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THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.—FUNERALS.

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1. To "live in the living present" is sensible, but difficult. The aged are occupied by the past, the young by the future. We never will, with water once passed by, impel a mill. The future? Yes, there are chances and changes.

2. American society is undergoing strange changes. Puritan strongholds are now occupied by Canadian and Irish Roman Catholics. States and cities where formerly papal influence was irresistible now acknowledge Protestantism. But a few years ago the Lutheran Church in America was known as a sickly plant, now it constitutes, ecclesiastically, an important factor. The same is true of the Evangelical Association. Very recently the latter organized an annual conference in the Lone Star State.

3. The Evangelical Association, perhaps better known as "Albright's People," was organized by Jacob Albright, a native of Pennsylvania. Having been converted, he abandoned Lutheranism and joined the Methodist Church. Of German descent, he felt called to preach the gospel to the numerous immigrants from the Fatherland. But Bishop Asbury disapproved of his course. Not the German, but the English language should be employed by our preachers, was the bishop's decision. This led to a rupture. In 1803, Albright and adherents organized themselves into a separate church. The work developed rapidly. In 1807 the first annual, and in 1816 the first General Conference convened.

4. Doctrinally, the Evangelical Association is Arminian; with regard to sanctification, Wesleyan; in church polity, etc., Methodist. The bishops are elected quadrennially. The Episcopal term is confined to one quadrennium. Incumbents are sometimes re-elected, sometimes not. The presiding elders are elected by the annual conferences. The bishops, assisted by the presiding elders, station the preachers.

5. The growth of the Evangelical Association has been phenomenally rapid. Of their twenty-six annual conferences one is in Canada and one in Germany. The published minutes show a membership of 143,703. Last year \$113,183.45 were contributed for foreign missions. Their mission in Japan is prosperous. The Biblical Institute at Naperville, Ill., claims high rank.

6. Originally exclusively German, gradually large numbers of their membership have been anglicized. This inevitable process causes much friction. At present the Association is in throes of bitter dissension. The former editor of the Evangelical Messenger, Dr. H. B. Hartzler, was found guilty of grave offenses and deposed from office. The deposed rebel, publishes now a paper of his own, and secures many adherents. One of the bishops supports the "rebel."

1. It is a humiliating reflection that after death our loved ones make haste to bury us out of sight. We have been dear to them, they had loved us much; but now they do what Abraham did, who delayed not in consigning the body of Sarah to the grave.

2. A scene from life. Weeping widow: "I want a decent burial for my departed husband." Funeral director: "So sorry to hear of your good husband's demise. Yes, a decent funeral. He was worthy of it. An honorable man. Coffins range from \$20 to \$200, shrouds from \$5 to \$30. That cobbler around the corner was buried in a coffin which cost \$110. Your old seamstress who recently died of consumption was laid out in a shroud which cost \$25. Only the best is good enough for your dear husband. His praise is in the mouth of every one. All loved him. He was good to the poor. Many will attend the funeral. I presume thirty carriages will scarcely accommodate the numerous friends of the dear, good man." Weeping widow: "Yes, only the best is good enough for my husband." That funeral cost the desolate widow more than \$400. One-eighth of that amount would have secured a decent burial.

3. Funerals, as usually conducted, are a severe ordeal to the mourning relatives. A noisy "wake." Curious friends, affecting sympathy. Now the sermon. That sermon frequently a professional panegyric, or one composed of sentimental platitudes. The benediction having been pronounced the corpse is repeatedly kissed. The ride to the graveyard is long, slow and doleful. At last, "ashes to ashes!" A scream from the relatives, the widow or mother fainting, constitute the finale. I commend Bishop McTyeire's wisdom, insisting that a funeral sermon should not be preached at his burial.

4. Man's progress has always been rotary. The most advanced of advanced thought first complete the circle. Christian scientists have again reached the civilization of ancient Rome, claiming that cremation of corpses should be generally practiced. Several of our large cities have crematories. But the capital invested pays small dividends. In New Orleans the cremation society dissolved.

5. Strange that there are preachers who decline to officiate at the burial of persons of ill-repute. Our service is not a mummery, in honor of the dead, but one affording opportunity of religiously benefiting the attendants. I commend the course of a preacher who consented

to officiate at the funeral of the most notoriously wicked person in our city. In the temple of Venus he spoke to the vast concourse of lewd people of Jesus, the Saviour of sinners.

6. The custom of mourners being at black is a relic of Pagan Rome. The church fathers' cynicism and St. Augustine inveighed against this ugly practice, out in vain. It obtains to this day. Black is the symbol of despair. If we have reason to fear that our departed friends have gone to the place of "outer darkness," dark, black habiliments would well befit us. I see indications of approaching reform in this respect.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

REV. H. D. PALMER AND CO-LABORERS IN 1841.

REV. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

In 1840, on the 25th of December, the conference met in Rutersville, Bishop Waugh presiding. Littleton Fowler was appointed presiding elder of San Augustine district, and Henderson D. Palmer to the Jasper circuit. The work was greatly blessed under the pastoral management of Bro. Palmer. He was of meek and gentle spirit, pure in heart, earnest and pathetic in the pulpit, social and attractive in private life. He led many souls to Christ. He continued in the regular work for many years, giving his energies and life to the cause of Christ, and died in Feb., 1869, having been a faithful, consistent, zealous and successful minister of the gospel for 31 years. He left a successor and representative in the ministry in the person of his son, L. E. Palmer, of the North Texas Conference.

During his pastorate in 1841 on the Jasper circuit the Byerly camp-ground was erected, and the first camp-meeting held in October of that year. There were present at that meeting assisting the preacher in charge, Revs. Frank Wilson, Henry Stevenson, Friend McMahon, Sr., Bennett Elkins, J. C. Woolam, and W. P. Warren. Bro. W. P. Warren was a minister of the O. S. P. Church. He did a good work in the early days of the church in Texas. For many years he resided in Rusk county, Texas, and died years ago at his son-in-law's (Mr. Brown), in Tyler. Bennett Elkins was a useful local preacher for many years. He was received on trial in the East Texas Conference in 1853, and traveled for five years and died in 1858. He was a good man—faithful, zealous and successful.

Friend McMahon served the church as a local preacher for many years. He was a cousin of Col. Saml. McMahon, of Sabine county. He lived to a great age. Thoroughly consecrated to God. He moved about a venerable servant of his Master. He was not a strong preacher, but always had a message for all with whom he came in contact. This writer has often heard him praising God rapturously in the congregation, around the home circle, and in the public highways. He enjoyed uninterrupted peace and died in complete triumph. His funeral was preached by his true yoke fellow, Frank Wilson. He left a large posterity behind him: children, grand-children and great grand-children; all of whom are Methodist, and among them several preachers of great usefulness in the local ranks.

Henry Stevenson was an early pioneer in the itinerancy in the great West. He was in Texas preaching in 1824, and again in 1833-34. In 1835 he was sent as missionary to Texas. He continued a faithful servant of the Lord to the last hour of life. At the camp-meeting above mentioned he was very feeble and infirm. He bid adieu to his brethren, and died one month after in what is now Newton county. He left two sons who were afterwards useful local preachers. He has many descendants now living in Newton county, Texas. He was the only one of the seven ministers attending the camp-meeting in 1841 with whom this writer was not personally and intimately acquainted.

Frank Wilson was a prodigy—a tower of strength. Born and reared in western Virginia. He began his ministerial life amidst the mountain scenes and fertile valleys of the romantic region of the Kanawha. In 1839 he came to Texas to assist the struggling band of faithful men who had preceded him. He was a strong recruit, possessing strong native ability; a good judge of human nature, brave, active and indomitable, he was a power for good wherever he went. His first charge in Texas was the San Augustine circuit. Here he did a grand work, adding to the church one hundred members. He began a protracted meeting during the summer of 1841 in San Augustine. The wicked element rallied their forces and for several nights in succession they greeted the preacher with yells and shouts and hurled stones on the roof of the house. He continued undaunted and preached the Word with power. The rabble surrendered, came to church, and many of them were converted during the meeting. At the camp-meeting in Jasper in 1841 a crowd collected and repaired to the grove for a mock service. Father Wilson followed them and when they knelt for prayer he appeared in their midst and proposed to lead the service. It is useless to say that their flight was instantaneous. He filled circuits and districts with great acceptability. Was agent for the Wesleyan College and was a delegate to the General Conference in 1846 that convened at Petersburg, Va.

He was logical, eloquent, and deeply impressive as a preacher. As a revivalist he was unequalled in his day; controlling vast assemblies with perfect ease. This writer heard him at a great camp-meeting Oct., 1856. It was midnight. The lights were all renewed. The horn had sounded at that unusual hour for service. The singers had congregated, and the people came together eager to hear. The venerable man ascended the pulpit with a firm step. His long flowing locks of white hair hung loosely about his shoulders. He announced in solemn voice: "Behold! the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." He vividly depicted the second coming of Christ; described the scene of the saints as they entered the guest chamber of the Son of God; and with tremulous voice portrayed the misery and gloom of the neglectors of salvation. To adequately portray the enactments of the hour is impossible. Suffice it to say sinners were convicted and converted, and the songs of praise and shouts of victory rang out on the natural stillness of that October night. He lived to be very old, and often felt that he was neglected by the church, for which he had given his life's labors unremittingly. How lamentable the fact that even to this hour that men of God who came and made ready the way for this generation of Methodists are neglected and left to care for themselves as they linger out their last days on the earth. We ought to do better and provide for these heroes a competency. He died in great peace in Louisiana Oct., 1867, having served in the ministry forty-eight years, and was buried by the side of his wife near his old home in Newton county, Texas. He has sons and grandsons still living in that county.

