

Texas Christian Advocate

GULLIVER "FATHERS ERROR."

It seems that my "donkey" believes in evolution, and as he has evolved into a poor pigeon not worth plucking, it would seem that the most courteous, or rather the most charitable, thing for me to do is to let him fly off to some new clime where he can air his "knowledge of history;" but as I entirely agree with him in saying that "this is no idle question," and as I, too, have received "letters of endorsement from leading brethren," I shall be compelled to show up his sophistries. Dr. Bourland is here and begs me to "deal gently with the young man Absalom," and as Brother Stafford has advised mildness, I will be just as easy with him as I can; but I must remind the brethren that the disease is virulent and fatal, and liable, unless checked at once, to become an epidemic, and of necessity the remedy must be severe. I can only hope that my "pigeon" will take the medicine. Let us analyze his answer? He is "struck with my ignorance of history and the meaning of the word heresy," in saying that "if there were heresies fathered by the schools they were not Christian colleges."

What did I mean by "Christian colleges?" Not a school of Christian doctrine, but just the very kind of colleges Gulliver was opposing. He was antagonizing the education of the ministry in colleges founded and perpetuated for the education of the Christian ministry, and he then said that he "did not call to mind any error that had not been fathered by the schools." I replied that no great error had been fathered by Christian colleges, and I have ground my proposition once for all. Educate as highly as you can, but do not make a college course a test for admission on trial. Now I want to ask who has ever demanded that "a college course" shall be "a test for admission on trial?" Not me, certainly, for I said that "when a man felt called of God to preach, it was the duty of the church to give him authority to preach." It was not Dr. Haygood, for he only said that "a man ought to 'get ready.' Who then is it? Such a thing has not even been thought of in our church. The truth is that Gulliver was driven to the wall, and was forced to get up this man of straw that he might belabor it. The question was this: "Does God expect a man to 'get ready' when he calls him to preach?" That was all of it. But G. says: "If that is all, then 'there's an end on't.' Why, then, familiar as he is with the 'canons of controversy,' didn't he gracefully acknowledge that he was defeated in his childish attempt to read Dr. Haygood a lecture, (as some of the members of his own conference thought he would do), and thus put "an end on't?" He is "a learned man," and he knew there was nothing else in the discussion. Indeed I can see no other reason than that, having opposed an educated ministry, he was anxious for us to know that he was educated. Hence, his extracts from Macaulay, and his poetry quotations. It is a wonder he did not give us Johnson's letter of indignation to Chesterfield while he was at it. But he will allow me to inform him that his quotation from Savage at the head of his article applies to him more than to me, for he was "reviewing" Dr. Haygood, while I was only reviewing—well, the "reviewer." In answer to my asking "if there was not as much danger that ignorant men should be the occasion of error as that a D. D. 'should father it?'" he answers emphatically, "No! Such men know nothing about the sophistry and arts by which shrewd and unscrupulous men make the worse appear the better reason."

Oh, Gulliver, Gulliver, all the opportunity of more thorough examination. Much learning hath made thee stiff. Much learning hath made thee mad. I thought you said you were in favor of an educated ministry. But here you make a statement the plain inference of which is, that the education of the ministry tends to make them "shrewd and unscrupulous." Surely, my brother, if you had thought about how that would sound you would never have allowed it to go to print. First you say we ought, and then you say we ought not, to "educate as highly as we can." Such is the absurd predicament in which we find even "a learned man" while trying to defend a hopeless cause, and it certainly furnishes sad proof that some at least would try to "make the worse appear the better reason." But Gulliver is right in saying that "this is no idle question," and I am glad he has opened a discussion, since it affords us all the opportunity of more thorough examination.

The ministry of to-day must be abreast of the times. The pastor cannot afford to be behind his congregation in general literature. The cause of Christ has suffered at the hands of its friends by statements from the pulpit which put it at a disadvantage in the presence of well informed worldlings. I am glad that my friend G. has demonstrated that he has neglected no "preparation" necessary to the pulpit, but it is to be regretted that he has volunteered his gifted pen in the defense of a theory which, if put into practice, would work to the detriment of the church and the ministry. Let me illustrate: A man comes up to the annual conference for admission on trial, and goes before the committee of examination. He enters a class of seven or eight young preachers, all of whom have studied well and faithfully the course prescribed by the bishops. When the committee comes around to him he says, "Well, I have not studied; I have been reading Brother Gulliver, and I believe like him, I think that you ought not to demand of me that I should study so much, for, as Brother G. has well shown, that will 'take away' the unction that comes of God. I know nothing about the books and I don't want to, and I did not 'get ready.'" Such a man with such a pitiful excuse would be the legitimate offspring of G.'s teaching. He would not get into the conference of course, for to do that his examination must be approved by the committee. I repeat, "it ought to be that way." He had ample time to "get ready," and if he did not, it was his and G.'s fault. Now I am done with this discussion, unless G. persists in "fathering" this "error." I want to say that I recognize in G. the graces of Christian culture, (his calling me an ignoramus to the contrary notwithstanding) but that I have concluded that he, as well as Dr. H. may not be "infallible." And now,

my dear G., don't let my rough handling in this article hurt your feelings. For I assure you that it was only at the advice of brethren and because of its extreme necessity. J. H. COLLARD, JR. MEXIA, July 7, 1885.

GULLIVER HAS THE FIELD.

Satisfied with "returns," and having his wounds healed by "the application of several letters of indorsement from leading brethren in different parts," Gulliver says: "I find myself braver again for the joust." Admirable ready again he who saith, "I am a poor pigeon, not worth plucking," and meekness equaled only by his valor. The field is his. Let him soar into the azure empyrean, free as the typical bird illustrious in Jewish rites.

Far more than any feather plucked from his outspread pinion do I prize his piquant compliment: "Q. S. is a learned man, and a very fair opponent. He is a gentleman withal and knows how to conform to the canons of controversy." At I see the point, dear good brother, toward whom my heart is tender as a Father's love; but I will not controvert. As my "Uncle Toby" saith, "The world is large enough for both me and thee."

With due respect be it said, Gulliver's style, though not inelegant, is diffuse. He dilates—"expands equally in all directions." He has not perspicuously stated the issue. "So fight I, not as one that beatech the air." Q. S.

THE REV. J. D. SCOGGINS AND THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Under this caption Bro. M. E. Blocker, in the ADVOCATE of May 9, reproves Bro. Scoggins for exposing to outrageous blasphemy of many members of the Nineteenth Legislature in holding a mock religious service in their hall or chamber before the opening of a daily session. Bro. Blocker believes that the innocent members are impeached by the failure of Bro. Scoggins to mention them by name as innocent. He says, "The member is held responsible for the dignity and honor of the body while in session; but can they be at any other time?" And he inquires: "Where is there any chance for a protest or raising a point of order before the Speaker has called the House to order and business has begun?"

I should be pleased to see a complete list of those who participated in that bacchanalian scene recorded in a black book as a caution to all decent people not to vote for them for any office of trust, nor even to associate with them; but I opine that each of them sufficiently publishes his character by his conduct in other places to render such a book unnecessary. On the other hand, I can not doubt that each innocent member, in like manner, sufficiently publishes his good character to preclude a necessity for any special mention of his individual innocence.

The moral history of our successive legislatures has not been uniform—some being very good and others very bad. Yet none of them have been exclusively good nor exclusively bad, for the best have contained some very bad men and the worst have contained some very good ones. Hence, legislators while on duty are exempt from being classed with the companions with whom they unavoidably associate. Therefore no bad man is respectable for being a member of a good legislature, and no good man is disgraced for being a member of a bad legislature. Each legislator, like all other men, is responsible for his own conduct. Each member is responsible for the conduct of his fellows only so far as he can control, encourage, or restrain them; and this is true at all times during a session of the legislature. If a legislator, as such, sells his vote and influence to a railroad syndicate, even though the trade be made in a hotel, when the body is not in session, is he not guilty of bribery and subject to expulsion? And is not every honest member bound to exercise his vote and influence in subjecting him to justice?

Each hall of the legislature is the property of the State, and the body that occupy it are the State's agents, whose duty it is to see that it shall not be profaned. What an abomination when many of these agents become its profaners! Such profane persons, whether members or not, are surely amenable to the body for perpetrating such indecency on the floor. What is to prevent them, when the House is called to order, from being arraigned for the offense? Nothing, unless too many of the members belong to the guilty crowd. Some of the laws enacted by the Nineteenth Legislature afford a clue to the strength and influence of such members.

The perpetuation of such an outrage, by many of the people's representatives, ought to be made known to every voter, that the people may, in the future, guard themselves against electing such men to make laws for them. He who knowingly votes for such a man commits a crime. Neither the guilty nor the innocent need be mentioned by name. The guilty need not escape, and the innocent are in no danger of being suspected; for their department in other places works the conviction of those, and the defense of these. W. P. ZIEGLER. DANNY, GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS.

THAT QUESTION. I am much obliged to my Alabama brother for his kindness. His answer is largely satisfactory. And now about books? You see he refers to several books I do not have, nor could I get them among the preachers here. O, how much do preachers need books! Cannot our good sisters, who work in the aid society, devise some plan to work up in every charge a pastor's library. Feed your horse if you want good plowing. But to that question again: Will some friend tell why in Acts xx:22 the word Spirit is written in small letters, while the same word in Acts xxi:4 is written in large letters? Does that mean anything? GEO. W. GRAVES. GEORGETOWN, 1885.

