

Texas Christian Advocate.

MARLIN CORRESPONDENCE.

The county seat of Falls county is on the Texas Central railroad, about six miles from the Brazos falls, hence the name. It is one of the most quiet, law-abiding little towns in Texas, notwithstanding a hanging takes place occasionally, which draws a small crowd of people. The people live in plain, neat, little cottages, set back in yards full of blooming flowers, and behind them are gardens, and often plenty of chickens. The people speak well of the place, which is always a good sign. This town contains two thousand inhabitants, with the usual number of stores, a fine brick court house, a large jail, a very handsome public school building, market, groceries, shoe stores and milliner establishments. Two banks add solidity to the town. There are two express offices.

There are five churches—the Baptist, a small brick building; the Methodist, a little frame structure with a large yard, and back of it an neat, comfortable parsonage. The Presbyteria have a church, but no pastor. They attend the Methodist services. There are a few Episcopalian who commune with the Methodists and assist in the support of the pastor. The colored people have two churches and a fine public school, Sunday-schools and a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. They are quiet, well behaved people, most of them staying for a home and to educate their children. Jews and Catholics abound—perhaps five hundred; no church or synagogue.

Of course there are a few saloons, but they seem to be very orderly. I think the Templars have a lodge but no W. C. T. U. work. The Masons also have work. One newspaper tells the news to the people. Mr. Oltorf, editor of the Marlin Ball, now Democratic postmaster, starts the people and encourages the preacher by saying that the pastor will preach next Sunday on the "Supplement of Women," supposing, of course, that they will know that he means influence. He informed the public that I was canvassing for "The Children of the Bible," and had a book in the press called "Chantanga." Strikes are bad things generally, but I would be willing to join with writers to strike the editors, printers, indeed the whole establishment, because the editor says the printer is to blame, the printer blames some one else, and when we get dangerous, all hands say: "Your handwriting is not legible, your 'i's are not dotted, 't's uncrossed," etc. So they join the public in enjoying their outrageous work, while we suffer. I once saw a notice of Tennyson's "Maid" (Maud) and the "Loot Eaters," for Lots, Talmage says "dines," and they print it "dimmers." To get out of the trouble I have concluded to laugh with the editors and the public until the strike is organized; then—beware of this Arm-stroke, and more of the family not far away. "Forewarned, forearmed." Rev. H. M. Sears, not "Sears," as the Ball had it, formerly of St. James Church, Galveston, has charge of the Methodist Church. He has fine congregations, preaches excellent sermons, and more young men come to hear him than I ever saw any where in proportion to the size of the congregation. A splendid choir adds largely to the value of the services. Mrs. Dr. Nettles, a young married lady, plays on the organ, and thus far pastor and choir have worked harmoniously, as they always do, unless the machinery needs oiling with Christian love somewhere. Dr. Sears has a wonderful influence on the young men of the town. They love and respect him, and he is "adorning the doctrine," and holding up a brave, strong Christ and urging them to accept him. He has a fine little class, among the number a Quaker whom he always depends on for correct answers. Last Sunday the law required the reading of the General Rules of the church. Bro. S. read them, commenting as he proceeded, and, marvelous to relate, when he reached the one on gold and costly apparel, did not stop to berate the poor women about fashion. He did lay stress on "many words in buying and selling," and urged us not to go to law with each other. There is no class-meeting, but at the weekly prayer-meeting each one gives a promise and a few words of experience, besides the prayers. Connected with this work is a small, earnest Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to the General Board. I would like to tell you of the business way they have of doing things and how much they have accomplished, and much besides, but time flies.

One week there was an evangelist in town who created some interest. Almost every one in town heard him, but many, even of his own people, were not satisfied. Most of us believe in "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." He ridiculed the idea of children being Christians, and thought teaching them to pray was not right. I remember Mrs. Johnson, my 'erry friend, how she is gathering the little ones in the neighborhood and teaching them to pray, but the father who sits in heaven." I thought of dear little Lila fussing over her mission-money, and saying God to bless him for whom she prays. I thought of the little knees bowed all over our land, and the little sinless lips saying now "I lay me," and I thought he that would deprive the church of the children's prayers, let him not be heard. Friends, let us quit this liquid grave business, this dead and buried Christ, and urge the ministry, and demand of them a living Christ, a vital Christianity, and let us forget those things behind us and press after those things that lie before. Thank God for a child Christianity. Little folk, you have held us up a long time in the name of Him who said suffer the little ones to come to me, and of such is the kingdom of heaven, keep on praying for us.

Bro. Sears read the General Conference proceedings (to Mrs. Sears and me), Bishop McTyeers' address, Dr. McFarlin's prayer, and we were greatly encouraged, and gloried God for giving us a portion in the grand old army of "baby-sprinklers"—a church not infallible, but one that holds its children, teaches them to pray, takes them to its communion table; yea, it actually puts them into its pulpits, for what were the slips of boys of sixteen and fourteen years old—Bishop Kavanagh and scores of others—but children. The longer I live the more I honor those grand old men who lead our Israel! Talk about sanctification and ridicule it, but do not turn your backs on our bishops, our good men and women, our sprinkled babies, our little ones who say "Our Father," because God walks the earth incarnate, still in the hearts of these, and you will see him

ness to the Lord in their faces and lives. Marlin has many good men, and some rich ones, and a few whose names have gone abroad far over the land. Our minister to Germany, Col. Lang, lives here. Among its good men, the Protestant Church is equally divided. Bro. Scruggs of the Methodist, Curry of the Baptist, and Fattilo of the Presbyterian—all old men, who have lived here for years, and the power of their lives has done more good than preaching—rather their lives are the sermon Marlin has known. Bro. Scruggs is superintendent of the Sunday-school, known and honored and loved by everybody. Bro. Curry is the same for the Baptists. Our conference has done a grand thing in regard to the evangelist question. In the early days of Christianity it was well, but the sun has risen and set every twenty-four hours for six thousand years. Occasionally a tremendous comet flashes across our sky sending terror and admiration to the heart, but the sun does the real work. So the every-week preached gospel is to save the world. The byways, the hedges and ditches are for the missionary and temperance lecturer, but the evangelist is the man to this work he is going to do in such a way as to make everything else unnecessary, and he will call us to hear and sustain him, but I see no Bible provision for the ecclesiastical tramp as an institution of the church. Next Thursday the Marlin people will hear a temperance lecture from Luther Benson, who comes to us highly recommended. If any one wants to come to Marlin to work and help the town to be better and get business here, there is no place where he can find a healthier moral atmosphere. FANNY L. ARMSTRONG.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.
A careful perusal of your columns for the past few weeks fails to show that you have received any account of the commencement exercises of the North Texas Female College, an omission hardly to be passed by in silence, as this institution now stands confessedly in the front rank of colleges consecrated to Christian education as the representative college of the North Texas Conference, of the M. E. Church, South.

At this late day, we will not enter into details, but will say that the exercises were such as reflected infinite credit upon the management of the president and the excellent faculty, and gratified the friends of religious education beyond expression. The work done by this institution during the past five years under the presidency of Judge I. M. Onins, and especially during the past year, is a standing commentary upon the superior claims of the church upon the education of her children. The distinctive features of family discipline, wholesome restraint and moral training, as exemplified in the management of the North Texas Female College, has given its friends and patrons intense gratification.

In the collegiate department the number in attendance was larger than ever before—about fifty pupils being enrolled from abroad, besides the local attendance, which was in excess of the accommodations. This difficulty, however, will be overcome next session by additional buildings, which will be completed in time for the opening in September next.

The faculty has been strengthened by the addition of Capt. E. S. Goss, late of San Saba, Texas, to the chair of elocution and English literature. Most of the faithful teachers who contributed so materially to the success of last year's work have been retained.

We believe that we are not claiming too much for this institution when we urge upon the Christian people of the State and upon the members of the M. E. Church, South, the fact that its claims upon them for patronage are stronger than those of any other similar institution. It is a home institution, but its faculty and curriculum are not surpassed. It is directly under the control of the conference. The guardians of its students are godly persons, who are known to the conference for scholarly attainments and religious zeal. Better than all, the fruits of the past years are such as to assure us that these claims are real and not visionary or speculative.

Judge I. M. Onins has been re-elected to the presidency by the curators. In connection with this event we beg to submit to the readers of the ADVOCATE the report of the board, which has not heretofore been published in these columns.

REPORT.
The Board of Curators having convened at the call of the president of the board on the 27th instant, received the report of the board of trustees through Mr. J. R. Cole, president of the board, and also the report of Judge I. M. Onins, president of the college. The curators have made a thorough investigation of the financial condition of the corporation; of the support received by the college from the local and general public; of the internal working of the school; with special reference to the development of moral character in the students and also of the management of the president, embracing mode of discipline, system of home government and financial methods—and we deem it our duty to make this statement to the church and to the public, in order that they may be fully advised of the facts and act intelligently in regard to this educational enterprise. Judge Onins reported that his lease of the college property would expire in August next, and with the lease his presidency. The president of the board of trustees reported that at a previous meeting of the board it was resolved that it was advisable to continue the administration of Judge Onins.

