



Texas Christian Advocate.

Old and Young.

PERMISSION TO GO HOME.

F. H. S. in N. Y. Advocate.
Bess went to church one sultry day;
She slept awake, I'm glad to say,
Till "fourthly" started on its way.

THE ROSE OF SHARON.

Sharon was a large plain in the Holy Land.
It was remarkable for its stately lilies and its beautiful roses.

"TOO MUCHER BY AND BY."

Little Christian.
"What is your complaint against this young man, John?" said the magistrate to the Chinese laundryman.

OUR OWN DEAR MOTHER.

Boston Recorder.
"Mother," said Sallie, one night as she was getting ready for bed.

A DOG THAT REPAID A TRICK.

St. Nicholas.
A gentleman in Bristol, England, owned a dog remarkable for both intelligence and devotion.

COMPANY MANNERS.

Zenas Dane, in Good Housekeeping.
I know a woman who is always harping about "culture" and "refinement" and "etiquette."

gracefully into a chair. Her little boys can tip their hats so prettily to ladies on the street; her little girls can enter a room with toes properly turned out and with the grace of little queens; and, alas! both the little boys and the little girls can be as impertinent and display the worst manners of any children I ever saw.

"If we don't," one of the children said, "we catch it when the company's gone!" This is an extreme case, but do we not all have our "company manners?"

I have been in homes in which it seemed to me that every member of the household seemed bent on seeing how hateful and disagreeable they could be to each other.

"Mother," said Sallie, one night as she was getting ready for bed, "Mrs. Brooks says she wishes I was her little girl."

Mamma wasn't quite so sure, but, nevertheless, thought it might be a good plan. So in the morning Sallie started off with her best dress and two pairs of stockings.

"No, child," answered good-natured Katy; "she's in the kitchen, doing plums."

"Good morning," answered Sallie. "I've come to be your little girl. Here's my best dress."

hours, three hours by the clock, and still the little girl sat alone; she had left her doll at home for Susie, trusting to Mrs. Brooks' generosity for playthings in the future, so there was nothing to do but look at the pictures, stroke the cat, and look out of the windows.

"Well, how's my little daughter?" said she, taking Sallie up in her lap. "Little daughter!" It was what her mother had so often called her, and somehow it didn't seem exactly right coming from Mrs. Brooks, though Sallie couldn't have told why.

"No, I thank you," answered Sallie; "I promised Mrs. Brooks—I mean mamma Brooks—I'd be back to dinner."

"Certainly—just slip on your clothes, and Mr. Brooks will carry you over."

Boys and girls, love your mothers; not only because they are good and kind to you, but because they are your own.

District Conferences.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

The Georgetown District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened at Liberty Hill, Texas, May 29, 1888.

The spiritual state of the church was carefully inquired into. Prayers at home, prayer-meetings, class-meetings and revivals abound, and with gratitude to God, the faith of the brethren caught

hold of the promises of the Head of the church, and are expecting greater growth and permanency. The cause of missions was emphasized. The absence of the member of the Board who was to make an address called out some statements of the Treasurer of the Board, which was followed by the earnest words of several of the brethren, which made us all feel that the cause of missions was the cause of God.

"O, yes, indeed!" So to mamma's surprise about five minutes after the door opened, and Sallie's little face peeped in. She played awhile with Susie, but when dinner was ready put on her hat and made for the door, though casting longing looks at the dish of smoking oysters, of which she was very fond.

"Would you stop and take dinner with us?" asked mamma. "No, I thank you," answered Sallie; "I promised Mrs. Brooks—I mean mamma Brooks—I'd be back to dinner."

"I—didn't—kiss—the baby—and—"

The spiritual state of the church is evidently improving. Between two and three hundred conversions reported, and the revival season proper is yet to pass through.

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SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

The San Antonio District Conference met in the city of Cotulla, Texas, Thursday, June 14, 1888.

There was no report from any of our schools. This we all regretted, for unless those who have charge of our educational interests will circulate more freely among our people, and keep them posted with reference to their facilities, Texas will become more and more a for-

aging ground for the schools "back East." Let our school men imagine that any of our institutions are so well known or so universally popular as to attract pupils in the face of diligent and efficient agents who come among our people from Eastern schools and untiringly drum for patronage.

