

About the Lesson.

LESSON III., SUNDAY, JANUARY 19.

THE SONG OF ZACHARIAS. Luke 1:67-80.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways." (Verse 79).

MEMORY VERSES, 79-79.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. How long did Mary stay with her cousin? About three months. 2. When the babe was born, what was to be done on the eighth day? He was to be named. 3. What did his kinspeople wish to call him? Zacharias. 4. What did Elizabeth say he should be called? John. 5. Could Zacharias speak? No. 6. What did they do? They made signs to him. 7. What did he do? He wrote that the babe should be called John. 8. What happened then? He began to speak. 9. What is said in the first verse of our lesson? "His father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied." 10. What did he say? "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people." 11. Whom had he raised up? "A horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David." 12. By whom had God spoken? "The mouth of his holy prophets." 13. From what were we to be saved? From the hand of our enemies. 14. What should be performed? "The mercy promised to our fathers." 15. To whom had God sworn an oath? To Abraham. 16. What had he promised to grant us? That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should serve him all our lives. 17. What should this newborn child be called? "The prophet of the Highest." 18. What should he do? He should go before the Lord to prepare his way. 19. What should he give? "Light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." 20. What is said of the child? "It grew, and waxed strong in spirit."

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

His father (v. 67). There are men and women known in history chiefly by their relation to their children. They were godly men and women, men and women of ability and usefulness in their day, but their pre-eminence in the world is as parents. This fact should be a stimulus and a source of hope to every parent. Whatever a father or mother may have done or failed to do up to the present hour, there is that child to be looked after; to be loved and cared for; to be trained and guided; to have faith in behalf of. In that child there may lie the hope and the joy of multitudes, and the hope and the joy of the parents as well. How this ought to nerve us and give us cheer, as we toil and pray for the child of our hearts! That child may rise up to call us blessed, and his sake all generations may call us blessed. It is for us to do our duty by our children. It may be for us to have a reward in them beyond all other rewards we have in and for our earthly course.

As he spake by . . . his . . . prophets which have been written from the beginning (v. 70). God has never left man without some knowledge of his truth. Since the day when they first needed a revelation of his will, they have had it in one form or another. God inspired men to know him and to tell of him before the coming of his son as the savior, and before the first page of his Bible was a written record. Whatever other excuse men will have to offer in the great day for their neglect of duty, or their disobedience of law, not one of them can say that he never received any message from God, and that therefore he was always ignorant of the way of right. No human being will ever make the claim—when he is face to face with God—that "he always did just as well as he knew how." The gospel of Jesus Christ is the fullest revelation of God's love and of God's plan of salvation; but it is not the first revelation. Those who have never heard of Jesus are not without some revelation of God's demands on them; so "they are without excuse" if they live in neglect of duty and in lack of faith.

Delivered out of the hands of our enemies. (v. 74). We all have enemies—more enemies than we can manage without help. Some of us have open enemies among men. We are hated by rivals or neighbors for one reason or another—or for no reason. Many of us are watched by those who would show their enmity if we gave them occasion. Moreover, there is no one of us but has enemies in his own habits, or appetites, or tastes, or tendencies. Most of us are fighting our enemies all day long, and many times we have wakeful nights of worry over yesterday's battle, and its certain renewal when the new day comes. What a comfort it is to be sure of victory over all our enemies! To be delivered out of the hands of our enemies is not to be free from fighting them; but it is to be sure of victory over them. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Serve him without fear. There is such a thing as serving the Lord with fear. It is, in fact, a very common thing among Christians. There are many servants of God who, "through fear," "all their lifetime subject to bondage." They have no enjoyment in God's service. Their service is at the best a slavish one—unworthy of them, and unworthy of their Master. It is the privilege of the believer in Jesus to "serve him without fear" of that perfect love—that trustful, confiding affection—which casts out all fear from the heart. It is a good thing to be free from fear of defeat in the battle of life; from fear of failure in every right undertaking; from fear of consequences in the discharge of duty; from fear of death; from fear of condemnation. "Fear not," says Jesus; "be not afraid."

To give knowledge of salvation (v. 77). John the Baptist could not give salvation. No man can do that. John's best work was to give the knowledge of Christ's salvation to any one of us who could do that. Every one of us ought to do it. It was the highest honor of John, that he went before Jesus to give a knowledge of him. You and I can do a similar work in our sphere, and so share the honor which was accorded to John. There were those who would never have heard of Jesus but for John's faithful preaching. He was sent of God to them, and he gave his message accordingly. There are those who will not know of Jesus as they ought to, except through your telling of him. You are sent of God to give them the knowledge of his salvation, and to invite them to share its privileges. Are you faithfully bearing your message to them?

The dayspring from on high shall visit us (v. 78). The dayspring is the dawn of the day. The coming of Jesus Christ into the heart of the sinner is the dawn of the Christian day—not its fullest noonday splendor. The best things for the disciple of Jesus are in the disciple's future; not

in his present, far less in his past. He is not a whole believer if he does not believe this. It is not for the believer to sing, "Where is the blessedness I knew?" but rather, "Where is the blessedness I am going to know?" And this will be the case in all the life-time of the growing saint. "The path of the righteous is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

ADDED POINTS.

There is a vast difference between the inspiration that makes a poet, and the inspiration that comes of being filled with the Holy Spirit. The two kinds of poetry are proofs of the difference in the two kinds of inspiration. Only the Holy Spirit can inspire such writings as are found in the Holy Scriptures.

God is worthy of being praised for what he has done for us. Yet, as a rule, we think more of what God can do for us than of what he has done.

The prophets foretold God's loving dealings with his people, and the prophets believed the promise even before it came to pass. We who have seen the fulfillment of God's loving promises ought to believe them as truly as did the prophets; but do we, always?

No enemy can finally triumph over one of God's dear ones. The enemy may have a seeming advantage for a time; but it is only for a time. Here is a comforting thought when our enemies appear to be having their own way with us.

All that we have ever known of God's goodness to us—and a great deal more—was already included in God's promises. It would be worth our while to study those promises, and to see how they are being fulfilled in our lives.

God's goodness toward us has been shown in order that we might show his goodness to others. He has done his part without fail. Are we ready to do ours?

There is light enough on the path of peace to show the way to all. If we do not walk in that path, we alone are to blame for it.—H. Clay Turnbull, in Sunday School Times.

Old and Young.

THEY TWIN SHALL BE ONE FLESH.

STEPHEN SMITH.

The task is done by toil, dear. The task is done by toil, dear. But only half the toil, dear. When the twin are one, then let's join hand to hand, dear. Let us join hand to hand, dear. That my strength may be thine And thy strength may be mine. And our hands be one Till the task is done.

The race is run by speed, dear. The race is run by speed, dear. But only half the speed, dear. When the twin are one, then let's join foot to foot, dear. Let us join foot to foot, dear. That my speed may be thine And thy speed may be mine. And our feet be one Till the race is run.

The prize is won by might, dear. The prize is won by might, dear. But only half the might, dear. When the twin are one, then let's join heart to heart, dear. Let us join heart to heart, dear. That my might may be thine And thy might may be mine. And our hearts be one Till the prize is won.

The day is full of cares, dear. The day is full of cares, dear. But only half the cares, dear. When the twin are one, then let's join soul to soul, dear. Let us join soul to soul, dear. That my cares may be thine And thy cares may be mine. And our souls be one Till the set of sun.

