

Texas Christian Advocate

About the Lesson.

LESSON VII, SUNDAY, FEB. 17. THE TIMID WOMAN'S TOUCH. Mark v:23-34.

LESSON NOTES.

I. The Woman.—Va. 23-28 (1) Her disease was of long standing deeply seated. Such is the condition of the sinner. (2) Though many physicians had been applied to, yet all was of no avail, she only grew worse under their treatment. This is the experience with all efforts on man's part to get cured of his sin-sick soul. Human skill can do nothing for him. The longer it is continued the worse he gets. (3) It was her hearing of Jesus that brought her to him. So must the sinner hear of the Savior. Herein lies the obligation upon us to tell the lost about Christ. It may do no good to some; yet those hearing of Him, who feel the need of being cured, will come and receive a glorious benefit. Had not the woman been hopelessly sick, all she had heard of the Lord would not have moved her to action. The fact that she was dying and knew it, made her knowledge of practical use. Still, had she been ignorant of the Savior's power to cure, she would have died of her ailment. Certain knowledge and a deep sense of need were both necessary to produce the timid woman's touch. Here are the two things that must ever be present in the sinner coming to Christ. He must feel himself lost and must know that Jesus can save. To this end, let the Word be taught—let the Savior be presented in all his aspects—let a knowledge of redemption be given forth without stint. Then, too, let sinners be personally spoken to about their lost condition, and the Holy Spirit to convict them be prayed for, that a deep sense of personal sinfulness may take possession of their hearts. Such is the work of every minister and Sabbath-school teacher. When such work has been faithfully performed, we may expect men to cry, out of the sense of their lost condition: "God be merciful to me a sinner." (4) In coming to Christ, the woman removed her feet from all other grounds of hope: "If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole." She had tried to find satisfaction all physicians far and wide, fully convincing herself that in them there was no help. With this conviction, she came to Jesus. What she did all must do. The idea that the gospel is one of many good things that can help men and save their souls is ruinous to the last degree. It is Jesus only! (5) Her doubt was inherent, not in our Lord's power: "If I may touch His clothes, I shall be whole." Glorious faith! Where it dwells in the heart, the Holy Spirit will ever make the way clear for it to work. How many doubt God, not themselves.

II. Jesus curing the woman. Va. 29-34. (1). It is immediately performed. The healing virtue of Christ passed into the sick person's body, and at once she was made whole. Such is the result of true faith in the Savior. There is life for a look—health for a touch. (2). Virtue went out of Christ. He felt it. It was the sacrifice he had to make that the woman might be healed. Think not that we can benefit others without sacrifice. He who is not willing to spend himself must not expect to fill others with health and joy. (3). Jesus asked the question: "Who touched Me?" (v. 31) that he might bring the woman personally before him, and speak to her a word of deep conviction and good cheer, which we find in verse 34. (4). The humble spirit of the woman is shown in verse 33. We learn that strong faith can be in timid natures.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

Twelve years (v. 23). The years pass swiftly when they are full of joy. The days drag wearily when they are full of sorrow. A night of restful sleep is quickly gone. When the hours of a night are spent in wakeful pain, it seems as though they would never end. Twelve years of hopeless sickness are as a lifetime of endurance. Yet here is the record of one who was evidently not a sinner above others, who was a sufferer above many. Because one is called to such a trial as this, let it not, however be said or thought that "one is under God's displeasure, or is not loved of God. But for this woman's prolonged endurance of suffering, she would never have had the place which is hers in the gospel story. Who supposes that she now regrets her twelve years of trial?

Nothing battered, but rather grew worse (v. 25). If only there is some gain day by day, in the direction of our longings and endeavors, we can endure or persevere with hope. But when the loss is steady and sure, however slow, the heart sickens at the prospect. And the trend is always one way or the other. There is no such thing as a stand-still in our life course. We are growing better or worse. And so are our prospects. In our life labors, in our relations toward others, in our spiritual condition, we are either gaining or losing as the years pass by. And if in any sphere of our existence we are nothing bettered, but rather grow worse, the question may well come to us, whether some change of treatment is not to be desired by us. She said, "If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole" (v. 28). That is the kind of faith to have. That is reasonable faith. If Jesus Christ is all that

is claimed for him, is all that he claims for himself, a faith-filled touch of his garments is salvation. The sick soul feeling its need and believing in him, has only to reach out the finger-tip with a trustful touch, as if to say, "Here I am, a sinner accepting the proffered salvation; and that soul is safe. But there are persons on all sides of us doubting at this hour whether they are saved, although they say they know their need of salvation, and believe in the power and readiness of Jesus to save them, and they have come and professed their faith in him; but—is that enough? Here is a lesson for them, in this poor woman of Capernaum, whose words was, "If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole."