The curators proceeded to choose a president and Judge I. M. Onins was elected to succeed himself by a unanimous vote. Judge Onins was elected in 1881, and leases the property for five years. No previous administration with the college during its connection with the church, had commanded that strength and support which were necessary to its continuance, and, therefore, notwithstanding the wealth of Sherman, and the interest of her citizens in her schools; notwithstanding the Methodist Church, from its organization, has labored to build up schools and colleges, and notwithstanding the strength of the North Texas Conference, and the rapid development and vast wealth of North Texas, the college languishes.

execute—one whose heart, talents and means were consecrated to the cause of Christian education—one who had the patience to wait and the fortitude to endure. The marked success of the present administration for the past five years assures us that we have such a man at the head of the college. He has sustained the college under the severest trials necessarily induced by its financial embarrassment. He has borne the heavy burden imposed by its indebtedness, and has expended considerable sums in improving the property. He has given a character to the school that commands the confidence and patronage of as good families as there are in the State, (families of all the churches.) He has done this without sufficient accommodations for his family and without the material and moral support in the main of the church or public. Could any man have done better? We do not believe that any other could have been found who would have done so well. We believe that any other man would have withdrawn from the institution, and left it to its fate. We thank God for such a man, and such a president for our college. We rejoice in the providence that led him into this work, and we trust that he may see the work of the Lord prosper in his hands, and that he may, in some measure, reap the reward of his labors in this life. It is only by harmonious action and earnest efforts that the obligations of the college can be met and the property saved. We do not question that this may be done by a zealous cooperation of those who, with the president, are interested in the success of the college. He has made more and greater sacrifices for it than any other man, and he is better acquainted with its situation and needs. He is better acquainted with the lines of operation that are likely to lead to success, and he is probably more deeply interested in the achievement of a grand success than any other individual.

President Day, himself a great college president, was asked "the first requisite to be sought in a college president?" He answered, "financial ability." We agree with President Day, and we here assert that Judge Onins has shown his capacity for the work in no way more decidedly than in his administration of the finances of the college. We believe that no other man could have excelled his management. We heartily endorse Judge Onins in all the departments of his work, and commend him to the trustees of the college, to the citizens of Sherman, to the church and public at large, and bespeak for him the support, sympathy and co-operation of all. We commend the college to all parents. There is no better school for your daughters, no superior in our knowledge. While all have done well, we do not think it injudicious to call special attention to Mrs. Onins, who has had charge of the department of music during the administration of her husband, and to Miss M. E. Traynham, who has for the last seven years been principal assistant in the literary department. These ladies merit the highest praise we can bestow upon them, and we take this opportunity of assuring them that their fidelity and adaptability to their work are fully appreciated by the curators.

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JESUS AT CANA.

In the course of the feast the wine gave out. His mother, with true womanly instinct, discovered that there was about to be a social discomfiture and informed her son. He will meet the emergency, but not just now, for "mine hour has not yet come." As one has said: "What a power of waiting there was in him. He could wait so calmly and so patiently. He could wait thirty long years down at Nazareth before he began his ministry."

He waited until his hour had come, and then, six water pots having been filled with water, he ordered the servants to draw and bear to the governor of the feast. The governor declared it to be wine of the first vintage and rallied the bridegroom on reserving it until now.

Of course it was a small thing for Him to do. At that moment he was turning dew and rain into wine in all the purple clusters of earth's myriad vineyards. But he does not lose sight of the little in the great. He does it, and does it well and royally. Fit prophet this, yea, express image, of Him who, whether he enameled the wing of an insect or burnishes the belt of Orion, does his work well; who rounds alike a dew drop and a world. How different from men. There is many a man who, because he is denied the privilege of giving a hundred dollars to the cause of Christ, withholds the one dollar that he may give. There are men who, because no Bethel flames in their history, refuse to help and cheer their brothers by the details of a common-place experience. There are men who, because they cannot utter an oration, will refuse to speak the one stammering word that might help a neighbor, encourage a servant or fall like a benediction on a child.

Another thought: He did this service with marvellous delicacy—the governor complimented the bridegroom and a social discomfiture was averted. He hid his hand. God always hides his hand. What a lesson here for us. We give ostentatiously. We take care that our hand shall be seen. Alas, it is only selfishness then.

Just here, however, is a sad thought: The shadow in the picture falls directly across the Savior's form. He is in the background. The true benefactor was not seen. They saw only the servants and complimented the bridegroom. Let us look upon another picture: A vast table groans with good things—the table of our nineteenth century civilization. God our Father has ordered his servants, Storm and Zepher, Day and Night, Science and Invention, and many others, to draw and bear to us. And we are taking these gifts and complimenting nature or our own skill and prowess and forgetting the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Because he hides his hand we overlook him. Because his gifts are delicately given we take them and make no return. And so it is that the freer and more gracious his gifts the less we thank him.

SHOULD THE STATE TEACH RELIGION?

In the July number of the Forum President Seelye, of Amherst College, takes the ground that the State should teach religion as a measure of self-preservation. His argument is that, because of its secularization, popular education has failed to produce the good results expected from it. Pauperism, vagrancy, crime, vice, insanity and suicide are all increasing in those States where State schools have existed longest and been most successful. "The two institutions upon which the very existence of society depends," says President Seelye, "are property and the family; but there has certainly never been such a war against these as in this enlightened nineteenth century, and nowhere is the struggle carried forward with such fierce animosity as in the cities and States most conspicuous for their culture." The more we expend for education the more the trouble seems to increase, so that it has become a question whether "we are not lighting the torch of the incendiary rather than that of the guide."

President Seelye then proceeds to announce a proposition which, in his opinion, is self-evident, namely: that the religious instruction of a people is indispensable, not merely to their welfare, but to their very existence. Accordingly, even if other agencies could perform the work, he holds that "the undertaking is of such transcendent importance to the State, is so truly the one work upon which the very salvation of society depends, that the State cannot afford to leave it in any other hands than its own." Referring to the theory on which the State gives education to the people, namely: that they are thereby made better citizens, he says: "But a

better grammarian, a better arithmetician, a better geographer, is not, as such, a better citizen. He is the better citizen only as he is the better man, and he is the better man only as he is the more loyal to truth and duty—in other words, only as he is the more obedient to God." The objection that State religious instruction would invade the conscience of some of the people, he meets by the declaration that no wise government will let the conscience of its subjects control its public policy. "Is it any injustice," he asks, "to tax the Quaker for the military and naval defenses by which the country is preserved from invasion, conscientiously opposed though he be to war and all its machinery? And is it any more of an injustice to tax an irreligious person for the religious instruction of the people, by which alone their existence is to be maintained?"

Of course the question at once arises: But what religion shall the State teach? President Seelye is ready with an answer—the religion of Jesus Christ. "The life of Jesus Christ," are his words, "has proved itself the life of men, and is sufficient to lift human life everywhere to love and duty. Why should it not enter into all our processes of education? Is there any reason why we should teach the life of Julius Caesar in our schools, and should not teach the life of Jesus Christ? * * * Modern criticism has established these, and the general historical accuracy of the gospels, however they may be still criticised in detail, is no longer doubted by intelligent persons. The life of Jesus Christ is, to say the least, no less authentically recorded for us than the life of Julius Caesar. Why, then, on any consideration, are not the gospels as proper a text-book in our schools as are Caesar's 'Commentaries'? And if the teacher of the latter is to know them; if we make thorough scrutiny respecting the teacher's qualifications for his task in other things, why not also here? If he does not, in the light of modern criticism, know that the story of the gospels is in the main true, he is ignorant; or, if, knowing its truth, he would hide it, he is false; and, in either case, not fit to teach. The fundamentals of religion are in the four gospels, and the quickening germ of all morality is there. * * * Hence I say that the State should provide for instruction in the gospels, for its own preservation."

President Seelye here touches a very grave question of statesmanship, respecting which it is very easy to make mistakes and very serious ones. This much seems to be clear, that while in the earlier stages of education, as in our common free schools, the rudiments of morality and religion are sufficient, in the advanced studies belonging to the proper work of the college and the university, questions involving the evidence and philosophy of systems become inevitable. The State is then face to face with this dilemma: It must educate these students into Christianity, or it must educate them out of it. In the higher education there is no neutral ground. In the study of science or philosophy it must be belief or unbelief. Hence, as now conducted the common schools are useful, the universities harmful. It seems clear that the State will be compelled, in time, for its own preservation, to teach some form of religion in its higher schools or abandon them altogether. The latter is undoubtedly the wiser and perhaps the only feasible course and the sooner it is done the better. As has been wisely said: "In the college we want positive Christian teaching that will anchor the soul to God and immortality; and in the theological seminary we want the maturest denominational thought, including the philosophy and groundwork of faith, the formulated doctrines of the church, the latest results of criticism and ecclesiastical methods and history."

DISTRESS ON THE BORDER.

The long drouth has wrought great distress among the people of the border counties. Last week Rev. Wesley Smith, writing from Pioneer, said: "In the country through which I traveled, and as far as I heard from on either side, a most distressing drouth has prevailed for months. The crops are almost an entire failure, and what the poor people are to subsist on for the next year is a serious question. In Stephens county the people have sent a petition to congress for aid. If they fail to get help from some source, much suffering will be the result. Many of the small farmers are offering to sell their homes for very little, so as to get away to a more plentiful country. Our country is no exception. We have had no rain, save a few light showers, for over three months; and there will not be grain enough raised in Eastland county to bread one-tenth of the inhabitants." In a letter from Throckmorton Rev. John A. Gardner says: "As far as I can ascertain, there are about thirteen counties suffering severe affliction from the drouth. Every branch of industry is a signal failure. Corn, wheat and oats are an entire failure. Grass and water are about gone. Stock are getting about as poor as they did last winter, and some are dying. A great many people are leaving here and going East, seeking bread. I will not say how little a great number of families on this Western belt have to live on, but suffice it to say they will be forced to leave here at an early date unless they get help, and that right early. It is the most distressing time I have ever seen; and it is hoped that the government will look upon the afflictions of this country, for without help, half or more of this people will have to abandon their homes." In a let-

