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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 conference, pro rata to the active members, and one to superannuated, 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.

Notices.  
The Advocate never inserts advertisements known to be of an immoral or swindling character. It refuses every year an amount of this character of patronage that would materially increase its revenue. It cannot, however, undertake to relieve readers from the need of exercising common prudence on their own behalf. They must judge for themselves whether the goods advertised can, in the nature of things, be furnished for the prices asked. They will find it a good rule to be careful about extra terms and bargains. In all doubtful cases never pay for goods except on delivery.

Tennessee Baptist and Dr. Ditzler.  
To the Advocate.  
We do not read the above paper—rarely see it—and care little for it; but when it seeks to injure our cause through the person, we may notice it. That paper seems to think we confine ourselves to the small towns of a State, with the hint that we are neglected by the larger cities. We understand the meaning of the Baptist. Years ago we were called upon by the Bishop, the now sainted Kavanaugh, to defend our cause in Kentucky, along with other noble and true men. We debated ten days in Louisville, in the largest hall in the State. We were selected by the Kentucky Conference and the officers of our church in Lexington, Ky., to meet the lesser there, and in the last week in Kentucky, along with other noble and true men. We debated ten days in Louisville, in the largest hall in the State. We were selected by the Kentucky Conference and the officers of our church in Lexington, Ky., to meet the lesser there, and in the last week in Kentucky, along with other noble and true men.

## Austin District.

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The Centenary Committee, of Austin district, Texas Conference, of the Methodist Church, South, met at Austin, Texas, April 3, 1884, present, Rev. C. E. Goodwyn, presiding elder, Rev. C. H. Goodwyn, and D. W. Doom.

After careful consideration it was resolved that the committee recommend that the pastors, in their several churches, hold children's missionary meetings during the month of May, 1884, to deliver missionary addresses and take missionary collections. The committee further recommend that during the remainder of the year, 1884, the pastors hold mass-meetings in the interest of foreign missions, education and church extension, and take collections for these several interests.

The committee further recommend that the presiding elder present to the several churches in this district a plan for raising the permanent fund for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, and that the pastors give him their aid and support in carrying the plan proposed into effect. The committee recommend that in all the services here proposed, prominence be given to the spiritual interest of the church and the conversion of sinners. G. H. BROOKS, A. E. GOODWYN, D. W. DOOM.

## CONDENSED CORRESPONDENCE.

THOS. LIGHTFOOT, FARRIN COUNTY, April 22: In answer to Rev. J. K. Lane, in charge of Whitefield circuit, state that the Rev. G. W. Cottingham now resides in Little Rock, Ark.

M. A. BLACK, Martindale, April 21: I cannot recall the district a plan for raising the permanent fund for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, and that the pastors give him their aid and support in carrying the plan proposed into effect.

J. A. SHANKS, Collinsville, April 22: I wish to know from any one who can give the information of the whereabouts of Henry E. Wright. When last heard of he was in Washington county, Texas. He is half brother to my mother, whose maiden name was Mary A. Wright.

J. B. McPHERSON, Helena, April 22: The "parson" was arrested today by the sheriff and posse and imprisoned in a brand new suit of clothes, shoes and hat. A very pleasant arrest and imprisonment, was it not? Not one of the party is a member of the church, but I hope that all of them will be, before the end of the year.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, San Augustine, April 22: The good people of this place are extending their character as to benevolence and hospitality. This is evidenced by their presenting to their preacher a thirty-dollar suit of clothes. May the spiritual interest accord with the financial. The prospect for a revival with us this year is encouraging. Pray that we may have a prosperous year, and that many souls may be saved.

Bro. Dingman, who is doing excellent voluntary service on the Texas Conference circuit, spent a recent Sunday at Ashbury Chapel, in San Felipe circuit, preaching to the people. He says the weather was cold, and the good sisters, seeing the preacher had not covered, presented him one that will bear him comfortably through a Texas winter. He reports bright prospects at Ashbury Chapel.

