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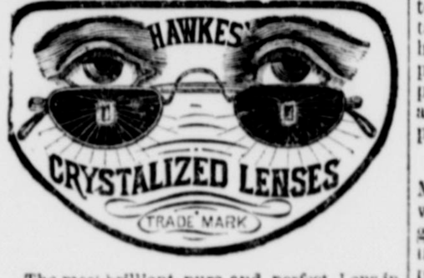

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NOTICE ABOUT MINUTES.

We have received a few complaints that the Minutes of conferences have not been received. In every case we sent the Minutes of the conferences, pro rata to the active members, and one to superannuates, supernumeraries, etc. A few copies of each conference were reserved to send to those who had failed to receive them. The reserves have been exhausted. Any one who has not received his pro rata must blame the mails.

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DR. WM. HARVEY HARDISON.—We take pleasure in directing attention of the readers of the COURIER-RECORD OF MEDICINE to the card of this accomplished specialist, which will be found in our advertising pages.

Dr. Hardison has recently returned from an extended trip through Europe where he visited and took instructions in the famous hospitals of the world: In Paris, under DeWecker; in London, in the Royal Opthalmic Hospital, under Nettleship; in Edinburgh, under Professor Argyle Robinson, of the University and Royal Infirmary; spending, altogether, there and elsewhere, about three years, in pursuance of the special study of the diseases of the eye and ear, a large part of the time being spent with Knapp, of New York, from whom he has testimonials and marks of personal friendship. Such opportunities are rarely afforded an American student as Dr. Hardison enjoyed during his sojourn in those famous medical centers, for he carried with him letters from such men in America as Knapp, Gov. Berry, Gov. Alex. H. Stephens, and Senator Beck, which served, not only as passports to the best society, but to the literary and scientific circles also; and we assure our readers the doctor made good use of his time, and thoroughly qualified himself for this branch of practice.—*Texas Courier-Record of Medicine, Fort Worth.*

CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

J. D. CROCKETT, Oenaville, March 5: Have just married my eleventh couple in less than seven months. The ADVOCATE stated that the pastor's claim on Oenaville circuit was estemated at $460. It should be $405. We had a shower of rain this morning, but it is now warm and clear. There is a good deal of sickness in the country, but no deaths that I have heard of.

W. W. SHEARER, Hawkins Prairie, March 3: Our elder, Brother Binkley, was at our first quarterly meeting at New Hall, last Saturday and Sunday, and preached two timely sermons. A subscription for missions came within a few dollars of the entire assessment. Most of the official members were present. Other finances came up moderately.

J. C. CALHOUN, Alto, March, 10: I am on my third round. Preached last Sunday and Sunday night in this place. Had good congregations at each service. We have here a very orderly and attentive people. Steps have been taken to organize a Sabbath-school. We hope to have a good Sunday-school, and will have it if we get off on the right foot. May God bless and take care of this people.

MOOD JONES, Peedes, Feb. 7: Kemp mission is looking up. Prospects are good for a revival. Our preacher, Bro. Sullivan, is doing a good work. He is on the right line, visiting from house to house, praying with the families and talking religion to the people. It is having a wonderful effect. Men are praying in their families and in the public congregation who never did such a thing before. O, for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit.

B. F. BADGETT Whitney, March 8: My family are all up again, after six weeks' sickness. I am among the most generous-hearted people I have found in Texas. In our affliction we were provided for in every way. I hope to be ever sent to serve such a people to the limit of our law. Our second quarterly meeting is over. Bro. Stockton was on hand and did all of the preaching. One-third of the preacher in charge and presiding elder's claim is paid. We are going to make a clean sheet by conference in the way of our collections.

A SUBSCRIBER, Cold Spring, March 8: A lodge of the Knights and Ladies of Honor was organized here to-day. Name of lodge, Martha Washington. The following officers were elected: A. R. Chapman, P. P.; G. B. Byrd, P.; Mrs. J. M. Grace, V. P.; J. P. Carnes, Sec.; E. P. Ross, Treas.; P. Matson, Chaplain; M. A. Palmer, Guide; F. J. Bangert, Guardian; E. Lloyd, Sentinel. The installing officer and Grand Deputy was Max Deinstag, of Houston. Z. T. Ross, a good citizen and a member of the M. E. Church, South, also a K. of H., died Feb. 27. His death is felt by all who knew him.

H. S. T.—During the quarter ending March 8, 1884, Mrs. H. S. Thrall, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference, received the following sums from auxiliary societies: Miss Annie Green, San Saba Society $6; Mrs. Glenora Brown, Lockhart Society $47.70; Mrs. C. J. Earnest, San Marcos Society $16; Mrs. Mary L. Bass, Gonzales Society, $15; Mrs. E. P. Hord, San Antonio Society, $10.25; Miss Willie Barrow, Oak Island Society, $12. Total, $106 95; which amount, less the cost of postal order, was forwarded to Mrs. R. Weakley Brown, Treasurer Parent Society, Nashville, Tenneesee, March 10, 1884.

A. P. TAYLOR, Liberty Hill, March 10: In the ADVOCATE of March 8th, you ask, "Is there a town in Texas where every Methodist family takes the TEXAS CHRISTIAN AVOCATE?" Every Methodist family in Liberty Hill takes that excellent paper; and there is but one Methodist family in five miles of this place who do not take it. We have a woman's missionary society and juvenile missionary society at every appointment on Liberty Hill circuit. We are blessed with a good board of stewards. All we lack of being ready for the centenary work is a revival of religion: the machinery is all ready. We are now praying for an increase of Divine power.

F. V. EVANS, Aubrey, March 10: I preached to a large and attentive audience the 9th at Oak Grove, on drunkenness. We are to have an election on local option on the 15th. It is the only relief we have at present. We hope it will carry. The spiritual condition of the church is good. We have covenanted to work and pray for a centennial revival. We are to have our new church at Friendship dedicated at our second quarterly meeting, on the third Sabbath in April. Our presiding elder will preach the sermon. I am thankful my lot has been cast among a people full of energy and zeal for the church. The interest in the ADVOCATE is increasing. One new subscriber said to me: "I do not see how we could do without it; and wife says we will have it as long as the hens lay eggs enough to sell and pay for it." So you are sure of a subscriber there if the hens live. May the Lord bless the ADVOCATE in its great work.

D. J. MARTIN, Denton, March 6: We are moving on with our work at this station, everything considered, very well. Since conference we had dug and completed a cistern at the parsonage at a cost of about $96, all of which has been paid. I have taken the collections ordered by the conference, and have the most of the amount secured in money and subscription. It will all be paid ere the year closes. Our congregations are good and attentive. The Sunday-school is doing well. We need a deep, sweeping spiritual revival. Methodism cannot retain her spiritual power in the absence of these "old-fashioned revivals." We must follow the "old land-marks." We need the same sort of fire that burned and flamed in the hearts of our fathers. A great deal is being said and written just now about our centenary offerings, all of which is right. Let our people give liberally to the various interests mentioned by the Central Committee; but, above all, as a church let us pray and look for the salvation of thousands from the thraldom of sin to the glorious liberty of the children of God. Methodism, under God, is not an experiment, but one of the leading factors in his moral government. One hundred years of organic existence have tried and tested her thoroughly. Let her increase in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Our city is completing a $15,000 school building. It presents an imposing appearance, and is an ornament to the city. Our citizens are justly proud of it, and it will prove a great blessing if properly managed.

W. H. LEFEVRE, Groesbeck, March 6: My second quarterly conference was held at Cedar Island last Saturday and Sunday. Attendance and reports good. The outlook is hopeful. Rev. E. L. Armstrong, presiding elder, was with us looking after every interest and counseling the conference to more and better work this year for Christ. All were pleased with him. He loves his preachers and they love him. He preached three good sermons. We have paid our presiding elder one-half of his assessment. This is our custom; all preachers should do this. The preacher is somewhat responsible for the finances, and especially the assessments of the district. Let us go up to Waco next fall with a grand report. Let us make this year memorable to the generations following. We expect to bring up all the finances in full on the Groesbeck circuit this year. I serve a people who will not let their pastor suffer. The church at Groesbeck has been ceiled and painted, and we want to finish our church house at Central Institute by the next quarterly conference. We have sent about sixty subscriptions for the TEXAS ADVOCATE, and more to follow. Every family should take the ADVOCAE. No one can be informed as to the polity and working of the Methodist Church, who does not read our literature and study our doctrines and usages. It will be a sad day to our people when it shall be said, "my people doth not consider." May a great revival sweep all over this land. I want to see a revival on my work. A thousand souls to God for the Waco district, is the wish of our elder. May it be realized.

REVIVAL NEWS.

1 Accession.

W. M. ADAMS, Union, March 11: Last Sunday we preached three times to attentive congregations; received 1 person into the church; held a church conference.

1 Accession.

R. M. LEATON, Kyle, March, 6: We had a good meeting at DuPre last Sunday. One accession by letter. A good church conference, and a splendid communion service. We are trying to get the church ready for a revival. Have a prospect of doing some good.

3 Accessions.

B. F. BADGETT, Whitney, March, 11: A rivival influence was felt at Bethel at 3 p. m. March 9th. There were 3 accessions, and many desired the prayers of the church. We are having additions every round. We are taking in new appointments on the outskirts of the circuit. We will soon have 10 appointments. Congregations good.

6 Accessions.

M. K. LITTLE, Sprowls, March 10: Our second quarterly conference was held at Rush Chapel, March 8 and 9. Bro. Armstrong, our presiding elder, was at his post, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. The central feature in all his work seems to be the conversion of sinners. The missionary collection on Sunday amounted to $100.50. He is a good collector, and is keeping the centennial movement before the people. Four penitents at the altar last night; 6 accessions.

5 Accessions.

J. W. BLACKBURN, Valley View, March 10: The second quarterly conference for Bolivar circuit was held at Valley View, March 8, 9. The presiding elder was present; official attendance good; financial and spiritual condition of the charge encouraging. Received during the quarter, 5. Our church at Ursery is about completed. Infants baptized, 1. I am just recovering from a severe illness, hence collections have been delayed somewhat; expect to bring up all collections assessed against this charge.

9 Accessions.

W. C. BRODIE, Barnet, March 2: We have been here nearly four months. We found this young station in a good condition; my predecessor did faithful work; I hope he may have many stars in his crown gathered from Barnet. Our membership is not large, but it would be hard to find one more active and loyal. The Board of Stewards is composed of "men of sound faith and piety, who both know and love our Discipline." They have devised liberal things for their pastor, and prosecute their duties zealously. The laity are intelligent, and ready for every good word and work. They are praying for more consecration and confidently expecting a revival. We are asking for 100 souls this year. We do not propose to circumscribe the Holy Spirit; we only want to receive largely and, therefore, ask largely; 'ask, and it shall be given you," we believe. "Help Thou, O Lord, our unbelief." "Brethren, pray for us." We have received into the church 9, and are working off our collections as fast as we can. The day star appeareth, the morning of a more glorious day is dawning; may it burst, ere long, in full-orbed splendor upon us and upon the whole of our blessed Israel.

10 Accessions.

M. A. BLACK: The second quarterly meeting for San Marcos circuit has closed. We had a good meeting. The attendance was large. Nearly all the officials were present, taking great interest in the business of the quarterly conference. The stewards were well up with their work. The Sunday-schools have lived through the winter, and are now hoisting sails for a successful voyage through the year. Class-meetings are very well attended. Our church conferences are doing much good. THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is more generally taken by our people than ever before, and I hope upon this line they may "grow in grace." Bro. Joyce was with us, and I never saw him more pleasant in the chair; more attractive, socially, than ever, and more powerful in the pulpit. Bro. B. Harris, from the station, was with us on Saturday; he is all-aglow with the revival spirit. One brother remarked, that owing to Rev. Harris's close proximity to the San Marcos circuit preacher, he was getting fat. Bro. T. A. Lancaster, from the west, was with us, looking well, and full of work. We expect a revival this year, and an advance movement on every line of church-work. We had during the past quarter 10 additions to the church, and our congregations have been large and attentive.

68 Conversions—64 Accessions.

A. E. RECTOR, Boerne, March, 11: At the close of our Locke Hill meeting, I began services at my other appointment on the Saledo. The meeting lasted two weeks, and resulted in 25 conversions and 17 accessions. The disparity between the number of conversions and accessions is explained by the fact that quite a number of the converts were already members of the church, but who had never experienced the great change. This is the third revival on Boerne mission within the past six weeks—a revival for each regular appointment. We hope it will not be the last this year. The three meetings aggregate 68 conversions and 64 accessions, which, with a few previous accessions, doubles our church list since January 1st. I felt much misgiving on account of the entire absence of ministerial help, but found encouragement in the help of a sympathizing church, and in God's promise to show his strength in the midst of weakness. We have labored to protect penitents from a premature profession, and I think the work in almost every case is genuine. The converts, women as well as men, were ready to speak a word or pray in the meetings when called upon, and I hardly know a Methodist household that has not erected a family altar. Every Sunday afternoon we held what we called a "young people's meeting," conducted with singing, prayer and voluntary talks, and in every instance it had a telling effect upon the revival. A novel feature in one of these meetings was an address on Sunday-schools, recited by Jennie Scott Wilson, a little eight-year old girl, living in Limestone county, and who is a marvel of precocious elocution. My only personal adventure was in getting my pony's tail shaved at one of the meetings. But a pony's tail, like the roses, will come again, and I can suffer in such a cause.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

To Whom it May Concern.

Subscribers to the "Hightower Fund" are hereby reminded that its payment is long since due. It is much needed. F. A. MOOD, A. A. ALLISON.

GEORGETOWN, Texas

Remember, brethren, the time is at hand when the treasurer must put his annual reports to press. Send your collections for foreign missions forward so as to reach him on or before March 29, or this report must go to press with you left out.—R. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, March 7.

I have agreed to fill the following appointments as follows: San Marcos, March, 17th; Lagerta, 18th to 24th; Oakville, 24th, 7:30 p. m.; Tilden, March 25th to 31st; Oakville, again 31st, 7:30 p. m.; Corpus Christi, April, 2d, to 7th. Further engagements will be announced in due time.—J. DITZLER.

ABBOTT, March 11.—My horse was stolen from me in this place, Sunday night, March 9th. One yellow horse pony, nine years old, 14 hands high, well formed, good order, saddle and harness marks, blaze in face, white mane and tail, all white feet, Spanish brand on left thigh. I will pay $10 for recovery of said pony. Address me, Abbott, Hill county, Texas.—J. P. MUSSETT.

A Prize.

I hereby offer a family Bible worth five dollars to any member of the Georgetown district, male or female, preacher or layman, who will compose and write the best essay on class-meetings, to be read at the district conference, fifth Sabbath of June. Committee will be selected from the conference to decide.—GEO. W. GRAVES, presiding elder.

March, 13.

About last christmas a clerical brother in Texas, wrote for a sermon of mine refered to in the Nashville Advocate of Oct. 27. His postal came immediately after conference when I was busy moving from Jackson to this city. In the confusion I lost it. If you will kindly insert this in your paper, and the brother sees it and will favor me with his address, I will send him the sermon. I do not want to be regarded as either unkind or careless.—DAVID LEITH.

125 Linden St., Memphis, Tennessee, March 11.

Weatherford District Conference.

To the preachers of the Weatherford District

Dear Brethren.—The Weatherford District Conference will convene in Jacksboro, May 22. Therefore I request all the pastors of the Weatherford district to send me the names of the local preachers and of the delegates elect from their several works to the district conference as early as possible. Also, if any of the preachers or delegates intend bringing their wives or daughters to the district conference, please notify me of the fact. If there be any persons who intend visiting our district conference, please notify me; if not they may have to pay a hotel bill.

Brethren, one and all, please listen now to what I have to say. Please bring as few horses as possible to the district conference. We do not want you to walk to district conference, but we do want as many of you to ride on the same horse, or to be driven in the same vehicle, as possible. And in the selection of horses to bring you to district conference, please select such as will stand in a Texas stable and can live on Mesquite grass, for our horsepitality lies in that direction in this western country. We make this request now, because our town is small, and in order to entertain the conference handsomely, which we intend to do, we must have time to prepare for it. Help us by responding immediately.—J. G. PUTMAN.

JACKSBORO, Texas, March 10, 1884.

Follow Me.

To the Advocate.

This is the language Christ almost invariably used while on earth when he called his disciples, and it is the language he still uses. Deep down in every human heart is heard, sooner or later, the voice of our tender Shepherd bidding us follow him, and instantly there springs up an infinite longing in that soul follow and be with Christ. Some immediately forsake all and follow him, never resting until they have found that "peace which passeth understanding," while others are vacillating, pleading various excuses, as some did of old, for not obeying the loving call at once. He is whispering, "follow me" in our hearts every day we live. It must have been very easy for the disciples who could see a tangible object; but how can we follow him, when there is no visible form to follow? We may follow him by faith, by giving our hearts to him, by doing whatsoever our hands find to do, by many acts of self-denying kindness, by unselfish devotion to those around us, by visiting the sick, encouraging the weak, ministering to the poor, pleading with the wayward and erring, and binding the broken-hearted. We can follow him by being pleasant and cheerful at all times, performing faithfully all the duties of every-day life, and bearing patiently all the trials, disappointments and afflictions incident thereto. Jesus recognizes and blesses the smallest service rendered for him. Life is made up of little things; and though few, perhaps none of us, will ever be called on to do any great service for the Master, let us do the little things that lie all along life's pathway, feeling assured God does not consider the service of so much importance as the spirit in which it is rendered.

"She hath done what she could," he said of the woman with the alabaster box of ointment, and though the box was broken and, as some thought, the contents wasted, its sweet fragrance lingered round those present, and its influence has floated down the labyrinth's of time and made the lives of many more pleasant and easy to be borne. Often when we have tried with our whole hearts to do something for the Master, and have despairingly felt that our best efforts were a failure, Jesus sweetly whispers: "she has done what she could," and we are content to do the best we can, leaving the result with God. Let us be content to follow lovingly, trustingly, faithfully, uncomplainingly whithersoever he leadeth, feeling assured he will never leave nor forsake us. Though bitter disappointments, sorrows and afflictions may crown our lives, and temptations, doubts and fears may assail us, let us cling trustingly to his hand, believing it is the way he has chosen to lead us out of self into the glorious light and liberty of the children of God.

Christ simply bids us follow. He asks us to do nothing he has not done, to bear nothing he has not borne, and to go to no place where he himself has not gone; and though enemies may deride, friends censure and forsake, and perchance we may be called on, some time in life, to sacrifice everything dear to us, let us remember he has suffered all these, and greater things, for us, and follow him with purity of heart and fixedness of purpose, believing that after we have followed him down to "the valley of the shadow of death," he will carry us safely over "the darkly rolling river" into the mansion he has prepared for us in the house of God.

Follow me through the lonely highway,
 Where the wandering sheep have trod,
And tell those weary, sorrowing ones
 Of the tender love of God.

Follow me to the desert drear,
 Where the tender lambs may rove,
And woo them back to the Shepherd's fold,
 With words of tenderest love.

Follow me through the darksome streets,
 To the glittering halls of shame,
And teach those fallen ones of earth,
 To honor their Savior's name.

Follow me to the sufferer's couch,
 Where sorrow and weariness reign;
And point them to their heavenly home,
 Where they will be free from pain.

Follow me to the sorrowing ones,
 Whose loved ones are 'neath the sod;
And comfort their sad and lonely hearts,
 With the promises of God.