Rev. J. C. Woolam is the only survivor of the seven ministers who were present and participated in the labors of the camp-meeting at Byerly's in 1841. God has wonderfully preserved this faithful servant of his, and he still lives to bless the church and the world with his godly counsel, labors and prayers. Being of a cheerful disposition, he carries sunshine into all circles in which he moves. How valuable has been his life and labors during these forty-nine years will not be known in this life. He supplied the Liberty mission in 1841; was admitted into the Texas Conference in 1842, and assigned to Lamar mission, and has been successively on missions, circuits, station and district, up to the last two or three years. He is now actively engaged as chaplain of the Rusk penitentiary. Cheerfully and patiently he awaits the time of his departure. How beautiful the close of such a life. Patience, cheerfulness, humility, and Christian resignation, are the shining gems which disclose their brilliancy in the closing days of this good man. God bless my friend of other days.

MORAL CULTURE OF CHILDREN.

MRS. MARY E. LENSEE.

Nettie Armstrong, Lizzie Bertram, and Lizzie's father, sat on the pleasant gallery of Nettie's home one June evening. They had attended a picnic that day, and the two young friends naturally talked of the sight-seeings and doings of the day. Mr. Bertram sat near, but took no part in the chatting. Nettie broke in upon the thread of conversation rather abruptly with the exclamation: "O, Lizzie! did you see Susie Cotrell's aunt, who has recently come to visit her? Such eyes! She is just a fright! Her eyes are just like peeled onions."

Lizzie bit her lip, and smiling a little, so as not to give offense, made no reply. Nettie, unheeding these silent hints, went on: "Yes, Lizzie, I tell you the truth, I could not help laughing at those onion eyes every time I looked that way, and if I had—"

Abruptly she ceased speaking, for a glance at Lizzie's face was now convincing enough that something was wrong, and at that moment Lizzie shook her head and placed her hand over her own mouth, as a token of silence, and glanced at her father.

Nettie took in the situation now, and in Mr. Bertram's unusually grave face read disapproval plainly enough. As soon as the two girls were alone, Nettie asked: "Did I do very wrong speaking about Susie Cotrell's aunt? Is she a relative of your father's?"

"Oh, no," Lizzie answered; "an entire stranger; but father has always taught us never to speak disparagingly of any one, and particularly of their personal appearance, and I thought you would rather know it, and that is the reason I signed to you to stop."

"Yes, I'm glad you did. I fear your father thinks me very rude. Will you please explain to him that I just wanted to have a little fun, just something to laugh at. I would not hurt the lady's feelings for anything."

"I know you would not, dear," Lizzie said, reassuringly, "but it is best never to have fun at the expense of another, and you know one cannot help one's books. Father has impressed these things on us from babyhood. I know you would prefer to be warned about what was grating to his feelings. You do not think hard of me, Nettie?"

"No, indeed, I thank you." And Nettie turned off with a sigh.

What meant the sigh? It meant just this: "How I wish my mother or father had taught me that beautiful way! Instead of that I have actually been taught by example to ridicule others, and think it very funny. Kind old

Mr. Bertram is right. I ought not to be blamed for bad habits that were actually taught me. Oh! I wish they had reared me up to be kind and thoughtful!"

Nettie Armstrong was trying to be a Christian, but she found that she had many battles to fight with the habits that had grown up with her from childhood, and often before she was aware of her fun-loving propensities, and her want of moral culture prepared for her a pillow of thorns. Not long after the bitter experience about the peeled onion eyes she was sitting with a group of young people in a crowded church, before the services commenced, when a very large lady, with a green shawl around her shoulders, came in with some young people and sat in the seat just in front. Nettie immediately began nudging her companion's elbow, and saying, "Mother Bunch! Mother Bunch! Yes, Mother Bunch in all of her veranday." Other remarks of a like nature followed, until the group was in quite a titter of merriment. After a little while a young girl seated by the large lady turned her head, and as her eyes rested on Nettie's face she exclaimed: "Nettie Armstrong, I have not seen you since we left school a year ago. Let me introduce my mother; she will be glad to see you, for she has often heard me speak of you."

Here was a dilemma, indeed, and guilty Nettie felt out to the heart. Mother Bunch, the verdant Mother Bunch, was the mother of her dear friend and room-mate at college, and she had been ridiculing her thus. Oh, how could she forgive herself. She felt like dropping on her knees and craving pardon, but this she knew would not do. She could only hope her remarks were not heard by mother or daughter. Their kind manner gave her no suspicion that they were, but the sting was in Nettie's heart all the same, and it seemed to her that their kind attentions were coals of fire on her head. That night, tossing on her thorny pillow, Nettie pondered it all over, and the deep drawn sigh passed the lips, and the heart again took up the bitter note "would that mother and father had trained me differently! Am I to blame for habits which have grown with me year by year? The blame rests with them, I am the sufferer. Lizzie Armstrong never has to fight these battles with herself, and never has to toss on thorny pillows of remorse as I do. She is strong and beautiful in character, leading others, and I—am the moral weakling, so weak that I cannot walk myself or even be led right by her good example."

How hard it is to break the habits of childhood! They are like the bones and muscles in the little body growing firmer, stronger, more closely knit each year. How important to break the evil ones in their incipency and inculcate good habits that may grow strong with the rolling years. How gratefully the heart turns the memory pages of a well trained childhood. The book of the past will be a precious volume keeping for review sweet sunny scenes which refresh and strengthen us in the din and toil of life. It is true that scarcely any one can say that at times his stubborn self will not run counter to the teachings of wise parents, but even when the scene is thus darkened we can see the mellow guiding star lightening and mellowing with a holy radiance the way of the erring child.

On the other hand there will arise in the heart bitter thoughts, blame, and reproach. We hold to the belief that no family is happy where there is no control, no training, no moral culture. There will be discordant scenes, wounded feelings, jarring, and harshness, when there should be sunshine and music, and harmony, and to one thus reared the past is a volume of unpleasant memories, and it is quickly closed, and placed as far back on the shelf of oblivion as it is possible to put it.

Are the mothers keeping the "heart record?" In that record are the outcroppings of that inner self noted down? Can the mother find the first track of the little child as it steps out of the path of rectitude? Has she tried to guide the wanderer back? God help the mothers to cultivate the moral nature of their children.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A few weeks of invalid life give one time to think about things, to gather up the odds and ends, and to write about them as the head and hand grow strong enough for the task.

So I will look over my scrap basket of unwritten events and pass away a dragging hour with my friends of the ADVOCATE. Away back in June the Southwestern University had a commencement that ought to have been written up from half a dozen different standpoints. But scribbles, like the rest of humanity, are sometimes selfish and indolent. With this scribe it was followed too closely by the meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Society and the Chautauqua to take time to write up as big a thing as the commencement at Georgetown. But at this late date, I want to say that it was the finest display of intellectual discipline and culture I ever witnessed, and with highest religious tone.

And now before this is in press, the university will open again. Two more professors will be added to the faculty this year, Calloway and Works, who will doubtless be a great addition.

The department of music will be in the hands of Miss Gertrude Swearingin,

one of the very finest teachers in the South. She was considered a fine teacher before the thorough course she has just finished at the Boston Conservatory. So we expect our school of music to be of the best.

Miss Pallie Young is to assist Mrs. Cody in taking care of the girls at the Annex, which is another fine acquisition, as she is qualified both by nature and experience for that important position.

The University and Chautauqua seem to be mutually aiding each other. Several pupils will be sent by visitors to the Chautauqua, and visitors to the University invariably learn of the Chautauqua work, for Georgetown is proud of this new acquisition which she paid liberally to secure and works hard to sustain.

Her people seem capable of appreciating the fine lectures that we had. I presume such an array of talent was never before the Texas public as the Chautauqua presented. Besides the best of Texas talent, there were eight or nine lecturers of national reputation, and one of almost world-wide fame—Jahu DeWitt Miller having just returned from Europe, where he had been a success on the platform. These men touched every side of nature—every phase of life—giving us the thoughts and wisdom of the nation's largest brains. As at the marriage of Cana, the best wine came last. At first we had three of Vanderbilt's most famous—Smith, Tjirt and Merrill, whom we thought could hardly be equaled—certainly not excelled—by any that should come after. Then came the inimitable Jahu DeWitt Miller, with his inimitable wit and humor, disposing of the questions of the day, some times in one cutting sentence, that you would never forget. Some young people came to him, he said, asking, "Do you think it any harm to dance?" "Oh, no; your girls dance over in that corner and you boys in this." There was no dance. I wish everybody, especially the young, could have heard his "Love, Courtship and Marriage." While there was much fun, there was more earnest, solemn truth touching every point in that most sacred relation, making it appear more holy, more sacred, with no excuse for the trifles in human hearts.

Then we had Gov. Cumback, unexcelled in manner and social arts, telling us grave, mighty truths about men and principles, and making us laugh, too, for he knows how to tell a joke. But the best of all was to come at the last. George W. Bain, of Kentucky, struck deeper, reached higher, than any other. Who that heard him will ever forget it? Who will say he was not made wiser and better? Who that listened did not feel that a master hand was touching the finest chords of the human heart, awakening music that will reverberate from the walls of the New Jerusalem; for pure and holy aspirations were sprung at his touch that will reach their goal only in the glories of that city of beauty where the ransomed abide. Surely no reward ever crowns the brow or fills the heart of worker, poet or warrior, richer than the swell of gratitude that goes out to Geo. W. Bain from the hearts of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, as he stands and pleads for the purity and sobriety of "Home and Native Land," that the trail of the deadly serpent—rum—shall be forever wiped away from their sacred thresholds. I voice the prayer of thousands who listen to his earnest pleadings, when I say, "God bless George W. Bain in his earnest efforts to drive intemperance from his native State." After Chautauqua was over, I proposed to begin my work immediately as secretary of the Georgetown district. A district meeting was partly planned at Round Rock, and several trips with my valuable conductors, Misses Lucy Harper and Lula Grant, were in contemplation to organize, but sickness has prevented me so far from doing anything. Miss Lula Grant has been at work, however, and organized an auxiliary at Mt. Horeb. She writes me that the pastor is delighted, which augurs well for the prosperity of that society. Much depends on his attitude to our work. I hope to be able this fall to do some work in this loved cause, and here invite correspondence with the auxiliaries of the district or any person interested. I have heard of several pastors who are willing to have this important branch of church work begun in their charges, and trust some able hand may take hold if mine should not.