R. G. McGEWAN, The Grove, April 14: We have had the power of God with us in our revival. In Nashville, Memphis, Paris, Franklin, Winchester, Gallatin, Sibleyville, Pulaski, etc. In some of the places they got the theater, as the church in the city would not hold the people, even of week nights, and in some cases the people were invited and lectured in Athens, Florence, Huntsville, Decatur, Birmingham and Tusculossa. That was as well as we had time to go. In Athens, which has as much of a revival culture as any city of its size in the land, we began services over an hour before time each night, because there was no standing room left. If the Baptist knows of larger cities than these in North Alabama, will it please name them? Here people came in some cases fifty miles—two days on the journey—to hear. Does that look as if we were humiliated? In Augusta, Ga., we spoke for nearly three weeks when there, and in that time we were present in some ten nights there. Will this do the Baptist? But because Drs. Bond and Ross invited us to Baltimore, Dr. Joseph Key, the presiding elder of Atlanta, two years ago invited us to visit Atlanta, Ga.; because we put off such cities as Paducah, Ky., Jackson, Tennessee, Jackson and Greenville, Miss., and Huntsville, Alabama, where we were recently pressingly invited, and chose to lay ourselves for a little while on the altar and visit some humble villages and country places, did Christ and Paul do otherwise? Did they always visit the great cities? We close this by asking the "Sorrowful Figure" knight of the Baptist how many times, in the last twelve or fifteen years, has he been invited to preach in the Baptist church in the city where he lives? How often in the church were his family worship? If he wants inquiry, here is a test. We have never heard a sermon by a Methodist preacher in the Methodist church where we were born, and still live, since the church, years ago, was dedicated; and we attend often, but as often preach. Nor have we heard any other man preach in Louisville for fifteen years, except two sermons by two bishops whom we went to hear. Can the editor of the Baptist say this in truth?

of their many friends. May God be with them in their troubles. Will not all who read the above remember the afflicted preacher and his afflicted wife? "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."—Ed.

M. A. BLACK, Martindale, April 21: The second Sunday in April was a good day at Long Branch church, San Marcos circuit. Good congregation in the morning, good church conference in the evening, and at night a good meeting. Eight came forward at night asking an interest in the prayers of the church. Sunday-schools, class-meetings and prayer-meetings at most all the appointments. If we do not have revivals this year I shall be very much disappointed. THE ADVOCATE is growing in popularity and the people want Dr. John to live forever.

W. J. BLEWORTH, Bonham, April 23: At our second quarterly meeting for Bonham circuit we had a pleasant session. All the officials were at their posts, participating in the meeting. In charge of Whitefield circuit, preached in the spiritual manner that is characteristic of the man. Bro. Robins, preacher in charge of Saylor circuit, preached on Sunday one of his Bascom style sermons, from John xviii 15. We are trying to bring back the claims of the circuit. If we succeed, and have a pleasant and prosperous year.

L. F. PALMER, April 28: Paris circuit is taking ground in usefulness. The collections are nearly secured in cash and subscription. The circuit has paid its pastor about \$120 and the presiding elder \$27.50. Two societies were represented April 17, in giving a preacher a surprise in the way of flour, bacon, sugar, coffee, etc., and \$125, with kind words and wishes that were highly appreciated by us. Songs were sung, God's word was read, prayer was offered, and a pleasant time spent at the parsonage between preacher and people. We believe all were benefited. The prospect for good on the circuit are brightening. We hope to make May a very interesting month for both old and young in our centennial movement. We are planning for a summer and fall campaign.

M. H. VANDERKAM, Belmont, April 22: Our second quarterly meeting for Belmont circuit is over—embraced the 12th and 13th. Our presiding elder was at his post of duty, preached three excellent sermons. Finances up tolerably well. Three joined the church, one infant baptized, several asked an interest in the prayers of the church.

G. W. LANGLEY, Beckville, April 14: The first quarterly conference appointed the junior preacher on this circuit with Bro. J. B. Hill. We are moving together to elevate the circuit to a higher position, both religiously and morally, and for a revival along the whole line. We received 2 into the church yesterday.

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At the 11 o'clock service a centenary offering will be called for from every member of the audience. We have appointed J. M. Brown treasurer of this fund. Envelops will be furnished for all. Write your name on the envelop, and he will give the charge which you live in credit for the amount in the envelop. Let every one be prepared to make a liberal offering on that day. Ample provision will be made for all who will notify Brother Wootton of their coming.