Follow, with unswerving faith and love,
 In the rugged paths I've trod;
And when the journey of life is o'er,
 I'll carry thee home to God.

MARY A. SMITH.

SAN SABA, Texas, Feb. 1884.

From New Mexico.

To the ADVOCATE.

Our church here has been ready for use since the first Sunday of this year. We organized with eight members, and will have more as soon as they can get their letters from the East, West, North or South; for we have people here from all points of the compass. The most of those who profess the name of God are Methodist, while some few are Baptists and others Presbyterians. They are working and praying with us for the Holy Spirit to help us in the cause of the Master. Our Sunday-school still goes on with increasing interest on the part of all concerned. We have not missed a Sunday since the first of 1883. The officers, teachers and children are always in their places. We have an average attendance of about fifty.

The country is level, and is the healthiest I have ever known. Consumptives get well or die here soon after coming. Persons in the last stages of the disease do not last long. While three or four have died soon after coming, two or three have become stout and healthy in a short time. Persons have come here with dyspepsia and returned East two months later sound and well. There is fever of no kind. Doctors would starve if they did not speculate in property of some kind. The ADVOCATE comes regularly, and is a blessing to me and my family.

Turning water into wine is a matter nine-tenths of your readers care nothing about, as it does not have anything to do with the salvation of souls or the prohibition movement of the present day. Sunday travel should be stopped. It is well for our learned "parsons" to study this question. Take the editorial columns of the TEXAS ADVOCATE, and we must back it up with our hearty support. We read other Advocates, but the Texas is the best, or at least that is our judgment.—ISAAC SOLLERS.

DEMING, New Mexico, March 2.

A Veteran.

To the Advocate.

I have just seen an announcement of the death, on January 13th, of Rev. L. P. Simpson in a recent issue of the ADVOCATE. He eminently deserves a more special notice. I interviewed him a few years ago and obtained his history in full, to be inserted in the forthcoming "History of Methodism in Texas." Rev. L. P. Simpson was born in Sumner county, Tennessee, Oct. 17, 1806. He was baptized when about five years of age by Rev. Joshua Butcher. He professed religion at Rock Springs camp-ground, in Alabama, in 1825, and joined the Methodist E. Church at the same meeting. He came to Texas in 1836, purchased land, and returned home the same year. In 1837 he immigrated with his family to the Republic and settled near Fort English, now Bonham, Fannin county. In 1839 he was elected sheriff of Fannin county, and in 1844, county judge. In 1842 the undersigned organized the first church in Bonham, and Brother Simpson, and his good wife, who died last summer, united with the little band, after which their house became a resting place for the pioneer itinerant. In 1851 he was licensed to preach. He traveled several circuits by appointment of the presiding elder. In his later years he was much afflicted, and could render but little service to the church. The writer had not seen him for several years, and has not learned any of the circumstances of his death, but he was eminently a Christian, and doubtless so died.—JAMES GRAHAM.

PARIS, March 6.

Water Made Wine.

To the Advocate.

By way of suggestion, I wish to say a few things under the above heading. Whatever the Savior did while upon earth needs no apology from any preacher—no, not even an explanation to make it right. Perhaps reading the texts more and thinking more about what the Savior said and did would help some writers. The account of the water being made wine does not tell how much was made. Evidently the miracle lies in this—that only the amount of water drawn out turned to wine, and that which remained was water. So that if a Jew came to the pots for water to purify himself, he was not disappointed or disturbed. The servants drew out and bore it to the ruler of the feast. It may have been a gallon or five gallons, no one knows. The ruler said it was good wine.

Now this is my conclusion about the matter: Jesus changed the water, those servants drew out of the water-pots good wine, and the ruler liked it when he tasted it, and it was a real miracle, and the beginning of miracles, many of which the Savior performed afterwards. No brother's philology can change this matter.—M. H. PORTER.

New York Water Supply.

New York's new water supply will cost from $25,000,000 to $30,000,000. The work will be located in Westchester county, thirty-five miles from the city. A dam 250 feet high will form a reservoir of 58,000,000,000 gallons capacity. New York City daily consumes 100,000,000 gallons of water, and when the new reservoir is completed the capacity for storage will reach 400,000,000 gallons daily.

Old Books.

At the recent sale of a library in New York City a work offered for sale was "a Natural History of East and West Florida," written in 1775 by Bernard Romans, an engineer in the British service during the Revolutionary war, for which $160 were paid. Capt. John Smith's works were of more popular interest. "The General Historie of Virginia, New England and the Summer Isles, 1584 to 1624," was presented in a fine edition, with portraits of Queen Elizabeth, King James and Prince Charles, under the date 1627. For this copy $210 were paid.

A Life Saving Family.

The residence of the Parks at Trenton, N. J., is something of a private life-saving station. Archie Parks, the father, now an old man, has saved the lives of sixty-two persons in his time. His father died from injuries in saving the life of a lady who was riding behind a wild runaway horse. His son Elwood claims to have saved seventeen lives about Trenton, some from drowning, and others on the railroad, runaways, etc. His seventeen-year-old daughter saved her own sister and another little girl from burning to death, and his nine-year-old boy dragged a child off the track in front of an approaching train.

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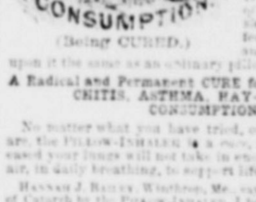

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Hodges' Theology—Predestination

To the Advocate.

Having called attention to the views of Dr. Hodge on the subject of the decrees, in our last paper, we now notice his remarkable deliverances on the doctrine of predestination, a subject closely allied with the decrees, and a necessary part of the Calvinistic system. That many distinguished men of the first order of talents, men of sound piety, and profound learning, have been strong believers in the peculiar doctrines of Calvinism, is a fact which cannot be questioned; but it must be admitted by all honest thinkers that the mere fact of a system or theory having been supported by strong men, does not prove that system to be either Scriptural or tenable. We do not believe that Calvinism, as taught by Calvin and his numerous followers, can be sustained by the Bible or by sound reason. If indeed, that be the system taught in the Word of God, why is it that the vast majority of the religious world have utterly repudiated it? Let Calvinists answer, if they can, this pertinent question. Let us see what our author says on this subject. In noticing the different theories on this great doctrine, he says: "The theories of national election and of 'ecclesiastical individualism,' both teach universally admitted facts, namely, that God does predestinate individuals and communities, and nations to the external privileges of the Gospel and the use of the means of grace. This neither any Arminian nor any Calvinist will deny. But these theories are both vicious, and both identical with the Arminian theory, in that they deny that God unconditionally predestinates either the free actions or the ultimate salvation of individuals. They admit that he gives certain men a better chance than others, but hold that each man's ultimate fate is not determined by God's decree, but left dependent upon the free wills of the men themselves." We pause here to ask the question: If man's ultimate fate does not depend upon the free choice of his unconstrained will, pray upon what does it depend? The Calvinist answers, "It depends upon the decree of God." Now if this be true, where is man's responsibility? If in any given case a man is not saved, it is because God has decreed that he shall not be saved; then is not God responsible for his damnation, and not man himself. He could not be saved without changing the immutable decree of God, and if that be done, the decree is not immutable, and the man's fate at last is decided by his free choice. The non-elect cannot choose salvation, because there is no salvation for him; he is excluded by the decree of God, and he is not able to comply with the terms of salvation, and can no more repent and turn to God than he can stop the revolution of the planets, or perform any other impossibility. We claim that this system makes God unjust and cruel. He sends men to hell for doing precisely what God has ordained they shall do, and punishes them for not doing what they have no ability to do. Mr. Hodge says: "It is obvious that the Calvinistic doctrine of decrees includes the absolute election of both individuals, and of communities and nations, to the use of the means of grace and the external advantages of the church. It is also obvious that the admission of the principle of absolute election, as far as this, must be made by all Arminians as well as Calvinists, and hence this admission alone does not discriminate between the two great contesting systems. The only question which touches the true matter in debate is, 'what is the ground of the eternal predestination of individuals to salvation?' Is it the foreseen faith and repentance of the individuals themselves, or the soverign pleasure of God? Every Christian must take one side or the other of this question. If he takes the side which makes foreseen faith the ground, he is an Arminian, no matter what else he holds. If he takes the side which makes the good pleasure of God the ground, he is a Calvinist. This division among themselves, and this alternate agreement with, and difference from, the Calvinistic position on this subject, is a very suggestive illustration of the extreme difficulty the advocates of Arminian principles have in accommodating the words of Scripture to their doctrine. In a polemic point of view the Calvinists have the capita advantage of being able to divide their opponents, and refute them in detail," page 217.

To this we reply, that the Calvinists have never used this "capita advantage" to any good purpose, and have never been able, with all their boasted wisdom and theological lore, to refute their opponents in the hotly-contested field of polemics. It may be that some timid Arminians having seen that Calvinism has assumed such a boasting attitude, and hurled its heaviest artillery against its opposers, have become alarmed, and thought they were defeated; but this is not the case with the stalwart soldiers who have calmly surveyed the whole field and ascertained the strength of their opponents. Some Arminians may be like the dismayed troops of the Duke of Wellington in the famous battle of Waterloo, when in the midst of the hottest part of the fight, while their comrades were falling around them, they thought they were defeated and proposed to retreat; but their heroic leader commanded them to fight on, and never give up, and just at that time the immortal Blucher came up with his forces and put the enemy to flight, and achieved a brilliant victory. So, in the fight between Arminianism and Calvinism. When Calvinists think they have routed their enemies by dividing their forces, and are ready to shout victory, we call to our aid a Whedon, or a Bledsoe, and the battle rages furiously, for awhile, and then the Arminians, instead of being defeated, achieve a more glorious victory than did Wellington and Blucher in the battle of Waterloo.

If indeed Calvinism is able to divide the forces of Arminianism and "defeat them in detail," why has it never done it? Why did not Toplady and Hill defeat Wesley and Thetcher? Why did not Dr. Rice, the celebrated champion of Calvinism, meet and refute Dr. Foster when the latter wrote his "Objections to Calvinism," addressed to the former, in which he so kindly and earnestly asks him to answer his objections? Why did not? Drs. Dabney and McCosh meet and refute Dr. Bledsoe, when he with his great battle-axe of truth and logic hewed Calvinism to pieces and crushed it to the earth, in his Theodicy, and his work on The Will, and in the Southern Review? The fact is, that in every contest between the forces of Calvinism and Arminianism, the latter comes out victorious and plants itself more firmly in the minds of the people, and has more followers to-day than at any former period. When understood thoroughly, we have no hesitancy in saying that it will be the creed of the great majority of the religious world.

Can it be true that the only ground of election is the mere good pleasure of God's soverign will? If so, does not this make him a partial God? Is he not manifestly unjust if, by the mere exercise of his own sovereign will, he elects certain individuals to eternal glory, bestowing upon them the gifts of his love, and passes others by without giving them any possible chance to be saved? Does not God foresee that some men will repent and believe the gospel, and does not his decree have some relation to their obedience, and to their fidelity? We deny that individual election is either eternal or unconditional; for even the elect may forfeit their election, by failing to endure to the end. Individual election is conditional, and the conditions of the gospel must be complied with in order that the individual may ultimately be saved.

If God from all eternity has decreed that some men and angels shall go to heaven, and that all the rest of mankind are foreordained to everlasting torment, without respect to anything good or bad in them, and that too be-because it is his soverign good will to do so, how is it possible to construct a Theodicy that will "justify the ways of God with man? This makes God a partial God, a monster more cruel than the most despotic monarch on earth. It is no wonder that men become deists, skeptics, infidels and atheists, when God is represented as such a being as Calvinism represents him to be. The mind of man instinctively revolts from such a doctrine as this. A resort to open infidelity, to materialism, to blank atheism would be a source of infinite pleasure to the mind in seeking relief from the horrors of this rigid system that so greatly dishonors the God of love,—the God of the Bible. But let us hear Mr. Hodge further. He says: "What argument is to be drawn from the fact that all evangelical Christians, of every theological school, express the sentiments proper to the Calvinistic doctrine of unconditional election in all their prayers and hymns?" That form of doctrine must be false which cannot be embodied in personal religious experience and devotion. That form of doctrine must be true which all Christians of all theological opinions always find themselves obliged to express when they come to commune with God. Now all the psalms, and hymns, and prayers, written and spontaneous, of all evangelical Christians, embody the principles and breathe the spirit of Calvinism."—pages 220-21.

This is a wonderful statement. Who can possibly believe it? To say that all evangelical Christians in their prayers and hymns embody the principles and breathe the spirit of Calvinism is certainly to say what is not, and cannot be true. Why pray at all, if Calvinism be true? By your prayers you can accomplish nothing. If God has decreed all things that come to pass, you can do as well without prayer as with it. You cannot be delivered from sin, unless you are one of the elect. No calamity can be averted by prayer, if God has decreed that that calamity shall come upon you; and if you are one of the non-elect, your whole life might be spent in prayer and it would do you no good. You could not be saved unless God's decree is changed, and this cannot be done, if his decrees are unchangeable, which no Calvinist will deny. And if you are one of the favored few elected to salvation, you are safe anyhow, with or without prayer. No neglect of prayer on your part can endanger your soul, because your salvation is bound up with the decree of God, and you cannot be lost; therefore it is needless to pray. This is a dangerous doctrine, and has done much mischief in the world.

Again: How could I pray to a being who would predestinate me to eternal life and foreordain my wife or child to eternal death, simply on the ground of his own good pleasure? I can pray to the God of the Bible, but to such a being as that I could not pray. But Mr. Hodge continues: "They all pray to God to make men repent and believe, to come to, and receive the Savior. If God gives all men common and sufficient grace, and if the reason why one man repents is that he makes good use of that grace, and the reason another does not believe is that he does not use that grace— if the only cause of difference is in the men--it follows that we ought to pray to men to convert themselves, i. e. to make themselves to differ. But all agree in asking God to save us and giving him all the thanks when it is done." This is certainly very lame logic; verily, "the legs of the lame are not equal." Who would have thought that a learned doctor of divinity would have perpetrated such a blunder? "If the only reason that men differ, is, that one man uses the grace given, while another does not use it, then it follows that we ought to pray to men to convert themselves." Wonderful reasoning this! "Invincible logic!" Who will be so bold as to attack such an impregnable argument; who will have the temerity to measure swords with this redoubtable champion of Calvinism—this teacher of theology in Princeton College? But, seriously, is not grace sufficient to enable men to believe, given to all men? Is it not true, that the reason they differ, is that some men use the grace while others do not use it?

If this be not true, then God commands some men to do impossibilities, for he certainly commands all men, everywhere, to repent and believe. What does the Scripture mean when it tells us plainly, "that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," (Tit. ii 11,) if grace in not given to "all men?" If sufficient grace is not given to all men, what then does God mean when he says, "that he (Jesus) by the grace of God should taste death for every man?"—Heb. ii: 9. Again, what does that Scripture mean that tells us, "That was the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world?"—John, i: 9. The truth is, that every man has the opportunity to be saved. Some men embrace the opportunity, and live in obedience to God and are saved, while others "do despite to the Spirit of grace" and "receive the grace of God in vain." They turn "the grace of God into lasciviousness" and are lost. Man's ultimate salvation then, according to Arminianism and the Bible, turns upon the use or abuse of the grace given to all men.—W. W. HORNER.

A Term Badly Misused.

To the Advocate.

I sincerely hope every Methodist preacher will cease to apply the term "scientist" to the leaders of the enemies of Christianity. There are three reasons for this: 1. Few scientists are, or have been, infidels. 2. The term scientist comes from the Latin *scio*—to know; whereas the enemies of Christianity to-day are *Agnostics*. This last term comes from the privative A, prefixed to the Greek *gnostikos*—meaning, we do not know—not knowing. To call a man a *knowist*—a scientist who declares he does *not* know—is obviously absurd. 3. Such a course invests the gainsayer with a dignity that does not belong to him, and is calculated to lead ignorant men astray.

I have been shocked at such expressions as this: "Here is a fact, brethren, that all the *scientists* in the world cannot refute!" If it is a fact, *scientists* are either ready to accept it, or are willing and anxious to investigate it. The scientist is a *knower*, and what he knows are facts. A truth dug from hell is, nevertheless, a truth. Scientists have taught us that gravitation regulates bodies; scientists have taught us the number and relation of primitive and combined elements; but these men were Christians, and they were scientists. The truths of the Gospel are not, cannot be, out of harmony with other truths. Because gravitation, attraction, holds bodies together, this fact does not destroy the truth of Christ's declaration that "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Because centripetal and centrifugal forces, powers, regulate the planets, it does not follow that the Gospel is not the "power (force) of God unto the salvation" of the believer. The fact is, all these forces, powers, influences, are the outgoings of Almighty power, each working in its own peculiar sphere. Gravitation—that power of God—can attract men's bodies, but the Gospel, a different manifestation of force, is the "power of God unto salvation." Both are powers; this is confessed; and the proposition of Christianity is, that both are powers of God! If the law of attraction is violated, ignored or presumed upon, that which protected becomes a destroyer; so, Christianity affirms that law, which was ordained to life, if violated, becomes a "savor of death unto death."

It comes to pass, therefore, that so far from the doctrines of Jesus being at variance with facts with which we are acquainted in the physical world, there is a striking analogy between the things which "are seen" and those doctrines. Take an example: Jesus said, with reference to spiritual things, "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be abased." Every one, the most ignorant, understands this to be true. The candidate for office, in order that his countrymen may "exalt" him at the polls, takes it upon himself to speak to every one he meets—even the lowest. He humbles himself that he may be exalted. This is but an instance of the perfect analogy between temporal and spiritual things. Jesus did not work out any problem for us, but gave us the "answer" to "all the words of this life." With this "key" we can understand much of the "hidden mystery from the foundation of the world."

It should always be remembered that the Gospel is not a grammar nor an arithmetic; it is a "way-bill" to heaven—"a transcript of the Divine mind"—"the will of God concerning us." The Gospel should not, must not, be committed to any theory of physical or psycological law. The greatest mistake the Church of Rome ever made, was right at this point! It gave a club to skepticism that has done fearful execution, not only to the Catholic Church, but to those Protestant Churches which have held to the primitive simplicity of the Gospel. Take Draper for example: He continually confounds Catholicism with Christianity. He charges upon Jesus the murders and crimes of those very men who burned the followers of Jesus for reading his words. He makes the Bible responsible for the sin of those wild, blood-thirsty fanatics who burnt every Bible they could find! I repeat, we cannot be committed to any theory save that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Let the sun go around the earth with Ptolemy, or the earth around the sun with Copernicus, no matter; Christ hath power on earth to forgive sins, whether "it moves or not!"

Science *does* conflict with many religions; Christianity alone has shown herself able to endure the ordeal of scientific investigation. She never can go down, because her foundation rests on the Rock of Ages—the Incarnate truth!

Let us have done, therefore, with all this talk about what "science teaches" and what "Jesus says." Let us preach Christ crucified, a "stumbling block" to false religionists, and foolishness to "philosophy, falsely so-called," but to them that believe, both Jews and Greeks—every one—Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.—JAS. W. HILL.

MCKINNEY, March 6.

The Assessments.

To the Advocate.