Jesus . . . perceiving . . . that the power proceeding from him had gone forth (v. 30). It costs something to do good, no matter how the doer loves the doing. One can never really help another without some cost to himself. If we would be of any service in this world, we must consent to spend and be spent in that service. It is folly for us to hope that we can accomplish anything for anybody without some sacrifice and outlay on our part. And if any one does anything for us, we may be sure that it cost him something to do it. Even though he can say truly that he found pleasure in the effort, it was nevertheless only by some outgoing of himself or some out-giving of his possessions that he did what he did for us. The freest gifts of earth are costly gifts to the giver; this truth ought never to be forgotten by the recipient. Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, who touched me? (v. 31). Here is the mistake of the average Christian in his estimate of the power and the work of his Master. He thinks that the individual is lost sight of to the eye of Jesus in the thronging crowd. It seems to him that when there are a great many evil-doers in any particular line of sinning, the man who is only one of these will not be singled out for judgment by our Lord; and he thinks that when there are a great many well-doers gathered in a single church, or a single community, our Lord will not pick out one man who is lacking in his share of well-doing, as if he were wholly apart from the multitude. But, in reality, the Lord's interest is in the individual in the crowd, rather than in the crowd of individuals. And he who is the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever, as he turns himself to the family, or to the class, or to the school, or to the congregation, or to the community, has, as it were, his whole thought centered on one individual in that gathering, as he asks the question, Who touched me? Or who rejects me?

The woman . . . came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. . . He said, . . . Daughter, . . . go in peace (v. 33, 34). It was a good thing to gain cure of bodily disease through a clandestine touch of Jesus. It was a better thing to gain communion with Jesus, and to secure his words of comfort, through falling down before him, and telling him all the truth. The hope of salvation is not all that a sinner ought to long for; it is not all that he can have. Yet it is all that a great many sinners dare to think of as possible in their case. Present peace—peace in the life that now is—ought to be the possession of every sinner who counts on salvation for the life that is to come. This can be had, not by touching the hem of Christ's garment, but by falling down before his face in loving trust, and telling him all the truth, in full confidence that he will welcome us, and grant new blessings according to our need.—Sunday-School Times

Old and Young.

"ANOTHER BABY."

Good Housekeeping. When the wild winter winds did blow, The bitter winds of January, That swept with sparkling swirls of snow The waters of Western prairie; A little child came to my arms, To bring me joy—or sorrow may be And so, beset by vague alarms I sighed, "Another baby!" Another little wail to tend, Another little helpless stranger, To lead, to feed, to fold, to tend From every wrong and danger; To make one anxious, make one sad, And fearful for each morrow may be, With heart half sorrowful, half glad, I moaned, "Another baby!" And then I thought how near, how dear, The little children God had sent us, How full they made our home of cheer, And how their presence did content us—Hard if but one were laid away This year or next, as might or may be, Our hearts would ache, would burn, would break, And now—another baby!

LOUIE CHALMERS' NEW YEAR'S TABLE. The Pansy. It wanted but two days to New Year's, and on this crisp winter morning she was in a flutter of pleasant business. Mrs. Chalmers and the little girls had come out for a ride, and Louie came out to give her orders for the refreshment-table for New Year's calls. It was that morning at the breakfast-table that she had been told what she could spend. "I want it nicer than usual, papa, you know," she had said, winningly, "because I am eighteen, and this is my first real

New Year's reception as a young lady. And Beckman charges so dreadfully for things; they say he is worse than ever this year; but I want to get my cakes and creams at Beckman's for they are so much nicer than anywhere else."

"Don't you mean to have confections and bonbons and all such things?" Milly had asked. "O, yes, indeed! and they must come from Hackett's. Mamma, they have the loveliest new designs in confections! but they are dreadful, papa, when it comes to paying for them; so you must be very generous."

"Then there are the flowers," said Mrs. Chalmers. "A small fortune has to be spent nowadays in decorations that wither before the day is done."

"And the turkey and coffee," said Milly; "papa, she will need a great deal of money." Mr. Chalmers took out his pocket book and fingered over a roll of bills. Louie glanced as he did so that he looked a trifle grave. "You can spare it, can't you, papa?" she said with a touch of anxiety. She had been so used to having all she wanted that it seemed strange to ask him the question; but she knew she wanted much more than usual; would her father be willing to give it? She really did not want to receive calls at all if she could not have everything as elegant as other girls.

"O, yes! I suppose I can," he said; "anything in reason, but I was thinking how different it was from the way your mother and I managed when we were eighteen."

Mrs. Chalmers smiled on him as she said, "Times have changed since then." "Yes," he said, "they have; that is a fact." Then he turned to his daughter with the question, "Will a hundred dollars answer?"

Louie put her two white hands together softly as an expression of delight, and then sprang up exactly as though she were not almost eighteen, and kissed him half a dozen times.

"You dear, generous papa," she said; "I didn't expect half that amount."

"Then it shows how little you understand what things cost," said prudent Mrs. Chalmers. "You will need every cent of it if you carry out your ideas."