PUN-CHEE.

Pun-chee was the name of the queerest little girl most of our readers have ever seen. She was young—only eight, and not very large for her age. Her hair was black and straight—"straight as a string" the boys used to say; and I am sure I have seen strings that came nearer to curling than did Pun-chee's hair. Sometimes the teacher at the mission braided Pun-chee's hair, and at such times we were all pleased, for braids were far more becoming to her than loose hair. Pun-chee's face was very dark, even copper-colored, and her cheeks were high and ugly, for Pun-chee was an Indian girl. But beneath the cheek bones were two little red spots, and when she laughed, showing two rows of white teeth and a dimple—yes, a real dimple!—one felt she looked very much like other children.

Pun-chee had not always lived at the mission, nor in a house of any kind. Not long since, she had lived with her father and mother in a tent on the banks of the Canadian river. Then it was that Pun-chee was an Indian, indeed! Her smooth, black braids, that now hung to the bottom of her chest, had never been combed. Once, so long ago that Pun-chee could hardly remember, her mother had smoothed out her hair with her fingers, and rolled it in a round, hard roll, and covered it over with a strip of beaded cloth; and that was the way it stayed until the mission teacher found her.

Her clothing consisted, at that time, of a bright-colored cotton skirt, made very long and very narrow. This same skirt had been Pun-chee's special pride. Her father had bought it of some white man who traveled about in a covered wagon. The waist to Pun-chee's dress was still older than the skirt. It was verily a "shirt" waist. Green ribbon was stitched around the bottom and up the sides, and fastened with little rosettes at the corners.

Pun-chee had been very fond of these rosettes, and had spent a great deal of time playing with them. Pun-chee's wardrobe contained another article, at this time, that deserves our attention. It was a bright red blanket with a black border. It was a very small blanket—just big enough for Pun-chee. When she rolled herself into a little brown roll, with the blanket tucked in tightly around and over her head, she looked funny indeed.

This was the way Pun-chee was sitting beside her father's camp-fire when the missionary people found her. As useless as a little daughter appears in the eyes of a heathen father, Pun-chee's father was not willing to part with her. Many were the inducements offered by the missionaries, but to no purpose, until, at last, to the surprise of the missionary as well as her father, Pun-chee wanted to go when the matter was settled. And so it came about that Pun-chee went to live at the mission, with sixty other little people, some older and a few younger than herself. Pun-chee was very much bewildered when she first entered the mission. She had never been in a house before, for settlers were scarce in the Indian Territory, at that time. She looked at the board floor in a comical way, and at first refused to walk on it. She did not like to be surrounded by walls, either, but rather preferred the sunlight and the open air. Sometimes, when uncommonly fright-

ened, Pun-chee would hide under the table or behind the doors, and the missionary would have a difficult task to coax her out. But that was some time ago; and when Pun-chee had been at the mission six months she could read and spell words of three letters, and help in a great many ways about the house.

Pun-chee had never heard about "right" and "wrong," nor about loving one another. She had always done things because she wanted to, or because she was afraid to do any other way; but never because it might grieve, or create love.

When the teacher at the mission told Pun-chee of God, who made the world, the trees that bordered the stream where her father's tent was pitched, the stream itself, and even the starry heavens above—and that he loved little Pun-chee and every other little girl, whether black or white—her amazement seemed boundless.

She laughed and cried by turns, but, growing weary, she settled herself in the teacher's lap and was soon sound asleep. The next morning Pun-chee was gone! Her little calico dress that the mission teacher had made, was lying up in its place, and the scant cotton one had been taken down in its stead.

In vain did the teacher and pupils search for Pun-chee. She was not in the barn nor straw-stack. She was not in the corral with the horses—a favorite haunt for Pun-chee—nor anywhere else about the mission grounds.

Several days passed away, and still Pun-chee did not come. A week had gone by, when the missionary had cause to pass by Pun-chee's former home, and found her.

She was seated on a log when the missionary approached, and before her were gathered father and mother, sisters and brothers.

The old little red blanket was gathered about her in true Indian fashion, but her face wore an earnest expression, which, as a sign, she never knew how to give.

It would seem that Pun-chee was delivering an address; but her speech was so rapid that the missionary could not understand. What Pun-chee said we may never know, but the effect of her words will last forever.

Pun-chee was willing, even anxious, to return with her teacher, but one feeling kept her back. It took some time for the missionary to understand what Pun-chee wished to tell her, but at last it was made plain: Pun-chee wanted her father and mother to go, too.

And so it was that Big Thunder and Weeping Willow—for these were the names of Pun-chee's parents—went to live at the mission, and with them their three other children.

Weeping Willow soon learned to cook, and Big Thunder cared for the horses, and occasionally added a venison to the mission larder. Pun-chee's brothers and sisters entered the school with herself, and received the same pure and loving instruction.

A few months since, I received an special invitation to visit the mission. A little Indian boy brought the note, riding Pun-chee's own pony to deliver it. There was no explanation as to why I was to come on this special day, but I knew the missionary had a reason, and a good one, else I would not have been sent for.

It was about noon, on the Sunday morning following, that I reached the door of the mission. At first, all was very quiet within; then they commenced singing, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken." All the voices joined in this, for it was a familiar hymn. I could readily distinguish a few of them. During the next quiet, I entered the room. Then it was that I knew why I had been sent for.

Before the altar stood Pun-chee. Her little black braids were plaited neatly and tied with a white ribbon, and she wore a plain white dress. Behind her stood very closely, stood Big Thunder and Weeping Willow, and beside them their three other children. I had witnessed many baptisms, and heard many confessions, but this seemed more effective than they all.

A child, a heathen child, a savage, who had thus early in life brought five souls to the savior, seemed truly wonderful. I gazed into her little brown face, and thought her truly beautiful. Just at this moment a friend, a child of her tribe and people, stepped forward and placed in her hands a bunch of wild roses so abundant about the mission.

As the clear bright water touched her little brown forehead and trickled down to mingle with her tears, and as the missionary repeated low and soft the words, "Rose, I now baptize thee," I felt how many such roses there were that only needed a gentle hand to nourish them, and they would bloom into heavenly beauty.

So our little Pun-chee was called Rose. Do any of our little people think there is nothing children can do for Jesus? Ask little Pun-chee of Rose, in Sunday School Times.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOX. Harry and Alice were making Christmas presents, while mamma was being Freddie and telling the beautiful Christmas story of the Babe born at Bethlehem. When mamma had finished, Fred looked up and said: "O, mamma, I love Jesus. I want to give a Christmas present!"

"Yes, you dear, my dear. Give him your little heart to keep good for Him. That is the present He likes best." And mamma lovingly kissed her baby boy. But this did not satisfy five-year-old Fred. He looked disappointed as he said: "I gave Him that last time I was naughty. I want to give Him stamin good to eat."

A bright look came over mamma's face. She thought a moment, and then said: "Yes, Freddie, I'll tell you how to do that. He has a friend out in Dakota, many miles away. His name is Mr. Jordan. He will have many presents for you, and a girl about Alice's age. He does not have such good clothes to give his little boy as papa gives Harry and you, nor such nice things to eat as we all have. But he loves Jesus, and stays out there to tell the people about the savior. I don't think he'll have many presents for you and Willie Jordan. They all agreed to take half the money papa had given them to spend for Christmas and buy things for 'the box.' For several days they were busy getting things ready."