I believe it is generally known, in assessing and raising the amounts ordered by the annual conference, that some charges and men are unduly taxed, considering their numerical strength and financial ability. This has prevailed until many think it is right. I wish to ask the serious consideration the importance of this matter demands. If something can be done to develop the powers and graces of giving where they have been almost dormant, a great and good work will have been accomplished. This would stimulate the partially active to greater exertion, and bring into line a mighty host to strengthen the powers and interests of our beloved church.

When the district stewards meet to arrange for the support of the presiding elder, they also distribute to the several charges the amounts ordered by the annual conference to be collected by the district. The stewards are or should be men of piety, and men who love the Methodist Church and her doctrines; but occasionally a brother is on hand who is willing his presiding elder should have a liberal salary, but is not willing to have a large assessment made on the charge he represents. Another wants to adopt the per cent. plan, taking the salary of the pastor as the basis in these distributions. It is of no unfrequent occurrence that the assessments made upon stations and more liberal circuits, and some poor mission, are on a liberal scale. With regard to the stations, perhaps it is assumed they pay better, and ought to, because they have more means and greater advantages. As to the means, this may or may not be true. While the richest people live in cities and towns, it is nevertheless true that a great many poor people live there also. Certainly, they have greater advantages. They have their regular Sabbath services, and social meetings in the week, with the oversight and constant presence of the pastor, which give to those in cities and towns superior privileges; but they pay for them. Is it an uncommon thing to find a brother who enjoys these city and town advantages, paying $100 annually for these privileges? Here is my brother in the country of equal wealth, who pays $15 annually for preaching once a month—probably on some week day. He pays as much for what he receives, as does the brother in the city or town. Each pays for what he gets, and each gets what he pays for. So they are even in this respect. Now, what plan would be best to keep up this equality? Will the distribution of these assessments on the basis of the presiding elder's salary, or the pastor's, do it? I live in the country, consequently I have not these advantages and privileges that my brother has who lives in town or a city; but, will this deprive me also of my equal privilege and right of carrying on this great and grand connectional work of the church in the conversion of the world? I assert my right and claim to equal privileges.

Liberality in the distribution of these assessments is good, when it is seasoned with the grace of Methodist equality. Here is a mission on the extreme border. The "circuit rider" found his way to this mission field a little more than three years since. By much toil, and constant labor and prayer, a few societies have been organized. The assessment made by the district stewards upon this charge is more than $1.45 per member, when the *per capita* of the entire amount ordered by the annual conference, to be collected by the district, is about 65 cents. Is this right? Is it Methodist equality? I am not pleading for any reduction as to these assessments on this charge, for it is a rare thing to find a man who has been injured by giving too much. I suppose all want to do what is right, and have an equal privilege in paying the amounts ordered by the conference to carry on this good and indispensable work. I have great confidence in the membership of our church, and believe when the matter of raising these assessments is properly presented to our people, they will gladly respnd in the discharge of their whole duty; but, are they likely to do this so long as the practice of inequality is encouraged?—J. T. HOSMER.

SEYMOUR, March 3.

Frontier Work.

To the Advocate.

This is the first time I have undertaken to write anything for the ADVOCATE since conference, but my reason for silence was, I had no very encouraging report to make, and have been laboring and hoping for that prosperity in our Zion, which would be a source of joy to us and good news to all who are interested in our success. The light is beginning to break through the clouds that gathered over our heads; our faith is taking a firmer hold on the promises of God, and we are encouraged to grapple with our difficulties more hopefully than ever before. Those who never labored in a frontier railroad town cannot fully appreciate the peculiar difficulties with which we have to contend. There are a great many clever people in this country whose hospitality is almost unequaled; but many of them came with other motives than to "let their light shine that others, seeing their good works, might glorify God." Most people who come to this country have come to make a fortune, if possible, and it is not very surprising that some of them have become covetous and indifferent to their religious obligations. I am glad to say there are some who are true, faithful and devoted Christians, and are living examples of righteousness and holiness.

We have been trying for about one year to build a church at this place, but it is a great undertaking for us, and we have progressed very slowly. The good ladies of our church, and others who have joined them, have organized a "ladies' aid society" to assist us in this work; and, judging by the zeal and energy they have manifested, they will prove a valuable help. Will not some brother or friend whom the Lord has prospered in this great State of Texas, when they read this, send us a contribution to help us build a house of worship?

We have had some very interesting church conferences this year, and the membership seem to be determined to raise our assessments. Our people here seem to be sound on the subject of missions. One brother, in church conference, remarked that "when it came to ability, the Methodist Church was able to place a telephone in every heathen home." This remark may appear exaggerated, but there is a great deal of truth in it. If all the wealth of the Methodist Church were consecrated, our missionary enterprise would assume grander proportions than it ever did since the apostolic age.

I find some trouble in administering discipline out here. I hope at the next General Conference our laws concerning church trials will be abridged and made more simple. I am glad this subject has been agitated by some already. Wise and thoughtful discussion on this point may result in less uncharitable controversy, and more real benefit to the church than some other subjects which engaged the pens of some of our preachers who have written for the ADVOCATE. Let us hear from them, whose age and experience qualify them for giving good counsel.—R. F. DUNN.

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News From Along the Line—A Wonderful Cave.

To the Advocate.

Burnet county is a splendid place for the raw recruit, "the boy on trial," not only on account of the earth's surface, but here he meets with every variety of human character and every phase of religious error. If the young itinerant does not learn discretion, foresight and prudence, and also have his sensibilities sharpened, it will not be for lack of grinding, for here the old "iron wheel" revolves against coarse sand-paper, and it has made the rust fly from the writer in great clouds. We trust he will only be brightened and not ground to powder by the first revolution of the "great iron wheel." If the sight of rocks and mountains could inspire lofty sentiments and awaken the dormant poetic talent which some have accused us of possessing, we would long since have been soaring on eagle wing around the summit of some lofty crag. Why is this a good country for a boy preacher? I remember the boy who had one appointment in the woods and another on the open prarie. A good old brother noticing that at one appointment the boy failed, and at the other preached a rousing sermon, ventured to enquire: "Brother I wish to know how it is that you preach so much better in the woods than on the prarie?" "Sir," replied the embryo preacher, "I kindle the fire in the brush, and with the live coals in my bosom I rush in and preach before cooling off." So here in Burnet circuit there are many sequestered spots by the highways and around the churches where the weary itinerant may talk with God until power from on high opens his bosom and the soft breath from heaven fans the spark until it becomes a flame of love, and amidst tears of joy and glimpses of future triumph, he arises and goes in peace; then when he goes to preach the gospel, is "as fire in his bones." Jesus went up into a "rugged mountain" apart to pray. We are trying to follow him.

Having heard much of the immense cave close to this place, we organized a small party, and furnishing ourselves with a bottle (of oil) and lamps, we visited the same. After a ride of three miles we reached the spot, and dismounting, entered a large cavity, descending at an angle of 45 degrees for 30 feet. We were then in a large room 25 feet high by 20 in size. From this room there are avenues and passages leading in many directions. However, we took a northeast course and went to the "glass rooms." They are about 150 or 200 yards from the main entrance. The walls and roof of these rooms glittered in the lamp-light as though studded with many diamonds. We extinguished our lights and could then appreciate the genius of Lord Byrons "Dream of Darkness." We could not see, but could feel the blackness, and I imagined I could slice it with a knife, it seemed so "thick and solid." We lighted our lamps and visited the "spring room." We were afraid to venture very far, as there is danger of getting lost. I suppose there are scores of rooms in this cave; in fact, no one knows its size or extent. A few years ago two men got lost in it, and after wandering several hours came out in a valley three miles from the place of entrance. The specimen of rock from the glass room is as clear as glass. The walls are covered with names, smoked there with candles and torches, and will doubtless be legible many years hence. We left our name, coupled with that of our fair companion, who is a Tennessee Methodist flower.

The work of the Lord advances. We have had 20 additions. We work, and as we labor cry, "The work of our hands establish there it."—C. S. FIELD.

LACY, March 6.

Sherman District.

To the Advocate.

I have closed my first round on Sherman district. All the pastors appointed by the bishop are at their posts, and all are very well received by their people. There is no special friction so far as I know. Bro. W. M. Shelton is doing well in Sherman station. Dr. Connor is renewing his youth at Pilot Point. He will have a fine new church to preach in by fall if he meets no providential hindrance. Our prospects are hopeful at Denison under the oversights of Bro. Gorsline. Whitesboro is moving forward in every respect under the live and progressive Worley. Bonham station is now repairing their church-house. It will look well when completed. Bro. Riddle is a popular pastor and preacher. He has had several accessions since conference. Bro. Reynolds is doing finely on Van Alstyne circuit. Bro. Robbins is staying much of his time on Bell and Savoy circuit; is well sustained. Bro. Clark has been sick; he will begin his rally soon. Bro. Bludworth is quite popular on Bonham circuit. Sherer is shaving to the line on Fannin circuit. He never was more popular. He reads—hence preaches well. Rogers—"Old Ham," as he is called—is doing his finest preaching on Gordonsville circuit. You may look for revival notes from him this year as last. Vinson is at home on Pottsboro circuit, but none the less popular for having lived among his people for some years. Coppedge, on Pilot Grove circuit, is preaching and talking Methodism to his people. He will do them good and not harm. Miller and Dickson are moving off well on Whitewright circuit. Dickson has a good horse now. He did not swap for him, but bought him. I look for a fine year on their circuits. Bro. Allen, of Collinsville mission, is a promising young man—a transfer from North Mississippi Conference, and a cousin of J. R. Allen, of Paris station.—J. M. B.

SHERMAN, March 7.

Our First Centenary Revival.

To the Advocate.

Our first centenary meeting starts off with a full attendance of official members. At the quarterly conference, Saturday, a liberal assessment for the preacher in charge, and one-fourth of the presiding elder's and preacher in charge's claim met, with a balance over. Saturday night several penitents were at the altar. A large Sunday-school Sunday, 9 a. m. Two accessions and $100 for missions raised at 11 a. m. Over one hundred were out at love-feast at 3 p. m. All denominations took part, and a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit was granted us. The meeting is increasing in interest all the time. Bros. Graham and Follin will assist this week; Bros. Graves, Wootton and Dukes next week. Sister Park will be up Thursday to organize a woman's missionary society. Let the church pray for us, and to the Lord be all the glory.—I. Z. T. MORRIS.

CAMERON, March 10.

Uncle Ike's Department.

E. Liston Weaver, of Kosse, is most welcome to the class. May Liston be a faithful member of the church.

Nannie McLendon, of Cistern, is glad that Bro. Hotchkiss is their pastor again. The pastor who wins the hearts of the children can be a blessing to the whole household. Uncle Ike is glad Nannie has a good singing teacher. He wishes there was a singing teacher in every Sunday-school.

Robert W. Sansom, of Kyle, must study his history, spelling and arithmetic faithfully if he would be a wise and useful man. We must work if we succeed in life. He who would reap the harvest must sow the seed. If Robert will always remember these things, and live up to them, he will succeed in life.

Uncle Ike is glad that Dora Shepard, of Gunright, is so well pleased with the paper. He is sorry for the parents of the two little children whom everybody in her town loved so much, who have recently died. We must all try and be ready. The young die as well as the old. Will Dora give Uncle Ike's love to Bro. Mills and her superintendent?

Uncle Ike welcomes Richard Folkes, a little boy at Cistern, who is ten years old, to the class with both hands. He hopes Richard will so live that he will meet his ma in "that beautiful city" of which he writes. May God bless all the motherless ones. Richard ought to be grateful to God, who has spared his pa and little brother and sister. All our blessings come from God.

There is plenty of room in the Bible class for Benton McMahon. He says they have at Lavonia a woman's prayer-meeting, a young men's prayer-meeting, a special prayer-meeting for the Lord to send more laborers into the ministry, and a general prayer-meeting every month, besides preaching. God loves to answer prayer. May he answer the prayer for more laborers by sending some from Lavonia.

Lizzie Hawkins writes that she has persuaded one more to take the ADVOCATE for three months, but is sorry she has not done more. Uncle Ike thinks that is a great deal. For three months the ADVOCATE will visit with its message that home every week. May it do its work faithfully. If every boy and girl would do as well as Lizzie, the usefulness of the ADVOCATE will be greatly increased.

Charlie Gates must not think Uncle Ike has forgotten any of his little folks, if there is delay in answering their letters. Sometimes it is hard to find room. He puts their answers to questions in one place, the "knots to untie" in another, and missionary matters still in another. If we always have a place for everything, and everything in its place, we will always know where to find it. If Charlie and all our boys and girls will always remember that, it will save them lots of trouble. Uncle Ike is sure Charlie will read his Testament this year. A good resolution well kept is worth more than money.

KNOTS UNTIED.

Vannie Sweet answers six questions that appeared in March 1st. She also sends "Wire-cutting" as the answer to Robert Baird's enigma.

Lizzie Carson's puzzle is answered by Vannie Sweet, Richard Folkes, E. Liston Weaver, Emma Copeland, Emma Houston, Benton McMahon, Howard Lancaster.

Charlie Gates sends the following answers to questions of March, 7th:

He was a Pharasee.
Jesse had seven sons.
Noah was 850 years old when he died.
Aaron died on Mount Hor.
The waters of Marah were made sweet by Moses, who cast in a tree the angel of the Lord showed him.
Joshua was of the tribe of Ephraim.

KNOTS TO UNTIE.

Vannie Sweet asks: 1. Who was the first prophet? 2. How many wives had Moses?

Ida Bell Haynes asks: What king in Moses' day had an iron bedstead?

By E. Liston Weaver: 1. What king reigned one month? 2. For what did Solomon pray? 3. What king was an idolator? 4. Who was a simple king? 5. Who was a devout king? The initials will spell our pastor's name.

By Emma Houston: 1. What king began to reign at seven years old? 2. What king hid himself among the stuff? 3. Which book in the New Testament has the longest name? 4. Who was put in front of battle and killed? 5. Who was fed by ravens? Take the first letters of all the answers and put double n next to fourth answer and double l next to fifth and you will have the name of our good pastor.

By Lena Copeland: 1. Who made iron swim? 2. Who was chosen in Judas' place as an apostle? 3. Who was it that changed his name to Zedekiah? 4. Who sat in the gate of Sodom? 5. Who was Isaiah's father? 6. Who gave Bilhah to Jacob to wife?

Some one will please interpret these two Greek words: *Metamelomai*, *Metanoeo?*

By Emma Houston: 1. Who was the first president of the United States? 2. Who presented himself forty days challenging Israel? 3. Which book in the New Testament is the hardest to understand? 4. Where was Apollos born? 5. Who was it that took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom? 6. Who was it that went up by a whirlwind into heaven? 7. What was the wisest man's name spoken of in the Bible? The first letters of the answers form the name of our good presiding elder.

By Benton McMahon: 1. Who said: My father hath troubled the land? 2. Who was the father of Abraham? 3. Who made the ark of shittim wood? 4. Who was the wife of Boaz? 5. Who was the sixth son of Jesse? 6. What is the first letter of the first word of the 32d verse 13th chapter of Matthew? 7. Where was Jonah sent to preach? 8. Who was the son of Sarah? 9. Who was Saul's grandfather? 10. What country was Goliath, the giant, from? The initials of the answers form the name of our pastor.

OUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES.

The Busy Bees.

Gonzales, March 7.—Dear Uncle Ike: I hope my long silence has not led you to conclude that the "Busy Bees" of Gonzales had suspended their missionary work. Far from it—their work still goes on. The first Sabbath afternoon in each month finds the little band assembled in the church for their pleasant exercises. January 1st they sent to Dr. Patterson $40 for their school in Metopec and only regretted that we could not make it $50. Soon after this the little Mexican children of the school sent as a present to the "Busy Bees" a box of Mexican toys, which were greatly appreciated by every member of the hive, for to us they were souvenirs from a land where we are trying to spread the gospel.

Our quarterly report should have reached you sooner, but at the time I should have written I was prevented from doing so by the sickness of my dear mother, whom God has since called from this world of sorrow. But though she has gone, "she lives on earth in thought and deed as truly as in His heaven." Mild and gentle by nature, purified by a Savior's love, she was a true type of a Christian mother. Our hearts are very sad and our home lonely without this loving mother and "grandma." She was devoted to the missionary cause and was particularly interested in our little juvenile society, the "Busy Bees," advocating the importance of educating the children to the missionary work, frequently regretting that she was not able to do more for the cause; but truly it can be said of her "she did what she could." I know you still feel interested in the "Busy Bees," but we have missed Uncle Ike's kind words of advice and encouragement during my long silence. My bad health kept me from home six months, but now that I am back again and able to attend the society regularly I will try to keep you posted with the workings of the hive. Mrs. Norwood gives us very encouraging reports of our little school, which is very stimulating to the children, exciting them to renewed zeal.—S. S. BELDING.

Uncle Ike loves to work with "Busy Bees" who have no cruel sting, even for those who may oppose the Master's work, but who delight to gather from sweet and fragrant flowers rich honey for the Master's service.

BIRTHRIGHT, Feb. 8.—Dear Uncle Ike: My Sunday-school is getting along nicely; my uncle is superintendent, and my teacher is my aunt, one of the best women in the world. I hope our Sunday-school will do a great and good work this centennial year. As the Methodist Church is making a great effort to spread the Gospel and to send it to the benighted lands, I sometimes wonder if our little Sunday-school cannot lend a spark to light some poor heathen soul from this world to everlasting light and glory. My best wishes are for the future of the ADVOCATE.—IDA BELL HARGRAVE.

Uncle Ike agrees with Ida that this Sunday-school at Birthright should have a missionary society. Will Ida try and organize one? Tell them it is the birthright of every child in this Christian land to know and love the Savior, and work in his cause.

Nannie McLenden asks: "What do you think about a minister who makes fun of people for sending money to the heathen?"

Uncle Ike thinks somebody ought to tell that preacher that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners in heathen as well as Christian lands. His last message to the church was, "Go preach my Gospel to every creature." A preacher who makes fun of the work that caused Jesus to shed his blood needs a missionary for himself as much as those who never heard that Jesus died for all mankind.

Charlie Gates writes that his "little sister and oldest brother have a missionary hen" which is setting, and they will send the money to the little heathen children. Uncle Ike hopes every one of those eggs will hatch out a nice chicken.

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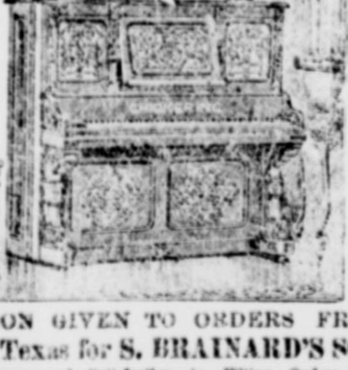

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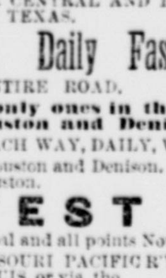

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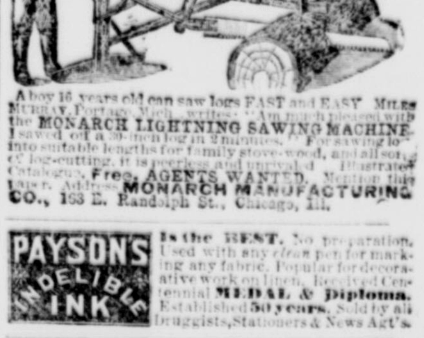

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"I HARDLY know a Methodist household that has not erected a family altar." That statement accompanies the report of Bro. Rector, of Boerne circuit, of three revivals with 68 conversions and 64 accessions in his charge since Jan. 1. Family altars will always kindle the revival flame. May there be live coals on every family altar in Texas this year.