ter just at hand from Belle Plain, Rev. J. T. L. Annis says: "We have not had anything like a good rain since May 25, 1885. Think of it, less than an inch of rainfall in fourteen months! The condition of the country beggars description. Cattle poor, and the grass eaten away until the earth is bare; men in debt, and nothing wherewith to pay; hundreds with their last dollar invested in lands, to which they look for bread for wives and children, and nothing to harvest. The government must help." And yet it seems that the government will not or cannot help. As for the State, Governor Ireland, in response to a letter from Senator Calhoun, says: "I regret that you did not suggest some mode by which I could aid. It has not been suggested to me that the situation was such as to demand or justify a called session of the legislature, or, if called, what it could or would likely do. It is now about five months before the regular session will take place. For the present, the only thing I can see that is practicable is an appeal to the people for aid. Certainly, in view of the prompt and liberal disposition displayed after the great fire in Galveston, there is no reason to doubt their prompt response to an appeal for aid on being fully advised of the situation. I suggest the formation of relief committees in the counties where the aid is absolutely demanded. Let the committees be composed of our best and most reliable citizens, to lay the situation before the people and appeal for help. I shall myself start it here with such donation as my means will justify." If this is the only method by which these suffering people can be aided, let us take hold of the plan vigorously. Let relief committees be formed at once in our towns and cities and means raised to meet this sore distress. Rev. J. T. L. Annis will no doubt gladly undertake the work of distributing such a relief fund within the bounds of the Abilene district. The other presiding elders in this stricken section are competent and willing to do the same service for the people under their charge. The ADVOCATE will gladly receive such contributions as may be more conveniently sent to this office, and forward them to the persons appointed to receive them. In the meantime, let our preachers press the collection of the domestic mission fund. In a note at hand Rev. E. L. Armstrong makes the following appeal: "The missionaries on the border are suffering. The drouth has left them without support. There is no money in the treasury. The collections must be taken at once and forwarded to J. Fred Cox, at Ennis." Other brethren in the Western work besides the missionaries may need aid. Bro. Annis writes: "I do not know what is to become of our preachers. They are all at their posts and say, God helping them, they will form the rear guard when this country is vacated." Surely these facts constitute an appeal to which our people will promptly respond. To prevent want and suffering, and to sustain the work of our church in these afflicted districts, we must act quickly and give generously.

BISHOP HARGROVE.

The following pen-portrait of Bishop Hargrove is from the Seashore correspondence of the New Orleans Times-Democrat:

He is about five feet eleven inches in height, blue-eyed, well-kept, ruddy-complexioned. He wears a moderately long, sleek, silver beard, and close-cropped moustache. The forehead is high, and the upper brow is protuberant. The hair is bald through the middle-top. The hair is white in front, iron-gray back, and darkening to the neck. He looks nearly or quite sixty years of age. His voice is rather small and thin, but penetrating, effective and pleasant, though just now somewhat husky. He speaks with the clerical, many-buttoned coat all unbuttoned except one button at the top. His action is easy and graceful. He is prone to smiles—a habit, I suppose, of his countenance, and impressing as a deliberate accessory of delivery—in passages portraying God's love, condescension and accessibility. This feature has not so much the suggestion of spontaneity as of calculation. He preaches a sermon with some fine "dry light," in it, on the bold distinctions between the acts of the will as distinguished from other acts. There is a wonderful breadth of divinity embodied in it. It has a code-like succinctness, enunciation, a certain ex cathedra authority about it, impressively didactic. It was one of the most important sermons in its scope yet delivered on the grounds. There were passages of great earnestness of delivery and noble vehemence of manner.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

The true foe of the saloons is at last waking up: the American Nation.

A copy of the Revised Discipline free. To learn how to get it, read the publishers' advertisement on the fifth page of this issue.

In the pastoral address of the Methodist Conference to the United Societies of Ireland the statement is made that there is an annual loss of 500 members by emigration alone, and that these emigrants are "the very bud and flower of the church."

At a recent session of the New Orleans preachers' meeting, on motion of S. H. Wrenn, it was resolved that the members pledge themselves to present to their congregations the salient features of the Sunday law recently passed by the Legislature with special reference to the closing of drinking-saloons on Sunday, and that each preacher endeavor to organize in his congregation a reform club, whose membership shall consist of males not under sixteen years of age, the object of which shall be to encourage the cause of temperance by precept and example and to enforce the execution of the Sunday law.

We print elsewhere the program of the next session of the "Texas Chautauqua." The bill of fare is attractive. And to this must be added the delights of a summer rest among the picturesque hills of San Marcos.

The last number of the Richmond Advocate says: "Will our religious exchanges in the North and West never be done with dragging to the front that poor old, harmless man, Jeff.

Davis? Indeed, he will not, cannot hurt you. We expect this kind of thing from unscrupulous secular sheets, but it is too thin and too little a business for a great denominational paper. Besides, there is not an ounce of religion and brotherly love in forty tons of such twaddle."

Our thanks are due Judge Sterling Fisher, of San Marcos, for season tickets to the Texas Chautauqua.

The Methodists of Waco have invited Bishop Key to make his home in that city.

On Monday, June 21, Bishop Granbury entered the mouth of the Amazon. His letter of that date, written on shipboard, shows him to be in good health and spirits.

At a recent meeting of the Book Committee it was resolved to publish at the House bi-monthly, to be styled the Southern Methodist Review. Price two dollars per annum of fifty cents per number, each number to contain one hundred and twenty-eight pages, printed on good paper and in attractive style.

We are under obligations to Dr. Haygood for a copy of his speech before the Alumni of Emory College, on the education needed in the New South. It will be sent free to any address by the author.

The Wesleyan Advocate, referring to the appointment of Rev. W. A. Candler as assistant editor of the Nashville Advocate, says: "We do not know, and cannot speak by authority, but we hope he will accept the position tendered to him by the Bishops."

Our Bishops, new and old, says the Nashville Advocate, are not eating idle bread. One of them, Bishop Galloway, during the past few weeks, has attended two college commencement, one re-opening of a church, a district conference, three missionary meetings, delivered five addresses on prohibition, and traveled over two thousand miles at the lowest calculation.

It is announced that Sam Jones and Sam Small will hold a meeting in San Francisco in February next.

In the current number of the Nashville Advocate, Dr. R. A. Young, writing from the city of New York, announces that he has concluded a contract with Cook & Son, the famous excursionists for a "personally conducted" party to the Nile, Palestine and Syria. The traveling party will consist of Dr. and Mrs. Young, their children and a niece. *Bon voyage!*

Non-concurrence, that masterly Methodist "non-possun," did noble work in the General Conference.—Southern Advocate.

You are wrong as to the animal; it was a mule, and not a "possun."—Richmond Advocate.

It is said that the Bavarians ascribe the insanity of the late King Ludwig to Wagner's music, and the great composer, once so popular in Munich, is now universally execrated.

An exchange thinks that scattering the election along from day to day, as they do in England, is an unfair way of ascertaining the will of the people. It gives the first will an undue influence over the later electors, and presents a strong temptation for corruption towards the close of the polling.

It is announced that there is a steady decrease of emigration to this country, especially from Roman Catholic countries. The country is to be congratulated.

MR. RUSKIN took occasion to advise churches not to run into debt. "Starve and go to heaven," he said, "but don't borrow. Try first begging." Forthwith a Methodist Church in a neighboring village took him at his word, and begged of him, and in reply he sent them a guinea and a gracious letter.

A VALUED correspondent suggests that the decline of Christian hospitality is due to three particulars:

1. The carelessness of many guests as to the trouble, confusion and annoyance caused by the use of tobacco. To indulge in the tobacco habit without permission of the hostess is boorish; to request permission is to embarrass a lady who would rather endure than offend.
2. Carelessness as to the courtesy due a hostess who cheerfully does kitchen and dining-room work in the cause of Christian hospitality. The hostess reasonably expects to share in the conversation at table and in the sitting-room. To spend a day or more in a lady's home without cultivating her society is to place her in the attitude of a servant rather than a hostess.
3. Carelessness as to the spiritual influence that might go forth from such association. While the hostess ministers to her guests in temporal things, they might minister to her in spiritual things. This failing, she may well doubt that she has entertained the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

At the recent session of the Irish Methodist Conference in Dublin a somewhat exciting discussion was raised by the report of the Committee on Privileges. It appeared that the committee had met and adopted a series of resolutions on the question of Home Rule. The resolutions assumed that the provisions of Mr. Gladstone's bill would prove most perilous to the interests of Methodism in Ireland, and of the Protestant faith generally. Copies of the resolutions were sent to the Premier and the members of the Government, and a petition embodying their protest was presented to the House of Commons. The action of the committee was challenged by a few, who assumed that the question at issue, belonging to the sphere of politics only, was not one which the committee should have taken up. A long and very able discussion followed, characterized by great forbearance and good temper; and a resolution confirming the action of the committee was adopted by a vote of 137 to 22. Of the 22 who supported the amendment only four or five are known to be in favor of Mr. Gladstone's scheme of Home Rule. The Anglicans and the Presbyterians of Ireland have pronounced most distinctly against the scheme, and though very strong affirmations have been passed in certain quarters as to the sympathy of Irish Methodism with Home Rule, the conference by an overwhelming majority has pronounced against it—a conference composed of representatives, ministerial and lay, from all parts of Ireland.

A CHURCH in one of the Eastern cities is gradually decaying, while the minister seems to be quite popular with the general public. "On inquiry," says the New York Advocate, "we find that he is a member of the Order of Masons, of the Order of Odd-Fellows, of the Order of United Workmen, of the Order of Grangers, and of the Grand Army of the Republic, attends the meetings of all of them, and is active among them. No wonder his church decays. He has a split-up mind, and probably it was not big enough for the work of the Christian ministry to begin with."