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mamma, and many trips to the stores. Alice's workbasket was fuller than ever, and Alice was very busy all her odd minutes sewing. One day she came with blushes on her cheeks to mamma, and said: "I am most certain grandma is going to give me a muff for Christmas, because she asked me which I liked better, astrachan or seal; and she never would have asked that if she had not something in her head about Christmas. Do you think she would give it to Maud instead of me? It must be cold for Maud's hands in winter."

"But you have been wishing for a muff for a long time, and grandma cannot afford to be like the story-book grandma's and give you both one," replied mamma. "Yes, I know, but I would really like to have Maud have it, if grandma is willing." Mamma knew that this was sacrifice for Alice. Grandma was willing, and helped Alice buy the muff.

Finally the things were all ready to pack. There were aprons and handkerchiefs, mittens, gloves and shoes, picture-books and toys, a warm tippet to match the muff, and a queer-looking bundle which Harry brought the last thing—his best engine for little Willie.

Now it happened that Harry and Alice thought the box papa provided was too small. "Let's send a big one, with lots in it. I like lots of presents at Christmas," said Harry. "Ess, so do me," lisped Freddie. "Less send a bid box."

So Harry went up into the attic and chose a "bid box." But when all the presents were packed, there was a large space still empty. Mamma smiled at the look of surprise and dismay on Harry's face. "What shall we do? I thought all those things would fill a wagon," said Harry, and he looked meekly up to mamma.

Mamma came to the rescue, as she always did. "Guess there are some clothes you children have outgrown that Mrs. Jordan can use." So mamma packed in several strange-looking bundles, and yet there was room. "Why, there's no candy or oranges yet," said Alice.

"Ess, there's my tanny," replied Freddie, indignantly. True to his desire to send "stamin good to eat," he had spent his pennies in "tanny." Here was a dilemma. The money was all spent, but a Christmas box could not be allowed to go without any candy, nuts or fruit. "We cannot ask papa for any more, for papa's bundle is in, and it cost more than all of ours put together," said mamma.

Nobody spoke, nobody seemed to know what to suggest. "O, mamma," suddenly cried Harry, "if we would do without our candy and things, could we not ask papa for any more money to buy them for the box?" Mamma looked surprised at this, for she knew how fond Harry was of sweetmeats. "Do you not think you will feel sorry Christmas Day when you have none?" asked mamma; "you know you have sweet teeth."

The children decided that they would not have any "sweet teeth" this year, and so the space was filled with goodies; but it took only half what they usually had for Christmas to fill it, so they had their candy, too. Harry took great pride in marking the box and attending to sending it by express. After the expressman had gone with it, Freddie asked: "Mamma, will Jesus really have some of my tanny?"

Then mamma took him into her lap and while she told him that Jesus did not eat candy, as little boys do; but that Jesus had "stamin good to eat" as you say, she gave him the best of her love, and Jesus would be pleased because Freddie had helped

send a Christmas box to some of Jesus' brethren.—Marion B. Knight, in New York Advocate.

A BEAUTIFUL FATHER.

"Tell your mother you've been very good boys to-day," said a school teacher to two little new scholars. "Oh," replied Tommy, "we haven't any mother."

"Who takes care of you?" she asked. "Father does. We've got a beautiful father. You ought to see him!" "Who takes care of you when he is at work?"

"He takes all the care before he goes off in the morning and after he comes back at night. He's a house painter, but there isn't very much work this winter, so he is doing laboring till spring comes. He leaves us a warm breakfast when he goes off, and we have bread and milk for dinner, and a good supper when he comes home. Then he tells us stories, and plays on the fife, and cuts out beautiful things with his jack-knife. You ought to see our father and our home, they are so beautiful!"

Before long, the teacher did see that home and that father. The room was a poor attic, graced with cheap pictures, autumn leaves and other little trifles that cost nothing. The father, who was preparing the evening meal for his motherless boys, was, at first glance, only a rough, begrimmed laborer; but before the stranger had been in the place ten minutes, the room became a palace and the man a magician.

His children had no idea they were so poor; nor were they so with such a hero as this to fight their battles for them. This man, whose grateful spirit lighted the otherwise dark life of his children, was pre-eminently all about them more effectively than was any man in priestly robe in costly temple.

He was a man of patience, and submission to God's will, showing how to make home happy under the most unfavorable circumstances. He was rearing his boys to be high-minded citizens, to put their shoulders to burdens, rather than become burdens of society in the days that are coming.

He was, as his children had said, "a beautiful father" in the highest sense of the word.—Exchange.

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Rev. B. Harris was in Uvalde holding a quarterly meeting when the Doctor died, and accompanied his bereaved family in the sad trip to Seguin, where funeral rites were performed. The services were held in the church, the foundation of which he had laid while pastor here before.

years past that he might die at any moment. His accurate knowledge of his disease, and his long experience as a physician, caused him often to remark that he was not certain on retiring at night that he would see the light of another day.

Rev. W. F. HODNETT, Denison: The new dress is making a fine impression on Denison circuit. Fifteen new subscribers since conference.

Col. W. R. STUART, of Ocean Springs, Miss., gives the following reminiscence of the late Jefferson Davis: "While every Southern home is filled with grief, sympathy and love for our dead chieftain and his dear wife and loved ones—for he and all his glory and goodness belonged to our dear Southland; he is ours and we are his—we do not sorrow as those who have no hope.

Rev. CHAS. A. HOOPER, Austin: With the new dress, "tract agent" and a host of Methodist preachers, we should increase to a great extent the usefulness of our church paper.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Joint Boards of Finance of the several annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Bethra: Please send to the undersigned, Nashville, Tenn., the number of claimants upon the Calvin Fund and the produce of the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

THE TWINS OUT-TWINNED.—We have quite a sensation in our little town. On yesterday Prof. Page's wife gave birth to four girl babies. Names and weight: Anna, six pounds; Nora, five; Geneva, four and one-half, and Estella, four. They are all living and bid fair to do well.

ONE OF THE ADVOCATE'S live agents says: "I fear that a few of my subscribers are 'desperately wicked,' but I intend to preach to them the regeneration of subscription payments." That's good doctrine.

THE REV. J. F. ARCHER writes: Am much pleased with the ADVOCATE'S new dress. There is not a neater paper in our church, and its appearance outward is not more inviting than its contents, if the last two copies be fair samples.

FEW MINUTES WITH THE PRESS.—What the Papers Think and Say.

Is not the Methodist Times (London) mistaken as to the relative wealth of this country and Great Britain? Mr. Gillen's calculations of our national wealth are of great value and significance.

THE COLLECTION.—We publish this week five replies to Bro. Miller's article, "Are We Not Getting Modish?" which we feel certain our readers will think enough on that subject.

REV. I. S. ASHBECK, Farmersville: The new dress is all wool and of the best dye. The Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage has a host of imitators. He is the chief of sensationists.

OTHER TESTIMONY.—The Rev. Buckner Harris adds this further testimony to the memory of Dr. Walker: At his residence in this city, to-day, January 6, at 11 a. m., Dr. Jas. G. Walker, a supernumerary member of the West Texas Conference, breathed his last.

tainments, lyceums, teas, oyster suppers; bless us, what shall we do to be sociable? Our fathers and mothers used to call the prayer and class-meetings the social meetings of the church.

