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LETTER FROM CHINA.

REV. A. P. PARKER.

The China Mission Conference met in Shanghai, Oct. 11, and adjourned Oct. 16. Bishop Wilson was present and presided at every session. He had spent some two months in Japan, and reached China, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and the two new missionaries, Bros. Hendry and Hill, two days before the time appointed for the conference session. His stay with us has been a blessing to us all. His wise counsel and earnest talks in the conference and mission meetings are worth all the expense of time and money necessary for his visit. Such soul stirring sermons as he preached are seldom heard in this part of the world. The Board of Missions can well afford the expense of an episcopal visit to this mission occasionally, if not yearly, when such good results follow as in the present case. No resident Bishop could do us anything like the good that one fresh from home can do. Mrs. Wilson's visit has also been productive of much good to all of us, and especially to the ladies. The members of the conference were all present except three of the (Chinese) lay delegates. The proceedings were conducted in English and interpreted, where necessary, for the benefit of the Chinese members. The regular order of business of an annual conference was followed, and the conference adjourned from time to time for the purpose of holding mission meetings to make estimates for the expenses of the work for the year 1889-90.

The ladies' meetings were held in the afternoon of each day, and by special invitation from the members of the conference attended their meetings as far as practicable.

One preacher, Li Ty Ni, was received on trial. Two others applied for admission on trial, but as there was some irregularity in their applications, they could not be received, and they will have to hold over till the next session of the conference. Three men were received into full connection—W. B. Burke, J. L. Hendry and C. J. Soon. W. B. Burke was ordained deacon, and he and J. L. Hendry were ordained elders. M. B. Hill was received by transfer from the Little Rock Conference. Our conference now numbers ten members in full connection. May we never have our number depleted again in such a manner as when the Lamberts and Dukes were transferred to Japan and Royal and Gimbleford returned to America. I trust the difficulty in this mission that caused the men to leave has been effectually settled at our recent meeting, and will never arise to trouble us again and cause the loss of our men.

Reports from the work show progress in every department. Though our progress is apparently slow, yet there is no doubt that it is sure, and we have reason to thank God and take courage. There are now 281 members belonging to our church in China, and increase of fifty-nine for the past year.

We have thirty-six schools, three altogether under our care now, including those belonging to the Woman's Board, with a total of 560 pupils in them. Two churches, one in Shanghai, and the other in Szechow, supported their native pastors the past year and paid all the running expenses of the churches. Besides this the native and foreign members contributed some \$715 for conference missions, and \$170 for foreign missions, and \$30 for the Bishop's fund. The amount contributed for conference missions was appropriated by our Conference Board of Missions to opening up a new station in the city of Chang Shuh and to the support of an Anglo Chinese school in Sung-Kiang. Of the whole amount thus contributed, the 296 native members gave some \$270.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shanghai District.

- C. F. REID, P. E.
- Shanghai Station—C. F. Reid, two to be supplied by S. L. H. and T. M. Young.
- College Station—Y. J. Allen, Tsai Pan circuit, to be supplied by Dong Moh-san.
- Sung Kiang Circuit—W. B. Burke, two to be supplied by Dzung Yong; King and Dong Sait-seng.
- Nansiang Circuit—M. B. Hill, two to be supplied by Dzung Ding-san and Seng Yuen-pai.
- Anglo-Chinese College—Y. J. Allen, President; W. B. Bonnell, Professor.
- Szechow District.
- D. L. ANDERSON, P. E.
- Szechow Station—A. P. Parker.
- Szechow Circuit—J. L. Hendry, G. R. Locher.
- Kiwen-shan Circuit—C. J. Soon.
- Loh-Jeh Circuit—To be supplied by Tsa Von-sang.
- Jang Yeh Circuit—Li Ty Ni.
- Dong Li Circuit and Hospital Chapel—C. K. Marshall.
- Buffington Institute—A. P. Parker, Principal.
- Szechow, Oct. 24, 1888.

FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL.

REV. W. H. HUGHES.

At the last North Texas Conference, amid the hurry and confusion of the last evening session, a wise resolution to let the time of the assembling of the same gradually fall back from November to April was voted down and the old time of meeting retained. I say I think it was a wise resolution, because I believe the change would contribute to the best interest of both the church and the

preachers. This is a subject of such importance as to require thought and prayer upon the part of all concerned, and ought not to be accepted or rejected by a mere love of the old time or a simple desire for change. Hence I propose by this article in the beginning of the year to bring the matter before the preachers and people so that they may mutually deliberate upon it, and at our next session vote on it after mature reflection. I prefer April to November.

1. Because it is well known that we have much of our worst weather in Texas beginning in or before November, and that bad weather during our annual conference destroys much of the pleasure and profit of the occasion. For years past our annual sessions have been marred by bad weather, and of little pleasure or benefit to the good people where they were held, whose hospitality we were sharing, all because the weather was so inclement that the people could not attend. Those who have attended our conferences for years past will remember at Gainesville we had a big snow; at McKinney it was freezing cold, and at Honey Grove and Denison we had mud and slush generally. April is one of the most pleasant months in the year, and would make the conference occasion a red-letter day to the people and church where it is held.

2. In April the mud is dried up and the weather is good, so that the preacher can move with less discomfort to our women and children. I have seen wife and babies shiver in these winter moves as I hope never to see again. In November, if at the close of conference the weather is cold and the roads muddy, the preacher cannot defer his move, because he knows both will grow worse by such delay; but not so with the opening spring.

3. When we are sent to a new work in the winter the roads and weather are in such a condition that we have no congregations, and we can get acquainted with but few people until spring, so that our young converts of the preceding summer and fall are practically without a pastor during the Christmas dances and regenns, the very time of all others when they most need the tender care of the loving pastor, through whose instrumentality they were converted. Much of the apostasy of our young converts might and could be prevented by the proposed change.

4. We prefer spring instead of winter as a time to move because it is the beginning of warm weather, the season of the year in which we can live most cheaply, and by fall the preacher can learn all about things, and lay in his wood and winter provisions to much better advantage than he could as a stranger in a strange land amid the storms and gloom of bleak winter.

