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A SYMPOSIUM.

BETTER SUPPORT FOR THE CON-FERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Should We Have a Parent Board to Provide for the Support of Conference Claimants, Making the Fund for Their Support Connectional?

I AM in favor of the conference fund being made connectional for two reasons: It will allow a valuable but infirm man to transfer without complaint; and it will allow a plan by which the claimants may draw quarterly a part, at least, of their claim.

W. J. Joyce.

The church ought either to disown the justice of the claims of the widows and orphans of preachers and of superannuated preachers, or make some provision adequate to these claims. At this time there quate to these claims. At this time there are some reasons of no small moment why this matter should be made connectional: First, it would place the matter in the hands of men who could afford to levy upon the various conferences an assessment something like adequate to the demand. The assessment is the gauge of collections. He who reaches the assessment is regarded as doing well. The ment is regarded as doing well. The Boards of Finance of annual conferences cannot be prevailed upon to make assess-ments high enough to allow these claimants more than a mere pittance. Second, it will give an opportunity to distribute the claim equally upon all the conferences. As it now stands some of the con-

I AM IN favor of any measure the ob-object and design of which are to equalize the allowances of the claimants upon the funds raised for the relief of superannu-ated preachers, their widows and or-

phans.

I have before me the minutes of three conferences. In the first the maximum allowance to any superannuated preacher is \$350; in the second, \$291; and in the third, \$240; making an average of \$293%. Now, assuming that these claimants in length of service, health, size of family, etc., are equally meritorious, something surely ought to be done to bring about an equal distribution.

Ours is a connectional church and I can see no valid reason why we should not have connectional boards to manage all

of our financial operations.

I am rather in favor of the Parent

Board and the connectional fund. Our present method is a good one. I have no railing accusation to bring against it. However, it is not free from object tions. The one proposed will not be free from objection. No human device is, nor ean be. Yet I think it will prove no more objectionable, and at the same time prove more fruitful of results with which to meet urgent needs. The present method, at least in its results, is unsatisfactory to both the Bard of Finance and the claimants. An increase in the amount assessed might mend matters in some of the conferences,

but in many of them it would vary the re-suits very little.

Our objection against the Parent Board and connectional fund lies at the surfaceit would be more complicated. But really this is no valid objection, specially when there is a potency and a promise of efficiency not found in the present method. The burden of taking care of the claim-ants is not equal in the several confer-Some conferences raise all they can and some do not, but would if it were connectional. It is strongly probable that all the conferences nearly would raise more if it were connectional. Therefore, each claimant would receive more than at present upon an equitable basis of distribution, which, of course, can and ought to be arranged. Moreover, the present system is radically and fundamentally wrong, in view of the transfer power of the episcopacy. The latter ought to be forever maintained, as it is not only for theoretical but for practical purposes. But our plan of supporting the superannuates is not logically and equitably in harmony with that, from the fact that a preacher may serve twenty years in one conference, may die or superence after the expiration of six months or a year—all this by virtue of a legitimate transfer power lodged in the hands of the bishops; whereas, if the support came from the church at large, there would be no logical inharmony nor any breach of

Again, the very spirit and genius of Methodism is connectional. There is no Methodism is connectional. There is no such a thing as North Texas Conference Methodism or Tennessee Conference Methodism, nor yet Texas Methodism, nor Georgia Methodism.

Provincialism is incompatible with the highest and best success of Methodism.

highest and best success of Methodism. To shun its very appearance ought to be the pride of every member. Localism is one form of selfishness. We speak as a matter of designation and convenience of connectional men. But in the last analy-sis every traveling preacher is a connec-tional men. He may be called upon by the authority of the church to serve anythe authority of the church to serve anywhere in the connection any time. Every worn-out preacher ought to be regarded as a soldier retired from the ranks of the Methodist army, and should be placed upon the pension list of the whole church, and not upon the list of a particular company to which he belonged, or last served with. You may call this making a fad of a mere theory. May be so. But there are practical benefits and conveniences also to follow.

when this matter becomes connectional our bishops will feel freer to make judicious transfers, and at the same time our

conferences will feel freer to receive and welcome them. We wont quite so frequently hear that obnoxious expression: "Dumping ground." When a good brother flees impending superannuation in his own conference to another (I don't mean own conferenc er flees impending superannuation in his own conference to another (I don't mean any harm; God bless him—I don't blame him; maybe I'd do the same), we would feel more ready to receive him, work him a year or so and then the cabinet could appoint his presiding elder to labor with him concerning his reference to the Committee on Conference Relations. Then his name goes on the list it would have gone on had he not transferred, and his claim on the last conference he served would be

neither increased nor diminished. As a matter of right, that fund ought to be raised to the dignity of a connectional fund. The people would appreciate it

a club to accept no discounts and let all go to that fund. J. A. STAFFORD.

I answer this question with an emphatic negative, and for these reasons: 1. There would be no sympathy between the board located in a distant conference, hundreds of miles away, and the claimants; and again, that board could know nothing personally of the claims or the circumstances of the claimants, and their distri-bution would necessarily be haphazard. On our present plan our people know for whom they are making contributions. If have more than their share. Third, it will tend to regulate the transfer system, on our present plan the money is collected, sympathy would be severed. 2. Again, on our present plan the money is collected, apportioned and distributed promptly at the session of the conference. On the connectional plan the money would have to be sent of the Parent Board, lie there until all the conferences were held, and then, after months delay, be sent back and distributed all over the territory of the church they transfer fear that they will soon be on the superannuated list. Fourth, the church should be a unit, and this would tend to unify. Fifth, it would do much toward removing a stigma which now rests upon us—the regarding of the conference fund as a charity.

WM. A. SAMPEY.

OBANGE, TEXAS.

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I can conceive of but one similar proposition more absurd than this, and that is, to have all the money contributed for the of payment preachers sent to the treasurer of the Conference Board of Finance, whose duty it should be to send it to an other grand and superlative board at headquarters, and then let that Parent Board of Finance distribute this amount to all the preachers of the connection ac-cording to their best judgment of the claims and necessities of each.

H. S. THRALL.

I ANSWER, emphatically, no! I am in favor of each conference providing for its own claimants. I am also in favor of our Publishing House, after paying all running expenses, if there is an excess, appropriating it to the enlarge-ment and the publication of cheaper books and tracts for gratuitous distribution. If our books were cheaper, we could sell thousands where we only sell

SILVER CITY, N. M. It is a deplorable fact that our worthy claimants are not supported as their ne-cessities require. What is best to be done under all of the circumstances is a matter hard to be understood. I do not believe that a general board could do the work that would of necessity have to be done in order to meet the wants and necessities of the case. It seems to me that if we had a connectional board we would necessarily have to have conference boards to make the general board effective. The only way that the general board could know the number and wants of the claimants would be through conference committees or boards. How else ould this knowledge be obtained? If this is true, and I presume that it will not be questioned, then the question that presents itself is this: Would the gen-eral and the conference boards be more effective for good than the conference boards alone? I cannot see that they would be. All of the money that each conference should raise for the support of the claimants can and should be managed by conference boards. How would it help us to send a part, or all, of this fund to the general board for distribution? Along with the fund we would have to send information as to the number and needs of all of the claimants in the bounds of each conference before the connectional board could take action. We could not hope to have a larger collection for our claimants, simply because of the exist-ence of a connectional board. The only reason that I can see for a general board is that it might take charge of all the money due the worn-out ministers, widows and orphans of deceased minis-ters who died in the regular work that shall be due them from the Publishing House, if the house has a fund of that sort, or will have hereafter, over and above the proceeds that it takes to run A general board could effectively, through the conference boards manage and control a fund of this sort for the benefit of the claimants. Other wise, it seems to me, that we are not greatly in need of a general board. Now et us see what is the most practical remedy: Let the conference boards raise the assessments and let the preachers raise the money, and let the Joint Board. ugh the preachers and in other ways. find out who the real claimants are, and their needs, and then make a distribution of the amount on hand accordingly When this is done, as it ought to be, then when this is done, as it ought to be, then things will brighten, and our claimants will be better supported and the church will glide along more smoothly.

D. J. Martin.

It is to be hoped that the forthcoming symposium may have a tendency to stim-ulate preachers and people to greater liberality in supporting our conference claimants; but where is the necessity for

a general board?

No change ought to be made unless something is to be gained. Is there anything to be gained to our worthy claimants by creating a general board? How

see how we could pay out hundreds of dollars in keeping up such a board; but I fail to see how that board is to do anything to help our old veterans that might

not be done by the conference boards.

Would it quicken the pulseof liberality to tell our people that this money for our old preachers will go to a general fund out of which the connectional officers and traveling expresses are to be first Would it quicken the pulseof liberality to tell our people that this money for our old preachers will go to a general fund out of which the connectional officers and traveling expenses are to be first paid, and the balance will be equally devided between the claimants? Or, if they are allowed discretion, how are they to inform themselves as to the necessities of these scattered claimants? Would it to inform themselves as to the necessities of these scattered claimants? Would it more.

Lastly, I am in favor of setting aside the net proceeds of the Publishing House and appropriating every dollar of it to that fund. Consequently, I am unalterably opposed to cheapening the products of the house farther than wholesome competion demands. I hope every effective Methodist preacher in the connection who has been guilty of conceiving such an idea, will for the sake of pity and brotherly unselfishness repent of the thought of his heart. I had rather join a club to accept no discounts and let all way, unless the board knew the men that in case of death or superannuation representing the claimants. They are help will be afforded. In strong conferall honest in what they say. They are ences the chances are good; in the weak,

of his labor for years. She, under the present plan, is under no obligation to take care of his family in case of his death, or help him in his superannuated rela-tions. To avoid this difficulty and save their men from embarrassment, the M. E. Church station men at the front, leaving their membership with some conference in the East. Eighteen years in the work of our church, in her new and difficult places, has not left me without some information and sadness of experience resulting from the observations of those years. In more instances than one have I had opportunity to discover the ills of our present plan, and let all know that our conferences in the West have as good, true, and, in the main, as able men as are in the church, and their zeal, devotion and self-sacrifice in the prosecution of the work that the church has sent them to the front to do, is not surpassed by the past or present heroic spirit of Methodist preachers. A single instance fully illustrates my position: Two men, each of whom, for more than forty-five years in the active field,

hands. The most either of these ever received, so far as I know, was less than forty dollars. Yet their work was for the whole church. If our system is connectional, let the conference fund be likewise. Make this fund connectional and you give each claimant a better showing. The law directs that the Joint Board shall distribthe money collected according to their best judgment respecting the necessities of the several claimants. We accord to our boards all honesty in making the distribution, and yet, we think, if this distribution could be placed where likes and dislikes do not exist, and where the long or short term of service would play no part; the ability and want of ability in doing the work, and the consequent in crease to the conference arising from the labors of one contrasted with another; the prussure of personal friendship, and a number of other possible existences of this character, all of which can, and, no doubt, do, in many instances, make themselves felt with the best of us, the

one of them once a prominent member of

the Louisville Conference, the other filled

the pulpit of Washington Street, Charles-

ton, S. C. Under the openings of Provi-

dence and the demands of the church they go to the front, live and labor until

forced to superannuate; what then? One of them depends upon his daughters for

support, while the other works with his

distribution would be more equitable. Place this matter where the disciplinary measure-the necessities of the casecan alone govern, and a better showing will come to all. This can only be done by making this fund connectional. It will increase the fund, and this is what we as a church should labor for—to secure

great connectionalism; the widows and conditions. It is wrong for the North

3. An appeal connectionally made will most likely stimulate to effort and thereby increase the collection. Finally, it will furnish our bishops an opportunity to supply our destitute places in the new least, this interest must go there or take and weak conferences. To an itinerant minister his conference relation may in a sense represent his capital. Not in dollars and cents, yet for the service given to the church in his conference he expects that the transfer power from our bishops; then away would go our boasted connectionalism. Connectionalism being one of the distinguishing features of a great church, that in case of death or superannution all honest in what they say. They are trying to state facts just as they see them, but there is the difficulty: some men see things in the superlative degree. It is hard enough for the conference boards to get the information they need, with the men and women living in their bounds, and their representatives fully known.

I am approard to greating a general life weak of the state of the strong the strong the weak, of not having things so much local, but connectional. Connectionalism runs through much of our machinery now—our General life was be willing to go, but conference but upon the whole church. Almost everything we touch takes on the claims where something might reasonably be expected, and go where little is paid; yet he may be the very man the Bishop wants for some important outpost.

ly as possible. I want them to feel at home and welcome amongst us—as one of us—at our annual meetings. This, to me, is of no small value in settling this matter. Then again, it is a direct way to the end, and seems more real to all concerned, and keeps warm and fresh the sense of appreciation on both sides. To put it altogether in the hands of a

Parent Board puts it and them too far off, and the coldness in distance, like the church extension idea, would cool the feelings and lessen the interest of many. By continuing the help of the Publishing House surplus those conferences having a larger number of claimants in proportion to their ability and members would be specially relieved and their claimants better cared for, as we all desire for them. The weak be thus aided by the stronger as is our duty. And by the home board the fire and life will be perpetuated, and the fraternal tie tightened, and the unction of a holy fellowship abide forever, warming and glowing to cement the younger and the older hearts together. This will tend to keep down the unpleasant This will tend to keep down the unpleasant and possible feeling in the older brethren concerning the younger getting so close, and sometimes seem to be pushing them aside, taking their places. I do not believe it would lessen the collection or amount to continue the aid of the Publishing House. JEROME HARALSON.

I BELIEVE the plan as it now stands in our Book of Discipline, chapter 10, section 5, is as good as any that can be devised for the support of our conference

1. It is local, is where they live and are known; have served and have the sympathy and love of the people. It seems to me that these are strong reasons why they should be claimants on the confer-

2. Parent and Connectional Boards suggest additional expense to the church which might be saved to the fund under

the present management.
3. The real difficulty in the plan as now in use, is to get financial boards to make assessments to meet the wants of these claimants. They allow other boards to advance the assessments for other general and specific purposes, and as a rule, keep the assessments for these claimants so low as to not be able to pay more than one-half the amount necessary to give the claimants a decent living. Conference boards, as a rule, fail to observe item 5, of section 5, of chapter 10, of Discipline—seem not to know it is their duty to know the condition of each claimant and make the assessment accordingly. If the conference would keep watch over this matter and enforce the law as it now

and with one concentrated effort do more than is now possible.

2. It will place our claimants before the whole church in a more appreciative light. Not as a claimant upon the funds of this or that special conference; not as the widow and orphans of a certain preacher, of a certain conference, but such of the church, retired soldiers of our such of the church, retired soldiers of our conditions. It is wrong for the North traveling preacher, not upon any given conference, but upon the whole church.

A Parent Board in charge of the connectional fund, must take and keep an account of each claimant on that fund. In the comparatively narrow limits of an annual conference, under our well-organized system, such an account is not difficult to manage, but the additions to and the subtractions from the list that is continually going on through-out the entire connection, will so complicate affairs as to make it next to impossible for a Parent Board equitably to administer such a

fund.

A connectional fund would involve its dis-A connectional fund would involve its dis-tribution to the claimants through a treas-urer and the mails, necessitating on the part of its beneficiaries the payment of bank or postoffice exchange for the transmission to them of the money. While the individual sum might be small, the aggregate added to the other expenses already referred to would the other expenses arready referred to would be out of any just proportion to the benefits to be hoped for from the proposed change. At present, each beneficiary of the fund re-ceives his quota through some member of the conference promptly and without expense. The change from a conference to a connec-tional fund would have a tendency largely to

tributed with a view of helping special cases— men whose long and faithful services are well known, and from whose ministry the giver has received instruction and benefit. To so largely generalize this fund, as suggested by the question, might neutralize this sympathy and lead to a want of interest in support of this important fund. The brevity to whica I am limited forbids further remark; yet one thing must not be overlooked: No plan, be reficient unless. however excellent, can be efficient, unless practically carried out. Put the same energy and zeal necessary to make the Parent Board a success into our present plan and nothing else will be found wanting.

O. M. Addison.

Various collections are made by the Methodist congregations for the support of benevolent institutions: Foreign and domestic missions, church extension, education, Sunday-schools, bishops' fund, and one more called the conference collection. Emphasis is put on the last, as if, above all others, it holds pre-eminence. This pre-eminence is due because of the close relation which is tell at home to the claimants on this fund. By reason of this personal interest their support becomes eminently local. They are brethren beloved who helped to plant these churches and build these parsonages and schools amid dangers and privations. Then the widows and orphans are left to us by men faithful and true whom we loved and honored. They cannot be transferred to the care of those who do not know them without apprehension VARIOUS collections are made by the Methwho do not know them without apprehension on their part and a shock to our sensibilities, for it would seem like our children and mothers were being sent to strangers for sup-port. This parental relation must not be dis-turbed. who do not know them without apprehension

If no one beside the claimants was concerned in this collection, it might be regarded as entirely local, but the efficiency of the timerant ministry is deeply involved. The yows taken at ordination bind them to a lifetime service, which vow can only be fulfilled perfectly when the minister is free from sec-ular work. But it would be asking too much stands, I think it the best for the claimants.

W. L. CLIFTON.

FARMERSVILLE, TEXAS.

I UNHESITATINGLY pronounce in favor of making the conference fund "a connection of making the conference fund" a connection of the conference fund "a connection of the conference fund" a connection of the conference fund "a connection of the conference fund" a connection of the conference fund "a connection of the conference fund" a connection of the conference fund the confere

the conference fund has both a general and a local relation.

What has been done by the annual conterences and the general church? The meager help furnished poorly corresponds with the connectional and local obligations in this cause. Then let the Publishing House appropriate all that can be spared from its profits. It can give to no cause more worthy and none more needy.

What can the annual conferences do to bring up the collections at home? Let a trust institution be formed in each conference, the object of which shall be to raise funds outside of the regular collection now taken. An agent could be employed to solicit contributions of money, notes, land and bequests, all of which should be invested and the interest annually applied to the conference fund. This, or some better plan, could be formed to enable the financial board to contribute something like a support to the conference claimants.