I have been reading some books lately. I read Longfellow's prose work, Hyperion, for the first time, though it is an old book. Like all of Longfellow's writings, it is beautiful in thought and expression—a dreamy old book, in which the hero, a young widow, starts out roaming over the old world, with no object but to forget his sorrow. He finally becomes oblivious to it under the charm of an angelic creature, who, however, after allowing him to transport himself into the seventh heaven, coolly and calmly says—"No." So he then has two griefs on hand instead of one. I don't know just how that is, but it would seem like the old grief would reappear. But at last the one or the two consolidated, or acting in concert, finally brings him to see that he is wasting his life, and he resolves to try to turn his life to some good purpose—a very wise resolve. The picturing of scenes and people of the old world is beautiful, and there are many fine old legends told that makes it a very readable book for one whose time

hangs heavily. Then I read some books that interested me still more and did me much good. They were Pansy's books, Esther Reid and several others of that series. I wish everybody could read Pansy's books. I don't know whether I am orthodox on the subject or not, but I believe that books that do as much good as hers are inspired not just the way the scriptures are, as being an infallible rule of right, but to accomplish the end designed. The author wishes to teach lesson in everyday Christian living or working. She invokes the aid of the Holy Spirit in her work, and surely it is given and surely the Holy Spirit co-operates with the reading, applying the lessons and bringing the truths home to their mark. Such is the effect of all of Pansy's books that I have read. How many Christian lives will blossom into higher beauty, how many will go to work for others and work more wisely through their influence, she will only know in the land of rewards. I feel like begging all parents to put them in the hands of their children, not failing themselves to read them. Pansy's idea for Christian work I think the correct one. Instead of grieving and fretting because you can't reach every body and raise the fallen *en masse*, or because you can't get others to help you, go to work on individuals; single out somebody to work and pray for. If every Christian would do this, their number would soon be doubled.

I am having two new experiences in the last few weeks. First, in being sick in a city boarding-house; and second, in being treated by a lady physician. Once before, I had always had a dread. Visions of un tidy, close rooms, with untidy, uncomfortable beds and unpalatable food, had always arisen before me in view of such a thing. I am now beginning to have a suspicion that boarding-house keepers, like old maids and mothers-in-law, are sometimes slandered. Surely no one could desire more pleasant rooms, purer beds or better food, than I am blessed with here at the Granberry House. And as to the lady physician, I used to think I could never trust to one—that women's minds were not strong enough to master the profound study of medicine. But Dr. Florence E. Collins, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, has shown me my lack of appreciation of the ability of my own sex by her thorough knowledge of disease and medicine, her quick decision, her pains taking care, and more than all, by her success. Coming here three years ago, unknown to anyone in the city, with prejudice to overcome, with the best of physicians to compete with, she has won the commendation of doctors and people, and established a good practice. Nothing seems more fitting, more womanly, than to see her passing around among her patients with woman's tact and ease. I wish more of our girls with no talent for music and none for art, would spend some of the hundreds they are wasting on trying to acquire those accomplishments, in fitting themselves for this useful profession.

MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

HOME CONFERENCES.

Weatherford. I have had a very successful year; fifty-three conversions and eighty-seven accessions.

Jefferson. H. A. Rosser, Sept. 26: We are doing tolerably well. We have had some good meetings. About twenty accessions to the church.

Vernon. A. B. Trimble, Sept. 26: My meeting for Ansbey closed last night. Five conversions, seven accessions and the church greatly revived, and young converts went to work. Praise God for free salvation.

Larissa. C. H. Smith, Sept. 28: We held a meeting at Mt. Carmel, on Larissa circuit, which resulted in twenty-four conversions and twenty-two accessions. No ministerial help except Bro. Fontain, the junior preacher.

Ben Franklin. E. G. Roberts: Eighty conversions and 110 accessions for Ben Franklin circuit to date. Bro. J. F. Sherwood has preached three times. Local preachers have all been true. God bless the local preachers. Through their instrumentality I was converted to God.

Santa Anna. G. D. Wilson, September 28: Protracted meeting here closed last night. Nineteen additions; church revived. Bro. C. V. Dewalt, of Colton, preached five good sermons for us. Had not weather and a two bit show to contend against, but the Lord gave us the victory.

Craigsville Church. A Sister, Sept. 22: I hope you will permit me to tell you how much I owe the ADVO-CATE and the dear old Methodist Church, and how I am interested in the prosperity of the church in general. Our minister, Bro. J. C. Green, preached an able and touching sermon to-day. He is doing a good work here and is peculiarly adapted to the work, and it is to be hoped (and so is expressed by all) that he will be sent to us another year. Our quarterly meeting will commence on Friday night before the 24th of November, and we ask all to pray for a power for sinners, but in the church, quality and not quantity is what we need—wealthiness we have here many noble and true. We always knew where to find them. So far the collections ordered by the conference are coming up well, and we are hopeful of a good report at conference every way; have had thirty or more conversions and accessions, though a decrease in the number of the membership—a thing I have never had to do before, but I have a clear conscience and feel that God approves. Pray for us.

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Greenville.

J. W. Stevens, Sept. 9: I have been to Greenville. I met "Gulliver," of course everybody knows who Gulliver is. I also met the Salvation Army—rather a detachment—under command of Col. White. I attended services with them at the Methodist Church Saturday night. It was a grand time—the grandest I have seen in a long time. No foolishness; nothing cranky; a pure gospel, by a pure, consecrated people. Greenville has surrendered—they have captured Greenville; a grand revival is the result; something over seventy-five conversions up to date—sure enough converts. You ought to have been there to have heard them talk—not your holding-up-hand sort, but the talking, shouting sort—regular old camp-meeting sort—embracing all kind of folks in town. Lawyers and doctors and merchants and the worst people in town have been, and are still being, converted. Gulliver says they are going to have a clean 1000 before he closes, and I am not prepared to doubt it much. The fact is, Gulliver is up on a plane just a little higher than I ever saw him before. You just ought to see him—hear him—shake hands with him—it is catching. I was glad I stopped there. I wish I could stop at such a place and at such a meeting every day. The fact is, brethren, these Salvation Army folks are just nothing but old-fashioned Methodists, and the old-fashioned old-fashioned and the old-fashioned ire that our people had forty years ago. It's religion in earnest—on fire—that's all; don't be afraid of them; give them the right hand and an open heart when you meet them; they are sound to the core. Read the life of Wesley and the struggles of the early fathers, and then listen to them. God has no doubt called them to the work they are doing. He is blessing their labors. If you doubt me, go to Greenville. I write this from Black Jack Grove, Hopkins county.

Baird.

P. R. B., Sept. 16: Rev. J. P. Mussett, pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon yesterday, at 11 o'clock service, to a large audience on the subject of Baptism. It was no harangue, or thrust at anyone, but a clear, logical, Christian presentation, conclusive and convincing. Full of the love of God the same pastor, two weeks before, by words full of sweetest pathos, preached in every sense of the word, and then administered the sacrament to souls hungering and thirsting for a greater fullness of divine blessing. To make good Methodist things are necessary: The pastor each Sabbath must come prepared to instruct his membership, and, having cleared up the path, then to encourage them in following the blessed Master. Such is truly preaching the blessed gospel of the Son of God. Such was the sum of Christ's preaching while he remained on earth. Dear pastors of our pulpits, (and they are legion), prepare yourselves by communion with God and much prayerful study to sow good seed on each Sabbath to the hungry souls that throng you, and God will send showers of divine blessings that will cause the precious seed sown to spring up and bring forth good fruit, even a hundred fold to his honor and glory. We are often hungrier and thirstier than you think we are. Methodists left untaxed in their church doctrines often become so "liberal" that they are often out visiting other churches when their presence is most needed at home. This broad liberality sometimes destroys interest and ever sense of obligation once so strongly felt and so religiously enjoyed when more secure under her protection. Shepherds, give your flocks something to feed upon, if you would not have them wander.

Baird.

B. F. Dunn, Sept. 18: We are moving on toward the close of this conference year, and as we review the work of this year we find many reasons to be thankful to God for his blessing upon our labors and upon the people of Belle Plaine and Baird circuit. Our fourth quarterly conference, which has just passed, was well attended by the official members of the church. Our popular and faithful presiding elder was on hand, as usual, looking after the spiritual and material interests of the church. Since our meeting at Baird, last spring, under the leadership of Bro. Abe Mulkey, we have had good revivals at the other three appointments, and have been assisted in these meetings by our presiding elder, Bro. Wallace, and Rev. Thos. C. Ragsdale, of Cisco station, for whom we feel grateful to them and to God. We are now making preparations for building a church at Putnam, on this circuit, and hope to have the building in course of erection by the time of the meeting of our annual conference at Belton. This is another new church to add to the list of churches built on Abilene district this year. Our college property at Belle Plaine has passed out of the hands of the church. The indebtedness on the property was so great that our most zealous efforts were not sufficient to arouse our people to the importance of paying the debt and saving the property to the church. Many of us feel sad because of the loss of this institution of learning to our church; but we hope that, in some way, this misfortune "will work together for our good." We have had about seventy-five accessions to our church up to date on the circuit, but the loss of Belle Plaine College, and the consequent decrease of membership at that place, will cut down our net increase some. I hope, however, that our loss in membership will be somebody else's gain. We again thank God for

his good hand that has been upon us this year.