The investigations made by the Rev. Henry Fairbanks of the statistics of church attendance in Vermont show that one-third of the population of that State live over two miles from any church and very few of them attend divine worship. Mr. Fairbanks and Dr. Dike

draw the conclusion that the country is being neglected. President Seelye, on the other hand, has been for several years declaring that home missionary work is neglected in the cities, and he would have our societies set apart special men and special large funds for city evangelization. The Independent thinks that both are right. Both departments of home mission work are of transcendent importance. The city leads the country, but the country supplies the population of the city. Neither can be safely neglected or given over to religious destitution.

THE appointment of Gen. Blount, of the United States Army, as commander of Camp Magruder, has caused some misunderstanding between Adjutant-General King, of the State military department, and the managers of the interstate drill soon to take place at Galveston. The facts seem to be these: Col. Shannon, of Galveston, President of the Board of Managers of the interstate drill, followed the usual custom—communicated with the Governor and the Adjutant-General, requesting the appointment of an officer of the State troops to take chief command of the camp and the troops that will there assemble. Nearly a month having passed with no word whatever from the authorities at Austin, the managers of the drill, as a last resort, applied to Gen. Stanley, of the U. S. Army, who happened to be on a visit to Galveston, to furnish them a commander. Gen. Stanley kindly appointed Gen. Blount. This has caused dissatisfaction at Austin, and it is currently reported that Adjutant-General King is "throwing obstacles in the way of the success of the drill." If this be true, Gen. King is going out of his way to do a great injustice. The facts do not warrant any opposition whatever on the part of the State authorities. This statement is based on the facts thus far given to the public, and is made simply in the interest of fair play. As to the moral influence of interstate drills as commonly conducted, we have our own opinion and reserve the right to criticize this one if its management is objectionable.

LET THE DECKS BE CLEARED.

"We are striving to double our foreign missionary collections on my district this year." These words, in a letter to the Missionary Secretary, from Rev. E. L. Armstrong, presiding elder of Waco district, Northwest Texas Conference, suggests a line of action that will clear the debt from our mission work the present year, and place Southern Methodism, where it belongs, in the front line of the evangelization of the world. If every preacher in our connection will join heartily in this movement, instead of employing four years in removing this burden from our mission work, the conference will clear their decks before the close of the coming year, and our church may enter upon a mission worthy of the endowments God has placed at its command. The proposal is not an extravagant one. It is not beyond the ability of our people. With a membership of 33,284 the Northwest Texas Conference, last year, raised \$6,173.92. Double this amount this fall and its preachers will report \$12,347.84. Again, the aggregate collections of the Texas conferences last year reached \$18,271.18. Double this sum and we will have \$36,542.36. This will be not quite thirty-five cents per member. Will any one say that is beyond the ability of Texas Methodism?

It is a much lighter demand than Moses, under the authority of God, made upon Israel, when he called on the congregation to build a tabernacle in the wilderness. We wish every preacher and member in our church would read that story of Israel's "willing offering," found in the thirty-fifth of Exodus, and then pray God to guide them in their gifts. "Take ye," was the command, "an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, to him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass," etc. We are told: "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit had made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments." The women were not behind in this work. "And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands and brought that which they spun, both of blue and purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen." The church of this generation might go back to the days of Moses to learn how to give. "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord." That is the way Christ would have his people give for the spread of his kingdom. He claims from each one an offering, not wrung from their reluctant grasp by the pains of a troubled conscience, but a gift springing freely from hearts warm with the love of God, and presented by hands eager to send the news of salvation to every soul for whom the Savior died.

The church of Christ stands on a higher plane than that occupied by Moses and the congregation of Israel. The tabernacle was the symbol for the church. Around its altars the sons of Abraham would assemble, and their children would share the blessings that would flow from its mercy seat. Christ stood on a loftier mount of vision when he surveyed the inheritance given him by his Father, and assigned to his church the work of its deliverance from the dominion of sin. The offering for human guilt that gushed from his cloven heart was not limited to a single tribe, but he died for all our race. His commission was not bounded by the borders of Israel, but its messengers were sent to "earth's remotest bounds." How slowly the church is waking up to the magnitude of its commission. It builds, as did Israel, tabernacles for itself and its children, forgetting that the command of Christ has summoned it to the spiritual conquest of the whole world. It builds houses of worship for its own people, establishes colleges and organizes Sunday-schools for its own children, funds hospitals for its own poor, but listens listlessly to the call, not of the Mission Board, but of Jesus Christ, to send out the news of salvation to all the nations of the earth. Nobly Israel responded to the call God made upon them in their day. The tabernacle rose in the wilderness adorned by the "willing offerings" of a grateful people, and the glory of God descended on its altars was the pledge of the Divine regard. We have a grander work. It comprehends all the work of Israel and tribes of earth. With the work of redemption complete, Christ commissions his church to bear out the glad tidings until its "sound has gone forth through all the earth." A world of immortal souls, blinded, and bruised, and perishing under the curse of sin, are to be made partakers of the manifold blessings of the gospel. A living way has been opened by the blood of Christ for every man. The most miserable man or woman who crouches in despair before a dumb idol has as clear a right to enter that

living way as any in this favored land who have listened to the message from infancy to old age. For us, who have heard its invitations all our days, Christ has placed the burden of bearing the news of salvation to our brethren who are dwelling under the shadow of death. A great honor and a great responsibility is placed on every one who is called to be a co-worker with Christ in the redemption of his race. What proportion of our membership are participants in this great work? How many of the preachers in Texas will fall into line with Bro. Armstrong in his effort to "double the collections" of the year? It can be done on Waco district, and it will be done if all the preachers in its bounds, realizing that they are working for Christ, will second the purpose of their presiding elder. Every district in the State, by the united efforts of the preachers and presiding elders, can double their collections. Our people will respond if the claim Christ laid on his followers is prayerfully and earnestly presented from the pulpit. Recently, Texas was a mission field. The labors of its preachers have been wonderfully blessed. God has given them a membership over one hundred thousand strong. Both preacher and people are debtors to Christ, and it is time they were endeavoring to pay, in part, that debt by sending the gospel to the nations still shrouded under Pagan night. What will be the record the present year will reveal? Let each preacher double his collections for foreign missions and a new era will be opened for our church in the great work of the evangelization of the world.

I. G. JOHN,
Missionary Secretary.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Rev. John R. Allen, of the North Texas Conference, contributes to the current number of the Nashville Advocate a good article on "The Status of the Manual of the Discipline."

—It is Rev. John E. Stovall (not John W., as stated incorrectly in last issue) who takes Dr. John's place at Huntsville. He was educated at the Vanderbilt, is a native Texan and the son of a Methodist preacher.

—Rev. W. H. Crawford, writing from Livingston, July 16, says: "Rev. R. M. Sproule, presiding elder of Beaumont district, is dangerously ill with typhoid-malarial fever at this place. His many friends are administering to all his wants. His physicians have doubts of his recovery. He has grown much worse to-day." This is sad news, but we hope our brother will be spared to complete the work so vigorously begun.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

JEFFERSON.

The twentieth annual session of this district conference convened at Gilmer, Texas, July 1, 1886. Rev. S. J. Hawkins in the chair. Preachers in charge of circuits or stations were all present with one exception. A very good attendance from other members and delegates. The district showed some advance over same time last year. The session was a pleasant and enjoyable one to all present. Committees appointed by the Chair attended to reports of the several charges, and presented in a condensed form the several interests committed to them.

Besides committees on the several items of Disciplinary inquiry, the conference ordered the following special committees: On Books and Periodicals, Church Extension and Temperance. The report of the last named committee gave no uncertain sound on the temperance question. Our church is taking a solid stand on this important question in all her gatherings. It remains to be seen whether, as a people, we will "resolute" one way and vote another; or, whether our conferences are composed of representative men or not.

All the interests of the church were looked after, and each had a searching inquiry. Our presiding elder holds the reins well in hand and the preachers to the point.

The next session will be held in Texarkana, Texas.

There were good indications of a revival when conference adjourned. On Sunday night a large number of penitents were at the altar for prayer.

On Sunday afternoon there was a district Sunday-school conference held, and several subjects discussed.

The conference assessed each charge in the district for the erection of a district parsonage. Queen City is the place chosen so far.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference: Rev. R. A. Morris, T. W. Shackelford, J. A. Coppedge, T. J. Wilson.

Prominence was given to religious service throughout the session.

E. S. WILLIAMS, Sec.

MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS.

AUSTIN.

This body met in the church at Bastrop on June 24, the presiding elder in the chair. Of the sixteen pastors, twelve were present; of fifteen local preachers, but one was present. The lay representation was small. The business was conducted in the ordinary way, by electing this scribe secretary and appointing committees on everything usually considered by such bodies.

The work was examined carefully, circuit, station and mission, and proved, with few exceptions, to be in a healthy condition, the material interests improving, and much quickening in the spiritual state of the church.

The session was a love-feast from first to last. The president was at home in the chair and in the Spirit, and so was almost all the rest of us. The preaching was blessed with the presence of the Holy Ghost and, as a result, there were conversions in the church.

The entertainment was all that could have been asked in every particular; the arrangement was excellent, so of course those present enjoyed themselves.

The delegates elected to the annual conference are B. D. Orzain, A. J. Brown, J. W. Ireland, R. J. Price. Alternates: W. H. Nash, Tom Murray, T. R. Allen, A. T. Bradshaw.

The next session will be held at Columbus. The preachers, with good health, light hearts, and lighter pockets, went to their work full of hope for the future.

C. C. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y.

Our district conference brought with it a gracious visitation, and our people were revived and much good accomplished with immediate results. There were some fifteen professions and twelve conversions, with three or four others yet to come. Bro. C. C. Armstrong, of Fiston, remained over till Wednesday, after the close of the business session, and did noble work. Bro. A. gives the trumpet no uncertain sound. Bro. Pinson, of Austin, held a children's meeting Sunday morning, which was a most delightful

occasion, and did great good. But all the brethren did noble and effective work, and left a deep impression for good.