Waco, Texas.

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I am in favor of having a General Board, because I believe the fund ought to be made a connectional fund, and I see no other way in which this can be done. But you want my reasons—they are these: First—The present plan by actual trial is wholly inadequate, as may be seen by the methods which are adopted in making the assessments, and is liable to and does partake too much of the charity dea. Many, if not most, of the conferences in estimating the amounts necessary for this fund make their estimates not upon swy, unless the board knew the men representing the claimants. They are help the first part of the property of the content of the are proposed to the content of the are proposed to the difficulty; some new seek and they are poor. To per from a strong to the content of the con have been itinerant preachers for over forty years. Now the amount estimated was an average of \$130 to each claimant—one hundred and thirty dollars apiece! What a pittance for such men as Rev. J. W. Whipple and Rev. J. M. Wesson! Which one of us younger men would think it a mark of honor or appreciation after fifty-one or forty-seven years of hard work to have to live upon the pitiful allowance of \$130 for a whole year? And this condition of things is likely to continue just so long as the present status of the And this condition of things is likely to continue just so long as the present status of the subject is maintained. How very much worse must it be in the new and weaker conferences. No man, we suppose, will say that these old men get enough, and yet some preachers are ready to insist on making the assessments as small as possible, and are opposed even then to taking the collection; or, if not opposed, they will take it in a sort of apologetic way so as to destroy the idea of obligation and of right. Shame on them! The very fact of making it a connectional fund and appointing a board for its management would bring it before the mind of the church in a light in which they will not look upon it as it now stands. Fourth—It would of necessity develop some uniform method in the distribution of the funds that are raised, and so a common basis would be adopted and the claimants would know upon what they had to depend, and hence be religized of much of the anyiety and depend. adopted and the claimants would know upon what they had to depend, and hence be relieved of much of the anxiety and dread which, as it is, must harass and oppress them. Now, let us look for a moment at some of the objections to the plan which we advocate: It would multiply machinery and so increase cost. Suppose it would; if the present plan is inefficient, and no one will deny that it is, and the increase of machinery is in perfect accord with the constitution of the church and the spirit of the gospel, is the increased cost of a secretary a sufficient—aye, a reason at all—for the rejection of that which is necessary to honesty in the work of the church? essary to honesty in the work of the church? But would it increase the cost? Not so much as one per cent.; and then the church needs to have the matter pressed upon it in the way that this would do and do better far than it can be done as it now is. Why not use the same argument against the Missionary and

hearts and their heads till their consciences will wake up and they be aroused to a sense of obligation so that they will quit looking upon these men as they would upon a street-pasper, and quit giving just to get rid of the preacher, or from a feeling of church pride, and begin the performance of duty out of grateful hearts and from a sense of right to God and his cause.

HOUSTON TEXAS

Houston, TEXAS.

I po not see anything to be gained by change. It is not more machinery that we need, but more effort. Now each we need, but more effort. Now each conference takes care of its own, and with increasing interest and pleasure as the years go by. Personal interest is thus added to the feeling of brotherly love, and you have two strings by which to tug at the hearts of the people. But the connectional idea would destroy the personal one. Now, because our methods

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REV. H. S. THRALL, D. D.

The Advocate family is just now giving considerable attention to the claims on the superannuated fund of our conferences, and some material changes are suggested. Some writers think the claim should be in proportion to the service ren-Some writers think the claim should be in proportion to the service rendered, and others think there should be a time limit to these claims, and there is ageneral idea that more care should be exercised in putting men and women on the list of claimants. As a specimen of the articles on this subject the following is copied from a late number of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate from a Georgia correspondent:

church to enter this open door.

It is necessary for men to come here and identify themselves with this country and people and for it live, work, and in it die. Let our preachers and people be true to their vows and in this western work the name "South Methodist," as many say, will cause the people to flock to us for help in the divine life.

E. G. ROBERTS. correspondent:

correspondent:

Our assessment has more than doubled in the last ten years for conference claimants. It is growing into a burden, and some of the people are beginning to complain. In a previous article I showed that this, generally the easiest collection to get, was behind all the rest. There is a reason for it, and that reason is found in the claimants on this fund. You will hear it hinted that such a preacher, or such a widow, ought not to get anything from this fund. I heard of one widow who gave her property to her children and lives on what the conference gives her. Another is said to be living in a \$20,000 house and drawing an annual pension from the conference. We can hear that such a preacher has property enough to support him, and yet he comes up to conference for his money. You can hear it hinted that some men superannuate, not because they are physically disabled, but because they are physically disabled, but because they are physically disabled, but because they are pincenture superannuation I do

As to premature superannuation I do not see how that can be done under our

one who entered the ministry late in life when already enfeebled by age.

In the West Texas Conference our laymen make the distribution. I imagine that I hear one of these genial men fixing up a speech as he places the bag of money on the table for distribution. He is addressing sundry claimants, some of whom are not there: "Venerable brothers and sisters, we remember with gratithe great work of the gospel ministry. We would be rejoiced to pay something worthy of such self-sacrificing labors for a lifetime. But the law under which we act compels us to discriminate. Our worthy chairman, as he was in duty bound, has made inquiries, and finds that some of you are so fortunate, or unfortunate, as to have a shelter for your gray hairs, and also a truck patch and a pig. These possessions shut you off from a Ben-jamin's portion. We give you a pittance to remember us by, but our rule requires us to give the bulk of the collection to impecunious superannuates and penniless widows." That is the amount of it. Now, equity. If the present rule is to continue men verging toward the border line of the grave or superannuation should take warning, and sell that they have, and give to the Board of Church Extension, or to missions, or to a poor college, or some poor relation, so that when transferred from the effective to the other relation from the effective to the other relation they go without scrip or purse, and with only one coat and one pair of shoes, and be certain not to rest their weary limbs on a gold-headed staff.

Let me illustrate: Here are two men who enter the ministry about the same time and labor for an equal number of years. One is popular; has good appoint-

years. One is popular; has good appointments and receives from one to two thou-sand dollars a year. He believes in en-joying himself and spends his money freely, taking holidays and pleasure trips, es or s The other has hard fields, receives poor pay, but by close economy saves a little from his meager salary, and when he superannuates has a little home and some means of living. He can get noth-ing from the fund, while the other is supported. Is this not giving a premium to

What change would you suggest? Simply this: That in place of their necessities, I would have the words altered something like this: "The board shall distribute the funds to the legitimate the bona fide claimants receive their por-tion as a just claim, and not as a gratuity, because they are necessitous cases.

LETTER FROM ARIZONA.

I may venture now, after three months here, a few words. Bro. Fuller, who is now holding a protracted meeting in his charge with the interest deepening and widening, has in his letter which you have published told you of the mirage and the far-away mountains at whose base

From the top of a lone mountain (called Butte here), near where we live, we can see much of this valley, which is the largest I ever saw. More like unto the control of the faithful. He seals the divine prairies of Texas.

Area of the valley 450,000 acres. Much of the land has been taken up for homes, and much for speculation, in spite of the law-men using other men at their bid-ding. Lands are continually being forfeited by monopolists which gives other men opportunities of gaining homes. No soil have I seen more productive than this, with the delightful climate in winter, and of reward. though warm in summer, yet so excep-tionally healthy that I am constrained to call it a fine country with a glorious future. The prophecy of Bro. Nichols, there must come a great change in that country, is being very rapidly fulfilled. Many kind words do I hear spoken of Bro. Nichols, as a man where a spicial of the spirit of Grace.—Heb.

x:29. Solicitous to enter the hearts of men. Knocks. Permits sweet intercommunion. Enables to perceive the heinousness and damnableness of sin. Leads to repentance. Vividly decists Many kind words do I hear spoken of Bro. Nichols, as a man whose anxiety for the welfare of the country knew no bounds,

and whose plans were wisely laid.

Tropical fruits grow and do well here and vegetables come fresh from the earth at any time during winter. This being a new country, there are necessarily many hardships to be borne by the men who are settling the country, whether they be gold diggers or farmers.

As eastern men say by Texas, you find no coppers here for change—if not worth a nickel, worth nothing at all.

Much time is spent leisurely, not for lack of industry, but for lack of system. The crops raised-wheat, barley, alfalfa, etc.—require little work when compared with a cotton crop. Pasturage is good all the winter. Bee culture is profitable here, and the honey is the best I cover sto. Chickens here are all worth. ever ate. Chickens, hens, are only worth ing faith is tantamount to spiritual from four to seven dollars per dozen.
The preacher, while dining with his members, looks anxiously for the old Methodist dish only, as a rule, to look in vain. Reason for absence of the dish: vain. Reason for absence of the dish: Chickens worth only from four to seven dollars per dozen. Exception: Two chickens once for dinner on Sunday when timations, suggestions, revelations open dollars per dozen. Exception: Two chickens once for dinner on Sunday when it was known this scrbe would be there,

but mark you, the word once.

The reader is ready to ask: But, what lustre. of our church out there; had we not better quit the field! So it might seem to Groanings which can not be uttered Groanings which can not be uttered

church to enter this open door.

E. G. ROBERTS. TEMPE. A. T.

THE COPTS-THE HOLY SPIRIT. JEAN PAUL

1. The Copts are a nondescript Christian denomination, domiciled in Egypt. Christians and Mohammedan persecution resulted in disastrous decimation. But with unflinching tenacity many hold on to their peculiar, though flagrantly erroneous, views.

2. The Copts are monophysites, that is, they attribute to Jesus, our Savior. only one nature—the divine. Christ, they hold, is very God; but his incarpresent law. The committee has to be satisfied of two things: First, that the applicant is a superannuated man; and, secondly, that he was worn out in the itinerant work. I do not see how it can be given to a teacher, for instance, or to be given to a teacher, for instance, or to divinity.

3. Papal Rome made repeated and strenuous efforts to absord the Copts, formerly even at the expense of making concessions. The Council of Ephesus in 449 yielded to Coptic views, only insisting that, though Jesus had had two natures, he had had only one willtude your past services and sacrifices in monothelite. But the Council of Calcedon, held two years later, repudiated said concession, denouncing monophy-sitism and monothelitism. In subsequent centuries the Byzantine government, the exponent of the Greek Church, persecuted and oppressed the the Copts mercilessly. The Ottoman invasion in the fourteenth century turnished temporary relief.

4. The term Copt is not derived from Coptas, an ancient city of Thebes, but is the original rendering of Egyptian. The Copts retain the ancient Egyptian in all conscience and honesty, I think there should be a change, and, instead of distributing according to the necessities of the case, there should be a claim in the Hebrew, it is not employed in com-mon parlance. The Coptic Christians do not intermarry with the Arabs and neighboring nations and thus continue to be typical Egyptians.

5. The Copts are excellent tradesmen. As ready accountants they have no superiors. In the large business houses, owned by Europeans and Arabs in Cairo, Alexandria, etc., we find principally Copts as book-keepers and chief salesmen. But with all this skill, they lack the necessary self-confidence and perseverance, in order to attain to pecuniary independence. The large majority of Copts are abjectly poc..

6. In addition to the monophysite

heresy the Copts practice circumcision hog-meat. Observe Saturday and Sunday, both, as their Sabbath. Permit no seats in their churches, worshipers leaning on their staffs during religious service. Employ water instead of wine in the holy eucharist. Observe seven sacraments-the same as the Greek and

Romish Churches. 7. Permitted to enter wedlock, most priests prefer celibacy. They are noted for great ignorance. They do not preach. The patriarch, who resides in Cairo, claimants according to the services previously rendered, considering also the necessities of the claimants. I would have St. Macarius in the desert of Scete is their most famous convent. I fondly trust that the ascendancy of Great Britain in Egypt will lead to the evan-gelization of the benighted.

Many who scorn the idea of being classed as Unitarians speak of the Holy Spirit as a divine influence and designate him in sermon and prayer by the neuter pronoun "it." They crave "its" indwelling. Commend "its" sanc-

tifying influence. to the faithful. He seals the divine promises in the hearts of men as true. Thus he engenders hope, lending wings to sanctified imagination, enabling us, with St. Paul, to count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. Through

2. He is the Spirit of Grace.-Heb. heinousness and damnableness of sin. Leads to repentance. Vividly depicts the Lamb of God. Amazing grace!

3. The Spirit of Adoption.—Gal. iv:6. Effecting the soul's regeneration, he bears witness with the spirit of the regenerate that they are now the chil dren of God. Through Him only we can say: Abba Father! Behold, what manner of love the Father hath be stowed upon us, that we are called the sons of God. The Holy Spirit consum-

mates and certifies to our adopti n. to the hearer. He bestows spiritual the finest and grandest government, ter, so that our superannuates have discernment of things spiritual. Savetc., of all such organizations. In been multiplied by that very means, illumination. Without the Holy Spirit's seal our belief is but vague theory.

timations, suggestions, revelations open vast and fertile fields of supernatural light, filling the soul with celestial

6. The Spirit of Prayer.—Zech. xii:10. Groanings which can not be uttered emanate from the heart filled with the spirit of the spirit of Prayer.—Zech. xii:10. Mauling rails, plenty of fresh air, water some sense." The author then pronever there. An aged preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one Who has been on the ground long enough is a hollow mockery. Prayer develops ple remedies, are hard to beat. "A The Methodist part of the Lord's business."

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FROM OUR LOUISIANA CORRESPOND-ENT.

Sangertest has come and gone. Mardi sheen, on the surface; underneath, to be nuate list. fallen back or, the turmoil, the struggle, giving and working for her Lord, as are able to support themselves. these pleasure-seekers and pursuers abandon themselves to the festivities of this occasion, the "millennial dawn" will have already begun to gild the eastern horizon with advancing glory.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH. PROTEST OF REV. J. W. HEARN. Amen with an Appendix. REV. B. A. THOMASSON.

Dear Bro. Campbell: I hope you will give this article space. Every word has been considered; so please publish every word, or none. Yours, etc. B. A. Thomasson.

I am glad Bro. Hearn wrote: First, he said the truth, and nothing but the truth. Again, I had tried in vain these ten years to get space in the ADVOCATE on this very subject, but Bro. John and Bro. Campbell applied the muzzle. Well, Bro. Campbell, don't muzzle me any more. I had already an article, but feared to present it. So I will bebegin where Bro. Hearn left off, bringing Gatesville and Cleburne districts in only in conclusion.

(1) Brownwood district shows seventeen appointments. After a re-districting of territory an outsider can get strength of works less certainly than a presiding elder, but the minutes of last conference show thirteen works (of 17) in Brownwood district to have paid \$636, with four works unknown to me. Four works in district paid over \$400. One of these paid only \$414, but the Mission Board did not think of helping that work. That was right. The board was not able to help Indian Creek circuit, nor was it necessary. But the board did appropriate \$300 to the presiding elder of the district. That was wrong. An unnecessary use of the Lord's money.

(2) Abilene district shows fourteen appointments. Ten of these paid presiding elder last year \$706. Only three (stations) pa'd over \$600. But the board did not attempt to aid all those works which paid less than \$600. It did not believe it could so afford. It did subsidize the district. I say it wasted the Lord's money to the amount

(3) Weatherford district shows seventeen appointments. Fourteen of these contributed for the presiding elder last year \$758. Only one point-Weatherford station-paid as much as \$550 to preacher in charge. The Mission Board did not try to help all these weaker works. It was not able. It did, however, betray the folly of subsidizing the district which had paid \$758. Now let us sum up and see the result of a misapplication of God's money.

SINFULLY WASTED. (1) Gatesville District ... Cleburne District.... Brownwood District. Abilene District..... Weatherford District. (6) Mulkey Memorial (excess). 350

This \$1600 applied where it was not necessary could have been applied to sixteen new missions, and have placed sixteen men in fields where there is absolute necessity for help. We are not spending too much, but we are spendng too much where it is not needed. May God speed a reform, and an increase of mission contributions.

I do not claim many presiding elders do actually receive too much salary, but that unwarrantable discrimination by mission boards cause many preachers in charge to receive too little.

SUPERANNUATES. EGO.

I am not a preacher (in the generally accepted meaning of the word), but have been the son of one for twentythree years; have belonged to the M. E. Church, South, for fifteen years; (which that we receive as many young men as fact alone would give me a right to express my views); have seen, felt and know some of the trials and tribulations 4. The Spirit of Faith.—2 Cor. iv:13. that the preacher undergoes. I am Having indited the Holy Scriptures, he glad of all the above. I recognize the too much to say that we have received makes the contents plain and pertinent M. E. Church, South, to be and have both old and young almost helter-skelwriting this piece, I know I represent a large class of people. In almost every issue of the TEXAS ADVOCATE we see 5. The Spirit of Truth.—John xiv:17. some one begging for his friend or

of the superannuates. We believe in this good work when one justly deserves it, but 'tis not every right direction. Timothy Titcomb has

to know, said to me a few days ago:
"Bro. Roberts, your church has decidedly the advantage of us in this valley. The people are in sympathy with you and prefer to join your church." We have more pastoral charges and to me a few days ago:
"Bro. Roberts, your church has decidedly the advantage of us in this valley. The people are in sympathy with you and prefer to join your church." We have more pastoral charges and the Spirit of Glory 1 Peter in the spirit of Gl people are in sympathy with you and preier to join your church." We have more
churches, more pastoral charges and
more members than any other. It
is true none of the churches have many
members, and this is a hard field. One
thing grieves my heart most—to see so
many Indians and Mexicans here, for
whom nothing is done, save by Catholicism and Mormonism. God help the
church to enter this open door.

advice, confidently, intimately, comjornal thim, consulting with him.