And then the horses had been ordered and they started on those delightful errands. If the coachman had not been drawing up his horses at that moment for Miss Louie to get in, after leaving her order at Hackett's, I don't know that he could have held them back quickly enough. As it was, Mrs. Chalmers drew in her breath with a frightened gasp and the little girls screamed outright as Louie seized the little colored girl by the arm. She had rushed across the street directly under the feet of the gay horses, so starting them that it required all John's skill to hold them in check.

"You little dunces," said Louie, shaking her arm, "didn't you know any better than that? You might have been killed. It is a mercy the horses didn't knock you down. Haven't you been taught not to run under horses' feet in that way?"

"It's all because of the baby, ma'am," sobbed the frightened child. "She's hurt, she is; maybe she'll die before I get back, and I runned for my mamma. I didn't see no horses, nor nothing."

"What child?" asked Louie; "where is she, and where is the mother?" "It's Mrs. Smith's baby, and she lives on the fifth floor. She got me to mind him while she went to the shop to see if she could get her pay, and he tipped out of his box and hurted himself awful."

"And did you leave the baby alone?" said Louie. "Mamma, ought we not to see about this? The child may die!" "Of course," said Mrs. Chalmers, and she gave John orders to help the child into the carriage and drive according to her directions. Only a short drive and mother and elder daughter were climbing to the fifth story of a tenement house, under the little girl's lead.

The baby had hit himself a hard knock and cut a gash on his forehead. It was the blood streaming from this cut which had frightened poor black Rosie. However, Mrs. Chalmers promptly announced that the baby was not dangerously hurt. But, oh! the bare desolate room! Cold, dark, and not a chair to sit upon; not a table or bed, only an old straw mattress in the corner covered with a worn quilt; and a broken stove in another corner from which the small fire had died out. These and two dry goods boxes, turned on their sides, were the only bits of furniture in the room.

"The baby will catch its death of cold," Mrs. Chalmers said. "You shouldn't have let the fire go out."

"Had to," said the thick red lips prettily; "coal's gone; that's where she went; if she could get some coal. I was trying to chop some splinters off that there box to burn, when the baby climbed on it."

"Mamma, what a dreadful place!" murmured Louie, while Mrs. Chalmers, who had bowed up the cut and soothed the frightened child, went on with her questions: "Where is the furniture which belongs in this room?"

"Pawed," said Rosie gravely. "Had to get things to eat. Don't know what she's going to do now. Can't get no work, and can't get the money for what she has done, and if she did, it would only pay for another week's rent. She ain't had no breakfast this morning, and she won't get no dinner, as I can see."

"O, mamma!" said Louie again;

"isn't this dreadful? perhaps that baby is hungry, too?"

By the time Mrs. Chalmers was willing to leave the baby Louie's eyes had grown large with a thought that made her eager to set about carrying it out. She asked only one more question: "Where was it the mother had gone?" "Over on Ann street to the shirt factory."

"Three miles from here. Why, she can't be back for hours!" "No ma'am; she did not expect to. I am to mind the baby till she comes."

"Mamma," said Louie, as she picked their way down the many stairs, "did papa give me that hundred dollars to spend just as I like, do you suppose?" "I presume, daughter, it is yours to do what you please with."

"Then I know what I please to do with it. I know something splendid to do. Mamma, I'll have my New Year's table spread in that very room."

Had it the time, it would be interesting to tell you about the errands that were done that morning, so different from what had been intended. Milly, who followed her sister from store to shop, was overwhelmed with astonishment.

"What do you want of a table and chairs? Little came seat rocker, and a bedstead! How funny! I don't believe you know what you're about!"

What fun it was! In less than two hours from the time they left it, that room looked as though the fairies had taken possession.

A bright-colored rug had been laid on the floor, a table set in the center of it, ready laid for dinner, with dishes belonging to an entirely new set of ironstone china that had cost five dollars, and that Rosie, the whites of her eyes rolled in an astonishing way, was deftly arranging on the shelves of the little cupboard. In the further end of the room a bedstead had been set up with mattress and pillows, and the bed was now being made up by an astonished woman who lived across the hall, and had been given fifty cents to come and help put the room in order! Sheets and quilts and pillow-cases and a soft new double blanket! No wonder Rosie's eyes rolled! Besides all this, there were chairs, a sewing chair, and a high chair for the baby, where he could be fastened by a contrivance that Rosie had never seen, and that she said would save "heaps of bumps;" and a large, old-fashioned rocker on purpose to rest the weary limbs of the mother!

In the stove a bright fire was soon burning, and the closet behind the stove was full of coal. To crown all, the supplies from the grocer's and baker's began to come in—bread and butter, meat and potatoes, tea and sugar.

It had filled Louie's heart with astonishment and actual shame to discover that the bill for all these things was not so large as the one she had expected to pay for her New Year's cake!

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a special line of cars for the lower classes."

All this was spoken in a low tone, but the gentleman heard it. Had the child, too? He glanced at the pale face, and saw tears. He was angry. Just then the exclamation, "Why, there is Nattie! Wonder where she is going?" caused him to look out upon the corner, where a sweet-faced young girl stood beckoning to the car driver. When she entered the car she was warmly greeted by the five, and they made room for her beside them. They were profuse in exclamations and questions.

