visiting from house to house, praying for and with the people. It is greatly needed.

C. B. SMITH, Centre, Dec. 13: The conference has adjourned, with the following for Starrville circuit: C. H. Smith, preacher in charge, and Dr. R. S. Finley, presiding elder. I do not think the conference could have pleased us better, though we try to love all its preachers. A circuit that would not thrive under the pastoral care of such men as Uncle Caleb Smith would be, I think, an irredeemable one. Then a district with a presiding elder of the kind of C. H. Smith, and the Holy Ghost, has nothing to fear. Let us not only pay them their salaries, but let us burden our prayers for their success, and as we are in a new district let us "turn over a new leaf," labor more actively and earnestly for Christ than ever before and God will bless our efforts.

B. J. H. THOMAS, Colorado, Dec. 13: Please read my sincere thanks to little Joe Beal, Emma Beal and Marvin Beal for their nice donation. They clubbed together and sent me \$1.25. I trust they will teach some more of our cousins in Calvert to help us build our church. But the ladies are doing all they can, headed by our earnest worker, sister Mary M. Davidson.

A. H. SUTHERLAND, Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 11: Bro. J. D. Scoggins and wife have just arrived and settled down to the study of Spanish for their life work. With the great big eyes of wonder they are taking in their new surroundings. How strange such a quick and complete transition must be. To us Mexico is as familiar as Texas, and nothing is strange save that men will still continue in idolatry and sin.

A. P. HIGHTOWER, Bluff Dale, Dec. 11: The first quarterly meeting on Paluxy circuit was held at Bluff Dale, last Saturday. Rev. A. E. Miller, presiding elder, was present, and made a close examination of all the interests of the church, and preached Saturday to a small congregation, a sermon long to be remembered by "the few" who heard him. Subject--"Pure Religion." Also preached Sunday in a crowded house. Subject--"The Gospel of Christ." Our pastor, Bro. Woodard, is encouraged with the prospects before him for a year's good work. He has a meeting appointed to last during the Christmas holidays.

Centenary Resolution.

Please remind your readers of the following action of the Centenary Committee, that the new year may be properly ushered in with the religious services herein requested:

Resolved, That the first Sabbath in January, 1884, be observed throughout the church as a day of devout prayer for the divine blessing upon the centenary services of the year, and for a general revival of religion; and that on that day our preachers explain the nature and object of the centenary celebration, and especially urge addresses of Methodism that have contributed under God to her spiritual power.--E. R. HENRICKS, Chairman Centenary Committee, FAYETTE, MO., Dec. 12, 1883.

The North Georgia Conference in Session at Dalton, Ga.

The North Georgia Conference has grown to such large proportions, numbering over two hundred effective ministers on its roll, and the work of an annual session has increased, that a whole week is hardly sufficient to transact its business. The late session at Dalton, Ga., was no exception in this respect, as we get some things that do not receive as much attention, possibly, as their importance demanded.

The action of the General Conference among the Colored M. E. Church in America, brought prominently to the front Paine Institute, an institution offered by some of our ablest ministers and teachers for the membership of this church. As some difference of opinion obtained as to what the General Conference should do in relation to touching this matter, the discussion was pretty lively. Finally, however, after satisfactory explanations were made as to the design of Paine Institute, resolutions approving it were unanimously adopted.

Perhaps some of our readers of the ADVOCATE may not fully understand the purpose of this institution. To them let me say a word: Paine Institute is not a college, much less a university, where it is proposed to make first-class scholars of colored young men. The institution for a time at least, will be of the most rudimentary character. The colored people are sadly in need of men to preach and teach for them with well trained intellects and well regulated consciences. We aid in this by the Paine Institute, and in the design of Paine Institute. This fact is worthy of notice also, namely, these preachers and teachers are for the Colored M. E. 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Modern Elijah, who declines to be factious... "I'm getting to be pretty bald, ain't I? Guess you'll have to cut my hair for about half-price, hereafter, eh?"