5. From a fiscal standpoint it certainly would be a wise change. June is the end of the fiscal year in the United States government. In conformity to this wise rule our church has made the first of May the end of our connectional year. There must be reason for all this, one of which is—it gives time for sowing, reaping and selling, and the winter affords ample opportunity for the adjustment of all financial concerns, and enables them to take an account of the stock in store, and, like nature, begin a new year of production. While money is not our primary object, yet it is indispensable in church as well as state affairs, and is not unwise in us to stop the year in two for two months in the year in going to and from conference and moving to our fields of labor just at the time of the best financial season upon us, and thereby losing golden opportunities for collections for all conference claims as well as for parsonages and church buildings.

One objection urged on the conference floor at Denison was that in the spring there would be no money in the country and the preachers would get nothing until fall. We answer this by simply stating a fact known and read by every Methodist preacher. Our present year ending just as the people begin to realize on their crops, they pay the whole year's dues just as we start to conference so that the first of the new year is so close on the heels of the last quarter of the old year, it is almost a blank and every presiding elder knows that the second quarter, which is in the spring, pays more money than any except the fourth.

Another objection was that we would not be able to plant a garden if we moved in April. This we might answer by reminding brethren that our work is not horticultural but ecclesiastical. We are not called to raise vegetables but to save souls. The apostles did not stop to serve table. About nine-tenths of our charges have parsonages, and Bishop Duncan is credited with saying that no preacher should move out of one without planting a tree or a flower for the comfort of his successor; and we might add, he could plant a garden for his successor should he be moved.

Finally, let me say that I believe the most fruitful reason why so many of our young converts apostatize is because they are, during the festivities of the first winter after they join our church, thrown under the pastoral charge of a strange preacher with whom they have no sym-

pathy and who can have no personal sympathy with them. This unfortunate state of affairs will continue just as long as we change our preachers in the fall. But if we can go to our work in the spring we will meet with good congregations on our first round so that we and our people can readily become acquainted. Large congregations at the start will inspire the preacher to his best efforts in the pulpit, and thus draw the people to him at once, and thereby the best interest of the whole church is subserved and all ride upon the rising tide of returning life, both in nature and religion. And when the gloom of winter shall have come he will have been so well acquainted that he can, in pastoral work at the homes of his flock, make up for the many failures in pulpit work caused by inclement weather and bad roads.

THE HOME CONFERENCES.

Personal.

—The postoffice of Rev. J. B. Denton is Llano, Texas.

—D. W. Gambrell, of Gainesville, made us a pleasant call this week.

—Rev. W. E. Clark requests his correspondents to address him at 719 North Maxey street, Sherman, Texas.

—We are indebted to Revs. C. H. Ellis, G. W. Swinford, C. I. McWhorter, C. G. Shutt, Taylor and H. M. Glass, for pleasant calls.

—The Rev. W. H. LeFevre, who has been detained in the city with his family for several days by sickness, is, we are glad to say, rapidly improving.

—W. W. Pinson, San Antonio, Dec. 4: Rev. E. B. Chappell is now Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Texas Conference. Send all missionary money to him at Austin hereafter, both foreign and domestic.

—The Trustees appointed by the East Texas Conference to control the preachers' aid fund are: U. B. Phillips, W. A. Sampay, G. A. Lester, L. Alexander, J. R. Hearst, T. S. Garrison and Jas. Turner.

—The Rev. L. Z. T. Morris, presiding elder on Calvert district, has been appointed by Gov. Ross a delegate to the Southern Immigration Convention, which meets in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 12.

—Capt. Ben McCullough, for many years in the penitentiary at Huntsville, has been removed by the governor to the reformatory at Gainesville. It may be necessary to say, that in each case he acts in the capacity of a superintendent.

—The Gospel fire still burns in the heart of the Rev. Stanford, one of the superannuates of the Northwest Texas Conference. He begins the new conference year with the determination to preach as much as possible this year.

—E. B. Chappell, Austin, Dec. 4: Rev. W. W. Pinson, of San Antonio, was elected Treasurer of the Missionary Board at the close of West Texas conference. He is at his post and will not object to being bothered with correspondence in the Advocate.

—The preacher who serves the Huk circuit, being domiciled so near the State Prison, should identify be on his P's and Q's; but the Rev. J. T. Smith having been returned there the fourth time will not be expected to conform rigidly to the rules of P. and Q. etiquette.

—Rocky Mountain Methodist: Rev. J. G. Putnam goes from Sterling, Colorado, to Lampasas, Texas. His sermon at Morrison, Texas just before his departure for Texas left an impression that will make him remembered with love.

—Our Shaw seems to be entirely unable to recover from the middle he got into at the North West Texas Conference. Will some brother from that conference explain? What sort of candidates will S. K. keep while at Weatherford.

—John Holpenstall, Mt. Enterprise, Dec. 4: Rev. J. N. Bridges, who was for several years a member of the East Texas Conference, died at his home near Pine Hill, in this county, last Sunday night and was buried yesterday. A suitable obituary will doubtless be prepared and appear in the Advocate.

—The following card received at this office will throw light on the mysterious secret referred to by the Nashville: "Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Owen request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Rev. J. D. Street, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 7 p. m., Elm Street Church, Nashville, Tenn."

—Nashville Advocate: Rev. J. D. Scott, formerly of the Tennessee Conference, now of Texas, where he is doing good work for Christ and the church, is now among his old friends in Nashville, from whom he receives a warm welcome. If a rumor that has reached the editorial sanctum be well founded, his return trip to Texas will be less lonely than his exiling.

—Willis Index: Rev. B. J. Guess, for the past twelve months pastor of the Methodist Church of this place, left Tuesday evening to attend the annual conference of his church, which convened at Huntsville, Wednesday morning. Mr. Guess has served his people faithfully and well, and many regret that he was not returned to this work for another conference year.

—Cleburne Enterprise: Rev. Mr. Collard, the newly appointed pastor of the M. E. Church, south, and family, arrived in this city Thursday. The ladies of the Methodist Church prepared a most sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner at the parsonage, and the newcomers were received and entertained as guests by the ladies, and all had a most enjoyable time.

—San Saba News: Rev. T. F. Dimmitt held Thanksgiving service at the Methodist Church yesterday morning. His sermon was full of interesting statistics in regard to the progress made by the American people during the past few centuries, all of which were properly attributed to the blessings of a beneficent providence. His words of warning were timely and well received.