When five or six collections are lumped, the pastor has no time to explain the object of each one to his people, one-half of whom never take a church paper or read anything concerning the enterprises of the church.

WE ARE FULLY AWARE of all the arguments against frequent collections, of all the talk about the requiring a pastor on a circuit to take up a collection every two months at each church, of its interference with revival meetings, and all that kind of stuff, but our deliberate conviction is that a great connectional church cannot be kept to a healthful growth unless each preacher submits to the directions of the General Conference, and heartily co-operates with his fellow itinerants in carrying out the will of his annual conference.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—Southwestern Methodist: In St. Louis the quarter opens auspiciously for our churches. Dr. Werlein had about fifty conversions at his church at Lafayette Park.

—Nashville Advocate: Dr. Lafferty, of the Richmond Advocate, had a rather alarming episode in the shape of a midnight fire on his premises in Albemarle county, Va., on the night of Christmas Sunday.

—The postoffice of the Rev. G. W. Graves is Georgetown, Texas. —Rev. R. M. Leaton, Pontotoc, wishes to know the address of Dr. Ditzler.

—The address of Rev. J. W. Blackburn is Dallas, Texas, postoffice box No. 359. —Nacogdoches Star-News: Rev. W. A. Saunpey has reached Orange with his family and has commenced his work for the year 1890.

—Writes Prof. C. C. Cody, Georgetown: Bro. Vaughan is making ready to put a second story on our church, and we are going to do it right away. —Rev. Elijah Mills, of Cisco, Texas, called to see us this week. He is getting out a circular chart containing scriptural quotations. He calls it the "Flaming Sword."

—Nashville Advocate: Rev. Dr. I. G. John, our Missionary Secretary, recently delivered an interesting address before the theological students on "Mission Work in Mexico." —Rev. W. W. Pinson has given the Nashville Advocate two interesting articles on San Antonio a strategic point.

—Writes Prof. Samuel G. Sanders, Georgetown: The university is moving along well. New students arrive almost daily, although we are so near the end of the first term. Our numbers now are not far from 400, and we expect a large addition at the opening of the spring term.

—Jewett Messenger: Presiding Elder Morris preached at the Methodist church, Jewett, Friday night last. His discourse was an able and highly interesting one, and especially can we commend his earnest disapproval of that denominational animus occasionally discernible in the preachings of some ministers.

—San Marcos Free Press: Rev. J. D. Scott, the able and zealous pastor of the Methodist Church, made the Free Press an agreeable call on Tuesday. He is circulating a card of queries on religious points addressed to Christians. The idea is a good one. Some of them are rather pointed, or we might say "personal," but all the better for it.

—Oak Cliff Weekly: That was a beautiful thought expressed by Rev. E. L. Ammons in his sermon on Wednesday night, in which he said, "Man who cultivates his talent for good in this life may in his last estate, the better world, still grow on, and on, and even approximate unto the wisdom or knowledge of God." Such, at least, is the hope of man's best element, that soul, which time and its environments cannot satisfy.

—White Oaks, N. M. S. W. Thomas, Jan 4: I have an exceedingly pleasant work, an appreciative people, a liberal, generous class; but we long for a gracious revival of religion. —Copperas Cove. Our first quarterly meeting is over, and as our presiding elder has to go here, and to hold a meeting myself, I am getting along nicely on my work. Find good, clever Christians every where.

—Boerne. H. T. Cunningham, Jan. 8: We are making, I trust, some progress. At Brownsboro have ordered and received the new hymn book and reorganized the Sunday-school since conference. Send you three new names and one renewal. More to follow, I hope, in a few days. —Lewisville. O. S. Thomas, Jan. 12: This is a sad day in our town. At 9 o'clock this morning a cyclone, traveling from southwest to north, passed almost through the center of the town, and our elegant and commodious church is a total wreck, being razed to the ground.

—Cedar Creek. W. D. White, Jan. 10: The Cedar Creek work is moving right along. Our people gave us a cordial reception. Zion's cause is having a new hearing, and the church is moving out of "winter quarters," preparing for the conflict. All along the line there is a reawakening and general "shaking of dry bones." In the few hours we have already been laying the foundation for a grand work this year, and, by the grace of God, we expect to make "prisoners of the Lord" of the hundreds of young and middle-aged of our work that are now incarcerated within Satan's stronghold.

No. 2. Another claims that his is parsonage No. 3, and requests that I come around often and see how things are getting on in the new parsonage. He has a man here now digging a well. He is digging and Mr. Reeves is drawing up the sand. They have it now twenty-two feet and have good signs for water. Our yard is inclosed with a good fence, due to the industry of my good husband, who promised for his part to put up the parsonage grounds. He has already put twelve.

—Beaumont. Abe Mulkey, Jan. 11: Happy new year! After a short respite, which we enjoyed at home during the holidays refreshing ourselves, we start again on our annual campaign. We first halt at Beaumont, holding forth in the city hall; first service last night; had good audience and attention. Hope for showers of blessings before we leave. To Orange, early on the 7th March; Caldwell, 21st; Temple, 7th March; Salado, 21st; Corsicana, 1st April. Praise God for salvation now.

—Ingersoll. J. R. Williams: I have six appointments in the pine woods of Bowie county, with an unfinished parsonage and not a church house, but all school-houses, for preaching places, but few good singers and hardly any one that will pray in public. So you see I have a heavy task before me. But under God and the guidance of his Spirit I am going to push the battle on all the line. The people generally are poor, but very kind. They received us very cordially and seem glad that we have come to stay. We are hopeful of good results.

—San Augustine. Leon Sonfield, Jan. 8: The people of San Augustine and Sexton accorded me as warm a welcome as I could desire. All that could be done to contribute to my comfort has been done, and I feel at home. Our first quarterly conference was held last Saturday at Sexton. Despite the high and almost impassable waters, our presiding elder, Bro. J. W. Johnson, and yet of the strategy of San Augustine were in attendance. It was a pleasant occasion. With a good presiding elder and a strong official board I feel encouraged. I trust that the good people will have no cause to regret the hearty welcome accorded me.

—Colorado. J. H. Wiseman: Since conference my work has been hindered by my ill health. We are now going forward. Our quarterly conference had to contend with Christmas times, but under the leadership of Bro. Wallace came out ahead. Quarterly up and a fine start on the collections. Preacher and wife were well remembered on Christmas, and a pounding last week was pleasant and profitable; but all of this, and other acts of kindness, is but in keeping with this kind hearted people. Our little northern cooled the "hog and hominy" has been the order of the day. We held a small but interesting watch-night meeting. Received three members yesterday and had a good day. Lord, revive us, is our cry.

—Bremont. O. T. Hotchkiss, Jan. 8: Have spent a Sabbath here and one at Reagan, the two appointments in my charge, and am pleased with the outlook. Large congregations greeted me at both places. The people have received us very cordially and we no longer feel that we are among strangers, but at home with loving Christian friends. The only compensation for the loss of friends we leave behind is that we find others where we go. I did not know much I loved the people of Caldwell till Bishop Key gave us orders to march. We pray God to bless them and their new preacher. We expect a successful year. Have already secured money to make some very much needed improvements on the parsonage.