THE GEORGETOWN DISTRICT CONFERENCE held its session in the Methodist church in Taylor, Williamson county, July 1-3 the presiding elder, Rev. James Mackey, D. D., presiding.

Attendance. Thirty-four members were in attendance, of whom nineteen were laymen. Only two local preachers were present, viz.: Rev. C. E. Maule and Rev. M. D. Reynolds.

The reports of the preachers indicate that the spiritual state of the church is good. There have been sweeping revivals in several places in the district.

TEMPLE CIRCUIT. The district conference of 1884 resolved to build a parsonage for the district at Georgetown. A building committee was appointed, and an assessment of \$2850 was made and distributed among the several churches.

EDUCATION. The subject of Christian education received careful consideration. Professor Reynolds, of Centenary College, Latamasa, addressed the conference on the interest of that institution.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That we recognize the progress made by the TEXAS ADVOCATE, and hail its position alongside of the best in the family of Advocates.

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE. The delegates elected to the annual conference are as follows: J. L. Rucker, James Elliott, W. T. Davidson, W. W. Brooks; alternates, C. C. Cody and C. E. Maule.

THE GAINESVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE met at Era, July 1, at 10 a. m., Rev. M. C. Blackburn, presiding elder, in the chair.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY. The faculty of Southwestern University respectfully present their annual district conference report: 1. The institution has enjoyed a year of prosperity. The number of students in attendance—three hundred and sixty-three—has been a little larger than last year.

ported revivals, and we were impressed with the number of regular and irregular class-meetings. We are returning to the "old paths wherein is the good way."

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL reports were in the main encouraging, but developed the need of organizing and sustaining Methodist schools in union houses.

OUR PORTLY PRESIDENT, just late from the General Conference, presided at the district conference with the aid of his right and left hands.

TYLER. Tyler district conference convened in the Methodist Church in the city of Tyler, July 1st, Rev. F. L. Allen, presiding.

THE FOURTH session of the Calvert district conference was held in Marlin, commencing on the 1st and closing on the 3d of July, 1886.

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THE TOBACCO question was agitated at the conference, and it appears that only four pastors in the district use "the weed" in any form.

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THE MEMBERS of the conference will cherish pleasant memories of Bro. H. A. Johnson and the good people of Taylor for their kindness and cordial hospitality.

scholarship than those sent out from Alexander Institute. To speak of the efficiency of its worthy president who is one of us and known to all of us, would be time foolishly spent.

Resolved, 1. That we, as a district conference, indorse and commend to the people of the East Texas Conference Dr. Isaac Alexander as an educator equal to any in the land.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the difficult and responsible duties of his office during the four years in which he has gone in and out among us.

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Capitalist to Knight of Labor: "If you could get all you wished for, and you had three wishes, what would you wish for?" Knight of Labor: "I'd wish for all the money I wanted." Capitalist: "Well, K. of L.: 'Then I'd wish to have no work to do.'" Capitalist: "And what would you wish for?" K. of L.: "The third, Lemme see, I'd want an increase of wages and shorter hours of labor."

AGATHA H. STRANGE, of Bowling Green, Ky., writes of St. Louis on a Pills: "Four years ago I was taken with chills, and for two years was down all the time. The doctors nearly killed me with Quinine, and my hearing was almost gone. Our druggist, P. McGar, sold me a bottle of your pills, and I had but one slight chill after taking the first dose. I am now entirely well."

"Pretty" No, I won't say baby is pretty," declared a young mother, "for I can speak of him impartially, though he is my own; and that's more than most mothers can. He has lovely blue eyes, perfect in shape; hair like the morning sunshine; mouth—well, no rosebud could be sweeter; complexion divinely fair; nose just too cutting for anything; in fact, he's faultless. I won't say he's pretty."

A BLIND AND DEAF WOMAN.
Miss Minnie Wallace, of Atlanta, lost her hearing, her sight and sense of taste. Sores covered her body and limbs. Her joints were swollen and painful, her limbs paralyzed, appetite lost, and she was a miserable being. Six bottles of B. H. B. restored her sight and hearing, relieved all aches and pains, added flesh and strength, and she is now a well woman. Write to her.

"Now, Mr. Johnson, you are well up in mythology." "Yes, that's where you can always find me." "We have all sorts of muses—the muse of poetry, the muse of dancin', and so on. Now, I want to ask, for the information of all present, whether there is any muse of darkness or night?" "Well, Mr. Hendricks, mythologically speaking, there is not. Categorically speaking, the night is full of news."

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W. MORRIS MITCHELL.

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Although the relations between the United States and Canada are strained, they don't appear to be very clear.
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CHURCH NOTICES.
San Saba District.
Bishop Key will hold San Saba district conference September 5th.
F. S. JACKSON, Secretary.
Quarterly Conference Notice.
The third quarterly conference on Gilmer circuit, of Jefferson district, will be held at Gilmer on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. I hope the whole "official board" will be present, as there will be some very important business to attend to.
C. J. SHERWOOD.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Orphan's Home.
Received for orphan's home, San Marcos: Isabella Coleman, Junction City, 83; B. J. H. Thomas, Big Springs, 84.
B. HARRIS, Treasurer.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Granbury District.
On account of severe drought the Granbury district conference will convene at Glen Rose, August 5, 9 a. m., and not at Breckenridge as hitherto published. The opening sermon will be preached on Sunday night, at 8:30 o'clock, by Rev. J. G. Putnam.
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

Galveston District.
I would suggest that each preacher prepare a written report for the district conference. Let each report be in four sections, so that each section can be turned over to its appropriate committee. Sections to be in accordance with the first four specifications of answer 5 in the Discipline, page 9.
In Sec. on Spiritual State I would suggest the following inquiries:
1. Are your people spiritual? 2. Do they habitually attend the preaching of the Word?

3. Prayer-meeting. 4. Class-meeting. 5. Love feast. 6. Is the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered regularly? 7. Do your people generally attend the church prayer, 8. Family government. 10. Private prayer. 11. Study the Scriptures. 12. Are they active, working Christians; visit the sick, help the poor, etc. 13. Do you have a church conference regularly? 14. What is your manner of holding them, and do you people attend? etc. Urge your lay delegates to attend the district conference.
J. F. FOLLIN.

Huntsville District Conference.
The district conference will convene at Navasota Sept. 2, 9 a. m. Rev. J. B. Adair will preach the opening sermon Sept. 2, 9 a. m. It is the duty (and I hope it will be a privilege also) of every preacher, traveling and local, and all the delegates to be present. Bishop Key will preside. The district parsonage will be located by this conference, and we hope each place desiring it will have their application before the committee appointed for that purpose.
I. Z. T. MORRIS, P. E.

Holiness Meetings.
By invitation of the pastors and members, the Northwest Texas Holiness Association will hold its next annual meeting with the M. E. Church, South, at Alvorado, Texas, beginning August 12, 1886.
Each member of the association is expected to be present, and all who are interested in this vital doctrine of Methodism are cordially invited to be with us.
B. F. GASSAWAY, Pres.
ROBINSON, TEXAS.

Texas State Sunday-School Association.
The eleventh annual convention of the Texas State Sunday-school Association will be held at San Marcos, on August 27, 28, 29, and 30, on the grounds of the Texas Chautauqua. The State Sunday-school Association is an inter-denominational in character, and co-operating as it does with the International Sunday-school Association, which embraces the United States, Canada and the British Provinces, it represents the best interests of the Sunday-school cause, and desires the most hearty and earnest support of all the Sunday-school workers of the State of Texas. The great work accomplished by the International Sunday-school Association, which plans the great series of International Lessons, and leads the thought of the Sunday-school world, demands that support from the State of Texas which shall be excelled by no other, and it is only desired to impress Sunday-school workers with this fact, that the importance of the work may be realized, and that the individual support shall be received which shall make this year's Convention an interesting and successful one.
The Association has long felt the need of direct and regular correspondence with the friends of the Sunday-school in every county. This is partially due to the fact that the parts of the State Sunday-school organization is incomplete, and the work necessarily inefficient. Nothing can be a more active factor in remedying this inefficiency than the coming together of representative Sunday-school workers, that they may not only know each other personally, and that each may be fired by new zeal for the work, but also that each may become interested in seeing that his section is not excelled by others. To this end, the secretary wishes the names of all the Sunday-school superintendents, or leading workers, in every county that he may address them personally and endeavor to secure their active sympathy and co-operation.
Through the efforts being made by the San Marcos Sunday-school Assembly and Summer Institute, which aims to be the Texas Chautauqua, the attractions during August will be numerous, pleasant and profitable, and we hope to help them, and to be helped by them, in bringing a large number of delegates together. I hope every Sunday-school superintendent will endeavor to be present and see to it that his school sends delegates, and use his influence to persuade others to do likewise.
Special rates of railroad fare have been obtained, at 1 cent for the round trip, 2 cents per mile each way, and any order of attending the convention, can obtain an order for a ticket at the special rate by addressing the undersigned at Houston, Tex. These tickets will be good going to San Marcos, from July 15th, and going home, to August 31st. This will afford all who may desire to do so an opportunity of having a pleasant vacation at that beautiful spot, and at the same time of attending the exercises of the "Texas Chautauqua," which will be continuous and interesting.
Sec'y Texas State S. S. Association,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Plan of Episcopal Visitation for '86-87.
1st DISTRICT—BISHOP WILSON.
Denver Conf'nce—July 25—La Vega, Col.
Japan Mission.
20th DISTRICT—BISHOP KRENER.
Brazil Mission.
Virginia Conf'nce—Nov. 17—Norfolk, Va.
N. Carolina "—Dec. 1—Beaufort, N. C.
S. Carolina "—Dec. 1—Charleston, S. C.
30th DISTRICT—BISHOP KRENER.
Montana Conf'nce—Sept. 25—Bozeman, Mont.
Columbia "—Sept. 15—West Union, Tenn.
Pacific "—Oct. 1—San Francisco, Cal.
Louisiana "—Oct. 27—La Nites, Cal.
N. W. Texas "—Nov. 21—Lampasas, Tex.
Baltimore "—Mar. 9—Baltimore, Md.

