

Texas Christian Advocate.

Old and Young.

THE SWINGING CHAIR.

Amy Talbot Dunn, in July Wide Awake. Come let us make a swinging chair— And this is how it is: I hold myself my own left wrist, And brother he holds his; We grasp each other's right wrist now And make an even square— And here we have the rockaway, The little swinging chair.

SALLIE AND BIDDIE.

Rev. C. M. Keith, Fairfield, Texas. One of the saddest events in the history of this community occurred on the 4th and 5th of July in the death of little Ruth Obedience and Sallie, her sister, daughters of Rev. A. M. and Mary Richards Eubank. The mother of these two children went to heaven a little over a year ago, when little Ruth Obedience—or "Biddie," as the family called her—was only eight months old, and Sallie was nearly twelve years old.

BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB.

Sallie Joy White, in July Wide Awake. On the first of March, 1887, Miss Sullivan began her duties as a teacher to the little pupil, who was destined, under her training, to become so great a wonder that scientific men from Europe, as well as of this country, would study her as a real intellectual phenomenon.

dom will physical pain make her cry, but she will discover quickly if a friend is hurt or ill or grieved by her conduct, and this knowledge will make her weep bitterly. Mr. Anagnos says that her wonderful faculties are matters beyond us. The ideas of death and burial had never been communicated to her; but taken into a cemetery on account of some beautiful flowers there, she grew pale and grave, and put her little hand upon her teacher's eyes and her mother's and spelled out "cry, cry" and her own eyes filled with tears.

LITTLE WORKERS.

Mrs. C. M. Livingston, in Pansy. Lucy's mother was shelling peas. Lucy was lying on the floor, wishing she had something to do. "Come and help me shell peas," said mamma; so Lucy jumped up, and came over to her mother.

THE CHEERFUL FACE.

Home Visitor. Next to the sunlight of heaven is the cheerful face. There is no mistaking it—the bright eye, the unclouded brow, the sunny smile, all tell of that which dwells within. Who has not felt its electrifying influence? One glance at this face lifts us out of the mists and shadows into the beautiful realm of hope.

THE SABBATH DINNER TABLE.

Christian Observer. "Didn't we have a good sermon?" inquired the eldest son, with all the zest of satisfaction in his tone. "Good!" echoed the father, scornfully, bristling up as usual when the word "sermon" was uttered.

mercury rises and falls with every change in the home atmosphere, dropped his eyes and looked much troubled. All his delight in the plain, strong sermon had been marred, even while listening to it, by the dread that somebody at home would pick flaws in it at the dinner table.

"I'm glad there is one good one," grumbled his next oldest brother. "I had come to the conclusion that you had picked out the hardest and driest parts of the Bible for the lessons. Your teacher is such a poke, with his melancholy voice and solemn face. I don't see how you ever like the lessons."

"He has no more sense about asking questions," continued the big boy. "Your superintendent is a superior man," observed the head of the family. "I noticed in prayer-time how uneasy he was under that long prayer. He couldn't keep his head down through three sentences."

"I didn't go to church this morning, and I don't intend to go to Sabbath-school! A sermon that does no good, a prayer that irritates, dry parts of the Bible to study, and a 'poke' to teach it, have no attractions for me."

The Gatesville District Conference (formerly called Stephenville) was held at Iredell, July 4-7. Our much loved and deservedly popular presiding elder, Rev. E. A. Bailey, was on hand to time and opened the conference with impressive religious service. He presided through the entire session with ability and religious fervor. The session was harmonious and spiritual from first to last. It could be heard on all sides: "This is the most religious district conference I ever attended."

District Conferences.

TYLER DISTRICT. The Tyler District Conference convened in Mineola, July 5th, 1888. Rev. Jno. Adams, D. D., presiding elder, in the chair. There was an average attendance of laymen, and most of the preachers present.

the church represented by them. The following extracts from the reports of committees are given: From report of Committee on Books and Periodicals: "We heartily endorse the action of the Board of Publication in the election of our own Bro. Campbell as editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

Resolved, That every preacher and layman in this body do put forth a special effort to erect family altars among all the church members who are heads of families, and to re-organize the various social meetings of the church and to suppress evil of every kind."

Resolved, That we, as a body of Methodists, discourage the organization of so-called union Sunday-schools.

Resolved 2. That we put forth our best energies to establish Methodist schools at every appointment.

Delegates elected to annual conference: W. W. Webb, local preacher, P. G. Hawkins, D. H. Connally and G. A. Cagle. Alternates: E. J. Lake, J. W. Shuford, C. W. Mallard and R. C. Slagle.

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Bro. Bishop did not come to represent the Mission Board; but in his absence Bro. Mussett did the work well. The collection was \$23.30 for missions. We were glad to welcome among us Prof. R. O. Rounsavall, President of Waco Female College, to represent that flourishing school. No other school was represented either by a delegate or letter.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the annual conference: Rev. R. S. Heizer, J. F. Wright, C. J. J. Zipper, and S. D. McEachern.

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