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## JESUS—JESUITISM.

JEAN PAUL.

Jesus! The name is as ointment poured forth. It secures access to the throne of grace, scatters our guilty fears, fills the souls of saints with bliss. Jesus, lover of my soul, I love thee. Thou art the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley, the bright and morning star. Brush and pen are alike unable to produce a correct portraiture.

1. In Revelation x we see his brow encircled with a rainbow. Expressive symbol! As it appears to our vision, the rainbow forms an arch between earth and heaven. The rainbow in our portraiture constitutes the bridge across that gulf which, after this probationary life, as Abraham informed Dives, can never be crossed. Jesus is the way from sin to sainthood, from earth to heaven.

2. In the same chapter we see him standing majestically erect, the left foot resting on the earth, the other on the sea. His little flock need not fear. One foot is placed on the earth—his heritage, his church—for protection. "Fear not, I am with thee." He will not forsake us. The turbulent sea, the hostile opposition, his right foot will keep in subjection.

3. In Revelation xix Jesus is portrayed to us as seated on a white horse, with many crowns on his head. Returning from Edom the blood of the vanquished enemy had dyed his garments. Many crowns on his head. Wonderful insignia of glory! One crown, composed of countless miniature crowns, each miniature crown representing a human heart washed in the blood of the Lamb, a loyal domain.

4. Behold Jesus on the great, white throne. Time shall be no more; the day for final settlement has come. Jesus, the judge, is accompanied by many mighty angels. Before his face heaven and earth fled away—overcome with awe because of the transcendent sublimity of the scene. What here we vainly longed to see, we now see: all knees bowing before Jesus. What here we vainly desired to witness we now witness: all tongues confessing that Jesus Christ is the Lord. You and I will be there; not ashamed, not tremblingly uncertain, but assured of life eternal, for that awful judge is our own Jesus—our dearest friend!

1. Sacrilegious misnomer, to call that wicked, execrable, scheming paternity, the so-called society of Jesus, Jesuits. The rose by any other name would smell as sweet, and wily intriguers by any other name will be as devilish.

2. The three characteristic tenets of the Jesuits are these: (1.) Probabilism. That is, the laws of God even those of the decalogue, are not in every case positively binding upon man; their transgression might probably not be a sin. (2.) Mental reservation. Thus, a man might sinlessly perjure himself by simply tacitly holding the reverse of what he asserts upon oath. (3.) Justification of means by the end. Accordingly, a wealthy husband might be poisoned, if it had been ascertained that his widow would become a nun, and by testamentary process will all of her earthly fortune to the church.

3. In their own church the Jesuits have been fiercely antagonized. Pascal graphically set forth their lack of virtue, honesty, and love to man. Pope Clements XIX in 1773 proscribed the entire order. There is scarcely a government on our terraqueous ball from whose territory they were not expelled.

4. It cannot be gained that the Jesuits instigated the Bartholomew massacre, for Francis Borgia, the wily Jesuit general, had been at the French court for several weeks and left only on the eve of the tragedy. In vain they deny complicity in organizing and upholding the Spanish inquisition, for the fiercest inquisitor-general, F. Nithaed, was enthusiastically supported for the cardinalship by the Jesuits. Why said support, if not for services rendered? The thirty years' war was the creation of Jesuits; for the assassination of Henry IV, king of France, the Jesuits are responsible; in the plot against the life of Queen Elizabeth the Jesuits were the manipulators.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

## TO CALIFORNIA AND RETURN.

REV. SAN'L P. WRIGHT.

The bay of San Diego is the only harbor except that of San Francisco on the Pacific coast of the United States. Commodore C. P. Patterson, superintendent United States Coast Survey, at Washington, describes the harbor as follows: "The depth over the bar is twenty-three feet. The bar remains in a remarkably permanent state. The distance across the bar, from an outside depth of twenty-seven feet to the same depth inside, is two hundred and eighty-five yards. I have crossed this bar at all hours, both day and night, with steamers of from one to three thousand tons burden, during all seasons for several years, without any detention. Ample accommodations can be had in this harbor for a very large commerce. There is no safer harbor on the Pacific coast for entering or leaving, or for vessels lying off wharves. It is the only land-locked harbor from San

Francisco to San Quentin, Lower California, a stretch of six hundred miles, and from a national point of view, its importance is so great that its preservation demands national protection, and justifies national expenditure."

I have introduced this long quotation both because it is from high authority, and because this bay and harbor give to San Diego an importance which no other city in California can possess, unless it be the metropolis of the Pacific coast, San Francisco. It is even possible that in the distant future San Diego will outstrip the Queen of the Pacific and herself become the metropolis, since she is nearer the eastern cities by four hundred miles.

The bay is formed by a narrow peninsula, now known as Coronado Beach, jutting up the coast toward what is known as Point Loma, on the mainland upon which is situated the light house. Opposite the city the beach is about one and a quarter miles wide. The history of how this beach became the site of a city is interesting. A syndicate was formed by an invalid eastern man who was here for his health. A few capitalists bought 2500 acres for one hundred and ten thousand dollars. Just opposite the city of San Diego, across the bay. Eleven hundred acres were laid off into town lots, with streets and avenues and boulevards. Twenty thousand fruit and ornamental trees were planted along these thoroughfares. Along Orange avenue, for instance, four rows of orange trees are planted from the ferry wharf to the Hotel Del Coronado on the ocean front. Between the two centre rows, a motor line of cars runs connecting with the steam ferry and the city's system of street cars. Other avenues are adorned with palms of several varieties, olives, figs, pepper trees, eucalyptus, Monterey cypress, pine, camphor, rubber, Japanese persimmon, and I do not know what else. Orange avenue is one hundred and forty feet wide. Palm and Olive avenues are one hundred feet wide, and the boulevard which encircles the whole city is one hundred and thirty feet in width.

The hotel I will not attempt to describe, except to say that it has 800 rooms, and the style of its architecture and finish is said to be perfect. In addition to street adornments, a most beautiful park or parks (for there are several) have been laid out and planted; and a garden, in which all sorts of vegetables are growing, in order that a purchaser may see what his lot is capable of producing. In this garden I saw growing, in December mark you, tomato vines as high as my waist, green peas, etc., all looking as happy as such things appear here in April.

The syndicate put this property on the market Nov. 1, 1886. They had a public sale, and have been pushing private sales since. What would you think were I to tell you that on the first day of December, 1887, they had sold lots to the amount of two and three quarter millions, and had one fourth of the 1100 acres still unsold and 1400 acres not yet placed upon the market? Yet such is the neat speculation made by these health-seekers. Although they tell you that within twenty miles of San Diego there are 50,000 acres adapted to raising grape culture, which will produce 100,000 tons of raisins, worth \$20,000,000; that olives are nearly as profitable, and these lands are well adapted for olive-growing; that the sea abounds with "little fishes" for the sardines; that some 3,000,000 pounds of honey are made—yet a thoughtful "tenderfoot" fails to see in these things ground for such a boom as exists on the Pacific coast. Whence the cause, then, and will it last? I will try, as I promised in my last letter, to give an answer.

The climate of this coast, and especially as far south as this, is simply delightful. To describe it would take a whole letter. Of it I will speak more at length in the letter from Baja, Cal., or Mexico. This climate is coming into the notice of all that cold region in the lakes belt. Hundreds and thousands of frozen-out people from Dakota, Minnesota, and away up there, are coming here to spend the winters. Many of them are invalids seeking a sunny clime. As a rule people who go away to summer or winter have money and spend it freely. My observation taught me that many who are now permanent in California did not go there originally to remain, but they made investments and did remain. Vast sums of money carried there in this way and invested in land have made money very plentiful there. The oranges and the raisin grapes and the olives have done something in this direction without doubt, but almost all the money that has gone to California has been invested in land.

Another cause to be assigned for the influx of moneyed people, which has caused and is perpetuating the boom, is the fact that almost anything grows and produces well here. I have no patience with those letter-writers from here, who misrepresent facts for fear that their own section will be discounted. They tell you that the fruits are insipid. Why, that is not true, and in proof of it one need only mention the fact that much the greater part of all fruits eaten in

Texas are grown in California. They tell you that the valleys are so narrow that you can throw across them. Now, it is a fact that much of the country is mountainous, and will never be used for any purpose but pasture, if for that, but much of the mountain soil is very fine and will certainly, in time, be brought into cultivation and planted in fruit trees or vines. A moment's thought will show that an excellent reason why these lands will always remain fabulously high-priced, lies in the fact of their comparative narrowness of extent. Think how small a part of the earth's area lies along five or six hundred miles of the Pacific coast. The Californians boast that they have "a corner on climate," and they are right. For although their soil is quite productive, give them or blizzards and California popularity would disappear at once. The secret of the boom is that here is to be found a narrow extent of country blessed with an exceedingly equable temperature. Nearly every scrap of advertising literature has the following quotation from Prof. Agassiz who visited San Diego in 1872: "I have seen many parts of the world, and have made some study of the subject. It is the question of climate of your latitude, that I refer to. You are here on the 32d parallel, beyond the reach of the severe winters of the northern latitudes. You have a great capital in your climate. It will be worth millions to you. This is one of the favored spots of the earth, and people will come to you from all quarters to live in your genial and healthful atmosphere."