—Glen Cove. T. J. Lassetter, Jan. 5: After annual conference this scribe entered upon another year's labor, praying for a prosperous year in spiritual things. Our first quarterly conference was held Jan. 1, 1890. The presiding elder was on hand, as he always is, preaching with power and clearness. We love him much. We had a good time. Glen Cove mission has built a neat parsonage since annual conference, and we are comfortably housed and well provided for. I want to say last but not least, that we have been well pondered by the good people of Glen Cove bringing orders which you could name almost. May God bless this entire charge and help us to serve them well. God bless our ADVOCATE. May it yet be in every home.

—Corn Hill. G. W. Graves, Jan. 10: This preacher's name was read out by Santa Claus at Salado, and a box of confectionery and one dollar and fifty cents for the preacher's children, was taken from a limb. Then Corn Hill (led by Bro. Pahn) a purse containing \$5.50 found its way to the tree read out for the pastor. Nothing had so much for their intrinsic worth as they are for the kindly feeling that prompted them. My work is moving off very well; I believe have the best paper in the church now. Bro. Abe and wife are booked for Salado March 21st. We expect a grand, good time. "So mote it be."

—Carbon Circuit. Aunt Mary, Jan. 7: When the Bishop read out the appointments at Belton, and our portion was appointed us on Carbon circuit, the anxious inquiry quickly arose in our minds, Where is Carbon circuit? Upon being informed by Bro. Wallace what it was and where it was, we were soon off from Belton, moving in the direction of the new circuit. After a few days' drive, stopping some on the way, visiting loved ones whom we had not seen in a year, we at last reached Carbon. Our goods, which had been ordered before leaving Belton, had not yet arrived, and there was no parsonage to take them to when they did arrive. A request that the stewards meet was made. A more ready response could not have been made. The whole board—eight in number—came at once, made a liberal assessment for the preacher, and proposed to build a parsonage in Carbon. They not only proposed, but actually went to work, with money and labor, and soon built a nice home, 16x24—partition in the middle—making two good rooms, nicely ceiled overhead, and we are in it, very pleasantly situated, among our children and our old acquaintances, with whom we have worshipped and associated for years. The house is built, our wants are being met, and we believe that all the stewards promised will be done. We have been all around the work once and partially around again. Have good congregations, and the best of all, God is with us, to the joy and comfort of our sons, and of those who have received many pounds of the necessities and good things of life, too tedious to mention. One good brother, a local preacher, made a pressing invitation on us to visit his home often, suggesting pleasantly that his house was parsonage

—San Diego. J. W. Gibbons, Jan. 8: After a long delay, on account of sickness, I am again at my post. Have a more hearty response on the entire work. How it makes my heart swell with gratitude to God for the many warm greetings received from his dear people. All, with a few exceptions, are still standing firm for the Master. How glad to find the wolf had not got in to destroy, at least to any material extent, the good people of Glen Cove bringing orders which you could name almost. May God bless this entire charge and help us to serve them well. God bless our ADVOCATE. May it yet be in every home.

—Montague. W. W. Horner, Jan. 11: The first quarterly conference for the current year on this work was held at Belcherville on the 4th and 5th of this month, and it was a profitable occasion to both preacher and people. Bro. May was on hand and presided with his usual dignity. He preached two excellent discourses for us. The one at 11 a. m. on Sunday was a masterly effort, in which he handled infidelity with unflinching boldness, showing the unreasonableness of the infidel in believing some of the most glaring falsehoods that have ever been palmed off on the credulous world, and yet utterly refusing to give credence to the Bible and its glorious truths as uttered by fire-touched prophets and inspired apostles. After the sermon we had a profitable communion service, and then in the evening we had a love-feast conducted by Bro. Henry Harday, one of our most efficient local preachers. It was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and we all felt that it was good to be there. Bro. Harday also preached an able sermon on Saturday night on the immortality and immortality of the soul. The stewards assessed for my support \$800 and promised to collect it monthly. If they will do this (and I think they will) it will relieve me from embarrassment and enable them to live without going in debt very often. The conference closed Sunday night with a general handshaking, and nearly all the professed Christians present renewed their pledges to start out with the new

year determined to live closer to God than ever before. I am happy to state that the new addition to the parsonage is nearly completed and that when finished it will be one of the most comfortable homes for the preachers in all this country.

Mont Pleasant Circuit. J. D. Whitehead: We reached Mount Pleasant December 6, 1889, and was kindly met by Bro. F. W. Fitzpatrick, and invited to his home, where we met his nice family, and wife and our little boys remained there with our sick babe until we could hasten to Mount Vernon to fill our first appointments.

Whitewright. Daisy Baker, Corresponding Secretary: Do you enjoy hearing from juvenile missionary societies? We will risk intrusion in our eagerness to tell you of a pretty little bunch of missionary souls that have bloomed at Whitewright.

Commerce. A. W. Gibson, Jan. 9: As soon as possible after conference we made our way across the country to our new home, Commerce, where we found every convenience one could wish. A good parsonage, and it furnished with heavy furniture, a splendid barn, smoke house, fowl house, garden and land to make peas, corn and potatoes on.

The Annex. G. C. Cody, Jan. 8: The Methodist Church in Texas, along with the commitments of the season, should be congratulated upon the fact that the Annex of Southwestern University, having struggled along for several years in the face of adverse circumstances is now a glowing reality.

DeBerry. J. A. Smith, Jan. 6: At the solemn end (latter end) of the last session of the East Texas Conference, Bishop Key rode out for the DeBerry circuit.

male college in the land; while the work done in the ornamental branches is thorough and satisfactory. The Annex, with all of its appointments, is the property of the Methodist Church, and no professor or teacher connected with it works for any other than a salary stipulated by a Board of Trustees, themselves appointed by the several Texas conferences.

Jacksonville. J. F. Archer, Jan. 10: I sent to Dr. Barbee this morning the full amount of our foreign missionary assessment for 1889. Who will be the next? Come, brethren of the Palestine district, fall in line and let us make ours the banner district in the conference this year.

Breckenridge. A. P. Payne, January 9: Our first quarterly conference is over. Our presiding elder, Bro. M. Stephens, came from Jan. 1, and preached five most excellent sermons. The one at 11 o'clock Sunday on the falsity and danger of apostasy was conclusive. Good congregations at 11 and at night, notwithstanding there was a conflict, it being the Baptists' day. A very full attendance of official members and a good assessment of members in charge.

Stephenville. E. M. Sweet: Reaching Stephenville, my new pastoral charge, early in December, a hearty welcome greeted me in town and country. Steps were immediately taken—ladies in the lead—looking to the renovation of church and parsonage. Efforts culminated in a few days in the repainting of the church, with money raised by direct donation for a parsonage in keeping with the character, enterprise, and mission of a live church.