Commerce Circuit.

W. W. Horner: Our third protracted meeting was held in the neighborhood of Lane's school house, beginning on Saturday night before the third Sunday in August, and continued for six days. Results: Two conversions and three accessions to the church. Good seed was sown, which we trust will yet bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God. The fourth protracted meeting was held at Scatter Branch, five miles west of Commerce, embracing the fourth Sunday in August and continued five days. Results: One conversion and five accessions to the church. We had many difficulties to contend with in this meeting—sickness in my family; a cold, indifferer church; a fearful mixture of error: Hardshellism, Campbellism, Universalism, and other things too numerous to mention. There are many good people in that community, but they need a sweeping revival of pure and undefiled religion to stir them up and arouse them from their Laodicean slumbers. Our fifth protracted meeting was held at this place and was a glorious success. Results: Twenty-seven conversions and thirty-two accessions, with more to follow. This was one of the best meetings that I ever held. The Lord was with us from the very beginning, and the church worked more faithfully than I have ever seen them do before. Some old and hardened sinners were touched and were made to weep, and a saloon-keeper was happily converted. When he arose and commenced shaking hands with the brethren, there was great rejoicing among the brethren, and even sinners said they were glad to see him converted and happy in a Savior's love. We raised a collection for foreign missions and church extension, amounting to about \$70 in cash and subscriptions, and I never saw people give more readily and willingly than they did on this occasion. We had the able assistance of Bro. J. F. Sherwood, and he did some of the best preaching of his life. He is a good preacher and a fine worker in the altar. Bless the Lord! I am happy this morning. I had the pleasure of receiving my own precious little boy into the church with other boys and girls, and I pray that these dear young converts may hold out faithful to the end. The meeting lasted three weeks lacking one day, and the Lord was with us at every service. I begin at Huxley to-night. Brethren, pray for me.

Greenville.

J. W. Hill, Sept. 18: Our meeting closed last night with ninety-seven conversions. The meeting was one of great power and had a most gracious effect upon the church and the entire town. We have all taken higher ground, and, as a church, have made a fuller consecration than ever before. In order that honor may be given to whom honor is due, I wish to give a brief history of the movement. About five weeks ago, an advance agent of a crusade band of the Salvation Army of America visited our town, with the view of getting a place in which to hold a meeting. After satisfying myself that they were regular soldiers of that army, and not irresponsible "come-outers," and after reading their letters of commendation from a number of preachers of various orthodox denominations, among whom were some of our own Texas preachers, I endeavored to secure the court-house for them. In this I failed—we all failed, for several brethren helped me in the effort. The trustees of our church then concluded to open the doors of our church to them with my consent. I consented. They came in and went to work. They controlled the meeting for a couple of weeks, when I took charge, with Bro. E. W. Alderson to assist me. I requested "Col." White, the leader of the salvation band to remain and help us; he did so. His entire force (eight soldiers) working right ahead in their earnest, consecrated fashion. The whole thing was a success. At first, a few of the brethren felt a little loth to take hold, not knowing anything about the Salvation Army, nor what their doctrines and methods were, but when they found that they were old-fashioned revivalists—Methodists of the type of a century ago—they fell right in, and almost the entire church became a flame of fire. I had read much about the army and looked upon them as well calculated to work in the slums of our great cities—believed them earnest, honest, and perhaps a little fanatical, but I had never come in contact with them. I now say that so far as "Col." White and his corps are concerned, they are modest, humble, consecrated people, whose language and manners, public and private, are pure and chaste, and whose preaching and general church work is with power and the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. They are close students of the Bible, and they preach and practice the doctrines of Methodism. Their Guide Book, or Discipline, in which is set forth their creed and rules of order, is worthy of a place among the best orthodox confessions of faith. If this band is a sample of the army in America, they are the worst slanders set on earth. Of course, the secular press would be against them as a rule, but there is no converted man who is honest enough to investigate them (and all converted men are honest), but must and will bid them God-speed. Their methods to attract the populace are peculiar. They march the streets, singing as they go, accompanying vocal with instrumental music. But when they come into their place of worship, the motley throng that follows them for fun are treated to a pure gospel preached straight from the shoulder and sanctified by the power of the Holy Ghost. Some of the hardest men in this city were converted and brought into our church through their efforts here. But enough of them. We are pushing

the Second or Park Avenue Church with all speed. We wish to finish it by conference. Next year Greenville will have two stations and two station preachers. Bless the Lord! I am having much sickness in my family, but by the grace of God, will be ready for the conference. Pray for us, brethren, and God be with you till we meet again.

Mineral Wells.

C. H. Ellis, Sept. 6: By invitation of the pastor, Bro. M. L. Harris, the undersigned joined him in special services, August 23d, and continued until September 3d at the above named place. Truly the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we should be glad. The meeting was one of remarkable sweetness and power. The whole gospel was preached, offering pardon to the penitent and heart-cleansing to the consecrated believer on the simple condition of faith in the Lord Jesus. It was not a gospel in the spirit of controversy, but of love, "drawing rather than driving." Sin was presented as exceedingly sinful and displeasing to God whether it appeared in the form of actual transgression, or unholiness of heart and spirit in the unacknowledged believer. A distinction was made between purity and maturity. Some said they never saw this good old way of perfect love in this light before. The power came from the time to time. Results: Twenty-eight conversions and twenty-four additions to our church. Eight entered into the sweet experience of perfect love. The whole church seemed to rise to a higher and more satisfactory experience. During this year, under the faithful preaching and earnest efforts of Bro. Harris, more than one hundred souls have been converted and about that number have been added to the church at this place. Last spring, aided by Rev. B. F. Gassaway, he held a meeting in which about seventy-five were converted. This work was largely among the children. In the meeting just closed all, or at least most, of the converts were adults. Regular prayer-meetings and class-meetings are held and a Sunday-school of more than one hundred pupils is reported. On last Sunday the congregation gave, in a few minutes, the full assessment for domestic missions. It is well known this is a celebrated watering place. Many come for healing of the body, and not in vain. Our people are without a house. A brush arbor and an uninviting, poorly ventilated business house on the public street, seated and arranged for temporary use, is the best that could be done. This brings us to a practical test as to the results of this work of God. A subscription to build is circulated, and about \$110 secured to build a church. There is life and enterprise in it. They now propose to build a house suitable in every respect in which to worship the Lord. It is believed the amount can be ultimately brought to perhaps \$2000. If the Board of Church Extensions aids, as we trust it will, our church will have reached an important result, such as ought to insure most gratifying results in time to come. It is now believed the town will have the advantage of railroad connection in a few months. The contract for the Weatherford and Mineral Wells Railway is closed, and work already begun, so it is reported. This being true, how important the work at this place. Bro. Harris has just left for another appointment for protracted meeting, and I write this report at his request. I have written trusting the items brought out may do good. Every true Methodist will rejoice not only in converting but in sanctifying grace.

Mountain Springs.

S. W. Miller, Sept. 19: I have tried to hold five meetings since I reported in July, but rain, sickness and threshing machines caused two of them to be almost failures. Our meeting at Zion was quite a success, four conversions and three accessions to the church, leaving the community in quite a more healthful condition, spiritually. At Fairview our congregations were large, unusually attentive, serious, and better behaved than ever known there before. Church greatly built up, but no visible results among the sinners at that point. I had scarcely any help to sing, preach, or work in the altar, but it was a time of seed sowing, from which results will evidently develop. At Friendship we had a most glorious meeting. Nine conversions and five accessions; others yet to join. At this point we had four Campbellites who worked, sang, prayed and rejoiced with us, and one of their children happily converted. They would sooner discard Campbellism than experimental religion. I am now engaged at Prairie Chapel. Rev. Cyrus Cavier, late of Southwestern University, is with me. Can't tell what will be here, as we commenced Tuesday night and will hold only at night. I also am now keeping indoors to keep down a rise of fever, as I was in bed yesterday with fever for the first time in eighteen months. Some of my fondest hopes will be disappointed to some extent on account of the fearful scourge of boll worms which visited the main part of my work—that is, the rebuilding Tipton chapel. I had hoped and really expected to preach in a new church there before conference, but will not. Yet I hope to have matters in shape so that the new preacher may preach in one by spring. My wife, though in delicate health, will have Zion church repaired, painted and properly lighted for me to preach my last sermon in before conference. She set her heart upon that work, and but few have escaped when she tackled them for help. From Sept. 5 to 10 we had about seventeen inches rainfall, sweeping away bridges, fences, cotton pens, drowning stock and causing the sand-hills to become quagmires. I was near two days trying to get my family home, and after getting into quick-sand with

team, and bogging up on horseback four times, by walking one-half mile, carrying babe and baggage, we succeeded in getting home to find two children left at home down with chills and fever. But as Uncle Jim Bates, of North Mississippi Conference, said once after a waterspout which ruined him financially, as he knelt down to morning prayer: "Oh Lord, we thank thee that Betsy and the children are all alive yet." So am I in this case.

"BE COURTEOUS."