The Paris District Conference met at Woodland, Red River county, on Wednesday, June 20, at 9 o'clock, a. m., and was called to order by Rev. J. C. Weaver, presiding elder.

The business was taken up and considered topically as laid down in the Discipline. There was a manifest desire for a candid, honest inquiry into the actual state of things, with an expressed purpose to condemn that which was wrong, amend that which might be improved and commend that which was good.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT.

The Marshall District Conference met in the town of Troupe at 9 a. m., June 21, 1888.

The first business was the appointing of committees for the several interests of the church, which was done by the presiding elder, and the reports of the committees afterward showed a close examination of their duties and brought to light some gratifying information regarding the condition of the district.

The pointed questions of the presiding elder relative to the spiritual condition of the pastors and their charges when they made their reports brought to light the condition of each work, and the frequent remarks on this line of the presiding elder were to impress the conference with the great and important truth that

the salvation of souls is the chief end of all church work. Church extension, missions and Sunday-schools each received proper investigation, and we hope much interest created in the hearts of the people relative to these important branches of church work.

W. B. Rankin, agent of the American Bible Society, and J. B. Hall, colporteur for same, were present and gave interesting accounts of their work in spreading the Word of God over the land.

Rev. I. Alexander, president of Alexander Institute, was on hand and gave an encouraging report of the school during the past session.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

This District Conference convened at Italy, Ellis county, on June 26, 1888, Bro. E. L. Armstrong presiding.

The attendance was not so large as was expected. This is partly accounted for by distances—this being, I suppose, the loneliest district in the world, and conference being held at one end.

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desecration of the Sabbath was adopted; also thanks to the worthy people of Italy for their generous hospitality.

The verdict of all was, that it was the best and most spiritual conference ever held in the district.

Whereas, We believe that the legislation of the State is encroaching upon it and is unfriendly to its sacredness and its observance; and,

Whereas, We believe that many persons professing gospel truths utilize the railroad trains for business or any and every kind of enjoyments, thereby encouraging them by their patronage, the enforced labor of an army of men who are made to violate one of the most binding commandments, thereby preventing them from keeping holy the Sabbath day, and making those who utilize this conveyance accessory and indirect participants in violating the law of God; therefore, be it

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Correspondence.

WOMEN PREACHERS.

1. What is a preacher? A person with a message from God. A person who takes the oversight of the church.

2. What are the necessary qualifications for the ministry? (1) Natural ability. Some reason and understanding, (and which is very necessary), a gift of speech on which depends preaching, for without any voice there is no preaching.

Argument against women preachers: 1. Unnatural. To be the person the Methodists need, she must go over the plains up and down hills, across low and high water, through rain and drought; winter and summer, she must go.

must accept his proposal, marry and go to housekeeping.

3. Unscriptural. (1) Must be called of God. (2) Was not called during the Reformation, nor in Christ's day, and I don't believe at the present day.

4. Unwomanly. As a helpmeet for man. (1) By teaching, which is very different from preaching, as you will see from the necessary requirements of a preacher.

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answer? The very reason that his prayer is not answered is positive evidence that the Lord regards him in the proper place, and so continues his case from year to year.

Brother Price may reason very satisfactorily to himself, but until he can convince the Almighty that these prayers should be answered, and the Bishop and his cabinet that they do not understand Methodist polity, and are greatly erring, things will continue in the future as they have in the past.

Brother Price says: "I still contend that many effective men are driven to the necessity of taking a supernumerary relation. Bear in mind, I do not say that they do so unlawfully."

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"ONE BY ONE!"

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not anything made that was made." St. John 1:1-3.

The fourth verse refers to his humanity: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

But of that day and that hour knoweth no man. No, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

This temptation was to induce Christ to distrust the providences of God and use illicit means to procure food to satisfy the cravings of hunger.

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Then the devil leaveth him and angels came and ministered unto him. Christ submitted himself to God—kept within proper limits, therefore the Lord delivered him. He resisted the devil, therefore he left him.

What a strong temptation: to have the offer of all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.

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"Again the devil taketh him up unto an exceeding high mountain; and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them."

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