—Labor Organ, Wills' Point: Rev. J. B. Adair, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church here, was transferred to the Queen (city) circuit of the Jefferson district for the next year. It was the earnest desire of the church and the public generally, that he be returned another year, but it was ordered differently. Bro. Adair is an able preacher, a true Christian, an earnest worker, and a devoted and faithful servant of the Master. He carries with him to his new field of labor the prayers of the church and the best wishes of the entire community.

—At the last meeting of the West Texas Conference Rev. W. J. Joyce, of San Marcos, was assigned to the Beville and Rockport circuit. After noting the above fact the Richmond Democrat in a late issue said: "Mr. Joyce is known among his old comrades of the war as the 'fighting preacher,' and it is told of him that on one occasion, when he and a few companions were surprised by a few

Union soldiers as they were crossing a 'corn-field,' that the preacher should drop on his knees and pray for them, and that the new people, rendered our praise and thanksgiving to God for the grace that had inspired this Christian warrior. I find that such preachers are made of the right kind of material."

—Timpson Times: "Rev. S. H. Nettles, pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, and Rev. T. P. Smith and wife, presiding elder of this district, left for the annual conference last week. The many friends of these able and devoted Christian ministers sincerely hope that they may be successful. If, however, they are not returned, but are sent to other fields of labor, may their hands be strong to gather the harvest, and may the love, esteem and best wishes of the whole church."

—Centerville Democrat: "We are glad to learn that the annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, that assembled at Huntsville on the 29th of last month, appointed Rev. J. A. Levens as acceptable pastor of this pastor of this circuit during the past year to fill out another ecclesiastical term of service, and we are also gratified to learn that such a worthy appointment has been made to the pastorate of St. James' Church, at Gainesville, as the Rev. Seth Ward, a native born citizen of this county, and a member of those best acquainted with his character and standing as a Christian gentleman."

—The Weatherford Times says: Dr. James Mackey, D. D., the new Methodist minister, arrived here yesterday, and being met at the depot by a reception committee, a most agreeable surprise awaited him and his wife. The good ladies in anticipation of their new minister's arrival had gone to work in a body and completely renovated, refitted and re-furnished every apartment of the building, and after a most cordial reception given the doctor and family they were ushered into the pleasant parsonage which they occupy. The preparation of which evinced culinary skill and artistic taste of the highest order on the part of the ladies in charge, was served in a most elegant and comfortable manner. The good ladies will prove valuable additions to Weatherford society, in whose circle they will certainly meet with a most cordial welcome.

—Texarkana. R. M. Powers, Dec. 8: This is a growing, pushing town, and I will like it, and give them the best work there is in me.

—Comanche. Snaa J. Franks, Dec. 7: This scribe finds himself in his new quarters and among as kind a people as ever a man served perhaps. Many tokens of appreciation have been shown us, not only in words but in deeds, God bless them.

—Kerens, Texas. Geo. W. Riley: I reached my circuit in time for the 4th Sunday in November, and have been visiting the membership constantly since that week. The outlook is somewhat promising, notwithstanding the hard timidity of the people.

—Colorado. J. H. Wiseman, Dec. 5: Soon after conference we left Anson, our old work, and came to Colorado. At the depot we found two of the faithful waiting, who conducted us to our new home, where we found a comfortable night's rest, through the kindness of the Christian woman of the church at this place. We want to build a parsonage soon. May the Lord bless the church at Colorado.

—Beeville. E. F. Boone, Dec. 4: Reached this place with my family last Thursday; found a few friends at the parsonage putting things in order for our comfort. On the table was an elegant supper, which supplied several other needs. Our beds were in a general way comfortable. Other preachers may be received with largesse, covering a wider range of good things, but few will be received with beautiful homes abundantly. Bro. Wallace is our territory circuit. God is good, and his people are kind here as elsewhere, and we pray for grace to love and serve both.

—Marathon, Mexico. J. D. Seagraves, Nov. 15: Results of eleven months labors on Sinaloa mission, where no missionary had ever labored before: There are four congregations established; one class of converts with 218 members; 185 candidates or probationers; an average of 500 people hear the Gospel monthly; \$160 worth of books have been sold; a thousand of more than 200 tracts have been distributed; 2500 letters mailed; 22,500 collected for missions; \$450 for church expenses; \$434 for other benevolent purposes; 3500 people are under the influence of the Gospel; one hundred and eighty sermons preached by the preacher in charge and seven by the presiding elder. The outcome at this time is a general revival and a moving. We have been having a quiet revival spirit for two months, which still abides with us. Pray for us.

—Ladonia. C. N. Rigan, Dec. 5: We are costly enmeshed in the parsonage. It is the first year at a station. Some fear the child cannot walk alone, but judging from the manner of our reception, fears are groundless. Last Friday evening the Presbyterian bell began to ring, followed by the Methodist, and it was neither fire nor flood, but culinariness, and some had their own ideas as to what was going on. In behalf of the ladies that the company miscellany had a deep meaning of cordial welcome and through co-operation, a "ladies' society" was organized, and a splendid offering officers: Mrs. Scott, President; Mrs. Nelson, Vice President; Miss Olesby, Secretary, and Miss Stephens, Treasurer. The first object would occur to us, and under the parsonage thoroughly neat and comfortable. God bless the work of the women all over the land!

—Donito. B. B. Seagraves, Dec. 3: The Donito Mission is coming to the front. We have been on the mission eighteen months, and started with eighteen members; to-day we have 61 on our roll. Some of them when we came to the work had not heard a sermon in ten years and when we told them we wanted them to come to church they said they were not coming, but they did come, and some were converted, and now one of them is a worker for the Lord and steward in the church and will work for the preacher. But that is not all yet, for attention was called to the ringing of a bell last Saturday night and on inquiry we found that it was at the church calling us. So the ladies were called, and they were looking for us as we were in our shoes, with flour, sugar, rice, hominy, soap, and such other things as they could get, and some nice presents for the wife and child, and a great deal more to numerous to mention.