The great scientist proved a true prophet. Their climate has been worth millions to them, and their energy and enterprise is making the most of their capital. I ought not to close this letter without some notice of National City five miles south of San Diego on the bay, and the terminus of the Santa Fe railroad, and of many other suburban points of interest, but I must forbear.

My next will carry the reader into Lower California.

## OUR METHODISM IN MISSOURI.

BISHOP E. R. HENDRIX.

Always interested in the progress of Christianity in every part of the world, I feel an especial interest in that from which I have been identified from childhood and with its progress in my native State, and this interest is deepened the more now, if possible, by a sense of official duty to study the needs and responsibilities of Methodism in Missouri. While not the sole representative of Methodism in Missouri, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the larger share of responsibility by virtue of being older, larger and stronger than the Methodist Episcopal Church in its work in the State. Availing myself of the latest statistics within reach for 1887, viz., Methodist Year Book and the last minutes of the three annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Missouri, I find the following showing of both churches in the State:

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has 29 districts, 303 charges, 78,773 members with 776 churches, worth \$1,683,594, and 184 parsonages, worth \$199,861.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has 9 districts, 218 charges, 42,184 members with 509 churches, worth \$1,001,764, and 158 parsonages worth \$113,572.

In the M. E. Church, South, there are 23 charges left to be supplied. In the M. E. Church there are 59 charges to be supplied.

The M. E. Church, South, in Missouri, raised during the last year (ending Oct., 1887), \$10,172.76 for domestic missions, and \$22,192.88 for foreign missions, not including the several thousand dollars raised by the noble women of the church, making a total for missions of \$32,365.64, and for church extension, \$4,525.90.

The M. E. Church in Missouri during the year ending April, 1886, raised for foreign and domestic missions a total of \$10,231 and for church extension \$1,520.

It will be observed that the statistics for the M. E. Church, South, are for a year later than those of the other church, but the Methodist Year Book for 1888 just received, gives no later figures than those quoted above. It is reasonable to suppose that there has been a respectable advance in each of the items given. In the M. E. Church, South, in Missouri, there was an advance all along the line during the last year. There was an increase of 3,644 members, of \$3,374 for foreign missions, of \$1,303 for domestic missions, and of \$964 for church extension. Besides the gratifying increase in the connectional collections and the building of twenty-seven churches and seventeen parsonages, there was an increase of over \$10,000 in the amount raised for ministerial support.

Notwithstanding this decided advance in the matter of ministerial support, the average amount per charge is only about \$528. When at least five charges pay \$3,000 each, it is manifest that many pay far less than the average. Two things will contribute to a still greater improvement—increased spirituality and more method. As our people love the

word of life they will love the preacher of the word, and see that he lacks for nothing. Low finances and low spirituality are usually found together, unless there is an utter want of system. Mr. Wesley found that each was helpful to the other. Not only did piety prompt to liberality, but systematic giving tended to healthful piety. \* \* \* The largest gifts to our educational institutions have come from without the church and not from within. No Missouri Methodist has yet endowed a chair even in Central College, our one institution of learning of highest grade. Only one Missouri preacher has given us a missionary to the heathen, while there are at least four noble women who represent our Missouri Methodism in China and Brazil. From our nearly 60,000 members in Missouri, only some twenty-five applied last fall to join the several conferences, believing themselves moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel. It is a reliable fact that men are rarely called from the bosom of a luke-warm church to become preachers. How many churches in the three Missouri Conferences have never licensed a single preacher or recommended one to our annual conference! The laborers are few, because we do not pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into his harvest. If this could be the theme of every pulpit on some Sabbath, followed by importunate prayer at the family altars and in the social meetings of the churches, what glorious results might follow in the quickened religious life of the church, which God would use as one of the favoring conditions to ripen in our young men the necessary consecration to the work of the ministry. It is to be feared that some have trifled with their convictions, as they found little to encourage them in the spiritual condition of the church about them. Our church in Missouri represents fully one-thirteenth of the entire membership of the M. E. Church, South. Is she the positive, aggressive, power that she can be? The largest city of Southern Methodism is in Missouri. Our thriving cities have drawn largely upon the population of other States. Our material prosperity will prove a hindrance and a curse to our spiritual life and to that of our children, unless it is consecrated. "What have we that we have not received?" Let it be used wholly for God's cause, and let our Methodism in Missouri abound in the work of the Lord. Then will our children esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, and the church never lack a Moses or an Aaron to minister at her altars. The legal profession is being crowded with our young men, many of whom would be in our pulpits were the church more faithful. Many of our youth are turning to business pursuits because of a low religious life in the church, who would be calling sinners to repentance. God's word shows that the voice of the prophet was always least heard in times of spiritual death.—St. Louis Advocate

## AMERICAN CHURCH STATISTICS.

In a recent number of the New York Advocate Dr. Daniel Dorchester furnishes a full and exceedingly valuable showing of the growth and present strength of the Christian churches of the United States. We have with great care condensed and arranged these statistical tables for the ADVOCATE, and it would be well for our readers to preserve them for future reference. There is no better authority in America upon such questions than Dr. Dorchester, and it has been his aim to be able to account for every figure in the tables, which follow:

EVANGELICAL CHURCHES.		
Denominations.	Minis- ters.	Communi- cants.
I. ADVENTISTS.		
1. Original Adventists.....	167	11,000
2. Advent Christians.....	1,000	75,000
3. Seventh-day Advent.....	109	22,357
4. Life and Advent Union.....	10,000	10,000
5. Age-to-Come Advent.....	15	10,000
6. Harboursites.....	15	5,000
7. Christadelphians.....	15	1,300
Total Adventists.....	1,321	134,717
II. BAPTISTS.		
1. Regular Baptists, North.....	6,373	681,585
2. " " South.....	7,341	1,055,170
3. " " Colored.....	5,362	985,815
Total Regular Baptists.....	19,077	2,722,570
4. Free-will Baptists.....	1,291	82,923
5. Cumberland Free Bapt.....	1,000	13,190
6. Other Free Bapt.....	320	33,000
7. General Baptists.....	129	8,753
8. Seventh-Day Baptists.....	129	8,753
9. Seventh-Day German Bapt.....	3,500	3,500
10. Anti-Mission Baptists.....	400	45,000
11. Separate Baptists.....	6,729	6,729
12. United Baptists.....	1,400	1,400
13. Six-Principle Baptists.....	15	2,300
Kindred Bodies.		
1. Disciples.....	3,500	615,500
2. Tankers.....	1,900	75,000
3. Wine-brennarians.....	400	39,000
4. Mennonites.....	600	100,000
Total and Kindred.....	28,003	3,729,745
III. CHRISTIANS.		
1. Northern Convention.....	1,344	122,000
2. Southern Convention.....	1	30,050
Total Christians.....	1,344	142,000
IV. CHRISTIAN UNION CH'S.		
1. Christian Union Ch's.....	1,300	125,000
V. CONGREGATIONALISTS.		
1. Congregationalists.....	4,000	430,370
VI. EPISCOPALIANS.		
1. Protestant Episcopal.....	3,850	415,005
2. Reformed Episcopal.....	65	8,000
Total Episcopalians.....	3,915	423,005
VII. FRIENDS.		
1. "Orthodox" Friends.....	500	70,000
2. "Wilburite" Friends.....	1	12,000
Total Friends.....	500	82,000

Denominations.	Minis- ters.	Communi- cants.
VIII. GERMAN CH. UNION.		
1. German Ch. Union.....	689	69,000
IX. LUTHERANS.		
1. General Synod.....	910	138,988
2. United Synod, South.....	180	29,083
3. General Council.....	963	238,408
4. Synodical Conference.....	1,094	207,631
5. Independent Synods.....	515	306,139
Total Lutherans.....	3,960	939,839

X. METHODISTS.		
Denominations.	Minis- ters.	Communi- cants.
1. Methodist Episcopal.....	12,075	2,002,452
2. General Synod.....	4,494	1,099,377
3. " " African.....	1,882	475,000
4. " " African, Zion.....	2,060	350,000
5. " " Colored.....	1,729	167,729
6. " " African, Union.....	60	21,000
Total Meth. Episcopal.....	22,180	4,081,558
7. Protestant Methodist.....	1,570	125,700
8. Congregational Methodist.....	300	5,000
9. Independent Methodist.....	300	5,000
10. Free Methodist Church.....	514	16,825
11. Wesleyan Methodist.....	280	18,293
12. Primitive Methodist.....	53	5,000
13. Reformed Methodist.....	50	2,000
Kindred Bodies.		
1. United Brethren.....	1,378	185,163
2. Evangelical Association.....	1,000	132,500
3. Moravian.....	94	10,250
4. Bible Christians.....	115	7,700
Total Meth. and Kindred.....	37,542	4,601,416

