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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

(From the TEXAS ADVOCATE OF NOV. 22, 1860—J. E. CARNES, EDITOR.)

Years ago I heard a preacher say in a funeral discourse that the deceased was a more marked instance of faith than of hope or charity. I did not see the point at the time, and have never had opportunity to look for it since. But, following the example of saying things hard to be understood because they happen to come convenient, "I remark upon this subject," that of the three great graces, Texas seems most to abound in hope. There is always something behind. Nor is that something a phantom. He would be a thoughtless and ungrateful man who could think so, comparing the Texas of twenty years ago with the Texas of today. With that advancement in view, the present promise, in all its variety of material, intellectual and religious opening—farms, rising colleges and expanding conferences—is not only comfortable, but positively ennobling. Everything good in the looker is made more positive by such a prospect. Religion, thought, practical talent, money, all seem to be made more valuable by the enlarging field for their operations. I say "field" rather than fields, because I never saw a society where the great powers of life just enumerated seemed more likely to come to an understanding "to work together for good."

Soule University is rising in fair proportions—a noble structure almost ready for use. On Saturday the corner-stone of a female college was laid in this place. Masons and music, a fine looking crowd, a liberal collection for the building, and a speech by Bishop Andrew were the features of the occasion. The missionary meeting on Saturday night was a triumph—the best occasion of the kind, under all the circumstances, ever known in or out of Texas. The amount raised will fall but little short of five thousand dollars. This conference will probably come up to the apportionment. The session is moving on delightfully. Crowds are in attendance. Bishop Andrew presides ably, affectionately, admirably. Conference will probably adjourn on Wednesday. The preaching has been unusually good. I have heard nearly every sermon, and not one which did not seem to me to be above the average in pertinency and general ability.

The Bishop was at himself on Sunday at eleven; the sermon of Dr. Carter at three o'clock was not only a great intellectual effort, but seemed whole in itself as a moral and religious power—one of those sermons which give great impulses to entire organizations, and for all time. Some of its bread will be gathered from the waters many days hence. At night, the pastor of the conference, Robert Alexander, preached the funeral of the sainted young Hubert, who fell during the year at Bastrop.

He had seen the boy converted, inducted the young man into the conference, and now rose to tell that he had gone to heaven, and how he got there. What a sight it was, that vast sea of humanity swelling with emotion under the potent words of the pioneer preacher. Alexander is an engine of vast stroke, and when the hull of his subject is big enough for him, "Oue would think the deep to be hoary." His allusions to Ruter, Fowler and others of his early compeers were irresistible. Everybody wept and nearly everybody shouted. While I write, at the hospitable home of Bro. Peet, Father Kinney is looking up his text for the funeral of Father Haynie. In ten minutes I am to be listening to one pioneer telling of the departure of another for the better country. The fountain of my tears begins to grow uneasy in the anticipation. All unconscious of my occasional glance, the old man eloquent of the Texas ministry is looking into a volume of Clarke's Commentary, which once belonged to Ruter, or picking up the hymn book now belonging to his daughter, the "elect lady" who is the presiding genius of our present domestic comfort. I hope he may find the right text and the best hymn in the book. The bell rings and we rise to go.

J. E. CARNES.

APPOINTMENTS.

Galveston District.
James McLeod, Presiding Elder.
Galveston Station—James M. Wesson, (Bryan) L. Peet, supernumerary.
Galveston Colored Mission—To be supplied.
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Houston Mission and Colored Mission—Wm. H. Seal.
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Columbia Station and Colored Mission—Joshua H. Shapard.
Brazoria—Oscar M. Addison.
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Richmond Station—Joel T. Daves.
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Centerville—J. H. Addison.
Madison—Thomas Woodbridge.
Booneville—Byron S. Garden.
Dawson—John R. White.
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Fort Worth District.
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Fort Worth Circuit—James M. Jones.
Weatherford—W. S. South.
Keechi Mission—J. Peet.
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Buchanan—Thomas W. Rogers.
Hillsborough—Thomas Whitworth.
Waxahachie—W. G. Veal, (S. S. Yarborough, supernumerary).
Tellico—E. B. Ferguson, (F. P. Ray, supernumerary).

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Waco Station—U. C. Spencer.
Waco Circuit and Colored Mission—J. I. Crabb.
Galesville—H. G. Carden.
Meridian Mission—Ira E. Chalk.
Stephenville—James M. Johnson.
Lampasas and Florence Mission—J. W. Led-better.
Belton and Colored Mission—H. M. Burrows.
Burnett Mission—Wm. Shegog.

Austin District.
J. W. Whipple, Presiding Elder.
Austin Station—B. F. Peet.
Austin Circuit—John M. Whipple.
Travis County Colored Mission—D. Coulson.
Bastrop Station and Colored Mission—Wm. Rees.
Bastrop Circuit—J. W. B. Allen.
Bastrop Military Institute—R. T. P. Allen, Principal.
Post Oak Island and Colored Mission—Thos. G. Gilmore.

Caldwell District.
Wm. G. Nelms, Presiding Elder.
Caldwell Colored Mission—M. H. Porter.
Georgetown Circuit—J. R. Whitteberg.
San Anders Mission—J. W. Baldridge.
Comerton and Colored Mission—M. T. King.
Port Sullivan Station—L. B. Whipple.
Port Sullivan Colored Mission—J. P. Speed.
Port Sullivan Institute—John Cramer, Principal.
Agent of American Bible Society—L. G. Join.

Columbus District.
H. S. Thrall, Presiding Elder.
Columbus Station—C. J. Lane, (Job M. Baker, supernumerary).
Alleyton and Colored Mission—Wesley Smith.
Breunham—Engene H. Smith.
Union Hill Circuit—F. C. Wilkes.
Ruterville—W. C. Lewis.
Bellville—J. S. Matthews.
Egypt and Winton—Quim M. Meulice.
Matagorda Circuit—Love M. Harris.
Matagorda and Colored Mission—W. G. Foote.
Jackson Station—W. A. Parks.
Fayette Colored Mission—V. H. Dey.

Genoa District.
John S. McGee, Presiding Elder.
Genoa Station—H. D. Dashiell, (J. C. Wil-son, supernumerary).
Genoa Circuit and Colored Mission—D. W. Fly.
Seguin—J. A. Light, One to be supplied.
San Marcos—P. Phillips.
Lockhart—W. P. Reed.
Blanco and Pedernales Mission—A. G. May.
San Saba Circuit—Thos. W. Glass.
Llano Mission—P. W. Gravis.

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Victoria Station—J. E. Ferguson.
Victoria Mission—Daniel Carl.
Lavaack and Indiana—O. A. Fisher, One to be supplied.
Texana Circuit—B. Harris.
Boxville Circuit—G. W. Cottingham.
Jackson Co. Col. Mission—To be supplied, by John F. Cook.
Hallettsville Circuit—A. A. Killough.
Navidad and Colored Mission—C. W. Thomas.

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Honding Mission—John Prinzing and P. A. Neelting.
Bellevue—E. Selmeider.
Industry—One to be supplied.
Londontop—One to be supplied.
Bastrop—Ulrich Steiner.
Victoria—Wm. Herms.
Editor Evangelical Apologist—P. A. Neelting.
Nehalem H. Boring transferred to the Rio Grande Conference. The supernumerary preachers are George Tittle, J. H. D. Moore, John W. Kinney, John Carpenter, A. B. F. Kerr, Wm. A. Smith, H. S. Drake.

LETTER FROM REV. R. ALEXANDER.

(From TEXAS ADVOCATE, NOV. 12, 1857.)

Mr. Editor—I write you from this far-off northwestern portion of our conference, which is about four hundred miles from Galveston on the traveled route.

On my tour in this division of our conference I have been pleased to see with what promptness your subscribers get the ADVOCATE, at so great a distance from place of publication. At Waxahachie, Ellis county, I read the ADVOCATE five days from date; at Fort Worth ten days after date, in Parker county it comes to hand in fourteen days. As mail facilities increase and this part of the country recovers a little from the long protracted drouth, you may expect hundreds of new subscribers. Some take it now at offices from fourteen to eighteen miles distant. Several new postal routes and a number of new offices are expected soon, which will be a great blessing to a deserving people, and to the publishers of the ADVOCATE. You have some noble agents in this district. I now write from the house of Mr. Veal, the post-master, that sent you the twenty new cash subscribers, and he is still drumming up and sending, and will do you good service as agent; he has a large heart for every good work; it is expected his sphere of usefulness will be greatly enlarged next year, as he expects to fall into the itinerant ranks. I have visited Johnson and Tarrant counties for the first time.

In Johnson I had a most encouraging commencement in organizing a Bible society for the county; the citizens came up nobly to this great benevolent enterprise

and I am assured that a large number of copies of the Scriptures are wanted in this county, and I intend the whole demand shall be met soon.

There is some fine prairie land in this county, and is supplied with plenty of timber, by what is called the lower Cross Timbers, which is a belt of timber extending across the country from five to fifteen miles wide. But little grain has been made the past season; some have not made the seed they planted, but they intend to try it again. I next visited Tarrant county and held a meeting at Fort Worth, the county town.

This county lies across the west fork of Trinity, and is a beautiful country to look at, and much of the land is quite rich; a number one wheat country, also fine for grazing. Stock-raising claims a large share of attention; horses, cattle and sheep do well. The county is pretty well supplied with mills, some excellent flouring mills, which make as beautiful flour as I ever wish to see, and it will not be long until you may expect to be refreshed with some specimens in your Galveston market. Fort Worth is decidedly the most beautiful situation for a town I have seen in Texas, and is now a nice village, and improving in a very substantial way. It is situated near the junction of the Clear and West forks of the Trinity, on a high bluff which not only overlooks the beautiful valley, but overlooks the trees of the river bottom, and you have a most imposing view of Grand Prairie, on the north side of the river. In approaching it from the south, it rises most lovely in appearance just before you, but when you travel the road, you find it six or eight miles.

The citizens are social, intelligent and enterprising. Though, in consequence of a great rain-fall, the congregations were small, but attentive. I organized the County Bible Society, and never organized one more to my satisfaction. They subscribed liberally, and every way manifested a praiseworthy interest in the Bible cause.

I was not able to preach but little in consequence of being afflicted with severe cold and cough, or I should have remained longer and protracted the services of the meeting. I left Fort Worth hoping, in the Providence of God, I may be privileged to visit it again.

I shall order from \$800 to \$1000 worth of Bibles into Johnson, Tarrant and Parker counties. Bro. Howard, agent, had better look out for his stock, especially family and school Bibles and Testaments.

R. ALEXANDER.
VEAL'S STATION, PARKER CO., OCT. 28, 1857.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(From TEXAS ADVOCATE, AUG. 22, 1857.)

Mr. Editor—Thirty years ago I left the snow clad hills of New England, and the home of my boyhood, in search of friends and a residence amid the soft breezes of a Southern sky. My home for a time was in the rural village of Hillsboro, in Jasper county, Georgia.

There the sturdy oaks lifted their towering tops, and spread wide their branches to protect the friendly gossipers from the burning rays of a summer's sun. Along the sidewalks grew the thrifty verdant chinas, affording pleasant walks and safe protection in mid-summer; there too lived the prosperous planter, the successful merchant, the skillful physician and the man of legal lore.

Flourishing schools of high order were established there, moulding the youthful mind for future expansion in the paths of usefulness.

Here in Texas, I have met with those who have imparted and received instruction within the walls of the Hillsboro Academy.

We have now a presiding elder among us, who after graduating at Yale College, taught here. I have almost met with Hon. I. L. H., of F— county, who received instruction at that institution of learning. Little did I think at that time, that thirty years after I should meet the school boy of Hillsboro, in the wilds of Texas, making corn and cotton for the market, and laws by which we were to be governed; or to have as my colleague in the itinerancy, one who imparted instructions to the youth in that village; but so it has been.

Thirty years ago, the common citizens of New England, attended to their own business and were not disposed to interfere with the peculiar institutions of the South. Sectional prejudice and unmeasured abuse, was not then, as now, the order of the day. The M. E. Church was united in furthering one grand and glorious result, "the spread of Scripture holiness throughout these lands." Our ministers traveling and local could change their residence and field of operation and feel at home laboring among their brethren and friends among the granite hills of New Hampshire to the orange groves of Louisiana.

How changed since that time. Those who have the least at stake in pecuniary matters and no more in spiritual concerns in the North have for years been doing their utmost to stir up strife; not content to remain at a respectful distance and give us a war of words, some have even dared to enter our territory and wound the feelings of honest brethren and excite the passions of quiet cit-

izens—they come among us as missionaries, as though the settled portions of Texas could not otherwise be provided for.

In 1836 I visited New England, and was asked if there were not many heathens in the valley of the Mississippi famishing for the bread of life? I told them the people were generally intelligent, and for a new country, were doing well both temporally and spiritually. I was told that agents had been through the country soliciting aid to send missionaries to preach to the heathen in the valley of the Mississippi—many found their way out as far as the "great valley;" doubtless these accomplished less for us than did the self-sacrificing and devoted Jesse Lee, of Virginia, for them in New England's early history of Methodism.

I heartily endorse the sentiments of Bro. J. C. Wilson, of the Texas Conference, published in a former number of the ADVOCATE. He speaks plainly, positively and very much to the point.

If our Northern brethren wish to labor in a lovely land of sunshine and flowers let them come as ministers of the grace of God should come, let them unite with us and we will receive them, as we have ever done, with open arms, and they shall have access to our people and their hospitalities and without let or hindrance they may declare the saving truths of the gospel, as taught in the Word of God and the customs of our church. We are one in doctrine, in discipline, and should be a unit in feeling and action throughout the South.