—Cleburne. J. H. Collard, Jr., Dec. 7: Myself and family arrived here on the 12:30 train on Thanksgiving Day, and were met at the depot by Bro. Morton and a deputation from the Ladies' Aid Society. They escorted us to a room at the depot where we were driven to the parsonage, where we found the ladies all in force. A warm fire was burning in the family room in a fireplace, and another in a nice parlour, and the whole was so comfortable, we could see at a glance the evidences of Christian thoughtfulness and hospitality. There was a stove in every room but one, and that was a chimney to barrels, wash-stands, bedsteads, carpets in the parlor and dining room, with another being made for the family-room, and what still more to the preacher's liking—glass fronted case for his books. Chairs, rockers and dining-room furniture were plentiful, but upon this occasion the ladies had not stopped with the formalities alone, for they immediately invited us in to a real "thanksgiving dinner." After

dinner we assembled in the parlor, read the 111th Psalm, sang "How Firm a Foundation," and then the old pastor and the new people, rendered our praise and thanksgiving to God for the grace that had inspired this Christian warrior. I find that such preachers are made of the right kind of material."

Gainesville. W. R. D. Stockton: It is due the good people of Gainesville to say they have learned the art of making their pastors feel at home among them, judging by the way they have received this scribe. We reached here by rail last night, and were met by one of the stewards at the depot with a carriage; conveyed to his house and well entertained until next day, when we were conveyed to the parsonage where we awaited a goodly company and a magnificent dinner. We found the parsonage neat and nicely furnished throughout, with everything we could desire to make us comfortable. The church is also well furnished. The town wears an appearance of neatness and business seems lively, and we look healthy, and everything seems cheerful and happy. I had a membership of 175, and have nearly 150 in addition to my members, making 150. I hope this will be a year of general prosperity throughout the whole church and wish great success to the Advocate.

—Cleburne. S. L. Walker: We are glad to make notice of the fact that the spirituality of the Methodist Church of this place is not by any means dead. Our newly appointed pastor, Bro. J. H. Collard, was greeted with a large and attentive congregation on last Sabbath morning to hear his introductory sermon. In his discourse he cleared the way for the coming year's work. Bro. Collard is small in stature, but brave as a lion. Every one who came away delighted, and only too anxious to return again at night. And so a large and attentive congregation returned and were fed on the silver milk of the Word. The spirituality of the church was well demonstrated by the actions of all the members present in re-organization of the church, and in the service of the Master for the coming year. After a reconsecration of the pastor then called for seekers of religion. There being several present who had caught the inspiration from the pastor, who came among us fired with the Holy Spirit, at once arose and asked an interest in the prayers of the Christian people.

—Abilene. C. S. McCarver, Dec. 8: I will not tell you everything about Abilene or our church, but tell you that we are getting along very nicely just now. The people may be showing their kindness just to keep up a good name, but if so, they are sustaining it now. They are showing their kindness in every way, and I would say that they are spontaneously praising us, but I am afraid I would fail to represent the affair. Our membership is increasing every Sunday. Our music is proving to be equally too small for our congregation; in fact, it will not hold our membership, and we are considering the prospect of this place. Bro. Abo is a very busy man, and his wife, so many know, (and by the way we have been trying to get a report of the meeting in the Advocate, but have failed so far) it was in last issue. Bro. J. spent two weeks with us, and we had a great time of it on the account of the presence of some of our young people, and a large number of converts, sixty additions to our church, according to spiritual awakenings among our church members, and we are in the working order; in fact, we are all getting on very well. Bro. Abo is a good worker, and a safe man every way. If a brother wants help from among men, Abo is a good one to have. May God bless him abundantly. Bro. Wallace is our first round of quarterly meetings. I think his preachers are at their posts, and the outlook for the district was never so hopeful. The end of the year is yet, but the prospects for the West are flattering. Emigrants are coming in every day to grow up the country, I suppose. May God bless the editor and make him a great power for good through our Advocate to all the churches.

—Laredo. C. J. Oxley, Dec. 3: Our appointment to this charge was a genuine surprise, but obedient to the powers that be, we boxed up our things as quickly as possible and boarded the train for this distant place at about two hundred and sixty miles from our former work (Cuero). We arrived late at night, but found brethren waiting with conveyance for our baggage and a night at the hotel. The sudden turn of affairs that had landed us on the frontier of Texas. Soon after arrival, we called up to the Laredo Seminary to preach the first of the series. This school is under the control of the Woman's Board of Missions. They have Miss Holding in charge of it, who is assisted by a most efficient and devoted corps of teachers. We are glad to note its prosperous condition and to find its noble work so highly appreciated. God be with them in their labor. A few days after our arrival we were startled at suddenly hearing a bang at our door the colovoy. "Praise God from whom," etc. Knowing open the door and a wild noise, and a man in a denominational of the city, led by Dr. Simpson, chaplain U.S.A., and Rev. W. Moore, pastor Baptist Church, entered and unceremoniously took possession. And then Bro. Abo can describe such a scene. Suffice it to say that half an hour later (with rather heavy pistols as to how it all happened) we found ourselves surrounded a great heap of things made up of the necessaries and luxuries of life. We were delighted with the friendly spirit displayed on this occasion. God grant that it may always continue, and that should to slouder we may press forward until Laredo submits to Jesus our King, and in the fact that we have a hard job to labor in, but our cordial welcome gives us courage and we thank God for opportunity to be some part in the great work to be done for the Master here. Bro. Abo pray for us.

—Fantoto. A. F. Cox, Dec. 5: The great iron wheel of the Methodist itinerancy is wonderful, mysterious and sometimes dream-like. Sitting in the midst of this wheel and ineffectually watching its intricate motion, observing the influence of the Sabbath and other evil agencies by furnishing an attractive resort for young men, and to bring them into the churches. How maintained by men and women of every religious belief who have at heart the welfare of young men. Month by month, two classes of young men come in, and are members of evangelistic churches. The \$5.00 in advance. A person is received by filling out an application blank and paying his fee.