4th DISTRICT—BISHOP M'YRE.
Missouri Conf'nce—Sept. 1—St. Joseph, Mo.
S. Louis "—Sept. 15—Piedmont, Mo.
W. Mo. "—Sept. 25—Kansas City, Mo.
W. Va. "—Oct. 7—Atchison, Kan.
N. Georgia "—Nov. 24—Augusta, Ga.
5th DISTRICT—BISHOP HARGREAVE.
Western Va. Conf'nce—Oct. 13—Charleston, W. Va.
Holston "—Oct. 27—Knoxville, Tenn.
N. Alabama "—Dec. 1—Florence, Ala.
Alabama "—Dec. 15—Montgomery, Ala.
C. Mex. M'n "—Feb. 24—Toluca, Mex.

6th DISTRICT—BISHOP HENDRIX.
Kentucky Conf'nce—Sept. 4—Winchester, Ky.
Louisville "—Sept. 22—Winchester, Ky.
Tennessee "—Oct. 1—Clarksville, Tenn.
S. Georgia "—Dec. 1—Cuthbert, Ga.
Florida "—Dec. 1—Tallahassee, Fla.
7th DISTRICT—BISHOP HENDRIX.
Illinois Conf'nce—Oct. 4—Kinmundy, Ill.
Memphis "—Nov. 17—Jackson, Tenn.
N. Mississippi "—Dec. 1—West Point, Miss.
Mississippi "—Dec. 1—Hattiesburg, Miss.
Louisiana "—Jan. 5—Ruston, La.

8th DISTRICT—BISHOP GALLOWAY.
Indiana Mis. Conf.—Oct. 30—Evans, I. T.
North Texas "—Nov. 13—Dallas, Tex.
Arkansas "—Nov. 24—Osark, Ark.
Little Rock "—Dec. 2—Hot Springs, Ark.
White River "—Dec. 16—Jonesboro, Ark.
9th DISTRICT—BISHOP KEY.
M'X. E. P. Mis. Conf.—Nov. 3—Monterey, Mex.
West Texas "—Nov. 11—Cuero, Texas.
German Mis. "—Nov. 15—Hollywood, Tex.
Texas "—Dec. 1—Be-nham, Texas.
East Texas "—Dec. 15—Palestine, Texas.
R. K. HARGREAVE, Secretary.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Montgomery and Plantersville, at Bear Bend, July 24, 25.
Willis sta. at July 24, 25.
Cold Springs cir. at Johnson's chapel, Aug 7, 8.
Madisonville cir. at Oxford, Aug 14, 15.
Pleasant Grove Mis. at Old Waverly, Aug 14, 15.
Zion cir. at Beasly, Aug 21, 22.
Millan and Webster, at Wolf Springs, Aug 21, 22.
Bryan cir. at Wesson, Sept 11, 12.
Bryan sta. at Sept 11, 12.
Spring Creek mis. at Oxford, Sept 25, 26.
Dodge mis. at Blackjack, Oct 1, 2.
District conference at Navasota, Sept. 25, 26.
Bishop Key will preside.
Opening sermon by Rev. J. B. Adair, Sept 1st, at 9 p. m.
Preachers, please take the Bishop's domestic missions and church extension collections and have them at district conference.
I. Z. T. MORRIS, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Jewett cir. at Red Land, July 24, 25.
Jewett cir. at Liberty school-house, July 31, Aug 1.
Centerville, at Pleasant Ridge, Aug 7, 8.
Heavville cir. at Boon Springs, Aug 21, 22.
Franklin cir. at Aug 21, 22.
Ponsonville mis. at Aug 28, 29.
Brennon cir. at Aug 28, 29.
Wilderville cir. at Sept 11, 12.
Durango mis. at Sept 15, 16.
Calvert and Heavville, Sept 15, 16.
FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Bee House cir. at July 24, 25.
Williams Ranch mis. at July 31, Aug 1.
Casperas Cove cir. at Aug 7, 8.
Rice cir. at Aug 14, 15.
Comanche cir. at Aug 21, 22.
Focant mis. at Aug 28, 29.
J. K. LANE, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Maryville cir. at July 24, 25.
Decatur sta. at July 31, Aug 1.
Aurora mis. at Aug 7, 8.
Decatur cir. at Aug 14, 15.
Denton cir. at Aug 21, 22.
Mountain Springs cir. at Aug 28, 29.
M. C. BLACKWELL, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Comanche Peak mis. at Toller Branch, 4th Sun in July.
Lipan cir. at New Salem, 4th Sun in Aug.
Palo Pinto mis. at Perkins chapel, 2d Sun in Aug.
Eastland mis. at DeLeon, 3d Sun in Aug.
Cicaco sta., Thursday before the 4th Sun in Aug.
DeLeon sta. at DeLeon, 4th Sun in Aug.
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Spurger cir. at Wolf Creek, July 24, 25.
Jasper sta. at Jasper, July 31, Aug 1.
Jasper mis. at Pinetown, 1st Sun in Aug.
Newton cir. at Wilson's chapel, Aug 7, 8.
Burkeville cir. at Wilson chapel, Aug 7, 8.
Beaumont sta. at Beaumont, 4th Sun in Aug.
Orange sta. at Orange, Aug 21, 22.
R. M. SPOULE, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Mansfield cir. at Pleasant Point, 4th Sun in July.
Grandview cir. at Barnesville camp-ground, 1st Sun in Aug.
Nolen River cir. at 2d Sun in Aug.
Abbott cir. at Lebanon, 3d Sun in Aug.
W. D. ROCKFORD, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Spearman cir. at July 25, 26.
Dekeus mis. at Aug 7, 8.
J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Bowie and Alvin, July 22, 23.
Henrietta, Aug 14, 15.
Wichita Falls, Aug 14, 15.
The district conference will be held at Bowie, on Thursday before the 4th Sun in July, at 9 o'clock a. m. The conference sermon by Rev. M. M. Dunn.
W. F. EASTERLING, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Farris mis. at July 24, 25.
Finley mis. at July 31, Aug 1.
Seymour mis. at Aug 7, 8.
Graham sta. at Aug 7, 8.
Edwards, at Aug 14, 15.
Weatherford sta. at Aug 21, 22.
Mobeetie mis. at Aug 28, 29.
C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Hond Creek, at Liberty, 4th Sun in July.
Lebanon, at Cottonwood, 1st Sun in Aug.
Keller, at Smithfield, 3d Sun in Aug.
Greenville, at Spring chapel, 3d Sun in Aug.
Lewisville, at Lewisville, 5th Sun in Aug.
Bethel, at 5th Sun in Aug.
R. M. POWERS, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Barksdale, at Montell, July 24, 25.
Sabinal, at Utopia, July 24, 25.
McKee sta., Houston, Aug 14, 15.
Boerne, at Aug 21, 22.
H. S. THOMAS, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—THIRD ROUND.
Lombard cir. at Hockley, July 24, 25.
Kingston cir. at Bethel Grove, July 27, 28.
McKee sta., Houston, Aug 14, 15.
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R. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Burnet sta. at July 24, 25.
Burnet mis. at July 24, 25.
Killeen cir. at Pleasant Hill, Aug 1, 2.
Copper City mis. at Aug 7, 8.
Oenaville cir. at Oenaville, Aug 14, 15.
JAMES MACKY, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Bonham cir. at July 24, 25.
Bonham sta. at July 31, Aug 1.
Goldsboro cir. at Aug 7, 8.
Goldsboro mis. at Aug 7, 8.
Sherman cir. at Aug 14, 15.
The Board of Trust will convene August 29 of their acts to their respective quarterly conferences.
W. M. SHELTON, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Denaville, at Buffalo camp-ground, Aug 7, 8.
Miami, July 31, Aug 1.
Daviess, July 31, Aug 1.
Cameron cir. at Aug 7, 8.
Mayfield, Aug 14, 15.
Mayfield, Aug 21, 22.
Broom, Aug 28, 29.
If any changes are necessary to suit the times of holding camp-meetings, or on any other account, they can be made.
H. V. FRIEHOFF, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Honey Grove cir. at 4th Sun in July.
Dudman cir. at 1st Sun in Aug.
Brood-ston cir. at 2d Sun in Aug.
Cooper cir. at 2d Sun in Aug.
Maxey mis. at Thursday, Aug 21.
Blossom Prairie, 5th Sun in Aug.
Woodland cir. at 3d Sun in Sept.
Clarksville cir. at 3d Sun in Sept.
Annona cir. at Monday, Sept 27.
T. K. FRISCK, P. E.