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ON March 7 another suicide, driven to the deed by gambling losses, was reported from Monte Carlo, France. This is the eighteenth suicide reported from the gilded gambling hells of that noted European resort. Papers are demanding that France should suppress this evil. Were Monte Carlo in the United States, laws for the suppression of this evil would be classed with sumptuary legislation, and people would cry out for liberty to drive men to desperation and the suicide to his grave.

EVERY now and then a boy is maimed or killed by the explosion of a toy pistol, and the papers denounce the toy pistol as a dangerous plaything. Some States and municipalities restrict or prohibit the sales of these useless explosives. This is sensible. One life is of more value than cart loads of fun among the boys. The toy pistol is far less dangerous in the hands of careless boys than the revolver in the hip-pockets of reckless men. The accidental explosion of the plaything is not so serious an affair as the murderous use of the deadly six-shooter. Men who are ready to shed blood ought to be treated as outlaws or moral maniacs, and these dangerous playthings be taken out of their sight.

BRO. PHAIR wants each subscriber to the AVOCATE to present its claims to all non-subscribing members of the church. He finds that those who do not read their church paper are slow to respond to the calls the church makes on all its members; while those who are in vital and intelligent sympathy with its movements work faithfully, and give cheerfully in answer to every call. This is the experience of many other active workers in the church. The ADVOCATE is the coworker, and its influence is useful in all deparments of Christian effort. If it were in every Methodist home there would be more family altars, a broader and deeper revival spirit, and the chariot wheels of the grand centennial movement would not "drag heavily" in the sands of human selfishness. A Methodist paper in every Methodist household is one of the watchwords sent out by our bishops, and other leaders in our Israel this year.

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In Norway the sum of $20,000 has been placed at the disposal of the administration of railways in order to create a reserve corps of employes so that each one may rest at least every third Sunday. This is a partial recognition of the fact that Sunday rest is a necessity to the laborer, and an impeachment of the right of governments or corporations to over-ride the laws of nature and the conscience of man by enforcing Sunday labor on the weary sons of toil. In the United States there is no Sunday rest for railroad employes. Not only are they compelled to be at their post by day and night, under the blazing sun of summer and the icy blasts of winter, but Sunday, which in all Christian lands once brought to brain and muscle one day's relief from toil, now sees them driven like galley slaves to their tasks. Corporations have no consciences; and we often wonder whether railroad magnates, who force five hundred thousand employes to their incessant toil, have human hearts. The negroes, on the plantations of the South, before the war, had rest one day in seven; but railroad employes are driven to their task every day in the week.

No man can make railroading the business of his life without surrendering his conscientious convictions, if he has any, respecting the Sabbath day. Again, Sunday labor deprives these men of all the privileges of the sanctuary, and thus withdraws them from the moral and religious influences of the house of God. The tendency of this condition of things is toward the elimination of religious men from this special line of business. Sometimes in boards of directors, or among higher railroad officials, or the stockholders, we find members of some branch of the church; but their piety will never be potential with their employes so long as the religious railroad magnate is ready "to break God's law" every Sunday "for a dividend." No man can spend his life in an employment which runs squarely across the laws of God, and deprives himself and others of those religious aids which divine wisdom has ordained for man's moral and religious improvement, and maintain unimpaired his Christian character. It is, therefore, not surprising that we find so few professed, much less earnest and devoted Christians among the railroad men of our generation. No Christian can compromise his religious principles without the loss of religious integrity. To the wrong of robbing hundreds of thousands of men of that day of rest, which is their birthright, these railroad corparations assume the responsibility of shutting out this army of men from the altars of religion, and forcing them into irreligious lives. In the moral world God's law is supreme, and no amount of wealth, no material interest, can free an individual or a corporation from the responsibility of this wholesale violation of the Divine law, and this wholesale diversion of human lives from the sanctuary of the living God.

The railroads have been chiefly instrumental in breaking down the Sabbath sentiment of the nation, and introducing the tide of practical infidelity that is obliterating from the human conscience that sense of accountability which is more potential in the restraint of crime than courts of law or the pitiless walls of prisons. Men can remember when, in this land, there was no need of Sunday laws to ensure Sunday rest for the laborer. Public sentiment secured in every town and city rest for the weary, and a quiet day for the worshiper of God. Railroads then began to span the nation, and it was claimed that they must of necessity be run on Sunday. Contracts for their completion within a given time were urged in justification of the wholesale violation of the Sabbath day by large contractors. The gauge of roads had sometimes to be changed, and, to save time and prevent the delay of travel and transportation of freight, thousands of men would be stationed along the track and the papers would then proclaim the wonderful feat of changing the gauge of hundreds of miles on a single Sabbath day. People gradually became familiar with the roar of passing trains and the shriek of the whistle on the Sabbath day, until amid the rush and roar of enterprise they ceased to hear the command, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." Other interests followed along this open track of railroad Sunday desecration until, at last, we have reached the point that corporations and factories and commercial firms feel justified in open and persistent violation of the Sabbath, by the plea that the enlargement of the dividends demands this Sabbath toil. Under the rush of enterprise and the demand for increased dividends, not only the law of God, but the cry of the laborer has been forgotten and unheard, and weary men and troubled consciences, the fear of God and of future accountability have been crushed beneath this Juggernaut of business enterprise and greed.

No greater calamity can come upon a nation than to blot out of the mind and heart of the people faith in God and the consciousness of human accountability. The safeguards supplied by a conscience that fears God and regards man are essential to the maintenance of human law and the wellbeing of society. In breaking down the Sabbath with its hours of rest and worship, and in shutting out its vast army of employes from the moral and religious restraints which flow from the santuary of God, the railroads of this nation are sowing the wind, and the land may one day reap a whirlwind of lawlessness and crime. They are steadily multiplying the army of men who are freed from the restraints which the fear of God and a sense of future accountability place upon the conscience, and are training them for that conflict against human law which one day, amid all the crowded, hungry populations of the earth, may test the strength of every human government and imperil the permanency of all the interests and institutions of our boasted civilization. The lawless elements of the present generation, who are putting the present legislation of the land under continual strain, represent many phases of human life and many diversities of interest; but they all unite in their resistance to the rest and quiet of the Sabbath day. The outlaws who swarm out of the slums of our cities, and the desperadoes along our border line, alike, disregard the sanctity of the Sabbath. The saloonists and proprietors of gambling houses who evade or defy the law when backed by a demoralized public sentiment or a venal press, are the sworn foes of Sunday observance. The abandoned debauchees of every class, who have buried in vice all the holy memories of other times, have lost their reverence for the Sabbath day. The knight of the revolver and the bowie-knife, whose deeds of violence fill the land with grief and shame, hold the obligations of the Sabbath in cool contempt. When remorseless corporations wrench men by hundreds of thousands from the moral restraints, which the fear of God and reverence for his law imposes, they are swiftly multiplying those tremendous forces that are at war against the security of property and the quiet and well-being of society. They are removing from men those restraints that now cause them to respect the rights and property of their fellowmen, and are leaving for the protection of society only the feeble barriers by which human legislation would shield it from lawless violence. A nation with its conscience debauched or dead can only be ruled by the iron hand of force. Every agency that debases man's moral nature, that demoralizes the human conscience, is unfitting man for that capacity for self-government on which our present institutions rest, and is steadily forcing upon our nation that terrific struggle between anarchy and law which must end in the surrender to a strong government of all our cherished rights of individual freedom. How fearful will be the revolutions through which American society must pass when these elements, now beginning to seethe in our larger cities and great industrial centers, unrestrained by conscience, shall combine in their resistance to human law. When population shall crowd our broad frontier, when in mines and factories and along our extended railroad lines the conflict between capital and labor shall become more fierce and relentless, when the nihilistic elements now smoldering under every throne in Europe shall pour its infection, with the increasing tide of immigration, into the struggling masses on this continent, the safeguards of human legislation will be like links of straw should the moral restraints, supplied by the fear of God and reverence for his law, be obliterated from the minds of the people. These wholesale Sabbath breakers are stating moral and social problems that no future statesmanship may be able to solve. No nation nor corporation nor individual is safe that deliberately violates the law of God.

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THE San Marcos Free Press, having taken its stand against the saloons, is meeting the support of good people of all classes. This will be the case in every community. If the press of Texas would arraign the saloons as the fountains of vice and crime, these evils would soon cease to curse the land.

PALESTINE, March 13, 1884.

I am much pleased with your Sermon Paper. I think it will have a good run. As soon as the suply I have on hand is out I will certainly send you an order. Yours, etc.,

U. B. PHILIPS.

Rev. E. P. Rogers.

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS, March 5th, 1884: Bro. E. P. Rogers, a member of the East Texas Annual Conference, died at his residence near Jacksonville, Feb. 29th, 1884. He was conscious to the last moment, and supremely happy. An obituary will be furnished at an early day.—L. H. FOWLER.

A good and true man has gone to his rest. He died as all who knew him expected he would die—in sight of the Golden Gates.

BRIEF MENTION.

IT is estimated that the Protestants in Mexico now number about 13,000 communicants and about double that number of aderents.

SEVERAL young men of the mission training school in Sweden are laboring among the 56,000 Laplanders in Northern Sweden, Norway and Russia.

THE Wesleyans of London are preparing to appropriate £25,000, and hope to make it £50,000, for erecting chapels in the worst districts of that city.

IT is announced that the university presses of Oxford and Cambridge will have ready for issue the Revised Version of the Old Testament in about six months.

THE McAll mission in Paris has opened a room in one of the worst parts of that city. The Baltimore auxiliary of the American McAll Society will sustain it.

THE citizens of Toronto, Canada, by vote recently decided to withdraw the license to grocers to sell intoxicants. There is a marked growth in the temperance sentiment in all directions.

THE American Methodists in Japan number 947, and have petitioned the General Conference of the Methodist E. Church to organize them into a separate conference.

TWO HUNDRED stones which were once used as missiles against the Christian missionaries in Komatru, Japan, have been used in the erection of a Christian house of worship in that city.

IT is said that the native Christians of Madagascar have given more than $4,000,000 for the support and spread of the gospel in ten years. How many Christian organizations have reached that measure of liberality?

THE returns of Hospital Sunday in New York, show church collections of $27,000, and outside collections about 15,000. The church may be, numerically, in the minority, but in benevolence its majority is decided.

RUSSIA has issued a decree prohibiting the settlement of Hungarian Jews in Russia, and requiring all who are there to assume Russian citizenship or leave. At the same time the relations between the Czar and the Pope are growing more friendly.

THE prohibitory amendment in the New York assembly has been defeated by a vote of 61 to 63. This marks the progress of temperance. The scales now in many states hangs on an even balance. Ere long, as the work goes on, the saloons will "kick the beam."

THE fact that the Kennedy strict prohibition bill passed the Iowa senate by a vote of 34 to 11, indicates the solidity of the temperance sentiment in that State. It is hoped the present bill will be of such a character that saloonists and lawyers will not be able to arrest again the will of the people.

BRITISH residents in Copenhagen are about to build them an Anglican Church. £3,000 have been subscribed. £6,000 will be needed. The permanent endowment of the chaplaincy is secured by a grant from the English government, and the annual donations of the congregation.

REV J. DE LE ROI, pastor at Breslau, in a recent article states that 1500 Jews are received annually into the Christian church. In Austria within the past few years among the Jewish converts there have been six physicians, three professors, three barristers, three state officials and two army officers.

THE first anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Germany was recently held in Berlin. It commenced a year ago with sixteen; it has now a membership of three hundred and fifty. Some leading pastors of Germany say their work has been greatly aided by the association.

Mr. George Ball, the benefactor of the children of Galveston, was buried last week. He closed his long and successful business career with the benedictions of the community resting on his memory. The splendid school building devoted by him to the children of Galveston is a nobler monument than was ever wrought in marble. The funeral cortege which followed his remains to their last resting place was the largest ever seen in the city.

CLEBURNE, March 15, 1884.

Messrs. Shaw & Blaylock—I like your Sermon Paper very much. It is quite convenient, and adapted to all classes of preachers. I will order more of the small after awhile. S. JIM FRANKS.

Personal.

A recumbent statue of the late Dean Stanley has been placed in the chapel of Rugby School.

Dr. Irenæus Prime has resigned the secretaryship of the Evangelical Alliance, which he has held a number of years. He has given his services to its work gratuitously, though a salary had been offered him.

Rev. John H. Fraser, of Rosskum, Scotland, for years considered one of the ablest ministers of the Free Church of Scotland, is dead.

Mr. Ayskeh Kabayama, a son of the commander-in-chief of the Japanese army and a student of Wilbraham Academy, was baptised and received into the Methodist E. Church Feb. 10.

Dr. Newman, of the M. E. Church (North), who located to accept the call to a Congregational Church, is not the happiest man in that city. He has trouble with his congregation, and many want to get rid of him.

The venerable George Muller and his wife reached Calcutta the 11th and received a Christian welcome.

W. L. Law, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers N. Y., offers to pay the church debt of $10,000, provided the church will add $600 to the preacher's salary. Such thoughtfulness for the pastor is as rare as it is refreshing.

The papers announce that Mr. Spurgeon has had a large fortune left him by Joseph Pool, of Lancaster.

Gen. D. S. MacKenzie, of the U. S. army, is regarded as hopelessly insane, and it is thought will be placed on the retired list.

Many suppose Rev. A. A. Lipscomb, D. D., L. L. D., is a member of the M. E. Church, South. He holds very near relations to our church, but is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church. His interest in Southern Methodism, and his contributions to its press have so nearly identified him with our connection that his real church relationship is often forgotten.

Sir Moses Montefiore is the oldest of the English baronets. He has passed his ninety-ninth birth-day and is in good health. He is a prince among modern Israelites.

Gen. Gordon, who holds such prominent position in Egyptian affairs, and is known as Chinese Gordon because of the part he performed in the Taipeng rebellion in China, is an earnest and devoted Christian. At home, when not on military duty, he labors for the religious welfare of those around him, and especially for the children. He has saved many boys and girls privately from a life of shame. He has demonstrated the fact that a man can be a hero in war and yet, under all conditions, an earnest follower of Christ.

Southern Methodist Personals.

Dr. C. W. Miller, of Kentucky, says, through the Nashville Advocate: "I am getting rid of the troubles in my body which have chained me for two years. I am assured, I think, of permanent restoration; but time will be required."

In a letter to the Richmond Advocate Rev. S. A. Steel, giving an account of the revival at Memphis in which over 400 were converted, thus sketches Rev. S. Jones, under whom the meeting was conducted: "He is of medium size, complexion almost olive, dark hair, keen eyes, erect figure, easy and natural manners. But he is a curiosity as a preacher. He sees the quaint side of everything, and humor is irrepressible in his nature. And it is of the typical Georgia humor, the homely, unique, side-splitting humor of the Georgia scenes. His illustrations would tickle a soul 'under the ribs of death,' and yet they are keen as new razors, and cut to the core every time."

Bishop Keener, Dr. Kelley and Sister Freeman, widow of Bro. Freeman, late missionary in the City of Mexico, reached New Orleans from Mexico Feb. 29th.

Miss Laura A. Haygood, sister of Dr. A. G. Haygood, of Atlanta, Ga., has responded to Dr. Allen's call for the woman's work in China. She is said to be specially suited for the work; has been teaching nineteen years, and consecrates her gifts and graces to her Master's works. Such offerings are the richest gifts the church can place on the altar of missionary devotion.

Bishop Warren, of the M. E. Church, in a letter to the Publishing House, New York, is in error when he reports the death of Bro. Patterson, of the Southern Church Mission, of smallpox. It was the lamented Bro. Freeman who fell at his post.

In the Wesleyan Advocate, of March 12th, we read with much solicitude the following letter from our senior Bishop:

Dear Brother—For two weeks I have been quite sick, and though better now, am very feeble. I must cancel all my appointments for the present. The calls upon me are numerous. Two strong men could not meet them all. I must be allowed to work according to my own judgment of what is prudent for me to undertake.

Besides my personal ailments, death has visited my family—breach upon breach. My nephew and namesake, George F. Pierce, Jr., whom I have always regarded as a son, in the very midst of life has been cut down. In a few days my daughter, Mrs. Mary S. Alfriend, was also called away. We have buried our dead and the anguish of bereavement is heavy upon our hearts. I must have a little time to renew physical strength and recover tone for ordinary work.

I must add, with grateful heart, the Lord has dealt very tenderly with us in these afflictions. Blessed be His holy name. G. F. PIERCE.

The Wesleyan says, that after the above was in type the Bishop was in Macon, much improved, and adds: "It is beautiful to see the sympathy he manifests in the humblest of the saints as he talks of them and plans for their relief and comfort, while wide awake to the great movements of the church and country."

The Episcopal Methodist says: John King, who preached the first Methodist sermon in the city of Baltimore, located in 1803 and died at a very advanced age in the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C. "He was probably the only survivor, at the time of his decease, of all the preachers of ante-revolutionary date.'

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

The Richmond Advocate reports a revival at Clay Street Church, Richmond.

The annual meeting of the Mission of the M. E. Church, South, in Mexico, under charge of Bishop Keener, was a season of special interest. After the ordination of Rev. Mr. Grimes, Sunday, afternoon a love-feast was held. The preachers told of the goodness of God; shouts were heard, and the Mexicans, as they marked the tokens of joy among the men who had left home and kindred to preach Christ to a strange people, wondered and rejoiced. The same faith that made Paul and Silas sing praises in the prison at Philipi now sustains the servants of God in strange lands.

FROM OUR MISSIONARY SECRETARY.—Remember, brethren, the time is at hand when the Treasurer must put his annual Report to press. Send your collections for foreign missions forward so as to reach him on or before March 29th, or this "report must go to press with you left out."—R. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March, 7.

A revival at one mission at Tahlequah Indian Territory has resulted in 40 conversions.

Over 400 conversions have been reported in Salem district. Illinois Conference since its last session.

Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., Dr. Merrick, pastor, has been visited by a gracious revival.

The St. Louis Advocate reports 70 accessions at Kansas City, 56 at Rich Hill, and 40 at Chilhowie, in the Southwest Missouri Conference, while the revival fire is spreading throughout the Missouri Conference.

Dr. Morton thus speaks of the St. Louis revival in the Nashville Advocate: "We saw and heard the wonderful 'boy preacher' and revivalist, Rev. Thomas Harrison, who has been holding a meeting at Centenary for four weeks, and expects to continue for weeks to come. Near six hundred persons have come forward for prayers, and of conversions there have been several hundred. At the three services which we attended there were marked evidences of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit among both the converted and the unconverted."

The Athens (Ga.) Chronicle says: "Two young men of the Jewish race have been in our city this week, preaching the gospel. They are members of the North and South Georgia Conference, and are appointed to labor among their own people in this State."

In 1882 the increase of members in the M. E. Church, South, was 76,578, and in effective ministers 43.

The United States, from 1870 to 1880, increased in population in the ratio of 30.08. In the same decade Southern Methodism increased in the ratio of 44.37. Yet infidels tell us that Christianity is dying out.

The New Orleans Advocate states a Sunday-school has been projected in the Werlein Hall, New Orleans, under the direction of Revs. S. Halsey Werlein and D. L. Mitchell. The attendance was large and encouraging. They propose a series of Sunday evening people's services in the same place, to be conducted by a number of city pastors.