Acton Circuit. Jno. A. Gardner, Jan. 9: The night at Belton that Bishop Key read me out for Acton circuit, I was wholly unable to sleep that night. The harmonies were troubled that all my moral vision turned into a perfect whirlpool of utter confusion. Shall I go to the circuit where the pastor has lived in a tent? Has Bishop Key lost his balance? Surely I was a dreadful night. I remembered what I said to Horace when he was a pastor here. I would go anywhere God and the church wanted me to go. I meant it; I still mean it. So I came to Acton circuit without a home, or even a house to rent, but the dear people were both ready and willing to build a house for their pastor, so we are happily domiciled in our new parsonage at Cresson. It is a house that would reflect honor to any circuit—14x28, four rooms, two above and two below; lower rooms ceiled complete; crib, stable, etc., and despite the bad weather, New Year's day the good people began to gather at the parsonage, bringing with them the staples of life, and have continued ever since. God bless Bishop Key for sending me to Acton. We have bid adieu to tents. You circuits that would criticize, how is your pastor living today? Thanks to R. H. Adair for three weeks of faithful labor on parsonage. Bro. R. H. is a fine architect; does good work. Thanks to B. M. Stevens for having me sent to what he thought was the hardest circuit in Northwest Texas Conference. It has turned out for good. A tidal wave of salvation is spreading all over the work. Bro. E. M. come this way when you can. Cresson is at the crossing of the Santa Fe and Fort Worth and Rio Grande. Nov. brethren, as you pass through step in and see me. God bless Bro. Coleman Higworth. He certainly has the good of Acton circuit at heart.

DeBerry. J. A. Smith, Jan. 6: At the solemn end (latter end) of the last session of the East Texas Conference, Bishop Key rode out for the DeBerry circuit. We came immediately to Marshall, and notwithstanding our anxiety to see our new work and take in the situation, we could not forego the pleasure of stopping a few days with our esteemed friend, Bro. R. W. Thompson. He has a large, warm heart and a precious, good wife. We rested our bodies and with prayer and conversation refreshed our souls and had our spiritual strength renewed; then with their prayers and best wishes, on December 23, we left their hospitable roof and came to our new work. We had a warm welcome, a

heartly reception; spent Christmas with Bro. Horton, and began at once to visit the people. New Year's day we moved into the parsonage. Mamie said, "We'll be moving all the year." We moved on, as if by the move be onward and upward. At night, after we got into the parsonage, oh how it did rain! I must confess we felt a little lonely. Yes, as night fell came on, and the rain fell fast and we realized we were in a new, strange place, our thoughts, despite us, wandered back to our former homes, kind friends, and familiar faces. We scarcely know how much we love our friends until we have said "good-bye." At Liberty, Woodville and Livingston, are loving friends who were both to leave, but duty bids us part, and change of time and place shall not separate us in heart.

To meet one another again. But I must return. The day after we moved into the parsonage the rain continued; yes, it came down in torrents, but this was not all that came to the parsonage that day. Just as we passed out the gate and started up town to get some articles for the school, a heavy shower came, driven by one of our stewards, and of course we looked as though we did not know what was up, but in my heart I knew we would have to submit to what the preachers call "a pounding." And now, Mr. Editor, to make a long story short, I will just say this long, hungry-looking preacher on the above said day received a wagon load of good things at the parsonage. Next day, as the rain continued to fall, there came another wagon loaded with corn and other good things for the school, and a very kind-looking preacher. We looked surprised again, but accepted all favors with thanks. All told, we received at the parsonage on the DeBerry circuit, a huge, gigantic, magnificent pounding; yes, more, I think it would be more accurately expressed if we were to say a "longing." Surely we have a good, kind people on this work, and we begin the "New Year" with reconsecration and hope of success. We hope and pray that we may be able to do the best year's work we have hitherto done.

Crockett. J. T. Smith, Jan. 7: After a whirl of two months I am about to get settled in my new nest. If anybody thinks it a light job to provide for and entertain a conference of one hundred members, just let them think so; we'll have our opinion still. But it's all over and we are here. We have heard but one expression: "We were awful sorry to give Bro. Bolton up, but as we had to, we are glad to have you." One could not but be overjoyed to see a man so greatly to our amusement: "Well, Bro. Bolton, we have to give you up, but we will have you back next year." This is all encouraging if Bro. Bolton is loved for his work's sake; if we work, we will be loved; if we do not work, we will not be loved. It was a great relief to part with the people of Crockett. There is not in Texas a nobler set. But if it was a trial to leave them, it was a great relief to come to Crockett. My! how those people can treat a preacher. Their hearts, houses and stores are open to him. We have seen many a man who has been here, but not reached us, besides one regular out-and-out pounding, and it is no momentary gush; it reaches through the year, and has been their custom for years past. We have titled our poundings and remembrances, and they will do so, and we are glad to have put into the Lord's treasury since conference \$7.60. Now, under all this, we could not help making some good resolutions and have resolved to make the Advocate and missionary work specialties.

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PREACHERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Table with columns for names, churches, and financial details. Includes names like J. F. Archer, J. D. Whitehead, and J. A. Smith.

Note: If you please, the following items: 1. The minutes have been sent to every preacher connected with the conference by every route, except M. Kerr, whose post-office has not been found. A copy has been likewise sent to each of the recent transfers from the conference, in so far as the address could be ascertained.

Wanted to be Heard From. If any person has ever given Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy a fair trial, and has not been perfectly and permanently cured, that person should write the proprietors of that wonderful remedy, for they are in debt earnest and "mean business" when they offer \$500 reward for a case of nasal catarrh, no matter how bad, or of how long standing, which they cannot cure.

W. M. S. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Some changes have occurred in the officers of the West Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society which I wish to announce: Mrs. Robert Alexander has resigned the office of treasurer on account of ill health.

PERSONAL. To the Readers of the Advocate and especially the Ministry: My son, Bill Turner, aged sixteen next March, voluntarily left his home, on the North River, in order to go to the States some time last October. When last seen he was near Buda, Hays county, going in the direction of Blanco City, about the last of October. He is well, and has gained weight, about 120 pounds, of light complexion, smooth face; has never been from home much, and is not very talkative.

RECOMMENDATION. W. I. Blair, Danville, Va., says: "I have long suffered from Turpentine of the Liver and Stomach, and have tried almost everything, but never derived half the benefit that I have had from TOTT'S PILLS. I recommend them to all that are afflicted with Dyspepsia and Sick Headache."

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Texas Christian Advocate.

He-I got a letter from Cousin Tom today. He says he is engaged to Mollie Jennings. Of course, he paints his future bride in glowing colors and all that sort of thing. No far as that is concerned, Mollie is pretty expert at painting herself in glowing colors.

Happy is the man who has a little quiver full of them and bottles of salivation oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain. Price only 25 cents.

Mother should never fall to keep Dr. Bull's cough syrup convenient, in order to believe that little ones of cough speedily and surely. 25 cents.

Who is the hubby who has been out the night before? Why, my dear, what makes you ask that? Why, my dear, what makes you ask that? Why, my dear, what makes you ask that? Why, my dear, what makes you ask that?

We can truthfully say that in no instance has Morley's T-X-S-Agic Tonic failed to cure Chills when taken strictly as directed. We have guaranteed every bottle sold, to cure any case of Chills, however bad they may be, and have never had to refund on a single bottle sold. Yours truly, W. J. WYAN & SONS.

He got the quarter. If I leave you a cent, Boodle, what would you do with it? "I'd buy a postal card and write to you for a quarter."

Since the improvement in cooking, mankind eat about twice as much as nature requires; to counteract the bad effect of an overladen stomach, take Cascarine.

What do they do with a man when he gets full and is arrested? "Why, treat him as they do boats when they're full-tail him out of course."