ASHLEIGH, MASS., Jan. 11, 1880. I have been very sick over two years. They all gave me up as past cures. I tried the most skillful physicians, but they did not reach the worst part.

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ABILENE DISTRICT--First Round. Albany cir. at Albany, 24 Sunday in December. Belknap cir. at Belknap, 24 Sunday in December.

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TERRELL DISTRICT--First Round. Trinity cir. at Pleasant Valley, 31 Sunday in December. Trinity cir. at Pleasant Valley, 31 Sunday in December.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT--First Round. Buena Vista cir. at Buena Vista, Jan. 5. Carlsbad and Concord cir. at Buena Vista, Jan. 5.

SHERMAN DISTRICT--First Round. Whitesboro cir. at Whitesboro, 24 Sunday in December. Whitesboro cir. at Whitesboro, 24 Sunday in December.

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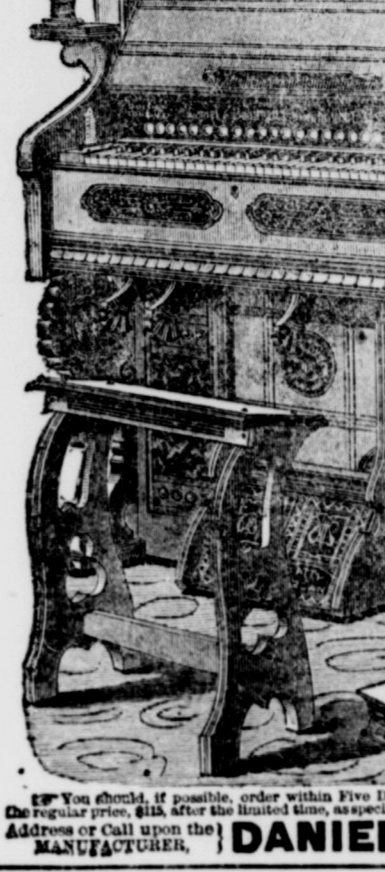
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Between Bohemians: "Will it give you pleasure to breakfast with me?" "Certainly." "Well, put an extra plate on your table and in a quarter of an hour I will be at your room."

News, Notes and Comments. A fresh force of 16,000 men will be sent from France to Tonquin as soon as possible.

A cargo of 5000 tons of American wheat reached Laubien, Bohemia, Dec. 16th. It is the first American wheat ever imported to Austria.

Another anti-Jewish riot was reported at Garmolinz, Russia, Dec. 15. It was led by some drunken soldiers. A rabbi was killed and several Jews wounded.

O'Donnell, the murderer of the informer Carey, was hung at Newgate, London, Dec. 17. An immense crowd assembled around the prison. A brother of O'Donnell excited great sympathy by his deep distress. The condemned man met his doom bravely, dying in the Catholic faith.

The Chinese authorities deny any implication in the death of the King of Annam.

A native who escaped from Hicks Pasha's defeat says Hicks fought desperately.

Bacon Nordenskjold, who has spent years in hunting the North pole, is projecting a search for the other end of that pole, which is supposed to be somewhere around the snow and ice of the antarctic ocean. A ship of a special type will be fitted out and the cost of the expedition will be about \$1,000,000.

One hundred and fifty artillerymen have left London for Egypt.

The French deputies have voted the supplementary Tonquin credit of 20,000,000 francs for the first six months of 1884.

The Revenue Service. The revenue marine service holds its own with a greater degree of dignity and usefulness than the navy itself. Its officers boarded over 25,000 vessels during the past year. Of these 2240 were seized or reported, 224 vessels in distress were assisted, and sixteen people were saved from drowning. The revenue marine has also done good service in maintaining quarantine and aiding the light-house service.