TO HUNTSVILLE AND BACK. Two days of old-fashioned Methodist itinerating through sand and stumps brought us to Huntsville and district conference. The brethren did not all come, which was a loss to them and to the conference. Dr. Phillipott filled the chair with ease and wisdom. Our good Dr. John was just as near ubiquity as necessary, being everywhere at the right time, and making everyone feel at home in his charge. The reports of preachers showed they had been at work, but finances sadly behind, and no revival as yet in the district. Some whose charges showed spiritual life, looking through their rose-

tinged glasses, thought the district ought to be reported in good spiritual condition; others whose work was spiritually low, looking through their smoked glasses, thought the whole prospect dark. So it goes through life. Much depends on the color of our glasses. But, compared with other places we have seen in Texas, religion is undoubtedly at low ebb in this part of the conference. Lax government and indifference of parents have allowed worldly amusements to prevail among the young until the moral tone has been lowered, and the ministry has not the support and backing necessary for success. A social current sweeps off the young convert, and the case of that one is worse than before.

The report on Sunday-schools and education was the most encouraging feature in the district, and pending its adoption speeches were made containing thoughts and facts of the most interesting and vital character. Dr. John dwelt on the importance of patronizing Methodist institutions, deploring the strange fact that so many of our sons and daughters are sent to schools of other denominations and thus lost to our church in many cases; stating that the Methodists of Huntsville were at present free from this error, as he knew of no case among his people. He also referred in terms of thankfulness to the communication from Georgetown University, in which it was stated that fifty of its pupils were converted last year. Bro. McCurdy said if all had known as he did the mothers of three of the Georgetown professors we would naturally suppose they would be men under whose training and influence conversions would occur. He knew them as girls, earnest Christians, full of the Holy Ghost. They trained their sons Scripturally, and the world will be made better by their labors and influence.

Rev. C. C. Armstrong stated that three of his most useful members—women, without whom it would be difficult to carry on his work—were converted at Chappell Hill Female College, and congratulated the church or having schools that would give the Christian training too often lacking at home. Bro. Wesson urged that we hold constantly as the object of Sunday-school work, not alone the fixing in the mind of Scripture history and doctrine, but the conversion of the scholars; that teachers make personal appeals to each member of their classes on the subject of their salvation. Could we have at the head of each class earnest, consecrated teachers, the result of Sunday-schools would be wonderful. This, with our religious schools and the children's missionary societies, are the hope of the church; and if realized and faithfully attended to, will lead the church out of its lethargy and on to victory. But what of the social current that will sweep off these lambs? Bro. Kelley got at the secret when he said we must have revivals—the strong power of God to stay the current of evil.

The conference, by invitation, enjoyed a visit to the penitentiary, found it well kept, fortunate in such superintendents as Bro. McCulloch and Garrard, humane, intelligent Christian men. After remaining a few days to assist Dr. John in protracting a meeting, we left him, "loving and beloved," in the quiet and comfort of the remodeled and model Huntsville parsonage, and our kind hostess, Mrs. Eastham, in her lovely home, and turned our course homeward through "sand and stumps," over pine-crowned hills and freshly watered valleys, rich in promise of an abundant harvest. And we realize as we take up our work that we have received a fresh impetus by meeting the conference, and determine to better work for God and his church.

Mrs. H. W. ARMSTRONG. NAVASOTA. WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE. The Waxahachie district conference met at Waxahachie July 9, 1885. Rev. R. C. Armstrong, presiding elder, presiding. A fair representation, consisting of twenty-two clerical and thirty-three lay delegates. Religious service was made a prominent feature, and, as a result, the entire proceeding was characterized by a deep and strong spirituality. It was said by many to have been the best district conference ever held. Our presiding elder presided over the deliberations with excellent judgment and dignity. The sermons were earnest and spiritual. The discussions were interesting and without a jar, and we all felt that the Lord had blessed the labors of his servants thus far this year; that he was with us in the conference, and that he would continue his blessings upon this district. The sentiment of prayer was for the conversion of two thousand souls to Christ this year in this district. Sacramental and love-feast services were joyous and profitable. The report on the spiritual state of the church shows that our people are more religious than ever before; that near four hundred and fifty souls have been happily converted in this district during this year, but regret to note the fact that we have, comparatively, so few family altars. The Sunday-school cause is prospering—using our own literature; the number of Sunday-schools reported, 26; the number of scholar, 1850. The reports gave us the important fact that a large per centage of the converts and accessions were from the Sunday-school ranks. The Sunday-school convention and mass-meeting was largely attended and great interest manifested in the proceedings.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, Agent of the Southwestern University, was present and addressed the conference; collected about \$300. This institution is highly

commended. This district has felt the money crisis so that but twenty-eight per cent. of the claims has been raised. A district parsonage, a fine property, is secured and now occupied by the presiding elder. It is confidently expected that every claim will be fully met. Three hundred and thirty subscribers to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, besides other subscribers to the Nashville and St. Louis Advocates. The following resolutions on the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE were adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That we heartily endorse its editorial management and the dignified manner in which it is published. 2d, That we recommend it to all our people, and will labor so as to make it a visitor in the families of all our charges.

Committee on Missions lament the failure of pastors in most instances to take up their collections—extreme scarcity of money the reason. The report heartily indorse the Woman's Missionary Society and commends it to the pastors and laity.

Committee on Temperance report that we are glad to note that efforts to control the liquor traffic are beginning to be felt; are impressed that Prohibition is the remedy for the evils of intemperance, and a faithful enforcement of local option becomes a paramount duty.

The following was adopted: WHEREAS, In the good providence of our Heavenly Father he has seen fit to take unto himself in glory the soul of our beloved chief pastor, Bishop L. Parker; and,

WHEREAS, From the close and precious intimacy that existed between the members of this district conference and our deceased bishop, formed by the fact that our last session at Lancaster he presided over our deliberations, and as our bishop and brother completely endeared himself most lovingly upon our hearts, we therefore deem it appropriate to testify on this occasion our love for him and to evidence how sad his loss is to us; therefore,

Resolved That we give this expression to our grief and sense of his loss to our entire connection on the death of Bishop Parker, our hearts being moved afresh by the remembrance of his presence among us one year ago, praying that He who doeth all things well will bless this severe dispensation to the good of the church.

Rev. W. C. Dunlap addressed the conference on the subject of the Paine Institute. Rev. E. L. Armstrong, of Waco; W. P. Wilson, Fort Worth, favored us with their presence and their instructive and comforting discourses in the pulpit. The town of Rice, on the Houston and Texas Central railroad, was selected as the place to hold the next district conference.

P. N. Taylor, W. D. Haynie, E. Lowe, A. M. Dechman, were elected delegates; A. H. Jeffers and J. W. French, alternates to annual conference. Memorial to annual conference in reference to local preachers adopted. After the usual vote of thanks to the hospitable people of Waxahachie and to the pastors of the churches here, the district conference adjourned.

A. M. DECHMAN, Sec. STEPHENVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Stephenville district conference was held at Crawford, Texas, June 25-28. Rev. S. S. Scott, presiding elder, was in the chair, and guided affairs from first to last in a very satisfactory manner. F. C. Stephenson was elected secretary and Prof. R. J. Richey assistant secretary. About thirty-five members were present. After the appointment of the usual committees by the presiding elder, reports from pastors were heard. From these reports the Committee on the State of the Church gleaned the following facts: The spirituality of our church within the bounds of the district is vigorous and bears marks of development and increase. Many enjoy acceptance with God and are walking in the light and comfort of the Divine Spirit, giving out a beautiful epitome of true religion by the conformity of their lives to the precepts of the gospel. Some are going on to perfection, while others profess and afford satisfactory evidence that they possess this unspeakable gift of the children of God. There are some jars. Earth is not heaven, but generally we hold the Spirit of unity in the bonds of peace. While we retrospect the past, and contemplate the present, we feel that we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage. Truth and candor compel us to add that in our judgment our exertions are not commensurate with the measure of our ability. It is true much is doing, and it is also true that much remains to be done ere the glorious object shall be attained—the salvation of all the people. The financial reports show meagre collections, with but few exceptions, yet the pastors are hopeful that all the claims will be fully met before November 11th. Bro. Trammell, of Carlton circuit, has given two months to talking and preaching missions and finance, and the result is a subscription largely in excess of his assessment.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals said concerning the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE: "The present editorial management of the ADVOCATE is certainly good. The paper is full of excellent reading matter. Resolved, That we heartily recommend the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to the patronage of all our people."

Thirty Sunday-schools, most of which use our literature, were reported, and it was resolved that we "use increased en-

ergy and industry in this work, praying God's blessings on our labors."

The pastors' reports touching temperance were good. The committee reported "an advance movement being made in favor of prohibition." After the report of the committee was read, there were some lively and forcible speeches made, calculated to arouse every hearer who was not already interested at heart on this subject. A few straws, in favor of moral suasion instead of prohibition, were thrown up that it might be seen which way the wind was blowing, but after the speeches were all made, it could be clearly seen that we were all carried by a mighty current toward universal prohibition.

By order of conference, the report of the Committee on Education was to be sent to the ADVOCATE for publication. Rev. U. J. Morton, Dr. B. J. Brown, J. M. Robertson and L. P. Grimes were elected delegates to the next annual conference. The alternates are W. C. Thompson, Rev. J. T. Owen, J. M. Monk and C. R. Walsh.