By "ministers" in the table of Methodist statistics is meant of course only preachers in the regular work. In addition to the 27,542 itinerants there are 37,379 local preachers, 12,815 in the Northern and 5,989 in the Southern branch:

XI. PRESBYTERIANS.		
Denominations.	Minis- ters.	Communi- cants.
1. General Assembly.....	5,634	696,767
2. General Assembly, South.....	1,116	150,289
3. United Presbyterians.....	736	94,411
4. Cumberland Presbyterian.....	1,563	145,140
5. Cumberland Presbyterian, Colored.....	209	15,000
6. Reformed Presbyterian.....	163	10,825
7. General S. D. Reformed Presby.....	32	6,800
8. Associate Reformed Synod South.....	86	7,015
9. Welsh Presbyterian.....	84	9,563
10. Other small bodies.....	330	25,000
Kindred Bodies.		
1. Reformed (late Dutch Ch.).....	547	85,543
2. True Reformed Dutch Ch.....	8	954
3. Reformed (late German) Church.....	802	183,980
Total and Kindred.....	11,241	1,431,249
XII. SCHWENKELFELDERS.		
1. Schwenkelfelders.....	10	850
XIII. OTHER SMALL BODIES.		
Bible Union, River Brethren, Colored Methodist, Protestant, etc., estimated.....		35,000
Aggregate.....	83,845	12,132,651

## RECAPITULATION.

YEAR.	Minis- ters.	Communi- cants.
1800.....	2,651	554,872
1850.....	25,555	3,929,988
1870.....	47,609	6,673,396
1880.....	80,870	10,800,000
1886.....	83,845	12,132,651

On the basis of 58,420,000 population for 1886, as estimated by Government Actuary Elliot, and the population for previous periods as given in the United States census, we have in

PERIODS.	Communi- cants.	Average year.
1800-1850.....	3,165,116	63,302
1850-1870.....	3,143,008	52,719
1870-1880.....	3,929,587	58,826
1880-1886.....	2,966,068	34,449

There is now one evangelical Protestant church in 518 inhabitants, and one minister in 692 inhabitants. The following denominations have no registered list of communicants covering terms of years. They have seldom made estimates of their adherents. Within about ten years the Universalists and the New Jerusalem churches have made efforts to tabulate their communicants, but they confess that their statistics are very incomplete. The Roman Catholics, as is now generally known, in their estimates of their population comprise whole families. The following are the latest data of these bodies:

Denominations.	Minis- ters.	Mem- bers.
Universalists.....	673	35,550
Unitarians.....	429	5,515
New Jerusalem Church.....	78	2,515
Hicksite Friends.....	25,000	25,000
Roman Catholic.....	7,658	7,200,000

The Unitarian parishes in 1850 numbered 1,069; in 1860, 1,264; in 1870, 917; in 1880, 956; in 1886, 934 (Canada deducted). The Unitarian parishes in 1850 numbered 216; in 1860, 254; in 1870, 328; in 1880, 335; in 1886, 355.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT GROWTH.

PERIODS.	Roman Catholic.	Evangelical.
1800.....	1,345	45,072
1850.....	3,912	70,148
1870.....	5,856	97,000
1886.....	6,910	112,774

In the foregoing tables the growth of the Roman Catholic Church is seen to be very large from 1800 to 1870, and particularly from 1850 to 1870. These last two decades constitute the period of the largest Irish immigration, seven-eighths of which was Roman Catholic. Since 1870 a different class of immigrants has predominated, the Scandinavian and other non-Papal European countries having furnished larger quotas than formerly. The year 1870 marks a point from which the Roman Catholic Church has made relatively smaller numerical progress. The leaders seem to be aware

of this and are, therefore, pushing more energetically their schools, asylums, hospitals, and various religious orders, that they may hold their people more closely in the midst of the powerful abrasions from which they are suffering in the midst of Protestant civilization.

On the other hand the Evangelical denominations have advanced more, relatively, since 1870 than before. Comparing we have the following striking figures:

INCREASE OF CHURCHES.		
PERIODS.	Roman Catholic.	Evangelical.
1850 to 1870.....	1,944	1,054
1870 to 1886.....	1,054	2,000,000
Or 500 less increase in the latter than in the former period.		
1850 to 1870.....	27,076	41,590
1870 to 1886.....	27,076	41,590
Or 14,521 more increase in the latter than in the former period.		

INCREASE OF CLERGY.		
PERIODS.	Roman Catholic.	Evangelical.
1850 to 1870.....	2,436	1,255
1870 to 1886.....	1,255	21,054
Or 1,180 less increase in the latter than in the former period.		
1850 to 1870.....	21,054	21,054
1870 to 1886.....	21,054	21,054
Or 2,287,465 more increase in the latter than in the former period.		

## PERCENT OF THE WHOLE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

In 1850 the Roman Catholics had 11 9/10 per cent of the whole. In 1880 the Roman Catholics had 12 3/10 per cent of the whole. In 1886 it was 4 1/10 of one per cent more than in 1850, but 3/10 of one per cent less than in 1880. In 1870 the Evangelical population was 69 5/10 per cent of the whole. In 1886 the Evangelical population was 70 5/10 per cent of the whole. In 1886 it was 12 5/10 per cent more than in 1870, and 2 5/10 per cent more than in 1880.

Such are the numerical exhibits for the whole country.

## POSTSCRIPT.

The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, pastor of St. John's, Dover, N. H., has been elected to the editorship of Zion's Herald, to succeed Dr. Pierce.

The Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, who succeeds Dr. McCosh as president of Princeton College, is the minister who conducted the prosecution against Prof. David Swing for heresy. He is a distinguished teacher, a brilliant review writer, and the author of two successful works on theological subjects.

One of the most important ecclesiastical movements of the century was inaugurated in New York city recently. The Presbyterians propose to celebrate their centennial by raising a fund of \$1,000,000 for the support of supernumerary ministers. Dr. Crosby said: "Other benevolences should live on the annual contributions of the church; but this should not live on any fluctuating support. If we believe as we should believe, that the ministry is ordained of God, then this object is one that appeals to every honest Presbyterian heart." The proposition has excited great enthusiasm.

The fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1887, was the most prosperous in the history of the publishing houses of the M. E. Church. The aggregate



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Old and Young.

BEFORE SUNRISE IN WINTER.

The Atlantic. A purple cloud hangs half-way down: Sky, yellow gold below; The naked trees, beyond the town, Like masts against it show.

Bare masts and spars of an earth-ship, With shining snow-sails furled; And through the sea of peace we slip, That flows all round the round.

PLAYTHINGS FOR CHILDREN.

The majority of children get most satisfaction from such toys as they make in whole or in part themselves. Almost the first thing an inquisitive and active-minded boy does when he gets a new toy is to take it to pieces and see what is inside, how it works, what strains and tests it can bear.

This desire to take things to pieces and put them together again (though the love of putting together comes later) is one not to be repressed, but rather to be cultivated. The child grown to be a man or a woman will be constantly employed in taking things apart and putting them together, so as to make of the disjointed fragments of the life-puzzle a continuous and harmonious whole.

In providing playthings for children completeness in the toy is not to be sought. Something should be left for the child to supply, something that will call out his invention, his ingenuity, his skill and imagination. A little girl given a doll with materials and patterns for making its clothes will soon learn, with, perhaps some instruction, how to fashion really pretty, tasteful and well-fitting garments.

As soon as Mr. X heard this invisible diagram, the purpose for which it was intended flashed upon his mind, and before the unknown instructor had finished knocking out the words, 'Put alphabet in squares,' the quick-witted pupil had scratched upon the floor of his cell a reduced copy of the audible tracing, and was numbering its lines and columns. His diagram when finished looked something like this:

Table with 6 rows and 5 columns of letters: 1 a b c d e, 2 f g h i j, 3 k l m n o, 4 p q r s t, 5 u v w x y, 6 z

After giving Mr. X—time to construct the figure, the unknown prisoner began another series of knocks, so grouped and spaced as to indicate the lines and columns in which the required letters were to be found. Five knocks followed by three knocks meant that the equivalent letter would be found at the intersection of the fifth line and third column; two knocks followed by one knock indicated letter 'f,' at the intersection of line two and column one; and five knocks followed by four knocks meant letter 'x,' at the intersection of line five and column four.