DANIEL MORSE.
CHAPPELL HILL, TEXAS, AUG. 20, 1857.

CANADA LETTER.

Crops—The Liquor Question—The "Sams," Jones and Small.

EDWARD BARBARA.

I have just been reminded that it is time to inform your readers how we are doing in the northern portion of the continent. I am glad to read from time to time of your movements, and rejoice with you in your prosperity, and with regret of some of the disasters which befall you in your immense State. Our Heavenly Father sees good to visit his children with occasional calamities, but he mixes judgment with mercy.

Our country is at present in a state of quiet and comfort. The crops of the past season were abundant, but then the farmers complain because the prices are so low, and they have not reaped so much profit from their labor as they have sometimes done. Our prairie Province, Manitoba, and your Western States, to say nothing of India, have loaded Europe with wheat, so that, as a matter of course, the returns to Canadian farmers are not what they once were, nor is it likely that, with the vast increases in the yield, the gain will be equal to former years. Having food and raiment, let us therewith be content.

A great battle is being fought in our Dominion on the liquor question. Several of our countries and a few cities have adopted the Scott Act, which means no license. Opinions vary as to the utility of the Act. Of course those engaged in the traffic are sure to denounce the Act and pronounce it a failure. Such persons say there is more liquor sold now than under license, but they do not inform us how they got their information, neither do they explain how it comes to pass that they want the law repealed which so greatly benefits them, because more liquor is sold and no license fees are paid. In speaking thus they condemn themselves.

No doubt liquor is sold, and thus the law is broken; so are the "Ten Commandments" violated; but we do not on that account vote for their abolition. Every attempt is made by many to render the Scott Act inoperative. Some of our judges are not faithful in punishing violators who come before them. Police magistrates and others are sometimes slow to act, while inspectors are often tardy in doing their duty against those who set the law at defiance. In despite of these drawbacks the law is no failure. It is not so easy to obtain drink as it once was. Some that defy the law have been punished by fines and imprisonment, others have fled to escape punishment. Those who have fearlessly done their duty have been boycotted in their business; their dwellings have been burned by incendiarism and dynamite. These occurrences give us to see what we may anticipate as the fight with the drink-fiend becomes protracted. The friends of temperance do not intend to give up the contest. They are resolved to conquer though they die.

No event has occasioned so much commotion in our land as the visit of Jones and Small, of Georgia. Their sojourn in Toronto of three or four weeks shook that city as it never was shaken before. Nothing else was talked about while they were here. The revival was the theme of all classes of newspaper writers. The two most influential dailies in the Dominion, the Globe and the Mail, published extensive reports of the meetings, which were read by tens of thousands in all parts of the country. Never did the secular press in Canada take such interest in religious things. It was clear that it paid to do so.

The services, sometimes four per day, never less than three, were attended by

thousands. The Rink and the Metropolitan Church, the two largest buildings in the city, were crowded, and sometimes hundreds were turned away for want of even standing room. The arrangement for the services was very complete. All the Methodist ministers in town and many from the country were always on hand. Dr. Potts presided at the services and was eminently master of the situation. A large number of ushers were in constant employment, not only to seat the crowds, but take the names of those who stood up for prayer and introduce them to ministers who resided near them. The singing was inspiring. Messrs. Excell and Maxwell, who accompany the evangelists, were aided by a well-trained choir. The sermons were seldom less than an hour in length, but none complained of their prolixity. Both Messrs. Jones and Small, particularly the former, preached with great power. The appeals were often almost irresistible. One sermon preached by Jones, on The Last Judgment, was declared to be the most powerful ever preached in Toronto.

The effects of the revival have been good; hundreds have been induced to commence a new life. More than once the entire audience rose in response to the appeal to leave the ways of sin. Special services have been continued in several churches and are still in progress, so that we hope the good work will still go on. A great impetus has been given to the work of the churches, so that while I write evangelistic services are being held in various parts of the country, and we have reason to believe that during the coming winter the Protestant churches generally will reap a glorious harvest of souls.

It was not to be expected that such a good work as was carried on by Messrs. Jones and Small would be allowed to escape criticism. Some clergymen have severely criticised the discourses of Sam Jones. Great objection has been made to his coarseness and what some call "vulgarity." It is questionable whether any of the critics or all of them put together have ever accomplished a tithe of the good which these men of God have done. Happily, the evangelists did not take the least notice of their critics. They minded their own business, preached the truth, hurled their flaming denunciations against the drink-traffic and all kinds of meanness, and made impressions on the minds of thousands which will never be erased.

No man could be more disinterested than Jones and Small were. They came to Toronto without stipulating their terms. It is said that Jones has refused five hundred dollars a night for lectures. The proprietor of the finest hotel in Toronto kept them both free of charge. Collections were taken at all the services, and though expenses were necessarily heavy, yet there was ample means to defray all claims. A collection was taken at one service for the orphanage of which Jones is the agent, which amounted to six hundred dollars. Another was taken for a city charity. The sum of two thousand five hundred dollars was given Mr. Jones for himself and his associates. Donations were also given to the wives of those worthy men, and still a few hundreds remained, which were distributed *pro rata* among the charities of the city.

The revivalists have gone to Boston, Mass., if I am not mistaken. Other places are calling for their labors, and in due time they may be found laboring at Omaha, San Francisco and other new fields. May they long be spared to toil in the Master's vineyard.

Printed editions of Jones' sermons have been published and sold extensively in Canada. Dr. Briggs is bringing out a fine octavo vol., price two dollars, containing the sermons they preached in Toronto.

HAMPTON, ONTARIO CANADA.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

A. P. Parker, Chalmers letter in Episcopal Methodist: "We greatly need more workers. The opening of the Japan mission has woefully depleted our force. A vacant house and a vacancy in the work here in St. Chow sadly need to be occupied. If our mission can be properly organized this fall, and more workers sent out, a great and hopeful future opens out before us."

Bishop Granbury, writing from Brazil, gives this item: "Our Presbyterian brethren demand that their candidates who were baptized by Roman priests receive true Christian baptism; in other words, they do not admit the validity of the Roman baptism, considering it vitiated by the errors and superstition of that church. They have gone so far as to refuse the Lord's supper to members who were baptized only by priests. The Presbytery memorialized the General Assembly to decide the question, but that highest court has more than once declined to make any declaration on the subject. Our missionaries have submitted the question to the conscientious desire of the candidates themselves; some are satisfied with their baptism, others requested to be baptized again."

Dr. R. A. Young has been in Paris, France. We quote from a letter in Nashville Advocate of Nov. 27: "We came

to Paris by the way of Canterbury—the Duvernoium of the Romans, the Cantuaraby of the Saxons, the stronghold of the Kentish-men, the first English Christian city, now the metropolitan city of the whole land. The place is certainly old and apparently poor. Its prime attraction is the Cathedral, which occupies the site of the ancient British church ascribed to King Lucius, and afterward bestowed on St. Augustine by Ethelbert. So it is the earliest monument of the English union of Church and State—which has brought no good to anybody. In this Cathedral Lanfranc, the first Norman Archbishop, and Anselm, the next, presided; and at its altar Thomas a Becket was murdered. Among the monuments is one to Stephen Langton, the old gentleman who divided the Bible into chapters, and another to Archbishop Morton, who effected the union of the 'Roses' by the marriage of Henry of Richmond to Elizabeth of York. * * * Over two millions of people live within Paris walls—a circuit of twenty-one miles. They boast that they do not spend their time at home, like the descendants of the Anglo-Saxons. Well, there are several other places where they may pass away their frivolous existence. In Paris there are twenty thousand cabs, six hundred and eighty-two omnibuses, four hundred and eighty-three tram-cars, eight thousand five hundred and twenty hotels, eight thousand seven hundred boarding houses, *cafes* and restaurants innumerable, forty-one theatres, with circuses and dance-houses enough for Sodom. Victor Hugo aptly described Paris when he called it "that vast pendulum of civilization, ever oscillating between Thermopylae and Gomorrah," having frequently reached the utmost point of that iniquitous City of the Plain. * * * Nothing on earth exceeds the beauty and grandeur of Paris. In architecture and the fine arts the French excel all other modern people. The building and the adorning of the capital has kept the nation bankrupt for centuries. Paris is France. Is it not amazing that such a people have submitted to such extravagance for so many ages? We saw a state carriage yesterday that cost one million francs—\$200,000. It is one of seven in the same room. The Park and Palace of Versailles contain more than ten thousand statues, to say nothing of pictures and other furniture. The royal hunting grounds cover twenty-five thousand acres. Between four and five hundred houses were demolished to provide the site for the new opera house. The cost of ground and building was nearly two million pounds sterling. The materials for the imposing structure were brought from nearly every country in Europe. The walls of the city were constructed by the order of President Richelieu, for the sum of \$25,000,000. The records of the cost of the Palace of Versailles were destroyed, by the king's own hands, to conceal from future generations the royal extravagance. Colbert, his Minister of Finance, had to be buried secretly, at night, to prevent the populace from throwing his body into a trench.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Here is a specific of the Holston Methodist to save Southern Methodism from an epidemic of evangelists: "The only way to save the church from a flood of evangelists is to have a law requiring them to be appointed. Doctors are licensed to protect the people against quacks; lawyers are licensed to secure learning and capacity at the bar; preachers are licensed to prohibit imposters, and evangelists should be licensed to prevent the number from becoming too great and the quality from becoming too inferior."

From the Central Methodist: "An incident occurred at our late conference which ought to be known for the sake of the good in which all may be partakers. We were at the home of an invalid suffering from rheumatism. She was closely confined to her room under the terrible bonds with which this fearful disease often binds its victims. Our pious hostess was unable to appear at her own hospitable board, at which her grateful guests were so happily seated three times a day. Bishop Hendrix was invited to see the elect lady and to dine at her table. He came, and with wonderful adaptation and much Christian kindness and sympathy talked most beautifully to the saintly sufferer. While he was conversing, and at a most auspicious moment, Bro. D. L. Anderson, our lay evangelist, who was also an invited guest, commenced a song, 'A little talk with Jesus.' He sang it in the softest voice, the sweetest melody, and with the tenderest expression. All hearts were touched. Tears fell from the eyes of the good woman, for whose comfort the song was sung. At its close, the Bishop led us in a prayer, so simple, so touching, and so trustful as to be in complete harmony with the sweet song which had just been sung. In that circle there was no heart which was not touched by the song and the prayer. Both these brethren seemed to be sent of God especially to minister consolation to one of the greatest sufferers and purest women we have ever known. The incident will be long remembered as one of the most pleasant and tender that we ever witnessed."

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

The second annual session of the Mexican Border Mission Conference convened Wednesday, November 3, 1886, at 9 a. m., in the mission premises, on Liave square, Monterey, Mexico.

The conference was opened with religious services conducted by the Bishop in English and by A. H. Sutherland in Spanish.

The roll being called, out of 38 members 32 were found to be present, 9 of whom were Americans and the remaining 23 Mexicans.

The organization of the conference was completed by the election of Robert W. MacDonell as Secretary; S. G. Kilgore, Recording Secretary, and J. T. H. Miller, Statistical Secretary.

The presiding officers nominated the usual standing committees, which were appointed by vote of the conference.

Rev. J. W. Heald, D. D., President of the Southwestern University, was introduced and addressed the conference in the interests of the university, submitting, at the same time the printed reports of the Board of Curators and Trustees, which, on motion, were referred to the Board of Education.

The report of Dr. Morton, Secretary of the General Church Extension Board, was submitted to the conference and was referred to the Conference Auxiliary Board of Church Extension.

At the close of the first session the Bishop addressed the conference concerning the method of procedure with regard to reports from preachers, instructing that they be delivered to the Statistical Secretary, after adjustment, as no preacher's character would pass on the morrow who had not handed in his report.

On Thursday morning the conference was opened with religious service, led by H. C. Hernandez, Bishop Key being in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read in both English and Spanish.

Question 6 was called, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Answer: Wm. Monk, W. T. Thornberry and W. T. Bark, from the West Texas Conference.

Revs. Powell and Trevino, of the Baptist Church, were presented to the conference as visiting brethren.

Dr. J. G. John, Missionary Secretary of the Board of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the conference, and in a few words manifested his pleasure at being with the conference.

Question 20 was called, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" Answer: The names of James Tafolla, A. de Leon, J. D. Soggin and A. H. Sutherland were called. These brethren gave an account of their labors and the condition of their work, and their characters were passed.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Answer: Ignacio Escalante.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" Answer: Nicolas Rodriguez and Pablo Verdugo.

The Bishop gave notice to candidates for admission into full connection that they should be prepared according to the requirements of the Discipline for reception at to-morrow's session.

It was moved by Robt. W. MacDonell and carried that the preachers be instructed to inform the Statistical Secretary at the close of the session of the character of the report, and that at all future conference sessions the amounts be reported in Mexican silver.

After the opening services, led by Eulalio Chavez, Rev. Manuel Trevino, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Saltillo, was presented to the conference as a visiting brother.

Question 7 was taken up, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Maximo Villareal and Santos Romo having passed an approved examination, their characters were passed, and they advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" A. Cardenas, Luz Gomez and Manuel San Miguel having failed to pass approved examinations, their characters were passed, and they were continued in the class of the second year. Juan C. Hernandez not being present, his character was passed and he continued in the class of the second year.

Question 5, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Encarnacion Rodriguez.

Miss Holding, Principal of the Laredo Seminary, of the Woman's Board of Missions, and Miss Ward, Principal of the Presbyterian Seminary of Monterey, were introduced to the conference.

Question 20 being resumed, when the name of Elias Robertson was called, his character passed, and, by request of his presiding elder, his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The report of C. A. Rodriguez was read by his presiding elder and his character passed. J. P. Rodriguez presented his report and his character passed.