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Agnosticism and Science.

BY J. M. TRUITT.

To the Advocate.

It has become fashionable of late days for men who wish to appear learned to herald themselves as agnostics, and to declare that a thing can be learned except through sensation...

substantial, it must assume the validity of all these final beliefs. That some propositions do not admit of logical proof, is one of the most exact conclusions of science...

How easy it is for the agnostic to overlook a metaphysical principle involved in the classification of concrete phenomena. But the principles are clearly seen by the attentive critic...

Law: The highest attainable validity of the successive steps of science in reaching its final generalization, is the expression of laws, under which successions of phenomena enter into existence...

Philosophy: Is there a scientist on earth that will deny that purpose is displayed in law? If there is purpose, then there is reason why law has been purposeful...

Then there are the assumptions which we irresistibly make, of an absolute, of a conscious relation between certain conscious states and realities external to consciousness. We find in existence an assumption that certain states are caused by certain sensible phenomena...

We cannot have any science without first assuming an intelligent being. Why do we assume our personal existence from day to day? The conviction is grounded in our most constant consciousness, and while we cannot resist it it is only a valid belief--the mind speaking with the authority of its entire being...

Admitting that the evidence of our personal existence is sufficient, there are other questions which must be disposed of. Science begins objectively, in sensible phenomena. But how do we know that there are such phenomena, or that they are what they seem?

Another Home for God. To the Advocate. I returned last night from Sweetwater where I had gone to assist in the laying of the corner stone for our new Methodist Church. Everything was favorable except a heavy north wind, which was not only cold, but carried a cloud of dust with it, causing many ladies to remain in doors who had intended witnessing the ceremonies...

fluence. The parents, absorbed in the love of mammon and fashion, leave their sons to be educated by men as corrupt and as morally as they well can. The church was named "Cemetery Chapel," and is to be the most elegant house, so far as finish and style are concerned, between Fort Worth and Big Springs...

A Good Lecturer. To the Advocate. Mrs. Laura G. Fison, President W. C. T. U., lectured in the Methodist Church at this place last Friday evening to the satisfaction and delight of an immense audience...

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Syllogistic Varieties and Suggestive Rousers. To the Advocate. Syl. 1. God alone is the only infinite fountain of truth; the Bible is an infinite fountain of truth, therefore, the Bible is God.

Syl. 2. Every system of genuine truth is a perfect harmony in itself, the Bible is a system of genuine truth, therefore, the Bible is a perfect harmony in itself.

Syl. 3. All the parts of a genuine system of truth are equal to the whole, and the whole of any system of genuine truth is equal to all of its parts; therefore, the Bible in all of its parts is equal to the whole, and as a whole, it is equal to all of its parts.

Syl. 4. Earnest application, profound thought and analytical research, in direct alliance with evangelical faith, are absolute requisites in order to correct and comprehensive understanding of the truth; therefore, a few men exercise earnest application, profound thought and analytical research in direct alliance with evangelical faith; therefore, a few men have an intimate acquaintance with, and a thorough knowledge of, the truth, before he can teach it correctly to others.

Syl. 5. A man must have an intimate acquaintance with, and a thorough knowledge of, the truth, before he can teach it correctly to others. Syl. 6. To attempt to teach that which one does not fully know nor clearly comprehend is an evidence of stupidity, egotism and lamentable folly.

Syl. 7. Critical observations, prayerful reflection, extensive learning and sanctified experience beget modesty, humility and wisdom. Only a few men have critical observation, prayerful investigation, extensive learning and sanctified experience; therefore, only a few men have modesty, humility and wisdom.

Syl. 8. Every system of genuine truth harmonizes in all its parts, and as a whole, with all other systems of genuine truth, in all its parts and as a whole. The Bible is a system of genuine truth, therefore, the Bible, in all its parts and as a whole, harmonizes with all other systems of genuine truth in all its parts and as a whole.