7. The Spirit of Glory.—1 Peter iv:
14. Glories in himself. The king of
glory. Glorious in majesty, doing
wonders.

The wood and infirm that he can no longer
preachers, to my knowlthim. Other preachers, to my knowledge, have children good enough for
this, and had they been raised right,
they would never allow their father to
beg. Lots of preachers come from the
old States—and enter our conferences—
for their health; soon we have to supthe to join your church." We have more
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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT, CHURCH EXTENSION. port them. The people that pay most to the church (for all causes) are generally the poor people, and we have to pay money to support these preachers. Some who actually have money out at Gras is a thing of the past, and once interest; some who have a moderately again the Crescent City settles herself good living; some who have a good down among her flowers and perfumes, farm and several children—children orange blossoms and evergreens, to or- plenty able and old enough to workdinary business, daily drudgery and toil. still they put in a pitiful plea and get Such is life. The glitter, the glare, the a tolerably good salary on the superan-

Now let all who read this under the agony. Well for us that the loving stand that I (and we) am in favor of Jesus teaches us how to rightly estimate supporting those preachers, preachers' Jesus teaches us how to rightly estimate the one, and how nobly to bear and utilize the other. The papers say the grandeur of the display and the crowds that witnessed the exhibition, during of this question, but hope in these few this carnival season, exceeded those of any former year. Of one thing I am thoroughly satisfied, and that is, when the church as fully abandons herself to our hard-earned money to those who

SUPERANNUATE SUPPORT.

Our Southern Methodist brethren are busy discussing the "support of the su-perannuate." We have recently quoted the saying in that church that the giving by the Book Concern in the South of dividends to the worn out preacher is a misfortune to the latter. This is said very plainly by a writer in the Macon (Ga.) Christian Advocate thus:

No doubt the agent and book commit-tee meant well, but it was a bad day for old preachers, and for the widows and or-phans of preachers, when the book agent began to pay dividends. There is just enough coming from the publishing house to bring about two results: 1. Make an excuse for those who seek excuses—a large class. 2. Lead honest but ill-informed people to think enough comes from the house to meet the case

These results in the Southern Church, or in ours, should be cured. That cure consists in empasizing the claims of the the funds. worn out preachers. The church mem-ber, North or South, who suggests that the worn-out preacher does not need more than he receives from the Book not to be too polite about it. He is actually ignorant, and while that fact may possibly be no discredit to the afore possible. said member, it suggests that his pastor We are under deepest obligations

Concern is giving dividends should be proof that now more than ever should we exert ourselves, because there is better prospect that the veterans will be cared for. Recent statistics show that our church gave in one year \$211,000 for claimants in annual conferences, which sum added to the \$100,000 given by our Book Concern aggregates \$311,-000, or less than \$200 to each of our 1,664 superannuates. In the year to which these figures apply the number of our superannuates increased more than eighty, but the fund does not in-The writer from whom we quote above intimates that there is a large class who grasps an "excuse" in order that he may cheat God, or God's servants. Such a man should be firmly, though lovingly, shaken right out of his meanness, or instructed out of his ignorance. The helpless old preacher who is de-prived of that which the church has promised him, has right of appeal to the other world, and we will not be

surprised if the appeal is more than successful. The church member who shrinks from his responsibility in this respect does not deserve good digestion in this world, nor should be have the delight of knowing the heroes who have made our church possible on this continent. Our church in the North proposes, in addition to that which may come from the regular collections and from the Book Concern, to endow a general society which shall add to the above sums, and in that way to make the superannuate comfortable. There is scarcely conceivable a worse way to hedge in God's work than to give a young man who enters the pulpit, prospect of forsaking all money-making forever, and then be helpless and poor in his old age. It seems wonderful we do receive into our annual conferences. Conversely, we will be compelled to receive only the very best of men while they are young. It is not particularly in our intermediate past. No better witnesses can be summoned than the superannuates themselves, many of whom have lamented that date's health is now discussed in conference, and that fact points in the

Why Should This Be?

I can not but ask myself and my brethren and sisters throughout the

the Parsonage Society, and write to you, hoping to secure help."

Another, in California, whose hus-

band was sent to an important place without a parsonage, and financially weak, writes: "Plenty of work for the Master, but our membership is small, and all poor-not one rich member. Usually we have found a few able to give. But when I tell you not one single dollar in money have we received, I tell you the truth. In all other things about \$14 in three months and a-half, O that our Heavenly Father may keep us not only humble but willing to do the work he has assigned us!"

She is teaching three Chinamen, and hopes to "bring them to Jesus." We have promised her aid if we can secure

Another brother lived in a stable, until, receiving a portion of the appro-priation made to him, he built a parsonage. He is now depending on us Concern, North or South, is ignorant- for the rest. Bishop Galloway wrote

Dear sisters, you tender hearted lov should immeditely proceed to instruct that uninformed member. We are not allowed to "take the church as we find can so well understand how a mother would feel compelled by duty to remain to place the facts plainly before that where she can not have the sweet comman, and show him that he and all the fort of gathering her children around rest of us are under bonds as manly her at home, but is forced to see them men to take care of the grand old scattered, a burden upon the hospitality preachers who toiled for the benefit of of others, why should you, when the all Methodists when this continent was facts are laid before you, delay to open a baby. Other veterans who have grown old in later years deserve well at for Christ's sake all you hold most dear? our hands. The very fact that the Book A few have borne the burden of this work. Would that I could move the hearts of all to join us in our labor of

Dear brethren, you, who know so well how this weight upon our itinerant preachers hinders the work of Christ, why should you delay, or allow any thing to prevent your coming forward at once and actively aiding this movement for their relief? Many of you have cheered us by word and deed. But what is it that hinders the great major ity of you from helping, not financially, but with your influence? It can not crease as rapidly as do the beneficiaries. be from a want of appreciation of the subject, for it comes home to you. But make excuses for not giving. Those persons ought to be taught that it is honest, and only honest, to pay one's debts. There is something wrong in the heart or training of the man who the heart or training of the man who had been contained by the heart of the man who had been contained by the heart of the man who had been contained by the many present that he many present that the many present you must know your influence is pecufor immediate help for the many press-

ing applications before us.

With the help of God we have been able to relieve many of our suffering brethren; and we feel his blessing will rest upon us for it.

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good with heavy hearts, not for the privations they must bear, but because of the burden resting upon "wife"—a bufden they are unable to remove because church, "Why should this be?" when I their time is given to God. I lose sight receive letters like the following; for it of general ideas. I can not calmly say, pains me inexpressibly when they come "All shall be well. We have done from true, modest men and women, good work thus far, and bid fair to be driven by great need to let their wants be known.

a most useful society." I can not patiently wait for the future. I must A brother who has endured much relieve my poor, tired, heart-breaking writes: "If there was a house here we sister yonder before she gives down uncould rent, this request would not be der the weight of daily care. I want made. I am living over a store, with to lift the burden off that godly brother, no chance to study, and but little room.

I can not keep this room long, so if the one I know not of, that he may do with board does not help me, I see no chance a free heart and untrammeled mind the but for myself, wife and baby to live in work of the Master. And faith tells a tent." Again, a sister writes: "We came here, I with a young babe, and in poor health. We found no house for ing the prayers of his faithful servants, the preacher, and not a house could we toiling bravely to extend his kingdom rent. One of our members kindly of on earth. If there be any who can, I fered us a place in his house for a short pray God to move their hearts as soon time; and my husband set to work to as they read this, to give something to secure the means with which to build a relieve these good people from the tryparsonage; but sufficient money could not be raised to build even a small house. At this juncture I thought of need is great. Those who wish to organize auxiliaries should write to their Conference Secretary for this department, for papers. It you do not know her address, write to me.

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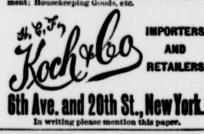
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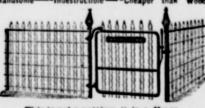
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····· In their study of things and in their efforts to learn the laws of nature, heathen philosophers erred by assuming Polytheism, and trying to sustain the correctness of their mythology. Running into transmigration of souls, their superstition kept them from knowing anything about the human body. Instead of ascribing [2] Being desirous of hearing the word of God, he now addresses the multitude from a small fishing-boat. (3) It is not said what he préached, but we know that his great theme was repentance of sin and faith in himself as a present Savior. We may, perhaps, conceive of him pressing home on the prople the great truths from Isaich, which he did to his towns-people in Nagareth. (4) Think of Jesus preachphenomena to the laws impressed on matter by a Supreme Being, they thought and stream its presiding deity. To them the sun was a god, every star a god or a demi-god.

Polytheism is an enemy to science.

There is one God, the maker and ruler of all things, is the first axiom in true phiall things, is the first axiom in true philosophy. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," the first

Mediæval philosophy was embarrassed by this heathen influence and by too low a conception of the majesty of God. The a conception of the majesty of God. The ancient monks and priests, in experimenting, attributed all the accidents and exing, attributed all the accidents and explosions in their laboratory to the presence of evil spirits. To keep which away they would pray to God and marked their melting-pots with a cross.

Gas comes from a word meaning ghost, and crucible from a word meaning cross. Harvey was afraid to announce his grand discovery of the circulation of the blood. Galileo was made to recant from his assertion that the earth's and not the

sun's motion causes day and night. God does not need demi-gods to aid him in managing the material universe. Omnipotence can sit on his majestic throne, and control all these vast affairs, all the parts and members of his boundless creation. The Centurion, whose faith Christ commended, had the right conception of God:

"I have some servants under me, and when I tell this one to go, he goes, and if I tell another to do this, he does it."

Even greater and prompter obedience can God exact from all created things.

Mr. Gladstone, in his recent discussion with Prof. Huxley, made prominent the fact that the Bible was not written as a text-bok on natural science, but it was addressed to the spiritual man as a perfect code of morals. It was intended to teach religion and not science. God knows what is best for the accomplishment of his purpose, and it is clear even to our finite minds, that it would be unfortunate for us if he had told us everything and left nothing for us to learn—no joy of discovery, no

when the old world persecuted God's people, a Columbus was born to discover a new world as an asylum for the oppressed, where every man might worship God un-der his own vine and fig tree. All things are made ready in due time. When men began to do and to say things worth recording, writing material was provided and a Guttenburg and a Faust came forth

and a Guttenburg and a Faust came forth with type and printing press.

When the commerce of the world demanded greater facilities in the line of sure and rapid inter-continental shipments, Robert Fulton was endowed to utilize the power of steam and harness it in the service of trade. And when the forests failed to supply cheap and sufficient fuel, the eyes of some man were opened to see the latent heat and energy locked up in coal. Doesn't it show the providence of God that the most useful minernce of God that the most useful miner

als are the most abundant? Where the iron is found there is found the coal with which to work the iron, and where malaria is most prevalent, there its antedote, cinchona, abounds The wise men who made these great contributions to discovery and progress believed they were raised up and inspired of God to accomplish these noble and

useful results. Moses lived in the visible presence of God.

Constantine distinctly saw the cross in the sky-"In this we conquer." Columbus had a dream in which God sent an angel to him, and the angel gave him the keys to the gateway of the Atlantic. Where did Columbus get this

Where did the suggestion, the faith,

come from?

eome from?

He did not learn it from the school and text books of his time.

The sailors and sea captains did not have this faith. They told him there were sea monsters, hob-goblins, jumping off places, etc. Kepler, in the preface to his astronomy note, "I may well wait 1000 years for a reader since God has waited way years for an interpreter."

6000 years for an interpreter."
Froude thinks Julius Cæsar was an infidel, but it seems to me that one of the most prominent traits of his character was his belief in a supreme over-ruling power, and in predestination. How else can we explain his bold and confident address to the storm-frightened seamen, "Quid tones, Cæsarem vepis." When man reached that high degree of civilization in the temporates that he needed more and better clothing, cotton was grown with greater success, and Whitney was inspired to give to the mand.

more and better clothing, cotton was grown with greater success, and Whitney was inspired to give to the world the cotton gin.

In quick succession came the spinning jenny and the loom.

Cæsar believed in the tenth legion, but he believed more in the destiny of Cæsar.

Columbus believed the earth to be round, but beyond and stronger than that was, the belief that he had authority from Heaven to cross the broad waters.

We say, "The occasion makes the man." Would it not be wiser to say the occasion calls the man, or the hero meets the occasion? A genius is born when the times demand his services and the surroundings are ready.

(Incomplete.,

With the Friends Mission at Matamoras, Mexico, publishes in the Christian Worker for First Month, 6th, 1881, the following remarkable experience with highway robbers. He was on his way from Gonuz-Farias to Matamora, traveling alone on horseback, sleeping at night mostly under ebony bushes. He says:

"On Third-day morning I started at 3 o'clock, partly because the rain made my ebony bush an uncomfortable roof, and partly because a seventy-mile trip lay between my bed-room and Matamoras.

"About 9 a. m., I was overtaken by three horsemen, all on good horses, but as we were in sight of a ranch they simply passed the usual Buenas dias, Senor, and rode on to the house.

"I did not like their appearance, but as I had no business at the ranch I rode

About the Lesson.

LESSON XI., SUNDAY, MARCH 16.

THE DRAUGHT OF FISHES. Luke v: 1-11.

"Fear not; from henceforth thou catch

NOTES ON THE LESSON.

men." (Luke v:10.)

I. Jesus Preaching at Gennesaret. Vs. 1-3. (1) He had just finished a journey through a portion of Galilee, during which time He had preached the kingdom of God in the synagogues of many cities.
(2) Being desirous of hearing the word of

in Nazareth. (4) Think of Jesus preaching! What words he must have uttered; what thoughts he must have given the each season had its god, every mountain people; what grace and power there must and stream its presiding deity. To them have been in all he said! How could the people remain cold and unchanged under such a teacher? But his words are still with us—his great thoughts—his mighty

II. The Draught of Fishes: Vs. 4-11.
(1) The men had toiled all night with no success (v. 5). How true all this to the experience of many of us, toiling long and accomplishing little. (2) "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." There is no failure where The effect on Peter is most instructive: falling down at Jesus' feet, he cried: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (v.8). It was the thought of Jesus being a divine being coming to Peter through this miracle that convicted him of his sinfulness and brought from him these memorable words of repentance. We have a remarkable example of this also in the case of Job (chapter xlii:5, 6). "It was when Job saw the divine glory that he abhorred himself and repented in dust and ashes." Still another case of the same in the experience of the prophet Isaiah (chapter vi:1-5). It was when he had beheld God as his glory filled the temple that he cried out: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts." Job, Isaiah and Peter illustrate this fact: It is when the sinner truly apprehends God in Christ that he sees himself as he is and cries out for mercy. Never is there true repentance until this takes place. Repentance is the tearful eye turned toward the cross! He that knows not the true, divine Christ, knows not what true sorrow for sin is. It is when he is apprehended as he is that the sinner abhors himself. (5) Then, too, it is this penitent heart and confession of sin that brings the great blessing of service. Job received the great blessing recorded in the remainder of the chapter after he had come to a true sense of his sinfulness. So also, Isaiah (chapter vi.6-9). Peter, too,

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a full and gracious pardon is granted. (4) Then a desire for service springs up in us, which the Lord takes recognition of, ap-pointing us to some work in which he will help us with a degree of success cor-responding to our ability and obedience.

It is to be feared that too many are try-ing to work for the Lord who have never "Woe is me; for I am a man of unclean lips"—"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"—The Treasury.

Old and Donna.

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Her bridal robe was made of light. From her immortal nature flowing: "Was very good," perfection quite, In all of its effulgence glowing—

No borrowed rays of nature's sun, Nor robe of some celestial one, Sent down to earth for that event; But the fair lady wore her own, Which, with an equal splendor sho To one an angel could have sent.

In heaven itself no robe was seen More beautiful, more "white and clean" As it from her own self proceeded— Out of her dual life it grew,

Forever fresh, forever new— God's latest work, by Him designed, Allied to matter and to mind-The tree of life whenever needed, he ever-living food supplied. Which clothed, so gracefully, the bride.

Two lives in unison it holds-

Two worlds conjoined within its folds. In perfect harmony revolve, In their mysterious relation— Until Eve tries, in vain, to solve The problem of the new creation, And, then, discovers she the seed

Of evil, by her urgent need Of raiment, and she feels its probe By loss of her immortal robe.

Now, art assumes the vacant place
Once honored by the vanished grace,
And hangs a label she calls "dress,"
On fashion's daughters, which c mfess
The sin and shame by which it came—
A monument of Satan's claim
To human souls, which he maintains

To human souls, which he maintains Through Eve's fig-leaf, and fashion reigns. In proud disdain of her fair name, The daughter's pride, the mother's shame!

ADVENTURE WITH HIGHWAY ROB-BERS.

William A. Walls, who in connected with the Friends' Mission at Matamoras, Mexico, publishes in the Christian Work-

I was again overtaken by the same company, and now they proposed that we should journey to Matamoras together.

Consenting to the arrangement one of them went immediately in front and other than the same and the same and the same and the same are severy officer whose vessel anchors in the same and the same are severy officer whose vessel anchors in the same and the same are same as a same and the same are same as a same are same are same as a same are same as a same are same ar

ers one at each side of my horse. suspicious, I turned my horse suddenly, so as to be at the side of the road, and saw that one of my companions had a pistol in his hand, which he put out of sight as quickly as possible, and supposed that it had escaped my observation.

"I now knew the character of my com-panions, and could simply put up a fer-vent petition to the heavenly Father for protection. The leader of the company offered to show me a shorter road to Matamoras, and proposed that we should leave the highway to find this short cut. When I declined this obliging offer, which

When I declined this obliging offer, which was intended to draw me into the chapparal, where the buzzards would probably be the only discoverers of the body, he threw off his mask of pretended kindness, and, pointing his pistol at my head, threatened me with instant death if I did not follow the foremost of the company.

"As it seemed like leaving the path of duty, I refused to leave the only place in which I had a right to expect God's protection. The front man now seized the halter of my pony, and attempted to lead him away from the road. I at once dismounted, and with a jerk freed the rope from his grasp. 'Knives, men,' said the captain, and two knives, each over a foot long, were held threatenly over my breast. Then the captain, a second time ordered me, on pain of immediate death,

"Chored. But just as soon as these vessels leave Joe comes to the surface again.