After the opening services, Question 12 was called, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" Andres San Miguel, Manuel Flores having passed an approved examination, his character passed and he was continued in the class of deacons of the first year.

Question 20 was then resumed. P. C. Bryce, R. V. Palomares, Sanchez Rivera, Jose A. Costa, Basilio Soto, I. W. MacDonell, S. G. Kilgore and Wm. Monk presented their reports, and their characters were passed.

Wm. P. McCorkle, J. F. Corbin, W. T. Thornberry and W. T. Bark being absent, their reports were presented by their respective presiding elders, and their characters passed. Jose M. Guzman being absent, his report was presented by his presiding elder, his character was passed and he was elected to elder's orders.

A. H. Sutherland stated that J. R. Carter had withdrawn from the ministry of our church, having surrendered his credentials.

Question 1 was then taken up again, "Who are admitted on trial?" Answer: J. T. H. Miller.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported that they recommended Elias Robertson for the supernumerary relation, which was granted.

Under Question 20 the name of Matilde Trevino was called and his character passed.

The ratio of representation for the district conferences was fixed at two delegates from each charge.

Afternoon Session. The time of this session was largely devoted to the hearing of the reports of the various committees, all of which were adopted.

When the report of the Committee on Education was read, Dr. Heidt, Regent of the Southwestern University; Miss Holding, Principal of the Laredo Seminary; Miss Roberts, Principal of the Saltillo School, and P. C. Bryce, Principal of Monterey Institute, each addressed the conference concerning their respective schools.

Emilio Q. Inones having left his work during the year, and being found guilty of different immoralities, was expelled from the ministry and membership of the church, by the usual disciplinary process.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the conference: Resolved, That during the following year an assessment of six cents per member be made on the various charges of the conference, for the cause of education.

Resolved, That the thanks of this conference be given to "Uncle Larry," of Virginia, and, through him, to the sustainers of the school for children at Saltillo, and of the Frontier Institute, of Monterey, for the interest that they have taken in our missionary work, and for their generous financial aid given to these schools during the year.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to "Uncle Larry."

Resolved, That this conference has had great pleasure in having with us in our first annual session on Mexican ground our highly esteemed brothers, Dr. Heidt and Dr. John, and sisters, the Misses Holding and Roberts.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are hereby tendered to the members of the Presbyterian Church of this city for the assistance that they have so kindly given us, in many ways, in entertaining this conference.

The following committees for examination of candidates were appointed for the following four years: For admission on trial—Alejandro de Leon, A. H. Sutherland, Basilio Soto.

For the class of first year—R. W. MacDonell, S. G. Kilgore, R. V. Palomares.

For the class of second year—J. D. Soggin, James Tafolla, Y. S. Rivera.

For the class of the third year—J. F. Corbin, Jose A. Costa, C. A. Rodriguez.

For the class of the fourth year—Elias Robertson, P. C. Bryce, Matilde Trevino.

The Rev. Mr. Boyce, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the conference as a visiting member.

A resolution was approved to publish the minutes of this and the previous year in Spanish.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the thanks of this conference are due and are hereby tendered to those citizens of Monterey who have extended their hospitality to the same, and to those railroads and hotels that have granted reduced rates to the members.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION. Conference met at 7 p. m., Sabbath. After religious services, conducted by A. H. Sutherland, in which was celebrated the Lord's Supper, the Bishop called the conference to order and gave the following report of ordination, being the answer to questions 9 and 13.

Twenty-seven traveling preachers are ordained deacons? and what traveling preachers are ordained elders?

Sunday, November 7, after the morning sermon in the Evangelical Chapel, I ordained the following deacons: H. C. Hernandez, Pedro Nuncio, Domingo F. Acosta, Manuel Trevino, were duly presented by the secretary of the conference; A. H. Sutherland read the Epistle and I. W. MacDonell the Gospel.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 6 a. m. on the 8th, after a sermon by I. G. John, I ordained the following traveling elders: Andres San Miguel, he was duly presented by the secretary of the conference; R. W. MacDonell read the epistle and J. W. Heidt the Gospel.

A. H. Sutherland, J. W. Heidt, J. D. Soggin and James Tafolla assisted in the imposition of hands.

The president appointed the following visiting committees to the conference: To Southwestern University, Elias Robertson and J. P. Rodriguez.

Laredo Seminary, D. F. Acosta and Maximo Villareal.

Frontier Institute of Monterey, C. A. Rodriguez and Encarnacion Rodriguez.

The following compose the Joint Board of Finance: H. W. MacDonell, Andres San Miguel, Elias Robertson, J. P. Rodriguez, Pablo T. Verdugo, Simon Torres, Alejandro de Leon and N. Rodriguez.

The president of the Missionary Board reported three hundred and seventy-five dollars collected Saturday night at the anniversary meeting.

Monclova, Coahuila, was selected as the place of holding our next conference. After prayer, by J. P. Rodriguez, the conference adjourned sine die, the appointments having been read.

There are four districts in the Border Conference. The following totals are figures taken from the recapitulation table of the statistical report:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Local preachers: 13. Members: 1,544. Net gain: 263. Adults baptized: 173. Infants baptized: 215. Number of churches: 19. Value of churches: \$28,875. Number of parsonages: 9. Value of parsonages: \$2,811.00. Value of other property: 6,189.00. Money expended on churches and parsonages: 953.00. Number of Sunday-schools: 80. Number of officers and teachers: 129. Number of sermons: 1,392. Money expended: \$190.61. Money contributed for missions: 17.85. Other objects: 181.75. Paid presiding elders: 121.32. Paid preachers in charge: 1,401.62. Paid bishops: 43.37. Paid conference claimants: 129.21. Paid for other objects: 951.05. Paid for foreign missions: 274.00. Paid for domestic missions: 504.14. Paid for church extension: 76.04. Paid for education: 64.11. Paid for Bible cause: 12.78.

This shows that the amount collected for all objects is about \$38,786.89.

We have at Monterey the "Instituto Fronterizo," named by Bro. P. C. Bryce. Thirty-seven promising boys attend and are making encouraging progress. The future of the school is very promising. Several of the boys are studying for the ministry.

Miss Roberts has recently opened a mission school at Saltillo for girls, and has 22 enrolled. Despite the difficulties that stand in the way the school moves successfully on.

At Laredo, Texas, the Woman's Board of Missions has a girls' seminary. A visit to this school has convinced us that the women know well what they are doing. The plan of the building is excellent; in point of economy it cannot be surpassed. A more devoted and noble band of missionaries cannot be found than have charge of the institution. The work they are doing among the Mexican girls is beginning to tell among the Mexican people, and great will be the good done to the future generations.

We would not be so remiss as to fail to publicly express the heartfelt gratitude of the Border Conference to Bishop Key and his dear wife for their cheering presence, counsel and words of encouragement. We may be sundered far, but shall ever be one in heart.

S. G. KILGORE. H. V. PHILLIOTT.

REGENERATION.

In the ADVOCATE of November 11th, Bro. W. N. Bonner discusses regeneration, and in doing so rushes right on to his goal without seeming to consider much that he says as he goes forward. It would not hurt greatly to go a little slowly, and if caution were used nothing would be lost to theology—possibly something might be gained. The question contained in the very first line should not have been asked by any preacher or well read layman: "Is it (regeneration) the pardon of sins?" Everybody is supposed to know that regeneration and pardon are two things wholly distinct and of nature wholly different. We will not stop to discuss this difference. But we call attention to certain statements which refer to doctrine, as well as to some which discuss doctrinal views. And we do this not because they are peculiar to the writer, but rather because he is one of the very highly respectable and excellent class of men in the ministry of the Methodist Church who use less care and precision than is requisite to safe thinking and writing on questions discussed in this article.

He says "others say that, it (the soul) is cleansed from all sin in the new birth." If brethren would keep in mind that sin is a fact—an act—they would be better able to meet the difficulties that arise when discussing states and relations. Pardon delivers from the guilt of sin, and with the guilt goes the condemnation and the pollution of sin. Any of the effects of sin which belong strictly under the reign of natural law will have to be gotten rid of under the reign of the same law, by the efforts of the will, assisted, as it will be, by the influences that come to the gracious soul. Ignorance, with the over-zeal of the church before him, any bodily disease contracted by the excesses of a sinful life must be suffered until the laws of the physical man assisted by the influences above referred to have brought partial or complete deliverance. And so of the rest. But doubtless human nature, with its human tendencies, will continue with us as long as we are human, certainly so long as we are in the body.

The writer says: "To renew is to restore a person or thing to its original state." We learn in the sentence following this what scope of meaning he gives to the word "state;" he makes it to contain the statement that in the new birth the soul is fully restored to the original state of being in the divine image and likeness seen in unfallen Adam. Who believes this? Who, in his sober senses, with the over-zeal of the church before him, and with the knowledge he has of his own heart, and the acquaintance he has had with the best men and women he has known at any time, believes that the regenerated soul is restored to the state of unfallen humanity? Who is there that thinks that a man is no longer depraved after he is born again? The word "renew" does not mean all that the writer claims for it; that is an extreme and literal sense; but it is rarely, if ever, its true sense.

Quoting Ephesians III:12 he leaves out "after God." These are very important words almost anywhere, but very especially so in this sentence. "Put on the new man, which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness." The Greek preposition *meta* translated "after," means after in the sense of "according to." Then we might read the sentence thus, "who, according to God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (I refer to learned commentators generally.) What does according to God mean? It means that God has a plan for, or according to which, souls are created new in Christ Jesus, and that they are so created after or according to this plan. It is sometimes called in general terms "the plan of salvation." Sometimes we find it called "the scheme of human redemption." In that plan the new birth, and concomitant facts occupy a very conspicuous place, as in their place and measure a part of divine working in the carrying forward of that great and glorious scheme to its consummation.

A little later this writer, quoting Col. III: 9, 10, in his rapid and not too careful manner of disposing of the awful mysteries of the new birth and the divine image in man finds a complete image of God in this passage, whereas it does not seem to your humble servant who writes this that anything more is meant than what is there plainly said, viz.: "renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." "Knowledge," then, is the only feature of the divine image here discussed, whatever else may be referred to as well understood by the Colossian Christians. The New Version sustains this view forcibly, when instead of saying "is renewed," as of a work part and finished, translates, "is being renewed in knowledge." Showing thus, that ignorance of divine things, which belonged under natural law to the unrenewed soul, is yielding, giving place to study and prayer, and the grace of God given to them that fear him, to know the secrets of the Lord. Ps. xiv:14, John vi:17, and elsewhere abundantly. This work is carried forward by the subject himself by the assisting grace and Spirit of God.

Upon the whole the article discussed herein is of an excellent temper and highly religious, and of course I mean nothing in the least unkind to the writer, whom I have not the happiness to know. And I trust he will think as kindly of my writing as I do of him and of his writing, and then only good and not harm will result. The article gives no account of the loss of the divine image except as that is intimated by the "being renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him," here in this text in Col.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

What does it imply? Does it mean keeping the wolf from his door, and only that? Think the matter over. Your pastor must be fed, and so must your horse. Is your pastor beneath your horse? By neglecting your pastor's financial relations and wants you do him untold personal injury. A preacher has a conscience and a keen sense of honor, which is dearer to him than the breath he breathes, and yet that honor is altogether in your hands. By your support he can maintain that good name the man of God should have; by your neglect his good name must be shamefully snatched from him. Stand by him and there is no heart so free as that of the man of God who goes in and out before you, doing you good. Neglect him and he is driven to ask credit upon the strength of your promises. Fail to meet them, and the pastor cannot pay for the food he has lived upon, or the clothes now upon his back. His liberty or wretchedness depends upon the fidelity of his people to him, not upon his honesty or dishonesty. His is not riches. Who ever heard of a preacher making money? No; the ministry starves the money-hungry rascals out. No sound-minded man will be fool enough to go in to the ministry to get rich. Therefore your pastor's wants are immediate and imperative; he sees to them at once. Think of that man of God, commissioned of heaven to declare the gospel of peace to you, standing up there pleading with God for a people who are letting him wear. Think of him down upon his knees before God pleading for a message to deliver to the people on Sunday morning, while the fearful burden of unmet obligations which he knows how to meet, presses down upon his humiliated and but soul! In the name of God, how can that man preach with freedom out of such a burdened heart? He would gladly sell the coat he wears, but preach he must. Woe is he, if he preaches not. It is not his pride that is hurt; but his all—his honor, his veracity, his good name—the only wealth the preacher can hope to have. All this is in your hands. How are you dealing towards him? Do you see? My brother, this view of the subject appeals to you powerfully, but there is still another by far more imperative. By close living and quiet self-denial (God help him so to live), the pastor may keep out of debt and avoid having his good name. But "man shall not live by bread alone," nor can your preacher. What he needs far more, and what his very soul yearns for, is your moral and religious support.

How do you handle the name of him who is your pastor in your family and on the street? Do you speak only and always of his faults? Do you not just "limb" him with the blade of criticism in the hearing of any one whatever? Your pastor is human, a frail man, just like yourself. Of course he makes mistakes; but why flame them into a consuming fire to destroy all the good? You can defeat all his efforts for good. Do you criticize him around the fireside, in the hearing of your children? Does not your children now think your pastor the most worthless fellow in all the land? Very likely, just because of your imprudent remarks. They hear your criticisms and not your praise. Support your pastor by the bad name you do not give him. Again, there is still a support needed. That is the support of your face in the congregation. You can't kill him quicker than by boycotting him in public service. That you give him your dollars is not enough; let him catch the flash of your soul in answer to his as he preaches to the people. Be in your place always; he must fill his place. Be true to your obligations. This is the support he needs most. Of the two, your money or your presence, he needs the latter most. Any pastor will quickly bear your testimony to this. Let him feel that his people support him by their presence, by their sympathies, by their prayers, and I tell you no man, save the pastor, can know the difference. It is no trouble to preach to such a people. Sustain him

thus—by your bleeding sympathies—and there is no angel in heaven that can preach the gospel to you as he will. He feels it the moment he enters the church. It fills his heart with love, it clothes him with power, it loosens his tongue, his own speech has a rebounding influence that feeds the flame within his own soul. The man is transfigured before his people, and his speech falls like dew-drops from the rainbow of heaven.