—Albany. W. D. Robinson, Dec. 1: There is nothing more cheering to the heart of the itinerant than to meet a warm-hearted informal reception upon the part of his people on returning to serve them again. Such was the experience of this scribe and his family on returning from conference. The members of the church and Sunday-school, with many members of the other churches, and persons of no church membership, assembled at the residence of a neighbor, and in due time, headed by Bro. L. M. Kremer, the Sunday-school Superintendent, and a deputation to the parsonage. The parlor, hall and other rooms were a little crowded, to be sure, but the evening was passed most enjoyably, and all felt the oppression of years, songs and instrumental music by the young, interspersed by recitations, reading, and prayer, all of present, by Miss Lucie Manning, Master John Lanier and Mr. Gullidge. A solo was sung by Miss Holcomb, accompanied by Miss Manning. Songs, which had been prepared by the conspirators, were given on occasion. When time for a journal had arrived we resolved the whole into a happy family and conducted with us, and held a night to many happy hearts and smiling faces. With regard to substantial expression, it is sufficient to say every want seemed to have been anticipated, and everything on the family was remembered with just such articles of clothing as were needed for the winter and a nice medicine prepared by our popular Dr. Powell. My pocket I have never liked pouncing much, but a few more like experiences would bias me decided. I have never received a larger and more generous tender dollar check and a five-dollar bill and other similar affairs were among the fatalities.

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perched under the hospitable roof of Bro. B. J. Willis, one of the pioneers who settled here in 1832, and I had a most enjoyable dinner, peaceful home, stores and shops, steam-mills, a handsome college edifice built of the native stone, and a house where the people assemble to discuss the words of the wise and the good fathers. And into one fact with the greatest satisfaction—there is no devil's workshop in the form of a saloon, and no gambling, and God forbid that ever this peaceful valley should feel the withering touch of this monster curse of our otherwise glorious country.

—Anson. D. C. Stark, Dec. 3: At the late session of the annual conference this preacher was appointed to Anson. Came home from conference and began to fix up for the move, but we could get ready by the 11th of Nov. and the rains descended, and kept on descending until we became fearful that we would not move at all. However, we started and "the rain descended" on us again and another time. After about four days hard travel we got to our destination late Saturday night, the 1st inst. Our night was most enjoyable, and during the journey and scarcely knew where to go. Kind friends met us, late as the hour was, and cared for us for the night. Next day was the Sabbath. Early in the morning we went to the parsonage, which had been fixed up for our coming, and spent the day as usual. And now the scene changes. This evening at about 6 o'clock the brethren and sisters and friends of the church in Anson and surrounding country began to arrive, and in parsonage, some on foot, some in buggies and hacks, and gave this preacher a genuine greeting. Shall I try and tell what they brought? Well, it was a fine turkey, sugar, coffee, butter, eggs, rice, dried fruit, sweet and Irish potatoes, canned goods, turnips, fresh butter, cranberries, and what was a year of general prosperity throughout the whole church and wish great success to the Advocate.

—Cleburne. S. L. Walker: We are glad to make notice of the fact that the spirituality of the Methodist Church of this place is not by any means dead. Our newly appointed pastor, Bro. J. H. Collard, was greeted with a large and attentive congregation on last Sabbath morning to hear his introductory sermon. In his discourse he cleared the way for the coming year's work. Bro. Collard is small in stature, but brave as a lion. Every one who came away delighted, and only too anxious to return again at night. And so a large and attentive congregation returned and were fed on the silver milk of the Word. The spirituality of the church was well demonstrated by the actions of all the members present in re-organization of the church, and in the service of the Master for the coming year. After a reconsecration of the pastor then called for seekers of religion. There being several present who had caught the inspiration from the pastor, who came among us fired with the Holy Spirit, at once arose and asked an interest in the prayers of the Christian people.

—Abilene. C. S. McCarver, Dec. 8: I will not tell you everything about Abilene or our church, but tell you that we are getting along very nicely just now. The people may be showing their kindness just to keep up a good name, but if so, they are sustaining it now. They are showing their kindness in every way, and I would say that they are spontaneously praising us, but I am afraid I would fail to represent the affair. Our membership is increasing every Sunday. Our music is proving to be equally too small for our congregation; in fact, it will not hold our membership, and we are considering the prospect of this place. Bro. Abo is a very busy man, and his wife, so many know, (and by the way we have been trying to get a report of the meeting in the Advocate, but have failed so far) it was in last issue. Bro. J. spent two weeks with us, and we had a great time of it on the account of the presence of some of our young people, and a large number of converts, sixty additions to our church, according to spiritual awakenings among our church members, and we are in the working order; in fact, we are all getting on very well. Bro. Abo is a good worker, and a safe man every way. If a brother wants help from among men, Abo is a good one to have. May God bless him abundantly. Bro. Wallace is our first round of quarterly meetings. I think his preachers are at their posts, and the outlook for the district was never so hopeful. The end of the year is yet, but the prospects for the West are flattering. Emigrants are coming in every day to grow up the country, I suppose. May God bless the editor and make him a great power for good through our Advocate to all the churches.

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THE HOLIDAYS.

The holidays are close at hand. Visions of the festivities and enjoyments of the day already occupy the minds of thousands of our land.

Invitations have been, and are being, sent to the members of the family and friends, and the absent ones are anxiously contemplating the home gathering in which to share, trouble and expense as no object.

Do not the sorrow-stricken homes—the impoverished homes—the wan cheek of the widow, the sad look of the fatherless, the desolation of the orphan, appeal to our utmost sympathy and love.

In our love, what would we not bestow on our Lord and Savior, were he here among us! But he is not, in person, with us, but his friends are; even those very near akin to him are here.

At the great Thanksgiving and reading of the law, at the completion of the restoration of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah, in sending the people to their homes to feast and rejoice, in his kind thoughtfulness he said: Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared.

"Go and do thou likewise," is the loving command of Him, who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich.

How truly we sing: "There are lonely hearts to cherish, While the days are going by; There are weary souls who perish, While the days are going by."

AMICUS HOMANI GENERIS.

CALEB'S REPLY TO JOSHUA, OR "ALL IN A FOG."

After duly praising the original Joshua, Caleb proceeds to lay some blame at the door of "this new Joshua." He charges him with a want of courage, as shown in not answering his letter till it was out of date.

have been received. Perhaps had he remembered or known these and consequent facts, he would not have made this charge; and some other things, may be so, would have remained "in his inkstand."

Note his closing words—for the last shall be first. He says: "You are fully able," while the true Caleb did and would still say, "We are fully able; let us go up and possess the land."