"He regularly meets the "Acapulco" about fifteen miles outside and pilots her in. Once anchored he is satisfied, and seems to delight in feeding from the offal. But no matter how well you bait a hook, Joe's reasoning qualities tell him to leave it alone, and he invariably follows that line of reasoning.

"As to his capacity to stow away grub, that was proved on one occasion when the vessel was taking aboard some hogs. One of ten hogs, weighing about eighty pounds, fell overboard, and old Joe, who is ever on the watch, saw the prize, and with one plunge and a pair of extended jaws the porker disappeared as though he had gone into a hole.

"On another occasion we had a lot of

ordered me, on pain of immediate death, to accompany them to the northward. The reply was: 'You may kill me if you one of the number died and was thrown will—it makes no difference to me—thanks to God, I am ready; but this is my road, and from here I will not go.'
'Are you prepared?' "Yes,' The idea seemed a novel one, and the knives dis"Yes; Joe is the largest shark known to mands. He knows where the fish are; or he is able to bring them there become he tells us to launch out into the dicep. We fail because we go where we are not sent; because we do not God's work in God's way and time. (3) We behold what a multitude of fishes were taken; the nets even began to break, yet they did not actually do so. Not a fish was lost. All were brought ashore. (4) The effect on Peter is most instructive:

seemed a novel one, and the knives disappeared, though the pistol, with its barrels all charged, still pointed at my face. I then asked who they were and where they lived, and was told they were 'gentlemen of St. John, and lived under the moon.' I gave him a fifty-cent piece, which I had in my pocket, not caring to show my purse, which contained about eighty dollars—more than I could afford to lose. He said, 'It is very little; have you no more?' 'Yes; but I need the rest.' you no more?' 'Yes; but I need the rest,' which was quite true. He again asked for it, but in a somewhat doubtful tone, as if he expected to be refused, and it seemed to me that I need make no further sacrifice, so I told him that I could spare the half-dollar, but no more. 'Vamose,' he said to his fellow-bandits, and they galloped on at a lively rate. Returning thanks to God, who had so wonderfully delivered me from the hands of these

> pace followed. "Certainly it is not usual for the Mexican 'road agents' to let their victim escape with his life, much less carry his money out of their hands. I can only praise God, who, in the moment of peril, kept my mind perfectly quiet. When I refused to leave the road I expected to receive a shot instantly, and as the mind works with almost lightning rapidity, the thought of past occupations, apparently important once, but now, when face to face with eternity, utterly trivial, filled me with shame for wasted opportunities. At the same time I had unutterable gladness at the thought that sudden death was sudden glory; that to leave this earth was only to leave earthly friends for the pres-ence of Him who is dearer than allearthly

highwaymen, I remounted and at a slower

"While regretting the mispent time and lost opportunities, I felt great calm-ness from the knowledge that through the blood of Christ I was accepted, and was enabled to say in my heart, 'Oh Lord,

also, Isaiah (chapter vi:6-9). Peter, too, ever after his memorable words in verse 8, had the honor of being the chosen vessel of the Lord: "And Jesus said unto Simon: Fear not: from henceforth thouse into which imagination could take her bold, ecstatic flights, nothing to stimulate growth or encourage individuality.

When God told Noah to build the ark, there was no lack of tools, skill or material. When Pharaoh bore heavily on the Israelites a Moses was raised up to lead them to a land of peace and plenty. And the most of the core is a said unto Simon: Fear not: from henceforth thouse sell of the Lord: "And Jesus said unto Simon: Fear not: from henceforth thouse shalt catch men" (v. 10.)

The order seems to be this: (1) Christ seeks to reveal in us a knowledge of himself as a pure, holy being. (2) When that light fully flashes upon us, we see ourselves as sinners, lost, ruined, not fit to receive any consideration from God. This we fully confess as did Job, Isaiah and Peter. (3) Having made the confession, a full and gracious pardon is granted. (4) news would give at home-all apparently in an instant.

"One idea, amusing from its triviality, kept coming up continuously, without any effort of the will. I had a bag of fruit at my saddle-bow, and the idea suddenly presented itself. 'Well, Mr. Purdie will never get his oranges.' While so many other important questions were occupy ing my attention, this was certainly an odd notion for that moment. I also remember counting repeatedly the five barrels of the pistol, and even noted the carving of the handle with a singular curiosity—singular, I mean to exercise at that time. When the danger was past I felt very glad that I had not possessed a pistol, too, as in that case certainly one, and probably two, lives would have been

A SHARK THAT THINKS.

"Several well spun sea-yarns have been told by old shellbacks regarding what they had seen at sea," said Chief Officer James Brown of the Pacific Mail Company steamer "Acapulco," to a San Francis-co Chronicle man, "but there is one thing certain, and that is I have reason to believe that fish not only have instinct, but also reasoning power.

"How do you come to these conclusions?" was asked.
"Well, let me tell you: Now every sea

faring man who has frequented the port of San Jose, at Guatemala, knows that old San Jose Joe has been in and about that port for the last thirty years.
"Joe is without exception one of the

largest sharks ever seen in the waters of the ocean. He is over thirty feet in length. This was ascertained beyond a doubt by the officers of the "Acapulco" on the trip before the last, when a spar measuring thirty feet had fallen over the ship's side. and old Joe came along, and after smelling of it floated alongside, measuring exactly its length.

"As to his age that is not positively known, but the barnacles on his back indicate that he has been a resident of San Jose waters for a number of years. The barnacles are so old and crusty as to repel a rifle-ball with the same respective force as a sheet of steel on the side of a man-of-

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sone at each side of my horse. in those waters takes a whack at him those waters takes a whack at him when he runs his sides and belly upwards, but the bullets don't seem to do him any

"Well, about his reasoning capacity?" "Well, about his reasoning capacity?"
"Oh, yes. Some years ago an English
man-of-war, while lying at anchor, undertook to destroy the old brute by firing a
charge of dynamite into him. Joe was
hit on the side and about fifty pounds of shark's flesh torn away, but the shot failed to kill him.

"But now, mark you, since that time he will not make his appearance in the anchorage near where a man-of-war is an-chored. But just as soon as these vessels

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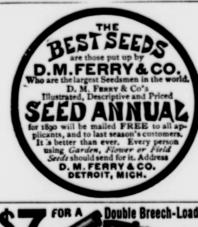
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1. The Publishing House should not be run to make money.

2. The application of the produce to the

3. Any produce should be prevented by cheapening the literature.

4. The literature should not be cheapened, but the produce should be used to extend business and make the literature

These reasons, though somewhat plausable and entertained by some prominent men and journals, are, we think, not sufficient to justify the proposed change.

The first reason given above, considered as a proposition within itself, is true, but it does not follow therefore that because the produce is applied to the claimants the object of the Publishing House is to make money. Nor does it follow that because there is a produce that the object of the business is to make the produce. A Campbellite preacher who had once upon a time been preaching for some time, while receiving no substantial remuneration in return, finally told his congregation that he was not preaching for money; but that they must remember that he did not propose to continue preaching without money. We are decidedly opposed to running the Publishing House for money, but we are just as decidedly opposed to running it without money. A physician may practice medicine for money, or he may practice it to alleviate the sufferings of his fellow-men, and in either instance receive a remuneration in money for his services; but in the first instance he would be a mercenary, while in the second a philanthropist. We can see no reason why it is not just as righteous to make money honestly to support the men who preach the gospel as to make it to circulate good literature.

The reply to the second reason given is that as a matter of fact, where there has been a practical test, it is not true. The appropriation of \$100,000 per annum to the claimants in the M. E. Church has not diminished the contributions of the people to their support, but has rather increased it. The reason under consideration assumes either the ignorance or the stinginess of our people. We do not think the average Methodist upon whom we must depend for the collection is either so ignorant or stingy as this reason presumes.

The third and fourth reasons given are in a business sense the same. It will be readily seen that to extend the business means to increase the produce rather than to reduce it. The more you increase the capital, the more you increase the sum of the profits. If all the profits are turned as capital into the business of the house, there will come a time when the supply will be greater than the demand. There is a limit to which the business may be profitably extended. says: "How is Texas? Prosperous,

therefore the business should be propormand. The question of profit or no profit still remains. Shall the amount of profits increase with the extension of business, House "stuck" on Texas. or shall the business be extended to the limit where profits cease to accrue? "But let all the profits be used to raise our literature to a higher standard of merit." Very well. Say the proceeds of the Nashville Advocate are \$40,000, the cost being \$30,000 and the produce \$10,000. Now spend the \$10,000 profit to better the quality of the paper, then the cost will equal the proceeds and there will be no profit, except in the quality of the paper. If the paper sells for \$40,000 when it costs only \$30,000, it certainly ought to sell for more than \$40,000 when its quality is increased at an additional expense of \$10,000. There is no reason why a good paper should not yield a profit as well as a poor one. But it will readily be seen that whether "the business be extended beyond profit," or "the cost be increased to secure better literature," or the "price be lowered to cheapen literature," it amounts to the same thing financially-"in Dutch," at least.

The whole matter then is narrowed down to one or two simple questions, viz: Whether the business of the Publishing House shall be so managed as to yield, under fair circumstances, a moderate produce? and if so, how shall the produce be applied? Shall the business for any reason be so managed as to make the proceeds equal the expense? We think no man of sound business judgment will say that any business can be safely conconducted on such principles. No business can be kept on foot which allows no have never seen face to face. lishing institution known to us which undertakes to sell its publications at prime cost, and it depends largely upon contributions from the people to carry on its business. We think that this institution, the Bible Society, as stated in this paper some time since, could circulate the Bible more extensively if it were sold at a moderate profit. * Some time since this writer tants. He went to four or five bookplenty, but none of the American Bible Society books, save a small remnant of a stock which was being closed out.

In a conversation with Mr. Rankin, the superintendent in this State, we learned that that city was no exception in that respect, but that it is rather getting to be the exception to find a town with a Bible depository in it. The reason is that men are not willing to handle the books without a "little profit." The superintendent said he proposed to a body of preachers to circulate the Bible by selling it in their charges, and the reply was that even preachers could not handle even the Bible without a "little profit." The salaries and traveling expenses of the Bible Society's agents are paid mainly out of conciety's agents are paid mainly out of contributions. They are selling and giving tributions. They are selling and giving the Word of God, Many rise up to call him blessed. He Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. In Many rise up to call him blessed which he will be no less disastrous to the church. The work rise was a state of the church which he will be no less disastrous to the church. The work rise was a state of the church which he will be no and traveling expenses of the Bible Soaway many copies of the Word of God, Many rise up to call him blessed. He conference claimants will hinder the lib-and thus doing a great deal of good, had the courage of his convictions and many to the few, and thereby increases erality of the people and cause the claimants to get less instead of a better supants to get less instead of a better supmonopoly of the business. While they are

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monopoly of the business. While they are selling at cost, other enterprising publish- education, in temperance, or prohibition, pope by causing all our dependent bretheducation, in temperance, or prohibition, ren to look to a great central power for ers are selling Bibles at a good profit. in the church—in all these things, and in their bread and butter. The business which does not yield a profit is a business which cannot "walk," much leader. His enemies hated him, his less "run glone." Whenever we under-triends loved him. There was no middle take to run our publishing interests at cost for any reason, the result will be an annual collection to support the business. Then the final question is: how shall the produce be applied? The common sense of justice in the church will answer, when that question is put to the test, that it cannot be more righteously applied than to the support of the conference claimants, until at least the claimants are adequately provided for otherwise.

REV. N. A. CRAVEN.

The Texas Conference is bereaved in the death of the Rev. N. A. Craven, who was a superannuated member of that conference. He died at the home of his Let the Publishing House extend its son, Judge Craven, Willis, Texas, Saturday last. Bro. Craven was a successful minister of the gospel in winning souls to Christ. We learn that he served the church faithfully, both in the Louisiana and Texas Conferences. As we have not the data of his life and ministry, we will but we get so crowded sometimes that we have to depend upon the brother who are compelled to use it in order to catch or early Methodists. The apostles, who the data of his life and ministry, we will writes his obituary to give a fuller account. up. We extend sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and brethren.

THE COLLECTION.

WE have several more papers for the Symposium, which will be published next week. The publication of the present issue closes the proposition for articles, as we cannot publish as a part of the Symposium any article written after this issue. We invited about one hundred persons to participate, but have heard from only thirty-odd. Each article was numbered and placed in the paper in the order in which it was received.

We hope all our preachers and people will consider what Bro. E. L. Armstrong has to say on the expenses of the delegates to the General Conference. The deficit is not confined to the Northwest Texas Conference, but to all the conferences. The plan for the entertainment of the General Conference makes the whole church the host, and if the church does not provide for the entertainment the burden will fall on the delegates themselves. The matter of expense is a small thing when divided among all the members of the church, but it becomes heavy when divided only by a small number of delegates. Then let all the pastors at-

tend to the matter at once. In a private note Dr. J. D. Barbee When that limit is reached it is not safe every way, I hope. Grand State and a fallen.

to go beyond. Or if it be said that the great people. A delightful Methodism demand will continually increase, and I always pack my grip with pleasure to visit Texas." The Doctor's admiration tionately extended, then still there is a for Texas is reciprocated. To our certain limit to the rate of extension. So that knowledge, much of Texas got "stuck" the supply must not go beyond the de- on him while here. As great men and things are moving this way, we'd be glad

THE Los Angeles Advocate is opposed to giving the "surplus" to the conference claimants, but favors using it to publish more books and two or three papers, especially one on the Pacific coast. We think papers should pay their own way, and that a consolidation of several of the I favor each annual conference having its Western papers would be a good move in that direction. own board, elected by its own members. Small boards close together will do more that direction.

WE are obliged for an invitation to

visit, with other skeptics, Mecca: FORSYTH, March 4, 1890 .- Rev. James FORSYTH, March 4, 1890.—Rev. James Campbell: My subscription expires in April. When the time expires please stop sending it till further notice. Before I close this epistle I wish to make a proposition. You remember how much opposition you and others published in the ADVOCATE last summer against the holiness movement in Texas and elsewhere. This is what I propose: that you and all other fighters of it, come to Scottsville camp-meeting next summer, and enter camp-meeting next summer, and enter into the spirit of the meeting, and if you are not converted, I am no prophet. I dare you to go. It makes no difference how skeptical any or all of you may be. Please go; you and W. A. Dodge will make a heavy team. He will let you preach, too, after your conversion. Most preach, too, after your Content truly your brother in Christ, T. F. TURK.

MRS. SUE F. MOONEY: Among the newspapers the TEXAS ADVOCATE is our Friday feast. In our little circle we have a good time reading it, enjoying it all the more for the week's work. We have become pretty well acquainted with margin for profits. There is but one publare beginning to get enlarged views as to what our great officials ought to be. Evergreen, Ala., should crystallize we should then have an almost perfect paper, with nine departments, or rather eight departments and nine editors. And yet departments and nine editors. And yet any adequate return. His salary would not salary and travelenges as much as a salary would not salary and travelenges not salary a the domestic department, the children's be more than thirty times as much as department, the advertising department, the average amount now received by our are unprovided, and no fighting editor! The last Nashville Advocate has a masterly article an "Christ before Pilate," showing the misleading conception of a painting. It is written from the standpoint of a "lawyer," and I have enjoyed it thoroughly. No painting of the Christ, by poet or painter, seems to me true in essentials. To take, for instance, the tribal type: The writers represent him (Jesus) and his mother as blondes.

But I took up my pen for a list central Board would greatly complicate the machinery of the church by requiring thousands of pastors from Maryland to Oregon to report and forward these collections to one common center, there to be apportioned and sent back to the various points for distribution. It would increase the expense of distribution, and by the amount of that expense diminish the pittance paid to each claimant. The very idea of giving money to be equally divided between a man we love, who has worn himself out in preaching to us, and a man a thousand undertook to buy a New Testament of a The last Nashville Advocate has a mascertain kind in a city of 60,000 inhabi- terly article an "Christ before Pilate." stores, found Bibles and Testaments in painting. It is written from the stand-But I took up my pen for a note-the note has lengthened; and yet, before I close, I would lay this gift. cluster of memorial flowers on the distant grave of our beloved friend, Rev. fint an increasing disposition to multiply A. T. Crawford. He was indeed a tireless worker. In any community he was the foremost factor for good. Largely self- could be better administered without educated, he had a warm heart and such officers. While we rejoice in our ready hand for those needing help in obtaining an education. His works follow the bane of our nation to-day, and would humbler work, he was a recognized

> with Lenore. WE have received the marriage card of Mr. O. F. Sensabaugh and Miss Daisy Lane. We wish them much happiness.

WE agree that the profits of the Publishing House should be employed in the legitimate business of the Publishing House; but in addition to the various pose another, about the expediency of which we think there should be no doubt. I suppose those who entertain the idea of a Parent Board would be in favor of ap-

We do not like the small print either.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

-Some revivals are being reported to the different Advocates which come in -Dr. S. A. Steele, in St. Louis Advo cate: The simple truth is, our Methodist Episcopal brethern have no work to do here. We are able to provide for all the Methodist people of this region.

-Rev. T. J. Duncan in Alabama Advocate: I am glad you let the brethren of the quill know that you stand not alone in the battle for the Sixth Restrictive Rule. I am not looking for anything to accrue to our worn-out brethren, their widows and orphans, soon; but it is a matter of principle. No more potent matter of principle. No more potent agency was used during the distress of the house than that of ringing the changes on the Sixth Restrictive Rule. Potter and Fitzgerald wrote well on the question. They drew a beautiful picture, but they overran a principle unthoughtedly, I think, to do it.

DEATHS.

Mr. Ira Batt was born at Cameron, Texas, some time near the year of our Lord 1862, and died at Sonora, Texas, January 28, 1890. He left a wife and three children. Mr. Batt was a respected citizen.

J. W. Sims.

Rev. J. B. Gober, of Rosalie, writes: Mrs. E. A. Fagan died at Deport, Lamar county, Texas, March 3, 1890. She had been fifty years a member of the M. E. Church, South. A mother in Isreal has

A SYMPOSIUM.