Bishop Pierce says: "I am surprised at two things—first, that our women have not been previously brought more fully into our missionary work; and second, that every woman in the church does not take hold of it. The missionary operations of the church without the women have been like the movement of a great ship with only a part of her machinery, and with only one wheel beating the waves. Now we are putting in all the machinery and the other wheel; the mighty engine is set in motion, and with the beginning of our second century will take an air-line for the millennial shore."

The Board of Missions recommends to the Woman's Missionary Society and to the women and children of the M. E. Church, South, the college for girls at Rio Janeiro for their special centennial offerings. They propose to raise $50,000 for this purpose. A wide and effectual door is open to Southern Methodism in Brazil, and our women are acting wisely in seeking to secure this important position.

General Minutes of 1883.

We give below a summary of the statistics contained in the general minutes of 1883:

	1883.	1882.	Increase.	Decrease.
Traveling preachers	3 863	3 736	127	
Superannuated preachers	313	309	4	
Local preachers	5 892	5 869	23	
White members	888 091	861 244	26 850	
Colored members	1 255	1 030	225	
Indian members	4 783	5 111		328
Total preachers and members	904 248	877 299	26 949	
Infants baptized	29 232	27 205	2 027	
Adults baptized	43 991	38 832	5 162	
Sunday-schools	9 875	9 649	226	
Sunday-school teachers	65 574	65 198	376	
Sunday-school scholars	509 934	483 426	26 508	
Collected for Conference claimants	$87 146 07	$81 432 82	$5 713 25	
Collected for missions	$227 649 38	$207 759 66	$19 881 32	

The total increase of preachers and members was at the rate of 3.07 per cent. per annum. This is a slight gain upon the increase of population in the Southern States, the rate of which is 2.90 per cent. per annum compound.

The Minutes show the loss of 38 preachers discontinued, 78 located, and 78 died; total loss to the traveling connection, 184. There were admitted on trial, 249; readmitted, 39—total, 288; net increase, 94.

Central Mexican Mission.

February 18, 1884. Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding; W. M. Patterson, Superintendent.

APPOINTMENTS.

MEXICO DISTRICT.—*F. Aguilar, P. E.* Mexico—Mesias Church—J. Calleja; Texcoco circuit, L. Morales; Xochiaca circuit, to be supplied; Ayotla circuit, D. Romero; Amecameca circuit, M. Cuevas; Tepetlixpa circuit, P. Rodriguez; Tula circuit, Jose Oliva; Chapulaco circuit, to be supplied; Tulyahualco circuit, Higinio Lozada.

LEON DISTRICT.—*R. W. McDonell, P. E.* Leon, D. Paz; Lagos, to be supplied; Aguascalientes, S. Juarez.

TOLUCA DISTRICT.—*J. Norwood, P. E.* Toluca, S. Gallegos; Metepec, A. Prieto; Rincon, J. M. Martinez; Tlalmimilolpam, A. Rios; Morelia, B. Guerrero; Tenango circuit, S. Reyes; Cuernavaca circuit, P. Martinez; Jojutla circuit, D. O. Monsalvo; Yautepec circuit, J. B. Alarcon; Cuautla circuit, to be supplied.

PEUBLA DISTRICT.—*W. M. Patterson, P. E.* Pueblo, E. D. Herrera; Acatzingo circuit, A. Lopez; Matamoros circuit, F. Gonzalez; Tochimisolco circuit, to be supplied; Orizava circuit, F. Anguiano.

SAN LUIS POTOSI DISTRICT.—*J. W. Grimes, P. E.* San Luis Potosi, T. Valle; Mezquitic circuit, to be supplied.

OAXACA DISTRICT.—*D. W Carter, P. E.* Oaxaca, Luis Prieto; Ejutla circuit, to be supplied.

GUADALAJARA DISTRICT.—*D. F. Watkins, P. E.* Guadalajara, D. F. Watkins; Guadalajara, A. Blanco; Tlajomulco, Crisanto Zepeda; Cuyacapan, Simon Bonilla; Tepic, S. Hernandez; Atengo, Juan Uribe; Colima, A. Portugal; Ahualulco, to be supplied; Zapatlan, to be supplied; Bramador, to be supplied; Ameca, to be supplied; Tequila, to be supplied.

China Mission.

Appointments for 1884, Young J. Allen superentendent:

SHANGHAI DISTTICT.—J. W. Lambuth, P. E.
Trinity Church, Fang Kwung Hoong.
Shanghai ct., Sung Kyung Kway.
Tsih Pau ct., Dzung Jsing San.
Tsing Poo ct., Dzung Sau Tsoong.
Soong-Kong ct., Dzung Yoong Chung.
Clopton School and Woman's Work, Mrs. J. W. Lambuth.
Choong See Shu Yuen, (A. C. U.) G. R. Loehr, Principal; W. W. Royall, Professor of English Languages and Literature; Miss M. Allen and Miss Anna J. Muse, teachers.

NAN-TSIANG DISTRICT.—O. G. Mingledorff, P. E.
Nantsiang ct., Sz Ssz Kia.
Kading and Wang-doo, Lee Tsz Nyi, and one to be supplied.
Pleasant College, Miss Lochie Rankin, Principal.
Anglo-Chinese and Day Schools, Miss Dora Rankin, Principal.

SUCHOW, DISTRICT.—C. F. Reid, P. E.
Suchow City, D. L. Anderson.
Nicholas Church, Dzan Tes Dzeh (alias C. K. Marshall.)
Hospital and Nan Tsong Gyan, Teen Tsing Gee.
Kwun San ct., Tsa Voong Tsang.
Moh Doh ct., Gyong Ling Wo.
Loh Dzeh ct., Dong Mo San.
Buffington Seminary, A. P. Parker, Principal.
Girls' Boarding School, Mrs. A. P. Parker.
Hospital, W. R. Lambuth., W. H. Park.
Total, 27 appointments.

To the Methodists of Texas.

To the Advocate.

The members of the M. E. Church, South, at Sweetwater, are trying to build a house of worship. So far as we can learn there is but one Methodist church building west of us, between this point and the Rio Grande. There is none north for more than one hundred miles. Sweetwater is the county site of Nolan county, situated on the Texas and Pacific railway, two hundred miles west from Fort Worth. Not three years old, it contains over 1000 inhabitants, with Baptist and Christian (Campbellite) church edifices, a school building, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor lodges, and a Council of Friends of Temperance. The population is steadily increasing. Capital is being invested in various enterprises.

This growing frontier must be occupied by the church of the living God. The moral force of Christianity will tend more to the suppression of vice and the maintenance of peace and good order, and to the development of the material, intellectual and moral resources of a country than all other agencies or influences. A Methodist preacher, by virtue of his high-born mission, is a peace officer. A Methodist church is a standing, eloquent and irresistible appeal to quietness and sobriety of life and conduct, and gives "promise of better things." Men and brethren, we earnestly appeal to liberal-hearted, open-handed Methodists and business men whenever disposed to aid us. We own an eligible lot; our membership is small and poor; we are doing what we can; each man is endeavoring to do all that in him lieth. Any amount contributed will be gratefully received and faithfully appropriated.

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To the Preachers of the North Texas Conference.

To the Advocate.

An article under the above caption, to which the signature of J. S. Smith is appended, discusses centenary matters. The writer's opening paragraph is as follows: "One great design of our centennial observance is to raise money. Four objects have been specified—education, church extension, foreign missions and domestic missions."

This statement is incorrect. Only three leading objects have been specified. Domestic missions has not been specified as one of the leading objects for which collections are to be raised as a centennial offering. Brother Smith may simply, by the habit of association, have been led to add domestic after foreign missions. Thus, I suppose the mistake occurred. He seems to have altogether overlooked the action of the conference in regard to our conference claimants, viz: "We commend to our people, as especially worthy of grateful remembrance, our superannuated brethren in the ministry, and the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers. Surely those should not be forgotten, who, by their labors and sacrifices have contributed so much to the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the world." It is not to be supposed, had he carefully considered the action of the conference, above stated, that he would have suggested that no appeal be made to the people this year on behalf of the superannuated preachers, but that the preachers "lay the foundation for a permanent fund for our superannuated brothers." Perhaps he did not reflect upon the fact that centenary matters during the interval between the adjournment of our last conference session and the opening of the next session were placed under the control of an executive board with full power to represent the Annual Conference Centenary Committee. It is worthy of the consideration of all that this executive committee has published an "appeal" showing the action of the conference at the last session especially what objects were specified for which centennial collections should be made, superannuated preachers included. The above-mentioned executive board, consisting of the president, secretary and treasurer of the Annual Conference Centenary Committee has directed that until the next conference session the centennial committees of the respective districts shall have supervision of centennial matters in the several districts.

The annual conference also directed that "all miscellaneous collections raised during the year (this includes all funds which may be raised for superannuated preachers as a centennial collection) shall be reported to the centennial committee at the next session of the annual conference, and that the same shall be reported to the conference." As the collection for the centennial interests are to be reported to the centenary committee and paid into the hands of its treasurer or those empowered to receive the same, I see no necessity for constituting a treasurer to manage this or any other centenary fund. As the centennial matters in each district are, by order of the conference to be managed by the local centenary committee, I hope if any brother has valuable suggestions to make, he will make them either to the executive board or to the centennial committee of the district with which he is connected.—S. J. HAWKINS.

Sunday Travel.

To the Advocate.

I am glad to know that Bro. Joyce and others are opposed to traveling on the train on the Sabbath. It is against God's commandments and against his holy will. I hope that those who do not view it in this way will pause and think, and surely they will see that it is wrong. Ministers are closely observed by the world. Those who are concerned in running the train on the Sabbath feel that they are upheld in it by the preachers who travel on that day, and they go on breaking the Sabbath and neglecting their souls. Ministers know that it is their duty to visit the members of their charge, and others also. If they are faithful workers in the vineyard of the Lord they will not need the train to take them to their appointments on Sunday. God requires them to look after the sinners who are strangers to the church and are unconcerned about their own salvation, perhaps for the want of encouragement and instruction. Christ died for sinners, and surely ministers ought to look after them as they are commanded to do. We should think every day of the great responsibility that rests upon all, and especially on ministers. We should all be more zealous in the cause of Christ, more faithful as soldiers of the cross, and pray to God, our Father, to send his Holy Spirit in convicting and converting power to the hearts of those who do not regard the Sabbath. If we would thus live and act, we would see the fruits of our works, and perhaps there would not be so many judgments on our land, and Christians would be united as faithful soldiers of Christ.—W. J. ISOM.

Why Do Men Write?

To the Advocate.

As I read carefully every week the articles in the ADVOCATE by the various writers, I cannot refrain from asking, "What do men write for?" In the ADVOCATE of March the 8th the first article that attracts my attention is one from A. W. Mangum, and I must say it is a fine production, and worthy to be read by every one. The "Georgia Letter," from the facile pen of G. G. Smith, doubtless will be read with great admiration. The article on "Baptism and Conscience," by James Campbell, is an admirable production, and needs to be read carefully. The refutation of "Hodge's Theology," by W. W. Horner, is an article I greatly admired, and read with deep interest. Another article, well written and pointing out the danger of circulating bad books, by L. L. Picket, should be read by every father and mother. The two articles upon the wine question, by T. A. Lancaster and W. H. Anderson, D. D., "knocks the bottom" out of Bro. Robinson's argument, that "Christ did not make the water wine." These articles doubtless will do great good and meet the aim of the writers; but why did they write them? Because they thought the articles would do good.

Not long since the fanatical absurdity that "Christ did not make the water wine," made its way into print, and I think it would have been much better if it never had been set up in type. The ADVOCATE is too valuable to permit such articles to be published. Men should write to do as much good as possible, and as little harm.—AMICUS VARUS.

Review of a Great and Beneficent Work.

Two recognized epochs of human life have been completed since we began this work. It is meet that we make a halt, long enough at least to take note of the region over which we have journeyed, and to examine the horizon which opens up to us.

Twice seven years ago one of us started single-handed to inaugurate and develope a new use; at once scientific and practical, professional and commercial, business-like and beneficent. They only who have tried it know the difficulties to be encountered in creating an entirely new business and securing its recognized entrance into the rank and file of business. That we have done this gives us the right to speak.

For eight years this single-handed work was prosecuted. The operator had a conviction that in the Compound Oxygen he had found a mode of redeeming his fellow-men from the sufferings of disease, more potent and benign than the world had ever seen. This inspired him with the courage to abandon a lucrative practice which he had been twelve years in building, and to overcome all obstacles in the way of realizing his dream—of proving to the world that his conviction was securely founded. That this has been fully accomplished, thousands of people—either cured or made richer in greatly improved health—stand ready to testify.

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All this provoked a conflict in his mind. He had proof that in the Compound Oxygen there was an agent that would cure many sick ones whose condition would baffle the medical skill of any physicians whom he knew. And many others whom he might cure in six or twelve months would get well in as many weeks under the action of that agent.

Now the question forced itself upon his mind and peremptorily demanded an answer: "What are you going to do with this latter class of patients, who confide to your care the restoration of their health? As a faithful physician, is it not your duty to take the surest and shortest way to secure to them that for which they are paying you?" Well, what is the proposition? "Evidently, send such patients where you know they can be better served than they can be under your care and ministration." But that would be suicidal. "No, the proportion of such patients would be small." True, but the public will not discriminate. They will see only that the doctor sends his patients elsewhere to be cured, and therefore, he lacks confidence in his own medical skill. "Well, there is one way out of the dilemma; get possession of the superior curative agent and thus make peace with your professional conscience and prove yourself a friend to suffering humanity." What, and be jeered by one's friends, and tabooed by one's professional brethren! "That appears to be about the price. But what is the alternative?" Result: He gives up his hard-earned practice, secures at a great price the knowledge of and the right to administer the Compound Oxygen in this city.

This included only the Office Treatment in Philadelphia. Soon he was exercised by the fact that the operation of an office business was very limited. Something must be done to dispense the blessing far and wide. Accordingly, at no little expense, he hastened to make known to his professional brethren the virtues of Compound Oxygen and to furnish them with outfits for administering it. As he ought to have known would have been the case, his efforts excited ridicule and reproaches.

Nothing daunted, he entered upon a long series of experiments, which resulted in the conviction that there was a much better method of accomplishing the end in view than the one which had failed. Hence the widely known Home Treatment.

In this untried field he labored for a year; meeting many failures in his experiments, working hard at details, and creating a literature which the work absolutely required. On the last of June, ten years ago, the practicability of the enterprise was demonstrated. But he had exhausted his resources, broken his health, and almost sacrificed his life. The ship was built and launched, but three years' struggle proved to him that he could not freight and man it. Six and a half years ago he found a man who could appreciate the value of the work in hand. Our united forces have fulfilled the brightest hopes of the pioneer.

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What have we to show in this direction? During those fourteen years we have treated thirty thousand patients. Among these a large proportion had been sick for years. They had exhausted the skill of the best physicians of all schools, different sanitariums, various natural health resorts, shops of nostrum-mongers, and months of hygienic traveling. In many of these cases it has cost more to remove the baleful effects of the treatment practiced on them, than those of the original disease. How many of them have been *desperate* cases may be inferred from the fact that we have filled scores of orders—sent unconditionally—in which the patient had passed beyond the reach of any remedy on its arrival. And out of this unpromising multitude, ninety per cent. have been either cured or greatly benefitted.

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Now what of the future? Having accomplished what we have, and against such odds, our progress hence-forward should be broader, more successful, and more beneficent. As was to have been expected, proprietors of sanitariums and health resorts, whose business has been diverted from them by the popularity of the Compound Oxygen, try to show that our agent is inert. But until they can rationally account for the thousands of wonderful cures effected by it, their tirades are in vain. Of course there are—and there will probably be more—imitators of the Compound Oxygen. Some have already stolen our title, our literature, and even our testimonials. One of them, having obtained from William Penn Nixon an opinion of Compound Oxygen in his own case, now publishes it as though Mr. Nixon was cured by his treatment instead of ours! Some of those agents may be innocuous; but we have a good reason to believe that many of them are positively injurious. They will have their day.

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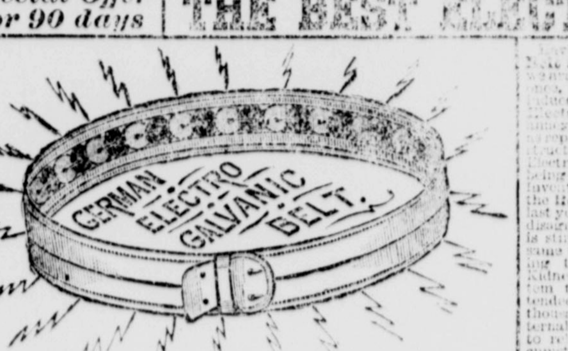

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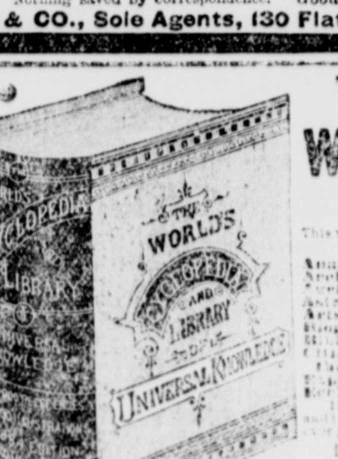

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A countryman, with his bride, stopped at a hotel the other day. At dinner, when the waiter presented a bill of fare, the young man inquired, "What's this?" "Bill of fare, sir," replied the waiter. The countryman took it in his hands, looked inquiringly at his wife and then at the waiter, and finally dived his hand into his pocket and inquired, "How much is it?"

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The increasing demand for HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL in Europe and America, proves to a demonstration the force of its therapeutic qualities, and the blessings which result from its conservative use.

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The term dude has a different meaning in different localities. Out West a dude is a man who mixes water with his whisky.—Philadelphia Call.

WELLS' MAY-APPLE (Liver) PILLS. 10c. and 25c.

"ROUGH ON TOOTHACHE," instant relief. 15c.

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"Call that man insane?" said the judge to the policeman. "I do, your honor, sor." "Nonsense! That man has got more sense than you have." "Faith, an' that may be thrue, yer honor, but it's crazy sense he's got, sor."—Kentucky State Journal.

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"My dear," says Mrs.——to her husband, "I wish you would meet me today in front of Morrison's book store, about 4 o'clock." "Yes love," replied her husband. "And, Henry," continued Mrs.——, "in case you should get there before me you can make a chalk mark on the pavement, and if I get there before you I will rub it out, that you may know I was there."—Life.

"How far is it to Clyde?" asked a weary tramp of a small boy. "Nine miles," replied the lad. "Nine miles yet!" exclaimed the tired walker. "Well," said the boy, "seeing you are pretty tired, I will call it seven."

The sick, worn and dejected should read the advertisement of COLDEN'S LIQUID BEEF TONIC.

"When I was a boy," said Thackeray, "I wanted some taffy. It was a shilling: I hadn't one. When I was a man, I had a shilling; but I didn't want any taffy."

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When one sees a pretty society belle showering impassioned kisses upon the nose of her pet poodle it makes one ready to howl for a $500 tax on dogs, and no mistake.—Burlington Free Press.

"Rough on Corns," for Corns, Warts, Bunions 15c.

Wells' Health Renewer cures Dyspepsia, Impotence.

The "ROUGH ON" TOOTH POWDER, elegant, 15c.