Syl. 9. No system of genuine truth ever teaches deception and falsehood. The Bible is a system of genuine truth; therefore, the Bible never teaches deception and falsehood. Syl. 10. The Bible, as a system of truth, declares that Jesus, at Cana of Galilee, made water wine. No system of truth can lie; therefore Jesus, at Cana of Galilee, did make water wine.

Now we know that Peter affirms most positively that "the Holy Ghost was poured out upon." Jesus Christ expressly declares that "pouring out" was baptism, and that it was the same thing precisely that John the Baptist did with water. "For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

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IS LAW A FARCE? We see it stated that the officials of San Antonio who were indicted by the late grand jury for the non-enforcement of the Sunday law and for gambling, secured for their defense the strength of the San Antonio bar. As the mayor, recorder, marshal and sheriff, with the city attorney, county treasurer, clerk of the United States courts and other members of the San Antonio Club were among these violators of law, they were able, by each one employing one or more of the leading lawyers, to carry the full strength of the legal fraternity of that city against the enforcement of the law.

"THE MORNING BREAKETH." Since the day of Pentecost there has been no period in which the prospects of the church were more promising than in this year of grace, 1884. The rulers of the world, legislators and judges, recognize the principles of the Gospel and Christian institutions as fundamental. Christianity is the grand lever by which humanity is to be elevated. There has never been a period in which the universities and great centers of thought so universally bowed in reverence to the Christian shrine.

When a preacher loses his self-control he has lost his power over the hearts of the people. On revival occasions the preacher sometimes retires to the refusal of the people to respond to his appeals, and ceasing to plead, he begins to scold. He may not tell the people to go to the bad-place, but what he says, sometimes sounds that way. He has caught the spirit of James and John who sought the Savior to permit them to "command fire to come down and consume" a village that rejected him. How different the spirit of Christ. Rejected by his nation, he wept over their approaching doom. The tender tones of love should mingle with the denunciations of the law. Men will not repent until the law, flaming from Mount Sinai, reveals the terrors of coming judgment, nor will they come to the cross unless Christ is lifted up. When the love of Christ in the preacher's heart prompts his appeal he will not soften the thunders of Sinai, neither will he transform Calvary and the cross into a judgment seat. That will come at the judgment day.

When he became satisfied that his labors were unavailing, the good preacher at an end he began the itinerancy as coadjutor of the American Tract Society, which he continued until his death. In this work he was very active, going from house to house distributing tracts, selling books, exhorting to prayer and praying with the families. How I miss him! His work yet remains, and his footprints are still visible in this and the adjoining circuits. It was an important factor and most valuable assistant in this part of the vineyard.

On the 6th day of December, 1881, Bro. Rogers was married a second time to Mrs. Mary Davis. She proved an excellent mother for his little children, and in his last illness she was faithful and unflinching in her attentions. I am at a loss for language to describe his death-bed scene. He said, from the first of his sickness, which lasted nine days, that he would die. He was rational all the while, and gave directions concerning his children and the management of his temporal affairs. It sounded rather strange to hear that man, who had labored so long and so faithfully, exclaim: "I have done but little good in this life." After a few moments' hesitation he again said, with a smile: "But Jesus knows all about it." At midnight before his death, he called the name of his first wife three times distinctly. I was watching the expression of his face, and it was one of great surprise. I asked him: "Bro. Rogers, do you see Mary?" He replied: "Why yes?" and gazing upward, said: "I want to go where she is." I satisfied myself that he was perfectly rational and fully awake. He gazed around the room for some time, until his eyes rested on a painting representing "The Twelve Men of Fruits" on the tree of life. Pointing to it he said: "I shall soon be eating the fruit from that tree, and hunger no more, neither thirst any more." About an hour before his death he laid his hand on his chest and exclaimed: "Oh, such a severe pain--but there is so much joy with it!" After this he spoke but once, and so peacefully and quietly as his departure that the watchers scarcely knew when the breath left him.

At which the dear Savior sits as Lord and host, and all his children as equals. Are we the children of a King? Then let us prove it, not less by intimacy with him in his kingly glory, than by sympathy and co-operation with him in his work to save that which was lost.

THE BIRD swells before it bursts into the flower, and the human heart often swells with grief before it blooms into the joy of implicit trust in God.