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are direct, simple, and without cost, every dollar raised for the claimants finds its way into their hands. But connectional boards are unwieldly, complicated, ex-pensive affairs, and any increase of their things are moving this way, we'd be glad to have the Doctor and the Publishing House "stuck" on Texas.

In things are moving this way, we'd be glad number means an increase of connectional officers with big pay, which of course must come out of the funds of the board, JOHN S. GJLLETT. LOCKHART, TEXAS.

I AM opposed to a connectional fund. I believe it would weaken our collections.

work and better than large ones far away. J. W. Vest. MARTINDALE, TEXAS.

I po not think a Parent Board ought to be created. Am opposed to its being made a connectional fund. 1. It would multiply machinery, which is not desirable.

2. Would necessitate salaried officers

thereby requiring an expenditure of a part of this sacred fund. 3. Would destroy largely the present inspiration in givers. If our liberality would not reach its maximum contribut-ing to the loved ones of Alexander, Whipple, Thomas, and the illustrious that have

velop it.

4. If the design is to raise a large amount, place it at interest, and devote the interest to this fund, I am opposed to it.

M. S. HOTCHKISS.

crossed the river, nothing would de-

COLUMBUS, TEXAS.

By Parent Board to provide for our conference claimants, I understand a board created by the General Connecessarily be connectional, as are the missionary and church extension funds. some of your correspondents whom we have never seen face to face. We are beginning to get enlarged views missionary and church extension that the creation of another paid General Conference officer. His salary would have to be paid out of the conference collection. the amounts raised for conference collec-tions. Taking the salaries of other Gen-If the suggestions of M. S. Andrews, of eral Conference officers as the basis of our

conference claimants.
This Central Board would greatly comin preaching to us, and a man a thousand miles off, of whom we know nothing, is to discourage the giver and diminish the

It is a bad omen in church or state to connectionalism, we would deplore any tendency to centralization. The latter is

I believe our present plan to raise funds for our conference claimants, while it is not perfect, is the best of which we have ground. Yet those who liked him least believed in his integrity. Hundreds in Tennessee weep with Sister Crawford and in that conference to pay than any central board located at a great distance could possibly be. Even with our pres-ent plan we sometimes find a claimant well represented before the Board of Finance getting more than an equitable share of this fund, while another claimant equally worthy, not having the facts placed before the board, gets little or nothing. How this inequality would be in-creased if we had a Central Board by House; but in addition to the various those living near keeping their claims uses to which it has been suggested that well before the board, while those at a profits might be applied, we would pro- greater distance with no friend at court would be unknown and neglected

plying the profits of the book concern to this fund and thus pay the salaries of Pacific Coast.—Pacific Methodist.

Rev. C. O. Jones: The Advocate constantly improves, but I do not like the fine print in this week's issue.

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The Advocate constantly improves, but I do not like the fine print in this week's issue. doubtful propriety and not in accord with were all itinerants, went out preaching with no prearranged salary, trusting in God and believing the laborer was worthy of his hire. The early Methodist preachers did likewise, and to this day we claim as preachers to waive the right to choose our fields of labor and our people their right to choose their pastors. As long as we are affective we trust God and the church for our support, and I can see no good reason why when we are superan-nuated we should be less trustful and the church less liberal. If we make our publishing interests a "house of merchand run in the interest of ministerial salaries we will soon have a secularized ministry, and, like some we wot of, preachers preaching party politics instead of an un-adulterated gospel. While I would be preaching party politics instead of an unadulterated gospel. While I would be glad to see all our superannuates, widows and orphans better paid than they now are, there is no doubt that it would be a real curse if the salaries of all our preachers were a sued. It would open the floodgate to men who only follow Christ for the loaves and fishes.

Let us so change the sixth restrictive

The deficits under our present plan do not grow out of the defects of the plan it-self so much as the inefficiency with which the North Texas Conference and we have 2. Each Conference Board

assessment twenty per cent shortage in collections and we have for these wards of the church the pitiful sum of less than \$100 a piece! Our people aim to meet the assessments. If they are liberal they try to pay them. If low, they rarely overpay. Make liberal assessments and you at once remove the barrier to the more liberal support of God's poor; but just as long as an insufficient assessment is made for these claimants they will go unpro-vided for.

Suppose we add to the present plan a law by the General Conference assessing the preachers two and one-half per cent on their gross receipts? The preacher who gets \$100 could afford to pay \$2.50, and those receiving \$1000 could easily pay \$25, and thus largely supplement this sacred fund. To show how this would operate we refer once more to the would operate we refer once more to the statistics of the last North Texas Conference. The preachers received \$77,200. Two and one-half per cent on this amount is \$1930. Add this to \$2774, the amount distributed by the board, and we have the handsome sum of \$4704, which would have given the claimants from \$90 to \$500, when they only received from \$50 to \$300. If this assessment upon our salaries was made a permanent law it would make the best and cheapest insurance company to which a preacher could belong. What he pays while young and healthy would be paid back when he is sick or old. It would be the strong man wisely providing for himself when he shall have become weak. "I say unto you make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when ye fail they may receive you into everlasting habitations."
W. H. HUGHES.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

I answer, no. Because I consider the present plan better for them.

1st. It brings the effective ministry into the closest union and sympathy with these honored servants of God, and vice versa. But if they received their allowance, handed down to them by a Parent Board, they would to an extent, feel Board, they would, to an extent, feel

themselves pensioners.
2d. The brethren of their own conference know and appreciate their past services to the church and their present ne-

cessities far better than any Parent Board could possibly do.

3d. The expenses of a Parent Board would necessarily have to be met out of this fund, hence much would be taken from them.

J. F. Archer.

I AM decidedly in favor of such a board : and also of a Corresponding Secretary of this board to have the same relation to this work that the Missionary Secretary has to the mission work.

The following arguments are submitted to support this position:
First, It will be equitable to our small First, It will be equitable to our small conferences, and especially to those fields that are more or less sanitariums. We have such fields, and they have enabled us to get several years' excellent work out of brethren in every way competent for work anywhere except in health. It is a great thing to use such talent even for a few years for Christ. But the result is to over-crowd these fields with applicants upon their meager conference fund. The church at large ought to help them out. In church at large ought to help them out. In our small conferences the work is especially hard, and the pay is poor. The people are not able to support their regular pas-tors, let alone meet this sacred claim. The church at large ought to help them out. Second, The existence of such a board

and a secretary, would awaken attention, stimulate effort, scatter information over the church, suggest uniform plans, and systematize and specialize this work as it needs demand, and as it has not been, and it cannot be, under the present plan—or

rather want of plan.

Under this plan such bequests as the Colvin could be secured and taken care of. Special gifts could be procured also. Then the agent of the house, already over worked, could turn over the surplus of the house to the heard for division and many time for Thursday night service, and we stayed till after service Friday night. We heard Sam Jones three times, on John vii:17.; II Peter 1:3, 4; Prov. xi:1-9. house to the board for division and man-JOHN R. ALLEN.

THE establishing of a Parent Board to take charge of the interests of the conference claimants may not be free from objections (nor is any human plan), yet I favor its adoption, believing that the reasons in its favor greatly exceed, both in weight and number, all that may be

urged against it.

The present method, if method it may be called, has always been and always. will be in large measure a failure. Hence, if the church means to be just, not to say generous, to those who have worn out in her service, the adoption of a better plan is a necessity. The Parent Board, if properly directed and obligated, would ave well nigh all the advantage over our

present management that organized have over unorganized efforts. Again, the people need instruction upon this subject, more fully and more earnestly given than the preachers, with the mber of collections and the amount of work with which they are charged, can possibly give. The board can and will supply this need. This will awaken a sense of responsibility, and excite an interest never felt before—such an interest as the importance of the matter de-

Moreover, an organized board would concentrate the influence of the entire church in behalf of the claimants, which would tell most powerfully upon their rights and interests. At present, this influence is divided and scattered. A system of equalization, too, both as to claimants and conferences, would be the attendant of an organized board. This is greatly needed. The strong, under this plan, would help the weak, and an impartial tribunal would decide upon claims. Lastly, this is a tried plan. It is the plan by which we have had wonderful success in pushing forward all the great enterprises of the church. We may reasonably expect it to be equally suc-cessful when employed in behalf of the conference claimants.
W. F. Easterling.

VALLEY VIEW, TEXAS.

I am opposed to making the fund con nectional for many reasons, all of which cannot be stated in this paper. I am in favor of each conference providing for its own claimants, and I do not see that it is necessary to take that fund out of the hands of the Joint Board of Finance. It is generally the case that the claim-ants upon the conference fund have spent the greater part of their lives in the bounds of the conference of which they are members when they are superannuated. Therefore, that conference feels that it is its duty to look especially after the interests of its own claimants, and hence will make greater efforts to meet the demands than rule that every dollar of clear profits of the Publishing House not needed in the business of the house shall be applied to the cause of missions. This would make it truly evangelical, blessing the church at home by its religious publications and with its money sending the gospel to regions beyond. By this its usefulness would be more than doubled. had never done an hour's work within its bounds; just as a father and mother would feel less disposed to provide funds that were to be equally divided among all the children of their connection than they would to provide immediately for their own children. Besides it would diminish the fund by decreasing the spirit of liberality.

the North Texas Conference and we have the humiliating fact that our Board of Finance had assessed for these claimants less than \$120 per capita, which was not more than half enough if it had all been collected. Then take from this meager would always be a more satisfactory dis-

tribution of the funds by a conference

3. The more intimately a board is connected with the work before it the better; and the more intelligently can the work be done. Therefore, on the ground of close and intimate connection with the claimant to be served by the board, we plead for a Parent or Conference Board. The law as it now is, in my opinion, is adequate to the demand. The question that now concerns us most is the funds to disburse. We already have enough boards, without increasing the number.

E. L. Armstrong.

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

-Rev. J. M. Porter: The grip has had me down for three weeks and am not well

Rev. Abe Long, of Ruth, Texas, has been sick for the past month, but is now

-Rev. E. L. Armstrong, in a private note says: "Bishop Key has been with us and gave universal satisfaction." -Bro. J. A. Davis, of Weatherford, gave the ADVOCATE a pleasant call this week. Bro. D. ranks among the best of

stewards. -Wolf City Chronicle: The editor of the Chronicle and Rev. W. F. Clark enjoyed a quail hunt and an excellent dinner last Monday at the farm of Mr. J. L. Greer,

two miles east of the city. -Robt. C. Allen: It is with a sad heart that I have to give notice through the Advocate that my health has failed and

I have had to give up my work. I earnestly desire the prayers of my brethren. My postoffice is Nockenut, Wilson county, Texas. -Bro. T. W. Dealy, a live steward of St. James Church, Galveston, was in Dallas this week. He gave the ADVOCATE a call. He gave encouraging reports of St. James. The main auditorium will soon be finished and furnished. He reports Bro. Ward as very popular with his people. He would return to St. James on his fifth year—if

the "iron wheel" could be overcome. -G. W. Graves: I have missed two ap-—G. W. Graves: I have missed two appointments at Salado. 1. By la grippe with myself and family. 2. Death of my wife's mother, Mrs. R. M. Fowler. Just as the congregation was gathering, March 2, I was leading the sad procession through Salado, towards the Colorado hills, to bury her at the old homestead. She died at Belton March 1.

-Mrs. Viola Hunt organized a Parsonage Society at Italy, Northwest Texas Conference, on the 5th of March; eleven members, with the following officers:
President, Mrs. T. A. Goodman; First
Vice President, Mrs. W. P. Garvin; Second Vice President, Mrs. Josie Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A.
O. McGee; Recording Secretary, Miss
Mattie Ward; Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie
Winn Winn.

SAM JONES AT TYLER.

This unique, irrepressible, magnetic, and, best of all, godly genius has been in our State at Tyler, and God has blessed his labors in the conversion of hundreds. The writer, in company with Bro. J. P. Jackson, General Secretary of our Dallas Young Men's Christian Association, left Dallas Thursday morning for Tyler, and traveled all day, going by Corsicana to reach our destination. We carried a good tow-line along to pull the noted evangel-ist over to Dallas, but the tow-line snapped like pack-thread the first time we attempted to get in our work. The best we could do was to secure a promise to come to the metropolis of Texas next

vii:17.; II Peter 1:3, 4; Prov. xi:1-9.

THE SERMONS. These have all been published, and I will not attempt to give a rehash of them. The first was rich in inimitable wit and humor, and just did have enough of gospel

and of earnestness in it to redeem it from levity, and enough of the flashes of matchless genius to redeem it from coarseness. The second was replete with earnest re-ligious feeling, touching pathos, splendid thought, with just enough of racy, homely idiom and sparkling wit, to make the whole constantly interesting. The third was a sublime, eloquent, awful, presenta-tion of the terrible effects of sin, clothed in language faultless, almost rhythmical. aglow with the loftiest imagination, with not a partical of humor, and only enough of wit to light up luridly the awful picture, and just that sort of wit which is inseparable from the best work of genius.

THE MAN.

You have all read pen pictures of Sam Jones, and seen his engraved features; but as each is interested to know how he strikes others, I will attempt to tell you how he struck the writer from several standpoints. When from a seat back in the audience I saw a slim, apparently young man on the platform, and knew he was the great preacher, he struck me as needing only a sombrero hat, leggins, a pair of spurs, and a bucking bronco to make a typical cow-boy. When, after service, I was introduced to him, I found on a nearer view he looked older, handsomer, more intelligent than when I first saw him. When I met him in his own room, surrounded by preachers and religious friends in the hours of relaxation, there was such utter abandon, a complete surrender of himself to the mere fun with which his nature overflows, as to suggest the school-boy on his vacation, and rather noisy, careless school boy at that. When I saw him in the social circle, surrounded by a mixed crowd of saints and sinners, he struck me most of all as a preacher of the gospel, alert, full of tact, preacher of the gospel, alert, full of tact, watchful to do good—a fisher of men who knew the habits of his game, and how to bait his hook. When I saw him as an orator aglow with his subject, he did not strike me at all, but his thoughts did. But under all circumstances he was the inimistable Sam Jones, with a warm, manly, generous heart. generous heart.

THE PREACHER.

As a preacher, not merely as an attract-As a preacher, not merely as an attractive talker, which every one knows he is, he is first-class. He says "he sticks to his crowd, whether he does to his text or not." And if he ever wanders from his text, and he frequently does, it is because he is after his crowd, and not because there is naturally anything of the "scatter brain" about him. He is not like the poor fellow who doesn't know enough to poor fellow who doesn't know enough to know when he is off or on his text. He knows when he is off, and he knows why he is off. He has an object in the di-gression, and he generally "gets there." He is sound in doctrine, clear in exposi-tion and explanation, correct in exegesis, reverent in his attitude toward the Bible and God. He is sometimes coarse and slovenly in his diction, irreverent of things sacred to some hearts, too fond of the words "fool" and "liar," draws con-clusions from insufficient data, too ready clusions from insufficient data, too ready to take up a "railing accusation" against the church, lets his wit and humor run away with him, overburdens and covers up the line of his thought with too much illustration, tells anecdotes where the point has too distant a relation to his subject—in short, has faults enough to ruin any man with less genius. But his

very faults make up a unique personality, and give a peculiar flavor to his productions, which constitute not only its peculiar attractiveness to the multitude, but even more so to the student of theology, bored by the sameness of homiletical productions. In delivery it would be too much to say that he is faultless; but he is better than faultless. His voice is excellent. He holds his audience from beginning to end. This is not aiways bebeginning to end. This is not always because of the interest in the sermon; but

One word expresses this-marvelous. He drew crowds to Tyler, and to the tabernacle, such as only circuses are wont to bring out. The interest grew each service we were there, until on the last night (Friday) there was such a scene as our world seldom sees. Two hundred and fifty sinners, not estimated, but counted, gave their hands under a pledge to change their lives; and afterwards hundreds of church members made the same pledge. These in both cases included many leading citizens.

THE HELPERS.

I only regret that space forbids anything but a mere mention of his able co-adjutors, Bro. Excell, the singer, and Bro. Stewart. And I also regret that I have no room to express our thanks to Bro. Tim-mons and to our hosts, Bros. Beard, Connor and Wyley.

SAM JONES AT TYLER.

SAM'L P. WRIGHT.

After the quarterly conference at Corsicana I ran over here Monday night to write up the big tabernacle meeting, now being held in this city by Sam Jones and his coadjutors, Bros. Steward and Excell. We found the city very much crowded—
every hotel full. Dr. John Adams had
written me to make his house my home,
which I intended to do the next morning,
but I had no idea of going around waking
up at midnight honest people, tired from up at midnight honest people, tired from laboring in a revival. But, as I stepped upon the car platform, there stood the great big body of Bro. Adams, with his face as radiant as if that charming little wife of his was awaited, instead of a redheaded presiding elder from another con-ference. As big as John Adams' body is, ference. As big as John Adams' body is, all the East Texas people who know him well, wonder how that soul of his ever managed to get into it at all, much less stay there a single hour. When it was found that Bro. Wyatt, from Corsicana, and Bro. Smith, from Mexia, who accompanied me, stood a good chance to repeat, "the loxes have holes," Bro. Adams said: "Carry them on with you, Bro. Wright, we'll make out some way." And we did "make out" the best sort of a half night's rest.

Tyler has thrown open her doors just like an annual conference and a district like an annual conference and a district conference, and four or five quarterly conferences had struck the city at one time. The town is full of preachers. I reckon there are a hundred or more. The West Texas, the Texas, and the North Texas are all represented. The Northwest Texas looks handsome in the person of Wyatt and Smith, John Nelson, of Brownwood; Little, of Fort Worth; this faber, from the Waco country; and last, but by no means least, "The Tract Agent." Bro. Timmons, the pastor of our church here, means least, "The Tract Agent." Bro. Timmons, the pastor of our church here, seems to have been and to be the master seems to have been and to be the master of the situation. One of his stewards told me that when he represented the great Georgian to his official board, one rose and said: "Build what you think you want, sir, and the money is in the banks subject to the check of the executive committee."