I have read the ADVOCATE of the 26th inst. with considerable interest and I trust with some profit. Most all of it was written in the spirit of that love which "suff-reth long and over-intelligence and justice long enough. Almost, but not all. The taste and good judgement of our editors and contributors are to be commended and praised, but the personal and not often escaped his eye, or dodged the waste basket. Hence my surprise in reading in the issue of the 26th, that a letter which should never have been published in any decent newspaper, unless there were special reasons why it should appear. The reasons in fact, are as follows: It is easily seen, as he himself was the object of this outrageous attack, he did not feel at liberty to suppress the article. But the rest of us have some rights and I wish for one to say, we want no more such, no matter who may be the object of the attack. Some may ask are not the adjectives you are using as harsh as any Brother Sutherland employed? Perhaps so, but these adjectives are applied not to Brother Sutherland, but to the editor of the ADVOCATE, who, as a cultured man will say that I characterize it improperly. I do not intimate that he is a man of ability, but I do not deny that he has misused the position to which the church has called him. I assert nothing and insinuate nothing in regard to him, but that he is a man of good feeling and noble and upright spirit and which contains an attack upon a man in an important position, unthought by him and which he has admirably failed.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.

WHAT IS THE MOTIVE?

QUEST.

Who said our church was not great and good? Who said that Rome could do a wrong, or the powers that be, perpetrate a joke that would make the rules of the world laugh? Still, I am going to walk the rope over that crater, and here I notice the furies to draw and strike at their leisure. I must confess to the fact of the world with Bro. Alpha joined the conference at the age of eighteen. Being of fine physique, a sturdy frame, and an eye that saw things as they are, not in the face of bitter winds and hope, but essentially to the composition of the "coming man," he was sent to the frontier, where the gospel of Christ is opposed by the most brilliant as well as the most rugged and unyielding. By dint of toil and years of endurance, this little congregation develops into a station of the first water, and younger country neighbors crowd into a big circuit, embracing several of these stations and circuits. They are not clamorous, either. 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Saturday Before Breakfast. The day opened with such inviting beauty that, contrary to my Saturday habit, I rose early and seated myself on the porch to enjoy the freshness of the early morn and watch the workmen as they gave shape and solidity to the rising dormitory.

It is beautiful to observe a bud unfold itself into a perfect flower. It is instructive to see an idea take on the substance of a fact, and to me it is charmingly interesting to watch and study a model while it is developing into a steady structure. The bright suns flashing in the sunlight, the clattering hammers, the busy men and the growing building awakened emotions of pleasure that amply rewarded me for my early rising. Truly, motion is an element of beauty, and Carlyle drew from inspiration when he said "Laborare est orare."

'Tis the motion of these sunbeams that keeps me warm, and their running to and fro delights me with their revelations of beauty. 'Tis the waving of the air that floods my ears with the carol of young birds, singing and swinging on the dew-spangled bough.

Activity is nature's universal law; and yet we mortals grow weary. Is it an evidence of the fall of all flesh that it is out of harmony with this law of matter, or is it a proof of the depravity of matter that it cannot enjoy rest?

As I looked at the builders and the building, I thought of that great Builder and the building "not made with hands." It is interestingly significant to me that Jesus was a carpenter. Carpenters are always building, enlarging, working for the comfort of others and locating happy homes.

Christ built a church, founded it on a rock, weatherboarded it, celled it and made a door thereto; and now he is preparing a mansion for those who love him and keep his commandments.

After breakfast we put our rooms in order for inspection. Each girl adds to her literary aspirations the commendable ambition to be a good house-keeper, and to encourage this laudable desire and stimulate wholesome emulation, Mrs. Kidd has offered a handsome gold medal for excellence in neatness. So that every Saturday at 9 o'clock the rooms are inspected and graded according to the neat and tidy manner in which they are kept.

If you will look in our catalogue next June, you will find honorable mention of the young lady who has won for herself the enviable distinction of being a tidy and efficient house-keeper. This medal for neatness should commend its wearer to all who are worthy of the true and the fair.

This is the hour for the re-adjustment and bringing up of the week's deficits. With this hour probation ends, and the week's accounts are balanced. If a pupil is absent from recitation she is demerited and marked zero. A reasonable excuse in writing will cancel the demerit, but no excuses will remove that stubborn zero except bringing up that missing lesson.

Blessed be the man that invented writing, and thanks to "Clack" Sam for our efficient mails which enable us to communicate with our distant friends, and to receive kind messages and words of love from home. This is a delightful hour; it brings us close to home. As we write fond memories and clever fancy either the dear ones around us, and in spirit we are at home again. Dear mothers, you don't know how grateful and happy we are to receive your warm, loving letters. We bless you as we kiss the words your tender hand has traced. They are all and we will prize them as treasures of strength and comfort to our hearts. Come often, sweet letters, fragrant with the memories of home.

To Dear John: I'll tell you now, John, you need never expect a letter from me while I am at this school. It is hard, my dear John, but this is one of the Meado-Ferrian laws, and we'll just have to bear it patiently until June. And, John, you need not try to send me any cheese or chewing gum, for there is no way "over the garden wall" or to "meet me at the gate."

Keep your heart and your money for me until vacation. I will think of you. Virgil and I will "sing of arms and men," the lettering shall spell "John," and the golden sun, as it falls on my plate, shall trace the initials of your name. Be brave, John; be true.

The constant are not lonely. The true are never parted. No time, no space can sunder. The brave and loving are true. Hath memory's book a fairer page, 'tis in thy smile shall lie. Hath heart of love a sweeter note, 'Tis music shall be thine.

If in the golden caset, where The heart's treasure stores, There be a chalice, dearer spot, That nooklet shall be yours.

This is "Liberty Hour." We all can do as we please, and as we are generally tired, we are pleased to rest. In the afternoon we examine our wardrobe, sewing buttons and repair the rents. There is much valuable experience gained during these hours for repairing. The straggling stitch, the yawning seam and the misplaced button of the novice provoke many smiles and blushes. Now we learn to appreciate that usual domestic duty—ironing. The way, must be accredited to Mrs. Johnson—"A stitch in time saves nine."

Heron skulls we have reason to be grateful to the ornithologist and sisters for needle case and work basket, well stocked with means and instruments for blunting the tooth of time and checking the disintegration of matter.

At four o'clock we go shopping. I hesitate to take my patient roadster through this period of whitens and perplexities. Taking school girls shopping, matching ribbons and complexions, differentiating colors and shades, of which I've never dreamed, fitting a respectable man or woman's foot with a number-two shoe, looking from Dan to Beersheba for a tooth-brush of so many d-grees flexibility. Kind reader, I haven't the heart to subject you to this tiring ordeal; and I advise you never to attempt it, unless you can afford a faithful nurse who will give you nervous and soothing syrups every hour during the following night.

That "cleanliness is next to godliness," is one of the tenets of the N. T. Creed. From our mud huts in the evening the bath-rooms are in constant use, and when the supper bell rings, we all appear in clean apparel, sweet as the roses of Sharon and pure as the dews of Hermon.

We return refreshed from our evening walk and repair to the study halls where we devote three-quarters of an hour to the preparation of the Sunday-school lesson. We use the International Lesson Papers, and pupils and teachers take a lively interest in the pleasant duties and privileges of this hour. At 8 o'clock we lay aside our books and engage in social pleasure. This is the social hour and is by no means the least important period of the day. It is pleasantly and profitably improved, and forms an appropriate finish to a well spent day, a happy night cap for the faithful workers.

We visit our neighbors, exchange pleasantries, crack a few colloquial jokes, divide our troubles and freely distribute our joys. In this way we cultivate the social side of our nature, and practice those courtesies and amenities which smooth the pathway of life and adorn it with flowers.

The curfew rings, and we commit our souls to a loving Father's care, and consign our weary bodies to "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

About the Lesson.

LESSON I, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6. THE TRIBES UNITED UNDER DAVID. Sam. vii. 1-12. GOLDEN TEXT.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. cxxxiii. 1.)

MEMORY-VERSES, 13. QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What did David do after Saul's death? He came back to Judea and to Hebron. 2. Did all the people accept him as king? No, only two tribes. 3. Who was anointed king over Israel? The son of Saul. 4. What was his name? Ishbosheth. 5. What great captain fought for him? Abner. 6. Did Abner at last surrender to David? Yes.

7. After how many years? After nearly eight years. 8. How old was David now? Thirty-eight years old.

9. To what place did the tribes come? To Hebron. 10. Did all the tribes come? No, only representatives of all.

11. What was the first thing they said? "Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh."

12. What does this mean? We are thy kinsmen. 13. What did they say of the past? That David had led them in time past.

14. What did they say God had said to him? "Thou shalt feed my people Israel."

15. Who came to David? All the elders of Israel. 16. How long did David reign? Forty years.

17. How long in Hebron? Seven years and six months. 18. Who then held Jerusalem? The Jebusites.

19. Who assaulted them? David and his men. 20. Did they conquer them? Yes, and took the place.

21. What did David establish there? His capital city.—Illustrated Lesson Paper.

LESSON SUBROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—The second Book of Samuel opens with an account of how David received the tidings of Saul's death (vs. 1-12), of the punishment inflicted upon the Amalekite who slew him (vs. 13-16). There follows the touching lamentation of David for Saul and Jonathan (vs. 17-27). The story of the party between David and the party of Ishbosheth, Saul's son, occupies chapters 2-4. David, by Divine direction, established himself in Hebron. He at once sent a kind message to the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead, who had buried Saul (II Sam. iii. 1-7). Abner made Ishbosheth king of Israel, but the tribe of Judah followed David (vs. 8-11). The first battle began with a contest between two men from each faction, in which all were slain, but ended in a victory for Joab, the captain of David's army. Asahel, the brother of Joab, closely pursued Abner, who, after fair warning, slew him; after which a truce was made (vs. 12-32). The war was resumed, with steady gain for the cause of David, to whom six sons were born in Hebron (II Sam. iii. 1-5). Abner had a quarrel with Ishbosheth, which led to his negotiating with David. The latter insisted upon the return of Michal, his wife. Abner then openly espoused the cause of David, but Joab treacherously killed Abner, in revenge for the death of Asahel (II Sam. iii. 6-30). The king publicly mourned the death of Abner (II Sam. iii. 31-39). Two captains of Ishbosheth treacherously murdered him, but on bringing the tidings to David, they were punished by him for their crime with death (chap 4).