The prisoners then exchanged brief biographies, and Mr. X—discovered that he had learned his a b c's and taken his first lesson in prison telegraphy from a common criminal—a burglar, it I remember rightly—who was awaiting exile to Siberia.

When Miriam Stone was eleven years old she went to New York to spend the winter with her aunt. Miriam had two brothers and three sisters. Aunt Margaret's four boys had no sister, and that is why Miriam had been invited to spend the winter in her aunt's beautiful home.

"I wish my boys to learn to be kind and polite to girls," said Aunt Margaret. Perhaps Miriam's mamma understood from this remark that the four boys were not kind and polite, but Miriam thought of nothing but her aunt's invitation.

When she had been there five weeks she wrote to her mother: "I have a secret; I am learning something that I think will be very useful; I am not going to tell you what it is until I have learned it."

If Miriam could have known how curious the two brothers and three sisters would have been about this secret, she would never have written this. Every letter that came from home contained a request from Charley or Bertha or Sophy about it.

"Mabel wishes to know if you are learning to paint," wrote papa. "Johnny hopes you have lessons in drawing," wrote mamma.

"Bertha says she is sure you will make her chocolate caramels when you come home," wrote Charley in a postscript. Had Miriam said nothing more, perhaps the children would have forgotten it; but she wrote Johnny: "I shall bring my secret with me; you have not guessed it yet."

Johnny and Charley and Mabel and Bertha and Sophy were not discouraged.

Every letter contained some new conjecture, and after Miriam had laughed over each with aunt Margaret, who alone knew the secret, she always asked: "Do you think they will ever guess it, auntie?" And Aunt Margaret always replied: "Not until you go home, dear."

At the end of eight months Miriam went home. "Now tell us your secret, Mim," demanded the two brothers. "Please don't tease us any longer," begged the three sisters.

But Miriam said: "Secrets are better guessed than told; let us see who will find it out."

"Miriam has learned a lovely way to dress paper dolls," said little Sophy. "I think that is her secret."

"Pooh!" replied Charley. And no one seemed to think it necessary for Miriam to notice little Sophy's conjecture.

"I am sure this is Mim's secret," said Mabel, as she put on the toboggan cap that Miriam had just finished.

"You are wrong," laughed Miriam. "It is something more useful than knitting toboggan caps."

"Miriam has learned to play ball," said Johnny, at the tea-table. "That's her secret."

"Don't deny it, Mim! It's too foolish," declared Mabel.

When Johnny heard her whistle softly to herself in the flower garden one day, he was sure he had discovered it; and when Bertha found her arranging flowers for mamma, she was equally sure.

"You foolish children," laughed Miriam. "I said it was something useful."

Two months had passed since Miriam's return, and neither boys nor girls had been successful in guessing. Their curiosity seemed to increase as time passed, and repeated failure brought no discouragement. One evening Miriam sat rocking little Sophy, who was recovering from illness.

"Please tell me a story," begged Sophy. "Un rat de ville invita un jour," began Miriam.

"French!" shouted Johnny. "Now we know, Mim!"

"No, indeed!" declared Miriam. "You all know that I learned French with the boys."

"Let's make a list of things she learned," said Charley. "Perhaps she hasn't denied everything."

"Toboggan caps," said Mabel. "To play ball and sew on buttons," said Johnny.

"French, to braid her own hair, and make chocolate caramels," suggested Bertha.

"To whistle, and dress paper dolls," added Sophy.

"You haven't guessed," said Miriam. "It's something better than all you have mentioned."

Papa looked over the top of his paper. Charley thought he was going to say, "What can the child mean?" but he only said, "She has learned to speak in riddles."

Mamma said not a word. A few days after, Charlie exclaimed, "Mamma, do you notice how patiently Mim bears our teasing? She never gets angry now. She used to cry and fret if I took her things; but I haven't seen her cross since she came home. She learned—Oh, mamma! I do believe that's her secret."

"Ask her," replied mamma, smiling. That evening when papa and mamma and the two brothers and three sisters were gathered in the sitting-room, Charlie said: "Mim, I've guessed it at last. You learned to control your temper."

Miriam's eyes filled with tears. "Have I, mamma?" she asked. "Have I learned?"

"Yes, dear," replied mamma. "I think you have."

"Oh!" cried Johnny in disappointment, "that isn't better than French and all the other things!"

"Johnny," asked papa, "who said 'He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city?'"

"King Solomon, the wisest man," replied Johnny, promptly.

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KEEPING ONE'S WORD.

Bruce's "Life of Gen. Sir William Napier." Sir William Napier was one day taking a long country walk near Freshford, when he met a little girl, about five years old, sobbing over a broken bowl; she had dropped and broken it in bringing it back from the field to which she had taken her father's dinner in it, and she said she would be beaten on her return home for having broken it; then, with a sudden gleam of hope, she innocently looked up into his face, and said: "But ye can mend it, can't ee?" My father explained that he could not mend the bowl, but the trouble he could, by the gift of a sixpence to buy another. However, on opening his purse, it was empty of silver, and he had to make amends by promising to meet his little friend in the same spot at the same hour next day.

The child, entirely trusting him, went on her way comforted. On his return home he found an invitation to dine in Bath the following evening, to meet some one whom he specially wished to see. He hesitated for some little time, trying to calculate the possibility of giving the meeting to his little friend of the broken bowl, and of still being in time for the dinner party in Bath; but finding this could not be, he wrote to decline accepting the invitation on the plea of a "pre-engagement," saying to us: "I cannot disappoint her, she trusted me so implicitly."

A FALSE HABIT.

A touching story is told of the late Prince Napoleon. He had joined the English army, and was one day at the head of a squad riding horseback outside of the camp. It was a dangerous situation. One of the company said: "We had better return. If we don't hasten, we may fall into the hands of the enemy." "O," said the prince, "let us stay here ten minutes, and drink our coffee." Before the ten minutes had passed, a company of Zulus came upon them, and in the skirmish the prince lost his life. His mother, when informed of the facts, in her anguish, said: "That was his great mistake from his babyhood. He never wanted to go to bed at night in time, nor to arise in the morning. He was ever pleading for ten minutes more. When too sleepy to speak, he would lift up his two little hands and spread out his ten fingers, indicating that he wanted ten minutes more. On this account I some times called him 'Mr. Ten Minutes.'"

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BRO ALLEN'S PLAN ONCE MORE.

In his defense of the new plan, in the ADVOCATE of Feb. 2, 1888, Bro. Allen makes sundry grave charges against the old plan and claims of advantage for the new. If we could see the force in his reasoning and accept his conclusions, we would not take up the pen again, but one thing, and only one, do we claim over Bro. A. in this controversy—we are on the right side of the question. He nods for once.

We pass his article under review and remark on some of its main points:

1. "The two per cent. required from the preachers, if all paid, raises only about one-third the fund, leaving two-thirds to be raised by the regular collections." The plan, in so far as it is new, does not propose to support the supernumeraries—does not profess to be sufficient in itself, but it aspires to be a helper, and it wants to help mainly where its help is not so much needed—in the distribution of the fund. It proposes to raise "one-third the fund," and distribute the whole of it. Such would do the work of a "bantling" and luxuriate in the honors of a cock-of-all-fields. In raising the money is where we need help. If the Board had the money it would not be forced to "pass over" any one "who would gladly have his meager income supplemented." The amendments suggested in a former paper propose to give assistance in collecting the money. That is where we want help. This is the main objection to the new plan, as well as to the conference insurance societies. They cannot and do not pretend to be sufficient to meet the necessities of the case. The old plan does undertake the care and support of all the claimants, and it can be made to do it, too. These would-be helpers will work more hindrance than help. They will create a false impression, divert attention and result in confusion and indifference. Axman, spare the ancient broad-gauged Methodist plan, and when rightly pruned and cultivated it will shelter its charge benignly.

"He (Ashburn) believes in the patented, adjustable, readily flexible old plan, that leaves the whole thing subject to the caprice of a Board each year." Let us see—The Board is appointed by the president of the conference. It consists of one clerical and one lay member from each district. It is required to "make a full report of all its proceedings to the conference, which shall either approve, recommend or amend their report." Dis. pp. 177 S. So it is not all left "subject" to the Board. Where, then, is charge first?

Again, it is not left to caprice, even the caprice of the Board. The law makes it the "duty" of the Joint Board to "carefully consider the financial interest," to "collect such authentic information in regard to the pecuniary circumstances of the usual claimants." It is made the duty of the preacher in charge to make a written report of the condition of each claimant. So much then for the source of information. It is also made the duty of the Board to "estimate the amount that will probably be needed," and to "receive" and "distribute" the moneys according to their best (caprice J. H. A.) judgment, etc. So much for the distribution. And where is charge the second? Perhaps it is in the practice of the Board. Let us see. "Caprice," from caper, a goat—a fantastic goat leap; a whim, fancy, freak, vagary. (1) Would the Bishop appoint such men to so important a work? (2) Would the conference approve of their caprice and become a partaker in the same?

