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BETTER SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

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

TO MAKE the fund connectional would necessitate the creation of a Parent Board, thus the Conference Board of Finance becomes a figurehead in the management and disbursement of the fund, or a committee merely to gather information and make suggestions. Their advice would be uniformly taken by the Parent Board if said Parent Board was possessed of common sense. But suppose the General Conference selects a Parent Board devoid of common sense—a very easy thing to do. Then the Conference Board of Finance locally will be held responsible for the mismanagement of the Parent Board. "Confusion worse confounded." If the Conference Board of Finance is not appointed to gather information to enlighten the dense ignorance of the figurehead Parent Board, where is light to come from? It will not do for the Parent Board to expect reliable statements of preachers where these statements are not written, these written statements are not forthcoming? What about their average reliability? Frequently the Board of Finance, on the ground, can not gather such reliable statements, depending upon other sources of information. However, the Board of Finance, on the ground, is more likely to know its business, and better able to attend to it. The Parent Board would not, could not, know its business. Something goes wrong. The Finance Board throws the responsibility upon the Parent Board, and the Parent Board throws it back upon the Finance Board. A pro rata disbursement of this connectional fund could not be made by the Parent Board until the last conference had made its report, (Baltimore, March), and the poor claimants (orphans and widows) shivering through the winter waiting for clothes and food—wondering what was to be done. And then getting the money back to them from Nashville, with all their changes of postage! Don't you see, dear Brother "Laymen," that the Lord (who is a father to the orphan and a husband to the widow) would have to interfere (at least with thunder, if not lightning) to disperse the figurehead boards, and be compelled to send the ravens with bread and meat for these poor claimants? We might go on further and say, too much connectionalism, too much centralization, too much red tape, and money passing through the hands and absence of simplicity and common sense methods of business. We already have a surplus of boards, societies, machinery.

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It is a source of common regret to the whole church that the amount raised for the conference claimants' fund is so small—not a moiety of what it should be. The way this fund is now managed, if the conference be small, poor, and its claimants numerous, the burden is either heavy or the fund is small. In a large conference be large, rich, and its claimants few, the burden is light.

By having a Parent Board to provide for the claimants, this fund would receive better attention, be managed with more system. The burden would be shared alike by the whole church, and all claimants would receive a proportionate amount. The church is a unit, and these claimants belong to the whole church; therefore, should be provided for out of a common fund of the church. The home claimants and foreign missionary claimants should stand on an equal footing and be provided for out of this fund.

If this method should be objected to on the ground that it would tend to entangle and complicate, the answer is easy: It could not possibly be more complicated than it now is. That part of this fund derived from bequests and the Publishing House, has been distributed among the conferences, then added to that of the several conferences. So, instead of complicating, it would simplify the management of this fund to have a Parent Board.

To have it provided for in this way would encourage the formation of societies to raise funds, also bequests, and, perchance, an endowment. It would also be another bond of unity for the church.

Let us have a Parent Board for this fund.

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I do not think we need such a board, and for the following reasons:

1. Whatever may be said by the constitutional objectors to the contrary, we are doing well—better, perhaps, than any other church in the United States for the worn-out preachers and the widows and orphan children of those who have died in the work. If there be a failure, it can not be legitimately charged to the plan we have for raising this money, but to the operators of that plan. A good rule is, to let well enough alone.

2. It would create the demand for a salaried officer or agent to receive, take care of and disburse the fund to the several annual conferences. This would deduct a per cent. from the amount raised. Besides the exchange, both ways, would have to be paid out of the amount raised; and this would be no inconsiderable sum.

3. The concentration of so much power and influence at one place, and in a few men, is to my mind of doubtful propriety. Aside from the episcopacy (and that is a peculiarity), the policy of our church tends to diffusion of influence, and not concentration. The latter is dangerous in church or State.

A general board would separate the preachers who are to raise the money from their brothers and sisters who are to receive it, and, by so much, impair their sympathy for them, and consequently their zeal and energy in raising this collection. I think that, for these and other reasons, we would better hold to our present plan, and not invariable to the reasons suggested for the change, nor an

I wedded to the old, simply because it is old. J. FRED. COX.

I AM not prepared now to discuss the question of a Parent Board or connectional fund. I think it will require a careful study of these questions, and no little research and comparing of facts and figures to reach an intelligent conclusion upon these points.

One's personal opinion, from his point of view, is a very small contribution toward the satisfactory solution of such questions.

For myself, and for the present, I prefer the old plan of providing for our conference claimants by collections in each annual conference, supplemented by such aid as may arise from any surplus from the Publishing House, over and above the needs of its ever-expanding business. The conference collection is growing in favor with our people, and many conferences have organized aid boards and such like helps to increase this fund.