"Where are you going?" asked one. "O, what lovely flowers! Who are they for?" said another. "I'm on my way to Belle Clark's. She is sick, you know, and the flowers are for her."

She answered both questions at once, and then glanced toward the door of the car, and saw the pale girl looking wistfully at her. She smiled at the child, a tender look beaming from her beautiful eyes, and then, forgetting she wore a handsome velvet skirt and costly jacket, and that her shapely hands were covered with well-fitted gloves, she left her seat and crossed over to the little one. She laid one hand on the boy's thin cheeks as she asked of his sister:

"This little boy is sick, is he not?" and "he is your brother, I am sure."

It seemed hard for the girl to answer, but finally she said: "Yes, miss; he is sick. Freddie never has been well. Yes, miss, he is my brother. We're going to the park to see if 'twont make Freddie better."

"I am glad you are going," the young girl replied in a low voice, meant for no one's ears except those of the child. "I think it will do him his good; it's lovely there, with the spring flowers all in bloom. But where is your luck? You ought to have a lunch after so long a ride."

Over the little girl's face came a flush. "Yes, miss; we ought to, for Freddie's sake; but, you see, we didn't have any lunch to bring. Tim—his our brother—he saved these pennies so as Freddie could ride to the park and back. I guess, maybe, Freddie'll forget about being hungry when he gets to the park."

There were tears in the lovely girl's eyes as she listened; and very soon she asked the girl where she lived, and wrote the address down in a tablet which she took from a bag on her arm.

After riding a few blocks she left the car, but she had not left the little ones comfortless. Half the bouquet of violets and hycinths were clasped in the sister's hand, while the sick boy, with radiant face, held in his hand a package, from which he helped himself now and then, saying so his sister in a jubilant whisper:

"She said we could eat 'em all, every one, when we got to the park. What made her so good and sweet to us?" And the little girl whispered back: "It's 'cause she's beautiful as well as her clothes," the gentleman heard her whisper.

When the park was reached the five girls hurried out. Then the gentleman lifted the little boy in his arms and carried him out of the car across the road into the park, the sister with a heart full of gratitude following. He paid for a nice ride for them in the goat-carriage; he treated them to oyster soup at the park restaurant.

At two o'clock sharp the next day the two gentlemen, as agreed, met again. "This is my wife," the host said proudly introducing a comely lady; "and this," as a young lady of fifteen entered the parlor, "is my daughter."

"Ah!" said the guest, as he extended his hand in cordial greeting, "this is the dear girl whom I saw yesterday in the street-car. I don't wonder you call her a darling. She is a darling, and no mistake. God bless her."

And then he told his friend what he had seen and heard in the horse car.

Two gentlemen, friends who had been parted for years, met in a crowded city street. The one who lived in the city was on his way to meet a pressing business engagement. After a few expressions of delight, he said: "Well, I'm off. I'm sorry, but it can't be helped. I will look for you to-morrow at dinner. Remember, two o'clock, sharp. I want you to see my wife and child."

"Only one child?" asked the other. "Only one," came the answer, tenderly; "a daughter. But she's a darling!" And then they parted, the stranger in the city getting into a street-car for the park. After a block or two a group of five girls entered the car; they all evidently belonged to families of wealth; they conversed well. Each carried a very elaborately decorated lunch-basket; each was well dressed. They, too, were going to the park for a picnic. They seemed happy and amiable until the car again stopped, this time letting in a pale faced girl of about eleven and a sick boy of four. These children were shabbily dressed, and on their faces were looks of distress. They, too, were on their way to the park. The gentleman thought so; so did the group of girls, for he heard one of them say, with a look of disdain: "I suppose these ragamuffins are on an excursion, too!"

"I shouldn't want to leave home if I had to look like that; would you?" This to another girl. "No, indeed! But there is no accounting for 'tates. I think there ought to be

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J. W. SANSOM.

[The pastor must either give a certificate or proceed with proper church labor. He cannot afford to take the responsibility of withholding a certificate without giving the member and the church an opportunity of justification.—Ed.]

CHANGE OF TIME.

I for one am opposed to any change for the reason that I do not think that we can better the matter by changing the time. The difficulties to be overcome by the change, in my judgment, will be met with in similar ones in different forms and phases should the change be effected. Take the condition of the streets and roads in the month of November, and compare them with the general condition they are found in during the month either of February or April, and you will discover that in the main they are in much better condition in the fall. I will give an illustration: The Dallas district conference was to have convened last June at Ochran's Chapel, which is in the country, some five or six miles a little northwest of the city of Dallas; but when the time came, which was in June, if I remember correctly, we could not meet there because the roads were in such bad condition that the members could not reach the place, and hence it was held at McKinney. But some one will say that this is an exceptional case. Grant it. Yet at the same time it indicates the fact that the spring season of the year with its buds, and flowers and rich odors, with all of its purity of feeling and sentiment, is just as fickle and changeable as the autumnal month of November can possibly be; and so far as the finances are concerned the fall season is our financial time. Talk as we please, think as we may, the main bulk of the money within the bounds of this conference is handled between the fifteenth day of September and the twenty-fifth day of December, with a few exceptions. It is a very hard matter to tear loose from old established plans and usages and adapt and adjust ourselves to a new order of things, such as a change of time would involve.

