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The Dallas Fair.

Tuesday, Oct. 23d, was the beautiful day selected by our President for taking us to the Dallas Fair.

Round 10 o'clock, we completed our toilet and breakfast and began our march to the depot by 6 o'clock.

Our train was met at Dallas by Col. Faulkner and Capt. Lyon, who greeted us with a hearty welcome.

WHAT A SOLEMN SIGHT! On entering the main building the first thing that attracted my attention was a very large horse.

I was very much impressed with the Taylor county exhibit, especially those large ponies in which Peter, the pumpkin-eater,

WHAT A JUNIOR SAW. To me the exhibit was especially pleasing. I saw a landscape executed by a little girl ten years old.

REFLECTIONS OF A SENIOR. "In union there is strength," in common there is knowledge.

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the aisles of time and see the wonders of this age. Fair are excellent schools for head and heart.

About the Lesson.

LESSON VI., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10. DAVID'S GRIEF FOR ABSALOM.

II Sam. xviii:18-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him." (Prov. xvii:25).

MEMORY VERSES, 32, 33.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is this lesson about? David's grief for Absalom. 2. What is the Golden Text? "A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him."

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Interesting Events.—David hears of the revolt. He withdraws from Jerusalem, partly to spare the city, and partly under a sense of God's judgment.

At Beth-merhak (so the Rev. Ver., with the marginal translation, "at the Far House") David seeks to dismiss Ittai the Gittite; but he refuses to leave him.

Absalom arrives at Jerusalem, probably on the same day, receives Hushai, and, on the advice of Abithophel, commits a public and abhorrent crime (II Sam. xvii:23).

The king divides his army under three captains, but is not himself allowed to go into battle. He publicly warns the leaders to spare Absalom.

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Time.—A few months, or possibly a few weeks, after the last lesson; that is, probably about B. C. 1023 or 1025.

Persons.—Absalom, Joab, Ahimaa, the son of Zadok, the Cushite (Auth. Ver., "Cushi") or Ethiopian, the watchman of Mahanaim, David.

Incidents.—Absalom erects a memorial pillar. Ahimaa desires to carry tidings of the victory to David; Joab sends the Cushite; Ahimaa asks permission to follow, and outruns the Cushite; the watchman sees him and tells the king.

Absalom, with his royal start in life, might have done royally. But Absalom wanted more than was his by right; and he determined to have what he wanted at any cost.

And this is the sure tendency of such a course as Absalom's. God has so arranged the order of the universe, that all things work together for good.

Peculiarly is this the case in connection with "the first commandment with promise." Honor for parents, reverence for those who are in rightful authority, submissiveness toward law, promote stability of being and permanency of position.

Oh, if children only realized how much better it would be for them to accept God's way for them, instead of seeking a way for themselves, how much surer their own future would be.

It is a blessing to a good father to have a good son. It is a blessing to a good son to have a good father.

A monument has value only as that for which it stands had value. Unless our lives are lived worthily, the more completely those lives are forgotten, the better it will be for our memory.

A hundred are ready to run and tell of a great deed done by somebody else, where one is ready to run and do a great deed. Telling of good deeds is well; but doing of good deeds is better.

Importunity will often win a favorable response, where the first request is denied. "Let me now run." "Not... this day." "Come what may, let me, I pray thee, . . . run."

There is nothing harder to do in this world than to do nothing when one wants to do everything. But a large share of one's most important service in this world is in simple waiting and watching for God's next indication of duty and privilege.

If only parents and teachers were half as earnest in asking the question concerning a child of their charge, "Is it well with the young man?" while there is still an opportunity of influencing him for good, as they are when he is already beyond their reach, it would be better than it now is with many a young man.—Sunday School Times.

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Old and Young.

THE SUN WERE ALWAYS SHINING.

MRS. M. E. WHITTEN.