GULLIVER'S DILEMMA.

"Gulliver," in the ADVOCATE, of November 11, very clearly lays open the subject of pastoral visiting, and shows the failures resulting from a persistent course toward either extreme—no visiting or all visiting. Here he leaves this all-important subject thus exposed and calls for some one to take it up and help him out of his dilemma by striking an equatorial line between the two vast extremes. I do not feel that I am the one particularly called for, but I will give my views on the question. They may be of practical utility to Bro. G. and many of his coadjutors in the noble work of bringing the world to Christ. Let us try a golden mean between the two phases of the subject as presented by G.; that is, visit and study, study and visit. In other words, combine the two departments of the pastor's work. The physician visits his patient, diagnoses the case, ascertains the temperature, notes the rapidity of the pulse, locates the disease and then treats the case according to the symptoms. How can the watchman on the walls of Zion give the alarm when he knows not the dangers that lurk amid the fold? He who would administer to the mental and spiritual maladies affecting those under his care must first learn his profession, and then practice his art. A man should read much, but he should think more. It is the man of much thought that sways his audience at will. Thinking can be done at almost all times and under most circumstances—at home, abroad, on the road, or in the silent grove.

The pastor should spend at least one-half of his time with his people, sharing their joys, dividing their sorrows, studying their natures, learning their wants. Yes, go to their houses. If only the mother is there a half hour's conversation seasoned with grace and a "word of promise" will do her no harm, but will aid her greatly in solving the problems of every-day life. Seek the father at his work-bench, annual or plow handles; there learn of his spiritual condition and wants, his crosses, his sore trials, his conflicts with the evils of the world. Show him that you are interested in his temporal as well as his spiritual welfare. Cultivate a close and cordial friendship with the members of your flock. The pastor or minister will do no harm, but will aid her greatly in solving the problems of every-day life. 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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CUEBO, MONDAY, NOV. 21, 1886. The West Texas Conference has been in session at this place since Wednesday last and will probably adjourn to-night.

CUEBO, the seat of the conference is a comparatively new town, but a thrifty and prosperous one, with a population of about two thousand. It suffered greatly in the storm which swept over this part of the State some months since; but from all appearances the waste places will soon be rebuilt.

THE CONFERENCE met in the new Methodist Church. The building is yet unfinished, but made a capital conference room. When completed it will be a handsome building, with auditorium, Sunday-school and infant class rooms, all under one roof and divided by moving partitions of glass and wood. The superior architecture of this building is a witness to the value of this department of the work of the Board of Church Extension. The plans and general information furnished by the Board will greatly lessen the cost and improve the style of church buildings throughout the connection. To the church in question the Board has also given financial aid. In this church the conference met, with a very full attendance from the first. This conference has been long famous for the harmony and brotherliness of its members, and its strict attention to the business for which it assembles. This session did not lower its record in these particulars. We were glad to see some of the older members who were not present last year, and among others Bro. H. A. Graves. His

LIFE OF DE VILBIUS, recently issued from the press of W. A. Shaw & Co., is a valuable contribution to the Methodist literature of Texas. The proceeds of this book will go to the family of Bro. De Vilbiss.

The superannuates of this conference are a noble body of men. They take an earnest part in the business of the conference; their words have weight; and their influence is an active force whose good fruits continually abound. To the roll of these honored brethren was added this year the name of Dr. J. G. Walker.

In a few, strong, tender words that stirred the hearts of his comrades he asked to be retired from the active work. His request was granted and he retires with the memory of a long and honored record and the love of his brethren.

The love of this conference for its superannuates has found practical expression in two organizations for their benefit. The PREACHERS AID SOCIETY,

was an occasion both interesting and profitable. A good audience was present; speeches were made by E. B. Chappell and the writer, much enthusiasm was manifested, and a goodly number of contributions received. This organization should receive the constant and hearty support of the conference. The invested fund has now reached nearly half the sum required to be raised, and if vigorously supported will smooth the pathway of many an aged veteran in the years to come.

Among the visitors in attendance were Dr. Morton, Secretary of Church extension; Drs. Heidt and Bourland, of Southwestern University; A. H. Sutherland, and S. G. Kilgore and wife, of the Mexican Mission; and L. Blaylock, business manager of the ADVOCATE.

Dr. Morton, at the CHURCH EXTENSION ANNIVERSARY on Friday night pressed Dr. Heidt into service for the opening speech. Dr. Heidt "brought the house down" in his opening remarks and added a brief but strong statement of the growth and importance of this arm of our church work. His references to the Secretary were not only highly complimentary but deserved. Dr. Morton, following, presented the question in extenso, and a collection of \$137.45 was lifted. The amount of the collection

was creditable, but some of the methods by which it was taken were not approved by the conference, and resolutions were passed next day, confining anniversaries, during future sessions of the conference to the afternoon, and forbidding collections to be taken save at the missionary anniversary, and requiring that this be taken by less objectionable methods.

There certainly could be no objections made to the manner of taking the collection at the

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY which followed on Saturday night. W. H. H. Biggs, President of the Conference Board of Missions presided, B. Harris read the treasurer's report and J. S. Gillett the secretary's. The amounts collected for the past year were as follows: Foreign, \$1745 50; Domestic, \$1708 45, making a total of \$3453 75. This falls a little behind the collections of 1885, which were reported in the minutes as follows: Foreign, \$1865 40; Domestic, \$1898 25; total \$3763 65. Taking into consideration how it has suffered from drought and destructive storms, the conference has in this part of its work done remarkably well. After the reports were read, speeches were made by Bishop Key and the writer. Bishop Key spoke last and took up the collection. The speech was strong and good. The collection was taken in an impressive way and amounted to \$232.00.

On Sunday morning a Sunday-school mass meeting at nine o'clock, in the Methodist Church, was addressed by E. B. Chappell and others. At eleven

BISHOP KEY filled the pulpit, preaching from the parable of "The tares of the field." The sermon was most impressive. The personality of Satan, his craftiness and power, the danger of underrating his resources, the necessity for incessant watchfulness, the final overthrow of the wicked, and the triumph of the righteous, were some of the salient points. The sermon did good and will continue to bear fruit. The conference was charmed with him as a presiding officer. The strong stone wall of parliamentary restriction was there, but covered with blossoming vines and flowers. Indeed, his strong, sunny spirit laid firm hold of everybody, whether he was in the chair or out of it. His piety, deep and fervent, is without one forbidding element. He will not only serve the church with distinguished usefulness in his high office, but he will be loved wherever he goes. Mrs. Key was with him and won all hearts.

The conference reports this year a net gain of 1403 members, which brings its numbers to 10,915. A fine class of young men—five in number—were received into full connection. But one member has died—Rev. Jesse Hord—a father in Israel, whose memoir will be read to-night, and whose memory will long be cherished by his brethren. Among the transfers received is, R. T. Barton, formerly President of Centenary Female College, Summerfield, Ala., now in charge of the High School at Goliad—a Methodist institution.

The conference loses by transfer Rush McDonald, one of the most earnest and successful of its younger members. He goes to the Mexican Border Mission and will be stationed at Pecos City. The conference is strong in able and devoted laymen. M. N. Shive, Dr. Rogers, Dr. Combs, Dr. Blake of this place; George W. L. Fy, and others of like spirit are an honor to the church.

had a good hearing and received strong indorsement. The Bishop is alive on this question and gave invaluable aid. May God bless these broad-hearted preachers and laymen. Their good words will follow the writer of these lines during all the coming year and transform labor into a delight.

The hospitality of the people of Cuebo is on everybody's lips. The entertainment is a complete success. Dr. J. G. Walker, W. H. H. Biggs, Prof. J. E. Pritchett, and the writer, are "at home" indeed with Prof. D. W. and Mrs. Nash. Thanks to Dr. H. S. Thra'l, the prince of conference secretaries, and his able assistants, Fisher, Stovall and Hammond, for many favors. G. W. B.

OUR readers are advised against sending either stamps or money to anyone who wants "to pay postage" on an article to be given away. A note is published in a number of our church papers offering for "two cents to pay postage," to send real specimens of Indian wampum. The person sent the same note to us, "written expressly for this paper," and for aught we know, may be perfectly trustworthy, but such methods are often resorted to by people who are not Hence this advice.

THE Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Advocate have elected Rev. C. W. Carter as its editor. Bro. Carter has been in charge of the editorial department of the paper for the past few months, and during that time has demonstrated his entire fitness for so responsible a position.

THE Southwestern Methodist, St. Louis, comes to our table enlarged to twenty pages. It has always been among our best exchanges, and we are glad to note this token of its prosperity.

ELSEWHERE in this issue is announced the marriage of Rev. J. B. Adair, of the North Texas Conference. The happy pair will please accept our congratulations.

A COMMITTEE of ladies of Jackson, Miss., have taken in hand the collection of a fund to build a handsome residence for Bishop Galloway.

REV. J. W. BOSWELL, of the Arkansas Conference, has been engaged as a correspondent of the Southwestern Methodist, touching which the Arkansas Methodist is moved to remark:

"Now just how far this position will chime in with his relations to his own conference paper remains to be seen, and how much he will damage a home paper in helping a foreign one is a question for future consideration and determination."

The Southwestern's reply is no doubt eminently satisfactory to itself. But whether it will satisfy Bro. Boswell is another question—provided Bro. B.'s engagement is expected to profit the Southwestern at the expense of the Methodist, or to do anything more than make the Southwestern a stronger paper in its own territory. We have known several preachers "damage a home paper (or conference organ) in helping a foreign one," but do not remember ever to have met one who seemed exactly satisfied about it.

There is another point which a pro tem will venture to raise in the absence of the editor. Is any conference organ justified in impinging upon the territory of any other conference organ, by special and extraordinary inducements or otherwise? Yet this is done, and that this "damages a home paper to help a foreign one," the TEXAS ADVOCATE from experience is painfully aware. The annual conference season in Texas furnishes ample proof that the territory of the TEXAS ADVOCATE seems to be regarded by other papers as legitimate foraging ground. But we do not complain. Brethren, you are welcome to all the subscribers you can take from the TEXAS ADVOCATE. It may hurt us a little financially. But that seems as nothing, when we reflect that a member who deserts his own conference paper for a "foreign one" may meet in the columns of the latter something which will render him more patriotic and conscientious than the home organ has evidently succeeded in doing.

Northwest Texas Conference. FIRST DAY. LAMPASAS, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24, 1886. The twenty-eighth session of the Northwest Texas Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at the Methodist Church, in Lampasas, Texas, November 24, at nine a. m. The conference was called to order by Bishop J. C. Keener, and opened with religious services.

The roll was called by the secretary of the last conference, and one hundred and eleven clerical and twenty lay members answered to their names.

F. P. Ray was elected secretary, and G. W. Swafford, A. M. Dechman and M. K. Little, assistants.

The bar of the conference and the hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report, viz:

The Conference Boards of last session will serve for this session. The new boards for the next quadrennium will be fixed later in the session. The committees are as follows:

Publication of the Minutes—R. C. Armstrong, Horace Bishop, J. K. Lane. Conference Colportage—J. S. McCarver, Thos. Stanford, Samuel Morris, James Mackey, C. G. Shutt. Public Worship—James Mackey, W. T. Melugin. Memorials—R. C. Armstrong, M. K. Little, A. M. Dechman. Resolutions—G. W. Swafford, C. S. McCarver, J. J. Harris, B. A. Thomson, R. M. Morris, W. E. Woodward, M. B. Johnson, W. L. Harris, J. W. Sanson. Temperance—J. G. Putman, A. P. Taylor, A. Long, B. J. H. Thomas, J. W. Montgomery, J. F. Neal, J. T. Hosmer, D. H. Dickey, E. M. Sweet, J. H. Trimble, G. W. Baker, J. T. Bloodworth, Hiram Sniary. Bible Cause—J. H. Collard, Samuel Morris, J. W. Kizzlar, W. J. Lemons, E. W. Simmons, Thos. Stanford, W. V. Jones, B. F. Budgett, Samuel Weaver, S. B. Jettin, W. W. Brooks, B. G. Jewell, T. M. Towles, J. F. Swafford, U. J. Morton.

Books and Periodicals—Sam P. Wright, G. W. Graves, D. C. Strange, J. A. Wallace, R. V. Galloway, L. L. Mills, S. J. Carter, N. A. Keen, J. B. Hawkins, C. G. Shutt, W. H. LeFevre. A communication from the Parent Board of Church Extension was read, and Dr. Morton addressed the conference, and the paper was referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

A communication from Dr. J. B. McFerrin was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals, and J. M. Barcus was appointed to represent the House.

The reports of Trustees and Carators of Southwestern University were read and referred to the Board of Education.

The conference adopted a resolution providing for a thanksgiving service tomorrow and requesting Bishop Keener to preach a sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

The report of Centenary College was read and referred to the Board of Education.

A report from the Joint Board of Publication was referred to the Committee of Books and Periodicals.

Reports from the Trustees of Parker Institute and from Bell Plain College were referred to the Board of Education.