"Do you paint yet?" asked an old friend of a feminine artist, whom she had not seen before for many years "Yes," was the answer, "I still paint. I paint the children red, and I put it on with my slipper."

VARIATIONS in temperature have a marked effect on human constitutions, abnormally checking the secretions in some, and forcing the excretions in others, making a corrective or regulator necessary, which can be found in HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL.

An absent-minded woman in Kentucky put a corn-plaster on a letter and stuck a postage-stamp on her corn. The letter turned up "dead," but the corn is still alive.

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An Illinois girl's heart is located on the right side, and all the medical faculty of the region are puzz'ed about it. Her "best young man" says he always knew her heart was on the right side and doesn't see why any fuss should be made about it.—Hartford Post.

A Lucky Kangaroo Hunter.

One of the most daring Kangaroo hunters of Australia, and his stag hounds, were terribly lacerated by a wounded Kangaroo, on the great sheep ranche of Mr. Alfred Hay, Boomanoomana, N. S. W., and were entirely cured by the use of St. Jacobs Oil. Mr. Hay writes that it is the greatest paincure ever introduced for man or beast.

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The pure, and truly excellent qualities of Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts have secured for them the patronage of the most intelligent ladies in this country. A few cents additional cost does not deter ladies from procuring that known to be pure and wholesome, especially articles that are used in preparing the "necessaries of life."

Wife—"What's the matter on the street, to bring all that crowd together?" Husband—"Mrs. Manton had a fit." Wife—"No, not on the street?" Husband—"Yes, on the street." Wife—"Well, I'll wager a new bonnet that it wasn't in her clothes, unless she has got some I never saw."—Merchant Traveler.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 149 *Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.*

A new Irish journal called the *Dynamite Monthly* has been started in New York. Its object no doubt is to elevate the English aristocracy.—Savannah News.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are excellent for the relief of Hoarseness or Sore Throat. They are exceedingly effective.—*Christian World, London, Eng.*

One of the funniest sights in Washington is said to be a Western congressman trying to lift raw oysters with his knife.—Philadelphia Call.

"No, Charlie, you mustn't call on me; I'm engaged, and Jim won't like it." "Well, he calls on you and I don't like it. I guess I've got as good a right to worry him as he has to worry me."—Hotel Mail.

Young Farmer—"Are you fond of beasts, Miss Gusherton?" Miss Gusherton—"Oh, really, Mr. Pawker, if youmean that as a declaration, you must speak to mamma."—Detroit Post.

Disraeli said a short time before his death: "You cannot convert fifteen thousand tons into twenty thousand tons." This will cause ice dealers to smile until the corners of their mouths get all tangled up on the backs of their necks.—Bismarck Tribune.

CHURCH NOTICES.

DALLAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Plano cir, at Willow Springs, 3d Sun in March
Coch and Caruth, at Cochran, 4th Sun in March
Grapevine, at Minter, 5th Sun in March
Grapevine Springs, at Grapevine Springs, 1st Sun in April
Lewisville, at Prairie Mound, 2d Sun in April
Bethel, at Wesley chapel, 3d Sun in April
Honey Creek, at Union, 4th Sun in April
McKinney station, 1st Sun in May
McKinney cir, at Siffs chapel, 2d Sun in May
Floyd St., 3d Sun in May

J. S. SMITH, P. E.

Bishop Parker's Appointments.

As the brethren desire to arrange for their district conferences, I have agreed to meet the following appointments, so far as the work to which I may be assigned for another year may permit. The unusually early meeting of the bishops and Board of Missions makes my Border Mission appointments late, and leaves me less time for other district conferences:

San Diego (Mexican) dis con, Corpus Christi, April 24-27
San Antonio (Mexican) dis con, San Antonio, May 1-4
Monclova (Mexican) dis con, Eagle Pass, May 8-11
LaGrange, May 18
Waxachie dis con, Lancaster, May 22-25
Victoria dis con, near Edna, June 5-8
New Orleans (German) dis con, New Orleans, June 13-15
Calvert dis con, Kosse, June 26-27
Tyler dis con, Athens, July 3-6
Sherman dis con, Denison, July 10-13
Jefferson dis con, Queen City, July 17-20
Fort Worth dis con, Marystown, July 24-27.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Pilot Point sta, 3d Sunday in March
Whitesboro sta, 4th Sunday in March
Denison sta, 5th Sunday in March
Sherman sta, 1st Sunday in April
Bonham sta, 2d Sunday in April
Bonham cir, at Binkley chapel, 3d Sunday in April
Bell's and Savoy cir, Little Caney, 4th Sunday in April
Potsboro cir, Coffee's chapel, 1st Sunday in May
Gordensville cir, at Cedar Mills, 2d Sunday in May
Whitewright's cir, at Bell's school-house, 3d Sunday in May
Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, 4th Sunday in May
Van Alstyne cir, at Hackberry, 1st Sunday in June
Collinsville mis, at Union, 2d Sunday in June
Sherman cir, at ——, 3d Sunday in June
Fannin cir, High Prairie, 4th Sunday in June

District conference at Denison July, from 10th to 13th, opening at 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Parker will be with us. May God be with us also in great power. Delegates will be elected this round to district conference.

J. M. BINKLEY P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Terrell sta, 4th Sun in March
Mesquite cir, at Rose Hill, 5th Sun in March
Seagoville mis, at Lagoos, 1st Sunday in April
Kaufman cir, at Wilson's chapel, 2d Sun in April
Kemp mis, at Gray's Prairie, 3d Sun in April
Rockwall cir, at ————, 4th Sun in April
Wills' Point sta, 1st Sun in May
Farmersville cir, at Cedar Point 4th Sun in May
Caddo Mills cir, at ————, 2d Sun in May
Roberts mis, at ————, 3d Sun in May
Able Springs cir, at New Salem, 1st Sun in June
Forney cir, 2d Sun in June

The Terrell district conference will convene in Terrell, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in June, at ten o'clock.

R. M. POWERS

PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Crockett cir, at Pleasant Grove, March 29, 30
Lovelady cir, at Prairie Chapel, April 5, 6
Groveton mis, April 12, 13
Mt Vernon cir, at Prairie View, April 19, 20
Palestine cir, at Woodland Hall, April 26, 27
Alto cir, at Boden, May 3, 4
Rusk cir, at Rusk, May 10, 11
Jacksonville cir, May 17, 18
Kickapoo cir, May 24, 25

At these quarterly conferences delegates to the district conference will be elected. Please have your men selected.

R. W. THOMPSON, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Buena Vista cir, at Snow Hill March 29, 30
Carthage and Concord, at Carthage, April 5, 6
Center cir, at Sand Hill, April 12, 13
Beckville cir, at Kehoboth, April 19, 20
Shelbyville cir, at Strory's s h, April 26, 27
San Augustine and Union, May 3, 4
Sexton cir, at Black Jack, May 10, 11
Hemp Hill mis, at Hemp Hill, May 17, 18
Nacogdoches sta, May 24, 25
Linn Flat and Dougles, May 31, June 1
Melrose cir, June 7, 8
Pine Hill, June 14, 15

J. W. JOHNSON, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Uvalde, Sat, March 29
Barksdale mis, at Barksdale, Sat, April 5
Sabinal mis, at Leaky, Sat, April 12
Bandera mis, at West Prong s h, Sat, April 19
Sacramental meeting at Bandera, Sat, April 26
Lavernia cir, at Wesley chapel, Sat, May 3
Pleasanton cir, at Benton, Sat, May 17

District conference at Waresville, to include 3d sunday in August.

H. S. THRALL, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Marysville cir, March 29, 30
Gainesville cir, April 5, 6
Dexter cir, April 12, 13
Aubrey cir, April 19, 20
Denton cir, April 26, 27
Rosston sta, May 3, 4
Denton sta, May 10, 11
Decatur sta, May 17, 18
Decatur cir, May 24, 25
Aurora mis, May 31, June 1

W. F. EASTERLING, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Shearn Memorial church, Houston, March 24
Red Bluff and Alvin mis, March 29

The district stewards are earnestly requested to meet me at Shearn church at 7 o'clock Monday, March 24, 1884. Brethren, do not fail to be present, as this is an important meeting.

T. W. ROGERS, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Spurger mis, at Village Mills, March 22, 23
Woodville cir at Big Springs, March 29, 30
Orange sta, at Orange, April 5, 6
Beaumont and Sabine Pass, at Sabine Pass, April 12, 13
Jasper cir, at Clear Creek, April 19 20
Newton cir, at Spears' chapel, April 26, 27
Jasper sta, at Jasper, May 3, 4
Homer cir, at Red Land, May 10, 11
Livingston cir, at Pleasant Hill, May 17, 18
Moscow and Livingston sta, at Livingston, May 24, 25
Liberty cir, at ————, May 31, June 1
Wallisville mis, at ————, June 7, 8

Trout Creek quarterly conference will be held in connection with that of Newton circuit, April 26.

GEO. A. LECLERE, P. E.

STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Duffau, at Duffau, 4th Sun in March
Mountain mis, at Cranfield's Gap, March 26
Iredell and Meridian, at Iredell, 5th Sun in March
Jonesboro, at Lane's chapel, 1st Sun in April
Clifton, at Mt. Pleasant, 2d Sun in April
Stephenville sta, 3d Sun in April
Stephenville cir, at Green's ch 4th Sun in April

S. S. SCOTT, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

Burton and Giddings, March 23, 24
Mt. Pleasant mis, April 4

I. Z. T. MORRIS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Wichita mis, at Whaley's Bend, 4th Sun in March
Archer mis, at Archer City, 5th Sun in March
Dye Mound mis, at Mt Tabor, 1st Sun in April
Montague and Bowie, at Bowie, 2d Sun in April
Post Oak mis, at Wesley chapel, 3d Sun in April
Chico cir, at Craffton, 4th Sun in April
Sunset cir, at Rock Hill, 1st Sun in May
St. Jo cir, at Shiloh, 2d Sun in May

M. C. BLACKBURN, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Longview sta, March 22, 23
Harrison, at Union chapel, March 29, 30
Hallville, at Summerfield, April 12, 13
De Berry, at Harmony, April 19, 20
Marshall sta, April 26, 27

JOHN ADAMS.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND

Rancho, 4th Sunday in March
Floresville, 5th Sunday in March.

W. MONK, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Huntsville cir, at San Jacinto, March 29, 30
Waverly mis, at ————, April 5 6
Spring Creek mis, at ————, April 12, 13
Navasota at Navasota, April 19, 20

H. V. PHILPOTT, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Headville mis, at Wesley Chapel, March 29, 30

FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Mill Creek, at Kingsberry, 4th Sun in March
Perdinales mis, at Young's chapel, 5th Sun in March
Blanco cir, at Johnson City, 1st Sun in April
San Marcos sta, 2d Sun in April
Seguin sta, 3d Sun in April

W. J. JOYCE, P. E.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Boxville, at Boxville, 4th Sunday in March
Concrete, at Concrete, 5th Sunday in March
Leesville, at Floyd's chapel, 1st Sunday in April
Middletown, at Middletown, 2d Sunday in April
Texana, at Morales, 3d Sunday in April

J. T. GILLETT, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.

Flatonia sta, March 29, 30.

C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Caddo Peaks, 4th Sunday in March
Buffalo Gap, 5th Sunday in March
Sweet Water, 1st Sunday in April
Abilene, 2d Sunday in April
Colorado, 3d Sunday in April
Rising Star, 4th Sunday in April
DeLeon, 1st Sunday in May

Gilleland's Ranch quarterly conference will be held with Caddo Peaks, 4th Sunday in March.

J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bosqueville cir, at Greenwood, March 29, 30
Mt Calm cir, at Bowman Grove, April 5, 6
Corsicana cir, at Pleasant Grove April 12, 13
Thornton cir, at Bethel, April 19, 20
Dresden cir, at Cryer Creek, April 26, 27
Mexia cir, at Shiloh, May 3, 4
Wortham cir, at ——, May 10, 11

District conference will convene at Mt. Calm, Wednesday, June 25, 1884.

E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Jacksboro and Carroll Creek, March 29, 30
Cartersville, at Veal's Station, April 5, 6
Vineyard City, at Fairview, April 12, 13
Weatherford sta, April 19, 20
Weatherford mis, Olive Branch, April 26, 27
Graham sta, May 3, 4
Salt Hill, May 10, 11
Graham mis, May 17, 18
Seymour mis, May 31, June 1

District conference will convene in Jacksboro, May 22, at 9 a. m.

C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Pecan mis, March 29, 30
Comanche cir, April 5, 6
Bibb mis, April 12, 13
Lampasas cir, April 26 27
Huggins Gap mis, May 3, 4
Plum Creek cir, May 7
Hamilton cir, May 10, 11
Senterfit mis, May 17, 18
Coleman mis, May 31, June 1
Runnels mis, June 7, 8

J. K. LANE, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST—SECOND ROUND.

Sulphur Springs cir, at Pine Forest, March 15, 16
Campbell cir, at Campbell, March 22, 23
Lone Oak cir, at Lone Oak, March 29, 30
Lake Fork mis, at Pleasant Divide, April 5, 6
Kingston cir, at Harrell's chapel, April 12, 13
Greenville sta, April 19, 20
Black Jack cir, at New Hope, April 26, 27
Sulphur Bluff cir, at Dennis chapel, May 3,
Sulphur Springs sta, May 10, 11
Winsboro cir, at Forest Home, May 17, 18
Quitman cir, at Shady Grove, May 24, 25.
Leesburg cir, at Pleasant Hill, June 1, 2

R. LANE, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Fort Worth mis, Aledo, 4th Sunday in March
Marystown cir, Prairie Springs, 5th Sunday in March
Itasca cir, Itasca, 1st Sunday in April
Grand View cir, Files' Valley, 2d Sunday in April
Cleburne sta, 3d Sunday in April
Nolan River cir, Newhope, 4th Sunday in April
Forth Worth sta, 1st Sunday in May

W. R. D. STOCKTON, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Clarksville, 4th Sunday in March
Paris cir, 5th Sunday in March
Dodd City cir, 1st Sunday in April
Ladonia cir, 2d Sunday in April
Honey Grove cir, 3d Sunday in April
Brookston mis, 4th Sunday in April
Cooper cir, 1st Sunday in May
Woodland cir, 2d Sunday in May
Rosalie cir, 3d Sunday in May.
Annona cir, 4th Sunday in May

T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

EASTLAND DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Acton cir, at Fall Creek, March 29, 30
Cisco mis, at Pleasant Valley, April 5, 6
Granbury sta, April 12, 13
Paluxy cir, at Post Oak Grove, April 16
Lipan cir, at ——, April 19, 20
Ranger mis, at Cedar Springs, April 26, 27
Throckmorton mis, at Throckmorton, May 10, 11
Breckenridge cir, at Crystal Falls, May 17, 18

A. K. MILLER, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Rice and Chatfield cir, at Marvin chapel, March 29, 30
Reagor cir, at Thomas' school-house, April 5, 6
Red Oak Cir, at Bear Creek, April 12, 13
Italy cir, at Mill Creek, April 19, 20
Irene cir, at Cross Roads, April 26, 27
Sims and Glennwood cir, at Glennwood, May 3, 4
Ennis cir, at Pearidge, May 10, 11

The district conference will convene at Lancaster on the 22d of May. Bishop Parker is to preside. I hope the stewards will do all in their power to make a good financial report at the approaching quarterly meeting.

R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Burnet cir, at Station, 4th Sunday in March
Burnet sta, 5th Sunday in March
Belton cir, at Mt Vernon, 1st Sunday in April
Corn Hill, at Live Oak, 2d Sunday in April
Liberty Hill, at Liberty Hill, 3d Sunday in April
Sugar Loaf, at Killeen, 4th Sunday in April
Belton sta, 1st Sunday in May
Round Rock, at Old Round Rock, 2d Sunday in May
Ocnaville, at Camp Creek, 3d Sunday in May
Salado, at Mt Home, 4th Sunday in May
South Gabriel, at ——, 1st Sunday in June

Delegates to district conference elected this round. District conference will embrace fifth Sunday in June, at Salado.

GEO W. GRAVES, P. E.

TYLER DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Starville cir, at Bethel, March 29, 30
Garden Valley cir, at Pleasant Grove, April 5, 6
Edom cir, at Tunnel chapel, April 12, 13
Canton cir, Bethlehem, April 19, 20
Malakoff cir, April 26, 27
Athens cir, May 5, 6
Tyler sta, May 10, 11

The district conference for the Tyler district, East Texas Conference, will be held at Athens, July 3-6. The presence of our esteemed Bishop, Linus Parker, D. D., is pledged for the occasion. We shall expect a large attendance and good reports from the pastoral charges. Nothing short of a glorious centennial revival will meet the demands of the occasion and the expectations of the preachers and the people. To this let us look, labor and pray.—R. S. FINLEY, P. E.

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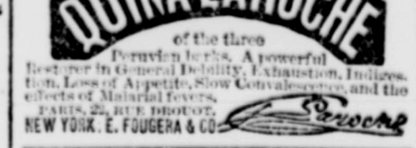

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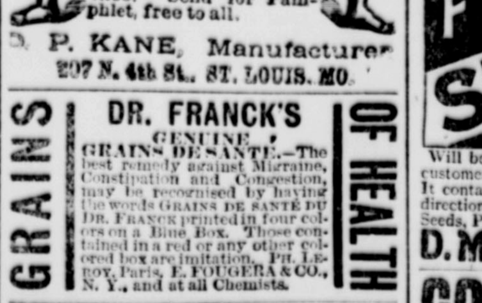

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"We need a church very much, but are not able to build."

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These, with many like expressions, are almost weekly coming to us from persons in our own (Texas) conference. If we had $20,000 we could expend it on church buildings in our bounds in less than three months, and not put one cent of it in a fancy or costly building, and then not have half enough to meet the present demand, to say nothing of meeting the demand ten years ahead of us. This will give the people only a hint as to what good can come out of building houses for the Lord's people; and it will serve to let them know how our work is hindered by not having our own place of worship in every community. The question is: How can we get them? By aid from the Church Extension Board? Yes! But do we want the board to build our churches completely for us? I do not believe there is a community in Texas that desires this. Nor is this the object of the board. We love to help the child to walk that makes an effort to walk, but one that sits down and whines and makes no effort to walk, we turn away from in disgust. This board is always ready to hold out its hands to those people who are doing all they can to build churches in which to worship God. Let every church secure a plot of ground and get all they can in the community; then let every person in the bounds of our conference make a donation to the Church Extension Board. Let every preacher send all he can get, as soon as he receives it, to R. J. Price, our treasurer, at Bastrop, and then let every church that needs help send 10 cents to me for a blank application for aid, and fill it out and return to me. We will do our best to assist each church. Brethren, I do believe one way to drive the devil out of this country is to build churches. I hope to see the time when the suggestion, "Our day at that place is the first Sunday, and if you do not put our quarterly meeting on that day you will clash"—will cease to be heard in our quarterly conferences. We can build as many churches as we need by the help of the Church Extension Board; and, as Dr. Martin says, "by the help of the Lord." How? Not with people—we have them; not with revivals, but with MONEY. Let us have it, ye Methodist of the Texas Conference. You have it, and we know it; for all over the conference improvement in everything is the watch-word. May the Lord put it into your hearts to respond liberally when his servants make this call upon you. We expect to do great things this year in this work all over the conference. If we do not, I do not think we ought to be in a hurry to face the judgment.—I. Z. T. MORRIS.