But some one is ready to say, take up your collections in the fall while the money is in sight, and hold it until the conference meets in the spring (April). This might work very well after a while, but it will not likely succeed for several years as we now succeed. The habit of the church, and I may say of the preachers as well, has been and is yet to put off collecting and paying all of the assessments, or as much as they expect to pay, until within a day or two before the conference meets. This ought not so to be, but nevertheless it is a fact, and with the facts we are trying to deal. This being the habit, is it not reasonable to suppose that if we change the time to April, that our people would likely want to wait until spring before paying the assessments? Certainly there would be a strong tendency in this direction. At least they would wait until that time before paying the larger part of the collections. But you say, educate your people or church up to it. Ah, there is the rub. We have been trying to do this as a church for several years, and we have made fine progress, but we have not reached the altitude yet. And in reference to the convenience, and inconveniences of both the fall and

spring seasons, take them in all their relations and bearings, the fall season is the more favorable. The idea that one preacher can plant a garden preparatory for his successor, should be removed, as has been suggested, would not work well. As proof of this take for example the wood and coal question. How many of our preachers lay by in store wood and coal for his successor, provided he himself is not returned? But comparatively few. The same may be said in reference to the garden question. The fall season is the time that our farmers and merchants make their settlements and get ready for the incoming year, and we are associated in our work and relations with them, and we must in the very nature of things adjust our financial plans and moves to these surroundings. Take the spiritual or religious side of the question and the fall is the more favorable of the two. Our winter and spring seasons are spiritual seed time, and the latter part of the spring and the whole of the summer months fruit or harvest time. With but few exceptions, and I wish to be distinctly understood, but few revival meetings have been held in our country places either in the spring or later than Sept. 10th that ever amounted to much as to visible results. The reason is found in the fact that in the spring farmers must plant and cultivate their crops, and in the fall these crops must be garnered. So it is better to hold our conference in the fall, so as to have our preachers on the ground ready to preach and plan for the latter part of the spring and summer months. By the time summer arrives they are ready for the work of revival services. And what is said here of the country places may be said in reference to our pastoral charges in towns and cities in some respects. In many of our stations a large percentage of our membership live in the country, or are so conditioned and surrounded that they cannot attend revival services so well at any other time as they can in the summer season. I know that successful revival meetings are held in towns and cities in the winter season, but these are rare, and they are still more rare in the country. Taking this view of the subject, it seems clear to my mind that we would do well not to effect any change in the time of our conference. Let no one understand me as saying, or even intimating, that the revival time is the only spiritual or religious. Not at all; but I speak of this revival season as it stands related to time and the weather. So let us retain November.

D. J. MARTIN.

N. T. C. EDUCATIONAL REPORT NO. 2.

Since receiving the minutes of the last session of the North Texas Conference and making a careful inspection of the report of the Board of Education, I believe it falls in report No. 2 to do justice to some of the interests of North Texas Female College, in that no statement is made of the work done, facilities, patronage, etc., except in a general way an acknowledgment of the excellent management and an endorsement of the president and faculty, as well as an expression of confidence in the merits of the College, all of which is just, but not sufficient. Inasmuch as the preparation of the report was committed to me, being a member of the Board, I think I ought, in justice to the college and church, to make the through ADVOCATE some more particular mention. The college campus has been re-arranged and beautified, the buildings repaired and improved, so that the whole surroundings are both attractive and convenient. The college building with its spacious chapel, recitation rooms, music rooms, together with the excellent boarding department attached, offer special inducements to young ladies desiring comfort, with educational advantages. With the increasing patronage, already more room is necessary. There are now seven boarders, seven literary teachers, beside the special departments of elocution and art, five music teachers, with thirteen pianos and full supply of other instruments. The character of work done is eminently satisfactory. Thirteen daughters of our preachers are being educated here without charge of regular tuition, and no one will question the statement. The financial condition is by no means what is desired, but no effort is made to conceal or deny the real situation. At the close of the last scholastic year under Judge I. M. Oskins, there was an indebtedness of \$11,400, which, by the session of the conference of 1887, was reduced to \$5500, mainly by the citizens of Sherman. During the past conference year the financial agent raised \$6000 in subscription and notes, maturing in from one to five years, an amount sufficient, when collected, to satisfy the principal; also \$2150, which was applied to improvements; making in all \$8150. So now we think no one need be alarmed about "old debts."