A. Mizell and J. C. Carter, of the East Texas Conference, and Dr. W. T. Poynter, of the Kentucky Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Under Question 18, R. Crawford, T. G. Gilmore, J. Carpenter, J. M. Johnson, H. W. South, M. Yell, J. P. Stanfield, J. W. Walkup, J. W. B. Allen, J. S. McCarver, James Grant, Peter W. Gravis, J. M. Jones were called, their characters passed and they were referred to the superannuated relation.

Under Question 17, John Powell, R. J. Perry, J. F. Hines and F. P. Ray were called, their characters passed and they were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

B. F. Gassaway and Cornelius Rowland were called and their characters passed and they were left on the effective list.

The name of S. S. Yarbrough was called and his presiding elder announced that he had died in the faith.

Under Question 10, the following local preachers, M. L. Perry, from Axtell circuit; James A. Kidd, from Dresden circuit; John S. Woodward, from Irene circuit; Thomas G. Paine, from Simm's and Glenwood; Samuel O. Gafford, from Vineyard City Mission; Chas. F. Kiker, from Stephenville circuit; G. M. Tucker, from Carlton circuit; Geo. W. Snider, from Centre City Mission, being recommended by their quarterly conferences, were elected deacons.

A resolution was adopted in reference to an Episcopal residence, and Horace Bishop, H. A. Bourland and W. R. D. Stockton (clerical), and W. J. Boaz, T. C. Tibbs and D. H. Snider (lay) were appointed a committee to confer with like committees from the other conferences.

The conference adjourned with the benediction.

SECOND DAY. THURSDAY, NOV. 25. The conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious service conducted by Samuel Morris.

The roll was called and six clerical and five lay brothers not present yesterday answered to their names.

Bishop Joseph S. Key and Dr. H. V. Philpott, of the Texas Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Dr. David Morton made a short address on Church Extension, and took leave of the conference.

A report from the Trustees of Granbury College was referred to the Board of Education.

Under Question 12: James M. Baker, John A. Gardner, John M. Barcus, Allen P. Taylor and R. R. Raymond read their reports, and having passed an approved examination, their characters passed and they were elected deacons.

Burwell F. Budgett and Abram Long, of the class of the fourth year, being elders, read their reports and having passed an approved examination, their characters passed and they were graduated in the course of study.

Richard W. Wellborn and Cornelius Rowland were called, their characters passed and they were continued in the class of the fourth year.

Andrew Anderson was granted a location at his own request.

Under Question 8, Joseph T. Bloodworth, Richard A. Hall, Milton L. Moody and Henry T. Pitman having passed an approved examination, their characters passed and they were elected deacons.

Charles V. Oawatt and John R. Hendon were continued in the class of the second year.

The order of the day having arrived, announcements were made, and Bishop Keener proceeded to preach a thanksgiving sermon upon the doctrine of divine providence. Dr. Philpott announced a hymn and led in prayer, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Key.

THIRD DAY. FRIDAY, NOV. 26. The conference met pursuant to adjournment with Bishop Keener in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by Dr. W. G. Connor.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Conference Relations submitted their report as follows: 1. We recommend that J. W. B. Allen, Thomas Gilmore, John Carpenter, James M. Johnson, H. W. South, J. P. Stanfield, M. Yell, J. S. McCarver, James Grant and J. M. Jones be continued in the supernumerary relation. 2. In careful investigation and mature deliberation we recommend that P. W. Gravis be placed upon the effective list. 3. We ask that John Powell, R. J. Perry, J. F. Hines and F. P. Ray be continued in the supernumerary relation.

Rev. I. G. John, D. D., of the Texas Conference and Secretary of the Board of Missions, was introduced, his report read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

L. D. Palmer, business manager of the Publishing House, was introduced and addressed the conference in the interest of the same.

Under Question 8, resumed, Judson S. Perry was called, and having passed an approved examination he was elected to deacons' orders.

Under Question 4, The following were called: Joseph T. Bloodworth, Judson S. Perry, Richard A. Hall, Milton S. Moody, W. E. Caperton, Henry T. Pitman and R. M. Shelton. They were addressed by the Bishop; answered the disciplinary questions and were by vote received into full connection.

The report was adopted.

A report from Brownwood District High School was read and referred to the Board of Education.

Under Question 1, The following were admitted on trial: W. K. Stunpson, Geo. A. Green, Robt. H. Simpson, Geo. W. Bruce, Chas. E. Gallagher, Martin R. T. Davis, Napoleon B. Bennett, Sam'l O. Gafford, J. E. McCleskey, Charles W. Irvin.

J. S. McCarver, at his request, was taken from the Committee on Colportage, and W. G. Connor made chairman in his stead.

Announcements were made and a hymn sung, and the conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY. SATURDAY, NOV. 27. The conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair. Religious service was conducted by Thomas Stanford.

Under Question 2, Emmet Hightower and Thomas Duncan, having passed an approved examination, were advanced to the class of the second year.

Under Question 3, M. S. Hallenbeck and Wm. B. Ford read their reports, their characters passed and they were discontinued, at their own request.

Under Question 7, Charles S. Field, John W. Sanson, John B. Hawkins, Alston B. Trimble, Albert P. Smith, Isaac L. Mills and Andrew T. Culbertson were called, read their reports, and having stood an approved examination, their characters passed and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Jesse B. Ellis was continued in the class of the third year.

Rev. Mr. Grimes, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

Under Question 20, resumed: The following elders were called: Horace Bishop, Samuel P. Wright, L. G. Rogers, J. H. Trimble, W. H. Vaughan, Andrew Davis, E. T. Bates, J. M. Bond, Wm. Vaughan, J. H. Collard, Jr., J. D. Crockett, L. N. Reeves, G. W. Swafford, E. L. Armstrong, W. G. Connor, W. L. Nelms, Jerome Haralson, Samuel Morris, W. L. Harris, J. S. Sherwood, W. H. Klyce, G. W. Graves, J. W. Dickinson, J. W. Heidt, W. T. Melugin, J. R. Nelson, H. A. Bourland, James Mackey, M. K. Little, J. Fred Cox, C. S. McCarver, George W. Owens, Samuel Weaver, W. W. Henderson, E. M. Sweet, N. A. Keen, J. S. Davis, J. A. Walkup, S. B. Ellis, R. C. Armstrong, B. M. Stephens, C. G. Shutt. They read their reports and their characters passed.

The conference voted that when the body should adjourn it should adjourn to meet at 3 p. m.

Under Question 14, resumed: W. L. Harris, Jr., (local) was elected to elder's orders.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The conference met at the appointed hour. The Bishop in the chair.

Religious service was conducted by Jerome Haralson.

The minutes were read and approved.

Under Question 20, resumed, A. A. Allison, S. J. Franks, R. H. Adair, D. H. Dickey, W. H. LeFevre, F. M. Windburne, G. S. Wyatt, W. R. D. Stockton, M. H. Wells, E. W. Simmons, Wm. Price, R. M. Morris, J. T. Hosmer, W. D. Dominick, C. H. Ellis, R. V. Galloway, H. C. Frammel, E. A. Smith, J. P. Mussett, F. C. Stephenson, T. B. Norwood, Thos. Stanford, W. E. Woodward, J. W. Montgomery, E. R. Barcus, J. R. Steel, S. S. Scott, W. D. Robinson, J. G. Putman, J. J. Davis, were called and their characters passed.

B. F. Stone was called, his character passed, and he was granted a location at his own request.

J. P. Hulse was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

Thos. Stanford was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for whatever relation they might think best.

E. R. Barcus was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY. MONDAY, NOV. 29. The conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Keener in the chair.

J. Fred Cox conducted the religious exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop made the following report of ordinations: "After the 11 o'clock service at the Methodist Church on yesterday I ordained Joseph T. Bloodworth, Milton L. Moody, Henry T. Pittman and Judson S. Perry traveling deacons; and M. L. Perry, Chas. F. Kiker, and George W. Snider local deacons. At 3 o'clock, after a sermon by H. A. Bourland, I ordained James M. Baker, John A. Gardner, Juan McF. Barcus, Albert P. Taylor and R. R. Raymond traveling elders, and Wm. M. Harris a local elder.

Under Question 14, resumed, J. J. Johnson, recommended by the quarterly conference of Comanche circuit, certified to his belief in the doctrines of the church, and was elected an elder.

M. D. Reynolds, recommended by the quarterly conference of Lampasas station, was readmitted.

A resolution asking Bishop Keener to have his sermon, delivered on Thanksgiving day in Lampasas, published in the TEXAS ADVOCATE, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Nominations made their report which was adopted as follows: CONFERENCE BOARDS. Board of Education—Geo. S. Wyatt, H. A. Bourland, J. J. Davis, J. A. Hyder, E. A. Smith, R. R. Raymond, J. M. Barcus, J. A. Pace, Wm. Vaughan, J. L. Rucker, T. C. Tibbs, M. S. Stanford. Board of Missions—Horace Bishop, J. R. Nelson, O. M. Addison, J. H. Wiseman, J. P. Mussett, C. W. Daniel, A. A. Allison, J. Fred Cox, Wm. Price, Geo. W. Owens, W. H. Vaughan, M. H. Wells, W. G. Connor. Church Extension—J. T. L. Annis, A. C. Allison, W. T. Melugin, J. K. Lane, C. H. Ellis, E. A. Bailey, W. E. Colburn, T. C. Tibbs, W. T. Barton, Asa Holt, J. L. Rucker, D. J. Brown, M. K. Little. Sunday schools—W. G. Connor, E. T. Bates, W. W. Henderson, W. T. Davidson, Marion Mills, Jo. Brown, E. R. Barcus, E. G. Brewer, A. T. Culbertson, C. S. Field, J. A. Wallace.

Board of Publication—J. Fred Cox, Horace Bishop, S. P. Wright. CONFERENCE FACULTY. Admission on trial—J. H. Collard, Jr., James Mackey, D. C. Stark. First year—W. H. Klyce, M. H. Wells, J. T. L. Annis. Second year—J. G. Putman, H. B. Henry, R. F. Dann. Third year—C. H. Ellis, W. L. Nelms, C. F. McCarver. Fourth year—J. K. Lane, F. C. Stephenson, W. H. Vaughan.

A. M. Dechman submitted the statistical report, which was adopted.

Bishop J. S. Key made the following report of ordinations, at his room, this morning: Jesse J. Johnson an elder, John S. Woodard a deacon.

A motion to appropriate the fund reported for publication to the publication of the minutes was adopted.

F. P. Ray, Secretary, was elected to edit the minutes, and was instructed to draw pro rata upon the conference boards, excepting the Board of Finance, to meet the cost.

A motion that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 p. m., was carried, and the Bishop appointed Dr. J. W. Heidt to preside at that session.

Dr. I. G. John addressed the conference in the interest of missions.

The conference adjourned with the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The conference opened at the appointed hour. Dr. J. W. Heidt in the chair.

Dr. I. G. John conducted the religious exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

L. F. Collins was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

The Committee on Colportage presented its report providing for the appointment of a committee to take the subject under consideration and report a plan at the next session; adopted. The committee was appointed as follows: W. G. Connor, H. A. Bourland, O. M. Addison.

A. A. Allison, special commissioner for Paine Institute for this conference made, his report, from which it appeared that

the conference had more than paid the amount assessed against it. The report was adopted, and A. A. Allison was continued as special commissioner to collect such subscription, as are yet to be paid.

Report No. 1, of the Joint Board of Finance was submitted and adopted and the funds distributed.

Report No. 1, of the Board of Missions was submitted and adopted. It contained a resolution pledging the conference to endeavor by the grace of God to double the missionary collections for the coming year.

Report No. 2, of the Board of Missions was adopted.

A report from the Woman's Missionary Society, bearing its greetings to the conference and giving an account of the annual meeting at Ennis, was read.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their report, which was adopted. Mrs. T. F. Smith, a worker in Temperance movement, was introduced.

Dr. James Young, the veteran temperance worker, was introduced, and made a brief speech which was applauded.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was submitted. M. H. Wells, President of the old Board made a brief and earnest address. Dr. John followed in a few remarks.

The report of the Sunday-school Board was submitted and adopted.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submitted their report, which was adopted.

The report No. 2, of the Committee on Conference Relations, was received, recommending that Thos. Stanford, J. P. Hulse, Levi F. Collins, be placed on the supernumerary list, and E. R. Barcus on the supernumerary list. The report was adopted.

THE CONFERENCE adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION. The conference met at the appointed hour. Bishop Keener in the chair.

John S. Davis conducted the religious exercises.

The minutes were read and approved.

Under Question 21, resumed, J. C. Baird was called, his character passed and he was located.

A. K. Miller was called, his character passed and he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for a supernumerary relation.

adopted and A. K. Miller was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion the orders of John Nelson, an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church, were recognized.

On motion the orders of John T. Whitaker, an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church, were recognized.

On motion the orders of J. J. Terrell, a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, were recognized.

On motion the orders of John L. Greenhaw, an elder of the Methodist Free Church, was recognized.

The report on District Conference Records was received and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read. G. W. Briggs, editor of the ADVOCATE, made a few remarks, and the report was adopted.

Resolutions making the presiding elders a committee to devise ways and means to pay the expenses of the Board of Publication was adopted.

Resolutions of confidence in the ability of the Hymn Book Committee and making some suggestions as to their work were made.

Report No. 2, of the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

The report on the state of the church was read and adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to the people of Lampasas for their entertainment, to the churches for the use of their houses of worship, and to the railroads and street cars for courtesies, were adopted.