BRENHAM, March 6.

P. S.—We have made application to the Parent Board for at least $2000, which is twice our assessment. So we expect to get not only the 50 per cent. back, but 100 per cent.—all we pay—and more besides will be spent in our own conference.

CHRISTIAN LIFE.

A Swearer Reproved.

Some little children were sitting one day on the step of a door singing, as they often do, some of their favorite hymns. They were suddenly surprised by a half-drunken man, who came up to them, and muttering an oath, said, "Does your master teach you nothing but singing those foolish hymns?" "Yes," said a sharp little fellow about six years of age, "He tells us it is wicked to swear." The poor man seemed ashamed of his conduct, and passed on without further remark.

What He Is.

A man's life does not consist in *what he has*, but *in what he is*, his capability of enjoyment, and in what *he does* to increase the enjoyment of others. The superabundance is absolutely useless. He cannot manage it. A man may have a hundred millions in the bank. He can only use now what will pay for his dinner. All over is now useless to him. And so it will be at any moment of his life. A man that is great and good is happy. A man that is neither is wretched.—*From the Deems Birthday Book.*

Gifts and Graces.

Appolios of Alexandria was mighty in the Scriptures, eloquent, fervent, zealous, and sincerely religious, but he did not "help them which had believed," nor "mightily convince the Jews" until under the enlightening instructions of Aquila and Priscilla, he sought and found the faith which brought him the baptism of the Holy Ghost. His natural gifts commanded public attention and made him an interesting speaker; but his possession of the Holy Spirit made him a man of power. Is it not true to-day that many popular preachers, lacking the fullness of the Spirit's baptism, accomplish little more than to draw large congregations? Fruitful of popularity, they are yet barren of the proper fruit of the minister—the spiritual edification of believers and the conversion of sinners. Alas! that it should be so, when the Holy Ghost is waiting with divine desire to give them the baptism of fire, would they only ask it with faith on which its bestowment is conditioned.—*Zion's Herald.*

Paddling and Praying.

Said Thomas Jones, an old colored preacher: "When I was escaping from slavery, and found myself out on the ocean, I prayed God to help me, and he *did* help me. I found some boards and got on them. Well, what did I do then? Did I stop praying, and think because I had got a few boards I could go alone now, and didn't need the lord's help any more? No! I kept on praying, and held on to the boards. Well, what did I do then? Sit still, and expect the Lord to carry me safely through, and think that I had nothing to do? No! I took a stick for a paddle, and went to paddling and praying. I did not sit still, like those who have a name to live, and are dead; but I just went to paddling, and I did not forget to pray; and by paddling and praying I got through. So God expects us to pray and also to paddle, and not wait for him to do the work that he has set us to do."

There is sound philosophy in the old man's talk. Paddling is needful, as well as praying; and a more ancient teacher once declared that "Faith without works is dead, being alone."—*Selected.*

Remember.

A good part of duty is expressed in the simple imperative, Remember. In the hurry of daily life there are hundreds of things left undone which ought to be done, and in the majority of cases it is not willful neglect but forgetful neglect, which is to blame. The things which appeal most strongly to our attention in this mart of Vanity Fair are not the things whose acquirement by us would be to the greater glory of God or our own good. Beneath the noises which break upon the ear with their suggestions of forbidden pleasure, there are softer voices which whisper of better things than are to be found amid the brawling and blustering of those whose trade is in the souls of men; and it is concerning those neglected duties, and concerning those better things, unseen and apt to be forgotten, yet all-powerful for weal, that the Spirit often speaks in the ear of the forward and careless child of God the single, sufficient word: Remember. Where that word is heeded, the soul is snatched from peril; where it is unheeded, another barrier in the way to death goes down. Where the memory of God's teachings, with respect to right and wrong, is ever present to the mind, there is less chance of transgression; where that memory does not exist, transgression is absolutely certain.—*Sunday School Times.*

Obituaries.

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ELLISOR.—Miss L. N. Ellisor was born July 8, 1861, and died Jan. 29, 1884. For some years she had been a member of the Methodist Church. She died in the faith. Death had lost his terrors to her. She knew she was going to die, and spoke of going home, and of the beauties thereof. Asking her friends to meet her in heaven, she fell asleep.—J. H. CHAMBLISS.

SIMS.—Emma Frances Sims, daughter of P. C. and M. A. Sims, was born Dec. 19, 1861; professed religion Aug. 20, 1875, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent member till her death, Jan. 6, 1884. We buried her at Bethel. There were a great many weeping relatives and friends present to witness this last tribute of respect. May grace divine sustain her parents in their bereavement.—W. VAUGHAN.

KING.—Andrew J. King was born in Lincoln county, Tenn., March 16, 1817, and died in Bowie county, Texas, March 6, 1883. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at an unknown date, and was a consistent member when death came to call him home. He said he was ready; his cup was full, and the oil was in his lamp. Thus a veteran servant of God has gone to his reward, and to meet his friends on the other shore. Christians should be thankful for such evidences of the truth of Christianity.—P. R. EAGLEBARGER.

RHOADS.—J. M. Rhoads was born in Carrolls county, Tennessee, Jan. 15, 1853. His parents moved to Texas in the fall of 1853. He was married to Miss D. L. Crag, in Hunt county, Texas, Jan. 5, 1873. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1868, in Hunt county, Texas, and lived a consistent Christian until the day of his death, which took place at his home in Jack county, Texas, Feb. 25, 1884. When the summons came it doubtless found him ready, and may it be thus with us.—J. G. PUTMAN.

HEART.—The death of Bro. Alford Heart created quite a panic in his church at Rosedale the last of February, 1884. Alford was a young and useful member of our church. He lived a consistent member from the time of his conversion up to his death. He suffered immense misery, but died conscious that he was, as he said, "prepared to go." His walk was loud preaching to his class; but he has crossed the Jordan to meet a class of his own name who have gone before him. Happy are they who die in Christ.—W. J. BLUDWORTH.

BROWN.—Died, near Hackberry, Lavaca county, Texas, Dec. 11, 1883, Effa Earl, daughter of John W. and M. L. Brown, aged 2 years and 19 days. Effa was an intelligent and lovely child, and was loved and petted by the family and relatives. Pet is gone; she is missed; her place is vacant. Weep not, fond parents, for your loss is her sure gain. She stands to-day clothed in her lily white robe awaiting your coming. Thus another earthly tie has been broken, forming another tie in heaven to help you meet her and other loved ones who have gone before.—F. W. SIMMONS.

BARNES.—Brother J. R. C. Barnes has passed to the church triumphant. He is sadly missed in the community in which he lived. Earth becomes poorer and heaven is made richer when the good man dies. Brother B. was born in Mississippi, in 1844, and moved to Texas with his parents, Sam and Lucinda Barnes, in his early childhood. He grew up in Tyler county, and married Miss S. E. Seamons in 1868. He joined the M. E. Church, South, several years before his death, and was a consistent member. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss.—CHAS. H. MARTIN.

HODGES.—Sister E. J. Hodges, wife of James C. Hodges, was born Oct. 7, 1844, and died in Audubon, Wise county, Texas, Feb. 7, 1884. She professed religion in her fifteenth year, joined the M. E. Church South, and lived a consistent, faithful Christian life until God called her from labor and suffering to her reward, which she no doubt enjoys to-day. Sister Hodges was a true Methodist, a loving, patient mother, and a faithful wife. She leaves many friends, a husband, and several children to mourn. May God bless and take care of Bro. Hodges and his dear little children, and bring them all at last to that rest that remains to the people of God.—T. W. MORTON.

BARKER.—Brother Logan D. Barker was born in Lamar county, Texas, May 3, 1857; moved with his parents to Kaufman county, when quite young; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1877; was married to Susan E. Jones in 1878, and moved to Cook county in 1882, where he died, Feb. 22, 1884. He leaves a wife, three children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn, but not as those who have no hope. May He who tempers the mind to the shorn lamb help them to bear up under this sad bereavement, and to emulate his example in order to a happy reunion in the sweet bye-and-bye. "blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they do cease from their labors, and their works do follow them."—MOOD JONES.

BOYKIN.—James Kintchin Boykin was born in Choctaw county, Ala., Dec. 15, 1853; was dedicated to God in infancy; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about fifteen years of age, and lived an acceptable member until Feb. 12, 1884, when he fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Leon county, Texas. Jimmy was truly a good boy, ever obedient to his parents, kind and loving to his brothers and sisters. He was a devoted husband, a strict yet forbearing father, a quiet and peaceable citizen, and a meek and humble Christian. He leaves a father, mother, wife, five children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to wait the resurrection morn, when the smile of earthly joy will be heightened into the joys of heaven. May the Lord help us to be faithful to the end.—WM. J. BOYKIN.

KENDALL.—Minerva V. Kendall (nee Wood) was born in Weekly county, Tenn., Nov. 10, 1848; she moved to Texas in 1854; professed religion in 1857; was married to P. L. Kendall Oct. 19, 1865, and died at her home in Limestone county, Oct. 10, 1883. She left a husband, six children, a host of relatives and many friends. I found a home at the house of Bro. Kendall the first year of my ministry. Sister Kendall was one of the most consistent Christians I ever knew; but she has gone to be with the Lord. She died as she had lived. The grace that blessed her life comforted her in a dying hour, and will sustain the bereaved husband and save the motherless children. May the Lord administer to them an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom through our Lord Jesus Christ.—C. S. MCCARVER.

WARD.—Willie H. Ward was born Feb. 21, 1868, and died Feb. 6, 1884. Willie was a good boy. He was beloved by his playmates and respected by his teachers. He had been afflicted from childhood. In his last illness he complained but little. Once he tried to sing, but his voice was too weak. He called his little sister and said: "Follow me." To his mother he said: "You have prayed for me—I am going to heaven." His last word was the first his infant tongue learned to speak, "Oh, mother!" He is gone, but the will of God is accomplished. We miss thee, dearest boy. Thy vacant seat is seen. To-day his spirit sits and sings redeeming love with his two little sisters and grandpa. They wait our coming. It will not be long. Oh, that we may be an unbroken family in heaven.—J. F. W.

MCILHANY.—Sister Mary C. McIlhany, wife of Prof. J. W. McIlhany, died at her home in Dublin, Texas, Feb. 26, 1884. A few days before her death she called her weeping husband and children and talked freely about death and her hopes of heaven. She said she would die, but her way was clear. She loved God and believed all of God's Word. She was early left an orphan, but God had taken care of her, and she was sure he would take care of her children. She leaves a husband and four little children, one a babe only a few days old. A true wife and good mother awaits her loved ones in the home above. She suffered much, but she "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." Several times during her sickness she sang a hymn, or part of a hymn. May God comfort the bereaved ones, and may they meet her in the home of the good and pure.—E. A. SMITH.

SPOONER.—Mrs. S. N. Spooner was born in Franklin county, Va., Aug. 1, 1810, and died in Gonzalez, Texas, Jan. 15, 1884, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Belding, where for years she had enjoyed a most happy and loving home. The religion of "Grandma" Spooner was after the apostolic kind. Forty-one years before her death she sought, not so much a place in the church as a thorough change of heart and a gift of the Holy Ghost. These were given her, and her life afterwards was in accordance thereto. She enjoyed her religion, communing constantly with the Spirit. She gloried in the cross, loved the people of God, and spoke evil of no one. Her sickness and death were spiritually beautiful. Fearing no evil, she approached the end under a strong light, in full assurance of a glorious immortality. The Lord bring her loved ones at last to the same home of rest.—ALANSON BROWN.

BEMAN.—Mrs. Elitha Childs Beman, who died Feb. 29, 1884, was born in Pittsfield, Mass., March 30, 1809. Her ancestry were patriots, and were active in the "Boston-tea-spilling." She became a member of the Congregational Church in her fourteenth year. In 1858, at St. Louis, she united with the Methodist communion under Bishop Marvin, and in that church she continued unto death. Previous to the war she was matron of the "Home of the Homeless" in Memphis, Tennessee. Left a widow at an early age, with eight children, she struggled along with the heroism that so often adorns the widowed motherhood. She was a woman of intelligence, admirable character and unshaken faith. One of that sisterhood, who, almost unseen by worldly vision, strengthen the basis of human society by noble endurance and a quiet practice of the human virtues. Peace to them.—B. R. P.

ALLEN.—Mary Ann Allen, daughter of T. M. and S. E. Towles, was born in Georgia, Aug. 25, 1851, and died in Eastland county, Texas, March 1, 1884. She was married to R. M. Allen, Dec. 29, 1872. She embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in her fourteenth year, in Robertson county, Texas. She was a true Christian and a devoted friend to the ministry. She loved her parents, brothers and sisters, and was kind to her friends. Being very cheerful when in health, it required much patience to suffer for twelve months, as she did; but God's grace was sufficient. When she could no longer speak distinctly she pointed upward, and her last word was, "Glory!" We preached her funeral from John v:28, 29, at Jewel Church, to a large concourse of friends, and then buried her according to our burial service, to await the resurrection, when husband, parents, brothers, sisters, and friends will meet her, if faithful, to part no more.—GEO. F. FAIR.

WILSON.—Nancy Wilson was born Sept. 2, 1814; married to Reuben Wilson March 17, 1830, and died near Dawson, Navarro county, Texas, July 10, 1883. A faithful wife, a tender and patient mother, is gone. I am not informed as to her age when converted and united with the church, but I know she was a Christian ripe in a sound experience, and well developed in all the graces of the Holy Spirit. Her house was the preacher's home for many years. No woman ever waited on them with a more careful, painstaking spirit than she did. I made her acquaintance about 1862, and can truly say I have never known a more saintly woman. She leaves an aged husband, two sons and two daughters, with a large circle of Christian friends who mourn her absence. She leaves upon them the rich benediction of a consecrated, useful life. Bro. Wilson, who is ripe for his change, lingers near the shore amidst the long shadows of the last evening. The night will soon come, then the sleep, then the awakening and the meeting to part no more. May the children and grandchildren follow in her footsteps, making finally an undivided family in heaven.—A. DAVIS.

COURSEY.—Gideon Mason Coursey was born in Jones county Georgia, Feb., 13th, 1805. He professed religion at a Methodist camp-meeting in 1823, and was married to Miss Levenia Braddy in 1829. He was licensed to exhort by Ruford Farris in 1835, and moved to Kentucky, where he was licensed to preach in 1836. He moved to Illinois, and from there to Texas in 1841. He sustained the relation to the church of a local preacher until he was too infirm to labor in that capacity. He was useful, and was often urged to become an itinerant, but his wife being an invalid, he would not assume that relation. He was married the second time in 1873, to Miss Nancy M. Pierson. He died near Bremond, Feb. 5th, 1884. His end was peaceful. His anxious wife, seeing that the end was near, asked if he thought the Lord would let him die. "No, not die," said he, "but sleep." He talked much of death, or rather of going home, and esteemed it a great privilege to be permitted to go and live with Christ. Brother Coursey had suffered much; had been most entirely deaf for a number of years, and was entirely blind for some four years before the last. He believed in sanctification, taught it, and experienced it no doubt. A good man has gone to his reward. May the good Lord sustain the bereaved ones left behind.—T. F. DIMMITT.

MANUEL.—Mary Ann E. Manuel, daughter of John and Mary Jane Fitzgerald, was born in Polk county (now San Jacinto county), Texas, Oct. 7, 1862, and died in Runnels county, Feb. 11, 1884. She made a bright profession of religion at the age of 14 years and joined the Baptist Church, about two years after which she united with Samuel H. Manuel in holy wedlock; and he, being a member of the Methodist Church, she, desiring to encourage her husband in his Christian course, of her own free will attached herself to the same church, that they might walk together the path that leads to eternal life. She leaves a heart-stricken husband and two bright little children, respectively two and four years old. We are all greatly bereaved. She was a loving daughter, a devoted wife, an affectionate mother, and an exemplary and sweet-spirited Christian. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." She sang with the spirit and with the understanding. It was a delight to hear her sing. The lamp of life went out with the setting sun, but her pure spirit winged its way to the morn of eternal day. We may not always understand the providences of God, yet there is no more beautiful or cheering idea than that those who are taken from us here are borne to brighter and higher duties. How rich the consolation to grieving hearts. A dear one is from our household gone—a voice we loved is still.—WM. MANUEL.

NASH.—Miss Buia E. daughter of J. C. and M. T. Nash, was born in Wood county, Texas, November, 5th, 1868; died February 3d, 1884. She had arrived at the age when life appears full of hope's dreams of the future, and when every moment seemed to be freighted with more of pleasure's sweets than could be grasped or realized; but while "time on his too adventurous car," bore life with its pleasures fleetingly by, she had not failed to learn that "life was real, and life was earnest, and the grave is not its goal," for by faith in a crucified Redeemer, in 1881, she realized the forgiveness of her sins, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Cotton-wood church, Fairfield circuit, Freestone county, Texas, in which she lived until she met with her sad death. She was the sunshine of her parents' home, for she had arrived at that age when daughters are peculiarly interesting to parents. She was much loved by all her friends and acquaintances; but death came, and as she said, let us say, "the Lord's will." She went down in the field to help her mamma burn off some grass, when her clothes caught fire and she was burned from her knees to her waist, into a solid crisp, before her father could get to her and extinguish the fire. She walked to the house, one hundred yards or more, kneeled by her bed and prayed, "God's will be done." For God to raise her, if it was his will, and if not, to save her in Heaven. Glory be to God for a Savior who does not leave us in death's trying hour. May God comfort and save her parents and friends from too bitter grief.—C. M. KEITH.

To the officers, teachers and pupils of the Sunday school of the M. E. Church South, at Cold Springs, Texas, March 2:

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions, expressive of the feelings of our Sunday-school at the loss, by death, of our beloved superintendent, Bro. Z. T. Ross, would present the following, to wit:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, by death, our beloved teacher, friend and superintendent, Bro. Z. T. Ross; Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That it is with profoundest sorrow we realize our loss therein, yet we humbly bow to this stroke of His mighty will, and submit thereto with Christian resignation, believing that our God in Heaven doth know that which is best for his own.

Resolved, 2nd. That in his death the Sabbath-school has lost one of its most earnest and faithful friends and supporters; The church, a Christian member and zealous worker; his family a devoted husband and father, and this community one of her most useful citizens, whose place will not be easily filled.

Resolved, 3rd. That we tender to the wife and loved ones of the deceased, our deepest sympathy in this, their sore bereavement, and point them to the comforting promises of our beloved Master, among which he has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

Resolved 4th. That the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE be requested to publish these resolutions, and that the secretary of the school hand a copy of the same to the family of deceased, and that these proceedings be spread on the minutes of the Sunday-school.

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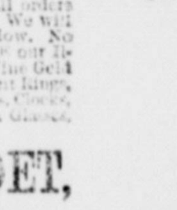

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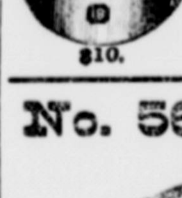

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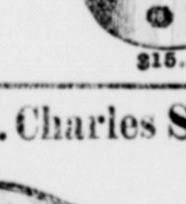

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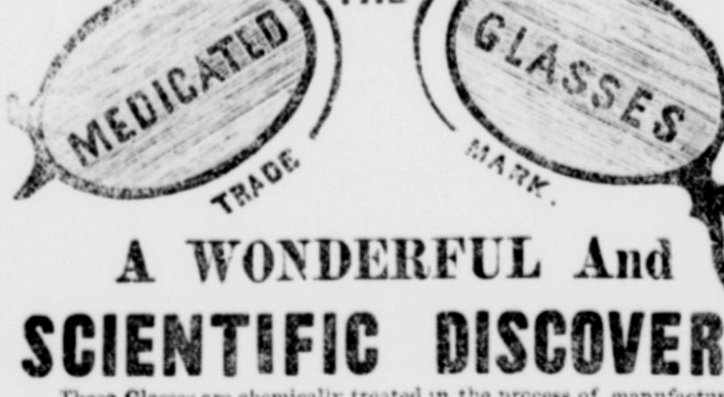

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An old agricultural correspondent writes us to know "whether hogs pay." Some hogs pay and some do not. Quite a number take the paper several years and then send it back marked "Refused."