The preaching was practical and good, and we think that many lasting impressions for good were made on the minds and hearts of those kind people who entertained our conference so nicely. The next district conference is to be held at Meridian, Texas. F. C. STEPHENSON, Sec. MCGREGOR, TEXAS, July 6, 1885.

PALESTINE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The seventeenth session of the Palestine district conference convened at Jacksonville, July 21, Rev. John Adams, presiding elder, in the chair. The attendance was small, several pastors being absent, and one or two charges not being represented at all. But those who were there, came in the Spirit of the Master, and doubtless this was one of the most pleasant sessions Palestine district has ever witnessed. The Sunday-school conference Friday evening was full of interest and profit. Many pronounced it the best they had ever attended. And the love-feast Sunday morning! I shall not soon forget it. It was "old times" come back. Christians got happy and sinners felt bad. Some asked the church to pray for them. Much prominence was given to religious services, and the preaching of the Word reached a high standard. It was soul-stirring, edifying, bracing.

Reports from the various pastoral charges showed the spiritual state of the church, in most parts of the district, very good, but money scarce. Some revival meetings had been held with good results. Reports on Sunday-schools were specially encouraging. Much time and labor is being bestowed upon this department of church work; and a large per cent. of the conversions reported came from the Sunday-schools.

The following persons were elected delegates to the annual conference: W. W. Davis, C. S. Bolton, M. H. Addington, I. K. Frazer, John Whitescarver, W. R. Miller, Jackson Smith, were elected as reserves.

The resolutions and reports following were ordered published. J. F. ARCHER, Sec. LOVELADY, July 1885.

THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, regard it, for us, the best of the Advocate family, rejoice in its still increasing popularity, and promise it our unequalled support. ROBT. J. DEETS, M. H. ADDINGTON.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE. To the President and Members of Palestine District Conference in Session at Jacksonville, July 3, 1885. Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: We are pronounced on temperance, as the Bible teaches, and the Methodist Church has ever practiced it. There is surely no agent in the hands of the devil more potent for the destruction of soul and body than alcohol. And we earnestly pray that God may discover to all his people the dire consequences of its use. Let us, brethren, as ministers, execute strictly the laws of our church, and do all in our power to put this soul and body destroying nuisance from our midst.

J. C. WOOLAM, E. F. BOONE, E. H. LOWE, ROBT. J. DEETS, Committee.

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It is with humble prayer and much hesitation we have thought a word concerning the neglect of fasting and prayer would not be amiss, and when we consider the importance of this time-honored custom, and the many blessings which arise from its observance, it is indeed strange we hear so little on the subject. Can any one doubt its efficiency after reading the impressive scene between Mordecai and Queen Esther, when their people, as well as themselves, were doomed to utter destruction? With what haste she decided on her course of action! She did not hesitate, and cast about her for means to save her kindred, but gave the command at once, "Fast and pray continually three days and nights." Oh, that the church to-day—aye, our beloved Methodist Church—could stand in her purity as that modest Jewish queen, with her armor bright and glistening from the burnishing of a three days' fast, fresh from the feet of her God to the throne of her king, with the dew of heaven clinging as it were, to her garments, with courage and humility in her heart and the mighty prayer on her lips of "Spare, oh, spare my people!" Nothing but fasting and prayer could have urged her to enter unbidden before that tyrant monarch and brave his anger—if need be, to perish. It prepared her for any emergency, for any trial, nothing so trying but it can be undertaken by his help, and we expect, ah, know, that the scepter will be extended when we approach for mercy. All are familiar with the account of our Savior when he enlightened his disciples on the subject of their failure to heal the sick or afflicted. "This," said he, "can come forth by nothing but prayer and fasting." By nothing, no other way given. Yet it is not strange, when we know our blessed Lord resorted to this means for help from on high, that we poor mortals go stumbling and groping our way through this wilderness of woe, grasping here and there a reed, only to see it shiver in our clasp when there is sure support at hand—a cloud by day, a fire by night, to lead and direct us on to where

"Our armor might catch the gleam of eternity's sun?" It is at this one fountain by the wayside, as we cross the arid deserts of earth, which we could stake our lives, renew our strength, increase our hopes; yet we pass it by on our journeyings, and desire of the Lord, yet ask not; we continue our pilgrimage through the burning sands with scorched feet and panting breath, but could for the asking have

"rest among roses, relief from this gloom, and life where the lilies eternally bloom. In the balsam-gardens of God."

By this mighty bulwark of Christianity being constantly thrown up, how many may be saved from launching on the tempestuous sea of infidelity, from whose turbid waves so many hideous wrecks have been cast ashore; into whose treacherous waters so many have slipped to be lost forever—the roar of whose surf can be heard even on the very borders of the church. How it might deaden, at least, the applause raised by the scolding infidel now claiming the attention of so many misguided souls. Oh, that they could be taught to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." By the light of this faith and the strength of their hope, would it not be well for the church to appoint days of fasting and prayer, to be observed throughout the membership—that our lamps be trimmed and burning when the bridegroom cometh. OCCASIONAL.

THE CHILDREN.

Little Sermons on Little Texts. NUMBER THIRTY-ONE. "Be a Hero in the Strife." So runs the last line of one of the verses of the "Psalm of Life." When a small boy in school we memorized that psalm for declamation. When we had no other speech we would always fall back on that. As some of you will remember, the full couplet from which the text is taken runs thus:

"Be not like dumb, driven cattle; Be a hero in the strife."

As a boy, we always loved that couplet better than any other in the psalm. What the "strife" was we did not exactly know, nor did we know, as yet, very clearly what a "hero" was; but the couplet sounded fine, and seemed to have a meaning that stirred the heart like a trumpet. So we would stand up straight and thunder out the words with all the voice we had, and feel them, too, down to the tips of our toes. What we regret is that it did not occur to us that the "strife" was the very work we had to do then, day by day, as a boy at school, and that the "hero" was the boy that manfully did his work, never allowing anything to turn him aside. You boys may not only be heroes after awhile, but you may be heroes now. We have just read of a real hero who was quite as young as many who read this sermon. Burt and Johnnie Lee were delighted when Willie, their little Scotch cousin, came to live with them. He was little, but very bright and full of fun. He could tell curious things about his home in Scotland, and his voyage across the ocean. The first day he went to school they thought him remarkably good. He wasted no time in play when he should be studying, and he had advanced finely. At night, just before the close of the school, the teacher called the roll, and the boys began to answer, "Ten." When Willie understood that he was to say "ten" if he had not whispered during the day, he would not say ten, but said, "I have whispered." "More than once?" asked the teacher.

"Yes, sir," answered Willie. "As many as ten times?" "Maybe I have," faltered Willie. "Then I shall mark you zero," said the teacher, sternly; "and that is a great disgrace." "Why, I did not see you whisper once," said Johnnie, that night after school. "Well, I did," said Willie; "I saw others doing it, and so I asked to borrow a book; then I lent a slate-pencil, and asked a boy for a knife, and did several

such things. I supposed it was allowed." "Oh, we all do it," said Burt, reddening. "There isn't any sense in the old rule; and nobody could keep it, nobody does."

"I will, or else I will say I haven't," said Willie. "Do you suppose I would tell ten lies in one heap?" "Oh, we don't call them lies," muttered Johnnie. "There wouldn't be a credit among us at night, if we were so strict."

"What of that, if you told the truth?" insisted Willie, bravely. In a short time, the boys all saw how it was with him. He studied hard, played with all his might in playtime; but, according to his account, he lost more credits than any of the rest. After some weeks the boys answered "nine" and "eight" oftener than they used to. Yet the schoolroom seemed to have grown quieter. Sometimes, when Willie Grant's mark was even lower than usual, the teacher would smile peculiarly, but said no more of disgrace. Willie never preached to them nor told tales; but, somehow, it made the boys ashamed of themselves, just the seeing that this sturdy, blue-eyed boy must tell the truth. It was putting the clean cloth by the half-soiled one, you see; and they felt like cheats and story-tellers. They talked him all over, and loved him, if they did name him "Scotch Granite," he was so firm about a promise. At the end of the term, Willie's name was very low down on the credit list. When it was read, he had hard work not to cry; for he was very sensitive, and he had tried hard to be perfect. But the very last thing that day was a speech by the teacher, who told of once seeing a man muffled up in a cloak. He was passing him without a look, when he was told that the man was Gen., the great hero. "The signs of his rank were hidden, but the hero was there just the same," said the teacher. "And now, boys, you will see what I mean when I give a little gold medal to the most faithful boy—the one really the most conscientiously 'perfect in his department' among you. Who shall have it?" "Little Scotch Granite!" shouted forty boys at once; for the child whose name was so low on the credit list had made truth noble in their eyes.

Faith in Action. A poor little street-girl was taken sick one Christmas, and carried to the hospital. While there she heard the story of Jesus coming into the world to save us. It was all new to her, but very precious. She could appreciate such a wonderful Savior, and the knowledge made her very happy as she lay upon her little cot. One day the nurse came around at the usual hour, and "Little Broomstick" (that was her street name) held her by the hand, and whispered:

"I'm havin' real good times here—ever such good times! S'pose I shall have to go way from here just as soon as I gets well, but I'll take the good time along—some of it anyhow. 'Dd you know 'bout Jesus bein' born?'" "Yes," replied the nurse, "I know. Sh-sh-sh! Don't talk any more."