Our church has only recently reached a point of success in her publishing enterprise where she could afford to declare a dividend in favor of these battle-worn heroes whose labors have helped to bring her to this point. And now that a gleam of hope begins to dispel the gloom of these scantily supplied veterans, to many wise and worthy ones, mostly well-to-do of the world, only against the need of a more and worthy use of this fund. I have no patience with the burlesques of brethren on this subject. Every brother has a right to his judgment in this matter, but there is no propriety in ridiculing a point that cannot be met by argument.

The absurdity of likening this legitimate method of furnishing the millions of our people with religious literature to a shoe factory or a soap factory as a source of revenue to the church, is palpable and pitiable.

The church must feed her millions from the same well as from the pulpit. With this design alone she engages in publishing; and if, in doing this work upon a safe business margin of profits, a surplus results beyond the needs of an ever-growing business, our fathers have said it should be devoted to the most worthy and needed end of helping the aged and dependent ministers and their families.

There are, as far as I know, but two reasons given for changing this order of things. First, it is said we should cheapen our literature to a point that will leave no surplus. And why? Who buys nearly all our literature? Mostly people well-to-do, and people very many of whom need to be taught that religious publications are as well worth their cost as other publications are. Our people do not need to be paraded with the idea that they should be allowed to purchase religious literature very cheap because it is religious. Then while our thirty people are getting their literature a trifle cheaper, our superannuates and their dependents must be pinched and denied, and their last days of lingering amongst us, in pain and weakness, be clouded and saddened by the sight of the needy and dependent ones respecting those they will soon leave behind them.

The other reason offered for this change is, that supplementing the support of these noble dependents by the Publishing House profits will lessen the interest of the church in the behavior of the board. It is difficult to know just how to take this reason; it reflects on both the intelligence and piety of the church; and then it is contrary to the facts in the case. Where the ability exists, there is generally more disposition to aid in that which promises success than in that which is most likely to prove a failure. The average Christian is stimulated to greater effort to reach a desired end by such assistance as gives good hope that his efforts will not be in vain.

This view is sustained by the facts, as seen in the only experiment we have of the matter. The M. E. Church distributes one hundred thousand dollars to her conference claimants, and we are assured that the contributions of the people have increased as the dividends from the book concern have grown. And just as I have said above, "it seems as if the people were encouraged by these dividends to believe that they could, by liberal contributions, secure to the old heroes something like a comfortable life, and that they have determined to do it."

There is some religious pride among our people yet, and, better than that, there is gratitude and love for brethren and their children. And these generous feelings will be only quickened to strive the more to do the honorable and right thing toward our conference claimants by such help from the Publishing House, from conference aid boards, and the like, as will give them assurance that the church will write out the disgrace of working faithful servants to the last point of strength and health on a bare living and then leaving them to linger out their last days in want of the common comforts of life.

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My answer is, that each conference should provide for its own claimants, and to this end there should be appointed a special board. My reasons are: 1st. Because the people will the more willingly and cheerfully contribute to the support of those with whom they are acquainted, and who have worn themselves out in the work of the ministry among them, rather than they would to strangers in other conferences. 2d. Because we have so many connectional boards at the present time as we can well manage.

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The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is a conservative body; it moves slowly and cautiously on the line of change. This is commendable—a guarantee of safety. But when a law has been tested and found to be defective, it is the part of wisdom to abolish it, or at least to so change its features as to remedy its defects.

This is eminently true of a law which, in its broad sweep, touches at so many points, and that affects the interests of so many worthy persons—persons whose relations to the church and the conferences are such as to involve a sacred delicacy and a profound sympathy. Does the present law, made and provided, measure up to the demands of justice and equity? Is it what it should be, both as to methods of raising funds and the distribution of the same? We think not, and will proceed to give our suffrage in favor of the change indicated—of the present law for something more definite, equitable, and worthy of a great church.

The present law has never given general satisfaction.

Discipline, page 77, paragraph 164: In fifteen lines the whole method is contained—the assessment, collection and disbursement. "The superannuated preachers, the widows and the orphans of deceased members of the several conferences, according to their (members of the board) best judgment of their several necessities." "Necessities" is the hinge—the only hinge—upon which the benefactions of the church, in the judgment of the board, turns.

There is no law in earth or heaven, of which I now think, whose merit, time and character of service are wholly ignored in the awards of justice and munificence. The most needy are not always the most worthy. As a rule, the reverse of this is true, when applied to society generally; and the present ministry may not be an exception to it.

Some preachers and their families are less thrifty, economical, industrious and saving than are others. They spend all they get, and would spend much more if they had it to spend. Some of these habits are in debt beyond their means, and when they die they leave debts amounting over their families. The preacher's career may have been short, and not specially noted for usefulness; but, as a claimant, it stands for half a generation in the front rank under the present law—as necessary as the life of another class of preachers are careful, frugal, and by home industry and close living manage so as to lay up a little means for emergencies—sickness, old age, or, in case of death, to leave something to the family to save them from immediate suffering. Is this a virtue, or is it a vice? 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HOME CONFERENCES.