After religious exercises the last question was answered as follows:

APPOINTMENTS

Waco District.
E. L. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDING ELDER.
Waco Circuit—Horse, Bishop.
Waco Circuit—H. Ellis (E. R. Barcus supernumerary).
Mastersville Circuit—Geo. W. Owens.
Bosqueville Circuit—H. Trimble.
Corsicana Station—Wm. H. Vaughn.
Corsicana Circuit—Andrew Davis.
Dresden Circuit—M. H. Norwood.
Mont Calm Circuit—B. F. Gassaway.
Mexico Circuit—G. S. Wyatt.
Groesbeck Circuit—J. B. Sackett.
Axtell Circuit—T. F. Davis.
Thornton Circuit—L. N. Reeves.
East Waco Circuit—Wm. Vaughn.

Georgetown District.
J. MACKAY, PRESIDING ELDER.
Georgetown Station—W. G. Connor.
Belton Station—W. L. Nelms.
Round Rock Station—G. W. Graves.
Temple Station—D. H. Diekey.
Cora Hill Circuit—G. W. Swiford, J. E. McCleskey.
Kilren Circuit—W. A. Gilliland.
Liberty Hill Circuit—K. Lane.
Belton Circuit—Samuel Morris, G. A. Bruce.
Salado Circuit—John F. Neal.
O'Connell Circuit—B. F. Badgett.
Bertram Circuit—Robert Simpson.
Burnet Circuit—J. S. Tangle.
Lampasas Circuit—John F. Neal.
Burnet Station—J. H. Nelson.
Lampasas Station—F. I. Mitchell.
Copperas Cove Circuit—F. L. Hawkins.
Waco Circuit—W. H. Highland, financial agent of Southwestern University.

Waxahachie District.
E. C. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDING ELDER.
Waxahachie Station—M. K. Little, (F. P. Ray, supernumerary).
Emis Station—J. H. Collier, Jr.
Sims and Glendon Station—C. Weaver.
Lancaster and Fairiss—Samuel Weaver.
Wesley and Husk Circuit—L. G. Rogers.
Red Oak Circuit—W. Henderson.
Eagor Circuit—J. S. Searcy.
Irene Circuit—F. M. Winborne.
Italy Circuit—G. Shatt.
Waxahachie Circuit—B. M. Davis.
Waxahachie Mission—J. A. Walker.
Emis Circuit—T. A. Culbertson.
Korens Circuit—J. W. Kizlar.
Waxahachie Circuit—M. Stevens.
Hutchins Mission—C. E. Gallagher.

Fort Worth District.
S. P. WRIGHT, PRESIDING ELDER.
Fort Worth Station—A. A. Allison.
Fort Worth Circuit—M. L. Moody.
Arlington Circuit—H. Adair.
Village Creek Mission—H. supplied.
Marystown Circuit—S. Field.
Cleburne Station—A. P. Taylor.
Noland River Circuit—O. M. Addison.
Alvarado Station—W. H. Le Fevre.
Grand View Circuit—N. A. Keen.
Itasca Circuit—S. B. Ellis.
Hillsboro Station—S. J. Franks.
Abbott Circuit—H. Henry.
Whitney Circuit—J. W. Sanson.
Mansfield Circuit—J. S. Perry.

Weatherford District.
JEROME HARRISON, PRESIDING ELDER.
Weatherford Station—W. R. D. Stockton.
Weatherford Circuit—J. M. Baker.
Cartersville Circuit—H. Johnson.
Springtown Circuit—R. M. Shelton.
Mineral Wells and Whit Mission—Wm. Price.
El Dorado Circuit—L. L. Mills.
Jacksonboro Station—E. Hightower.
Graham—J. M. Garces.
Seymour Mission—W. E. Caperton.
Ferner Mission—S. P. Bennett.
Vineyard and City Circuit—G. O. Gafford.
Vernon Mission—J. T. Hosmer, J. T. Ellis.
Millsap Mission—R. N. Morris.
Mobeetie Mission—W. L. Harris.
Fins Mission—J. A. Gardner.
Garvin Circuit—E. M. Simmons.

Stephenville District.
P. C. STEPHENSON, PRESIDING ELDER.
Stephenville and Oakdale—P. W. Gray.
Stephenville Circuit—J. Davis.
Carlton Circuit—J. C. Carter.
Jonesboro Circuit—E. A. Smith.
Meridian Circuit—J. R. Stated.
Gatesville Station—H. W. Wells.
McGregor Circuit—J. P. Mussett.
Clifton Circuit—W. E. Mussett.
Dublin Circuit—W. J. Jamison.
Crawford and Valley Mills—S. S. Scott.
Henson Creek Circuit—C. Rowland.
Gatesville Circuit—J. W. Montgomery.
Trodell and Hixon—E. G. Stark.
Martin's Gap Mission—C. W. Jenkins, J. F. Hines, supernumerary.

Granbury District.
E. A. BALEY, PRESIDING ELDER.
Granbury Station—W. D. Robinson.
Cleo Station—C. W. Daniel.
Eastland Circuit—B. J. H. Thomas.
Brokenridge Mission—H. M. Glass.
Lipan Circuit—W. F. Graves.
Palo Pinto Circuit—C. R. Shapard.
Galaxy Circuit—J. J. Harris.
Palo Pinto Circuit—H. H. Hill.
Truckee Mission—A. E. Trimble.
Acton Circuit—Marion Mills.
Comanche Peak Mission—Abram Long.
Park Springs—H. C. Trammell.
Lyle Gap Mission—D. C. Strange.
Desdemona Mission—C. W. Irvin.
Santo Mission—A. B. Roberts.

Brownwood District.
W. T. MELLOIN, PRESIDING ELDER.
Brownwood Station—W. H. Klyce.
Coleman Circuit—R. Lane, G. W. Riley.
Indian Creek Circuit—J. J. Crow.
Comanche Circuit—E. F. Dunn.
Hamilton Circuit—W. J. Lemons.
Bee House Circuit—M. B. Johnson.
Pecan Mission—R. W. Welborn.
Goldthwait and Baird—V. Misvatt.
Rising Star Mission—D. Morgan.
De Leon Circuit—W. R. Simpson.
Comanche Station—A. P. Smith.

Abilene District.
J. FRED COX, PRESIDING ELDER.
Abilene Station—J. A. Hyder.
Sweet Water Mission—J. W. Dickinson.
Buffalo Gap Mission—A. Thomasson.
Colorado Station—J. G. Putnam.
Lyle Gap Mission—D. C. Stark.
Albany Station—J. A. Wallace.
Caddo Peak Mission—George F. Fair.
Anson Mission—H. H. Hill.
Rising Star Mission—H. T. Pittman.
Sipe Springs Circuit—R. R. Raymond.
Dickens Mission—Thomas Duncan.
Belle Plains and Baird—J. T. L. Amis.
Big Springs Station—George A. Green.
Abilene Mission—To be supplied.
Transferred—A. C. Benson, to North Texas Conference; J. P. Carl, to Mexican Border Mission Conference; W. D. Dominick, to Mississippi Conference.

REVIVAL AND OTHER NEWS.

From the Five Conferences.
—J. M. Mills, Kickapoo circuit, Oct. 22: I am now closing out my second year with these kind people; have been presented with a nice suit of clothes. Conference collections all up; over one hundred conversions; one new church built and the work in a prosperous condition. God bless this good people is the prayer of their pastor.

—G. E. Parsons, Blossom Prairie, Nov. 25: My name appears in appointments as C. B. Parsons, supply, on Bennett circuit. It should have read G. E. Parsons. I will go to my work this week, as Bishop Galloway said, when he read out the appointments. "I go in the name of God Almighty." Will send you in a good list of subscribers in a few days.

—J. C. Calhoun, Orange, Nov. 29: Your order for fifty-five dollars, contributed for Sabine Pass and Johnson Bayou sufferers by Rev. Sam P. Wright's congregation at Mooreville, Texas, and sent to G. W. Briggs, and through him to me for disposition, received yesterday, and I return thanks to Bro. Wright and his good people for same in behalf of said sufferers.

—Wm. Manuel, San Angelo, Nov. 23: My grandson, Walter Fitzgerald, aged about fifteen years, left home four or five weeks ago to parts unknown, nor has he been heard from since. His parents have sought him sorrowing. And as they are greatly troubled about him, desire to make more extensive inquiry through the ADVOCATE. Any information as to his whereabouts will be very gratefully received. Address his anxious father, William Fitzgerald, at Ballinger, Runnels county, Texas.

—J. P. Duncan, San Francisco, Delta county, Nov. 21: I am sorry Bro. Jas. A. Graves has passed sentence on so many worthy professors of Christianity, for the use of tobacco. Perhaps all that use it have an excuse for it. I, for one, have. In my childhood and boyhood-days I had what people then called phthisis. My parents were advised to have me use tobacco. The result was that before I was grown the disease left me. I have been using it nearly fifty years and I never have seen any cause to quit. I believe I can serve God acceptably, although Bro. Graves decides differently. By permission I will refer to what Paul says in Titus 1:15, Romans xiv:14.

The following resolutions were adopted by the fourth quarterly conference of Durango mission, Calvert district, Texas Conference:

Whereas, According to our law the time has arrived for our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Fred L. Allen, to leave us, therefore,

Resolved, That it is with deep regret that we give him up, knowing him to be a tender friend, a faithful Christian minister, and a zealous, self-sacrificing worker in his Master's vineyard.

2. That we commend him to Christian people everywhere. May he still continue in the way, and at last for his reward receive a rich crown of glory in his Father's mansion where "moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal."

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the TEXAS ADVOCATE, and that they be recorded upon our quarterly conference record.

—H. C. Manuel (Secretary) Hemphill, Nov. 18: Our fourth quarterly conference for Hemphill mission was held at Pine Hill, Nov. 6. J. W. Johnson, our presiding elder, was present, looking after the general interest of the church. Finances a little over half up, yet we hope Bro. Hughes will be able to carry up to conference a clear report. At this meeting we had a revival which lasted until Tuesday night; twenty conversions and nineteen additions, making 152 additions this quarter. This is Bro. Hughes' fourth year on this work, and the good he has done eternally can only reveal. The work regrets very much having to give him up. We hope Bishop Key will send us a wide-awake man; but we are Methodists, and will gladly receive whomever may be sent us. The conference passed the following:

Whereas, The law of our church demands the removal of our much-esteemed presiding elder, J. W. Johnson; and also our beloved pastor, George R. Hughes; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the law of the church, yet we do so with sincere regret.

Resolved, That we have ever found Bro. Johnson and Bro. Hughes, while acting as presiding elder and pastor, and indorse all of their actions as such, and we cheerfully recommend them to the brethren wherever they may, in the providence of God, be called to labor in the future, as brethren worthy in every respect of their love and confidence.

—J. D. Seagins, El Paso district: Inclosed please find my appointments for El Paso district, which please place among the church notices, so that the presiding elders of Weatherford, Granbury and Abilene districts may henceforth never be guilty of violating the "outside row" rule by being bound on this side by the Providence of God." I boast of the exclusive right to the name of "outside row presiding elder," and claim to furnish a boundary for one presiding elder in West Texas and three in North Texas. El Paso is a true Western city and bids fair to be the greatest city of the West. Already five railroads center here and others are being projected. The improvements are of brick and stone and in the best of style. A long line of street cars connects the two cities—Paso del Norte and El Paso—and is extending its operations still further. The various churches are at work here, and, in a word, everything is hopeful. On being read out, at Monterey, to El Paso district, I came right on, and as Bro. W. P. McCorkle had been transferred and his pulpit left to be supplied, my coming was opportune. I have filled the pulpit three times, married two couples and buried one person. Hence, I am resting in a very becoming way, and will soon be ready to start out on my own work. My postoffice will be, for this year, El Paso, Texas. As I go forth this year I shall preach, and your readers may look for an occasional letter descriptive of the vast country over which my labors will call me. I will be honest and fair in my representations, so that people looking toward the land of the setting sun for relief and a home may subscribe for the good old ADVOCATE and look for my letters; and, by the way, as said the clown, if you don't find my letter you will find much other good reading.

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(From Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals of the West Texas Conference.)

The present editor of the TEXAS ADVOCATE seems universally acceptable, and his able and fearless defense of all the moral and religious issues of the day, against the enemies of our Christ and His cause, especially that of temperance, is most highly commended and approved. According to the reports, the paper is steadily on the increase and is becoming a fixture in the families of Texas Methodists.

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JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
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Texarkana sta. 2d Sun in Dec
Elyan cir at Lane's Chapel. 3d Sun in Dec
Queen City cir at Douglasville. 4th Sun in Dec
Linn cir at Linton. 1st Sun in Jan
Haven cir at Wayne. 2d Sun in Jan
Kellyville cir at Kellyville. 3d Sun in Jan
Dairies field cir at Dairies. 4th Sun in Jan
Mt Pleasant cir at Mt Pleasant. 1st Sun in Feb
Helden cir at Helden. 2d Sun in Feb
Gilder at Gilder. 3d Sun in Feb
In the stations quarterly conference will be held Monday evening in other appointments on Saturday afternoon.

The district stewards will meet at Atlanta at 2 p. m. on Saturday before the first Sunday in December. Let Friday in all cases be duly observed as a day of fasting. —S. J. HAWKINS, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DIST.—FIRST ROUND.
Beville cir, at Beville. Dec 19
Rancho cir, at Rancho. Jan 2
Forsville cir, at Forsville. Jan 9
Helen cir, at Helen. Jan 16
Gould cir, at Gould. Jan 23
Largo cir, at Largo. Jan 30
San Diego and Laredo. Feb 6
Corpus Christi sta, at Corpus Christi. Feb 23

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San Antonio cir, at San Antonio. 4th Sun in Dec
Sabin cir, at Sabin. 1st Sun in Jan
Columbia and Pearsall, at Pearsall. 2d Sun in Jan
Uvalde. 3d Sun in Jan
Baylor Pass. 4th Sun in Jan
Del Rio. 5th Sun in Jan
Pleasanton cir, at Pleasanton. 1st Sun in Feb
San Antonio cir, at San Antonio. 2d Sun in Feb
Boerne, at Boerne. 3d Sun in Feb
The district stewards—Jas. M. Hamilton, E. T. Jones, W. F. Mitchell, W. H. Mathews, G. T. Nunn, Perry E. Wilson, J. B. Patterson, E. W. Lacy, G. A. Harrison—will meet at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Dec. 16, at 2 p. m.