Again: From the concise expression of the second resolution, requesting the appointment of Rev. W. H. Hughes financial agent, it may be inferred that the former agent, Rev. J. M. Binkley, was not acceptable, or did not give satisfaction. Nothing could be more foreign to the minds of the board; no one would have been more gladly received by the board of trustees and friends of the college than Bro. Binkley; and the work of last year shows that no man could be more efficient in the agency. Especially would he have been very acceptable, as he gave his entire year's work to the college. The trustees allowed him one thousand dollars for his services; all of which he

turned over to the college within the last two years.

Now that we have Bro. Hughes as agent, with his prestige and personal influence, as well as long experience in Texas, the friends of the college feel assured of its safety and success.

T. L. MILLER.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, Feb. 1, 1889.

LOST LEAVES FROM THE NEW CATECHISM.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX.

Question.—What is a good case? Answer.—A preacher that everybody likes to have for pastor.

Q.—Why do the people want him for pastor? A.—He loves God. He loves the church. He loves souls.

Q.—Is that all? A.—No. He is a gentleman in his manners. He is plain, candid and faithful in the pulpit. He is always busy, either in study, pastoral work or making his home happy and Christ-like.

Q.—Is that all? A.—No. He knows all the children and they love him.

Q.—Well, proceed. In his pastoral work he recommends and gets subscribers for the TEXAS ADVOCATE. He talks up the missionary enterprise, the church extension, education, Sunday-school, and, in fact, all church business.

Q.—Well, what else? A.—He married sensibly.

Q.—You are wrong there. A.—Well, providentially, then.

[I suspect the S. E. of a slight interpolation here, but such is life.—Ed.]

Q.—Whom did he marry? A.—Lydia Dorcas Priscilla.

Q.—You are so prone to the concrete. I mean what kind of a woman is this preacher's wife? A.—She mends his clothes; she saves his money; she helps the poor; she's sweet as honey; she smiles on all; she's never weary—industrious, witty, at rays cheery. She's—

Q.—Stop that doggerel and tell me about the good preacher's wife. Does she run the prayer-meeting? A.—Not necessarily.

Q.—Does she pray in public? A.—Not if she can help it, and she generally can.

Q.—Does she deliver missionary addresses? A.—No; her husband does that, and she kisses him if he makes good ones.

Q.—You are getting too frivolous, sir. Tell me what is a safe case. A.—One whom people will receive cordially; provided they can't get Brother "Good Case."

Q.—Wherein is he inferior to Good Case? A.—He may be superior, sir.

Q.—Well, wherein does he differ from Good Case? A.—He is a little slow; hasn't quite so much snap (Q.—"No slang, sir.") and, withal, is a little disposed to drowsiness.

Q.—Well, go on. A.—His wife tries her best, and is a noble woman, but in style she doesn't "stack up" quite enough; but she is devoted, consecrated and useful.

Q.—What do you mean by "stack up"? A.—It is a new term in theology, used only in the feminine gender and in fashionable circles.

(Patent applied for.)

SMOOTH ETH.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

As preachers are expected to be examples to the flock, of course they should, of all men, be most careful to "avoid the appearance of evil," and do nothing to lay a stumbling block in the way of any one. On any question of right or wrong, the preacher, even at a great sacrifice, must be found on the safe side.

Now to the point: Think of a preacher traveling fifteen or twenty miles on the railroad train on Sunday morning to preach to his congregation from the text, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Suppose some stinner should say, "Physician, heal thyself!" I was talking with a railroad agent a few days ago, and regretting that his business was so confining that he had no time to attend church even on Sunday, when he remarked that "people would travel on Sunday and desecrate the Sabbath. I thought that was a terrible reproach on the ministry. No, sir; I don't ride on the train on Sunday, because if I do I am helping to keep an army of railroad employes at work and away from church, and I can't do that and have a conscience void of offense toward God and man, and I would walk ten miles to an appointment on Sunday morning before I would get on a train to go. And that is not fanaticism either. I don't ride on anybody's street car on Sunday, either, because if I do I am keeping a crowd of street-car drivers away from the house of God. And that is not fanaticism. I don't buy anybody's meat, bread, butter, milk, ice, fruit, or anything of the sort on Sunday, for if I do I am helping to keep the marketmen, dairymen, etc., away from church for my convenience, and I had rather live on cornbread crust and water every Sunday of my life than to be guilty of helping to keep the poorest corner

field "nigger" in the State away from the house of God. And that is not fanaticism either. There was a member of my charge, a dairyman, who furnishes milk and butter for the people of Dallas, told me that he tried to arrange with his customers to not have to come on Sunday, so he could attend church; but no, they must have their Sunday milk. I think such milk would choke me.

Brethren, preachers and laymen everywhere, let us observe the Sabbath! Who will say, amen?