"You did? I thought you looked as if you didn't, and I was going to tell you."

"Why, how did I look?" asked the nurse, forgetting her own orders in her curiosity. "O, just like most o' folks—kind o' glum, I shouldn't think you'd ever look glum if you know'd 'bout Jesus bein' born."

"Dear reader, do you know 'bout Jesus bein' born?"—Faithful Witness.

A Helping Hand. "If you cannot keep up with this class you had better go into a lower one." The country schoolmaster spoke harshly, and Robert Gates' heart sank lower than before, if that were possible. He was the biggest boy in his class now, and how could he bear the shame of going among boys still smaller?

But there was no denying the fact that the master had had a great deal of trouble with him, and that it did seem as though he were hopelessly dull. Mr. Hardy delighted in figures. To be bright at figures, he thought, insured a boy for success through life. Every boy who came to him was tried by the one test, and if he failed in that he had no opportunity of showing whether he was bright at anything else.

So Robert, whose talents did not lie in figures, was having just the hard tug at school which, if well induced, wise men tell us, gives the discipline which makes the best and noblest men. He had struggled through the miseries of notation, multiplication, addition, subtraction and multiplication, each of which had been a separate hill difficulty to him. And now long division stood up before him like a dead, blank wall. There was no getting around it, no getting under it—he must climb to the top.

The boys were dismissed, leaving the school-house with a whoop and a rush—all but Robert, who, with his book and his slate, slowly walked away. A cherry-faced boy stopped and looked back at him, then ran to him, saying:

"I'll give you a lift, Bob." "Come on, Jack Brand," shouted half a dozen voices. "I can't come now," he replied. "We're going to make up the base-ball club, and you'll lose your place. We're going to put you in for pitcher."

"You'd better go," said Robert. "I hate to have you miss the fun." "Never mind," said Jack, heartily. "I've plenty of time for fun yet. See here, now—let's go out behind the old barn and cipher away at your examples for a while." They settled themselves on a grassy slope in the quiet of one of the rare days of early June, and Robert opened his book with a heavy sigh.

"It's a perfect tangle to me," he said with a rueful shake of the head, thinking of the days in which he had watched the slow placing and working of the examples on the blackboard. The why and wherefore of the curved lines had never dawned upon him, the guessing how many times it would "go" and then setting down a figure, and the long sragging column of figures gyrating off to the right and finally ending in no-hing, so far as he could see, was a fearful piling up of mysteries. "Why," he went on, "I can't even remember which is divisor and which is

divisor when he questions me about the rules." "Oh, that's easy enough if you only think a moment," laughed Jack. "The divisor's a thing you do something with. This way now—mower, a thing you mow with. Reaper, a thing you reap with. Divisor, a thing you divide with—don't you see?"

"Why, yes, of course I do, now you give me something to remember by." Then they bent themselves resolutely to conquer the difficulties of the process before them, and it was fortunate that Jack was blessed with the gift of patience, for days passed before Robert could see anything in it except a huge and frightful puzzle. The shouts of the boys at play came to them from a distance, but no sound more disturbing than the soft whisper of the summer wind or the perky inquiring "keechee? keechee?" of robin or wren disturbed the droning murmur with which Jack untriflingly went through the lesson over and over again, little dreaming that he was securing for himself a valuable exercise in patience and self-denial.

"I see it!" at last exclaimed Robert, springing up with a shout of triumph. "I never expected to see daylight through such a middle, but I do. Now let's be off and have a glorious play. But," he added, very earnestly, "I never can pay you up in the world."

"Never mind that," said Jack. "But," he added, "maybe you can sometime." And his words came true years later. When the boys went to prepare for college under the mild teachings of the village pastor, a strong contrast to the rough schoolmaster, Latin and Greek came to Robert almost as a pastime. He revelled in the line of study now opening before him with all the delight which comes of finding something in the world of learning exactly to his taste.

Jack's troubles began where Robert's ended for his mind was of a different order, and now Robert was able richly to repay all his kindness. "But I've not enough of languages now," said Jack, after two or three years of blundering among modes, tenses and roots. "I'm worse at classics than ever you were at figures, and a man can be a man without Latin and Greek, although he can't very well without arithmetic. So go your way, old fellow—heap up the learning and come out a grand scholar. I'm going to dive down into one of those grimy, noisy, whizzing, buzzing machine-shops, where I can figure till the end of my days. But we can help each other all the same."

In after years when Robert became the pastor of a large, struggling, working church, Jack, a successful engineer, was his right hand in every enterprise for good. And the two often laughed as they recalled the days spent behind the old barn.

"I've never thought life had a difficulty to overcome which appeared so terrible as long division," Robert said. "But for your help in just the right time, Jack, I think I should have given up trying to get an education. Our old schoolmaster made me believe it was useless for me to try to learn anything, because I did not take to figures. Yes, Jack, if the Lord blesses me as an instrument of good, how much of it will be your work!"

Help each other, boys. Hold out strong, willing hands to the weak and stumbling, and with cheery heart and voice encourage them. Keep them side by side with you in the battle of life, and then rejoicing mark how their successes will shed a light on all your pathway, which will shine more and more unto the perfect day. —N. Y. Observer.

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A correspondent of the Galveston News, in a letter from one of the principal cities of Texas, refers to the recent enforcement of the Sunday law by the city authorities, and the general satisfaction which it occasioned.

One lady, the wife of a drunkard, in this city, is in favor of the high liquor law.

This good lady wants the license increased to \$5,000, and the revenue devoted to building school houses and providing clothes, books, and medical attention for the children of drunkards.

Admitting that the business of the liquor-seller is a proper business, its associations, voluntary and involuntary, forfeit its right to protection. The law permits the saloon, but the saloon fosters wrongs and vices which the law does not permit.

High license! Why, whisky can pay any tax. There are certain classes of business (?) that do not care what revenue you demand. All they ask is protection.

"EDIFYING ITSELF IN LOVE." Open your Bible at the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians, and let us make a brief study of the fifteenth and sixteenth verses.

Now, dear reader, the edification of your church rests with its members. You thought it depended upon your pastor? Ah! many make that mistake, and hang dangling upon the body like palsied arms and fingers, shriveled to the bone and without feeling.

it to the organs of digestion and assimilation. The body is composed of many parts—head, trunk, limbs, bones, muscles, nerves, arteries, veins, organs of vision, hearing, etc. Creative skill, consummate in every individual specimen of its work, reached its climax in the structure of the human body.

In the passage of our study we have a type of the church. Christ is its head. All vital force is from him. Severed from Christ, the church dies. This is true of the church in the aggregate, and of the church as a local organization.

Here are two words in our lesson that deserve special study. The first is, "compacted." We have just said that ordinances and precepts are the ligaments that bind the "joints" together visibly in one body.

The second word that we mark is, "working." Every "joint" must be a "compacted," "working" joint. This is what membership in the body of Christ means—to work for its edification.

contributing to its edification, the paralysis that has smitten them becomes aggressive. The pastor is only one "joint," an important one, it is true; but no pastoral efficiency, however high, can supply your lack of service.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the American Bible Society calls attention to a mistake generally prevalent, that owing to invested funds and legacies, it is no longer in need of contributions from auxiliary societies, churches and individuals.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"PROHIBITION does not prohibit." Suppose it were true, what would it prove? Only this: Whisky sellers, as a class, are not law abiding men.

REV. W. C. DUNLAP, writing from Waco to an exchange, says: "These Texans are brave fellows. I suppose that is the reason Jones is so popular with them."

A REPORT comes from Kansas that a night attack was made, presumably by men in the saloon interest, upon the house of a most respectable and well known prohibitionist.

It begins to look as if the Mormons were on the lookout for a possible new home in Mexico. Brigham Young, Jr., and Bishop Snow have gone to Mexico to negotiate for large tracts of land to be occupied by Mormon colonies.

The Supreme Court of Iowa has just decided that a hotel keeper who receives guests, knowing that a contagious disease is existing in his hotel at the time, is liable in damages to any guest who thereby contracts the disease, unless he informed the guest of the fact when receiving him.

It has been lately said in Texas that Mr. Spurgeon gives no invitation to Christians generally to join in the communion. If so he should suppress his published sermons, for in one of them he says: "There is not a Christian beneath the scope of God's heaven from whom I am separated."

A NEW YORK letter in The Watchman, of Boston, gives the following as the number in attendance on recent Sunday morning at certain churches in New York City: "The Fifth Avenue, Presbyterian, Dr. Hall's, 1,350; the Broadway Tabernacle, Congregational, Dr. Taylor's, 1,244; St. George's, Episcopal, Mr. Rainsford's, 1,232; and Calvary, Baptist, Dr. MacArthur's, 1,040."

THE MORMONS did a very foolish thing in offering an insult to the nation by putting their flags at half mast on Independence Day. In Salt Lake City the stars and stripes hung in sullen dejection at half mast on the City Hall, the Mormon tabernacle, President Taylor's residence, and other Mormon buildings.

in hiding. In one case the flag was hauled down, in two other instances it was run to masthead; but some of the officials defied threat and protest alike.

AN earnest Christian worker toiled almost unaided and amid great discouragements in a dissolute western town for ten years to keep up a Sunday-school, and except the maintenance of his own plecty, was cheered with no visible fruits of his labor.