Places.—The place of the first part of the lesson is Hebron, the historic city, where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were buried. Hebron was apportioned to Caleb, and became a city of refuge. It is about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. The latter city is the scene of the last part of the lesson. Other places mentioned are the stronghold of Zion, and Tyre.

Time.—The time was B. C. 1048 or 1052.

Parallel passage: I Chronicles xii. 1-9.

Persons.—The tribes of Israel, David, Saul, the elders of Israel, the tribe of Judah, the Jebusites, Hiram, king of Tyre, carpenters and Masons.

Incidents.—The tribes go to Hebron; through their elders they make a league with David and appoint him king; he reigns in Hebron, and afterwards captures the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites, and dwells there; Hiram, king of Tyre, sends messengers and workmen to David.

LESSON SUMMARY.

In the incidents of this lesson we have a suggestion of the way in which God brings his chosen ones to the throne he promises them. The path to success in God's services is a sure, but not an easy, path. It sounds well to say that one is specially favored of God; but he whom God specially favors is pre-destined to have a hard time of it. David's story illustrates this truth. So does many another man of God's story.

Before David was called of God, through Samuel, to be Saul's successor on the throne of Israel, he had been fighting bears and lions, in defense of the sheep he guarded. It would seem natural to suppose that with the summons to high honor there would come to David an easier lot in life. But how was it? From the hour of his anointing by Samuel, David's troubles thickened and his conflicts multiplied to the hour of which this lesson tells us. He had to fight Philistines single-handed, and to fight them in the mass. His

own brother jeered at him. The king to whom he was lovingly loyal was jealous of him and repeatedly sought his life. No longer a shepherd, he was not yet a king. Hunted like a criminal, he fled for a refuge to his enemies; and again he found his only home in the caves of the rocks. Even after the death of Saul, David could gain not a step toward the throne which had been promised him, save as he wisely worked or bravely fought it. Even when he stood before the last citadel to be conquered he was scoffed at by his enemies as hopelessly incompetent for his mission. And when at last—as this lesson shows us—he was fairly established on that throne, over a united people, he recognized the fact that the progress made by his patient and determined doing and enduring in all those weary years was all of God, and that God's purpose in it all was the good of God's people. The way to the crown was the way of the cross with David.

And David's way of progress is the normal way of progress in God's dealings with his people. Joseph was the first son of Israel to have great prosperity; and how did he get it? Hated of his brethren, he was thrown into a pit to die. In milder barbarity he was sold as a slave and carried away among strangers. Traded because of his fidelity to the right, he was cast into an Egyptian prison. And all this was after he had been promised of God an exalted station above the members of his honored household. At last Joseph came to a throne; but to him also the way to the crown was the way of the cross.

So it was all the way along in God's ever-progressing plan for the good of the whole world through his chosen people Israel, until the time when he called the learned and zealous Rabbi Saul to bear the glad tidings of his fullest revelation of love to the outside nations of the earth. "I will show him," was our Lord's assurance at that time, "how many things he must suffer for my name's sake." And then came the sufferings and endurances to the chosen apostle, by land and by sea, in city and in wilderness, through fastings and scourgings and imprisonment, until his course was finished, and he saw before him the crown which he had at last reached by the way of the cross.

As it was with these chosen sons of men, so it was with the chosen Son of Man. Chosen of God, he was rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he walked the path of duty to its end with bleeding feet; and it was by the way of the cross that he reached his crown. Nor shall any disciple of this Master be above his Lord so far. He whom God chooses for a crown must bear his cross daily; he must toil and suffer and endure, and only through much tribulation can he enter into the kingdom which is prepared for those who persevere unto the end in his pursuit.

What stimulus and cheer there is in this teaching of David's story! When things go wrong, when sorrows multiply, when God's very promises seem delayed, and when hope itself offers nothing to rest on, in our own lot, or in the prospects of Christ's kingdom, we may remember that this has always been God's way of progress for his loved ones; and we may rest assured that the crown beyond the cross is sure to us, and that the kingdom of the greater Son of David shall finally be established, so that there shall be one fold and one Shepherd in all the realm of the King of kings.

ADDED POINTS.

If only we will be patient and true in our path of duty, the time will come when those whose welfare we have sought, but who have not recognized our fidelity, will take pleasure in recalling the ties that have all along bound us to them, and the service we have performed in their behalf. Love and loyalty are sure to win in the long run.

In God's good time, God's good promises are sure to find fulfillment. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

No matter how confident are the opposers of God's kingdom, the issue shall show them to be both blind and lame in their hopeless conflict. The very strongholds of the enemies of the true Israel shall yet become the fortress of the champions of that Israel.

Many an entrenched position of Christianity to-day is a vantage ground whence godless opposers of Christianity hurled defiance for a time at the followers of Jesus.

Only as one has God with him, can one grow great surely and safely. And God abides only with those who desire to abide with God.

God can win to us helpers from the outside world as well as from among our own people, if he sees that we need such help, and that it is best for us to have it. If there are not enough in golly Israel to aid us, God can bring us assistance from heathen Tyre.

In all of God's plans for us, God plans for others also. If we use ourselves that which God intended for others through us, we stand in the way of those whom God would bless, and we fail of the blessing that would come to us through our doing as God would have us do.—Sunday School Times.

Old and Young.

BOTTLES AND MORALS.

HERE.

"Halloo, Cal, what have you got there?" "Bottles," said Cal, holding up two. "I am going to get up a lot and sell them to get fire-crackers for the Fourth of July."

"I have four just like those, and you know mamma would never allow me to buy fire-crackers or sell bottles either. It's horrid—being a girl—ian't it," said the first speaker, a pretty girl of ten as she took a good swing on the gate.

"I should say it was!" Cal replied with great scorn, answering the last part of the remark. "But I'll tell you what I'll do, Daisy, give me your bottles and I will divide fire-crackers."

"That's fair and I will said Daisy getting off the gate and letting Cal through, Daisy lent him her little basket to carry the bottles in, after giving him those she had promised, watched him down the street and skipped gaily upstairs thinking of the fun they would have, for she was only ten years old and dearly loved to play.

Mamma thinks her little girl rather too much inclined for boyish sports and does not approve of her buying fire-crackers. I am sure if she knew how much the child wished them or that she would try like this to get them, that she would have given her the penny.

Three days after this Daisy came upon Cal, Dan and Annie shooting fire-crackers and having a noisy good time generally.

"Did you sell the bottles, Cal? she asked pleasantly, expecting that he will divide.

"Didn't I tell you that I was not going to get them as soon as I sold the bottles?" Cal answered crossly as he fired another one.

Daisy said no more but stood watching them awhile, wishing she too had a brother as Annie had, so mamma would let her play like that.

"Come back after supper, Daisy, and we will have lots of fun!" called Annie as she was leaving.

"Papa does not like to have me play after sun down. He thinks it will make me ill. Good bye, Annie."

"Good bye, Daisy," said Annie, but Cal did not look at her.

The next day was the Fourth of July and Cal passed with several other boys going out of the incorporation to shoot their cannons they said.

On the next morning Cal came by again on an errand for his mother and Daisy asked him again if he had sold the bottles.

"Yes, and got the fire-crackers and shot them all away," he answered laughingly, but looked sheepish as he added, "why did you not ask me for them if you wanted any?"

Daisy was surprised at this, but thought it too small a matter to get vexed at Cal for, so she said no more about it.

Carroll stayed away for several days, and did not appear so happy as usual, nor so anxious to play with Daisy and the cat so well as before. But his conscience soon ceased to trouble him, if indeed it had ever done so, for he soon came as before, and never mentioned the bottles.

Daisy had asked mamma about it, and mamma looked sad and said that it was very serious indeed. Children should be quite as faithful in small things as in larger ones, and a little boy who would wilfully deceive in anything was very likely to grow up a dishonest, unworthy man.

"But, perhaps, dear, he was only thoughtless or severely tempted. I have always liked Cal, and would not have you misjudge him or sever your friendship with him too lightly. Every one says Cal is a very bright boy."

"There are several bottles in the laundry from which bluing was taken. You may have them if you wish," said mamma. "And here comes Cal!"

Daisy and Cal ran off to find the bottles, and had a fine time washing them in some white foamy water they found there.

"You can't sell them, Daisy. There is no one who will buy this kind but the 'Bottling works,' Cal said, looking through one of them at the window.

But Daisy was wiping her hands on her white apron, and called out: "Let's go and play dominoes, Cal?" "Oh, I don't like to. What are you going to do with those bottles?" Cal asked pettishly.

"I will give them to you if you will play dominoes," said Daisy. "All right," he answered heartily: "I'll take them home right now, and some time I'll play with you." As he spoke he gathered up the bottles and ran away.

For three weeks Daisy was after him to keep his promise, as they lived very near to each other, and he had every opportunity to do so. But he did not. He wanted to read, to play, to do anything else. Half in fun, wholly obstinate, he would not keep his promise. Yet Cal is a well-raised boy, likes to read, goes to Sunday-school, is well spoken of by every one.

His mamma is quite anxious that he should be polite and well-behaved. Is it possible that he does not know that morals as well as manners make a character? That a little boy who does not keep his promises and who deceives his little friend will grow up to be unloved and despised.

This is a true story of a little boy and girl, whose names I have changed, like the witches in the fairy tales. Can any of the little ones who read it tell me why Cal did so?

DO NOT SWEAR.

EX. XXXI.