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"Why did you put that nickel with a hole in it in the contribution box?" asked one man of another. "Because I couldn't put the hole in without the nickel, and I had to put in something."

For the year '84 Gaskell's Compendium has been enlarged two hundred pages, with beautifully colored plates included. The Imperial Highway is enlarged, rearranged and beautified. Elegant Family Bibles improved. Agents wanted everywhere. G. W. Borland & Co., 912 Elm St., Dallas, Texas.

A Bismarck young man recieved a letter from his girl back in Pennsylvania in which she said: "Oh hunny my Lof for You invilops Mi hart in Chanes of Golden Fier And swamps mi sole in a see of Roasy blis." The case is more serious than he thought it was.

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"Don't give it away, please, Mildred," said Amy to the high school girl, after reciting an escapade in which she had been engaged. "No, "replied Mildred, "I'll make no gratuitous presentation of it."—Oil City Derrick.

As a Tonic take I. X. L. Chill Cure, one teaspoonful in a wine glass of water, three times a day. It will give strength and remove all Malaria. M. D. Conklin & Co., Proprietors, Houston, Texas.

In a railway carriage: An old soldier, noticing that his pipe troubled a lady, said to her: "They don't smoke in your regiment, ma'am?" "In my regiment, it is possible," replied the lady, "but in my company, never!"—French Wit.

Chas Coston, Green county Ill., says, "After suffering with Scrofula for 15 years, Lowell's Lease of Life completely cured me"

"So you say your husband loves you, Mary?" "Oh, he dotes wildly upon me." "Indeed; but he'll soon get over that." "What makes you think so?" "Because men generally soon get over sowing their wild dotes."—Somerville Journal.

OLIVER BROS., of Dallas, Texas, Manufacturers of Shirts and Underwear, have demonstrated to the people of Texas that money can be saved to the consumer by purchasing their goods. The material used in the manufacture of their shirts and underwear is of better quality than that used by other manufacturers, while the work is far superior to such goods made out of the State. The firm guarantee a perfect fit in any instance. All orders sent by mail will receive prompt and careful attention. Full instructions for self-measurement sent on application. Persons who may patronize this house will not only save money, but will patronize a home industry.

"Yes," she said to her escort as they glided around the rink, "I do so love roller skating. When we are sailing around this way our souls seem to be floating away toward heaven, and——" At this point both of her soles floated away toward heaven, while the rest of her smote the earthly floor with a mighty smite.

Bismark on American Pork

Says: Among its many evils we encounter Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Flux, Cholera-Morbus, Passive Hemorrhage, etc., all of which are prevented and cured when Dr. Folsom's Indian Diarrhoea cordial is used.

One of our religious monthlies, which has a large "free-list," lately sent the names of its subscribers in a certain town to one of the number, asking him to report whether all of them were still living in the place and regularly recieving the copies mailed to them. He replied: "All here except Brother S——. He went to heaven last summer. His widow and children remain here permanently."

J. J. Mullane, Freight agent G. C. & S. F. Ry Ft. Worth, Texas writes, "Texas Chill Syrup cured me of chills after many other remedies had failed. I cheerfully recommend it."

There is a belief in England that all Americans live in affluence. A great many of us do, but some Americans live in Southern New Jersey.—Philadelphia Call.

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A young writer asks us if we know "any way by which the imagination can be goaded into a trance-like presentation of strange plots and conceptions." Young man, have you ever tried delirium tremens?—Burlington Free Press.

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Bolivar's Statue.

The bronze equestrian statue of Gen. Simon Bolivar, which is to be presented to the United States by the government of Venezula, has been completed and set up at a bronze manufactory in Mercer street, New York. Bolivar is represented mounted, in the heat of battle, with one hand reining in his horse, and with the other, in which he holds a sword directing the movements of his troops. It is expected that the statue will be placed in Central Park.

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"That lady is handsome, but she looks as if she had a temper of her own," remarked one drummer to another on the train the other day. "You bet! You read character correctly," was the reply. "Why, you speak as if you were aquainted with her!" "Well, I am slightly. I married her some ten years ago and have been studying her ever since."—Waterloo Observer.

One of the most useful articles we have noticed is called "Palliser's Useful Details." Palliser & Co. are architects and publishers of works on architecture, 325 Main, corner Bank street, Bridgeport, Conn. The work above referred to comprise designs that are intended to be a guide to the builder, mechanic, etc. Among the details given are for brick and stone work, water tables, sills, belt courses, steps, window and door openings, cornices, chimneys, panels, and other miscellaneous brick and stone work, including terra cotta work of a large variety. For exterior wood work; framing, giving plans, elevations and sections of same; water tables, belts, gables, brackets, balconies, verandas, porches, door and window frames, towers, cupolas, ventilators, roofs, store fronts, step and buttresses, balustrades for all kinds of balcony and verandah finish, wood fences, rafter feet and cornice in endless variety; overhanging projections, combinations of brick, stone and wood finish, dormer windows of different styles and finish adapted to modern work, crestings, finials, front and outside doors, conservatories, plant cabinets, drive porches, finish for barns, out-houses, well-houses, summer houses, grape arbor, and other details too numerous to mention. For interior work will be found different styles of finish for every part. Price of the article $3.

"Who are that gentleman and lady across the street?" asked a lady on Chestnut street this morning. "Mr. and Mrs. B. Don't you know them?" "No. They are bride and groom, I suppose?" "Oh, no. They have been married a dozen years or more." "Is it possible?" exclaimed the lady, in great surprise. "Why, he lifted his hat when he met her."—Philadelphia Call.

"Advice to Mothers."

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

The Detroit Free Press states that the new Duchess of Westminister, wife of one of the richest men in Europe, was married in a dress of white foulard, costing seventy cents a yard. The Duchess need not think she is going to have many followers in her new departure; her foolhardy attempt will be a failure.

The Handy Companion.

We have just received a copy of this excellent and most useful little work issued from the press of Messrs. Shaw & Baylock, the enterprising publishers of our ADVOCATE, and Book and General Job Printers. It is a compact work, of 256 pages, containing a vast amount of most useful information in almost all departments of practical and business life. The following are some of the important features: Business, Legal, and Postal Laws and Forms, Etiquette, Letter Writing, Political and Religious Information. A Dictionary of Synonyms, etc., etc., besides many other useful hints, which are of great value to any practical business. I take pleasure in calling the attention of our people to this work, and recommend them to send for a copy. The price is 50c. per copy postpaid.

T. W. ROGERS.

Feb. 25, 1884.

News, Notes and Comments.

There is trouble brewing in the Creek Nation. The Spiochee and Chicote parties have united against Chief Perryman and will endeavor to impeach him in the council. Red sticks, the Creek symbol for war, have been found in the yards of many Spiochee full-bloods.

English Navigators express the opinion that the Greeley relief expedition will be successful.

While under the influence of whisky, Joseph Quimby, of West Columbia, West Virginia, on the 12th, shot his wife with a shot-gun, inflicting mortal wounds.

Attorney Gen. Brewster the 12th called the attention of the Department of Justice, Washington, to the report that certain persons were shipping to foreign ports explosives which were dangerous in the highest degree to life and property. He calls attention to the law for the punishment of such heinous offenses, and urges vigilance on the part of the department.

The womans' suffrage constitutional amendment in the Iowa Senate, after long debate, was agreed to by a vote of 26 to 24.

Yellow fever is reported at Tehunatepec City, Mexico. John Meyers, an American railroad contractor, was found dead the 13th. People are leaving the city.

A recent snow slide at Aspen Mountain, Colorado, killed three employes of the Vallejo mine.

The New York Assembly Committee, on the 12th, reported adversely on the bill designed to protect newspaper-dealers against certain libel suits.

The cattle plague has assumed such proportions is Kansas, that the Governor convened the legislature in special session March 18. The Governor says there are $50,000,000 worth of cattle and $23,000,000 of sheep in Kansas. It is important to stamp out the disease.

Prentice Tiller, charged with the recent robbery of the Pacific Express at St. Louis, was arrested at Milwaukie the 13. Nearly all the money stolen was recovered.

A $75,000 fire occurred in Kansas City, March 14.

The World's Exposition at New Orleans is trying to secure the Great Eastern to bring exhibits from Liverpool and serve as a hotel at the exposition wharf, and then return with a full cargo through the jetties.

A bill passed the Massachusetts legislature providing flogging for wife-beaters.

An explosion occurred in the coal mines at Pocahontas, Virginia, the 13th, and of over 150 men in the mine at the time, not one escaped. The force of the explosion tore up trees on the mountain side, wrecked the shanties of the miners near the approach of the mine, and shivered the windows of a farm-house two miles distant. Many cars were hurled down the track with axles twisted and wheels broken. The mine caught fire, which, with the gas generated since the explosion, renders entrance and the recovery of the bodies of the victims impossible. It has been decided that the entrances must be sealed in order to smother the fire and thus render the recovery of the bodies possible. The victims are principally Hungarians, and some negroes, and mostly unmarried men. The Virginia Assembly has authorized the governor to ascertain the amount needed to relieve the wants of the families left destitute by the disaster. Several bodies have been recovered, mangled terribly.

Sea Salt.

California is said to be the only State in which the distillation of salt from sea water is carried on to any great extent. The production has risen from 44,000 bushels in 1860 to upwards of 880,000 bushels in 1883.

Not Fair.

A rather startling declaration was made in the New Jersey Assembly recently, to the effect that railroad corporations own one-fourth of the assessed property in the State, but pay only one-twelfth the taxes.

Woman to Vote.

It is quite propable that women will be granted the franchise in Canada in the near future, every town council in the Dominion having already approved of it in some way. The Toronto Provincial University, the leading seat of learning in Canada, recently decided to admit women.

Land Grabbers.

An effort is being made in California to break up the systematic grabbing of valuable timber lands by companies, which hire dummy locaters to cheat the government. Six men have been indicted for such frauds in Humboldt county, the most valuable region, and the United States officials propose to secure their conviction. These land grabbers, it is said, have secured large tracts of timber lands by the grossest frauds, to the detriment of real settlers, who would improve the country and build homes.

Coal Supply.

An expert connected with the Pennsylvania geological survey estimates the amount of the coal still remaining in the anthracite region at 8,000,000,000 tons. Should the present rate of coal production be continued, the supply will last about 250 years. Only 46 per cent. of the volume of the coal in any given vein gets to market. The pillars left standing to support the roof take 33 per cent. of the whole, and 21 per cent is wasted. Until quite recently only 27 per cent. of the coal vein could be used. The pillars required 41 per cent and 32 per cent was wasted.

A Charity.

There is in Boston a society of ladies which has charge of a fund that has been loaned in small sums upon charitable considerations solely. Care has been taken to deal only with worthy objects of charity and to obtain ample collateral. In this way $1891.70 has been loaned, on which the amount returned or recovered by sale has been $1897.76, the difference being interest at 6 per cent per annum charged on one or two loans running an unusual length of time. The number of loans thus repaid was eighty-three, and there are now 128 in process of payment.

The New Queen.

The new Queen of Madagascar is young, of a pleasing expression of countenance, and singularly dignified and ladylike. On the occasion of her inauguration she wore a dress of ivory satin, with much gold embroidery. She had a train two or three yards in length of handsome dark crimson velvet, spangled with gold, borne by six officers of state. The gold crown was already on her head, and thus she stood upon the throne. The Prime Minister is her wedded husband, and old enough to be her grandfather. She is the third Queen who has been his wife.

Unanswered Letters.

March 12—L G Rogers, subs; we use great care in entering all subs received. S Crutchfield, sub. C C Williams sub R W Wellborn, sub. G W Riley, sub. L Windsor, change. Jno A Wallace, sub. Wesley Smith, sub. S S Ellis, subs Jubilee and Advocate; 2 cards. Jno M Barcus, Jubilee subs. A A Allison, sub. J S Tunnell, Jubilee sub J F Henderson, subs. W B Patterson, sub previously received. G S Sandel, subs Jubilee and Advocate. F O Miller, sub. A Little, subs. Jno S Mathis, sub L F Palmer, subs. F O Miller, Jubilee subs. L P Lively, sub. S W Jones, subs J F Sherwood, subs. L M Fowler, sub. W W Horner, subs.

13th—L S Chamberlain, Jubilee subs. O A Fisher, subs. G W Swofford, sub. J P Childers, o k. W Wootton, sub. T S Garrett, subs. J F G Finley, subs. Saml Morris, subs. B F Johnson, sub. S L Ball, Jubilee order. J A King, sub. S L Ball, sub. P L Smith subs. J P Mussett, subs. Jno R Dunn, sub. J B McPherson, Jubilee order. J H Chambliss, sub Jubilee and Advocate. G Powledge, subs.

March 14.—G W Merritt, subs Jubilee and Advocate. W S Taylor, subs; will look out for J C R's paper. J Laf Leslie, subs; 2 cards. Wm A Coppedge, subs. U B Philips, sub. G S Wyatt, Jubilee subs. Jas A Smith, Jubilee order. T W Morton, subs. W J Jackson, subs; will make correction. H C Trammell, subs. B F Gassaway, subs. R H H Burnett, sub. W H Biggs, subs. W T Thornberry, sub. W M Adams, subs. I Kingsbury, sub. Geo S Wyatt, subs Jubilee and Advocate G D Wilson subs. J C Calhoun, subs. G D Wilson Jubilee subs. J W Johnson, sub; Jubilee matter will have attention. W D Robinson, sub. H H Vaughan, sub. W B Patterson, sub. R F Dunn, change made. Sam P Wright sub. R C Armstrong, sub. J T Stanley, subs. L C Ellis, sub and Jubilee order. Wm J Lemons, subs. J S Tunnell, Jubilee subs. O M Addison, subs. W M Crowson, sub. G W Langley, subs. J J Canafax, sub. G S Sandel, sub Jubilee and Advocate. F C Pearson, subs. D W Towns, sub. J F Sherwood, sub. W L Harris, Jr, sub and change. T W Morton, Jubilee subs. M H Porter, subs; will correct error. W L Clifton, subs Jubilee and Advocate.

March 15.—J P Childers, subs. Jno M Barcus, sub. W E Woodard, subs. E W Simmons, subs. R T Purser, Jubilee subs and order. W K Turner, Jubilee subs. H Twomey, Jubilee order. J M Shuford, subs Jubilee and Advocate. E G Hocutt, subs F M Winburne, sub Jubilee and Advocate. W H Moss, sub. John E Green, sub. B T Hayes, sub. C M Coppedge, Jubilee subs. W S May, subs. W R Davis, subs. B F Badgett, sub. H M Glass, subs Jubilee and Advocate. R F Dunn, Jubilee order. J T Ellis, subs. Jno S Davis, sub B Harris, sub. F M Sherwood, subs. J B Womack, sub. E A Smith, sub. C H Smith, subs. T R Atkins, Jubilee order. T B Graves, sub.

March 17—Jas M Lawson, subs Jubilee and Advocate. S G Shaw, sub. J C Calhoun, sub. W H Le Fevre, sub. W J Bludworth, sub. A A Killough, subs O A Fisher, sub. J F G Finley, sub. J H Williams, subs. J C Weaver, subs. Ben H Bounds, sub. T J Milam, subs. O S Thomas, subs. J W Vest, sub W R Manning, subs. J T Smith, subs. M S Hotchkiss, subs Jubilee and Advocate. R S Gorsline, subs S C Littlepage, Jubilee order and subs to Advocate. J H Collard, subs; correction made. C C Williams, sub. G F Fair, subs Jubilee and Advocate. O P Thomas, subs.

March 18—Neill Brown. subs. M E Blocker, subs. Dan'l Morgan, Jubilee subs. W A Gilleland, subs. Dan'l Morgan, sub. W M Crowson, Jubilee order. Thos W Glass, subs. R M Kirby, Jubilee order. J M Wesson, subs Jubilee and Advocate. W A Gilleland, Jubilee subs. J S Tunnell, Jubilee sub. Jas Mackey, sub. H H Vaughan, sub. Robt J Deets, subs. J T Smith, Jubilee subs. L M Fowler, subs. J T Smith, subs. C M Keith, subs S W Jones, subs. L L Pickett, subs. W T Ayers, subs. Jno S Mathis, subs. Jas McDugald, subs. L M Fowler, Jubilee subs. R W Wellborn, Jubilee subs.

19th. J W Kelley, subs Jubilee and Advocate. Mrs Viola Hunt, sub. T H Hall, sub. G D Wilson, subs Jubilee and Advocate. Wm Allen, will have attention. S Ashby, subs Advocate and Jubilee. W A Coppedge, subs. Alanson Brown, Jubilee order. J B Sears, subs. C I McWhirter, sub. B B Gillett, Jubilee subs. H C Trammell, subs. R H Waldron, subs. E G Duval, sub. A C Benson, subs. T F Dimmitt, subs Jubilee and Advocate.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Austin sta, April 5, 6
Manchaca mis, at Willow Springs, April 12, 13
Austin mis, at Burdett, April 19, 20
Weberville cir, at Weberville, April 26, 27
Cedar Creek, at Haney chapel, May 3, 4
Bastrop, at Bastrop, May 10, 11
West Point, at Bethel, May 17, 18
Elgin cir, at Oak Hill, May 24, 25
Winchester cir, at Milton chapel, May 31, June 1
Columbus and Weimer, at Columbus, June 7, 8
LaGrange sta, at LaGrange, June 14, 15
Schulenberg, at ——, June 21, 22
Flatonia sta, at ——, June 28, 29

C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Jefferson sta, March 15, 16
Kelleyville cir, Mims' chapel, March 22, 23
Daingerfield cir, at Gavil, March 29, 30
Linden cir, at Lewis' chapel, April 5, 6
Atlanta cir, at Harmony, April 12, 13
Texarkana sta, April 19, 20
Texarkana mis, at Colwell's s h, April 26, 27
Boston cir, at Boston, May 3, 4
Queen City cir, at Douglassville, May 10, 11
Gilmer, cir, at Gilmer, May 17, 18
Coffeeville, at Cox's s h, May 24, 25
Mount Pleasant cir, at Mt. Vernon, May 31, June 1

S. J. HAWKINS, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Harrison, at Union chapel, March 29, 30
Hallville, at Summerfield, April 12, 13
De Berry, at Harmony, April 19, 20
Marshall sta, April 26, 27
Kilgore, at New Danville, May 3, 4
Overton and Troupe, at New Hope, May 10, 11
Henderson sta, May 17, 18
Church Hill and Pleasant Hill, May 24, 25
Henderson, at Walker's chapel, May 31, June 1
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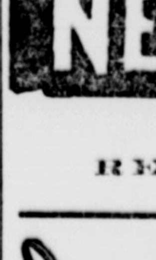

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