What ground is there for alleging that this element and reign of caprice is to be found in the Board. Are we to believe that the other Boards are guilty of the same. Are our appointments made by a goat leap? The law governing the Joint Board is not peculiar; it is a part of a whole. It perfectly conforms to the work of mission and other boards. It is operated by the same kind and class of men. Where, then, is the charge of caprice? From whence the thought of? Are we not indebted to the genius of our good brother for this also? Will he frankly confess that it is original?

Mistakes may be made by the Board; the light is often imperfect because preachers fail to make their reports. The means at their command are never sufficient. They may, sometimes, act unwisely, but I know they act prayerfully and thoughtfully and to the best of their ability. Think them capable of caprice in so sacred a matter?

No; we spurn the thought. If ever this "abomination of desolation" becomes characteristic of our system as a whole, or in any important point, "then flee ye to the mountain, but let no man flee when none pursueth."

3. "No claimant can tell what he is going to get. There can be no adjustment of himself to a fixed condition. Certainty is the most valuable element in income. The present law has absolutely none. The plan is fixed, method vs. caprice."

Take care of your bantling, my brother; you endanger its safety in overspreading it. It cannot cover so much.

1. Certainty in income. How many men have it? In what walks of life do men enjoy it? How can the plan tell a "claimant what he is going to get" when two-thirds of the fund is to be raised by the regular collection? What assistance does it give in estimating the amount? None whatever. The plan leaves the whole thing under the Finance Board. (1.) It must judge who is in n' dy cir-

umstances. (2.) It is to judge whether there is money enough in the treasury to pay the pension. (3.) And if more is needed the conference and Board of Stewards are to judge. (5.) Where then is the claim of certainty? It will be plain if we state it thus: Given a supernumerary needy clergyman, plus the approval of the Board, plus five years in itineracy, plus two per cent. paid annually, plus enough money in the treasury to pay all claims, is equal to \$150 certain. If this sum is not sufficient he has the American right of petition to the conference, and when it and the Board of Stewards have "discussed his private affairs" sufficiently to know, they may allow or not allow it. So we have fixed method—and there is plenty of it—plus a threefold possibility of caprice, which brings us to an uncertain one-third pensioner, plus a trebly embarrassed two-thirds pauper—well mixed before taking. Amend the old law as proposed and the supernumerary will be as certain as the pastor is of his living.

4. He objects to his private affairs being discussed "to a set of men" who knew not Joseph sitting in judgment on his needs, etc. Well, that is a very natural feeling, and the more refined and noble the mind the more keenly will it be felt. But herein is our greatness to be seen: we can submit to such things for the work's sake—for the greater good to the greater number—we can count these things but loss that we may have part in the glory that is to be revealed. How are we to get rid of it? Our whole system is built that way. From the beginning we and all our belongings are discussed publicly and privately, in our presence and in our absence. It may be more prominent in our system than in others, but it is not peculiar to it. It is in all the churches, in most of the relations of life. We have seen that the new plan does not save us from it. Why object at all if you are in the hands of men of God who are not gazing at you to see how near you are to starvation. That is a morbid view of it, and hence Bro. A. shrinks from it. Would he shrink from the hand of the surgeon who sought to be helpful to him? I trust; and pray that we may ever bear in mind the delicacies and proprieties that should govern in such cases. Men who surrender all to follow Christ are worthy of such consideration. God's noblemen worthy of all honor.

5. "I do not hesitate to say that grading the distributions on mere necessities is wrong in principle and impossible in practice." That is very strong and sweeping. I can say nothing more in its favor. Space forbids my arguing it if it were necessary. It were sufficient to set over against it the judgment, law and usage of the Church, the example of Jesus Christ and his Apostles, as well as the current teaching of the New Testament. Steady, my brother.

6. "Necessity is a variable term." Yes, but Bro. A. you stand alone stand for that view of it which simply seeks to know "whether I or Smith is most likely to starve in the next twelve months unless assisted." The law proposes as its aim "to meet the claims of the supernumerary" etc., and its scrutiny is to enable the Board to vouch for the same, as well as to guard against unreasonable claims and compare the merits of claims when there is not sufficient money to meet all. The less needy have been left out simply because the money has not been supplied.

7. "A. is careless, cannot deny himself, spends every thing and never has anything to give. He supernumerates after twenty-five years' average work, and becomes a heavy claimant." This case supposed by Bro. A. needs no new law to meet it. It is provided for. He should never be admitted into full connection. He is barred by that law. A man who is "careless, cannot deny himself," etc., is not adapted to the itineracy. Keep him out or locate him under the head of "unacceptability." The ministry of Jesus Christ requires that a man be self-denying and cross-bearing—keeping himself unspotted from the world. It has been said that "military discipline implies a sacrifice of all the natural emotions. A man who follows the profession of arms must not only be prepared to leave home and friends at the call of duty, but he must renounce at the outset all thoughts of his own comfort or well being. He is no longer a free individual—he is the servant of the State." It would require but few alterations to make of this a picture of a minister's life. Sacrifice, self-denial, fidelity, diligence and subordination are some of the foundation stones of our ministry. One is our Head, even Christ; one is our work: a beneficent, and eternal life our reward.

I. S. ASHBURN, CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS.

THE UTILITY OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

[An Address delivered at a S. S. Convention at Ft. Worth, Texas, by Miss Riddle P. Lane.] I am proud to have been honored with so important a preferment as to have been called upon to read an essay upon Sunday Schools, their utility, their possibilities and ulterior results, but fear it will require a greater profundity of thought than I am capable of exercising. Yet if I can portray the beauties of the cause, the great good to be obtained, and the benefits to result from this, the greatest work for the Master's cause, I shall feel I am repaid a hundred fold for my effort. Beauty, order, sublimity and grandeur are the distinguishing characteristics of the Almighty Creator of all things in the heavens above and in the earth beneath. Harmony, peace and quiet reign supreme throughout the cos-

mos of his creation. It was never intended that anything but beauty should be presented to the eye of man; that any evil thought should dash across his peaceful imagination; that any wicked act should characterize his intercourse with his fellow man, or that anything but reflections of beauty from the celestial regions of glory should beam from the eye of the children of light.

But alas! it becomes our duty to chronicle the fact that an almost impenetrable cloud spreads like a death pall across the moral sky of the world, shutting out the celestial rays from the dawning of glory from on high, thus curtailing our visions of the cosmos of creation and narrowing down our contemplation to things of earth alone.

The beauty of creation was converted into chaos as the concomitant result of sin, and on nothing under the sun is it more apparent than on the human face. Eve was as wise as Zoride and as beautiful as the Houries, and such would have been every daughter to the present but for the contaminating effects of sin. Every contortion of the human face is the result of some evil passion in one's self or some of their ancestry. Every tendency to an immoral train of thought is from the same source. So, to cleanse the stream we must purify the fountain. There is nothing God has made but may be restored to its pristine beauty and purity if the order of nature is followed, and this can best be consummated through the instrumentality of the Sunday School and home. And here let me digress so far as to say of home, that when under God's guidance it is the loveliest spot on earth, the fountain from which springs all our happiness for the years we have to linger on earth and through the ceaseless roll of the ages of futurity.

To prepare the terrestrial duties to preside over the future destinies of our homes is the work of the Sunday-school. The infantile mind is like an unsullied sheet of snow white paper, susceptible of the slightest touch of the pen of a chirographer, but when an imprint is made it is there for time and eternity; hence the great necessity of making the right impression in infancy. Teach an infant first to speak the truth, lay before its mind images of beauty and holiness, teach it to soar above the sordid things of earth and to pile Pileon on Ossa in mountains of thought in an attempt to scale the skies for loftier visions of pleasure than can be found in the vortex of evil thronging along the pathway of ordinary mortals, and you will have engraven on the heart, as with an Adamantine pen, lessons that the fingers of time can never efface. All its thoughts, its hopes, its fears, its sources of pleasure, will be securely anchored in heaven, that the vain frivolities of earth will have no allurements sufficiently strong to divert it from the paths of rectitude and virtue. The road to the heart of the nation is through the children. Beauty of expression is largely the result of beauty and purity of thought. So, to bring back the human face and form to its pristine beauty as man came from the plastic hand of God, it is only necessary for a few generations so to teach the children that not an impure thought shall mar their intercourse with their Maker; not an angry passion shall break the harmony of the social circle; not an act shall be performed that the actor would hide from his Maker. Then the human face and form would resume its original beauty. Man would again become upright in his walk before God; would lead a life of unintermitted purity and usefulness, and when life's candle has burned to the end calmly lay himself to rest in the arms of Jesus, leaving in life no blot on his name; look proudly to heaven from the deathbed of pain, with the exclamation on his tongue, "Joy, joy, forever my task is done; the gates are passed and heaven is won." How unpoetic the thought of the quasi poet who wrote:

"The world is all a fleeting show, For man's illusion given." I would rather say "The world is made of beauties riven from the Adamantine rocks of heaven." And Sunday-schools are doing more to day toward preparing the world for the coming millennium than all other methods combined. We each and every one of us are under-shepherds of the Master, responsible to him for the care we take of the lambs of the fold. It is our duty to go out through the mountains of sin over which they are wandering to drive the wolves from them, and warn them of the precipitous cliffs over which they may be liable to fall. To provide them with such pure literature as will lead their thoughts away from the scenes of vice surrounding them to seek pleasure in the beatific views gleaned from the apocalyptic narratives of happiness derived from obedience to the mild mandates of the Bible, and the glories in reservation in the home of the good. Teach them to see the silver lining that covers the nether side of every cloud; to recognize the hand of God in every surrounding of nature; the whisper of the gentle vespers that usher in the vernal season, and the deep-toned thunders as they reverberate from crag to gorge amid the mountain fastnesses; in the murmuring rill as it laves the petals of the overhanging lilies, and the awe-inspiring grandeur of old ocean as she rolls her waves in mountain heights between the shores of widely distant lands; in the pristine loveliness of the tiny snow-drop as it scarcely lifts its head above the boom of mother earth; and the gaudous beauty of the magnolia, towering above the surrounding forests, displaying its

effulgent glories wide o'er the landscape; in the faint glimmer of the glow-worm's tiny spark, and the vivid rays of the glorious sun as he climbs across the cerulean vault; in the gently sloping knoll covered with its carpet of green, variegated with all the tints of the rainbow; and in the lofty mountain rearing its summit far above the line of perpetual snow, furnishing among its caves, crags and jungles homes for hordes of the fierce denizens of the forest. It is the duty of the teachers of a Sunday-school not only to teach the verbiage of the Bible, but to deduce from its inspirations all the images of truth of the love of God for his chosen race as displayed in the beautiful surroundings of this earth where he has placed us in a school in which we may be fitted and capacitated for the enjoyment of the glories and beatitudes of heaven. And here let me say that it is the belief of some people that the enjoyment of life beyond the river that skirts the shores of time is enhanced or lessened according to the improvement we make of our facilities for acquiring knowledge, which if we cultivate to the extent of our opportunities will expand our minds, that we may be capacitated for grasping all the beauties, grandeur and glories of God's cosmos. Teach them to soar in thought above the sublunary scenes around them to the great source of all things presented to our senses through the boundless expanse of Ether, and to see the impress of God's greatness and goodness stamped on every glittering star, every spear of grass and blushing flower; on the lordly oak that lifts its head amid the clouds, and all things God has made. To learn from nature to adore nature's God; to trust their all to him and his guidance, and they will be prepared to glide smoothly over life's stream enabled to avoid all the rocks and quicksands besetting the voyage, and finally land life's boat safely in the harbor of the good; and when they land on the shore of happy deliverance can bear the glad shouts that make heaven's high archway ring with joyful acclamations of the redeemed, as they ascribe all honor to the Redeemer for their safe arrival within the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem. RIDIE P. LANE, PLATONIA, TEXAS.

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A MAN OF DESTINY.

Every Christian is that if he will be, Darkness brings him wisdom as well as the light. Winter brings him strength as well as the summer. The worst things in his life become the best things. Comfort is born of trouble, and out of bankruptcy comes riches.

If this is not your experience do not blame providence nor circumstances; blame yourself. If your prosperity has dulled your sensibilities and enclined your heart it is because you love the world better than God.

According to the marvelous doctrine of Christ the same set of human circumstances may make an angel or a demon; the same set of experiences may chisel out upon the soul the lineaments of sainthood or stamp it with the darkest colors of desperate criminality.

PREPARATION FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER. The final report of the financial results of the week of prayer and self-denial has been made. The offerings reported to the Treasurer aggregate \$26,333.11.

The Board after careful deliberation has determined to give us another week, and has fixed upon April 1-8. Bishop Galloway, in a strong paper, has emphasized the duty of preparation.

A good book to read at this time is what Bishop Duncan would call, "Dr. Luke's Treatise on Foreign Missions." It has the merit of being easy of access, since it is found in every New Testament, immediately following the Gospel of John.

The foundations of that old Paillipin jail were not more deeply stirred and shaken than the depths of that poor jailer's heart. Every hope and surety that he had ever rested on was gone.

help, not only for him, but for every son of man, that answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

But the chapter brings before us a nobler figure still and a higher experience. Where is Paul? He had gone forth with Silas and entered into the house of Lydia, "and when they had seen the brethren they comforted them and departed."

We have said that the last is the nobler experience. Such a comparison, however, is not quite just. It is like comparing the seed with the plant to which it has given birth, or the blossom with the ripe cluster which it has fed and nourished.

It is but a step to the statement that the religious services that minister to and express the jailer's experience, to be thoroughly evangelical and helpful, must invariably grow into such services as minister to and express the experience of Paul.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES. MR. GLADSTONE, who is a competent critic as well as a great lover of sacred music, has written the editor of a musical paper as follows: "Ever since the time of St. Augustine I might, perhaps, say of St. Paul—the power of music in assisting Christian devotion has been upon record, and great schools of Christian musicians have attested and confirmed the union of the art with worship."

THE Nashville Advocate has found it necessary to call a halt in the publication of such pleasant literature as accounts of stormings, poundings, and the like. It says: "Our people are so kind, the poundings and stormings are so numerous, and the pastors are so grateful, that these items have outgrown everybody's expectation."

THE increase in the membership of the church the past year was very large, reaching 45,000. The membership of the church now is something over 1,100,000—a membership large enough to give easily a half million for missions.

IS a letter to an exchange, Dr. Lettwich says: "I have the best reason for believing that the new hymn book will be on the shelves of the Publishing House in May."

IN an article in the Journal of Education, Prof. Jesse, of Tulane University, New Orleans, reminds the opposers of the Sunday law that nothing is further from the truth than to imagine that but for this law the inhabitants of a city where it is in force would be free to labor or to rest. Tens of thousands of them who are running every day an even race with hunger and homelessness are dependent in this respect upon the whim of their employers.

it upon the employees themselves, do as they leave them free, according to their own choice, to spend it in rest or amusement, or household work for the comfort of themselves and their families.

THE enterprise of the great West is not altogether confined to cattle, mines and real estate. Now and then church work feels it. For example: Recently in a Colorado city twenty-five young ladies in white and chocolate military dress, with waving plumes and army decorations, gave a sword drill at the First Baptist Church which would have done honor to a company of veterans.

A CLEAR EYED, quick-witted contemporary suggests that the trouble with our church collections is that some of us have been revising 1 Cor. xvi. 2, until it reads like this: "Occasionally, when impulse moves you, let some of you who are so disposed, lay by a little something, according as may seem convenient."

THE death is announced of Rev. L. L. Hopley, one of the superannuated preachers of the North Carolina Conference. He died, after a painful illness, at his home in Ayersville.

THE Rev. J. W. Walling, missionary to Brazil, has the sympathy of the church in the loss of his wife, who died at Periciba.

AN exchange warns its readers against Bible commentators who are unwilling to take God's words just as they stand. It adds: The devil indeed one woman to accept his arguments; now he has theological professors who are of his opinion."

THE Northwestern Advocate, Chicago, says: "By special letter from Florence, Italy, written in January, Hon. James G. Blaine definitely declines to be the candidate of the Republican party for the presidency. The letter will not decrease the probability that Mr. Blaine will be a candidate, nor will it increase the chance. If the party wants Mr. Blaine, it will nominate him. If not, it will not. We do not see why the letter need be regarded at all. If he is nominated and elected, the letter will prove that he was wiser than the party. If neither nominated nor elected it will show that 'I told you so.' It is singular, but many do not fully believe that Mr. Blaine means what he says. To many others the letter will be a genuine grief. They really believe in the man, and will never believe that he was fairly defeated. The old 'Whig' love for Henry Clay—a particularly Kentucky love for Clay—has a new illustration in this attachment for the 'blundered Knight.' In fact, the real combat for the Republican party must now begin. It must now decide whether or not it will devote itself to principle, or will simply renew its struggle to get into power."

THE call of Prof. Tillett for an educational convention in Nashville has been variously received. There seems to be a disposition to hold the convention provided it does not come together upon the basis of Prof. Tillett's recent paper as a syllabus.

AN exchange suggests that the following, or something better, should be enacted as Methodist law and put into the body of the Discipline: Who are conference claimants? 1. All superannuated members of the annual conferences. 2. The superannuated preachers who are temporarily disabled. 3. The effective members of the annual conferences who fall to receive a reasonable support from the charges they serve. 4. The widows of deceased members of the annual conferences whose husbands died in the work, or were superannuated or supernumerary at the time of their death. This does not include widows of superannuates who married such ministers after their superannuation. 5. The children of deceased preachers who are under sixteen years old.