1. Swearing is coarse and vulgar. 2. It is ill-mannered, rude, indecent. 3. It is degrading. Men can never be true gentlemen and practice swearing.

4. It is practiced around saloons, race courses, gambling houses and other dens of infamy. 5. Profane swearing is not allowable in decent company—as in the presence of ladies, ministers and gentlemen.

6. Boys and men should always be gentlemen themselves; hence should never swear. 7. Swearing is wicked—it insults the great God who made us.

8. Because it is wicked it is ruinous to the soul in this life. 9. It will send the soul into the fearful hell spoken of in the Bible.

10. Thus God's vengeance will rest

down upon him who takes his name in vain.

For these reasons, which cover both time and eternity, this world and the next, we beg all boys and men who read this, never to swear. L. L. PICKETT. DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS.

THE QUEER LITTLE MOTHER.

I. Come, little darlings, with bright dancing eyes,

I've a story to tell, I know 'twill surprise, Of a beautiful mother and little ones dear, 'Tis true, every word, for I saw them this year

II. In a corner where sunshine and soft breezes played, Where butterflies, hum-bees and crickets oft strayed, This dear mamma made for her babies a dome;

For floor she had grass, for the walls heaven's dome.

III. Now, this beautiful mother wore elegant clothes,

How many she had, I'm sure nobody knows; Dresses red, dresses striped, dresses softer than silk,

Dresses blue, purple, pink, some whiter than milk.

IV. Then, when the bright day/light went out in the west, And the wee baby darlings were folded to rest, She would roll up her dress in the fairest way,

And take out a new one to wear the next day.

V. This queer little mother of friends had a host, 'Twere hard to discover which one loved her most;

One thing in truth, I'm quite able to say, They came by the dozens to see her each day.

VI. The spiders appeared, bringing elegant lace, Woven in patterns of beauty and grace; The grasshoppers trim, in their jackets of green,

With music and dancing attended their queen.

VII. Each butterfly came with his bright-colored fan,

More gorgeous than any I've seen from Japan, It scarcely can be they were meant for mere show,

Yet, I must say, they moved them exceedingly slow.

VIII. But what would betide me, if I should forget To mention young Hamble in velvet and jet? Who always came in with a buzz and a hum,

And brought to the babies some nice little crumb.

IX. In kindest return, he was offered a cup Of honey, the sweetest, and he soon drank it up;

Then saying: "Good morning," he was up and away,

Buzzing his promise to come back the next day.

X. The katydids, too, with their quarrel and song,

And ants and beetles swelled the great throng. Thus, from morn's early glow till the evening star shone,

This beautiful hostess was never alone.

XI. Now, this mother so gay, was very good, too; For her babies she lived, to them ever was true;

The choicest of food she gave them to eat, And wrapped them up snugly from heads down to feet.

XII. In daintiest cribs she laid them to rest, And o'er them spread covering the finest and best;

And through the long night she rocked while they slept;

While the moon and the stars their bright vigils kept.

XIII. "What an odd little Mother!" did you say? Little boy?

And "What is her name?" did you ask, little boy?

And you think you will not endeavor to guess, But wait for her name, my bright little Bess!

XIV. When old winter grows tired of his bluster and blow,

And his cap has been stripped of its white plumes of snow,

When joyous young spring, and bright summer again Come back with their sunshine and soft dropping rain.

XV. These little plant babies, now asleep in their beds,

Will push off their blankets and peep up their heads. And so round the trellis they gracefully twine,

Will look like "Mamma"—Mrs. Morning-glory-vine.

—Nettie C. Alexander, in Kindergarten.

A SCHOOLMARM WITNESS.

Sometimes a lawyer meets his match in the witness box. Not long since there was a breach-of-promise case in an Ohio town. The usual bully-raging lawyer was there, but an unusual witness in the person of a country schoolmarm met him. "Ah, miss," said the lawyer when she had taken the oath, "will you state your name?"

"Elizabeth Martin," she respondly quietly. "Your occupation?"

"Teaching school." "How old are you?" he next inquired, with a side-long smile at the crowd.

"Old enough to know that it is none of your business," she answered as gently as a ring dove coos.

"Objection sustained," remarked the court. The lawyer's face fell, but he braided up and went on, but without a smile.

"Do you know the nature of an oath?" he asked, spitefully.

"Oh, yes; I heard you damn the court yesterday for ruling against you, and I knew you were not saying your prayers."

The court looked at the lawyer, the lawyer looked at the ceiling, and the witness looked at ease.

"Confine your answers to the case, if you please," said the lawyer. "Now, will you tell the court if you know the plaintiff?"

"Yes, sir, I know her." "What do you know of her?"

"More good than I do of a lawyer, sir." "That's not what I want to know." "I presume not," continued the witness softly.

"I want to know," shouted the exasperated questioner, bringing his fist down on the table, "if you know anything about the case before the court?"

"More than you do, possibly." "Well, tell it to the court, and have done with it."

"Thanks. I know, your honor, that Joseph Hill, the defendant, asked Mary Jackson, the plaintiff, if she would be his wife. It was done in my presence."

"Indeed! Isn't that rather an unusual way of popping the question?" "I don't know, sir. I have had no experience. I happened to be present because I came into the room unexpectedly, and found the plaintiff sitting in the defendant's lap, and he, to show that she had a right to save the furniture in that way, asked her again to be his wife, as he had already done a week earlier."

"By the way, Miss Martin, how much does the plaintiff weigh?" "One hundred and forty pounds, sir."

"How do you know so exactly?" "By the weight, of course," she smiled, and the lawyer went off on another track.

"Did you think the defendant was telling you the truth?" "Oh, yes; you know he is not a lawyer."

"The witness will confine herself to the facts," interrupted the court. "Very well, your honor; I shall pay no attention to the statements of the attorney."

"That will do," said the provoked lawyer; "the witness may stand down."

"May it please the court," she remarked, "the witness would like to 'down.'"

"The sheriff will provide witness with a chair," said the court. "She seems to have sat down on everything else in this court room, and the court sees no reason why a chair should be exempt."

The witness smiled placidly, and took a chair to await another call to the box.

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THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

A circular letter sent out to the friends of the American Bible Society closes with the following statement and appeal: The following will show the benevolent receipts of the Society during this period...

It is true the Bible is itself a producer not only of great spiritual, but of great material wealth. But according to the Society's own statement, less than half enough of this wealth has been returned in the way of donations...

THE COLLECTION.

WHEN a Methodist determines to buy a lottery ticket he should drop two names. He should drop the name Christian, because no man can be a good Christian and patronize the lottery...

Our Northern friends would have been surprised had they been at Ruston, La., a few days ago, at the organization of the Confederate Veterans' Association of North Louisiana.

THE METHODIST RECORDER shows how the editor of the Methodist Review (Northern) swears with Shakspeare: A correspondent of the Central Christian Advocate takes the editor of the Methodist Review to task for quoting Shakspeare with a profane intention.

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THE ARKANSAS METHODIST will stand up and explain. Inasmuch as the Arkansas Christian Advocate, published for the M. E. Church, endorses a certain pamphlet by one of its editors and is promulgating like sentiments, we propose to review

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Huntsville and Calvert District Association: The Huntsville and Calvert district having been appointed a man to settle the matter...

Macon, Ga., Sept. 25, 1889. Dear Brother: A week ago I was called to see my only daughter lying at the door of death...

Bremond and Reagan: Quarterly conference has been changed from November to October 12, 13, to be held at Reagan.

THAT APPEAL

In last week's issue of the Advocate an appeal was made for help to build a church in South Dallas. The appeal is timely. The opportunity is passing of our church to be built in the present and future city of Texas, we must buy and build without delay.

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When the ladies know that their visit to the conference will displace them from one to three preachers each, and force them to go three or five miles into the country to get home, surely they will delay their visit.

The class of the second year will please meet at the Methodist Church, in Seguin, on Monday, at 8 o'clock p. m., October 21st.

The class of the third year will meet the committee of examination at the Methodist Church in Seguin, Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m., October 22, 1889. The class will furnish books.

The class of the fourth year in the West Texas Conference will please meet in the Methodist Church, at Seguin, Monday night, October 21st.

Northwest Texas Conference. Dear Sir: Answering your esteemed favor of 1st inst. We will take pleasure in putting on a five cent round trip ticket for one and two-thirds of the straight fare for the round trip for the occasion of your Annual Conference of the Methodist Church to be held at Berlin, November 21st.

I request all preachers who come to conference in private conveyances to inform us at once, as I will have to make provision for their horses. Don't delay, brethren, as I wish to give you time to attend to the other matters you have to take care of.

The presiding elders are not responding to the call for the names of the preachers and delegates that will attend the conference. No places will be provided for those whose names are not in by the 23rd of October.

Dear Brother: A week ago I was called to see my only daughter lying at the door of death. Her Providence was in better, and we hope safe. Just as I was leaving I received your kind letter of Bro. S. Of course I will do all I can to make the plan succeed.

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CARE OF A HORSE'S FEET.

Keeping the Hoofs Clean-A Popular Fallacy-When to Shoe First. The hoofs should be kept clean by being "picked out" as often as possible to prevent any dirt or hard substance being buried in the fissures of the feet.

A popular fallacy indulged in by many is that wet, soft ground and even manure yards are the best places to keep young horses, and some even have the frogs and soles packed thin to allow the moisture to penetrate more easily.

In reply to the query when ought a horse to be first shod, the sensible reply seems to be: when the work required of the animal wears the horn away faster than it forms, or, in other words, so long as the horn of the foot can stand the wear required, it will need protecting (shoeing).

On the subject of fattening sheep one of our wide-awake farmers says: "A good grain for fattening sheep is shelled corn-one-half, barley or rye one-quarter, and oats one-quarter.