A St. Louis special of the 17th inst., to the Times-Democrat, says: Rev. Sam Jones, the noted revivalist arrived in St. Louis this morning and leaves for Plattsburg, Mo., to-night, where he will inaugurate a great revival.

THE San Marcos Free Press says the grounds for the San Marcos Sunday-school Assembly and Summer Institute "are being rapidly put in order for the opening on the 11th of next month.

THE Rev. Dr. C. L. Goodell, a Congregationalist pastor in St. Louis, in a letter to the Advance says: "A good Christian journal is fifty-two timely pastoral visits in a year, quickening piety. It is a council of churches, pastor and laity, in session every week on important questions and duties."

A CORRESPONDENT of John Swinton's paper, the organ of the labor unions, calls attention to the claim of the brewers that they give employment to 500,000 men, and says: "Think of this, workmen! Half a million men employed in destroying food, in rotting grain, etc., turning it into a poison that makes men fiends, wives widows, children orphans, the industrious lazy, the intelligent numskulls, and sends women and children to work in place of men, thus filling the land with tramps and loafers, for the workers to support. If it is true that every person who produces nothing beneficial to society is no better than a pauper, then all labor employed making, handling or selling such drinks is labor wasted, and people so employed are paupers and makers of paupers."

THE money invested in a church building, unlike almost any other kind of investment, yields no cash dividends. Church schools, while they charge tuition fees, generally give free scholarships to so many that they have little or no income above their expenses, and often it is the case that they do not make expenses.

WHILE in many American cities—chiefly Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis—the reaction against Puritanic Sabbath notions is degenerating into the most radical extremes, in Europe a strong sentiment in favor of a more decent observance of Sunday is apparently making itself felt.

Sunday wages for Sunday rest. The German workmen seem determined to answer the Chancellor, at the head of the movement being the Catholic political association. The resolutions adopted by the various associations are receiving wide publicity, and are an indication that a large proportion of the German people are not in favor of the license practiced on the so-called "Continental Sunday" plan.

At the recent Prohibition Convention in Mississippi the Committee on Resolutions, after patient deliberation, reported a declaration of principles which, with a few verbal alterations, is identical with that adopted one year ago.

DR. YOUNG J. ALLEN, writing from Shanghai, China, to the Wesleyan Advocate, says: "I am sorry to say we are to lose in a day or two another missionary from our already small number of efficient workers. Bro. Mingledorf has not been well since his attack of measles last summer, and is now to leave us, not to return. He has had another severe attack of bronchitis, and his lungs being in a very bad state, necessitates a change from this climate at once."

Our itinerating everywhere is suffering from the want of foreign missionaries. I have plenty of work on my district alone for ten itinerant preachers, which includes a tract of country of some sixty or eighty miles, with some fifteen walled cities and hundreds of towns. Only three of these walled cities are occupied by us, and only three or four larger villages.

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THE PRESS.

Among our Exchanges. California, it seems, is the only State in the Union which imposes a tax on church property. The reason given is that the Roman Catholic Church owns so much property in the State.

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While California pursues this course with reference to church property, it collects little or no tax from the railroads within its boundaries. Yet these railroads are built, not from philanthropic purposes, but to make money. They are

allowed to charge what transportation they please, and own millions of acres of land, given them by the people, from which they receive a vast revenue and on which they pay no tax. This is a discrimination unworthy of a civilized State.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat has been paying some attention lately to educational matters. In an article on American Colleges, it says:

There are over 400 so-called colleges in the United States, with some 40,000 students in attendance, of whom probably 12,000 or 15,000 are "graduated" each year and given the right to use some complicated combination of letters after their names. It is gratifying to know that these colleges have ceased to increase in number, and that the tendency is in the opposite direction.

The Associated Press recently sent out the following telegram from New London, Conn: The Harvard Yale boat race was won by Harvard. The official time was Harvard 26 minutes 15 3/4 seconds, Yale 26 minutes 30 seconds.

The Alabama Advocate takes the above as a text for a homily on Northern and Southern colleges. It sums up as follows: 1. There is greater danger to the moral character of a student in a rich college, North than in a poor college South.

By the way, President McCosh, of Princeton College, has lately made an investigation into the effect of zeal in college athletics upon the scholarship of leading players. The result is significant. He has compiled a list of twenty-seven Princeton students who are officers and members of football and baseball teams.

A clergyman has written recently: The infirmity of the newspaper is that it assumes to be an ethical teacher, but its object is to make money for its owner.

Which moves an editor to say: We are confident that for every editor who suppresses the truth, and for the sake of gain writes what he does not believe, there would be found two ministers of the gospel who preach what they do not believe.

Whereupon the New York Observer interposes a word in behalf of the profession so unfeelingly criticised. It says:

Next to prophesying, the poorest business a public censor of morals can engage in is the imputation of base motives to his neighbors. As a general rule it is safer to assume that respectable men are governed by judgment and conscience. Their acts are fair subjects for criticism, but their motives may well be left alone and left to Him who knows the heart.

It has been alleged by the enemies of Christianity that it is unfavorable to patriotism. The Western Christian Advocate holds the difficulty arises from an improper conception of patriotism. It says:

So far as Christianity is really in conflict with something called patriotism, that something is not the genuine article, but is merely national selfishness and vanity, or the convenient boast and pretense of politicians hungry for the spoils of office; and so far as true patriotism is in conflict with something called Christianity, the latter is not genuine and divine, but a politico-ecclesiastical combination to get control of the people at the expense of their civil rights.

tration of our laws is that all classes do not fare alike in the courts:

There may not be intentional injustice, but it is injustice all the same, and the lower classes feel it, and nurse it as a grievance that needs to be adjusted. They see the rich criminal, or one with good society connections, by the aid of skillful lawyers, escaping conviction; or, if convicted, relieved from the full penalty of the law by securing the good will of the executive. It has become the habit of courts to treat men of this kind with a leniency that the poor and friendless do not hope to have exercised on them.

This, however, is not always so. There has been very recently a striking exception to the practice the Advocate condemns. James D. Fish, ex-president of the Marine National Bank of New York, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at hard labor for his criminal misuse of the funds entrusted to his care. A little more than a year ago he was the respected head of an apparently flourishing institution; to-day he is the companion of the blackleg, the ruffian and the lowest of the low. Neither his wealth nor his position availed to avert the punishment that was his due. We trust that with his case the precedent of equal responsibility for criminality, in all spheres of life, has been established.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Rev. R. O. Brazleton, of Moody, Texas, is on a visit to Lampasas.

—Rev. F. S. Jackson, of San Saba, in his itinerating, visited the Local Preachers' Conference at Lampasas.

—Rev. B. M. Leaton, of West Texas Conference, was quite sick, a few days since, but is again at his work.

—D. W. Grounds, of Blue Ridge, Collin county, Texas, desires to know the whereabouts of Rev. E. B. Thompson. When last heard from he was in Texas.

—A Weimar correspondent of the Colorado Citizen says: "Rev. J. A. Duncan preached us two able and interesting sermons last Sunday at the church in this city."

—Rev. J. P. Mussett, pastor of our church at Gatesville, accompanied by his family, is spending a few days in Lampasas. As twenty years have elapsed since he last visited this resort, he will doubtless find few of the "old land marks."

—Rev. M. H. Wells, of Weatherford, Texas, will not "go back" on Arkansas. Writing from a town out West, he says: "By the way, it is not considered, out here, a good sign when a man or woman speaks of being 'water bound in Arkansas.' Away with such poor trash!"

—Rev. E. M. Sweet, of Waxahachie, contemplates sending his family to Lampasas for a few weeks. As Bro. S. is an active worker, and has been confined closely to his charge since conference, we think the good people of Waxahachie would not hesitate to send him along.

—A note from Rev. R. I. Allen says: "I was obliged to give up my work a few days since on account of an affection of the throat. Rev. L. L. Naugle is my successor on the Allen circuit. It is very painful to me to be 'laid on the shelf' so young, but hope it is only temporary. I ask the prayers of the church."

—The Southwestern Methodist has the following to say of one of our most effective preachers: "Rev. J. M. Bond, of Northwest Texas Conference, son of one of the Missouri itinerants of other days, is showing full proof of his ministry on the Italy circuit. More than seventy conversions on his work since conference."

—Rees W. Porter, a steward in the church at Columbus, is pleased with his presiding elder. He says: "Our presiding elder, Rev. J. P. Follin, is the right man in the right place. He does not hurry off as soon as the duties of holding the quarterly conference are discharged, but remains until time for his next appointment, preaching day and night, holding prayer-meeting at sunrise—trying to do all he can."

—Rev. M. H. Wells, in the St. Louis Advocate, pays the following tribute to one of the associate editors of the TEXAS ADVOCATE: "Rev. Horace Bishop, pastor of our church at Waco, is appreciated by his congregation, and so are his family. The appearance of the parsonage and church edifice indicates enterprise and devotion in right directions. The membership, numerically, has been regained with an access of four over the report of 1878. In these things we do rejoice."

—A good brother at Columbus, Texas, desires to explain the cause of his pastor's absence from district conference. He says of Rev. R. T. Woolsey: "Our country was inundated with water to such an extent that the railroad trains failed for weeks to get here, and the steamboat changed its time of departure at that particular time, rendering it impossible for him to get to district conference. He regretted it very much, as he is anxious to discharge all the duties incumbent upon him as a minister."