If the sun were always shining With its fervid burning ray, We should miss the cooling shadows

If the sun were always shining With a glowing mellow light, We should miss the dazzling splendors

If the sun were always shining With its ever-behind the jewels That adorn the "milky way";

If the sun were always shining Through the never-changing hours, Where would be the hovering cloudlet

If the sun were always shining We should weary of its glare; I We should long for cooling shadows,

If the sun were always shining And no cloud e'er hovered nigh; If the birds were always singing

If the sun were always shining And no temper rest our sky; If no pain, or grief, or sorrow,

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runaway horse to rescue a toddling child. But the boy, plucky as he had been, shared the common dislike to a hospital,

"Why cannot Ted stay here, and be taken care of, papa, till he gets well? I'll nurse him!"

"You, Midget?" said Dr. Hill. "Why, what could you do for Ted Murphy? Besides, Aunt Molly would never hear of such a thing; and, if she gave her consent, Bridget would probably refuse hers. I don't think we can do it, Midget, even to please you!"

Just then Aunt Molly herself came in, and a few rapid words from Sadie put her in possession of the facts.

"If Ted's mother will trust her boy to our care," said this kind woman calmly, "I see nothing to prevent our looking after him, Brother James. The large, third-story room is in perfect order; and I will answer for the additional work which this new inmate will make for her as well as for the rest of us."

So this was how Sadie's chance came. When a messenger had been sent to Ted's mother, when he had himself been established on the camp-out, Dr. Hill ordered to be placed in the large room of which Miss Hill had spoken, when, at last, Sadie went to her own chamber to select her softest, least rustling dress, her white apron, and little cap, so that she might make herself look as nearly as possible like a trained nurse, she realized that her chance, her opportunity, long looked for, had at last arrived.

"Dear Aunt Molly, you'll let me do everything I can for Ted; won't you?" she coaxed.

"To be sure, little one; but let me warn you that he will probably be cross, and very likely rude, and that, brave as the little fellow was, he is probably a heathen. There are plenty of heathen in Philadelphia, Sadie Hill."

Sadie's dimples flitted in and out in laughing unbelief. She expected to find her knight, for so she already called Ted in her own mind, everything that was charming.

"Shall I read to you?" she inquired the next day, when Ted's bandages had been adjusted by the doctor, when Aunt Molly had fed him on chicken and broth, and his short black hair had been brushed from a much cleaner face than usually belonged to Ted Murphy.

"Don't care if you do," was the reply. "What would you like to hear?" Sadie inquired.

"Never heard nothin', 'cept the papers and—prize-fights and such. I wish mother'd come and see me. Reading's no good."

Sadie was discouraged. She knew that Mrs. Murphy could not come till her day's work was done. Aunt Molly had gone to the Woman's Exchange, Bridget was ironing. Sadie could hear the thud of the flat as it was set with emphasis on the doctor's shirt-bosoms. Bridget would know better what to do than Sadie. How should she amuse a little Irish boy with a broken arm and no taste for reading.

She sat wrinkling her brow in a puzzled way. Presently her patient spoke. "I say, miss; be you a sister?"

"What makes you ask that?" said Sadie, brightening. If he would only make conversation himself! "Oh! seein' you with that 'ere apron an' cap, and that cross on your neck. I thought maybe you'd say a prayer for me, if you was that I may get well soon, 'n' little Tom Maguire not keepin' his little sister off the street yesterday. It's all his blame an' I'll take it out of him, once I get out."

"If ever I drive that black demon again," exclaimed the gentleman, whose runaway horse had done the mischief, "I'll deserve to be sent to State's prison! To think how near I came to killing that infant, and of what terrible trouble might have been, but for this little fellow's presence of mind, fairly takes my breath away. Doctor, I'll be, of course, at all the expense of Ted's broken arm, and I'll see that his mother does not suffer through the loss of his services. Where does she live?"

Teddy gave the address. "Can I go home?" the boy asked longingly.

"You would be better in the hospital, Teddy," said the doctor, shaking his head gravely, as he thought of the close and narrow court, full of steamy odors and crying children, to say nothing of drunken men and squabbling women.