Georgetown District.

Horace Bishop, P. E.: The preachers in Georgetown district are all at their posts. The Marble Falls preacher, Bro. Lane, has had much affliction, but is now at work, and is already attempting a new church at the Falls.

Davy Crockett is all right in a new thousand dollar parsonage at Burnett station. Everybody pleased.

R. H. Simpson has made his parsonage comfortable and is fast finishing a new and handsome church at Bertram.

Uncle Mack took fast hold on Liberty Hill and Leander station until the grippe took fast hold on him. He will soon be well and at his old post again. His appointment was right. J. F. Sherman is doing well on West Georgetown.

Three societies organized since conference. Uncle Sam Morris fits exactly to his work. I believe he always fits. He calls mourners and opens church doors every time, consequently he reported several conversions at his first quarterly conference. I go to-morrow to his second, and expect good things.

C. S. Field has just finished a beautiful new church. He got two weak societies (Rice Crossing and Walnut Springs) to meet on half way ground and build. God has blessed the effort wonderfully. He bought a parsonage last year, and another this. His charge is in good condition.

Taylor station is growing. Bro. Tunnell got there direct and began his work. It would do you good to see him and his family in their elegant new parsonage, all finished so completely. He has a meeting now in progress. Has had more than twenty accessions since first quarterly, and he looks for large increase during this meeting.

I. N. Burks is all right on the new Jonah circuit. The church furnished the new parsonage at Jonah very comfortably, and good is being done by preaching and pastoral work.

Geo. W. Graves is pushing the new circuit—Corn Hill and Salado circuit—wisely and well.

Abel Mulkey will drink water from the beautiful Salado springs next month. I hope his hearers will drink of the pure water of the river of life clear as crystal.

His A. B. is on the new Bartlett circuit. His work indicates faithfulness and zeal.

We all know Bro. John Dickinson. He is now a Benedict. All who know her, admire and appreciate his Benediction. The people on South Belton circuit wanted him for their pastor, and he accepted, they got him. The grippe kept me from his first quarterly. I expect good report at second.

Bro. Maul took charge of Rogers circuit with the hand of a master. The grippe doored him for a month, but he has gripped his circuit again and is all right. Bro. Daniel is doing well in Temple. A thousand dollar parsonage is about finished. A hundred thousand dollar baby grazes its neat and cozy quarters, and makes music by day and anon by night for the preacher and wife. And his folks are mutually pleased. He is now here. Have heard nothing yet of results.

Cornelius Rowland was expected back on North Belton. The circuit and the preacher are doing well.

C. E. Wright is to transfer from Texas Conference. He is stationed in Belton. He fits the place. The work is prospering under his charge.

Vaughan is still booming Georgetown church matters. There is one objection to him. He always beats his presiding elder preaching. His statement not only refers to the present moment, but is retroactive and prospective. Plans for the new church will probably be adopted this week. We hope work will begin soon.

The University is in fine fix. So far as I can find out, perfect harmony prevails in the support of the administration. Discipline good. Disorder meets prompt attention and judicious punishment. All the faculty are doing their work well. Three of the teachers have come among us since last commencement. Prof. W. W. Works is in the training school with Prof. Williams. He has the right name. He works, and works, and works, and keeps on working, and his works give satisfaction and will follow him after he has ceased to work. Miss Swearingin is the teacher of instrumental music. She was well known before coming. She sustains her reputation.

Hitherto the Texas public have not known our vocalist, Miss Camp; but they will. With fine native talent, an excellent voice, a Boston education in the vocal art, she has at different times demonstrated to our most cultivated ears, the wisdom of the Regent in employing her to take charge of the vocal class. If this scribble spoke as a critic he might elaborate, but as he is incompetent to do that he can only render the popular verdict, which is, the vocal music of the southwestern States is the best. Her patrons are all delighted with her as a teacher. All our faculty are devout Christians, and their influence goes forth among the students as the brightness of a burning lamp.

I have adopted the "per capita" plan to please our Field Marshal of the Abilene district, and all who agree with him in this mode of estimating church obligations. It may also save me some time and a trouble at Abilene next fall. This last remark is very witty. S. P. W. will please laugh—enough at least to relieve the embarrassment of an old friend. I need ought not to have had two ticks to Sam P.'s one; but never mind, wait till we get to Abilene. Hurrah for Uncle Berry!

Revival at Caldwell.