—Professor Hogg, superintendent of public schools at Fort Worth, and who, by-the-way, is a staunch Methodist, is receiving complimentary notices from the press in his section. The Fort Worth Gazette, in copying a notice from the Cleburne Chronicle, says: "Professor Hogg's services entitled him to the recognition of them noted by the Chronicle. The public schools of Fort Worth are second to none in the State, and their great excellence is due to the patient, intelligent and devoted attention given them by Professor Hogg. He has fairly won the honor Fort Worth so freely accords."

—Rev. F. T. Mitchell, President Board of Curators of Southwestern University, in sending the following letter from Dr. John W. Heidt for publication, says: "The doctor's letter of acceptance has

the true ring of a Christian educator, and I doubt not that he will have what he asks, the prayers of our church for his most abundant success. Now let all the people rally to our University with all their moral, spiritual, material forces, and may God make it worthy of its illustrious founder and its grand design!"

LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA, July 8, 1885. Rev. F. T. Mitchell, President Board Curators S. W. University, Bryan, Texas. My Dear Brother—Your telegram dated June 8th, stating the fact of my unanimous election as Regent of the Southwestern University, was duly received.

In reply I would say, that only yesterday the Trustees of LaGrange Female College acted on my resignation of the presidency of that institution, leaving me free to answer your telegram.

After mature deliberation I accept the trust committed to me by the Board of Curators, and will undertake its duties, relying on your prayers and the guidance of God.

Yours in Christ, JOHN W. HEIDT. —Rev. D. P. Haggard, in resigning his pastorate of Hempstead and Courtney station, in order to devote his entire time and energy to the publication of the Prohibition Advocate, says: "After much prayer and reflection we have concluded to give our entire time and energy to the paper, and pursuant to this purpose we have given up our pastorate. We enter upon this work with full consecration, looking to God for success, and believing that we will have the support of all Christian people, and the co-operation of all temperance workers." The following resolutions were adopted by the third quarterly conference of his charge:

WHEREAS, The increased circulation of the Texas Prohibition Advocate has enlarged the duties involved in its publication to such an extent as to require the exclusive attention of Rev. D. P. Haggard, pastor in charge of this church, and recognizing in Bro. Haggard an efficient worker in the cause of temperance, and a peculiar adaptability for this work, therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the cause of Bro. Haggard in asking to be relieved from the pastoral charge of this church; and that in accepting his resignation we attach no blame to him in so doing.

Resolved, That we commend him to the confidence of those with whom he may be associated as a man of God and worthy Christian minister.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this quarterly conference, and published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Dr. Morris Evans, of the Kentucky Conference, is on a trip to Arkansas and Texas.

—Dr. G. W. F. Price has gone to Saratoga, New York, to attend the National Educational Convention.

—Mr. Moody has been invited to spend next November in New Orleans, and Sam Jones is expected in January.

—Bishop Hargrove spent Sunday, July 19, in Louisville, Ky., and off to the West. Mrs. Hargrove accompanies him.

—Dr. John Mathews has a booming class-meeting at Walnut-street Church, Kansas City—300 attend, and they wind up with a hand-shaking and the benediction.

—Rev. Sam Jones drew great crowds and preached with his usual power an effect at Murfreesboro, Tenn., last week. The town and whole surrounding country was stirred.

—Archdeacon Farrar, better known as Canon Farrar, in this country, will visit the United States in September. He is expected to make some addresses on prohibition, of which he is an advocate.

—Rev. G. G. Smith, of Georgia, in an exchange says: "I am the only Sunday-school agent in the Southern Church; and, as far as I know, the only man who wants to be. I am not a Sunday-school man to Jacobus, Gillett, or Vincent—they gave the school their chief care. I give the children mine."

—General Gordon has been made the subject of a striking picture now on exhibition in London, from the brush of Mr. Lewis Dickenson. It is entitled "The Last Watch," and represents the commander standing alone on the Khartoum rampart, with a Bible and field-glass in his hand. The likeness is described as excellent, and the expression most impressive.

—The Nashville Advocate of July 18 says: "Bishop McTyeire attended a meeting of the Church Extension Board in Louisville last week to secure aid for building a church for the Mexican Border Mission Conference at San Antonio, where the conference is to be organized in October. He reports Secretary Morton as having every thing well in hand for the fall and winter sessions, and this important interest is in excellent and growing condition."

—Rev. Dr. W. P. Harrison, book editor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, reached the Seashore Camp Ground on Saturday and preached on Sunday at 11 o'clock. His sermon was greatly enjoyed by the entire congregation. Bishop Keener preached in the afternoon with characteristic power. The other sermons of the day were by Rev. Dr. J. B. A. Abrams, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and by Rev. Dr. M. S. Andrews at night.—N. O. Advocate.

—Miss Carrie Steele, of Mississippi, who has been accepted by the Woman's Board of Missions for work in the foreign field, attended the Seashore Camp-meeting. She is a niece of Rev. Elijah Steele, the eloquent young apostle of the Southwest who died of yellow fever in this city, and therefore, has the inheritance of missionary faith. We wish our young friend a long life of devoted service among the women of heathen lands.—N. O. Advocate.

—Much is being said about the old Methodist preachers in Arkansas and another in Missouri. Rev. James McAden, of the Virginia Conference, has some claims in this direction. He is in his ninetieth year, and has been preaching seventy-three years. He is still hale and hearty, and preaches as aforesaid. Rev. Samuel T. Moorman, of the Virginia Conference, is in his eighty-third year, and has been preaching sixty-one years.—Richmond Advocate.

GENERAL ITEMS.

—In Glasgow, Scotland, 1,700 young persons have been converted in connection with the labors of Rev. E. P. Hammond.

—Whitelaw Reid, of the New York Tribune, offers to endow a college at Cedarville, Ohio, contributing \$50,000, if citizens furnish \$150,000 more for the purpose.

—An English Methodist paper tells us that in England, last year, £125,000,000 were spent in strong drink, while only about £1,000,000 were expended in Foreign Missions.

—The first colored bishop in the Episcopal Church was consecrated June 24, in New York. Rev. Samuel D. Ferguson was made

"Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent." He was born in Charleston, S. C., forty three years ago, but when six years old was taken with his parents to Liberia. He will sail for his diocese in a week or two.

—Since 1841 the Primitive Methodist Church in England has grown in membership from 75,967 to 192,384, and in the same time the ministry has increased from 495 to 1042.

—When the Supreme Court of Alabama decided that a lottery, being an immoral institution, had no constitutional right to exist, it laid down a dictum that found an approving echo in the breast of every good citizen.—Nashville Advocate.

—The Rev. W. Muirhead, for thirty-one years a missionary at Shanghai, stated at the anniversary of the London Missionary Society that when he went to China there were not more than ten or a dozen Christian converts in the Empire, while now fully 25,000 are connected with the church, and there are 40,000 professed adherents to the faith.

—A New York gentleman, who knows Mr. Geo. L. Seney well, said a few days ago that Mr. Seney had made a fine start toward the recovery of his fortune. This will be welcome news in Georgia, three of whose colleges received over \$300,000 of Mr. Seney's former fortune. Mr. Seney is only about 54 years old. He has robust health, a big brain and bigger heart. Such a man is always rich.—Chicago.

—What educational institutions owe to rich men is shown by these figures, collated in the Pennsylvania "College Monthly": John Hopkins gave \$3,148,000 to the University which bears his name; Ezra Cornell gave a million to Cornell; Yassar endowed the college on the Hudson with \$800,000; and three men gave over \$100,000 each to Amherst. Many theological seminaries also have been built up largely through the gifts of one man.

REV. J. P. STEVENSON.

Last Sunday, July 12th, one of my local preachers, Rev. J. P. Stevenson, was buried at Breckenridge. He was the first Methodist preacher to preach in Texas, which was in 1853. His father helped to plant Methodism in Arkansas. Bro. S. helped to gain the independence of Texas. He died in his eighty-eighth year. God bless his bereaved family. J. D. CROCKETT.

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS.

REVIVALS.

At Meridian.

O. M. Addison, Meridian, July 20: Our Holiness camp-meeting is in progress here, with a large attendance, and much interest manifested. Up to date there have been twenty-three conversions and twenty sanctifications.

At Fall Creek Camp-Meeting. Rev. R. M. Leaton, Round Mountain, July: Just home from Bro. Graham's Fall Creek camp-meeting. I was there three days. Four or five conversions while I was present, and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God. Of course Bro. G. will report full particulars. His people there are as clever and kind as the days are long. Bless God!

On Canton Circuit.

Rev. L. C. Ellis, Willis Point, July 16: My first protracted meeting for the season is closed. Results, ten conversions, and nine accessions. Church pretty thoroughly revived. Thanks to Bro. Blocker, of the Linden circuit, for valuable aid, also to Bro. Allen, local preacher, of same circuit, for some good preaching. We are expecting a glorious revival all over the circuit.

At Owensville.

Rev. J. Stephen, Franklin, July 13: Third quarterly meeting held at Owensville protracted. Three conversions, and the membership greatly blessed and revived. Bro. Allen, presiding elder, was with us the greater part of the time, preached some faithful sermons. We are indebted also to Bro. Turner, of Kosse, and Bro. Gassaway, of the Protestant Methodist Church, for their services.