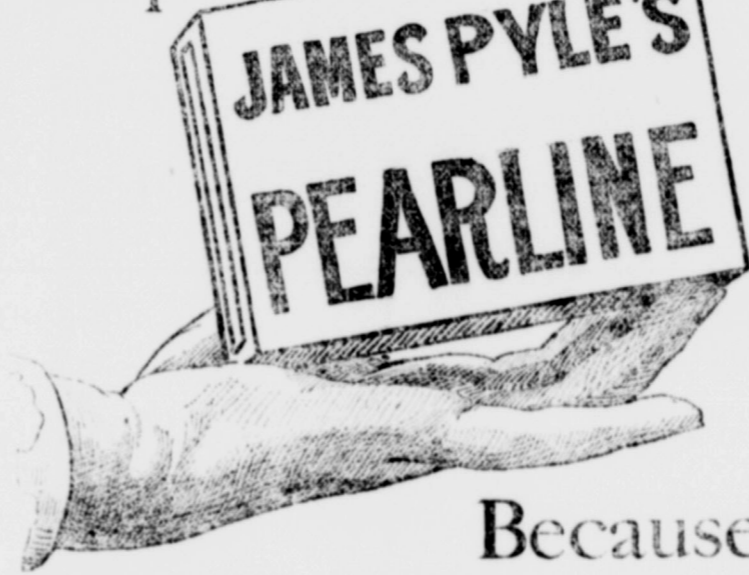
Any one wishing to read something clear and to the point on this subject, send ten cents to Rev. L. L. Pickett, Daingerfield, Texas, and get his book, the "Holy Day." Yours for the Christian Sabbath. C. G. SHUTT, OAK CLIFF, DALLAS, TEXAS.

Missions.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Table with columns for date, name, amount, and total. Includes entries for Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Mrs. J. M. McEyre, Jr., and various auxiliaries.

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Advertisement for Wind Mill and Pumps, suitable for farmers and ranchmen.

Advertisement for W. D. Gorton, M.D., a medical professional in Austin, Texas.

Advertisement for FITS STOPPED FREE, a medical treatment for various ailments.

Advertisement for R. B. Garnett, Manufacturer of Cisterns, with a list of products and prices.

The Advocate should be in the home of every Methodist family in Texas; especially should its weekly visits cheer the households of those who are unable to pay for it. The names of several such persons are now in hand. To this end, an account has been opened, and contributions are solicited. All donations will be acknowledged in the Advocate.

Texas Christian Advocate

BOOK TABLE. If there is any doubt about Infant Baptism...

Two leading serial features of the February number of the Century Magazine are sustained in a particularly interesting installment...

The Treasury for Pastor and People for February is of grand interest and contains articles by first-class men and to credit to their authors...

What is education? asks a writer. Well, it is something a college graduate thinks he has until he becomes a newspaper man.

Salt Rheum. With its intense itching, dry, hot skin, often broken into painful cracks, and the little watery pimples, often causes indescribable suffering...

READERS OF THE ADVOCATE are referred to the advertisement of The Panhandle Machinery and Improvement Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

Pat's plenty of sleep is the secret of preserving one's beauty. The tired girl believed this.

Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, of Tolu, Cherry and Tar, is the best remedy for coughs, croup and lung diseases.

The man who discovers a granite quarry on his vacant building site has reason to rejoice that his lot is a hard one.

Gainesville, Texas, Jan. 10, 1888. I find after two months' use of Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup, that it restores the bowels and gives tone to the digestive apparatus...

A Verdict of Inexperience: "Closely dear, why, my husband, of course."

Offensive Breath. I was afflicted with sore gums and very offensive breath until I used one box of Morley's Denton's, which entirely cured me.

It doesn't amount to anything, of course, but it's rather singular that a keen reporter is made of blunt words.

It was a Scotch graver-digger who said: "I have buried a leavin' cretur for a fortnight."

There are many hair preparations in the market, but none have so desirable effect upon the hair and scalp, as Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Restorer.

Goetz says that some of the people on the theatrical stage remind him of his liver, because they don't get worth a cent.

Ladies who value a refined complexion must use Pizzoni's Powder—it produces a soft and beautiful skin.

De Brown—I should like very much to make the acquaintance of an intellectual young lady. Editor (from habit)—Why don't you advertise?

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PORT WORTH DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Itasca cir. Itasca. 3d Sun in Feb...

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Bolton sta. at Bolton. Feb 16, 17...

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Red River cir. 3d Sun in Feb...

PARIS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Annona cir. 3d Sun in Feb...

BONHAM DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Guber cir. at Bonham. Feb 16, 17...

VICTORIA DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Clear Creek cir. Rocky. Feb 16, 17...

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Courtney and Plantersville. Feb 16, 17...

SHERMAN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Howe cir. at Howe. Feb 16, 17...

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Eagle Lake cir. at Eagle Lake. Feb 16, 17...

TERRILL DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Torney cir. at Torney. Feb 16, 17...

AUSTIN DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Manchaca cir. 3d Sun in Feb...

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Beville cir. at Beville. 3d Sun in Feb...

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Orange sta. at Liberty. Feb 16, 17...

GALVESTON DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Columbia and Brazoria. Feb 16, 17...