He accuses me of finding an "obnoxious" statement in his letter. What made him think so? I did not say so. I simply took what I was pleased to term "his text," and used it as a good text; so stated. No, the obnoxious part seems to have been what I said—obnoxious to him perhaps because it struck a tender place.

He says that "that part of New Mexico named in the Discipline as a part of the Mexican Border Mission was now in the West Texas Conference," was affirmed in one of his letters and rendered my correction "out of place."

He accuses me of writing a two column article to make that correction, showing that he, in his great confusion, thought that was the object of my writing, whereas it was plainly an incident, and occupied in a separate paragraph only three and five-eighths inches.

I said in my letter (I say above) that "his text was good." I said, and still say, that "the old plan was good." He states this and quotes correctly my questions and answers.

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JOSHUA (alias J. D. SCOTT'S)

THE TRUE GENIUS OF GIVING.

That was a noble answer of David to Araunah. David had gone to rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing floor of Araunah, and the large-hearted man had offered food, oxen and fuel for the sacrifice, free of cost. But David was

the brother emphasized the correct statement, just so as to bring out the force of his own idea—that we did not reverse the plan in that field, as his advice would lead one to suppose, and hence said advice was not timely, and yet did not see the point, or saw it and was in for dodging.

But the funniest part of the whole thing is that he says that I laid the blame of this failure to universally adopt the old plan "at the door of his conference in general, and at his and his presiding elder's door in particular."

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THE COLORED METHODISTS.

The West Texas Conference of the Colored Methodist Church in America met in the city of Dallas November 28th, 1888, in its seventeenth session, Bishop Lane presiding. The Bishop opened the conference with religious services, followed by an address which was listened to with marked attention.

MINUTES OF EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The minutes of the East Texas Conference will be printed in Tyler, in a few weeks. In order that each may receive his portion when published, the local preachers will be expected to send their post office address to the Rev. John Adams, D. D., of Tyler, immediately.

THE PREACHERS' AID BOARD OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The existence of this board is perhaps not generally known in Texas. The object of the present writer is to give notice of its existence and to explain its purpose. A profound conviction has long been held by many of our best preachers and laymen, that the support of our superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers, as provided for in our Book of Discipline, is greatly inadequate.

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place to the other, passes through another State, is interstate commerce, and subject to regulation by the provisions of the act to regulate commerce. "In determining what are reasonable rates the fact that a road earns little more than operating expenses is not to be overlooked, but it cannot be made to justify grossly excessive rates. Wherever there are more roads than the business at their rates will remunerate, they must rely upon future earnings for the return of investment or profits."

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 5.—J. C. Moore, sub: Z. Parker, sub; A. P. Taylor, sub; Z. B. Graves, sub; W. W. Henderson, sub; C. G. Shutt, sub; F. J. Perrin, sub; W. F. Brisson, sub; W. H. Stephenson, sub; J. D. Davis, sub; did not understand that matter, and it was done before your note came. J. F. Denton, sub; J. S. Tunnell, sub; W. H. Vaughan, sub; W. F. Brisson, sub; J. W. Hill, sub; B. J. Thomas, sub. Dec. 6.—A. C. Benson, sub; J. P. Childers, sub; H. H. Hart, sub; J. H. Neeley, sub; J. K. Lane, sub; J. J. Harris, sub; W. W. Pinson, sub; J. W. Vest, sub; C. H. Smith, sub; R. M. Leaton, sub. Dec. 7.—J. B. Sears, sub; J. G. Walker, sub; W. J. Harris, sub; J. B. Guber, sub; H. G. Rogers, sub; J. H. Wiseman, sub; J. M. Smith, sub; J. M. McKee, sub; N. A. Keen, sub; F. S. Jackson, sub. Dec. 8.—C. M. Copedge, sub; J. B. Guber, sub; S. S. Scott, sub; J. P. Perrin, sub; Geo. H. Plair, sub; E. S. Boyd, sub; W. J. Joyce, sub; J. E. Vinson, sub; E. F. Boone, sub; W. H. Terry, will make full; thought you an "egg". Dec. 9.—E. T. Bates, sub; H. P. Shradler, sub; J. P. Rogers, sub; J. O. Joran, sub; B. F. Badgett, sub; W. R. D. Stockton, sub; F. O. Faver, sub; J. B. Guber, sub; C. V. Oswalt, sub; W. J. Larkin, sub; W. A. Ghilard, sub; S. Crutfield, sub; S. W. Rogers, sub.

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20 Questions. Topics of the Day.

Should Dakota remain a Territory? See "Dakota," by P. F. McCLURE, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for February, 1889.

What is the meaning of the discussion about "the spirit of unrest" in the religious world? See "The Clergy and the Times," by Archdeacon MACAN-SMITH, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889.

What is the matter with Ireland? Read, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889, "Manufacturing Industry in Ireland," by Mr. Commissioner MACCAHITY.

Upon whom has the mantle of George Eliot fallen? See CONSTANCE FENIMORE WOOLSON'S serial story, "Jupiter Lights," in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What are the prospects of Russia in case of a European war? Read a paper on the Russian Army, by a Russian General, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What has Ruskin done for modern life and thought? See articles by ANNE THACKERAY RITCHIE and Dr. CHARLES WALDSTEIN, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What does amateur photography amount to? See "Modern Amateur Photography," by F. C. BEACH, Ph.D., in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889.

Who talk the best English? Read "Colloquial English," by Professor A. S. HILL, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for January, 1889.

Where are the most graceful and sympathetic essays on our modern life to be found? See the "Editor's Easy Chair," by GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

What is the real condition of the Russian people? See "A Russian Village: an Artist's Sketch," by VASSILI VERESHCHAGIN, with illustrations by the author, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What are the characteristics of life at a great imperial court? Read, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889, two papers on "Social and Court Life in Russia," by VICENTE EGUES MELCHIOR DE VOGUE, one of the "Forty Immortals."

Why do art collectors frequent the Hotel Drouot? See "Hotel Drouot," by THEODORE CHILD, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for February, 1889.

Does Canada want to be annexed? See article on the Dominion of Canada, by CHARLES FREDERICK WALKER, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for March, 1889.