In the hospital there would be a cool white bed, pure air, light, space, good food, pleasant drinks, attentive nursing—everything, in short, for an invalid's comfort, and everything that was deserved by a twelve-year-old boy who had dashed under the very hoofs of a

"But, Ted, this is dreadful!" gasped Sadie. "Tom did not mean to hurt you, nor to neglect the baby. Kind boys do not fight."

"Maybe not, miss," said Ted, the black eyes snapping. "Me and Tom ain't kin, nor we don't love each other, an' I'm bound to fix him; see if I don't!"

It was from this unpromising beginning that Sadie's work on her little Philadelphia heathen developed. Some inspiration led her to take him at his word, when he asked her to say a prayer for him.

Folding her hands reverently, she said, as she sat beside the bed: "Lord Jesus, help Ted to be patient. Show him the right way; make him loving, as thou art; let him learn how to bear the cross, for Christ's sake. Amen."

The simple words over, she said nothing more then. When Ted repeated his question, "Are you a little sister, miss?" She answered gently, "You may call me that, if you choose. I wear this cross because I belong to Jesus; and he loves you, Teddy, more than you think."

As Ted did not care for Sadie's books, by Aunt Mary's advice she tried him with pictures, which took his fancy, especially if they were bright-colored and striking. From pictures she advanced, as he grew able again to use his hand, to chalks and crayons; and every day she repeated a hymn and a Bible verse, just one, at his bedside, before she went to take her own afternoon walk. For days she seemed to be making no progress; but when, one morning, when after her mother had made her daily call, Ted said, "Miss Sadie, I've made up my mind to be friends with Tom Maguire; and when I'm well, if you'll let me, I'll go to Sunday-school, and learn how to fight for Jesus," Sadie felt repaid.

Her invalid has long been as sturdy and as well as ever. He does not wear her colors on his sleeve. He is not at all her ideal of a knight, but he is trying to follow the Lord Jesus, and Sadie Hill feels that her opportunity did not come in vain. That question of his, as to whether she was a little sister, pleased her fancy very much, and though she goes to school, and plays tennis, and attends cooking-classes, and learns to paint in water-colors, doing the work and living the life of most girls of her age, she never lets go the thought that she may be in the world a little sister, filling up chinks, saying kind words, smoothing out creases, and untying hard knots. There are many people, old and young, who are glad that Sadie Hill wears her silver cross, and lives up to its sweet meaning, in her quiet way. As for Dr. Hill, he tells everybody that he is looking forward to the time when Midget shall become his partner in business.—Mrs. M. E. Sangler, in Sunday School Times.

THE BIRDS IN THE PIE.

You all know the old "Sing a Song of Sixpence." Have you ever read what it meant?

The four and twenty black-birds represent twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, the top crust is the sky that overarches it. The opening of the pie is day dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is "a dainty dish to set before the king."

The king, who is represented as sitting in his parlor counting his money, is the sun; while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers are golden sunshine. The Queen, who sits in the dark kitchen, is the moon, and the honey with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before the king—the sun—has risen, the day-dawn and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds, while the bird which so tragically ends the song by "nipping off her nose" is the hour of sunset. So we have the whole day—in a pie.—New York World.



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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES. BISHOP KEY. North Texas Conf. at Greenville, Texas, Nov. 20...

TO PREACHERS. Do not fail to send your postoffice address to the ADVOCATE office immediately after conference...

EPISCOPACY-ORIGINAL AND CO-ORDINATE.

The members of the conferences will remember the speech of Dr. J. D. Barbee, the Book Agent, on the "Original Status of the Episcopacy." When the Doctor first came among us...

Among the eminent visitors at this conference were: Drs. J. D. Barbee, J. W. Heidt, F. T. Mitchell, W. B. Rankin, Elon Foster, Revs. C. C. Armstrong, A. H. Sutherland, J. F. Corbin, J. M. Armstrong, S. H. Brown, Louis Blaylock, and last, but not least, the editor of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance was excellent and of special interest. They were able to pay out nearly the whole amount assessed for the conference claimants.