TYLER DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Tyler cir. at Tyler. Feb 16, 17...

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Dublin sta. at Dublin. Feb 16, 17...

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Round Mountain mis. New Hope. Feb 16, 17...

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Dripping Springs mis. at Dripping Springs. Feb 16, 17...

DALLAS DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Plano sta. at Keller. 4th Sun in Feb...

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WACO DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND. Thornton, at Thornton. Feb 16, 17...

SAN SABA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Richard Springs cir. 3d Sun in Feb...

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WAXAHACHE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Reagan cir. at Elm Branch. March 23, 24...

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND. Morgan mis. at Nopp. 3d Sun in March...

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"Papa," said a little urchin to his father, the other day, "I saw a printer go down the street last night. Did you, sonny? How did you know the printer was a printer? 'Cause I do, pa." "But he might have been a carpenter, blacksmith, or a shoemaker. 'No, no, papa, he was a printer—like an editor—for he was gnawing a bone, and had no stockings on. The crown was out of his hat, and his coat was all torn. I am certain he was a printer."

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THE LAW OF VICARIOUS SACRIFICE.

BY HENRY H. HUBBEN, CHAPLAIN UNITED STATES NAVY.

'Twas in a beating, blinding rain, And a chilly wintry air, As o'er the steel-clad track our train Swept o'er the Delaware.

My father left me and went on deck, I was stunned by the rebuke, and overwhelmed with mortification.

WASHINGTON, D. C. THE CONQUERING WEAPON. (They conquer by the blood of the Lamb, etc.—Rev. J. H. Hill.)

Whenever evil appears it is to be fought by the children of God in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Admiral Farragut, one of the naval heroes in the late war, tells the story of his boyhood.

When I was a ten years old I was with my father on board a man of war.

"David, what do you mean to be?" "I mean to follow the sea."

"Follow the sea? Yes, to be a poor, miserable, drunken sailor before the world, and die in some far-off hospital in a foreign land."

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Obituary - Mrs. Kate Aston died at Belts. Amzi Baugh, a pioneer, died at Lewisville.

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Obituary - Mrs. Alexander, mother of Capt. Alexander, died at Terrell. Wm. Bell, former sheriff, died at Bastrop.

Obituary - C. C. Bodenheimer, of Warton county, died in Waco; he was a student in Baylor University.

Obituary - H. Miller, a prominent business man, and a resident there since 1850, died at Beeville.

Obituary - Arnold Setzer wandered off on the prairie from Glendon while en route, and death resulted as a consequence.

Obituary - Pro. J. T. McLeary, principal of the free school, died at Calvert. W. A. Pace, for thirty-six years a leading citizen of Bell county, died at Salado.

Obituary - byrterian church, near Decatur, destroyed Feb. 5. The residence of J. C. Giles, Mineola, destroyed; loss \$2003.

Obituary - Z. A. Gandy, a business man of Lone Oak, was so badly hurt by being caught in mill machinery as to necessitate amputation of a leg, which resulted in his death.

Obituary - The little seven-year-old daughter of Jas. Nance, in the Tom Bran neighborhood, strayed into the street, was struck and her clothing caught fire.

Obituary - T. M. Brooks, a brick mason, died at McKenney from injuries received three weeks ago when he fell from the new college building.

Obituary - Ernest Belew was killed in the Indian Territory by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of one of the soldiers.

Obituary - At San Antonio Ernest Dietzmann, aged five years, while playing on Oakland street bridge, fell into the water.

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Obituary - Hereafter February 22 will be a legal holiday in Sherman, and will be known as Arbor Day. The mayor will issue an address to the people.

Obituary - February 6th, the bagging factory, Galveston's latest and one of the most extensive manufacturing enterprises (the only one of the kind in the State), commenced operations in breaking jute and converting it into cotton bagging.

Obituary - The North Texas Masonic convention convened in fourth annual session at Greenville, Tuesday, the 12th inst.

Obituary - A freak of nature in the shape of a double pig is to be seen at Irving and Johnson's establishment, at Burton. The pigs are joined together from the lower jaw to the end of the tails.

Obituary - Temple is taking precautionary measures against small-pox by the city doctor doing a wholesale business in free vaccination.

Obituary - A roller mill will be put up at Goldthwaite in time to handle the growing crops. A Cleburne item is as follows: "The city was greatly excited recently over a wagon race given by citizens."

Obituary - During the past week in Dallas there was an athletic meeting of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, attended by sixty-one members.

Obituary - The vicinity of Cuero, DeWitt county, boasts of large quantities of unquarried building stone which offers inducements to investors.

Obituary - The 13th inst., with the Dallas Association; at Waco from the 14th to the 18th; at San Antonio from the 19th to the 23rd; and at Marshall from March 1st to 3d inclusive.

Obituary - The Texas Associated Press has filed a charter. The object is to buy, collect and distribute news.

Obituary - At Marshall the local Young Men's Christian Association has added a class in education for the classes taught in their free night school.

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