Lungs will find relief from their costiveness, swimming in the Heat-Cure, Stomach, Headache, Kidney troubles, etc., by taking a dose of Simmons' Liver Regulator after dinner or supper, so as to move the bowels once a day. Mothers will have better health and the babies will grow more robust by using the Regulator. If an infant shows signs of Colic, nothing like a few drops in water for relief.

Simulifer seed is not only good for poultry, but also for horses. A handful given every morning to a horse will aid materially in making the cold sleek. It is recommended as a good remedy for founder.

Into each life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary. Yet many a dark day might be avoided if the liver is kept in good condition by the use of Cascarine.

First Young Lady of Distinction-My ancestors came to this country 150 years ago. Second Young Lady of Distinction-My father did not find it necessary to come to this country at all.

A Lady in South Carolina Writes: My labor was shorter and less painful than on two former occasions; physicians astonished; I thank you for "Mother's Friend." It is worth its weight in gold. The Bradfield Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. Sold by all druggists.

When soft food is given poultry it will pay to take a little care to properly season with salt before feeding.

Wags, the home of Cascarine Medicine Co., is almost free from Catarrh. They use Cascarine and get cured.

Allowing the eggs to get broken in the nest is the principal cause of hens getting into the habit of eating the eggs.

DEE, ABE, November 20, 1888. My father had a very bad case of Chills, and after trying all the medical and medical kinds of "chill cures" without effect, he bought a 50 cent bottle of Morley's T-X-S-Agic Tonic, one or two doses of which broke the chills and before he had used one of our bottles was enjoying perfect health.

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CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India native, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a remedy for several kinds of "chill cures" without effect. He has bought a 50 cent bottle of Morley's T-X-S-Agic Tonic, one or two doses of which broke the chills and before he had used one of our bottles was enjoying perfect health.

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COLUMBIA, TEXAS, Jan. 20, 1890. I sell Morley's T-X-S-Agic Tonic on a guarantee and never had a bottle returned. Every purchaser was perfectly satisfied and returned several very stubborn cases. I know JOHN S. BARTLETT.

First Darling-What did you do on Christmas day? Second Darling-I sucked the paint off a red horse. First Darling-I swallowed a cent and a handful of sawdust.

An Ohio lady was so frightened by a snake that her glossy black hair turned white as snow. It was soon returned to its original color by Hall's Hair Restorer.

Barber-Shampoo, sir? Victim-No. Haven't I suffered enough already? Barber-I never shaved but one man who didn't have some family to take care of. Victim-Who he? Barber-No, sir; he was dead.

DISEASES OF WOMEN. Nervous, indigestion, bloating, general debility, depression, sleeplessness, head-ache, liver and kidney troubles and kindred affections, permanently cured by using Magnin's Catarrh Cure.

Mr. Lushforth-You never help me on with your coat like you used to do in the days of our honeymoon. Mrs. Lushforth-No? And I never had to help you off with your boots in those days, either.

ENGLISH FEMALE BITTERS is not a beverage, but is a powerful and nutritious female tonic, imparting iron to impoverished blood, giving a keen appetite, aiding digestion and proper assimilation of food, strengthens the feeble, invigorates the torpid, and is prompt and reliable in its effects.

He-Now that you have made me the happiest of mortals, can I kiss you? She (blushing)-Never having had any personal experience of your osculatory abilities, Mr. Gesner, I do not know if you can, but you may.

"THE ILLS OF LIFE." From the page of Dr. Hartman's "Illumination" is taken up with unsolicited testimonials to the value of Lactaria as a Blood Tonic, and with the hearty recommendations of it to all who are afflicted. These are based on thorough trials in every case. Send for a copy. It will be sent you free.

She-How curious are the ways of Providence! He-Yes, she. Now George Hilton proposed to Grace Darling at 7 o'clock last night-at 8 her father died. He-Yes, George becomes rich. I see. She-No, Grace is provided for. Her father died insolvent.

Out of the 20,000,000 people in the United States, 45,000,000 of them suffer from Catarrh, Hay Fever, or Bronchitis, in some of its forms. Cascarine is the cure for these diseases.

Little Bessie-Are you going to be married, Tottie, when you be big? Tottie-No, I'm going to be divorced.

Elderly spinster-"I can't see why you young girls should so absurdly fling. You can't walk a block after dark without being in an agony of fear thinking that somebody may be following you?" "Do you never look back to see if some man is following you?" "No. What's the use? It wouldn't be my luck."

"We Point With Pride" To the "Good name at home," won by Hood's Sarsaparilla. In Lowell, Mass., where it is prepared, there is more of Hood's Sarsaparilla sold than of all other medicines, and it has given the best of satisfaction since its introduction into that city. This could not be if the medicine did not possess merit. If you suffer from impure blood, try Hood's Sarsaparilla and realize its peculiar curative power.

To wash clothes that fade, add an ounce of sugar of lead in a pull of rain water; soak them over night in it.

Columbus discovered America, and Dr. H. Robinson, of Waco, found out that Cascarine would and did cure his Catarrh. Which deserves the most credit?

Frate German to stranger who stepped on his toe-Mint friend, I know mine feet was not to be yalked on, but dot brivilege pedons to me.

PATTERSON, TEXAS, May 9, 1887. I handle all kinds of Ague Cures, but Morley's T-X-S-Agic Tonic has the lead, because it never fails to give satisfaction. I sell more of it than all the rest combined. J. H. FERGUSON.

Tar can be removed from cloth by saturating with turpentine and rubbing it well.

A falling drop will at last carve a stone. Just as surely constipation, if not relieved by the use of Cascarine, will work its deadly effect on the system.

In cleaning silver, never use soap. Polish it with whiting or silver polish rubbed on with a chamois skin.

"Cascarine," or "Extract Mexican Cascaris," cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, etc. Pleasant and easy to use.

Bedded beets, potatoes or turnips, with milk and bran, make one of the best winter feeds for poultry.

Sore Throat and Lungs. Chapped Hands and Face positively cured by Paul's Extract, sold only in bottles, but wrappers.

Wagon-Who spoke? Wheel-One of our fellows. Wagon-What is the matter? Wheel-We're tired.

"A sensible flea will not eat his breakfast on the lip of a River," neither will a wise man suffer from dyspepsia, a disordered liver or constipation, when he can get such a pleasant and certain remedy as Cascarine.

The seed of the common sunflower is an excellent remedy for consumption. The seeds should be slightly browned like coffee, then ground and steeped. Drain thoroughly and sweeten with hot sugar or rock candy. This should be taken freely three or four times a day, and especially before retiring at night. It is also good for consumptives.

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Church Notices.

Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June) and days of the week, listing church events.

PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Also et. at Zion 2d Sun in Jan. King sta. at Rock 2d Sun in Jan. Kickapoo et. at Pope's Chapel 1st Sun in Feb. Augusta et. at Augusta 2d Sun in Feb. Crockett sta. at Crockett 2d Sun in Feb. Crockett et. at Potter's Springs 4th Sun in Feb. Trinity et. at Trinity 4th Sun in Feb. Palestine et. at Elkhart 2d Sun in March. Jacksonville et. at Providence 2d Sun in March. Palestine sta. at Palestine 4th Sun in March. U. B. PHILLIPS, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Montgomery et. at Montgomery Jan 18, 19. Willis sta. at Willis Jan 25, 26. Huntsville sta. at Huntsville Feb 1, 2. Cold Springs and Shepherd at Cold Springs Feb 8, 9. Lodge et. at Black Jack Feb 15, 16. Prairie Plains et. at Mary's Chapel Feb 22, 23. Madisonville et. at Madisonville Feb 29, 30. J. C. MCKEE, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Houston-Washington Street Jan 18, 19. Houston-McKe Street Jan 25, 26. Houston-City Mission Jan 29, 30. Galveston-West End Mission Feb 1, 2. Cedar Bayou Feb 15, 16. Alvin Feb 22, 23. Columbia and Brazoria Feb 29, 30. Velasco March 8, 9. Matagorda March 15, 16. Richmond and Wharton March 22, 23. The district stewards will please meet me at Washington Street Church on Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m. H. V. FULLER, P. E.

TYLER DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Micoala, at Micoala Jan 18, 19. Athens, at Athens Jan 25, 26. Larissa, at Larissa Feb 1, 2. Ebon, at Tunnell's Chapel Feb 8, 9. Tyler et. at Cedar St. Feb 15, 16. Lindale, at Harris' Chapel Feb 22, 23. Canton at Canton March 1, 2. Lavendale mis. at Lavendale March 8, 9. New York, at New York March 15, 16. Tyler sta. at Tyler March 22, 23. JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Milton et. at Milton Jan 18, 19. Rosalie et. at Rosalie Jan 25, 26. Woodland et. at Woodland Feb 1, 2. Clarksville sta. at Clarksville Feb 8, 9. Clarksville mis. at Clarksville Feb 15, 16. Anna et. at Anna March 1, 2. Dury Springs et. at Dury Springs March 8, 9. Boston et. at Boston March 15, 16. Ingersoll mis. at Ingersoll March 22, 23. J. R. WAGGS, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Mt. Enterprise et. at Mt. Enterprise Jan 18, 19. Melrose et. at Fairview Jan 25, 26. Fairview et. at Fairview Feb 1, 2. Martinsville mis. at Mt. Pleasant Feb 8, 9. Naacoches, Lufkin and Garrison, at Naacoches Feb 15, 16. Elm Flat et. at Twilight Feb 22, 23. Center and Timpanon, at Timpanon March 1, 2. Fairbairn et. at Dayton March 8, 9. Sexton et. at Myrtle Springs March 15, 16. Rockville et. at Rockville March 22, 23. Beaufort mis. at Center View March 29, 30. Shelbyville et. at Shelbyville April 5, 6. J. W. JOHNSON, P. E.

MOHTAGUE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Burlington et. at Liberty Chapel Jan 18, 19. Sunset at Trafon, at Sunset Jan 25, 26. Chico et. at Chico Feb 1, 2. Abord et. at Abord Feb 8, 9. Post Office et. at Fannin Town Feb 15, 16. Archer City mis. at Archer City Feb 22, 23. Red River mis. at Willow Springs March 1, 2. Bozie et. at Bozie March 8, 9. W. S. MAY, P. E.

WAXAHACHE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Waxahachie et. at Waxahachie Jan 15. Ranger et. at Boise Jan 22, 23. Jones et. at Maloney Jan 29, 30. Sims and Glenwood et. at Bethel Jan 31. Red Oak et. at Ovilla Jan 31. Waxahachie et. at Oak Branch Jan 31. E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Colville et. at Murry Louque 2d Sun in Jan. Atlanta sta. at Atlanta 4th Sun in Jan. Turner et. at Turner 1st Sun in Feb. Gilmer et. at Daingerfield 2d Sun in Feb. Egan et. at Red Lick 2d Sun in Feb. Mt. Pleasant, at Mt. Pleasant 4th Sun in Feb. Kildare et. at Kildare 1st Sun in March. Linden et. at Linden 2d Sun in March. CHAS. B. FALGOUT, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Plano 2d Sun in Jan. Weston et. at Weston 4th Sun in Jan. Bethel et. at Bethel 1st Sun in Feb. Farmers Branch et. at Farmers Branch 1st Sun in Feb. Cochar and Carth 4th Sun in Feb. Elmwood et. at Elmwood 2d Sun in March. Smithfield et. at Smithfield 2d Sun in March. T. B. PERCIE, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Centennial et. at Harmony Jan 18, 19. Delery et. at Mt. Zion Jan 25, 26. Marshall sta. at Marshall Feb 1, 2. Marshall et. at North Side Feb 8, 9. Church Hill et. at Oakland Feb 15, 16. Troupe and Overton et. at Troupe March 1, 2. Henderson et. at Henderson March 8, 9. Henderson sta. at Henderson March 15, 16. T. P. SMITH, P. E.

CAMERON DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Davilla et. at Davilla 2d Sun in Jan. Milano et. at Milano 4th Sun in Jan. Marlin sta. at Marlin 1st Sun in Feb. Durango et. at Durango 1st Sun in Feb. Wilderville et. at Power's Chapel 3d Sun in Feb. Mayfield et. at Mayfield 4th Sun in Feb. Caldwell et. at Caldwell 1st Sun in March. Deauville et. at Porter's Chapel 1st Sun in March. Rockdale sta. at Rockdale 2d Sun in March. The district stewards will meet at Milano on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p. m. The following is the list of district stewards: W. H. Smith, Jeff. Spence, N. S. Starnard, T. H. Hart, C. B. Spencer, J. C. Frank, J. J. Morgan, J. W. Duke, Frank Walker, C. H. Ruty and J. B. Gillin. FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Willis Point et. at Gray's Prairie Jan 18, 19. Kaufman sta. at Kaufman Jan 25, 26. Rockwall and Royce et. at Rockwall Feb 1, 2.orney et. at Fort Worth Feb 8, 9. Mesquite et. at Farmer's March 1, 2. Garland and Duck Creek March 8, 9. Allen et. at St. Paul March 15, 16. Roberts mis. at Bethel March 22, 23. W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Kyle et. at Kyle 2d Sun in Jan. Blaine mis. at Rock S. H. Feb 1. W. H. H. BROS., P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Burton and Gibbins, at Burton Jan 18, 19. Elgin and Manor, at Elgin Jan 25, 26. Belcher et. at Belcher Feb 1, 2. Belleville et. at Belleville Feb 8, 9. Sealy and Sun Felipe, at Sealy Feb 15, 16. Eagle Lake et. at Eagle Lake March 1, 2. Hookley et. at Hookley March 8, 9. Independence sta. at Independence March 15, 16. C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

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PORT WORTH DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Mansfield et. at Mansfield Jan 18, 19. Haysport et. at Joshua Jan 25, 26. Inaso et. at Berry's Creek Feb 1, 2. West et. at Lubbock Feb 8, 9. Whitney et. at Bethel Feb 15, 16. J. FRED COX, P. E.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS. January 8.—H. A. Bond, sub. J. Lavender, sub. T. Adams, sub. Geo. C. Stovall, sub. J. M. McKee, sub. C. G. Smith, has attention.

TEXAS INCIDENTS. State Health Officer Rutherford has established quarantine against Mexico on account of small pox epidemic. Dallas jail has one hundred and one prisoners.

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Casualties of the Week. Linn Boatman, son of an old citizen of Abilene, met death accidentally by being run over by the cars.

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