Resolved, 1. That as a conference we deeply sympathize with our honored brother and his family in their deep affliction. 2. That we send him the assurance of our sincere affection and ardent prayers for his restoration to health...

Neither is it the executive "branch" except in part, for every traveling preacher in the church is an executive officer, and at the same time is clothed with judicial functions.

This article is not to be considered in any sense as an unkind criticism on Dr. Barbee's speech, but we have simply taken that speech—as he did the sermon—for a text from which to show our readers the mixed form of our church government.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

There were several transfers received at this conference of whom the brethren seemed to be proud.

The anniversary of church extension was held Saturday at 3 p. m., addressed by T. F. Dimmitt, and the missionary anniversary the same evening at 7 p. m., addressed by Dr. J. D. Barbee.

Of Bishop Key it may be said, as is so often said of the beloved presiding elder, he was on hand, presided with ease and ability, looked into all the interests of the church, preached in power and with demonstration, and brought successfully to conclusion a spiritual and profitable session of the West Texas Conference, which will meet next year at San Antonio.

The report of the committees and various boards showed that there had been improvement along all lines the past year. The preachers go to their new fields under the encouragement of a year of success behind them.

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Also resolutions of sympathy for Bishop Key, on account of the illness of his daughter, who, at last accounts, was not improving. The editor was under the necessity of leaving before last evening session, when memorial services were to be held

and the appointments "read out." He presumes, however, judging from the temper of the conference, that the preachers were well pleased with their appointments.

The following is a summary of the minute business: William J. Sims, J. W. Sims, Joseph W. Gibbons and John C. Ballard were admitted on trial. Samuel W. Thomas, William F. Gibbons and H. T. Cunningham remain on trial.

William O. Shugart, Carper Williamson and C. W. Godwin, traveling preachers, were ordained elders; Samuel Dickinson, I. Kingsbury and George Ward, located.

S. G. Shaw, J. T. Gillett, L. D. Shaw and Eli Y. Seale, were given a supernumerary relation.

A. J. Potter, Thomas Myers, H. A. Graves, J. A. Tucker, E. H. Holbrook, J. G. Walker, W. M. Shockley, J. W. Brown, J. B. Dibrell and E. G. Duval, were granted the supernumerated relation.

R. T. Barton and H. T. Harris died during the year. W. J. Joyce was elected a member of the Joint Board of Publication, vice J. B. Dibrell, resigned.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Saving the death of Bro. McDonell, and the expulsion of one native member in full connection, and one by his quarterly conference who was on trial, and who was our most promising native among the younger men, the session just closed of the Mexican Border Conference was an exceedingly pleasant one.

The advance is not like the office of a bishop—to be coveted as a good thing. It is really too far in advance of the Bible. That old book is good enough for us. If we can only keep up with it we shall be satisfied with our progress.

Our natives believe our doctrines, seek a corresponding experience, know, love and carry out our Discipline. The native presiding elders are among our best. They are intelligent, painstaking and devoted; and the condition of their districts proves that they are the "right men in the right place."

Not having the minutes of the conference at hand, there are many items of interest I cannot recall, but trust yet to see in print. Let the readers of the ADVOCATE know that the seed they are sowing in the bounds of the Mexican Border Conference is producing good results; and that the work is slowly, but surely, climbing to a position of great usefulness and power.

THE COLLECTION.

We are indebted to the Rev. Jno. R. Allen for acting Pro Tem. for us in our absence last week. He did his work well.

"Addresses on the Civil Sabbath," which Rev. Wilber F. Crafts, of New York City, author of "The Sabbath for Man," has been delivering in all parts of the land as Field Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, are soon to be published under the above title by the author, in a twenty-five cent pamphlet, which will also contain, in its appendix, the present Sunday laws of all the States, accompanied by com-

parative and critical notes, and other valuable tables.

A STATEMENT was made in a former issue of the ADVOCATE that the Publishing House has been discriminating among the preachers by allowing some a discount of 40 per cent on books bought of the House, while others only received 25 per cent discount.