H. HARRIS, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Seguin and Mill Creek, at Seguin. 3d Sun in Dec
Kingsbury cir, at Kingsbury. 4th Sun in Dec
Harwood cir, at Harwood. 1st Sun in Jan
Dripping Springs mis, at Dripping Springs.

Luling cir, at Luling. 2d Sun in Jan
Kyle cir, at Kyle. 3d Sun in Jan
Lockhart cir, at Lockhart. 4th Sun in Jan
San Marcos cir, at San Marcos. 1st Sun in Feb
San Marcos cir, at Harris Chapel. 2d Sun in Feb
Gonzales, at Gonzales. 3d Sun in Feb
San Antonio cir, at San Antonio. 4th Sun in Feb
District stewards met at San Antonio, Jan 29, 30.

H. G. HOLTON, P. E.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND.
Cuero sta. Dec 18, 19
Victoria sta. Dec 23, 26
Sinton cir, at Sinton. Jan 1, 9
Elma cir, at Elma. Jan 8, 15
Levell cir, at Levell. Jan 15, 22
Boysville cir, at Boysville. Jan 22, 29
Converse cir, at Converse. Feb 5, 12
Vernon mis, at Vernon. Feb 12, 19
Midtown cir, at Midtown. Feb 19, 26

To the stewards of the various churches: I greet you in the name of our blessed Master, and ask you to have at least one-fourth of the preacher's salary by the first quarterly meeting.

Let us have a full turn-out of the official members at every appointment.

The district stewards of the Victoria district, West Texas Conference, will meet in the Methodist church in Cuero, Dec. 14, at 10 a. m.

I hope that every one will be present.

The board is composed of the following named brethren: P. W. Ward, Moderator, L. D. Kendall, F. D. Green, Geo. Menard, Sr., D. A. Albright, W. T. King, J. M. Wheat, A. L. Scott, J. H. Tucker.

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Texas Christian Advocate.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Over the State. The annual conference of the M. E. Church met at Dallas, Nov. 25, Bishop Hurst presiding.

McKinney, Texas, is short on salt—but hopes for speedy relief when the freight blockade is raised.

Cleburne has secured the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe shops by donating 100 acres of land suitable for the site.

The Bastrop & Taylor railroad was completed to Bastrop last Monday, and that thriving town is on a big boom.

Thanksgiving day was celebrated in Texas very sparingly. Public buildings, schools, etc., were closed, and the churches, pretty generally, had religious exercises, but not with excessive crowded pews.

Nov. 24—David Powers, a citizen of Ellis county, 25 years, died near Midlothian. Mrs. Blake, wife of Judge Bennett Blake, a veteran, died near Nacogdoches.

Colored Republicans of Anderson county propose to secede from the white Republicans because in the late election the whites did not vote for colored nominees.

The Waco Examiner will now reveal in the latest number for newspapers—a libel suit—having injured a telegraph operator, according to his own estimate, \$25,000.

The aspirants for the U. S. Senator form a group from which the legislature should certainly be able to make a wise selection: The present incumbent, Hon. S. B. Maxey, whose reputation and influence in the nation's councils are second to none: Hon. Jno. Ireland, one of the leading jurists of Texas, and a man whose history has earned him the homely but well deserved sobriquet of "Honest John"; Hon. A. W. Terrell, whose long public life has placed him in the front rank of deep thinkers and logicians; Hon. Jno. H. Roegan, a man of deep convictions, sterling integrity, and a mind whose compass ranks him among our leading statesmen, past or present—these, with others, ought to insure a Texas Senator of which the Lone Star State needs not to be ashamed.

There had been coined to Nov. 1, \$244,433,000 of bank notes.

Erastus Brooks, author and journalist, was buried in New York, Nov. 27.

The U. S. Commissioner of subsistence expended \$3,174,650 during the last fiscal year.

The silver in the U. S. treasury Nov. 1, was \$86,432,000 against \$76,345,000 Jan. 1, 1886.

S. H. H. Clark, formerly manager of the Union Pacific railroad, succeeds H. M. Hoxie.

A rise in Red River has imparted activity to the steamboat trade, and will facilitate the movement of cotton and produce.

The national soldiers' home at Washington, has according to report just submitted 594 regular and 52 temporary inmates.

Two hundred packages of U. S. Mail matter for Russia were captured by robbers in Belgium on the 27th. The loss is estimated at \$30,000.

Acting Army Surgeon-General Baxter reports a year of exceptional health in the U. S. Army. Men of Irish birth furnished highest rate of mortality; second, English; third, German.

The bureau of statistics reports the value of our imports for the year ending October 31 at \$655,529,756, against \$724,675,578 for the preceding twelve months; and exports at \$627,030,823, against \$716,622,647.

A man named Wm. Kurz attempted suicide in New York, Monday, by jumping from the Brooklyn bridge. After being picked up he raved and frothed at the mouth—but will not die.

The issue of \$1 silver certificates began Oct. 2, and up to Nov. 10, \$2,114,000 had been issued. It is expected to circulate \$25,000,000. The \$1 and \$2 greenbacks are being gradually withdrawn—about \$20,000,000 of which are in circulation.

"What is meant by the diffusion process in sugar making?" is asked by a correspondent. Heretofore the extraction of the sweet from cane or sorghum or beets has been by squeezing under pressure. The new way, the diffusion process, consists in soaking out the saccharine matter. The average yield of juice by the pressure process is from 25 to 61 per cent. of the whole. By the best appliances from 20 to 35 per cent. has been obtained. By the diffusion process it is claimed that from 50 to 95 per cent. of all the juice can be extracted, and that in a much better condition.

It is a true saying that "all the fools are not dead yet," and it applies equally to both sexes—as witnesses the following: Last Sunday afternoon one Geo. Hazlett, and a Miss Sadie Allen of Buffalo, N. Y., went through the rapids and whirlpool at Niagara Falls, in a torpedo-shaped barrel. They were taken out of the eddy on the Canadian side just below the whirlpool three quarters of an hour later. The start was made from the Maid of the Mist landing, on the Canada side. When the barrel reached the mainstrom it shot right into the center of the pool, making two or three turns. Leaving the pool the barrel followed the current out toward the Canadian shore and down to the outlet of the pool, where it got into a large eddy and bobbed around for half an hour. Friends near by shouted to the occupants of the barrel, when Hazlett opened a small door on the top of the barrel, and Frank Lawson threw a rope from the shore, which Hazlett secured, and it was towed ashore.

The experiments that are being conducted by the Parkinson Sugar Company give most encouraging results in the matter of sugar refining. By robbing and grading the sugar in the vacuum-pan a beautiful sugar is being produced, greatly to the encouragement of the sorghum industry, which the government experiments were designed to promote, but were conducted as if to demonstrate and promote the beet-sugar interests. Carbonation as applied to both tropical and sorghum cane gives no more sugar and that of a poorer quality than the old process, while the molasses—a valuable product from both—is wholly destroyed by the former. Representatives here from southern cane interests are anxiously inquiring whether the fatal policy of treating diffusion juice by carbonation will be pursued by the agricultural department in the sugar experiments about to be undertaken by it in Louisiana. Chief Chemist Wiley construes the law in making the appropriation as requiring the pursuit of a seminary income policy. Better things are expected of Commissioner Colman, who, it is believed, will require the adoption of a more rational system, and the abandonment of exploded theories and expensive hobbies.

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The lighthouse board estimates \$229,000 for expenses of next fiscal year, in addition to a special appropriation of \$188,750.

CHARLESTON, November 29.—There were two shocks of an earthquake at Summerville to-day—one at 10:53 a. m., one at 10:20 p. m.—which rattled things in a lively manner. The people were more or less frightened. The latter shock was felt slightly in Charleston.

Dr. Newman will be remembered as Gen. Grant's chaplain, as well as for his vehement denunciation of all things Southern during the unhappy days of reconstruction (?). He is again bidding for notoriety—but while his life is no more religious than that of his post-war fightings, it partakes somewhat more of common sense. In a thanksgiving (?) sermon at Washington, D. C., last Thursday, his theme was "America for Americans." He recognizes that one may be an American without being born in this country, but he would make every foreigner live here at least fifty years before obtaining a voter's privilege. He would make every priest and every Roman Catholic renounce before God and the holy angels all allegiance to every foreign prince, pontiff and potentate, whether spiritual or temporal. The pope, he said, should have no sovereignty here. He vehemently denounced the Irish vote, the German vote, and every vote that was not thoroughly American. "Away with them," he shouted, "and with the politician who would bid for them! We want no man for president of the United States who would sink so low as to bid for an alien vote."

There was a large congregation present, and the sacred edifice resounded with shouts, and applause, and amen.

The experiments of the agricultural department in sugar refining are attracting much attention. A Fort Scott, Kas., telegram of Nov. 25 gives the following as to experiments there on Louisiana cane. The second boiling gave nine pounds of sugar to a ton of cane. The firsts were 12 1/4 pounds to a ton of cane, the second added to firsts giving 14 1/4 pounds per ton. Estimating the sugar from the third boiling now in progress one-half of second, as per usual basis, and the total yield of the first run of Louisiana cane was 14 1/4 pounds per ton of cane. The first run of Louisiana cane gave considerably less. This is a great disappointment to the advocates of carbonation and falls far below the estimates of Chief Chemist Wiley, based upon his run of firsts. This is accounted for by the fact that the first boiling was not only the gain but the string-proof, this practically giving the whole sugar crop in the first boiling. This experiment but confirms the result of experiments with sorghum cane, namely, that diffusion extracts practically all the sugar and is a success, while carbonation as a method for treating the juice is a failure, and this again is only a confirmation of like experiments on tropical cane made in different parts of the world, extending over a period of several years. The success of diffusion is a great point gained for sorghum as the crushing method gives a relatively larger yield from the former stalk of the tropical cane than from the more spongy sorghum cane stalk.

W. I. Trenholm, comptroller of the currency, in his annual report, suggests a number of amendments to the National bank laws, including the contingent liability of shareholders, requirements as to reserve, the limit on loans to individuals, more thorough examination of banks, and their protection against unusual state taxation. The specific character of these suggestions is withheld for the present. Three thousand five hundred and ninety national banks have organized in all, of which 258 are now in operation. Of these 174 have organized during the present year, with a capital of \$21,000,000 and a circulation of \$2,930,000.

Twenty-four banks went into voluntary liquidation during the year, one ceased to exist by the expiration of its charter, and eight failed. Since the beginning of the system in 1863 only 112 national banks have failed. Of these, thirty-six have paid their creditors in full, and twenty-eight have paid interest besides—fifteen in full, and five in part. Over 90 per cent. of all the national bank stocks is held by residents of the States in which the banks are located. The effect of the reduction of the public debt and high premium on bonds upon the volume of national bank circulation during the year exceeds \$500,000,000. The aggregated deposits in the banks have increased from \$520,000,000, in January, 1816, to \$1,174,000,000, in October, 1886, while loans and discounts have risen from \$500,000,000 to \$1,443,000,000. Specie held by national banks in 1875, was \$19,000,000. In October, 1875, it was only \$8,000,000, while in July, 1885, it was \$177,000,000, and in now \$150,000,000.

On the conviet labor question the Illinois bureau of labor statistics has collected some interesting data: The contract system, it appears, prevails in eighteen states, viz.: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Virginia has passed a bill forbidding the employment of convicts where they come into competition with free labor. The lease system do not now exist in any northern state except Nebraska. It continues in vogue in the south, however, where it is maintained in ten states, viz.: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Twenty-seven states have, it appears, a greater or less number of prisoners at work on the public account system—that is, where the state conducts its own industries without the intervention of contractors—though none have yet made the system universal. Eight states have some portion of their convicts at work on the piece price plan, and two of their entire prison force. The statistics collected by the bureau, which are designed to embrace all the penal institutions of the country in which productive industries are carried on, present figures for 108 penal and reformatory institutions in forty-four states and territories, showing a total of 57,331 inmates. Of this number 12,739 are at work. An analysis of the methods of employment shows that 14,939 are at work under the contract system, 9,291 are leased out, 2,980 are employed on the piece price plan, 16,659 are employed on public account, and 8,500 are occupied in prison duties. * * * The boot and shoe factories of Illinois employ 2,000 workmen. There are 883 prisoners from penitentiaries in that State engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. In Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri, 6,554 are employed in this line of business, while the number of convicts engaged in prison shoe factories are 1,421. Have our laboring classes cause to complain of convict competition?

Your Friends will Never Tell You, but perhaps somebody, who isn't your friend, will tell you that you are a miser. He will tell you that your presence is rendered offensive by the foul, fetid smell of your breath. Every word you utter, though it be the very echo of wisdom and poetry, discards your hearers, and your hands are productive of anything but mirth to them. It is a duty you owe, not only to yourself, but to society to remove this cause of offense. Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy will heal the diseased mucous membrane, will bring relief to yourself and others. Do not hesitate to employ it.

He alone can successfully wield power who holds himself ever ready to lay it down.

Casualties. Mrs. J. C. Holder, an estimable lady of Harrison county, has been adjudged insane.

A 3-year old son of Mr. Horace Jones, of Valley View, was last Saturday thrown from a wagon and killed.

Mr. P. B. Carter, an old citizen of La Grange, Texas, accidentally killed himself while out hunting, Nov. 25.