A King Poisoned. News has reached Haiphong from Hue, 6th instant, that the King of Annam has been poisoned and that the revolutionary party has declared war on France. It is supposed that the action of the revolutionists was inspired by Chinese emissaries. The advance from Hanoi was announced to take place on the 10th instant. There is a strong garrison at Haidzung, which the Chinese are still threatening. A Hanoi dispatch of the 11th contains a report of the breaking out of a revolution at Hue and the poisoning of Hippeneah, the King. The new King of Annam is Thiapou. The influence of anti-French mandarins is paramount at Hue, and war against France has been proclaimed. The French force in charge of Hue is insufficient to meet the danger, and reinforcements are necessary.

A Generous Man. Mr. Allerton, whose \$5,000,000 were made as a cattle dealer, is mentioned by his Chicago acquaintances as "Sam." "The dear old fellow," said Emory A. Storrs the other day, "has an instinct for discovering people who are in trouble. I was once riding with him in a railroad coach and caught him watching a young, plainly dressed woman, who sat ahead of us. 'Storrs,' said he, 'that woman ain't got no money.' 'How do you know?' I asked. 'I've watched her each time we stopped for meals and she didn't get out. She didn't eat nothing, neither.' The next stopping place for meals Allerton addressed her in his blunt, fatherly way. Nobody could misinterpret his motives. He saw that the young woman was taken care of until the journey was over. Similar anecdotes by the score are told of the millionaire, once a barefooted plowboy.

A How in a Church. At a bazaar in St. Paul's Church, at Kingston, Ontario, Dec. 13, there was a ballot as to whether Dr. Sullivan, (Conservative) or Hartly (Liberal) was the most popular man. The friends of both assembled in force. At the close of the poll it was shown that Hartly was ahead and the excitement became intense. The crowd rushed upon the platform, which broke down. Dreadful confusion ensued and several ladies fainted. Dr. Sullivan's friends now seized and stuffed the ballot-box, and claiming that their candidate had received a majority of the votes, presented him with the prize, an easy chair. Hartly's lawyers have written the members of the church, threatening a suit unless the prize is given to Hartly.

Western Enterprise. Work is to be begun this week on the great canal that is to irrigate the San Luis Valley, in Southern Colorado. The canal is to be seven miles long, and at the bottom sixty feet wide, and there are to be many lateral canals from it--all to irrigate 300,000 acres of land now almost worthless. Several companies are to be organized to occupy this land.

Lick Observatory. The road from San Jose to the summit of Mount Hamilton, on which the Lick observatory is approaching completion--a distance of twenty-seven miles--was constructed at a cost of \$80,000, and has already become one of the famous drives of California. The road is so smooth, so well maintained, and of such easy grades that a good span of horses attached to a light wagon can easily make the ascent in four hours.

The Retail Tax. The internal revenue office levies a special tax of \$25 a year on retail liquor dealers. Very few try to escape this excise, because the penalties are heavy. Ten years ago there were 200,676 retail dealers, and now there are 195,869. In Maine there were 1084, and now there are 1192. New Hampshire has decreased from 1500 to 1287. Vermont from 684 to 325. Massachusetts has increased from 8268 to 8475; Connecticut from 2784 to 3357; Rhode Island from 906 to 1440. New York had 40,874, and now has but 31,001. Yet for the year just passed the statistics show an increase in the traffic. The country has 19,093 more retail dealers, 140 more rectifiers, 802 more wholesalers, and 7 more brewers.

Maternal Love. Another instance where the maternal instinct overwhelms every other sense and feeling was beautifully and nobly illustrated in the case of Mrs. Josephine Bassett, a young married woman who was burned to death in New York, last week, by the explosion of a coal oil lamp. When the oil ignited and set fire to her dress, her two young children, becoming alarmed, ran to her. Fearing to set their clothing afire she ran away from them and out into the hallway, thereby fanning the flame into a blaze. She was aware, she said, that she could have saved herself by rolling up in the blankets, but added piteously, almost with her expiring breath: "You see I had to run away from the children to save them."