THE TABERNACLE.

that with very little loss the whole material may be taken down and sold. Its form is simply four sheds twenty-seven feet wide and one hundred and twelve feet long. These sheds run east and west, and their caves drop into valley gutters which empty themselves in front. It is located to the south of Furguson street, not more than three hundred or four hundred feet from the postoffice, and upon a cross street, name not remembered. The music platform, which is the swell.

The music platform, which is the swell. er's as well, is in the west end, and is twenty-eight by thirty feet, with seats in arcs, and each rear are slightly elevated. An organ and a piano are the instruments used. The whole structure, exclusive of the four large heating stoves which the cold snap rendered necessary, and which perform their office fairly well, cost eleven hundred and sixty-five dollars. Its acous-

tic properties strike one as excellent.

The choir, when they are all present, numbers about seventy persons, mainly citizens, but some are strangers from other cities. The congregation has bought several hundred of Prof. Excell's book, "Songs of Triumph," and join heartily in the singing. The songs are very good, new to Texas, and new in that many of in the singing. The songs are very good, new to Texas, and new in that many of our old favorites, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," etc., are arranged to new music, with pretty choruses. The arrangements are, in the main, Prof. Excell's. I heard it said that all the airs "had a tinge of sadness in them." I cannot say about this, for two reasons. First, I am a poor judge of music, always passing favorably upon that which pleases my ear—which upon that which pleases my ear—which I find by comparison to be unskillful in a high degree. Secondly, no music could have had even a tinge of sadness to my of our friends from Georgetown and ear and heart while my eyes were seeing Bro. Timmons' members, some of whom had been, as they admitted, a long time unfaithful to duty, returning to God, and sinners by the scores seeking salvation. Too happy for that! To some ears every sound is music. I know two men skillful in every department of knowledge almost, the one a layman, the other almost, the one a layman, the other worthily a doctor of divinity; the latter worthly a doctor of divinity; the latter competent to investigate truth in any leading Oriental Linguage, and neither has any idea of tune. Mr. Bethune, Blind Tom's old master and his manager in later years, told me that when Tom was a little fellow he used to beat the was a little fellow he used to beat the other little negroes, sometimes unmercifully. Thinking this a mark of depravity, his master punished Tom severely. Once he was found sitting flat under the eves of the cabin, while a rain storm poured torrents upon the bottom of a tin pan inverted upon his head, the little rascal the while frantic with delight. Everything was music to his ears. The screams of his little mates provoked his blows that he might revel in their music. And yet he must have had the keenest sense to discern discord. His famous "Battle of Menassas" may serve to illustrate and reconcile this apparent paradox. The

of Menassas" may serve to illustrate and reconcile this apparent paradox. The music to my mind is excellent (no pun intended), and when the full choir and five hundred voices in the pews swell out it is grand and soul-inspiring.

Bro. Stewart is a school man, a professor in a Tennessee college. He resembles Dr. Mood. That fact alone would make most Texas men look long and studiously at his face. He takes the 3 o'clock hour, at which Sam Jones is seldom present. He seems to delight in biographical preaching, sketching with skillful speech Scripture character. His

I came over here to write up things "without gloves',' as we say. While a pastor I never invited an evangelist to my often by a direct effort of the speaker's will, who at every tendency of any of the audience to grow listless cries out, "Now listen to me!"

THE BFFECT.

One word expresses this—marvelous. upon the worldliness of large city congregations. I have witnessed the seeming gations. I have witnessed the seeming utter helplessness of a city pastor as he gazed in sorrow of soul upon a people hurrying to hell. I do not know what is best. Somehow I think if I was the pastor of a large city congregation now, and my words to them failed to check the tide of ruin I would go with my case to God. of ruin, I would go with my case to God, and I would stay there, I would stay there, and I would stay there, I would stay there, I would stay there, until Jehovah and a pentecost came. It is not what an evangelist brings, but what he leaves, that hurts. But I must close. In three or four short articles this subject will be discussed in the fear of God, but in that of no other. If this writing is not solely for the glory of God, the writer is self-deceived. Next week, and maybe the week after, my theme will be Sam Jones himself, with effort at classification and the self, with effort at classification and the finding of the hidings of his power.

A GENERAL CONFERENCE CATAS-

Northwest Texas Conference Collapsed We have received notice from the Committee on General Conference Entertain mittee on General Conference Entertainment that the original amount assessed by the Book Agent, Dr. Barbee, on this conference for delegates' expenses is insufficent. This will be seen by every one when it is known that the Northwest Texas Conference sends ten delegates and only \$330 provided for traveling expenses and board. It required \$540 to meet the expenses of the delegation in 1886, when no board was required. Our conference is asked to collect and forward to Dr. Barbee \$643.60. We have been requested to apportion the above amount to the ten to apportion the above amount to the ten districts of the Northwest Texas Conference. Brethren, let us act at once. We cannot delay—take the collection at once and forward the amounts collected as above directed. Be prompt. APPORTIONMENT.

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March 6, 1890.

THE PAINE INSTITUTE

At a called meeting of the local Board of Trustees of the Paine Institute the follow-

ing was adopted:
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Whereas, Said appointment rendered the office of Commissioner of Education

vacant; therefore, be it
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at the place and time of the next General Conference.

T.O. Brown,
Chairman Local Board.

C. G. GOODRICH, Secretary Pro Tem. January 4, 1890.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Granted by the United States Patent Office for the week ending March 4, 180, for inventions concerning agriculture and care of lives tock:

L. Barnes, Belvidere, N. J., knob for cattle horns.

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She (at an evening reception)—I barely got here. He (observantly)—So I see.

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Should earthquakes be referred to as "real estate movements," or "matters in connection with ground rents?"

THE afflicted will do well to read the advertisement in this issue of Drs. Dickey &

To what American summer resort would the ancient Roman senator betake himself when his clothes got shabby? Sorry-toga, of When the liver is not acting, the entire system needs cleansing. There is no medicine so well adapted to this purpose as Cascarine. It is mild, pleasant and certain in

He stole a kiss from an artless miss:

"You're a heartless thief," quoth she.
"I'm a 'heartless thief,' but you're the thief
That stole my heart," saith he.

Out of the 50,000,000 people in the United States, 45,000,000 of them suffer from Catarrh, Hay Fever, or Bronchitis, in some of its forms. Cacterine is the cure for these dis-

She was Right.—Mabel—Did you hear that Bessie Willis was married yesterday to Tom Guzzier? Maud—Really? I thought she would be the last person to marry him. Mabel—Well, she was, wasn't she?

The prevailing disease in the spring and summer is biliousness. Cascarine is a positive cure and pleasant to take.

Johnny—Oh, my prerogatives are chapped!
Father—Why, what do you mean, Johnny,
your lips? Johnny—I always thought they
wuz lips until last night when I saw Mr.
Thayer kissing sister in the hall, and when I
asked him what he was doing he said he was
only expressing his prerogatives, so of only exercising his prerogatives, so of-Sister—Pa, will you put Johnny to bed?

IF YOUR BACK ACHES
I are all worn out, really good for nothing
it is general debility. Try
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. re you, and give a good appetite.
by all dealers in medicine.

rilla, the best blood purifier ever produced. It is the only medicine of which "100 doses one dollar"

The health journals and the doctors all agree that the best and most wholesome part of the ordinary New England country doughnut is the hole. The larger the hole, they say, the better the doughnut.

A cough or cold, if not promptly attended to, may result in an incurable lung disease. For all diseases of the throat, breast and lungs, bronchial or asthmatic affections, Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup of Tolu, Cherry and Tar is a pleasant and certain cure. It promotes expectoration and removes all diseased matter which obstructs the lungs, the ulccration is healed, and the sufferer is restored to perfect health. Price 25 cents at all dealers.

An Anglo-Roman company has undertaken a contract to light Rome by electricity. The plant is to be set up at Tivoli, it is said, and power supplied by water there, the current then being transmitted by over-head wires to the city itself, and throughout the city by over-head wires for public lighting, and by subways for lighting of private houses.

The way to avoid a spell of sickness and a long doctor's bill, is to begin in time. Cascarine is a most valuable pre-ventive of diseases which prevail in this climate.

It's curious how much more apt a girl's hair is to fall down when it is all her own.

Drs. Dickey & Scorey, Dallas, Texas, guarantee a cure of rupture and piles. See advertisement.

When the Yale freshman kissed a New Haven girl she said she felt down in the

It is a pleasure to witness the modest, yet thorough, way the Cacterine Medicine Co. is putting Cacterine in the front ranks. Hurrah for Texas and Cacterine!

Mr. Hibred—What do you suppose the bard referred to when he wrote of the "slip-pered pantaloon?" Mrs. Slapdash—Really, I have no idea. Young Hopeful—I bet you I know! Mrs. Slapdash—My son, you were not spoken to.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary 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 positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all nervous complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering. I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using, sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 820 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

A New York bank president says that during the past twenty-eight years the amount of money lost by all the national banks in the United States through dishonest practices does not exceed \$7,000,000. In view of the vast sums handled by the banks during these years, he considers the amount small.

Deserving of Confidence.-There is no article which so richly deserves the entire confidence of the community as BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES Ladies Haye Tried It.

A number of my lady customers have tried "Mother's Friend," and would not be without for many times its cost. They recommend it to all who are to become mothers. R. A. Payne, Druggist, Greenville, Ala. Write Bradfield Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. By all druggists.

Mrs. Crabeles.

"I was never so ashamed of my ignorance in my life as I was to-day," said Bass. "I went into a store, and there was a lady in there with a dog. The woman spoke French, and, if you will believe it, that dog understood every word she said, and I couldn't understand a syllable of it! After that I shall shall have a ble keek a dog in the face." never be able to look a dog in the face.

A cross, peevish fretful wife is quite unhappy to herself and to her whole household. But she is to be pitied, she is a sufferer from a multidude of female ills that have prostrated her mentally and physically. She needs some great wonderworking iron tonic and female regulator, to relieve the monthly troubles, and for this purpose English Female BITTERS stands ahead of all others. It acts upon the female system with unerring certainty, never failing to give entire satisfaction to married and single ladies. One bottle often cures a case.

The statue of Henry Ward Beecher, destined to be placed in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is now being cast in bronze. It will be of heroic proportions, nine feet high, and will represent the great preacher in the familiar soft feit hat and cape. The cost will be \$35,000, and the statue will be completed in eighteen months.

Now, Give Attention

To the purification of your blood, for at no season is the body so susceptible to the benefits to be de rived from a good medicine, as in March April and May. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the people's favorite spring medicine. It stands unequalled for purifying the blood, curing scrofula, salt rheum, etc., regulating the kidneys and liver, repairing nerve tissues, strengthening and invigorating the whole body, as well as checking the progress of acute and chronic disease, and restor ing the afflicted parts to a natural, healthy condi tion. If you have never tried Hood's Sarsaparilla for your "spring medicine," do so this season.

A Philosopher: Bertie Brilliant (driving home from the club, after having taken rather more champagne than he ought)—I say, how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab and think how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab than it is to walk, than it is to walk and think how much pleasanter it is to ride and think how much pleasanter it is to ride and think how much pleasanter it is to ride in a cab than it is to walk!

INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA. T. F. Barnhart, M. D., of Claiborne Parish.
La., writes: "Permit me to say to the public that I have tried Wonderful Eight in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal it to relieve pain.

Fashion met Death at a dance one day, He with his sickle, she with her fan; He clumsily slashed her dress, they sey, That's how the decollete style began.

Men and women prematurely gray and whose hair was falling, are enthusiastic in praising Hall's Hair Renewer for restoring the color and preventing baldness.

Ancient spinsterhood is the flirt's panishment for contempt of court.

RUPTURE and piles are cured by Drs. Dickey & Scobey, without the use of knife. Dallas, Texas. See advertisement.

A searcher of deeds-The detective

John B. Gough, says: "For Sore Throat, or pecially when tending to ulceration, I have found Pond's Extract very beneficial."

Art Dodger—Quite a spell we're having? Officer (putting on the handcuffs)—Yes, quite

A plague of rats is raging in the east of England, principally in Suffolk. On one farm of 250 acres 1800 rats have been killed since harvest, and on another of 180 acres 1000 rats have been caught. The farmers cannot keep their wheat in consequence of the numbers in the stacks, and have to thresh and sell out.

Mr. Lonely Villers (turning suddenly to Suspicious Character, who has been following him home)—Please sir, gimme a dime to git a cup of coffee; I've just walked all the way from Albany. I don't want it to buy whisky with—indeed, I don't. Unsuspicious Character—Bless my soui! To think I've been shadowing a blamed old pauper for over three-quarters of a mile!

A writer in a talk with "Business Boys," says: "The boy who will succeed in the world is he who is content for a time to do two dollars' worth of work for a dollar." This is so. The boy who performs two dollars' worth of work at a circus for a twenty-cent pass to the show may be found a few years later driving four horses attached to the lion cage.

P. CHEANEY, D. D. S. DALLAS DENTAL PARLORS 709, 711 Elm Street, Dallas, TEX. Specialty—Preservation of the natural Telephone 340.

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CALVERT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Hearne and Wheelock, at Hearne March 29.
Bryan sta
Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan April 12.
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Calvert sta April 26, :
Jewett and Buffalo, at Jewett
Fairfield cir. at Mt. Zion May 10, 1
Franklin cir. at Beck Prairie May 17, 1
Centerville eir, at Pleasant Ridge May 24,
Rogers Pratrie mis, at May 31, June
Boon Prairie mis, at WalnutJune 7.
Millican and Wellborn, at Millican June 14.
Bryan mis, at June 21.
H. M. SEARS, P. E.

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Mountain Springs	s cir		June 7.
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	DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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Kildare cir. at 1st Sun in June
Mount Pleasant cir, at2d sun in June
C. B. FLADGER, P. E.
WACO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Cotton Gin cir, at Point Enterprise March 15, 16
Mexia sta
March 20, 17
Kerens cir, at Kerens March 22, 25

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	Kerens cir, at Kerens March 22, 23
Н	Wortham cir, at Richland March 24, 7:30 p. m.
ı	Bosqueville cir, at Mt. Zion March 29, 30
	Waco, Morrow Street
ı	Waco, Fifth Street
ı	East Waco cir, at Brushy Tank
1	Mt. Calm cir
П	Bruceville cir, at Bruceville
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1	SAM'L P. WRIGHT, P. E.
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1	Silver City3d Sun in March

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CLEBURNE	DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
Nolan River cir3d Sun in Mar
Granbury sta. 4th Sun in Mar Morgan mis 5th Sun in Mar
Glenrose mis Stephenville cir. Wednesday before 2d Sun in Ap
Paluxy cir
Acton cir. 3d Sun in Ap Green Creek cir. 4th Sun in Ap
Armstrong cir Tuesday after 4th Sun in Ap W. L. NELMS, P. E.

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SAN ANTONIO	DISTRICT-SE	COND ROUND.
Pleasanton cir, at Cotulla and Pears	Fairview	3d Sun in Marc
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	WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
	Gordon and Strawn sta, at Strawn March 15, 16
	Barton's Creek, at Barton's CreekMarch 18, 19 Breckenridge cir, at WaylandMarch 22, 23
	Eastland cir, at Pleasant Grove March 25, 26 Whitt and Jacksboro sta, at Jacksboro March 29, 30
	Vineyard City mis, at April 1, 2
	Boonville cir, at Boonville
1	Graham sta
	Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells — May 3, 4
	Garvin cir, at May 10, 11

B. M. STEPHENS, P. E. SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT-SECOND ROUNT Art Dodger—Quite a spell we're having?
Officer (putting on the handcuffs)—Yes, quite a cold snap.

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

ALANSON REGUND.

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	Poetry cir, at College Mound March 22, 2
	Farmersville staMarch 2
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	Kaufman sta March 29, 3
	Wills Point sta April 5.
ı	Kemp cir, at Kemp
	Forney cir. at Laurance April 19. 20
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1	Bowie sta
1	Bellevue cir, at Hopewell March 22, 2:
ı	Henrietta sta March 90 7 n m
1	Wichita Fells sta April 5 7 5 m
1	Montague and Belcher, at Montague, April 12, 7 p m
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١	Sunset and Crafton cir, at Crafton May 3, 4
1	Chico cir. at Pleasant Grove May 10, 11
1	Alvord cir. at Lone Mound May 17, 18
1	Post Oak cir, at Antelope May 24, 25

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	JEROME HABALSON, P. E.
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	May cir, Mt. Zion March 15,
	Brownwood sta, Brownwood March 19, 7:30 p Santa Anna cir, Thrifty
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ţ	Glen Cove mis, Content
١	Ft. Chadburn mis. Hayrick April 5,
١	Ballinger cir, Bowmans
ı.	Comanche and DeLeon sta, Comancho . April 19,
	Comanche cir, Gentry's Mill
	Round Mountain cir, Sand Hill May 3.
١	Carbon cir, — May 10, Sipe Springs cir, — May 14, 11 a
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	Cottonwood cir, May 17,
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GEORGETOWN DIST	TRICT-SECOND ROUND
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SAN SABA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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Garden City mis4th Sun in Mar
Sherwood mis. Wednesday after 4th Sun in Mar
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WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.
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Bristol cir, at Palmer March 22, Red Oak cir, at Cedar Hill. March 29,
Oak Cliff sta, at St. MarksApril 5.
Reagor cir, at ReagorApril 12,
Avalon cir, at Byrd*
Sims and Glenwood, at Glenwood April 26,
Wesley and RushMay 3,
Waxahachie May 10, Delegates to the district conference will
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elected on this round. Let every member be pre ent. Now is the time to work for your pasto
Let the stewards make a strong effort now.
E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.
B. D. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. T. R. PIERCE, P. E. CAMERON DISTRICT .- FIRST ROUND. Rockdale sta, at Rockdale......3d Sun in March FRED L. ALLEN, P. E.