GRANBURY DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Comanche Peak mis. at Toller Branch, 4th Sun in July.
Lipan cir. at New Salem, 4th Sun in Aug.
Palo Pinto mis. at Perkins chapel, 2d Sun in Aug.
Eastland mis. at DeLeon, 3d Sun in Aug.
Cicaco sta., Thursday before the 4th Sun in Aug.
DeLeon sta. at DeLeon, 4th Sun in Aug.
E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Spurger cir. at Wolf Creek, July 24, 25.
Jasper sta. at Jasper, July 31, Aug 1.
Jasper mis. at Pinetown, 1st Sun in Aug.
Newton cir. at Wilson's chapel, Aug 7, 8.
Burkeville cir. at Wilson chapel, Aug 7, 8.
Beaumont sta. at Beaumont, 4th Sun in Aug.
Orange sta. at Orange, Aug 21, 22.
R. M. SPOULE, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Mansfield cir. at Pleasant Point, 4th Sun in July.
Grandview cir. at Barnesville camp-ground, 1st Sun in Aug.
Nolen River cir. at 2d Sun in Aug.
Abbott cir. at Lebanon, 3d Sun in Aug.
W. D. ROCKFORD, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Spearman cir. at July 25, 26.
Dekeus mis. at Aug 7, 8.
J. T. L. ANNIS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Bowie and Alvin, July 22, 23.
Henrietta, Aug 14, 15.
Wichita Falls, Aug 14, 15.
The district conference will be held at Bowie, on Thursday before the 4th Sun in July, at 9 o'clock a. m. The conference sermon by Rev. M. M. Dunn.
W. F. EASTERLING, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Farris mis. at July 24, 25.
Finley mis. at July 31, Aug 1.
Seymour mis. at Aug 7, 8.
Graham sta. at Aug 7, 8.
Edwards, at Aug 14, 15.
Weatherford sta. at Aug 21, 22.
Mobeetie mis. at Aug 28, 29.
C. H. ELLIS, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Hond Creek, at Liberty, 4th Sun in July.
Lebanon, at Cottonwood, 1st Sun in Aug.
Keller, at Smithfield, 3d Sun in Aug.
Greenville, at Spring chapel, 3d Sun in Aug.
Lewisville, at Lewisville, 5th Sun in Aug.
Bethel, at 5th Sun in Aug.
R. M. POWERS, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.
Barksdale, at Montell, July 24, 25.
Sabinal, at Utopia, July 24, 25.
McKee sta., Houston, Aug 14, 15.
Boerne, at Aug 21, 22.
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Program San Marcos Sunday-School Assembly and Summer Institute.

The second annual session of the San Marcos Assembly and Summer Institute will be held at San Marcos, Hays county, Texas, during July and August, 1886. Commencing July 12 and continuing four weeks, a teachers' normal institute will be held on the assembly grounds, a picturesque mountain retreat in the vicinity of San Marcos and near the head of the San Marcos river.

Monday, August 2-11 a. m., Opening exercises, by Judge Gustave Cook, of Houston 4 p. m., "Oratorio," Assembly choir; 8 p. m., address, "Chautauqua Idea and the San Marcos Plan."

Friday, August 6-8. 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association, leaders' training class, led by Rev. Henry Edwards Brown, A. M., international secretary; 8:45 to 9:20 a. m., General training class, Young Men's Christian Association; 9:25 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association Bible reading. This will be the daily order of the Young Men's Christian Association exercises: 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' normal class; 11 a. m., address by the Rev. Dr. Scudder, San Antonio; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Hon. J. D. Lynch.

Saturday, August 7-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., address by Prof. W. J. Spillman, Coronal Institute; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by the Rev. J. H. Luther, D. D., president Baylor College, subject: "My Library."

Sunday, August 8-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 4 p. m., children's services; 8 p. m., sermon. Monday, August 9-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., address by Prof. R. S. Gould, A. M., State University; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Rev. A. E. Bates, Brenham, Texas, subject: "The Ideal Man."

Tuesday, August 10-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Prof. H. Hendold, A. M., subject: "The Borderland of Science"; 4 p. m., second lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "Force and Matter"; 8 p. m., address by Rev. E. B. Christman, D. D., of Tehuacana University. Wednesday, August 11-8:30 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., anniversary celebration; 4 p. m., choir; 8 p. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "Origin of the Universe."

Thursday, August 12-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "The Interior of the Earth"; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Prof. Hendold, subject: "Origin of the Universe."

Friday, August 13-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "The Interior of the Earth"; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Prof. Hendold, subject: "Origin of the Universe."

Saturday, August 14-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "The Interior of the Earth"; 4 p. m., choir; 8 p. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "Origin of the Universe."

Sunday, August 15-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., anniversary celebration; 4 p. m., choir; 8 p. m., sermon. Monday, August 16-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Prof. Hendold, subject: "The Interior of the Earth"; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Rev. J. H. Neil, D. D., of San Antonio.

Tuesday, August 17-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., Bible day, "The Bible"; 4 p. m., choir; 8 p. m., lecture by Rev. J. W. Adkisson, A. M., president Central College, subject: "The Watch Without Hands."

Wednesday, August 18-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., lecture by Rev. H. E. Brown, A. M., subject: "Astronomy" (with studies); 4 p. m., chorus; 8 p. m., studies in astronomy by Dr. Brown.

Thursday, August 19-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., address by the Rev. G. W. Briggs, editor TEXAS ADVOCATE; 4 p. m., Assembly Chorus; 8 p. m., address by Rev. A. A. Clark, D. D., university, Thorp Springs.

Friday, August 20-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., "Studies in Astronomy," by Dr. Brown; 8 p. m., studies in astronomy by Dr. Brown.

Saturday, August 21-8 to 10 p. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., "Studies in Astronomy," by Dr. Brown; 8 p. m., studies in astronomy by Dr. Brown.

Young Men's Christian Association class; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., R. V. J. W. Heidt, D. D., "South-western University," 4 p. m., chorus; 8 p. m., "Studies in Astronomy," by Dr. Brown.

Sunday, August 22-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association; 11 a. m., sermon by Monday, August 23-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 12 p. m., Lecture by Dr. J. Baldwin, principal State normal school; 4 p. m., Chorus; 8 p. m., Lecture, by Dr. Baldwin.

Tuesday, August 24-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., "Studies in Astronomy," by Dr. Brown; 4 p. m., Chorus; 8 p. m., Lecture, by Prof. H. H. Dwidie, A. M., Agricultural and Mechanical College, subject: "A Great Reformation of the Nineteenth Century."

Wednesday, August 25-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., Lecture, by Dr. Baldwin; 4 p. m., Chautauqua chorus; 8 p. m., Address, by Rev. Joel T. Daves, Tyler, subject: "Incentives to Christian Work."

Thursday, August 26-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association exercises; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., Lecture, by Dr. Baldwin; 4 p. m., Chautauqua chorus; 8 p. m., Address, by Hon. Temple Houston, subject: "The Tendency of Modern Thought."

Friday, August 27-8 to 10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association work; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school teachers' class; 11 a. m., Address, by Rev. W. H. Preston, San Antonio, subject: "The Ministry of Song"; 4 p. m., Chautauqua chorus; 8 p. m., Address, by Hon. Temple Houston, subject: "The Tendency of Modern Thought."

Saturday, August 28-8:10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school class; 11 a. m., "Students' Union," anniversary address; 4 p. m., chorus; 8 p. m., Students' levee and beacon fire.

Sunday, August 29-8:10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association; 11 a. m., sermon; 4 p. m., children's services; 8 p. m., sermon. Monday, August 30-8:10 a. m., Young Men's Christian Association; 10:30 a. m., Sunday-school class, last recitations; 11 a. m., address by F. E. Holloway, Fort Worth, editor Transcript Magazine, subject: "Emerson and His Place in Literature."

Tuesday, August 31-Directors' day; 11 a. m., business meeting; 8 p. m., closing address by Rev. H. M. DuBoise, subject: "Flowers and Fruits."

What will be the cost of attending the assembly in August? Nothing except the fare at the gate 15 cents per day, or 75 cents per week. Season tickets may be had by addressing the secretary of the assembly.

All railroads in the State sell round trip tickets to San Marcos, good till September 5th, for 4 cents to 2 cents per mile.

How can one live at San Marcos? Cheap board can be obtained at the hotels of the town, or in private families; or you can buy or rent a small cot or tent on the Assembly grounds, and take your meals at the restaurant on the grounds, which will be prepared to supply all with meals at from 25 to 50 cents. Board can be had in the town, including lodging, from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day, \$4.50 to \$8.00 per week, and \$18.00 to \$30.00 per month.

What arrangements have been made for those who desire to remain on the grounds during the assembly meetings? Convenient sections of the enclosure have been divided into small lots, which will be leased on long terms to parties wishing to build cottages or spread tents. Tents may be had of the Assembly at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per week, and from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per month.

For information about the schools and works of the Association, address Rev. H. M. DuBoise, Supt. of Instruction, Houston, Texas. For information about the grounds, board, rents, and all matters pertaining to the business of the Assembly, address Judge Sterling Fisher, Secretary of the Assembly, San Marcos, Texas.

Frankfort, Ky., will celebrate its first centennial on the 6th of next October. Theodore Parker's grave in the old Protestant Cemetery at Florence, Italy, near the grave of Mrs. Browning, is to be marked with a permanent memorial.

Gen. Schuyler Hamilton, aged eighty-four years, a nephew of Alexander Hamilton, who was killed by Burr, was married in New York Monday to Mrs. Louise Frances Cavanaugh, aged forty-six years.

The Pennsylvania dispatches announce that Master Workman Powderly will certainly be the Democratic candidate for Governor of that State, and that he has positively consented to run. Mr. Randall and ex-Senator Wallace will take the stump for Powderly.

The Senate yesterday passed the river and harbor bill, but not until it had scaled it down 25 per cent, as proposed by the substitute of the commerce committee. This scaling reduced the bill from \$18,613,775, as perfected by the Senate, to \$13,900,331, a sum \$4,713,444 less than the House bill.

The Philadelphia thinks that Graham's experiment with his barrel in the Niagara whirlpool may be of practical benefit. His idea is that sea-going vessels might be equipped with one or more such casks, which, in case of wreck on a surf-beaten coast, might be the means of establishing communication between the vessel and the shore.

Every day adds to the great amount of evidence as to the curative powers of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Letters are continually being received from all sections of the country, telling of benefits derived from this great medicine. It is unequalled for general debility, and a blood purifier, expelling every trace of impure matter from the system. The time to take it, made by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all druggists.