At Alto.

Methodist, Alto, July 15: We are having a glorious revival here. Rev. Robt. J. Deets, of Rusk, has been preaching here for a few days. Interest is increasing all the time. Many are being converted to God—the youngest convert, ten years old; the oldest, seventy. The church greatly revived. Rev. G. C. Hardy, preacher in charge, wants to take the necessary steps to build a church house here at the close of the meeting.

At Pleasant Hill.

M. C. S. Pleasant Hill, July 10: Bro. T. T. Booth has just closed his protracted meeting at this place. We are thankful to know it was not a meeting in vain, though there were no conversions, but some of the church members were revived and say they were wonderfully benefited. We do hope and pray the people of this community will become more God-loving and God-fearing people, and prepare for that eternal life our beloved pastor preached so earnestly to them about. May the Lord bless him in all his efforts to do good.

At Sandy Elm.

Rev. Felix A. Knox, Laverna Circuit, July 13: The Lord is reviving his work. Meeting at Sandy Elm up to date has resulted in eighteen conversions, with twelve accessions to the church. The church has been greatly blessed. The people shrank upon the prayers of God, and a collection taken on Sunday didn't hurt the revival spirit a bit, and over the amount asked for was subscribed. I had the efficient help of Bro. Holbrook, Mill Creek circuit; John F. England, local preacher of Luling; L. Gregory, local preacher and exhorter, and lady. Praise the Lord for his goodness.

At Scatter Creek.

Rev. C. C. Davis, Robbinsville, July 10: Bro. I. M. Woodward closed his meeting at Scatter Creek yesterday. He had been preaching faithfully for a week; and God blessed his labors abundantly. The meeting resulted in nine conversions, fifteen accessions, five in-

ants baptized, and the restoration of several back-slidden professors. There were several penitents left at the altar when the meeting closed. I think there have been twenty-four accessions to the church at this place since conference. The blessing is ours; the glory belongs to God.

At Davilla Camp-Ground.

I. Z. T. Morris, July 20: The annual camp-meeting begun here last Friday, 8 p. m., with more tents on the ground at the first of the meeting and more harmony and a better feeling in the church than I ever saw before. Up to the present my services have been glorious. Forty penitents at the altar at the "children's service" yesterday. Five conversions last night. We look for glorious things this week. Preachers present: Rev. N. F. Law and the pastor, with the local brethren on the circuit. All over the district God is doing great things for us. These people here gave me every cent I asked for for the district parsonage.

At Hall's School House.

Rev. B. H. Passmore, Harwood, July 7: Returning from the district conference, where we stayed just long enough to make the acquaintance of the brethren, and give in a report of our charge, we began a meeting at Hall's school house, which lasted five days. Result: Nine accessions, church greatly revived. Thence home again, contemplating a protracted meeting at Harwood, but after three days had to close on account of the rain. It rained every day, yet notwithstanding the mud and water, (and our little town is as muddy as you ever saw in wet weather) we had good congregations. Result, two children baptized.

At Pine Hill.

Rev. A. Little, Mount Enterprise, July 13: We commenced our protracted meeting at Pine Hill the third day of this month, and continued six days. We had a splendid meeting in the church. There were several professions and eleven accessions. Bro. T. P. Smith, of Henderson station, assisted us four days and did good work. Many Christians were made happy in the Lord. I trust that much and lasting good was accomplished during the meeting. Our camp-meeting at Watt's camp-ground will commence on Friday night before the third Sabbath in August. Success to our dear ADVOCATE. God bless the editor in his labors.

At Midway.

Rev. J. B. Adair, Madisonville, July 17: We have been blessed with one glorious revival on the work at Midway, Texas. God was with us from the first service, blessing his word to the good of souls. The church was quickened, many sinners were "pricked to the heart," and eighteen professed faith in Christ. Thirteen of the eighteen were members of our Sunday-school. We had seventeen accessions and two before the meeting by ritual, and three during the year by letter—twenty-two in all. The signs are very encouraging for a revival throughout the work. We have four weekly prayer-meetings, and organized a young men's prayer-meeting at Midway. Thanks to the Rev. D. J. McDonald for valuable service during the meeting above named. Pray for us.

At Mexia.

Rev. J. H. Collard, Jr., Mexia, July 14: Our district conference was a success. The brethren all preached well, but the meeting seemed to drag until after they had gone. I suppose our people say that they must depend on themselves and put their trust in God, when there was no longer a great crowd of preachers to do all the work. At any rate, the revival began in earnest on Monday night, and from that time on until Sunday night every service was attended by divine power, and twenty-one souls were happily converted to God. One peculiarity of the meeting deserves mention. Every profession, with one exception, was made at the "mourner's bench," and all the converts got up in the congregation and told their experience, while some pray in public. W. H. Vaughan was with us four days and did some excellent preaching. Dr. Byers, of the Presbyterian Church, also helped in the meeting. Our people are more religious than ever before. To God be all the praise.

At Hamilton.

Rev. J. B. Womack, Hamilton, July 17: Our third quarterly conference for Hamilton circuit met at Evergreen July 4th. Bro. J. K. Lane, presiding elder, was at his post and fully alive to the duties of his office. The financial report was somewhat meager, owing to the stringency in money matters. The people seem willing to do if they could, but there is no money in circulation here. The meeting continued for ten days. Results, thirty-one conversions and the church greatly refreshed. Bro. E. A. Smith, preacher in charge of Jonesboro circuit, and Bros. Cannon and Toland, local preachers from the same charge, were with me a part of the time, and rendered efficient service. Bro. R. R. Raymond, formerly of the White River Conference, was present during the meeting, and we feel that under God his presence was a blessing to us. He worked like a hero for nine days, and seemed to feel fully repaid in the success of the meeting. May the Lord bless him wherever he goes. To God be glory and honor for the good work.

LETTER FROM GEORGETOWN.

During the vacation our town usually presents a very quiet appearance, in marked contrast with the activity of the session. The ringing of the University bells at regular intervals during the day is not heard, and the bright faces of the students, giving animation to our streets, are not seen. Trade is also depressed; for many are kept from "standing idle in the market place" by the presence of several hundred young people to be fed, clothed, and sheltered.

This summer, however, has proved, in some degree, an exception to the rule. The week after commencement our district conference met here. Then came the Summer Normal School—meeting in the Ladies' Annex, under the direction of Prof. Smith Ragsdale, with some fifty teachers in attendance; while the District Court, now in session, gives life to the square.

Our pastor, Rev. W. G. Connor, D. D., seems determined, also, to keep up the life of the church. We see that the pastors in New York are hurrying to the seashore, to the mountains, and to Europe; leaving their churches closed or in the hands of supplies. While Dr. Connor's faithful labors fully entitle him to rest, we have yet heard him say nothing about a vacation. On the contrary, he is taking on more work, as though the dog days were not drawing on apace. In addition to the regular services at the church, he has established an "itinerant prayer-meeting," which meets every

TEXAS CORRESPONDENCE.

—Rev. R. M. Leaton, Round Mountain, July 4: We have had a short drouth, but yesterday the good Lord sent us a gracious rain, and now every growing crop is well refreshed. Oh, how good God is to the children of men! "Every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." Plenty of good roasting ears. We like our TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

—J. W. Alexander, Little Elm, July 5: Our presiding elder was not present at the third quarterly meeting for Bethel circuit. Our preacher, however, Rev. B. H. Bounds, presided with his usual dignity. The church revived; meeting closed at eleven o'clock on account of bad weather. We expect to begin a camp-meeting at Bethel on the third Sunday in August.

—Rev. Jas. P. Rogers, Livingston, July 7: Church interests are looking up. Prospects for good encouraging. Crops are good. A fair yield of corn a certainty. Rains almost in excess. Business improving. Health generally good. Fruit crops good. Vegetables plentiful. Lumber interests in the background. Cause of temperance gaining ground. Good will and friendship prevail.

—Rev. W. H. Keck, Cotulla: The church in Clinton Springs is doing well. I think we shall be able to build a church this year, as there is now about \$500 promised. The people are very much interested in this matter. May the good Lord show them their duty in this good work; then give them grace in such a way that it will help them to do all that they can. Health very good.

—Rev. U. B. Phillips, Athens, July 6: An Episcopate.—During the meeting at Athens, the young men of the community presented with a beautiful pendant chandelier, accompanied with a letter of expressed esteem for the pastor and the church he serves. They also, at their own expense, fitted up Bro. Lord, the leader of the song service, with a handsome suit of clothes. These young men are full of good works.

—Rev. C. G. Shutt, Midlothian, July 6: The brethren at this place just finished up our new church last week. The whole cost of the church is about \$2500. It is a "gem." Yesterday morning Bro. R. C. Armstrong, our presiding elder, preached the dedication sermon and made us all feel good; then raised a collection to pay off the debt on our church of \$500, which amount was raised in a few minutes and \$62.05 over. Our people are liberal up here.

—Rev. W. M. Adams, Laredo, July 15: Our prayer-meeting, which meets each Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, is increasing in interest. Last meeting we had twenty persons present. Out of a membership of thirty-six there are twenty-seven called to worship around the family altar daily. Three of our members profess sanctification. Thank God for this glorious doctrine! Our services were well attended last Sunday. We received one sister into the church. Praise God for his blessings.