The Madocs. The last of the terrible Madocs, of lava-Beds fame, a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says, dwell on a tract of 4000 acres near the village of Seneca, on the dividing line between the Indian Territory and Missouri. There are twenty-six families, numbering 106 persons. They are losing their warlike character, and are becoming agriculturists, and in doing this they are still assisted by the general government, which supplies rations and an instructor in agriculture. Most of them speak English. A Madoc woman, who is the tribe's best interpreter, cultivated five acres of corn without any assistance whatever, and got a yield of 300 bushels this year. The reservation has been surveyed into forty-acre lots, and the cabins are being removed from the cluster in which they stood, and are long every family will live on its own forty-acre patch.

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Dec. 15--W. H. LeFevre, subs; cards sent. B. J. H. Thomas, sub. A. E. Butterfield, subs. J. B. Dibrell, sub. M. B. Johnson, sub. E. H. Holbrook, sub. A. P. Cox, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub. L. L. Pickett, subs. Geo. A. LeClere, sub. Elias Robertson, sub. R. A. Durham, sub. Jas. E. Weaver, sub. Jno. A. Gardner, sub. M. E. Blocker, sub. Jas. Failla, sub. A. C. Benson, sub. J. S. Chamberlain, subs. J. M. Baker, sub. J. W. Sams, subs. E. H. Holbrook, subs. R. F. Dunn, sub. T. M. Price, subs. J. W. Lively, subs. Jas. Hammond, sub. O. M. Addison, sub. T. J. Miami, sub. A. B. Trimble, subs; cards sent.

Dec. 18--W. L. Clifton, sub. W. D. Robinson, sub. G. F. Fair, sub. Dan'l Morgan, sub. H. B. Henry, sub. D. J. Martin, subs. Jubilee and Advocate. Jos. Conaghan, subs. J. Thos. Murrish, change. J. F. Sherwood, subs and change. A. P. Taylor, change and subs; cards sent. F. C. Pearson, subs. W. Vaughan, sub. M. Mills, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub and change. S. A. Ashburn, change. F. M. Sherwood, sub. C. H. Smith, sub. J. M. Barcus, sub. Elias Roberson, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. J. C. W. Sams, subs; cards sent. A. F. Hendrix, subs. R. V. Galloway, subs; cards sent.

MARRIED. STEWART--MASON--At the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Dec. 6, 1883, by the Rev. J. H. Chambliss, Mr. William Stewart and Miss Ella Mason.

DENSON--ALLEN--At the residence of the bride's father, on the night of the 10th inst., by Rev. J. W. Hutton, Mr. T. J. Denson and Miss Sallie Allen, all of Bell county, Texas.

RED--BURCH--On Dec. 12, at the residence of the bride's father, in Buffalo Gap, Mr. David J. Red, of Abilene, and Miss Sadie F. Burch, Dr. Gaskell officiating.

HELEY--ROGERS--At Salem Church, Dec. 2, by Rev. Samuel C. Vaughan, Mr. John H. Heley and Miss Lela B. Rogers.

SIMONS--DOUGLASS--At the residence of Mr. Bryant Davenport, in Denton, Texas, Dec. 13, at 9 p. m., Mr. G. T. Simons and Mrs. Kate N. Douglass, by Rev. D. J. Martin.

MARSHALL DISTRICT--FIRST TERM. Loggieway sta. December 23, 30. McBerry, at Mt. Zion, January 5, 6. Harrison, at White Chapel, January 12, 13. Marshall sta. January 25, 27. Halvick, at Halvick, February 2, 3. Benton sta. February 9, 10. Overton and Troupe, at Troupe, February 16, 17. Kilgore, at Kilgore, February 23, 24. Church Hill, at Millville, March 1, 2. Henderson cir. March 9. District steward's meeting at Loggieway, December 29, at 10 p. m.

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