THE British drink bill for 1883 was \$628,380,375. If famine or flood were to waste that amount of the nation's wealth each year, every party in parliament would be in search of a remedy.

How much are the children of Texas giving toward the \$50,000 which the Woman's Missionary Society of our church is trying to raise for the establishment of a school for girls in Rio Janeiro?

"WAIT till night; wait till we get real drunk, then we'll clean you out." That is what one of the rioters shouted to the soldiers guarding the jail at Cincinnati. Lawlessness seeks inspiration in the saloon.

A DYING Christian said: "My fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, and he that is not satisfied with that company does not deserve it." Life is never lonely when we dwell in the Divine presence, nor will death be terrible when Christ walks with us through the valley.

THE inquiry, "Who is to blame?" and the appeal to the church on every pastoral charge to see that their preachers are comfortably fed and decently clad, does not come from the itinerant ranks. "A Member" makes the appeal. The duty of the church to support its ministry is as imperative as is the duty of the preacher to consecrate his life to his Master's work.

A MAN may love his home and yet be a loyal citizen; and a Christian may love his church and yet be adorned with every Christian grace. A man who is ever pottering about other people's business will seldom raise potatoes for his own household; and professors who are so full of the ungodly spirit that they are always visiting neighboring churches to the neglect of their own, will prove useless furniture in their own congregations.

A MOVEMENT in honor of Admiral Farragut, the great leader of the Huguenots, is to be executed on the spot where he was wounded on St. Bartolome's Bay. It will cost \$27,000. The French government has given \$2500, and the governments of France, Switzerland, Holland and England will contribute towards the Catholic Church of the neighborhood would gladly blot St. Bartolome's name, with its bloody record, from the page of its history.

THE revival of temperance are forcing themselves to the attention of the British press. The London Times admits that the temperance cause offers no remedy known to any other nation for the scourge of intemperance, and that the temperance cause is the only one that once devastated London, and visits that metropolis, and that it would favor prohibition. It says: "We have seen the plague, if London had been governed, some day society would see the wisdom of keeping out of our houses."

THE statistics we meet in an exchange that give percentages of the children of God, Episcopal, Catholic and other denominations, suggest inquiry as to the cause. The case may be found in the fact that these churches regard their members as such, and deal with them as such. Others hold them at a distance, and having tried the works and their fruit, they may possibly cast them away back to the fold. This may be their theory, but it is too often their practice. If a household truly is a household, it is not a household that can be divided, or becomes a homeless wanderer on the earth.

It is refreshing, now and then, to meet a writer for the Northern press who does justice to Southern life. Rev. J. L. Busbridge, who writes to the Western Christian Advocate, is an illustration. After speaking of the rapid growth of Texas towns and cities he says: "The cities of Texas are as well governed as those of the North. So far I have seen no more drunkenness and rowdiness than is seen in Ohio towns of the same size. The people are civil and gentlemanly with strangers, rather indolent perhaps, but far from being so rough and uncouth as we have believed the Texans were. The cattle men's convention is in session at Dallas at this writing. They are as fine a body of men as could be brought together in an Eastern city."

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(From the Episcopal Methodist.) Many a man has cried, "O, wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" and is moved to devout thanksgiving when at last he finds the deliverer in Jesus. Paul even finds a means of grace in such troubles, for he says: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in mine infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me; for he knew the sweets of triumph through the blessed Lord; and those who come into deliverance through such throes are stronger and better, sweeter and purer than those who seem to have less difficulty and trial on their way to glory." By a divine alchemy sweets are extracted from wormwood and gall, and the saddest experiences are often the way onward and upward to the sweetest revelations of the person and presence of our dear Lord.

Power from on High. (From the St. Louis Advocate.) This power is not dependent on time. In a moment God perfects that which only ages could mature by the slow process of growth. The Holy Ghost, in his transforming power, in an incredible short time presents the church, compact and perfect, and creates that, in the twinkling of an eye, which a spiritual growth would declare was the result of years of slow progress, anxious drill, and fostered and developed by unmeasured ages. He spoke, and it was done. He commanded, and it stood fast. This power is the presence of the Holy Ghost, and is secured by winning on God's part, patient faith and importunate prayer. The church is often ready to wait, but not in prayer and expectancy; ready to go, and does go, but without the power. The power fits for going and compels to go.