A preacher said: "Every tub must stand on its own bottom." A sailor jumped up and said: "But, sir, suppose it has no bottom?" "Then it's no tub," retorted he, quickly, and went on with the sermon.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.—We call attention to the advertisement of the Law Department of Washington and Lee University, which Gen. G. W. C. Lee is President. The next session opens Sept. 16— at the same time with the Academic Department of the University.

Truth comes to us from the past, as gold is washed down from the mountains of Sierra Nevada, in minute but precious particles, and then with indelible alloy, the debris of centuries.

The Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., is one of the great educational institutes of the country. In its seven departments superior advantages are afforded to students of Law, Literature, Science and Philosophy, Engineering, Law, Theology, Pharmacy, Medicine and Dentistry.

The object of the science of education is to render the mind the fittest possible instrument for discovering, applying, and obeying the laws under which God has placed the universe.

Those who have daughters to educate would do well to read the advertisement of Waco Female College, in another column, embracing the first and second Semesters, San Antonio, subject: "The Ministry of Song"; 4 p. m., Chautauqua chorus; 8 p. m., Address, by Hon. Temple Houston, subject: "The Tendency of Modern Thought."

"I like smart women well enough," said Fenderson, "but I wouldn't care to marry a woman who knew more than I did." "And," suggested Fogg, "you have been forced to remain single."

We take pleasure in directing the attention of those of our readers who contemplate attending medical lectures this fall to the advantages offered at the Memphis (Tennessee) Hospital Medical College. Send for catalogue.

Tobogganing in Canada is an extremely popular sport with backsliding bankers from the United States. The easy, down-hill glide has for them a peculiar charm.

The Baltimore Conference has resolved to raise \$50,000 toward the endowment of Randolph Macon College. Old Baltimore has a way of doing what she undertakes.

A NEW YORK HOTEL. Heretofore when visiting New York we have always stopped at a down-town hotel; but this time we had a change, for we would stay in an up-town house and put up at the Grand Union, corner of Fourth and Avenue Forty-second street.

It is needless to say that hereafter we will take no more down-town hotels in ours when stopping in New York as we have found it much pleasant and agreeable stopping up town. The Grand Union, which is run on the European plan, has a first-class, clean, airy, and comfortable suite of rooms ranging from \$1.00 a day up to a model suite, every department being first-class. Beds, bath, and toilet articles, and everything else in the way of the three for a fair rate of the city. To those who have no money, a table of rates will be given when in New York, we would say, try the Grand Union, and if you don't find Mr. Gerry N. the best hotel in New York, you will be glad to see him in the end.—Railroad Record, Atlanta, Ga.

A Northern religious paper states that "there are more than 70,000 children and young people in New York who are not under any religious instruction."

Save the Chickens. By using Cass, Chicken Cholera Cure. The only certain remedy. Try it.

There is a whole volume of sad suggestions in this item from the Richmond Advocate: "See, W. Carter, would you like to be an old-fashioned, well-to-do man in Washington, and earn a living by writing speeches for Congressmen. A brilliant mind put to a very doubtful purpose."

Our brother of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate says: "When the press of this country will do one-half the free advertising for a widow's portrait that they do for a moral actress, a great start will be made toward burning up the jewel of consistency."

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July 15.—A. Evans, sub. 2 cards. E. Y. Swale, sub. W. H. Klyce, sub. E. G. Duval, sub. J. Hammond, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub. J. W. Johnson, sub. G. W. Langley, sub. J. M. McKee, sub. C. A. Arnold, sub. C. A. Arnold, sub. July 16.—F. Baggett, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. Sam'l P. Wright, sub. J. P. Alton, sub. J. T. Graham, sub. J. H. Hill, sub. W. L. Tucker, sub.

July 17.—H. P. Shradar, sub. F. C. Stephenson, sub. J. L. Pierce, sub. J. D. Hartgraves, sub. July 18.—M. Donagan, sub. C. H. Smith, sub. Jas. B. Hall, sub. W. J. Joyce, sub. B. F. Baggett, sub. T. F. Dimmitt, sub. C. E. Statham, sub. St. Francis, sub. C. A. Arnold, sub. Wood, sub. J. A. Smith, sub. C. W. Thomas, sub. A. C. Benson, sample copy sent. R. W. Wilson, sub. B. A. Thompson, sub. July 19.—W. P. Melugin, sub. no F. Neal, change made. W. P. Melugin, sub. all right.

CAMP AND PROTRACTED MEETINGS. Lagarto Circuit. We will commence a camp-meeting at Oakville, Friday before the second Sunday in August, and at Lagarto, Friday before the fourth Sunday in August. Ministers are solicited. Come over, brethren, and help us. C. E. STATHAM.

Near Brookston. There will be a camp-meeting held in the Shiloh community, four miles east of Brookston, embracing the first and second Sundays in August. A camp-meeting will also be held in the vicinity of Roxton, seven miles south of Brookston, embracing the fifth Sunday in August and first Sunday in September. All ministers and workers that will come and help us will be cared for. F. M. SHREWBURN.

Boxville. Please announce through your columns that there will be a camp-meeting at Boxville, commencing on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in August, and to be continued over the first Sunday in August. Our third quarterly conference will be held on Saturday at 3 p. m. Come one, come all. WILLIAMSBURG, TEXAS. C. H. MALDY.

Rosston Circuit. Plan of camp-meetings for Rosston circuit: Pleasant Hill and Delta, July 1st; Forestburg and Holly, July 15th to August 3rd; Rosston and Live Oak, August 23rd; Rush Creek and Spring Springs, September 13th. All of the above meetings are self-supporting. All ministers and workers that will come and help us will be cared for. F. M. SHREWBURN.

Near Caldwell. The camp-meeting at Buffalo camp-ground will begin Friday before the first Sunday in August. The brethren and friends are requested to meet on Monday before, and prepare the ground. All unpaid lots are free; no tents. Everybody who desires to do good, or get good, are invited. Come one, come all. No money and without pay. D. D. WABLER, DEANVILLE, TEXAS.

Groesbeck Circuit. We will protract our meeting at Central Institute from the third quarterly conference, which will embrace the third Saturday and Sunday in this month. We will begin our meeting at Elm Grove the fourth Sunday. Our camp-meeting at Willow Springs begins Friday night before the second Sunday in August. The time for Groesbeck undecided. J. D. CHICKETT, GROESBECK, TEXAS.

Near Thornton. The camp-meeting one mile and a half northeast of Thornton will begin on Friday, July 30. The missionary celebration for the year ending August 1st will be given on Sunday, August 1st; also, a sermon by Dr. James Young on the subject and in the interest of foreign missions. Ministers are invited. Please come; we will take care of you. I. N. REEVES, THORNTON, TEXAS.

Hamilton Circuit. The following are the camp-meetings for Hamilton circuit: Sardis, third Sunday in July; Evergreen, first Sunday in August; Hamilton, second Sunday in August; Round Valley, third Sunday in August; Simpsonville, fourth Sunday in August. The meeting at Sardis will begin Friday night before the Sunday mentioned; all the others will begin on Saturday, at 10 o'clock, before. We earnestly invite brethren in the neighborhood to assist. W. V. JONES.

Near Geneva. Will hold a big camp-meeting near Geneva, not far from Waco, on Friday before the second Sunday in August. Trust a number of our preachers will come and help us. West, June 15. L. G. ROGERS.

Grandview Circuit. The camp-meeting for Grandview circuit will meet at Grandview on Friday night before first Sunday in August. Ministers coming to help will be cared for. All others furnished ground and water; nothing more. Let all come. F. M. WINDMILL.

Oak Branch and Sardis. There will be a camp-meeting at Oak Branch, commencing on Friday night before the second Sunday in July, and continuing Friday night before the second Sunday in August. Both on the Waxahatchie circuit, Northwest Texas. M. S. STEPHENS.

Axtell Circuit. The meetings for Axtell circuit will be as follows: Prospect, on Friday before the first Sunday in July, beginning Friday night before. Camp-meeting, Brunsby Park, fourth Sunday in July, Thursday night before. Prairie Hill, second Sunday in August, Thursday night before. A. B. THIMBLE.

Polyxy Circuit. Camp-meetings for Polyxy circuit, Granbury district: At Wesley chapel, Friday night before the fourth Sunday in July. At Bethel, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in August. At Morgan's mill, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in September. At Marvin, or the Rock Church, commencing Friday night before the third Sunday in October. Your brother in Christ, J. J. HARRIS, BLUFFDALE, JUNE 16.

Holiness Meeting. The holiness meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference will commence at Axtell, Aug. 12th, to which all the preachers of Texas are cordially invited. Homes will be provided for all ministers. We are expecting Bishop Key to be with us, also Dr. Dunlap and others from abroad. Come, brethren, let us have a good meeting—we are now ready for such a revival. We hope to have a glorious revival. I want all brethren, who will attend, to write me, so I can arrange your homes. Let me hear from all who will attend. Pray for us. W. H. LEFAYRE, P. C., ALVARADO, TEXAS.

Granbury District Sunday-School Convention. Program of Sabbath-school convention to convene with Granbury District conference at Glen Rose, August 5, 1886. 1. The relation of the family to the Sabbath-school; addresses by T. N. Price and W. G. French. 2. Qualifications of Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers; addresses by C. B. Smith and W. D. Robinson. 3. The mutual relations of parents and obligations of church and Sabbath-school; addresses by W. E. Graves and J. M. Lane. 4. Sunday-school literature and music; address by W. Moore and J. H. Matley. 5. The object of Sunday-school work; addresses by J. J. Harris and A. B. Roberts. Speeches not to exceed fifteen minutes in length. E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

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