It is generally conceded that for best results in butter making, where the milk is set in deep cans, the milk should be placed in the creamer as nearly as possible at the temperature at which it is drawn from the cow, there being a considerable loss of fat in skim milk if the milk is allowed to cool to any great extent before being set.

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Sept 24-3 C Littlepage, sub. T. B. Lane, sub. C. McArthur, sub. F. C. Mabry, sub. W. Wootton, sub. A. C. Brown, sub. Sam. J. Waver, sub. W. S. Davis, sub. J. M. W. Wootton, sub. S. H. Nettles, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. W. H. Moss, sub. J. B. A. W. R. sub. R. H. Simpson, sub. All rights are retained. C. P. F. sub. E. H. Lightfoot, sub. A. C. Collier, sub.

Sept 25-J J. Martin, sub. For 17 months. Geo. H. Dunn, sub. C. G. Davis, sub. C. V. (W. L. L.) sub. W. K. Johnson, sub. J. C. Ragsdale, sub. F. O. Miller, sub. B. F. Sandgett, sub. W. J. Joyce, sub. J. F. Dalton, sub. J. C. F. sub. J. H. H. sub. J. C. F. sub. S. Nelson, sub. J. K. Lane, sub. C. C. Armstrong, sub.

Sept 26-Jas D Odum, chance made. I M Woodward, sub. John B. Lenz, sub. Chas A Hopper, sub. J. Dawson, sub. J. S. T. sub. A. J. Fick, sub. W. H. Moss, sub. J. M. Foster, sub.

Sept 28-R R Raymond, sub. Thos Danen, sub. J. M. South, sub. W. Vanaman, sub. T. C. De Pew, sub. T. T. Boon has attention.

Sept 30-J D Higgins, sub. All right. M. J. Achen, sub. E. H. Hower, sub. H. S. Thrall, sub. J. G. Putnam, sub. J. J. Davis, sub. C. V. (W. L. L.) sub. W. K. Johnson, sub. J. C. Ragsdale, sub. F. O. Miller, sub. B. F. Sandgett, sub. W. J. Joyce, sub. J. F. Dalton, sub. J. C. F. sub. J. H. H. sub. J. C. F. sub. S. Nelson, sub. J. K. Lane, sub. C. C. Armstrong, sub.

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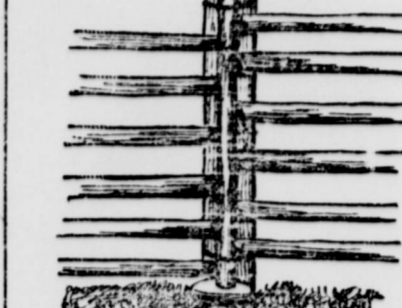
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Texas Christian Advocate

BOOK TABLE.

We have received a pamphlet of twenty-six pages, by Rev. Thos. Stifford, of the Northwest Texas Conference. It discusses three propositions, viz: 1. Reasons for not believing the Lord baptized any person who has never been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2. Reasons for not believing the Lord baptized any person who has never been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 3. Reasons for not believing the disciples of our Lord baptized any persons before Pentecost.

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Much of the waste products of the farm can be used to a good advantage with the poultry; turnip tops, turnips, and other materials can be used.

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One decided advantage in keeping poultry in a good condition is that they are nearly always ready for market, or at least can be made so in a short time.

We can truthfully say that in no instance has Morley's T-X-S Acute Tonic failed to cure Chills when taken strictly as directed. We have guaranteed that it will cure Chills, however bad they may be, and have never had a refund on a single bottle sold.

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What is the difference between an apple and a pretty girl, unless it is that you squeeze an apple to get cider, and you get a side a pretty girl to squeeze her?

Regulate the liver by using that pleasant but sure remedy, Cascarine.

Buckwheat and sunflower seed are two rich articles of poultry food that can always be used to good advantage in feeding poultry during the winter.

Wintersmith's Tonic Syrup for Chills and Fever is a certain cure and pleasant to take. Children are fond of it.

Young ducks should be kept out of the water until feathered.

In planning the poultry house arrange a separate place for the laying hens.

Don't discuss your friends with that horribly offensive breath when you bottled Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Catarrh Cure will make it as sweet as a babe's in less than a week.

If the poultry are confined feed them the weeds and the waste from the garden.

In selling in market, separate not only as regards sex, but also grade them as to size and quality.

COLUMBIA, TEX., Jan. 30, 1889. I sell Morley's T-X-S Acute Tonic on a guarantee and no return a bottle returned. Every purchaser was perfectly satisfied and it cured several very stubborn cases, I know. JOHN S. BARTLETT.

Prepare to sow a small patch of rye convenient to the poultry house early next month. It will afford considerable green food during the winter.

Are you distressed with an overloaded stomach? Are you troubled with headache, dizziness or constipation? Does your head swim? One dose of Hall's SALINE CATHARTIC will give you relief.

As with all other stock the best profit can be realized by keeping the poultry growing steadily from birth to maturity, or at least until they are ready to market.

If your life is made a torture by indigestion and headache, take Cascarine and be cured.

Visitor—My name is Scribbler. I sent you several contributions. Is there anything among them you can use? Editor—Yes, the postage stamps.

DEE, ARK., November 30, 1888. My father had a very bad case of Chills, and after trying all kinds of medicine, several kinds of "chill cures" without effect, he bought a 50 cent bottle of Morley's T-X-S Acute Tonic, one or two doses of which broke the chills and he is now enjoying perfect health. JORDAN KELSLO.

Shipping coops should be high enough to allow the fowls to stand up without inconvenience.

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PATERSBURG, TEX., May 9, 1887. I had all kinds of Chills, but Morley's T-X-S Acute Tonic has had the best of it. It never fails to give satisfaction. I sell more of it than all the rest combined. J. H. FERGUSON.

One item in securing good, healthy chickens is to select out thrifty, vigorous breeding stock.

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Railway Official—My son, your valet has been run over and cut into a dozen pieces. I should Englishman—How do good enough please, to bring the piece that has—how! Contains the key of my hat-box—haw!

From Rev. Dr. McAnally, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. "I have tried J. C. Maguire's Cundurango on myself and others, and it is my opinion that to produce a healthy and safe action on the Liver, Kidneys and secretions generally, there is not a better medicine known, and for persons of Bilious or Costive habits, its action is most effective and salutary." D. R. MCANALLY.

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KANSAS CITY DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Home cir. at Kansas City, Oct. 5, 6. Kansas City sta. at Kansas City, Oct. 5, 6. Kansas City cir. at Kansas City, Oct. 5, 6. Kansas City and St. Joseph, Oct. 12, 13.

ADLER DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Sweetwater cir. at Sweetwater, Oct. 5, 6. Sweetwater sta. at Sweetwater, Oct. 5, 6. Sweetwater and Valley Creek, Oct. 12, 13.

BONHAM DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Maxey cir. at Bonham, Oct. 5, 6. Bonham cir. at Bonham, Oct. 5, 6. Bonham and Brookston, Oct. 12, 13.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Cherokee cir. at San Saba, Oct. 5, 6. San Saba cir. at San Saba, Oct. 5, 6. San Saba and Lincoln Springs, Oct. 12, 13.

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SHERMAN DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Belton and Saylor cir. at Sherman, Oct. 5, 6. Sherman cir. at Sherman, Oct. 5, 6. Sherman and Pilot Grove, Oct. 12, 13.

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PARIS DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Blossom cir. at Paris, Oct. 5, 6. Paris cir. at Paris, Oct. 5, 6. Paris and Woodland, Oct. 12, 13.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Gilmer cir. at Jefferson, Oct. 5, 6. Jefferson cir. at Jefferson, Oct. 5, 6. Jefferson and Coffeyville, Oct. 12, 13.

CHAPPELL HILL DIST.—FOURTH ROUND. Chappell Hill cir. at Chappell Hill, Oct. 5, 6. Chappell Hill cir. at Chappell Hill, Oct. 5, 6. Chappell Hill and Sallis, Oct. 12, 13.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Inessa cir. at Fort Worth, Oct. 5, 6. Fort Worth cir. at Fort Worth, Oct. 5, 6. Fort Worth and Wheatland, Oct. 12, 13.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Ingram cir. at San Antonio, Oct. 5, 6. San Antonio cir. at San Antonio, Oct. 5, 6. San Antonio and Cotulla, Oct. 12, 13.

CALVERT DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Meadville cir. at Calvert, Oct. 5, 6. Calvert cir. at Calvert, Oct. 5, 6. Calvert and Jewett, Oct. 12, 13.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Chico cir. at Montague, Oct. 5, 6. Montague cir. at Montague, Oct. 5, 6. Montague and Burlington, Oct. 12, 13.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DIST.—FOURTH ROUND. Sulphur Bluff cir. at Sulphur Springs, Oct. 5, 6. Sulphur Springs cir. at Sulphur Springs, Oct. 5, 6. Sulphur Springs and Quitman, Oct. 12, 13.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. Homer cir. at Palestine, Oct. 5, 6. Palestine cir. at Palestine, Oct. 5, 6. Palestine and Palestine, Oct. 12, 13.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND. DeBerry cir. at Marshall, Oct. 5, 6. Marshall cir. at Marshall, Oct. 5, 6. Marshall and Marshall, Oct. 12, 13.

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Chas. Praber was severely injured in a collision, between a switch engine and a freight train at Paris, on the 26th of September.

At a deep water meeting held in Galveston September 28, on motion of Walter Greenham was elected delegate to the deep water convention held in Topeka.

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The ladies of Chicago have formed an association and engaged the services of a lawyer for the purpose of stopping gambling in that city.

There is a report that a branch of the St. Louis Republic will be established in Dallas. A meeting was held in the mayor's office to consult on the subject.

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