Revelations and Contributions. (From the Nashville Advocate.) Let us have the centenary contributions. The one is not antagonistic to the other. There should be mutual helpful reaction; the giving should help the revival. There is no compulsion in either direction; no man is compelled to join in the praying or the giving unless he chooses so to do. But let him that hath no heart for this service not hinder his brethren who have a mind to work and to give. If he cannot join in the praying for the universal revival, let him at least forward his offering into the hands of the men of the field who are praying for it. If he feels no gracious impulse to bring a gift to the altar, let him not chill the glowing heart of Christian beneficence in his brother's bosom by complaints that "too much is said about money." To his own Master each one stands or falls, and every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Arizona quail are very susceptible of domestication. Although very wild when first caught, kindness soon subdues them, and they may be handled with ease. A G. B. BURTON, of Tucson, had a pair last season that raised a brood of eleven young ones. These were easily tamed, and afterward set free. Whenever frightened they invariably seek the house for protection.

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Advice to Mothers.

You are disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth?

Happy thought for an Indian agent.

If the condition of the Indian requires melioration let us give him cornmeal instead of flour. That would be practically a mealier ration.

The sick, worn and dejected should read the advertisement of Colman's Legum Beans Tonic.

San Clemente, an island near Venice, has a lunatic asylum containing 1,000 women, the majority of whom were brought there by unhappy love.

The best in the World.

Texas Chilli Syrup - sure cure for chills and fever. No cure, no pay. A box of Pills with every bottle. Price, 50c. Sold everywhere.

An aged couple, who had been seventy years married, recently traveled on a railroad train from Essex to Northampton, Mass.

The Prussian railway system covers 300 miles, a little more than that of Canada.

Truhy-Eaton Trial.

Just decided for Congress, Cooks and Truhy Eaton, the latter a chaplain, a certain case.

In the year 1900 February will have but twenty-eight days, although a leap-year.

Don't die in the house. "Rough on Rats" clears out rats, mice, roaches, bed-bugs, flies, ants, moles, chipmunks, gophers, etc.

There are certain periods fraught with danger in woman's life when nature requires assistance in sustaining the tax on her vitality, and we know of no better aid than HOME SANATIVE CORDIAL.

The grave of Emanuel Seigel, an old and respected farmer of the village of Trossen, Ill., who died at the age of 100, was opened on Saturday.

Take care of your liver.

A great number of the diseases which mankind are liable to arise from a disordered condition of this organ.

White alligators found in Brazil.

They seem to be found in Brazil far and well on land. Their skulls are frequently seen in the woods, and they deposit their eggs in the woods.

They seem to forget.

It is probably not generally known that the great pyramid of Cheops in Egypt is not the largest structure of the kind in the world.

Oliver Brown, of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. John Gemmill, Milroy, Milroy Co., Pa., in the Spring of 1864 injured her spine, and was unable to walk for nearly twenty years.

For Half a Life-time.

"Well I am glad the days are growing longer and the nights shorter," remarked Jenkins, as he crawled into bed at five o'clock in the morning.

MOTHERS.

If you are falling, broken, worn out and nervous, use "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

MASONIC PERILS.

"I don't think I shall ever try to join the Masons. It's too dangerous." "Dangerous? How?" "Oh, you see, we hear about so many murders in the first, second and third degrees that I don't care to try it."

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CHURCH NOTICES.

WACO DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Mexico cir. at Stillson, May 3, 4. Wortham cir. at Stillson, May 10, 11.

BISHOP PARKER'S APPOINTMENTS. As the brethren desire to arrange for their district conferences, I have agreed to meet the following appointments...

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Zion, at Stillson, May 3, 4. Bryan, at Stillson, May 10, 11.

PARIS DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. Cooper, at Stillson, May 3, 4. Woodland, at Stillson, May 10, 11.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT--SECOND ROUND. San Antonio, at Stillson, May 3, 4. San Antonio, at Stillson, May 10, 11.

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