We expect to leave this city on Monday, the 13th day of November, to attend the session of the Northwest Texas conference that meets at Belton, Texas, November 6. We anticipate a pleasant trip, and will give our readers our impressions of the Empire State on our return.

From the Alabama Advocate we learn that Rev. J. O. Andrew, agent of the Southwestern University, is fat and healthy, looks better than for years, is able to preach twice on Sunday. His many friends in Georgia will rejoice in this news.

Really, there must be a mistake here. The agent of Southwestern University is not named J. O. Andrew at all, but C. C. Armstrong. He is not fat, but rather of the lean kind, neither is he any better looking than for years, and, therefore, his many friends in Georgia will not rejoice in the news.

There is a time to all things—a time to begin and a time to quit—a time to be tired and a time to rest. Our readers are beginning to need a little rest on the holiness discussion. We have tried to confine the discussion to methods rather than to theories of doctrine.

The United Brethren Church is in advance of us in that it by General Conference enactment, has made it lawful to ordain women and admit them into the traveling connection. One woman in Illinois has been appointed a circuit by that church.

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An experience in journalism extending from 1857 to 1889, with only brief interruptions, confirms us more and more in the conviction that writers for our periodicals should sign their own proper names to their communications. More misunderstandings, needless quarrels, and unwise utterances are attributable to the disregard of this rule than any one but an editor can know.

Our short experience and humble judgment agree to the above.

The American Sabbath Union will hold its first anniversary and second "National Sabbath Convention" in Broadway Tabernacle, New York City, on December 10th and 11th, with preliminary meetings on the preceding Sabbath and Monday.

The Methodist of Japan have formed a Basis of Union: Resolved, That we consider a union of the Methodist bodies in Japan desirable.

Art. I. The name shall be "The Methodist Church of Japan."

Art. II. The chief officer of the church shall be called Sotoku.

Art. III. The chief officer of the district shall be called Choroshi.

Art. IV. The General Conference shall elect Sotoku by ballot in open session. The term of office shall be twelve years with no re-election. He shall be inducted into office by appropriate religious services.

Art. V. Duties of the Sotoku: Section 1. The Sotoku shall be the chairman of the General and Annual Conferences and all standing committees belonging thereto.

Section 2. The Sotoku shall station the preachers in consultation with the Choroshi, but if any one of the Choroshi shall appeal against any appointment made by the Sotoku and his appeal be sustained by a two-thirds vote of the Choroshi, it shall prevail.

Section 3. The Sotoku shall travel

throughout the field to exercise supervision and see that the Discipline is enforced therein.

Sec. 4. The Sotoku shall have power to transfer preachers from one conference to another within his jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. The Sotoku shall decide all questions of law involved in proceedings pending in the annual conference subject to an appeal to the General Conference; but in all cases the application of law shall be with the annual conference.

Art. VI. Choroshi shall be elected annually by the annual conference by ballot.

Art. VII. Duties of the Choroshi: Sec. 1. To act as chairman of the district to which he is appointed and of all permanent committees therein.

Sec. 2. To superintend the work within the bounds of his district.

Sec. 3. Choroshi shall attend as far as practicable all the quarterly conferences within his district and when present he shall preside.

Sec. 4. He may have a pastoral charge.

Art. VIII. The Bokushi (Pastor): Each ordained pastor shall have jurisdiction within his charge and shall be the chairman of his quarterly conference in the absence of the Choroshi.

Art. IX. All preachers shall be appointed to their pastoral charges annually, but no preacher shall be allowed to remain more than five consecutive years on the same charge. Those appointed to position in the educational institutions and other special offices of the church, may be exempt from this limitation by permission of conference.

Art. X. Two orders of the ministry shall be recognized, Choro (elder) and Saitusaji (deacon).

- COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF JAPAN. D. MacDonald, Geo. Cochran, Y. Hiraiwa, K. Toyama. COMMITTEE FROM THE MISSION OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. C. B. Moseley, Y. Yoshiyoka, N. W. Utley, K. Nakamura. COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH. J. Soper, H. Yamaka, C. S. Long, S. Ogata. Signed in behalf of the committee, C. S. LONG, Chairman. C. B. MOSELEY, English Secretary. Y. HIRAIWA, Japanese Secretary.

A FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.

What the Papers Think and Say.

The Wesleyan Advocate says: Small conferences are at a disadvantage at every turn. (1) In the support of schools and colleges. Say what we will about what ought to be, the fact is, people do not as readily give to the support of a college located in another conference, as to one in their own.

By the generous offer of Dr. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City, the Woman's Board of Missions have decided to locate the Bible and Training School for Christian workers in that city.

Rev. John S. Mattison, of our Brazil mission, reports the work in a prosperous condition, the missionaries all well, and says: "We are looking for glorious things in the not far distant future."

Bishop E. R. Hendrix has transferred Rev. Frank Naylor from the Arkansas to the Indian Mission Conference, and appointed him to the White Bear Hill circuit, and the principality of Pierce Institute.

Rev. W. E. Towson, of the Pacific Conference, goes as a missionary to Japan. He is said to be a young man of fine promise and that "a young lady of his congregation is going with him." God bless and prosper them.

Arkansas Methodist: In a private letter Bishop J. C. Keener says: "The Tennessee Conference was on the whole an excellent session. The collection for foreign missions were in full—over \$20,000. Quite a number of changes had to be made which will prove, I trust, to have been directed by the Spirit. Since conference I am laid up with a very severe cold."

Rev. J. H. Baxter, Georgia, in Southern Advocate: But despite the rain we have had much prosperity in our churches. Take the Elberton district, for instance. One pastor has had one hundred and fifteen accessions on profession, another sixty-five, another sixty, another forty, several others twenty-five each. The district will report about 400 accessions, and if the other districts do as well the whole conference will show up 5,000 accessions.

know the men of Methodism. Let the ministers entertain no proposition which has not first received the sanction of the bishop. Let us all abide in our style of episcopalianism. But if we are Congregational or Presbyterian in our determinations, failing to carry Methodism over to that polity, the next and best thing left is to go over ourselves. Let Methodist Episcopalians be Methodist Episcopalians. Certain congregations in York State and Wisconsin are exhibiting themselves just now in no enviable light.

The Raleigh Advocate speaks a good word for a worthy class, which we hope will be heeded:

There is no class of preachers so dear to the heart of the conference as the supernumerated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers. This country owes the supernumerated preachers a great debt of gratitude. The preachers of the present day owe them much. They blazed the way and prepared the ground for us. The preacher can present this cause upon the ground of past service. These preachers have worn out the bloom of youth and the vigor of manhood in serving the church. What a number of sermons they have preached, exhortations delivered, and prayers offered in behalf of the people. Through their ministry many souls have been converted, backsliders reclaimed, and many sad hearts comforted. They have built churches and parsonages, and engineered the church enterprises successfully through difficulties. In view of these past services, and the pressing needs now upon them, their full claims ought to be met, if possible. Think tenderly of the needy widows and children, of our deceased brethren, and get every dollar you can for them. They have lightened many a burden and soothed many a sorrow for others in the past. Let's lift their burdens now by providing for their wants, and by showing them that they are not forgotten. Let's show them that it is one of the dearest pleasures of life to hold them in affection, and to make the evening of their lives bright by our beautiful deeds.

The Wesleyan Advocate says that spiritual and eternal results depend upon the collections:

Vast Gospel interests are at stake, and depend upon the results of these collections; for though the first visible results are in money that can be counted and expressed in figures, the ultimate, which are the only true results, are spiritual and eternal. The statistical secretary expresses the material facts—an insignificant circumstance—but the money represents the faith, the hope, the love of donors, and goes, some of it, to house a homeless membership, where there is no adequate place of worship; some of it to make glad the heart of the worn-out servant of the Lord and the widow and the orphan, and some is transmuted into the bread of life for the perishing millions at home and abroad. Too much stress may be put upon figures at conference, and too much responsibility may be placed on the ministry; we are inclined to think so, yet there is far more danger that the causes which these collections aid, sit too lightly on the hearts of both preachers and people. What particular officers of the church shall be held responsible for the collections, is a question of church polity; the causes for which these collections are taken are rooted in the nature and purpose of the gospel.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personal.