R. M. Sylvester, railroad station agent at Beeville, killed himself at Corpus Christi last week with an overdose of morphine.

An explosion in a coal mine near Wilksbarro, Pa., Nov. 23, killed some fourteen men, and badly burned about thirty others.

A young man, Jno. R. Scott, lately of Paris, Texas, having been discharged as a book keeper, suicided in the Indian Territory last week.

The bark Drummond was burned off Galveston, Nov. 25. Her cargo was almost a total loss of \$80,000, vessel \$25,000—all covered by insurance.

A fire at Jefferson, Texas, destroyed about \$35,000 in property. It broke out corner Austin and Polk streets in buildings owned by Dr. E. L. Sherrod.

W. F. Haubrey, living near Longview, Texas, suicided last Saturday. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen, in good circumstances. Cause unknown.

On the 25th ult., while Green Lenney and wife, colored people living near Jefferson, Texas, were picking cotton, their house was consumed by fire—burning their two children to death.

James Prewitt, a prominent young man of DeWitt, was assassinated at Del Rio, Nov. 22, by some unknown party. One Oscar Carmichael, a stockman, has been arrested on suspicion.

Nov. 24 at Brenham, Jno. A. Traylor was shot and killed by Harry Hancock. Both are gamblers, and the killing grew out of jealousies between them as proprietors of different gambling games.

While A. L. Mathis and James Rintoul were working upon the ceiling of the Belton, Texas, opera house, Nov. 27, the scaffolding gave way and they fell to the floor. Mathis was killed and Rintoul badly injured.

James Thompson, living in the Dye school-house neighborhood, near Gameville, Texas, was, Nov. 27, found dead in his field, his body having been perforated with buck-shot. A Mr. Thomas, from whom he rented, has been arrested on suspicion.

An old negro at Houston, Jim Dorman, took his meals regularly and slept soundly two nights in a room with his murdered wife lying dead by his bedside. When found by the police, one of the woman's eyes had been eaten by the rats, as well as much of the flesh of one of her arms torn away. Dorman was arrested the 23d, as the murderer. He is thought to be crazy.

The murder is reported of two Texas stockmen, Ross and J. J. Freys, (first names not given) fifty miles from Hamberg, Ark. They were murdered for their money, of which the robbers got \$200. They were buying cattle in that vicinity.

The criminality of practical jokes was last week illustrated near Lewisville, Texas. A young married lady, Mrs. Fannie Clark, mounted a horse to return to her home from a writing-school. Some one had placed bars under the saddle, and the moment she mounted the animal dashed away, and as she fell her clothing clung to the pommel, and she was swung to and fro against trees, stumps, brush, etc., for a half mile, which so injured her that death followed speedily.

At Hulttown, Shackelford county, Texas, Nov. 25, Miss Allie, daughter of Mr. Green, an old settler, having started a fire in the kitchen, was standing with her back to the fire, warming herself, when her clothing caught fire, and, before she could realize it, she was enveloped in flames. Her screams brought her mother, who hastened to her aid, endeavoring to save her child, got her hands and arms badly burned. The young lady is in a terrible condition, the flesh from her waist to her neck being burned almost to a crisp, which will likely result fatally.

John Ryan, foreman of a screwmen's gang, while unloading a vessel at Galveston, Texas, last Sunday, had his neck broken. On the same day, Mr. J. C. Lynch, of New Orleans, accompanied by an employee of the J. S. Brown Hardware Co., of Galveston, went out to the magazine of this firm for the purpose of destroying some fourteen kegs of damaged powder. Mr. Lynch, thinking the powder too much damaged to explode, lighted it with a match, which was followed by a terrific explosion. His companion, having protested against the experiment, had withdrawn to a safe distance, and witnessed Lynch's body blown some fifteen feet into the air—landing twenty or thirty feet distant. His death was of course instantaneous.

Foreign Notes. A bill introduced into the Mexican Congress looks to cheapening the coinage of silver money to meet evils now resulting from its depreciation. The bill also encourages investment of foreign capital by exempting mining from taxation, and annulling the tariff upon many articles of foreign import, as well as placing premiums upon leading articles of export.

Henry M. Stanley has expressed a willingness to undertake the command of a non-military expedition from eastern Africa to Uganda and endeavor to induce the king of that country to relieve Emy Bey, the German, who with 5000 Egyptians, was at last accounts holding Wady against the hostile chief. Stanley promised to place his services gratuitously at the disposal of the British government and without entailing upon them any responsibilities for the safety of his person. The scheme has been submitted to Lord Iddesleigh, foreign secretary.

Captain Mitchell, of the bark Antoine Sala, New York and Havana trade, came home in May, entirely helpless with rheumatism. He went to the mountains, but receiving no benefit, at his wife's request began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. He immediately began to improve; in two months his rheumatism was all gone, and he set sail in command of his vessel a well man. Hood's Sarsaparilla will help you. Sold by all druggists.

New York, November 25.—The heavy cloth curtain which during the dry-time covers the electric light lenses on the statue of Liberty caught fire Monday night and fell on the light woodwork of the strata in the interior of the statue. It was only by the hardest work that a bad fire was averted and the great statue saved from ruin.

GREED OF GAIN. And Thirst for Pleasure. The ruling passion of the human family. In grasping after riches the brain is taxed, the nervous system strained, in the pursuit of pleasure the body is tortured by fashion's despotic sway, the hours designed for repose are devoted to exhausting revelry; the stomach is ruthlessly imposed upon; pure water, the natural food for all created beings, is ignored, and liquid fire is substituted until, ere we are aware of it, disease has fixed its iron grasp upon us. Then we look for the "remedy," but the victim of those follies, we command Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills. They stimulate the liver, strengthen the nerves, restore the appetite and build up the debilitated body.

Tutt's Liver Pills MAKE A VIGOROUS BODY.

The gun of Senator Wade Hampton, while deer hunting last week in Mississippi, was accidentally discharged, killing his horse. The animal fell upon the Senator and very seriously injured him.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

As was formally predicted by a wise prophet more than a month ago, Mr. Taylor was elected Governor of Tennessee.

PASTEUR AND THE PANDECT. Which Will Benefit the World the Most?—One in Paris and the Other Now in Chicago.

Some time in 1879 the Tribune called the attention of readers to this almost unknown remedy for asthma, catarrh, dyspepsia, debility, eczema, or salt-rhuma, rheumatism and other forms of sorfall, and as we have since learned the demand then created has steadily increased all over the country. The proprietor of this remedy claims that those which really is a specific requires little aid from printers ink. Probably no other specific ever gained such eminent endorsements throughout the country. The demand has reached a point where a more central location is essential, and the headquarters of this remarkable specific have recently been transferred to Chicago, at 51 and 53 Dearborn street, room 17. It is not a patent medicine and can not be found at drug stores, but those who may be interested in learning more can address the sole proprietor, Mr. J. A. Gates, and receive the Pandect, a copyright paper on the subject, free of all charge.—Chicago Tribune.

Big Thunder, the famous Crow Indian chief, with six braves, was drowned Nov. 24, while attempting to cross the Missouri river near Bismarck, Dakota.

There has been appearing in the TEXAS ADVOCATE for several years the advertisement of the Artificial Limb Manufacturing Co., 809 Penn Avenue, Pittsburg. Any one so unfortunate as to need an artificial limb can be better accommodated by this company than by any other we know of. It is perfectly reliable. Write to the Secretary, J. W. Thompson, for full particulars.

The excellent literary features of Wide Awake have always made this magazine a favorite one with parents and educators. A valuable specialty among its announcements for 1887 is the "Longfellow Literature," embracing articles from Rev. Samuel Longfellow, the poet's brother and biographer, and Harriet Lewis Bradley. The Wide Awake magazine has been praised from the first for its success in making young folks acquainted with the life and work of authors and artists. For its pages were written the entire chapters of the two volumes of Poets' Homes which are found as standards in all libraries; so, too, the chapters of Our American Authors, which also are standard literary volumes. Later have appeared two sets of critical and suggestive papers, "Pleasant Authors for Young Folks," and "English and an American series." The "Search-questions in Literature" has been stimulating work for the last two years, and has sent old and young to search books. With the same view—to quicken and cultivate a taste for literature—the magazine is to publish a dozen Illustrated "Battles of Authors," by Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford; the first is to be the pathetic and bewitching story of "Goldsmith and his Wife." Yearly subscription, \$2.50. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.

The mountains breed learned men, and the cottages of shepherds contain philosophers.

For Coughs, Sore Throat, Asthma, Catarrh, and diseases of the Bronchial Tubes, no better remedy can be found than "Bain's Bronchial Trochiscs." Sold every where, 25 cents a box.

It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of.

FLORIDA SPEAKS. OXFORD, Fla., Feb. 2, '85. A friend of mine has been very well with Rhumatism, and nothing seemed to do him any good. A lady friend sent him one bottle of B. B. B., and it relieved him at once.

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Recollect what disorder hasty or impetuous words from parents or teachers have caused in his thought.

Save the Chickens by using Bass' Chicken Cholera Cure. For sale by all druggists.

The population of New York City has doubled in every twenty years, and it is now estimated at 1,800,000.

The Roman youth used to grease their faces with oil from the lamps to make the moustache and beard grow.

"Years have not seen and time shall not see," the people sit down quietly to suffer pain, when enterprise can afford such a panacea as Salvation Oil.

The old saying "opposition is the life of business" has not been sustained in one instance at least. Since the introduction of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup all other cough remedies have been dead stock.

The Sultan has commanded the Turkish Admiralty to spend about \$7,500,000 on men-of-war.

Mr. J. E. Bonsal, New Bloomfield, Pa., clerk of the several courts of Perry Co., Pa., was afflicted with rheumatism for more than thirty years. After spending hundreds of dollars with every known remedy without benefit, he used St. Jacobs Oil, which effected an entire cure.

The farming slaves among the Romans worked with fetters on the feet.

M. P. Hennessy, Hardware and shoe agent for Grand St. Louis Charles Oak, Buck's Brilliant, Old Buck's patent, and of Texas and Southern Home Cooking Stoves. Send for price list.

Er boy what is sassy ter his fader is gwine ter be unsass ter de law.

UNANSWERED LETTERS. Nov. 24—Horace Bishop, sub. M. H. Porter, sub. Fred L. Allen, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. C. I. McWhitter, sub. J. M. Mills, sub. W. F. Clark, sub.

Nov. 25—O. W. May, sub. H. C. Rogers, sub. B. W. Akard, change. Jno. R. Morris, sub. J. D. Hartgraves, will be stopped. Lucy Boone, sub. A. T. Hendrix, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. Sam C. Vaughan, sub. C. C. Davis, sub.

Nov. 26—E. W. Alder, sub. J. C. Calhoun, change. J. M. Woodward, sub. M. F. Boone, change. J. F. Alderson, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub.

Nov. 27—S. J. Hawkins, sub. J. G. Walker, sub. A. G. Nolan, sub. J. T. Miller, sub. C. M. Coppedge, sub. N. W. Keith, sub. W. T. Ayers, sub. Jno. R. Dunn, sub.

Nov. 28—B. T. Hayes, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. S. G. Shaw, sub. W. A. Samspey, sub. J. P. Rogers, sub. J. T. Smith, sub. W. N. Bonner, sub. C. Williamson, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. B. T. Hayes, sub.

Dec. 1—M. H. Porter, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. T. P. Smith, sub. Isaac T. Morris, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. Wm. Hay, sub. W. A. Coppedge, sub.

Are always an Effect of a Clogged, or Congested condition of the Liver, which condition, through some natural sympathy, causes the piles.

Every medical authority agrees on this point. To produce

A Permanent Cure the first thing to be done is to unlock and get free the secretions of the Liver,—the greatest gland in the body,—and for this important purpose

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Advertisement for Schenck's Mandrake Pills, including text about liver health and a list of agents.

Advertisement for Knabe Pianofortes, highlighting tone, touch, workmanship, and durability.

Large advertisement for Centaur Liniment, describing it as the most wonderful pain-curer and its effects as instantaneous.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Advertisement for Vicks' Floral Guide for 1887, featuring a picture of a woman and child and listing various seeds, plants, and bulbs.

Advertisement for Provident Book Clubs, offering organized wholesale prices and monthly payments for retail buyers.

COMMERCIAL. FINANCIAL.

Official quotations at the Cotton Exchange. Sterling, sixty days. Bid. 4.53

Exchange at New York. Sterling—Bank, 60 days. 4.04 @ 4.51

Exchange at New Orleans. Sterling—Bank, 60 days. 4.04 @ 4.51

COTTON—GALVESTON SPOT MARKET. CLASS. Bid. Offer. Sat. day. Last Year.

Galveston Live Stock Market. Receipts. Bees. Yearlings. Cows. Sheep. Hogs.

General Market. Quotations represent wholesale prices. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

AXLE-GRASER—Standard, 2 1/2 lb. doz. \$3.50

AMMONIUM—Powder, per keg, \$4.00

BALON—Packers agents quote as follows for round lots. Shoulders, 7. Long clear, 7.50

BAGGING AND TIES—Standard, 2 1/2 lb. doz. \$3.50

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Wholesale prices for 2 1/2 lb. cans. Apples, 25c

CANOE—Quoted as follows: 15-cu. weight from first hands in carload lots, 10c

CORNFLOUR—Western, per bbl., \$3.00

CANNED GOODS—Two-pound standard goods, per dozen. Strawberries, 25c

CHEESE—Quotations are as follows: Western, 1 lb. cream, 15c

COFFEE—Wholesale grocers' quotations: Ordinary, 15c

CORNFLOUR—Quoted as follows: 15-cu. weight from first hands in carload lots, 10c

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