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MARSHALL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND Henderson cir, at Good Springs. March 15, 16 Henderson sta, at Henderson March 22, 23 T. P. SMITH, P. E. SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Sexton cir, at Myrtle Springs March 15, 16
Beckville cir, at Beckville March 22, 23
Hemphill mis, at Center View March 29, 30
Shelbyville cir, at Shelbyville April 5, 6

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Hempstead sta, at March 22, Independence sta, at C. H. Brooks, P. E. BEAUMONT DISTRICT.-FIRST ROUND. Sabine Pass mis, at Sabine Pass. March 15, 16
Liberty cir, at Liberty March 22, 23
Livingston cir, at Livingston March 29, 30
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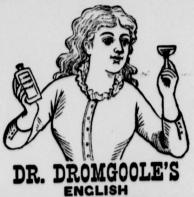
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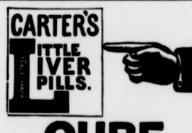
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Devotional.

A MEDITATION ON THE OLD YEAR AND . THE NEW.

REV. E. M. SWEET.

O speeding time, the shuttle vieing,

O span, for seed eternal sowing.

Thy handbreadth fiat holds undying
Of bliss or woe.

O wings of thine so subtly sealing
The boon or bane that marks thy going,
The recompense from all concealing
Of deathless row

O paradox, to all death sending. Yet gitts immortal in thy dying, From point to ever life expanding, For death is birth.

Wisdom divine is thy blest teaching, To me let moment mark thy flying, Finite to the infinite reaching-

Our schemes for joy are marred with weep-The well-built structures desolating

Schemes and architects soon will sleeping Lie 'neath the sod. Yet waiting thou, to catch our sighing, The life-load by life-lift abating, The respite's given for souls undying To look to God.

Yet waiting still our doubting, fearing, In aspirations heav nward mounting, The ensign beauteous uprearing

of duty's claims.

For hopes rebudding, as oft blighting,
The heart's mildew a host recounting,
Yet gracious light bowed souls inciting
To nobler aims.

For aching breast its foiled life scanning, Its restless being dire harassing,
Foraugust mind abject complaining
Of man's low lot.
O time, eternity unveiling,
Of freight of hours for our amassing.

That passions poignant, sins assailing, Be as if not.

Sufficient, thou, for cares thick bearing Miseries, o'er the dull heart dragging Their weary length, the life oft wearing Away in grief.

For soul in agony upheaving
'Twixt foes and woes like billows struggling,
To fly to Christ, the All-Receiving, For starting, halting, trembling, crying, Hope once full-mooned now far to waning.

Conquest's the crown of our denying Self's pound of flesh.

Time for the old, the young, renewing
The yow to wash out error's staining.

With purer purposes pursuing The truth atresh.

RELIGIOUS HYPO.

"I'm dreadfully discouraged; it seems useless for me to try to be a Christian."

The speaker was Kitty Thurston, a bright young lady of twenty-three. She was spending the afternoon with Mrs. Lunt, her pastor's wife. The latter was one of those sensible, motherly women who quickly attract the confidence of young people, and Kitty always enjoyed a quiet talk with her. Kitty had joined the church about six months before, and was very anxious to lead a high and exwas very anxious to lead a high and ex-emplary Christian life. Yesterday had been her birthday, and it was of this that

she had been speaking. In explanation of the words above quoted she added:
"Always on my birthday I take some time for quiet meditation and self-examination. I go all over the life of the past year, and try to get some idea of my present condition. I take a sort of inventory of my spiritual possessions, or as Dr. of my spiritual possessions, or as Dr. Smith would say, I make a diagnosis of my spiritual health. But it is dreadfully unsatisfactory. Yesterday, when I thought over my life, I just about decided that I had never been a Chistian at all. I am afraid I did wrong in joining the church six months ago. It is so wicked to pre-tend to feelings which one doesn't possess. I doubt if I have a spark of genuine love to God. All that I do is through fear, or hope of future reward, or a slavish sense of duty. I am selfish and cold and in-different."

"How often do you examine your heart in this way?" said Mrs. Lunt. "On every birthday and New Year, and

I mean to do it every communion Sunday besides. But, oh dear, I do it in such a

you?—for I suppose that is the applica-tion of you figure."
"Not exactly; but you should remem-

ber that a sick man can not cure himself by feeling his pulse."
"But the doctor generally feels it as one

means of finding out what is the matter with him," Kitty replied.
"True enough, but he should let the dector do it, and not try to do it himself," continued Mrs. Lunt. "Let the strongest and healthiest man in this village feel his pulse every two hours, carefully counting the beats each time, and with:n a fort-night he will be in the doctor's hands. It is just the same with spiritual life. If you are constantly feeling the pulse of

the soul, your religion will soon become unhealthy." "Why, then, is self-examination so of-ten recommended? Whenever I read the biography of noted Christians, I have noticed that they devoted a great deal of time to such exercises. It was so in the case of Thoms a Kempis and many others like him."

"I have often noticed the same thing myself. But do you not often feel, as you read their lives, that with all their piety their religious life was in a measure mor-bid and unhealthy? It lacked the manly vigor and elasticity that we see in such lives as that of St. Paul. The longer I live, Kitty, the more deeply I am convinced that too much self examination is a mistake. You won't find much about it in the New Testament. It is an idea de-rived chiefly from the monks of the Mid-dle Ages. If those men, instead of shutting themselves up to quiet and selfish meditat on, had come out and tried to help their fellow-men, the church of Christ would have made much more rapid prog-ress than it did, and they would have developed a great deal healthier type of spirituality. The healthy man physically is the man who is never conscious that he



exercises. Whoever has put his case in the Master's hands should cease to trouble himself any more about it. His only care should be to do the work that comes to his hand. If your blood is sluggish and you feel dull and uncomfortable, you will not make yourself feel any better by sitting still and feeling your own pulse and thinking how miserable you are. No, you must rush out into God's sunlight, exercise in the open air, and occupy your mind with pleasant Christian conversation

and cheerful Christly companions.

'This, then, is my prescription for you,
Kitty: Think less of yourself, and more of others. Forget all your own coldness and unspirituality in searching for opportunity to do good. Don't look too far away, but begin with the bed-ridden old lady in your own block; visit her once in a while and cheer her up. And there are many other openings for kindness no farther away from you. Take this medicine in frequent doses, and the cure is certain."-Rev. George H. Hubbard, in New York Observer.

WE cannot walk in two ways at the same time. We cannot follow our own will and the will of God. We must choose the one or the other; we must deny God's will to follow our own, or we must deny self and self-will to follow the will of God.

Marriages.

TARVER-WILLIAMS—At the residence of the oride's father, on March 2, 1890, by Rev. W. F. Clark, Mr. L. C. Tarver and Miss Amanda Williams; all of Hunt county.

GRAHAM—DELANEY—At the Methodist Church at Peachtree, Jasper county, Feb. 16, 1890, by Rev. R. M. Stewart, Mr. Wm. Graham and Miss Mintie Delaney; all of Jasper county, Texas.

HARMON—PRUITT—At Vigo, Texas, Feb. 26, 1890, at 11 a. m., Mr. J. T. Harmon, of Kickapoo, and Miss Annie M. Pruitt, of Vigo; all of Concho county; Rev. L. G. Watkins officiating.

PHAR—FORREST—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Richmond, Fort Bend county, Texas, on Feb. 24. 1896, Mr. Farris Phar and Miss Nancy Ann Forrest, Rev. J. P. Childers officiating. EGGERT—FARREETT—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Richmond, Fort Bend county, Texas, on the evening of Feb. 26, 1800, Mr. A. J. Eggert and Miss M. M. Farreett, Rev. J. P. Childers officiating.

STIDHAM—MOORE—At the residence of the bride's father on Dec. 11, 1889, Mr. Geo. A. Stid-ham, of Denison, Texas, and Miss Mary C. Moore, of Leonard, Texas, Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating. McLaughlin-Lexus, Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating.
McLaughlin-Lexule-At the residence of the
bride's father, on Dec. 31, 1889, Mr. W. E. McLaughlin, of Childers county Texas, and Miss L.
B. Leslie, of Bailey, Texas, Rev. R. S. Gorsline
officiating.

SALTER—BLANKENSHIP—At the residence of the bride's father. Feb. 2.1800, Mr. J. G. Salter and Miss Ida Blankenship; all of Fannin county, Texas; Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating. SCHWEITMAN-STERRITT-At the residence of ihe bride's parents in Abilene. Texas, Feb. 12, 1890, by Rev. John A. Wallace. Mr. F. W. Schweitman, of Lincoln. Benton county, Missouri, and Rebecca J. Sterritt, of Abilene.

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WAIE-GRAY—At the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 13, 1889, Mr. George Wair and Miss Mattle Gray; all of Leonard, Texas; Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating.

SCOTT—HAILEY—At the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 24, 1889, Mr. Thomas M. Scott, of Leonard, Texas, and Miss Minnie Hailey, of Bailey, Texas, Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating.

ELLIS-McNATT-At the residence of the bride, Feb. 20, 1890, Mr. J. W. Ellis and Mrs. M. C. Mc-Natt; all of Kingston, Texas; Rev. R. S. Gorsline officiating.

PARK—FUGITT—At the residence of the bride's father, March 2, 1890, by Rev. R. 8. Gorsline, Dr. J. F. Park, of Leonard, Texas, and Miss Roxie Fugitt, of Hickory Creek, Texas. SNYDER-LAUDERDALE-On March 4, 1890, at Sommerville, Burleson county, Texas, at the home of the bride's mother, by Rev. John R. Dunn, Mr. F. F. Snyder and Mrs. Lilly C. Lauder-

Obituaries.

REV. WILLIAM VAIL.

I mean to do it every communion Sunday besides. But, oh dear, I do it in such a formal manner. It is a task. I don't love to do it as I ought, and it seems to do me no good at all. Now you know I want to be a real Christain. Can't you help me?"

The pastor's wife smiled kindly, and replied: "I'll gladly be your doctor, if you will do just what I tell you. The fact is you have a bad case of religious hypo."

"Religious hypo! What is that?" incorrupted Kitty.

"Have you never heard any one speak of having the 'hypo?" It is a short word which many people use for hypochrondria. A person is said to have the hypo when he is depressed in spirits, and watches morbidly forsymptoms of disease."

"But you wouldn't advise me to be careless about my spiriual health would you?—for I suppose that is the applica-

PRIDE.—Miss Nettie Pride departed this life at Sonora, Texas, January 31, 1890. Four days before her death I saw her, it being the day! closed a protracted meeting at Sonora. She was taken sick during the meeting. Before she was confined to her bed she attended the meeting and gave her hand for prayers, and before she died she made peace with tood, and after she became unconscious she said that Bro. Allen, Sister Carlton and myself carried her to the church and she joined the church.

Cox.—Walter Cox, son of Bro. and Sister John Cox, was born at Pleasant Ridge, in Leon county, and died in Alvin, Feb. 19, 1890. He first professed religion at thirteen years for one year he was out of the church. But since last August he has been a consistent the for eleven years. For one year he was out of the church. But since last August he has been a consistent thristian. Just before he died he said to his mother that he had rather live longer to do good in the world, but that he was ready to obey the summons. He died as only the righteous die. Friends, weep not for Walter! He lives in heaven.

W. R CAMPBELL.

Cox.—Whereas, God, in his infinite power, has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, Walter H. Cox; therefore, be it

spirituality. The healthy man physically is the man who is never conscious that he has a stomach or nerves or a liver; or, in fact, that he has a body at all. Whoever becomes conscious of his health by that fact proves that it is ill-health. Not less truly the healthy Christian is he who is scarcely conscious that he has a soul, so earnest is he in seeking to heal the wounds of others.

"The eyes of every disciple should be turned outward, not inward. Salvation is had by faith in Christ, not by religious had by faith, not by religious had by faith, not by religious had by faith in Christ, not by the heat INDEPENDENCE TEXAS, March 4.

Mabry.—Lorenzo Dow, the infant son of Bro. A. L. and Sister M. A. Mabry, born July 8, 1888; died February 2, 1890. Little Lorenzo Dow was a bright child, sweet, pensive eye, and so gentle and loving, the flower of the family. O, how we miss his sweet words and smiles, but Dow is gone to be with little brother over on the bright shore. Grandma and the other relatives and Jesus will take care of them till papa and mamma and the rest of the family get there. Jesus said: "suffer the little ones to come unto me," and I take these little lambs, said the, and lay them in my breast. The little brothers are waiting and watching for you over there. Be faithful, father and mother, you will meet the angel babes again.

Middleton,—D. C. Middleton was born in Ten-

Middleton,—D. C. Middleton was born in Tennessee in 18i9; professed religion when eighteen years of age, in his native state; moved to Texas in 15-6, and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which church he lived until his death, which took place in Shelby county, Texas, Oct., 1889. Bro. Middleton was a matured Christlan, exemplary, diligent and useful in all the relations of life. He bore his troubles and afficients patiently and without murmaring; for the consolation of religion supported him. In his case patience had its perfect work. Peacefully and triumphantly he went down into the valley of the shadow of death, and crossed the dark river, leaving a kind wife and children, with an aged sister, to mourn his loss. May the Lord bless and sustain his deeply bereaved family.

J. D. Burke.

PRATT.—Mary J. Pratt was born April 26, 1835, and died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Ewing, near Bluff Springs camp-ground, Ellis county, Texas, Feb. 26, 1890. She was the wife of Wm. I. Pratt, who fell asleep in Jesus three years ago. Sister Pratt was loved by all who knew herearnest, devoted, consecrated and faithful. She professed religion and joined the church when a little girl and held out faithful to the end. For the last two years of her life she passed through sore afflictions, but she bore them patiently, knowing that the sufferings she was called to pass through here were not worthy to be compared with the glory that should be revealed when she came in possession of the house not made by hands. She said among her last words: "I am ready."

LANCASTER, TEXAS.

Foster.—William Josiah Foster, son of Josiah W. and Mary A. C. Foster, was born in Neshaba county, Mississippi, Jan. 9, 1864. His parents came to Texas in 1866, and lived in several different counties. William J. finally settled near Osage, Coryell county, where he lived eleven years—till the time of his death. He was a quiet, moral young man, and on Nov. 5, 1886, he was narried to Martha Ann Adams. This was a happy union. On Aug. 15, 1888, he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, and ever lived in accordance with his profession. On Dec. 30, 1889, his team ran away and threw him from the wagon, producing serious internal injuries, from which he died at 9 a. m. Dec. 31, 1889. His notice of death was short, but he was ready. Thus, with the close of the year, came the close of his life, and the beginning of a new life to him in "the home over there." He leaves a wife and child to mourn his absence. W. B. McKeows.

child to mourn his absence. W. B. McKeown.

Daniels — Mrs. Jennie Daniels died at her home in Houston, Texas, Feb. 3, 1890, aged forty-two years. She has lived in Houston since early childhood. Many friends and loved ones are left behind to mourn her loss. Her calm, sweet disposition endeared her to all. She was a consistent member of the church, and to the last held on to Jesus with an unwavering faith. Through weary months of affletion she was patient and resigned. It was the writer's privilege to minister the gospel of consolation to this afflicted child of God. How delighted she was to listen to the precious words of our Lord, and then to unite with the pastor and loved ones in prayer to Him whom she loved and trusted. No wonder she bore up so bravely to the last. Her end was peace. Her lonely husband, her sorrowing brothers and sisters and aged Christian mother and two bright, religious daughters, have our sympathy and prayers. They are comforted by these words: "She is not dead, but sleepeth."

J. E. 6.

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DEW.—Mrs. Susan North Dew was born in Madison county, Texas, February 20, 1840, and 6 o'clock a. m. Sister Dew was a daughter of Col. Sanders, of Mississippi; afterwards of Lavas-a was married to Thomas Tristman Dew, March 21, 866, who, with seven children, mourn her loss. Her disease was consumption. Sister Dew was provented at a camp-meeting conducted by Rev. T. S. Armstrong, during last year and joined the M. E. Church, South. Herdeath was traumphant. When she learned that her end was near she called for her family and friends to gather called for her family and friends to gather around her and told them she was going to heaven; that she could not come back to them, but they could come to her, and urged them to prepare to do so. Death had been robbed of its terrors to her, and she was not distressed nor excites when told that her end was near. How it strengthens the Christian's faith to witness such triumph over death. May God comfort and bless the bereaved ones and help them to comply with the bereaved ones and help them to comply wi her last request. T. C. DEPEW, P. C.

COKER.—James Drew Coker, son of Bro. Neill B, and Sister Judith Coker, was born in Bexar county, Texas, on the Salado, Feb 1t, 1876, and died in san Antonio on the evening of Feb. I. 1890. A young life of lifteen summers is no more on a positive state of lifteen summers is no more on a positive state of lifteen summers.

BOERNE, TEXAS.

ABBOTT.—Edward R., son of Haskell S. and Eliza E. Abbott, was born in Callahan county. Texas, Sept. 13, 1887, and died in Dubins, Eraticounty, Feb. 21, 1890, two years, five months and eight days old. Dear little Edward was a promising child, possessing many features of loveliness, innocence and purity. His embryotic intelligence was noted by all who knew him. Being next to the youngest child, by his beautiful countenance, bewitching smiles and pratiting tongue, ingratiated himself into the highest regards of many who appreciate childhood. He was deeply afflicted for nearly three weeks. Every needful effort was made to save him from death; but God, in his infinite wisdom, called his redeemed spirit home. His parents, with Christian fortitude, surrendered their earthly claim. It is human to weep as they do, but thank God they rejoice in hope of the "better land," where death can never come. Having formed an intimate acquaintance with the little angel, and having loved him much, I extend to the bereaved my heart-felt sympathy, hoping by and by to meet little Eddic again.