CLIPPED AND CONDENSED. Christian at Work: A woman infidel is as unnatural a monstrosity as a hump-back. Western Advocate: Perfect non-partisanship includes the "third party's" right to be. Central Advocate: The first duty of the religious press is to be liberal and charitable

in regard to opinions, but unwavering on all essential doctrines of the Bible. Holston Methodist: The secret of editorial popularity is to take no sides on any question. The Presbyterian: A Sunday School Superintendent needs more eyes, ears and hands than tongue. Michigan Advocate: The Universalists actually built seven new churches last year. Yes, sir, seven!

THE HOME CONFERENCES. Personal. -The postoffice address of Rev. Wm. Vaughan is Vaughan, Hill county, Texas. -Geo. W. Richards, Esq., general agent for Texas of the Old Wagon Works, of Fort Wayne, Ind., dropped in to the ADVOCATE office the past week. He wanted to renew Sister R.'s subscription to the ADVOCATE before he left it safe to visit his home in Rockcastle.

THE Nashville Advocate: Rev. Daniel Morse, a superannuated preacher of the East Texas Conference, died at Marshall, February 6th. He was one of the veterans of Texas Methodism; much esteemed and beloved by his brethren. He was an authority in Texas Methodist history, in which he took special interest.

THE Moravians, according to Dr. Abel Stevens' recent letters from India, enjoy the peculiar distinction of being the only church whose native converts in foreign fields outnumber their communicants at home.

IN his controversy with Bishop Chatard, Catholic bishop of Vincennes, Bishop A. Cleveland Cox, of Western New York, feathers one of his sharp arrows with a sentence from Dr. Brownson, the one lay champion of the Catholics who has any place in American literature, and one to whom their own prelates have paid tributes of exaggerated praise.

THE Rev. J. H. Collins, Feb. 13: Since I met you at Galveston we have been holding meetings at Galveston, Wharton and now at Eagle Lake. The altar has been filled by penitents at each of these places and the Lord has been in converting power. But we have not been able to prosecute the work to its legitimate results owing to the extreme inclemency of the weather.

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to us and to the Baptists. I never saw the glory of God fill any house as it seemed to fill that. May God bless those godly men and women, both in their souls and in their storehouse. I believe in special prayer and special work. When a brother is called on to pray for penitents I don't want him to pray for China, Africa and Japan, and then for the president and state officers, then for the community where he lives, then the entire circuit, the old and the new world over, and then back to his community, and then wind up by saying, "Lord, bless these our mourning friends, for Christ's sake, amen." That's the way I like to hear a man pray. When a man is working a crop he doesn't plow two rounds in corn, a half dozen in his cotton and then cut two or three rounds in his oats. I believe in special providence, special prayer and special preaching.

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CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT. At the district's meeting held at Chappell Hill, Feb. 18, 1888, the following churches were represented: Chappell Hill station, San Felipe and Sealy, Independence, Deauville, Caldwell and Cameron station.

A Novel and Perplexing Tax Trouble. CONJACIA, Tex., Feb. 18.—The Navarro county tax assessor was confronted by a very serious matter a few days since by a large local property owner.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Laveria et, Wesley's Chapel, Feb. 20. Hancock et, Bunkie, Mar 4. Laredo et, Laredo, Mar 11.

ALBERT'S MENTHOL CHLORON cure Headache and Neuralgia; 25¢ cure the rheumatism; Preston's Pectoral Syrup cures Coughs and Colds; Japanese Toothache Drops cure Toothache.

General Assembly of Protestant Missionaries in Mexico. —Elias Robertson, San Antonio, Feb. 15: In a late number of the ADVOCATE I had something to say of the assembly, and now as it is over, and we have the news through our papers...

High Endorsement. Rev. R. G. Porter, of Senatobia, Miss., author of "Gildery's Stories for Boys," and a writer of wide reputation, writes as follows to Rev. J. W. Hill, of Greenville, concerning his forthcoming book "Texas Characters and Types."

Waxahachie District—Second Round. Pius and Glenwood, at Oak Branch, Mar 10. Waxahachie et, at Waxahachie, Mar 11.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. Exchange at Dallas. Selling. New York, slight, par to 1/4 dis. 1/4 prem. New Orleans, slight, par to 1/4 dis. 1/4 prem.

Chicago Market. Wheat—No. 2 red, 2 1/2 @ 2 1/2. No. 3 red, 2 1/4 @ 2 1/4. No. 4 red, 2 1/4 @ 2 1/4.

Call for a Week of Prayer. DEAR SISTERS.—The N. W. C. T. U. requests all unions to observe the week beginning March 18, as a week of prayer.

Woman's Department of Church Extension. As the Board of Church Extension has elected me to the office of conference corresponding secretary of the Woman's Department...

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Dallas Local Markets. Apples—Fancy Ben Davis and Winesaps \$1.50 per bush. Apples—Fancy Ben Davis 60¢ per bush.

Galveston Market. Coffee—Wholesale grocers quotations: Good quality, 20¢ per lb. in retail, prime 20¢, choice 20¢.

Unanswered Letters. Feb. 14.—G. S. Brown, subs. J. Woodson, has sent me several letters, which I have not had time to answer.

Beaumont District—Second Round. Liberty et, at Wallisville, Mar 20. Woodville et, at Campground, Mar 25.

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Dallas District—Second Round. City et, at 4th St., Mar 10. First Church, at Liberty, Mar 11.

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Attention, Secretaries. We are now at work on the annual report of the Board of Missions. We have as yet reports from six only of the Annual Conference Secretaries.

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Texas Christian Advocate Church Notices

Calendar table for 1888 with columns for months and days, listing church events.

VICTORIA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Cuero sta. Feb 25, 26. Victoria sta. Mar 2, 3. Edna cir. at Moravia. Mar 10, 11. Moulton cir. at Prairieville. Mar 17, 18. Leesville cir. at Liberty. Mar 24, 25. Hallettsville cir. at Hallettsville. Mar 31, 1. Loxley cir. at Petersburg. Apr 7, 8. De Witt cir. at Burns. Apr 14, 15. Yorktown cir. at Clear Creek. Apr 21, 22. Middletown cir. at. Apr 28, 29. Services beginning each Sabbath on Friday night. I hope to see every official member this round. H. J. DEXTER, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Weatherford cir. Feb 24, 25. Whit cir. Mar 2, 3. Springtown and Goswell. Mar 9, 10. Millsap cir. Mar 17, 18. Garvin cir. Mar 24, 25. Weatherford sta. Mar 31, Apr 1. Vernon sta. Apr 7, 8. Quaker and Margaret mis. Apr 14, 15. Mobeetie mis. Apr 21, 22. Clarendon mis. Apr 28, 29. JEROME HARALSON, P. E.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Pontotoc cir. 4th Sun in Feb. Lamo cir. 1st Sun in Mar. Mason mis. 2d Sun in Mar. Ketchikan mis. 3d Sun in Mar. San Saba sta. 4th Sun in Mar. Cherokee cir. 1st Sun in April. Oxford Mountain and Rockwall. 2d Sun in April. Oxford cir. 3d Sun in April. Fradonia cir. 4th Sun in April. Blanco sta. 1st Sun in May. Hancock cir. 2d Sun in May. The delegates to the district conference will be elected on this round. M. A. BLACK, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Hutto Gap mis. at Content. Feb 25, 26. Abilene sta. Mar 3, 4. Sweetwater mis. at Merkel. Mar 10, 11. Hutto and Baird, at Patton. Mar 17, 18. Albany mis. at Hutto. Mar 24, 25. Colorado sta. Mar 31, Apr 1. Anson mis. at Center Line. Apr 7, 8. King and Searcy mis. Apr 14, 15. Sipe Springs cir. Apr 21, 22. Snyder mis. at Junction, Kent county. May 5, 6. Dickens mis. at Cottonwood. May 12, 13. JNO. A. WALLACE, P. E.