Has Sir Walter Scott lost his charm for this generation? To be answered by the reception which the public gives to "Abbotsford," a description (never before published) by SIR WALTER SCOTT, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

Why did England undertake the Sikh expedition just ended? See "Nepaul, the Land of the Goorkhas," by HENRY BALLANTINE, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for February, 1889.

What are the present tendencies of literature? Read the "Editor's Study" by WILLIAM HOWKINS, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

Is the "Nebular Hypothesis" tenable? See "The Origin of Celestial Species," by Professor NATHAN S. LORRY, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

What degree of development has been reached in Norway? See three papers entitled, "Norway and its People," by EDWIN A. LITTLE, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

Have the riches of Shakespeare been exhausted by artists and critics? See EDWIN A. ARDEN'S illustrations of Shakespeare's "Comedies and accompanying text by ANTHONY LANG, in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for 1889.

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Devotional.

THE LAKE AMONG THE HILLS.

I love a lake among the hills,
Serenely bright, and full and free;
Unfaded by any mountain hills,

Its molten surface gives the sky
Its softest sapphire beauty back;
And when the storm comes scudding by,

From secret sources, stowed away
Beneath its own sweet water, flows
The unseen strength that day by day,

Oh, for a nature like the lake's
A gleam amid our summer hills!
That gives ungrudging its own, nor takes;

It takes character to say "No."
I have a friend who says the first thing
she would teach a boy, if she had one,

"Better be sure than sorry."
"I do not think there is need of covering
the flower-beds to night. I do not believe

To the cavils of the skeptic and
the sneer of the scorner, who do not believe
because they do not understand, or think

Francis of Assisi once stepped down
into the cloisters of his monastery,
and laying his hand on the shoulder of a

God is always ready to listen to our
cry; yet He sometimes sees it best to
withhold the conscious response to our

thing beyond mere present satisfaction;
his eye is fixed upon real intellectual
advantage—that which comes through
patience, and sometimes trying, experiences.

So it is with God in the higher realm of
of spiritual attainments. There is
something better in His view than our

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in
himself that virtue had gone out of
him, turned Him about in the press, and

It may be a difference for us, as of
life or death, between touching Jesus
and throbbing him. The multitude

But that careless woman who
thronged the Lord, only eager to gratify
her curiosity, and to see what new

Success in this world comes only to
those who exhibit determination. Can
we hope for salvation unless our mind

It make no difference unto us whether
the inventor of the telephone is a
religious man or not; whether he profanes

AT SOUL WAIT THOU.
God is always ready to listen to our
cry; yet He sometimes sees it best to

MUSTANG LINIMENT
CURES FOOT ROT, SHOULDER-ROT,
SCREW-WORM AND SCAB IN SHEEP!

I ought to be most impatient with myself.
Sometimes I am discouraged in the task,
and think it is not worth my while to

TOUCHING JESUS.
"And Jesus, immediately knowing in
himself that virtue had gone out of

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Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly
Father to take from our midst our beloved
brother, JOHN WILCOX, to wit:

LAWRENCE.—On the morning of Nov. 15,
1888, at the residence of her grand-daughter,
Nancy, in Dallas County, Texas, Mrs. MOLEY LAWRENCE,

TOWNSEND.—Henry Sumner Townsend,
after a very painful and protracted sickness,
heard the voice of the Master, on the 15th

KIRBY.—Lacy Kirby departed this life
Nov. 28, 1888, being in the sixty-seventh year
of her age. She was born in Augusta, Ga.,

HARRIS.—After an illness of several weeks,
our dearly loved sister, Mrs. J. H. HARRIS,
passed quietly to her home in heaven, on the 25th day of Nov.,

WYCHE-HOPKINS.—At the residence of the
bride's father, Mr. A. Hopkins, by Dr. E.
Ansell, Rev. J. L. Wreche, of the East
Texas Conference, and Miss Sue Hopkins, of

WAGNER-BENTLEY.—At the residence of
the bride's father, Milton, Texas, Nov. 29,
1888, by Rev. J. L. Keener, Rev. A. A. Wag-

OLIVER-CAMPBELL.—At the residence of
the bride's father, at Meridian, Texas, Nov.
28, 1888, by the Rev. J. J. Taylor, Dr. N. A.
Oliver and Miss Lavinia Campbell, of Rev. J.

HEARD-KENRO.—At the residence of the
bride's father, Dr. J. W. Kenro, Howarth Sta-
tion, Waller County, Texas, Nov. 28, by Rev.
John Kenro, Mr. S. W. Heard and Miss Kate

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Execution of an Elephant.

Old Chief, one of the biggest and probably the most vicious elephant ever in this country, has been quieted by his owners, the Robinson Brothers, Cincinnati, successors to old 'Uncle' John B. Robinson, of Missouri and Illinois, who have decided that he shall suffer the death penalty.

Obituary—Texas.

DIED.—R. Ellis, at St. Joe. Mrs. J. W. Perry, at Hillsboro. Philip Vogel and Peter H. Booth, at Dallas. At Austin, Mrs. W. R. Rouch, a veteran of Texas wars, who came to the State in the thirties, at Victoria, aged eighty-four.

Cotton Crop.

A commercial firm says in their report based on reports from counties which produce seventy-five per cent of the crop of this State: We are forced to the conclusion that the crop of Texas cannot possibly exceed that of last season which officially figures place at 1,381,000 bales, but which we believe rather exceeds the actual production of 1887-88.

How's Your Liver?

The old lady who replied, when asked how her liver was, "God bless me, I never heard that there ever was such a thing in the house," was noted for her amiability.

Fearful Tragedy.

At Birmingham, Ala., last week, the body of a Mrs. Haws, horribly mangled, was discovered; also blood-stained clothing of her little girl, whose body was found a few days later. Suspicion of murder centered upon her divorced husband, Richard Haws, a railroad engineer, and he was arrested and jailed.

The Big Four Robbery.

An ex-livestock agent of a prominent railroad company states that about the year 1860 some of the Chicago trunk lines formed a combine to give rebates on the shipment of shippers, prominent among whom was Neil Morris of the Big Four, which was at that time known as the "Evening Rings."

Receipts, Shipments.