By the generous offer of Dr. Nathan Scarritt, of Kansas City, the Woman's Board of Missions have decided to locate the Bible and Training School for Christian workers in that city.

Rev. John S. Mattison, of our Brazil mission, reports the work in a prosperous condition, the missionaries all well, and says: "We are looking for glorious things in the not far distant future."

Bishop E. R. Hendrix has transferred Rev. Frank Naylor from the Arkansas to the Indian Mission Conference, and appointed him to the White Bear Hill circuit, and the principality of Pierce Institute.

Rev. W. E. Towson, of the Pacific Conference, goes as a missionary to Japan. He is said to be a young man of fine promise and that "a young lady of his congregation is going with him." God bless and prosper them.

Arkansas Methodist: In a private letter Bishop J. C. Keener says: "The Tennessee Conference was on the whole an excellent session. The collection for foreign missions were in full—over \$20,000. Quite a number of changes had to be made which will prove, I trust, to have been directed by the Spirit. Since conference I am laid up with a very severe cold."

Rev. J. H. Baxter, Georgia, in Southern Advocate: But despite the rain we have had much prosperity in our churches. Take the Elberton district, for instance. One pastor has had one hundred and fifteen accessions on profession, another sixty-five, another sixty, another forty, several others twenty-five each. The district will report about 400 accessions, and if the other districts do as well the whole conference will show up 5,000 accessions.



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Representative White, of Illinois, who...

And the crew of the captain's ship...

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Mrs. Inker (to her husband)—Oh, Charles...

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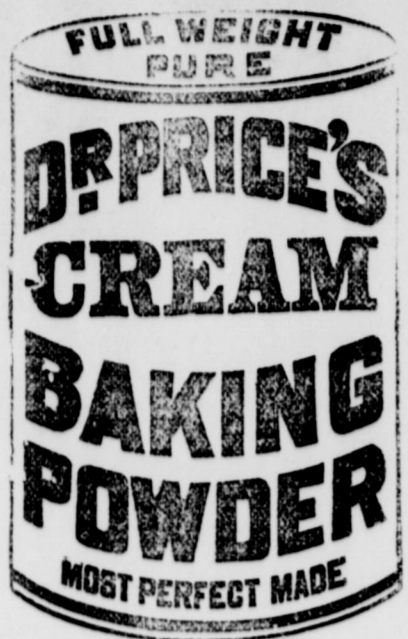
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Miscellaneous. The body of Walrath, the balloonist who was lost in Lake Okechgo, Sept. 24, was found twenty feet from where the parachute was, 600 feet from the shore, October 29.

Cotton Reports. Bowie, 55 to 94 cents; Rockdale, 84 to 89 cents; Taylor, 83 to 91 cents; Georgetown, 84 to 90 cents; Greenville, 85 to 94 cents; Gatesville, 90 cents; Lampasas, 84 cents; Cookville, 84 to 92 cents; Hubbard City, 84 to 88 cents.

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Col. E. C. More and wife leave for their old home in the United States to-day. Mrs. More was very busy distributing her P. P. C. cards yesterday.

Theophilus Kaehle, a young German girl, was burned to death, near Breunham, Nov. 2. She was getting supper while her mother was milking. Her clothing caught fire and she ran to her mother. A physician was called, but she died Monday at sunset.

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Theophilus Kaehle, a young German girl, was burned to death, near Breunham, Nov. 2. She was getting supper while her mother was milking. Her clothing caught fire and she ran to her mother. A physician was called, but she died Monday at sunset.

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