—Rev. Neill Brown, Malakoff, July 15: Malakoff circuit in a hopeful condition; signs of vitality; expect to commence camp-meetings soon. Health generally good. Crop prospects good; farmers generally behind in consequence of too much rain. The election on the liquor traffic, owing to the indifference of many professed friends of Prohibition who did not attend the election. Consequently, the curse is entailed upon us for one year more. Hope by that they will see their error, regret their indifference, and next time do better.

—Rev. I. Alexander, Jacksonville, July 6: District conference over. Preachers generally present, active, hopeful, successful. Progress all along the line. Spiritual state seems good. Advocate popular, giving abundant satisfaction; all delighted to get it. Love-feast a gracious season; seldom ever better. I sat in it and dwelt on the thought that the church has lost its spirituality and former power. It was afraid to think it there; it looked too much like charging falsehood upon the Holy Ghost. Did the gospel ever have such power over men, or fashion life to better purpose?

—Rev. H. Jones, Durango, July 6: The second quarterly conference for West Falls circuit is over. Bro. Allen, presiding elder, present. He preached for us four sermons that will be long remembered by the people of Power's Chapel; received two into the church. Had a glorious love-feast on Sunday, sacrament after sermon. The church was revived, and we trust good was done. This preacher will take opportunity of thanking the good people of Durango for the many favors that he has received at their hands, they having kept his table supplied with vegetables during the summer. May God bless them in his prayer. Will begin revival meetings soon, hope to have a good work and that God will add many to the church this year.

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THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

In many quarters of our State the people are stirred to the bottom on the subject of prayer. Many old saints are sending in their names to be placed on the "Prayer League," and saying with all the earnestness of their souls, pray for my sons, or daughters; and others for friends who lie near their hearts, and nearly all agree that there is an unusual influence on the people. O, friends of the "Prayer League," pray earnestly, and with faith, the Lord is moving the hearts of the people in every direction.

Our district conference is now over and a good time we had; and the good work still goes on. About twelve full-grown men and women at the altar of prayer last night. Oh, for a mighty move toward God all over our Texas land. Amen, and amen. JAS. A. GRAVES.

CALVERT, TEXAS, JUNE 25.

ERRATA.

In my article last week, on the change of our church name, the types make me blunder as follows: "The case being properly presented to them, should their sense of justice and propriety not induce them voluntarily to assume it? An appeal to the courts, once necessary to secure our rights, might prevail in abating their claim and lead them to share with us the odium of a sectional church title." I meant to say: "The case being presented to them, should their sense of justice and propriety not induce them voluntarily to assume it, an appeal to the courts, once necessary to secure our rights, might prevail in abating their claims, etc." OSCAR M. ADDISON.

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DEVOTIONAL. WITH THREE.

I have no night, since thou dost shed Of grief and tears, since thou hast said, 'Happy awake, or safe asleep, While thou dost watch above me sleep.'

Why should my soul the bitter cup Of grief and tears be given to sup? 'Tis he who orders by the word, And first be tasted by his Lord?

I felt it more than I could bear, Till thou my heavy load didst share; Then every burden gave a wing, And my uplifted soul could sing.

Conversations With Christ. If I were asked what is the thing which the devil and the world and the flesh try hardest to prevent Christians from getting, I should reply, 'Conversations with Christ.'

When did you last so talk with Christ? Do stop and answer this question to yourself before you read on.

It is so easy to go to services, and to listen to prayers, and to join in them, it is so easy to sing to him, or pray to him with others, or to think that we are doing so because we 'feel refreshed' by it.

But what if it should turn out that we were really only talking or singing for other people and ourselves to hear? Communion services are not necessarily conversations with Christ; nor is preaching, or teaching, or working for him.

You may be a most religious person—busy all day long about God's matters; you may give time, money, and thought to him, and yet never converse with him.

And the danger is, that if you do not converse with him alone for some time, perhaps an hour each day, you will certainly get thoroughly wrong, and that when you do meet you will see all your work crumble away, and sullenly wake up to the fact that you and your Saviour are strangers.

It will be a horrible surprise to you that nothing should remain of all the work on which you spent your life, for "without me ye can do nothing," had been forgotten by you.

He meant that you should have talked to him continually about every thing you did, and should have been always conscious of his sympathy and oversight.

But instead of that, you talked only to men and women, and made shifts with their sympathy, advice, and help. He meant you to have asked his counsel about that money trouble. He would have arranged it all; but you only asked your lawyer, and it turned out badly.

He meant you to have told him your anxieties about your son, and he would have ended them; but you only consulted your friend, and matters got worse and worse. He meant you to have asked him for light about that doctrine which you could not understand; but you went to books to get it explained, and you became more uncertain than before; he would have satisfied you. He meant you to have confessed to him that secret sin, and he would have forgiven you and cleansed you; but you confessed it to your clergyman or minister, and it torments you to this hour.

He meant you to have asked him how much money you were to give away; but you settled that yourself, and settled it wrong. He would have been your counselor about the profession you chose, the situation you accepted, the servant you engaged, the books you read, the friendships you formed; but you chose other counselors, and all has been failure.

May the Holy Spirit strike the scales from your eyes now, and may you take Christ now as your personal friend and counselor.—Edward Clifford.

Christ is a tried foundation. He has been tried by God and by devils; by many who are now in glory, and by others who are on the way there, and He has never failed. All the stones founded on Him become living stones, and they are all cemented together by the blood of Jesus.—Galatians.

MARRIAGES. BAILY-WOODY.—By Rev. F. M. Winburne, July 2, 1885, in Johnson county, Texas, Mr. David Baily and Miss Mary A. Woody.

MORRIS-RUSBY.—By Rev. F. M. Winburne, in Ellis county, Texas, Mr. E. C. Morris and Miss J. M. Busby.

BOLLINGER-HINSLY.—At the residence of Mr. E. Hinsley, July 17, by Rev. John E. Dunn, Mr. Charles E. Bollinger and Miss Mary L. Hinsley—all of San Felipe.

DREW-JOSEY.—At the Methodist Church in Moscow, July 5, 1885, by Rev. J. P. Rogers, Mr. J. M. Drew, of Livingston, and Miss Hattie Josey, of Moscow.

BELL-ARMOUR.—At Jas. Armour's, father of the bride, Limestone county, Texas, July 12, by Rev. Samuel Morris, Mr. J. H. Bull and Miss Sallie Armour.

WILEY-DUNCAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Homer, Texas, on the morning of June 13th, by Rev. J. C. Callison, Mr. James W. Wiley, of Rockland, Texas, to Miss Mattie C. Duncan.

LITTLETON-ARLEIGH.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Bee House, Texas, July 7, 1885, by Rev. J. B. Hawkins, Mr. A. S. Littleton and Miss C. G. Arleigh—all of Coryell county.

GILLET-LANBREM.—At the Methodist parsonage in Uvalde, Texas, on the evening of July 9, 1885, by Rev. Rush McDonald, Mr. A. B. Gillet, son of Rev. J. T. Gillet, and Miss Mattie J. Landrum—all of Uvalde county, Texas.

GRAHAM-LEE.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in the city of Dallas, July 12, 1885, by Rev. W. Woonton, Mr. Jas. S. Graham, of Alexandria, La., and Miss Rosa Lee Williams, of Dallas, Texas.

MAYHALL-AVERY.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Willis Avery, near Hutto, Texas, June 21, 1885, by Rev. A. P. Taylor, Mr. Wm. A. Mayhall and Miss Lenora Avery.

BROWN-ROBERTSON.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Bagdad, Texas, June 24, 1885, by Rev. T. A. Brown and Miss Mary R. Robertson, Rev. A. P. Taylor officiating.

DAY-DICEMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. H. Diceman, in Dallas county, Texas, July 1, 1885, by Rev. W. Woonton, Mr. Robt. C. Day and Miss Susie E. Diceman—all of Dallas county, Texas.

DAVEY-MATHEWS.—At the residence of the bride's mother, six miles east of Athens, on Sabbath morning, July 18, 1885, by Dr. T. W. Hall, Mr. F. Davey and Miss Georgia Mathews.

OBITUARIES.

CURTIS.—Died, three miles west of Keller, Mr. Curtis, aged twenty-seven years. The young man had suffered long and death was without terror to him, as it released him from pain and gave him a place in the land of rest.

WOODSON.—Florence Evaratta Woodson, daughter of Rev. T. E. and Agatha Abney Woodson, was born June 19, 1881, and died in the city of Dallas, Texas, on the 21st of July, 1885.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- July 18 - Henry Jones, subs. W. F. Easterling, subs. C. C. Bell, change number; Saml Morris, subs. A. C. McDougal, sub. J. R. Nelson, sub. Eugene T. Bates, sub. Ben H. Bonds, subs. W. D. Huggins, sub. Will Conroy, sub. C. M. Keith, sub. J. W. Hearn, sub. J. M. Smith, subs.
July 16 - Sam C. Vaughan, subs. F. M. Sherwood, subs. W. D. Stockton, will stop one paper. D. J. Martin, sub. W. J. Joyce, sub. J. W. Whipple, will correct address. Jas. A. Walkup, sub. J. M. Fowler, sub. E. S. Williams, sub.
July 17 - J. H. Wiseman, sub. M. L. Hallenbeck, sub. Nell Brown, subs. 2nd half price. J. L. Lewis, sub. J. H. Walker, sub.
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