GRANBURY DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Granbury sta. Mar 3, 4. Piquay, at Wesley's Chapel. Mar 10, 11. Glenrose. Mar 17, 18. Alton, at Alton. Mar 24, 25. Kopper, at Kopper. Mar 31, Apr 1. Sandoz, at Thompson. Apr 7, 8. Lupton, at Thorp Springs. Apr 14, 15. Howard, at Jordan. Apr 21, 22. Fanchard, at Hanger. Apr 28, 29. DeWanda, at. May 5, 6. Cisco sta. at. May 12, 13. Brockridge, at. May 19, 20. Throckmorton, at. May 26, 27. H. M. STEPHENS, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Pleasanton cir. at Fairview. 1st Sun in Mar. Palmira cir. at Utopia. 2d Sun in Mar. Cottalia and Pearsall, at San Magni. 3d Sun in Mar. Uvalde and Eagle Pass, at Uvalde. 4th Sun in Mar. Garden Springs. 1st Sun in April. San Antonio and City Mission. 2d Sun in April. Del Rio and Brackett. 3d Sun in April. P. Paso. 4th Sun in April. Del Rio and Brackett. 1st Sun in May. Fort Davis, at Murphyville. 2d Sun in May. Delegates to the district conference will be elected. B. HARRIS, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Hillsboro sta. 1st Sun in Mar. Abbott cir. at Bell Springs. 2d Sun in Mar. Whitney cir. at Woodberry. 3d Sun in Mar. Cleburne sta. 4th Sun in Mar. Fort Worth cir. at. 5th Sun in Mar. Fort Worth sta. Thursday, 5th day in April. Arlington and Village Creek, at Handley. 2d Sun in April. Mansfield, at Wyatt's Chapel. 3d Sun in April. Alvarado sta. Wednesday, 18th day in April. Marysville. 4th Sun in April. P. Paso. 5th Sun in April. Grandview cir. 1st Sun in May. Soudard River. 2d Sun in May. J. FRED COX, P. E.

George Squeeze: "George" she said to young Sampson, a West Street broker, "I read in the paper today that the shorts are being squeezed." George, who has been playing that side himself, shifted uneasily in his seat, but made no reply. "Speculating in stocks must be a very fascinating business," the girl went on, "and do you know, George," she added, "that I think I would like to be a short."

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A sudden change of weather will often bring on a cough. The irritation which induces coughing is quickly subdued by taking Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, a simple and effective cure for all throat troubles.

King Ja-Ja, the African potentate who recently had to stand trial on board her majesty's ship Royalist, has been left with a pension of \$4000 and a choice of any Pacific isle as a place of exile.

A faded or grizzly beard is unbecoming to any man, and may be colored a natural brown or black by using Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

It has been ascertained that, free as light and air are, there are over 37,000 families in the city of Paris inhabiting apartments having no other openings than a door, and that at least 60,000 families in the city of London live in cellars.

The fair Mrs. Dow has put the faces down from six to five cents on the street car line she has just been made president of in Dover N. H., and thus begins a boom that will make Mrs. Beiva Lockwood thoughtful. Mrs. Dow's picture is already appearing in the newspapers.

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A correspondent of the New York Herald who has been traveling through the Leligh region, estimates that in Panther Creek Valley 9222 people are suffering relief from the Knights of Labor, 6526 being women and children.

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GRANBURY DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Throckmorton and Ellasville mis. at Fish Creek. B. M. STEPHENS, P. E.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. White Oaks mis. 4th Sun in Feb. Penasco mis. 1st Sun in Mar. A. J. POTTER, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Lewisville at Prairie Mount. 4th Sun in Feb. Grapevine at Grapevine. 1st Sun in Mar. R. M. POWERS, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Wichita Falls. Feb 25, 26. Red River mis. Mar 3, 4. W. F. KASTELING, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Rives, at. 4th Sun in Feb. Gilmer, at. 1st Sun in Mar. C. B. FLAHERTY, P. E.

FT. WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Itaska cir. at Itaska. 4th Sun in Feb. J. FRED COX, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Pattison, at Pattison. Feb 25, 26. N. W. A. AVIN, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Ladonia and Mt. Carmel. Feb 25, 26. Commerce cir. Mar 3, 4. J. B. SEARS, P. E.

BROWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bee House cir. Bee House Hall. Feb 25, 26. Cow House mis. Round Valley. Mar 3, 4. Centre City mis. Payne Gap. W. T. MELGREN, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Floyd cir. 4th Sun in Feb. Royce cir. 1st Sun in Mar. Roberts mis. 2d Sun in Mar. Allen cir. 3d Sun in Mar. W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Clarksville mis. 4th Sun in Feb. Houston cir. 1st Sun in Mar. Daily Springs cir. 2d Sun in Mar. Detroit cir. 3d Sun in Mar. J. C. WEAVER, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Husk cir. Husk. Feb 25, 26. Palestine sta. Palestine. Mar 3, 4. Jacksonville sta. Jacksonville. Mar 10, 11. Jacksonville mis. Jacksonville. Mar 17, 18. Kiekaup cir. Camp-ground. Mar 24, 25. WALTER PATTERSON, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Milano cir. Feb 25, 26. Rockdale and Pleasant Hill. Mar 3, 4. Davilla cir. Mar 10, 11. Cameron cir. Mar 17, 18. Cannon cir. Mar 24, 25. Mayfield. Apr 7, 8. H. V. PHILLIPS, P. E.

TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Athens, at Athens. Feb 25, 26. New York, at Oak Grove. Mar 3, 4. Minnola, at Minnola. Mar 10, 11. Tyler sta. Mar 17, 18. Tyler cir. Mar 24, 25. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. West Point, at West Point. Feb 25, 26. Lagrange. Mar 3, 4. Columbus. Mar 10, 11. Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake. Mar 17, 18. Weimer, at Weimer. Mar 24, 25. Flatonia cir. at Bethel. Apr 7, 8. Flatonia sta. C. C. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Aurora mis. at Aurora. Feb 25, 26. Denton cir. at Cooper Creek. Mar 3, 4. Denton sta. Mar 10, 11. Hickory Creek cir. at Hickory Creek. Mar 17, 18. Aubrey cir. at Friendship. Mar 24, 25. M. C. BLACKBURN, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Prairie Plains cir. Feb 25, 26. Mills mis. Mar 3, 4. Anderson cir. at Anderson. Mar 10, 11. Milligan and Wellborn. Mar 17, 18. Montgomery cir. Mar 24, 25. F. T. MORRIS, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Newton cir. at Newton. Feb 25, 26. Jasper cir. at Peniche. Mar 3, 4. Jasper sta. Mar 10, 11. R. M. SPOULDE, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Pine Hill cir. at Catafonia. Feb 25, 26. Barons Vista cir. at New Prospect. Mar 3, 4. Linn Flat cir. at Linn Flat. Mar 10, 11. Sexton cir. Mar 17, 18. Hemphill mis. at Hemphill. Mar 24, 25. T. P. SMITH, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Seguin and Mill Creek, at Seguin. 1st Sun in Feb. Harwood, at Harwood. 2d Sun in Mar. Kyle, at Pleasant Hill. 3d Sun in Mar. San Marcos cir. at Bear Branch. 4th Sun in Mar. Cottonwood, at Bear Hollow. 5th Sun in Mar. Luling and Prairie Lea, at Luling. 1st Sun in April. Lytle Springs, at Centerville. 2d Sun in April. Leckhart, at Harmon Chapel. 3d Sun in April. San Marcos. 4th Sun in April. Gonzales. 5th Sun in April. H. G. HORTON, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Temple sta. Feb 25, 26. Bortam cir. at Mr. Horeb. Mar 3, 4. Burnett cir. at Spring Creek. Mar 10, 11. Burnett sta. Mar 17, 18. Round Rock cir. at Hutto. Mar 24, 25. Newville, at Newville. Mar 31, Apr 1. South Bolton cir. at Harmony. Apr 7, 8. Corn Hill cir. at Willis Creek. Apr 14, 15. Bolton sta. Apr 21, 22. Killeen cir. at Nolanville. Apr 28, 29. Liberty Hill cir. at Florence. May 5, 6. Georgetown sta. May 12, 13. Salado cir. at Salado. May 19, 20. Holland cir. at Elm Grove. May 26, 27. On this round delegates to district conference will be elected. A full attendance is desired. JAMES MACREY, P. E.

At the Church Social: Vicious Young Lady—Guess what we are going to have to-night, Mrs. Bascom—charades! Mrs. Bascom—I knowed it! I smelt 'em clear out to the gate.

Coughs Brown's Bronchial Troches are used with advantage to alleviate Coughs, Sore Throat, Hoarseness and Bronchial Affections. Sold only in boxes.

A correspondent of the New York Herald who has been traveling through the Leligh region, estimates that in Panther Creek Valley 9222 people are suffering relief from the Knights of Labor, 6526 being women and children.

Omaha Man—Is Kansas City as full of real estate agents as ever? Returned Traveler—Most of their offices are closed. What has become of them? "Well, I don't know, of course, there is a good deal of sand bagging going on down there."

Fond's Extract, for Pains, Sore, etc. The marvelous cure effected compelled scientific medical investigation, and forced its acknowledgment.

Bobby—Didn't you have an umbrella with you last night? "Featherly" Mr. Featherly—"Umbrella? Why, it didn't rain last night." "Funny," remarked Bobby, dismissing the subject as of no special importance. "I heard you tell me that you were carrying an umbrella last night, and that you were pretty well soaked."