Table with columns: Year, No. Cattle, No. Cattle. 1875..... 92,143 698,574 1876..... 1,066,745 797,734 1877..... 1,053,151 783,483 1878..... 1,083,168 699,108 1879..... 1,215,732 736,965 1880..... 1,312,477 886,641 1881..... 1,483,359 938,716 1882..... 1,582,590 921,609 1883..... 1,875,944 996,758 1884..... 1,817,318 791,844 1885..... 1,931,515 821,741 1886..... 1,963,940 704,675

The receipts of cattle at Chicago last year amounted to 2,389,068 head. In 1885, 335,742

head were received at St. Louis, and last year a thousand more were received at that market. In 1890, when the "Evening's" scheme of rebates was inaugurated, the receipts of cattle at St. Louis and Chicago were, respectively, 1,215,732 and 736,965.

At the present time the great bulk of western cattle are forced to Chicago because the butchers have been largely forced out of the markets as competitive buyers in points which under natural conditions of trade which formerly existed in the west.

To illustrate this statement it is proper to call attention to the fact that cattle are now shipped from Texas to Chicago, there slaughtered and the meat shipped back to Little Rock, Memphis, New Orleans and other points tributary to Texas. In other words, cattle are now shipped out of side of a triangle and their products returned on a line forming the other side of the triangle, when every schoolboy knows the base line is the shortest, and hence the best advantage, with an enormous saving of unnecessary freight charges.

It would seem to the casual observer that this could be remedied by the cattlemen establishing refrigerating plants in sections where cattle are raised, which they could operate more cheaply, at least to the extent of supplying home markets, than the Chicago markets. In theory this proposition is all right.

Texas Casualties.

Chas. Williams, an engineer of sawmill engine, was killed at San Antonio, by falling under his engine. Frank McLaughlin, at Fort Worth, is violently insane, as the result it is said of disappointed affections.

Chas. Williams.

Sophia Watson, colored, was killed at Houston from accidental discharge of a gun. One-legged Jackson, of the San Angelo country, was found dead, having been shot in the head and dead a month or more.

Miss Mahala Laney.

Miss Mahala Laney, of Aurora, has been adjudged insane. Mr. Wade of Ellis county, who lived on Deer Stour's farm, near Palmer, was killed last week by a runaway team. His body was badly mangled.

A Two and a Half Year Old Child.

A two and a half year old child of Mr. H. D. Dr. at Anna, had got lost, and was only found on the morning of the fifth day thereafter, fifteen miles away. The child was in a dying condition, and only lived a short time.

Henry Wade, of Sonerville.

Henry Wade, of Sonerville, Bee county, killed himself by jumping from the top of a house in Ennis, which had reached the top of the chimney.

Business Troubles—Edwards Bros.

Business Troubles—Edwards Bros., attached at Galveston. The Kansas City, El Paso and Mexican Railroad, only a few miles back, attached for about \$150,000. S. West of Waco, assigned to J. W. Huggins, Atlanta, attached. R. L. Cooly, attached at Ladonia. A. D. Melroy & Co., Weiner, sold out creditors. J. D. Bishop, grocer, assigned at Gladwin. W. H. Thornton, attached at Savoy. Sharp & Banks, boots and shoes, assigned at Honey Grove. P. J. Anderson furniture, attached at Palestine. Saml. Clay & Son, grocers, assigned at Temple. John F. Caldwell & Co., grocers, assigned at Dallas.

Texas Incidents.

The Dallas Humane Society is preparing a bill for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which will be submitted to the Legislature for its action this winter. A printed circular will be mailed to each senator and representative, inviting attention to the measure and asking for favorable action.

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In addition to this, is out of debt, and draws besides \$300 from the city market-house and \$500 a year for its ferry privileges, and to-day levies a smaller ad valorem tax than any city in the United States.

The comptroller refused to register \$40,000 of Fort Worth improvement bonds, and an appeal was made for the atorney-general's ruling, who sustains the comptroller. It appears that the city of Fort Worth is incorporated under the general incorporation act, which does not authorize such bonds issued.

Assessors' returns to the comptroller make the following showing: Total assessed values of the State \$61,889,904; increase over last year in round figures \$31,000,000, embracing increased value of lands \$4,763,394, town lots \$7,729,000, railroads \$750,500, horses \$1,570,000, and other personal property \$1,196,000.

The assessed values of Greer county have been reduced to \$416,000 from something over \$2,000,000 two years ago. The assessed railroad values indicate increased mileage of over 100 miles since the previous assessment.

It is said the M. K. and T. have now in view a proposed air-line to run from Waco to Irving, by a route which would connect with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Leon, Houston and Trinity counties, a distance of eighty-five miles, intersecting the Houston and Texas central at Thornton and the International and Great Northern at Marquette. The road will connect at Trinity with the road now built from Trinity to Odessa, and owned by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

On the night of December 6th, all of Jefferson was out in a fortnight procession, and at the public speaking. Most of the dwellings and a great number of the business houses had illuminations in honor of Jefferson's acquiring the largest iron furnace in the South, with charcoal, foundry and boxcar factory connected. Work to begin in thirty days.

Dallas county is to have a big convention Dec. 15, to devise ways and means to improve county roads. Marshall has entered into a contract with E. Rulph to put in a system of waterworks, the works to be completed within six months from Dec. 3, and the water supply to be 500,000 gallons per day. The city is to pay him \$67,000 for the works.

A number of negroes led by one of their race who claims to be under spiritual guidance, were last week, digging in a thicket in the eastern suburbs of Sherman after a great sum of Mexican coin said to have been buried there fifty years ago.

Diphtheria is creating much excitement at Groveton. It was recently brought there from Iowa. In eight days there were eight cases and three deaths. Mrs. Easton and two children. It is confined in two families.

O. C. Porter was elected mayor of Texarkana. Representative Martin, of Texas, last week got hold of Geo. Harris, the reporter who wrote the scandal about Mr. Martin blowing out gas. When Old Howdy got through with him the reporter was convinced the congressman had nerve and muscle enough to turn off newspaper gas.

The Reporter contains an address to the citizens of Abilene, signed by the mayor, city council, board of school trustees and the progressive committee, asking aid in the new school building. There is such a feeling existing here for better school facilities, that it is safe to say that a hearty response will be made.

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