DUBLIN, TEXAS.

seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, Walter H. Cox; therefore, be it Resolved, first—That we, as a Sunday school, deeply deplore his loss as a secretary and pupil of the same, and as a devoted brother in the church, and that we will increase our efforts to meet him above.

Resolved, second—That we, as a Sunday-school, tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and pray God to pour the balm of consolvent on the good of our Sunday-school.

ROBT, SHIRLEY,

MRS, BETTE PARKER,

Committee on Resolutions.

MOON.—James Moon was born in Lowndes county, Ala., November 26, 1871; moved to Texas in 1886, and joined the M. E. Church, South, July, 1887, and died February 24, 1890. His death was caused from a hurt which caused intense suffering for several weeks, which he bore with patience. When interrogated as to his condition, he replied: "I am not afraid to die; to live in four years. His father was a pious, vodiy man. He left a widowed mother and four little children that was dependent on him for pecuniary patience. When interrogated as to his condition, he replied: "I am not afraid to die; to live in four years. His father was a pious, vodiy man. He left awdowed mother and four little children.

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As to the great virtues of "Swayne's Cintment," to are permitted to refer to the Publishers of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

SALMS.—Thomas Monroe Salms was born near Rockwall, Hill county, Texas, Aug. 7, 1879, and departed this life at Hillsbore, Hill county, Texas, and though suffering with great agony of pain, his sickness seemed to bring great pleasure to him. He was sick four days, and during his sickness he did not sleep at any time that could his mother he had been to sleep, and in his sleep had seen a cottonwool tree, very high, and its limbs were very great, and on each limb a street, mamma—the prettiest I ever saw; and I saw walking the streets a large host of children, some of whom he named—nis little brother. Johnny, who preceded him a few months to the grave and others whose names he called. Monroe seemed to rejoice to think of his dream. Be told his ma that he haded to die, but had to die; and thus, with many hopeful words left from his last days of his Christian life. Three years and thus, with many hopeful words left from his last days of his Christian life. Three years so he had a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered. The writer was his pastor that his weary soul in seas of heavenly rest. We only say to the bereaved to weep not, but look to Him who is able to save to the very uttermost all that believe. Then have faith! He will no more one to you, but you can go to him.

H. E. Grimes.

Brandon, Texas.

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FIELDS.—Mrs. L. P. Fields (nee Beal) was born April 22, 1847, in Washington county, Ky., and died at her home in Decatur, Texas, February Js. 1890. She was married to H. H. Fields a nephew of Rev. J. W. Fields) January 15, 1887; was converted in her fourteenth year, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she remained an acceptable member until her death. Her house was the home of the weary itinerant minister of the gospel, and it was her delight to entertain them at all times. She was a faithful Christian, a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a good neighbor. She was the mother of eleven children, three of whom have preceded her to the heavenly world. Her husband and eight children miss her cheerful voice and sweet smile, and feel so lonely without her when they meet around the once happy fireside; but the vacancy made by her removal God alone can fill, and he alone can comfort the sorrowing ones here and restore the broken circle in the better lauth bereafter. sorrowing ones here and restore the broken circle in the better land bereafter.

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Miles.—A. B. Miles was born in Baldwin county, Georgia, March 10, 1809; moved to Pike county, Alabama, in 1825; wedded Miss Nancy Locke in February, 1845; came to Texas, December, 1866; spent a little more than a year in the vicinity of San Antonio; settled at Masterville, McLeonan county, in February, 1868; departed this life Feb. 14, 1890, aged eighty years eleven months and four days. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end"—latter time—future—for that man is peace." Bro. Miles' life and death were a beautiful illustration of the teachings of these words of the psalmist. He professed religion in October, 1841, and united with the Methodist Church, and "adorned the doctrine of Christ'iill the day of his death. His honor was untarnished, his record above repreach. He was just and liberal in his dealings with his fellows; a kind and loving husband and father; a happy, useful Christian. One of his neighbors said to the writer at the close of the funeral sermon: "Such was Bro. Miles' influence over me that he has been more helpful to me than the preachers." Our brother's departure from the world was triumphant and glorious. I stood by his bedside and heard him say: "diory to God's Thank God for religion! I'm so happy!" With one breath he said: "I'm so happy!" With one breath he said: "I'm so happy!" One of his last utterances was: Glory hallelujah! "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end"—future—"be like his." E. F. Boons.



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Zexas Incidents.

It appears that the courts of the country have been tining firms for importing labor against the law, and then for a mere pittance and costs have been remitting the fines. Wilke, the Texas Capital contractor, got left out somehow in the remitting deal, and he now petitions Congress for mercy. But the laboring people are sending in petitions "fornenst" it.

The court house of Coke county has been destroyed by fire. All records except the judgment records were lost. The Grand Army of the Republic met

in San Antonio, and will meet next year in Dallas.

On March 5, at Navajoe, A. L. Howard, County Assessor, was shot and killed by one Geo. Gordon. Gordon had slapped Howard's son a short time back and a quarrel between the two took place them. Gordon fired four shots, all taking effect— three in the breast and one through the head. Both men were from Hamilton county, this State.

The Cotton Belt brought to Waco from Kingston, N. C., and its vicinity, forty-five aborers—seventeen girls for the woolen mills and twenty-eight farm laborers— in families, all of whom had work guaranteed before they came. They were induced to come by an agent sent by C. C. Dennis, the Cotton Belt ticket agent at Waco. Mr. Dennis has another agent now in Georgia to bring more operatives from the cotton mills of that State for the woolen mills at Waco.

But as an example it is encouraging. woolen mills at Waco.

There is a world of people gathering at Fort Worth to the Cattlemen's Conven-

Vernon is to have waterworks and electric lights. Her new street car line has been put in operation.

The survey of the ground plan has been completed for extensive new shops of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe at El Paso.

Five Dallas young men of venturesome mettle embark for Galveston by way of the Trinity, their craft being a piatform mounted on two rowboats. At Galveston they expect to take a steamer for Brazil.

Superintendent Cooper has received a letter from prominent citizens of Tyler, who pay lots of school taxes, indignantly protesting against the action of the school trustees of their town. The trustees are reported to have met in Sam Jones' tabernacle and declared a school holiday until

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the Jones meeting is over, in order that the children should attend the services. It is also stated that the teachers, when the school children assembled that morning or subsequently, marched them up in children assembled that morning or subsequently, marched them up in the tabernacle and gave them choice to go in or go home. The action of the trustees and teachers is severely criticised in these letters, and Mr. Cooper is asked to take official cognizance of what is believed to be a violation of the laws of Texas, which prohibits sectarian control of public schools.

Meredian item: The farmers had noticed an insect preying on their wheat which in some places had killed it and in others made it look drooping and unhealthy. This bug seemed to be something new, and was so small as to be scarcely visible to the unassisted eye.

While the Sheriff was taking John Ambrose, a negro charged with assault upon a young lady, into court, at Tyler, the lady's brother, Frank Perry, shot the negro five times, killing him.

Miss Rose Frantz, a young lady of Mc
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When portions of the wheat were examined under the microscope millions of these insects were found to infest not only the portions that showed their presence by its appearance, but wheat that ap-peared perfectly healthy was found to be covered with them. Much uneasiness ex-isted among the wheat raisers. The freeze has completely destroyed these insects.

The governor has a letter from Major Joe Sayers advising him of his success in securing recognition of a Texas claim of \$148,000, balance on the State's claim for expenditures for frontier protection.

Corsicana, March 10.—The largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Corsicana was that of to-night. Its object was a connection with the International via Fairfield by railway, and also the erection of a cotton seed oil mill. The former project was ably expounded by leading citizens and the latter by Mr. Leder, of New York.

Toward the railway scheme upward of \$70,000 was raised on the spot. Committees were appointed to push subscriptions and further the enterprise. A joint committee of capitalists and farmers was also appointed to push the oil mill project.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. at Waco is as follows for the year: Statistical report for the year ending February 28, 1890: Attendance at evening prayers, 1447; attendance at morning prayers, 710; attendance at young men's gospel meetings, 2937, average 59; attendance at Bible attendance at young men's gospel meetings, 2937, average 59; attendance at Bible training class, 492, average 11; attendance at boys' meetings, 598, average 11; attendance at special religious meetings, 1265, average 32; request for prayers, 146; papers distributed at poorhouse, 1450; papers distributed at county jail, 4275; other papers distributed, 2330; religious services held at poorhouse, 47; visitations to sick young men, 160; watchers furnished sick young men, 89; attendance at lectures, 250; attendance at entertainments, 1720; number baths taken by members, 1515; letters written, stationery furnished free, 621; boarding-houses found for 8, young men assisted, 37; attendance at committee meetings, 212; attendance at Tuesday Bible class, 31, average 8; attendance at music class, 174; young men prepared for general secretaryship, 1; estimated attendance at bar room meeting, 300; amount expended for relief of young men, 475; attendance at reading rooms, 14,213; total attendance at reading rooms, 20,992; daily average attendance, 58; number associates joined church, 5; number active members, 170; number associate members, 170; number associate members, 170; number associate members, 111; membership of boys' branch, 26; membership of ladies' auxiliary, 37; subscribers, 82; total number connected with work, 426.

The recent heavy rains, freezes, sleets, etc., have done considerable damage in

The recent heavy rains, freezes, sleets, The recent heavy rains, freezes, sleets, etc., have done considerable damage in many parts of the State. Wherever corn and cane had been planted, the chances are that it is a loss; early fruit has been killed in many places; all early vegetables suffered; in many instances, fall oats were killed.

Mr. Stewart has introduced a bill in Mr. Stewart has introduced a bill in Congress to establish an agricultural experimental station in Texas under the direction of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, for the purpose of research and verifying experiments in regard to the cultivation and growth of anything out of which sugar can be made. This movement is also being agitated by the Sugar Men's Association of Texas.

A project is on foot to build a railroad from Cisco to a point in Clay or Wichita county, connecting the Houston and Texas Central with the Fort Worth and Denver and passing through the coal and mineral fields of Eastland, Stephens and

Young counties. Corsicana is reaching out for a new rail road to the southeast.

The total receip's of the Dallas post-office for stamps during February were \$6535.68, an increase of 23 per cent over February, 1889.

Denison has begun work on the excavation for her huge cotton mill. The Dallas city council unanimously

adopts the eight hour law for all city work. Weatherford hopes soon to be promoted from a third-class to second-class postoffice.

Jefferson expects to be smelting iron ore in a few days. Oklahoma seriously objects to the proposition to colonize the negroes in her fair

territory. John R. Lynch, the colored Mississippi politician, says there is little or no anti-

pathy between the races and that what the negro most needs is education. Pilot Point, in a small way, solves the road question: the town furnishes \$1000 and the county \$1000 to put roads leading to the town in good condition. The only defect is in the fact that the town's part was, perhaps, only about one-third what it should have been in view of the relative

The Peace of Europe.

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Casualties of the Week.

Mr. Lyster, who lives six miles from Sulphur Springs in the country, was pouring some melted Babbit metal around the tombstone at the head of Uncle Tommy Gafford's grave, the upright piece having become loose in the pedestal. Suddenly there was an explosion sounding like the report of a gun, and the melted metal was thrown in Mr. Lyster's face and over his body. His eyes were glued together.
He was taken to town for medical aid.
The doctor put cocaine in his eyes and removed the cold metal. The under surface of the upper lids had a lining of the principal office,

Miss Rose Frantz, a young lady of Mc-Gregor, Texas, attempted suicide by shoot-ing herself. The ball entered her right breast, and lodged in the right shoulder. The wound, it is thought, is not fatal. If your blood is disordered, cleanse it without delay by the use of Laxador, the famous blood purifier. Druggists recommend it. Price 25 cents.

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Taxable Values.

(From the Dallas News.) A study of the recent report of Comptroller McCall shows the increase in the taxable values of thirty-one counties having a total assessment of over \$10,000,000 each, from 1879 to 1888, and is as follows:

COUNTIES.	1888.	1879.	Increase.
Bell		\$3,895,670	\$6,114,403
Bexar		9.962,878	9,896,801
Collin	. 9,854,550	5,207,835	4,646,715
Colorado		2.812.590	3,996,856
Cooke	6,494.715	2,497,859	2,452,180
Dallas	. 26,856,750	8,639,386	18,217,420
Denton		3,336,478	3,075,562
Ellis	. 12.076.649	4,110,935	7,965,714
El Paso		541,641	9,851,379
Falls	5,951,137	3,173,485	2,777,652
Fannin		3,897,587	5,335,898
rayette		5,191,354	2,731,494
Galveston		16,763,473	3,060,607
Grayson		7,014.724	6,482,766
Harris		9,182,406	4,486,154
Hill	7.363,370	3,122,750	4,210,620
Houston	7,885,507	2,220,614	5,659.913
Johnson		3,225,143	3,000 511
Kaufman		3,113,798	3,969,161
Lamar	. 9,865,526	4,475,594	4,889,932
Limestone		2,999 031	2,617,349
McLennan	. 15.197,522	6,721,677	8,475,815
Milam		2,623,240	2,745.561
Navarro		5,093,715	4,534,535
Nueces		3,347,179	2,927,935
Parker	5,335,631	2,523,946	2,811.685
Smith	5,617,012	3,131,833	2,485,209
Tarrant	12,516,021	5,014,140	7,501,881
Tom Green		1,144,092	5,017.979
Travis	13,507,990	9,833,322	4,174,668
Williamson	9,217,417	4,065,068	5,152,349

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The appended figures, extracted from the same report, show that from 1871 to 1889 (the last assessment) the total tax-able values in the State increased the

enormous at	nount of \$506,671,49	11:
Year.	Total Assessment.	Increase.
1871	\$222,501,073	
1872	208,508,372	
1873	228,410,920	\$14,902,548
1874	244,510,953	21,100,033
1875	249,275,979	4,765,026
1876		7,428,310
1877		62,669,032
1578	303,202,424	*********
1879		
1880	311,470 736	********
1881	357,000,000	37,626,779
1882		62,925,476
1883		107,611,914
1884		76,533,527
1885		17,951,072
1886		9,579,040
1887		19,821,372
1888		30,672,503
1889		48,090,660

Total increase since 1871 \$506,671,491 GROWTH OF THE CITIES.

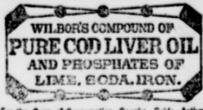
The following table shows the popula-tion of the Texas cities named in 1880, according to the United States census re-ports, and also in 1890, according to esti-mates furnished by the mayors of most of them, in responses to a request on the part of the paper named. The comparisons are made only of places having a population

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ence to the table:			
Cities.	1890.	1880.	Increase.
Austin	27.093	11,013	16,080
Brenham	7,005	4,101	2,899
Brownsville	5,500	4,938	562
Dallas	61,855	10,358	51,497
Denison	12,614	3,975	8,639
	33,000	6,663	26,337
	51.413	22,248	29,195
Houston		16,513	26,197
Marshall	9,000	5,624	3,376
	55,000	20,550	34,450
	15,000	6,093	8,307
Waco	28,000	7,295	20,705
Total	18,015	119,371	228,844

The appended tabular statement, procured from official sources, shows the total assessment, the total debt and the total municipal tax on the \$100 in the cities named below for 1889-90:

Cities. ment, Debt.

\$2,000,000
20,000,000
16,000,000
16,000,000
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2,600,000
22,600,000
229,000
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Norg.—Inquiries were sent to the mayors of Austin and Denison for a statement of assessment, debt and rate of taxation, but up to the present writing no response has been received, and consequently these cities have to be omitted from the table.

Obituary-Texas.

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The son of J. P. Douglas, at Tyler. T. M. Ellis, at Lancaster. Mrs. Leah. M. Stewart, at McKinney. Miss Angia Shields, at Van Alstyne. Mr. Geo. A. Murphy, at Gainesville. C. C. Bates, at Claude. Edwin Cowles, at Cleveland. T. J. Fisher, at Wolfe City. C. Villemere, died at Weatherford. Carl Frank, at McGregor. A. Ricketts, at Sherman. The infant of J. H. Rogers, at Cisco. Prof. Cox, near Kemp. Mrs. M. E. Scarborough, at Marshall. Mrs. G. C. Williams, at Tyler. W. C. Croslin, late of Lamar county, at Rice. Mrs. Tom Smith, near Gainesville. A. H. R. Bryant, at Pilot Point. Henry W. Norton, at Gainesville. Henry R. Roddy, at Waco. Annie Rachel Cooper, at Waco.

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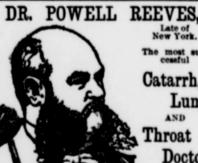
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Increase in Assets, \$10,319,174 46 81.717.184 81 Receipts,
Increase during year,
Paid Policy-Holders,
Increase during year, \$31,119,019 62 \$15,200,608 38 8473,058 16 Risks assumed, . . . Increase during year, . 648,388,222 05 8565,949,933 92 Increase during year, 182.310 23,941 Policies written in 1889. 11,971 THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS: Real Estate and Bond & Mortgage Loans, . . . 869,361,913 13 United States Bonds and other Securities. . 850,323,469 81 Loans on Collateral Securities, . . \$9,845,500 00 \$2,988,632 79

\$136,401,328 O2 Liabilities (including Reserve at 4 per cent), . . \$126,744,079 58

Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest,

103,214,261

151,602,483.

WILLIAM G. DAVIES, Solicitor.

1889...

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor. From the Surplus above stated a dividend will be apportioned as usual. Risks Outstanding Assumed \$34,681,420 \$351,789,285 ..\$103,876,178 51 \$4,743,771 5,012,634 5,643,568 ... 108,908,967 51 1886. 56.832,719 393,869,203 114,181,963 24 427,628,933 ... 118,806,851 88 6,294,442

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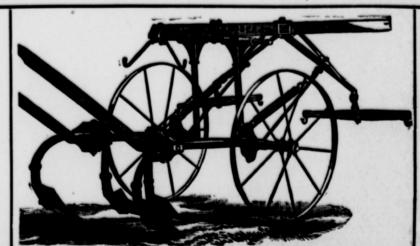
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