C. A. Evans: On the 20th of February Bro. Mulkey and wife began a meeting at this place. In accordance with previous arrangement with preacher in charge and official members here. Before they came the large tabernacle, which he uses for his services, was put up in front of the Methodist church, and seated to its capacity, besides other extensive preparations throughout every fine and section of the territory that is willing people could think of and put into operation. When the services began, the large tabernacle, which he uses for his services, was put up in front of the Methodist church, and seated to its capacity, besides other extensive preparations throughout every fine and section of the territory that is willing people could think of and put into operation. When the services began, the large tabernacle, which he uses for his services, was put up in front of the Methodist church, and seated to its capacity, besides other extensive preparations throughout every fine and section of the territory that is willing people could think of and put into operation.

The services lasted fourteen days, and during the time the weather was exceedingly inclement several days, but there was very little falling off in the interest of congregations, although we were forced to leave the tabernacle during the cold wind and rain. The Presbyterians and Baptists opened their church doors, and the revival fire continued to burn and every day souls were converted to God.

A few days after the meeting began Bro. Burnett came, greatly to the joy of Bro. and Sister Mulke, and remained till the close of the meeting, captivating the people with his powerful preaching.

These brethren and Sister Mulke are too well known in Texas to necessitate a detail of methods or comment on preaching from me.

I have this to say after their coming and going: First, Bro. Abe, with his experience and his own way of telling and acting it. Bro. Burnett, with his pulpit eloquence, rebuke, and pathos; Sister

Mulke, with her power of song and familiarity with the Word of God, are such powerful instruments in God's hands, not only for building up the church in a general way, and the special and all-important work of leading souls to Christ, but of favorably impressing public sentiment to the extent that even outside of church lines the effects are realized in home and business life.

Secondly, as to the peculiarities of their work, Abe's sermons on "Resurrection," and the emphasis he puts on it as an absolute Christian duty, seems to present a phase in preaching the gospel which has been very much neglected. These sermons effect the payment of hopeless old, rusty, out-of-date debts; the public and private acknowledgment of shameful wrongs, which demonstrate the power of God attending the simple yet wonderful truths of the gospel. Bro. Burnett's preaching is remarkable for plainness in telling the truth unvarnished, but his sermon on "men out" (which was renewed here after a strong petition) sounds a trumpet of no uncertainty, and one which should be heard in every city, town and village in America. Notwithstanding that Sister Louise is the frequent object of Abe's apparent jests and the leading figure in many of his most profitable experiences in past life, she is now, with Bible in hand and ready application of its truths, and zeal seldom equalled, a successful worker, in whose crown, doubtless, eternity will reveal many, many stars.

Next, as regards results in Caldwell, they were abundant. Nearly fifty accessions to the Methodist Church, besides quite a number to the various churches represented here, amounting in all to more than seventy accessions, with more to follow. Concerning the benefits to Methodism especially, I think I can safely say it was never stronger and more favorably circumstanced in Caldwell, and concerning public sentiment and unity of feeling and love, especially among the various denominations, I never saw it better in any town. Glory be to God for the harmony, peace and love pervading here. Last, but not least, nearly five hundred dollars were raised on the last night of the meeting, which, added to that previously secured, makes about fourteen hundred dollars raised for building a new Methodist church here.

Now, without quibbling over, or questioning for one moment the propriety, probability or possibility of reaching sure results (or even guessing at the future revelation, either good or evil) without the aid of these evangelistic workers, we would not have had the success which we have had. "Praise God for salvation," and pray God's blessing on these dear servants of God wherever they go, hoping every place they are called may be blessed, under the hand of Caldwell during their labors here.

Weatherford.

Jas. Mackey: We will advertise for bids on the new church this week. We want the best workman in Texas to take it. The work to be done will cost about six thousand dollars. Success to the ADVOCATE.

El Paso.

W. D. Robinson, March 5: About five minutes ago a bunch of keys was handed me by our building committee, which constituted me proprietor of the parsonage at El Paso. It is a new, six-room brick, at a cost of \$2000. We got it at less than original cost, but could sell at a good profit to-day. Henceforth our address is North El Paso street.

Navasota.

B. W. Burrow, March 10: The power of God is manifested in this place in the conversion of sinners and the building up of the church. Many are coming to the altar to be prayed for; some have been soundly converted. Bro. McMahon is working with a vigor; over twenty accessions to the church, and still the good work goes on.

Friends to God.

W. W. Anderson, March 4: Major Lea and his good Christian wife have expressed their friendship to God by giving to the Grandview circuit a fine parsonage cow, so the preacher and family will be provided for in that line in the future. May others follow this thoughtful act on other works.

Pleasant Grove.

H. M. Glass: The Sunday-school at this place, led by Bro. R. J. Swearingin, superintendent, gave their preacher and his wife a happy surprise the other night. Unlike Bro. Manie's people, they were not afraid to "pound," leaving as a result, in the front room, almost all articles of food. Such acts of kindness intensify the pastor's energies to serve well his charge.

Italy.

A. T. Culbertson, March 7: We are moving on smoothly. Methodism is in this country to stay. We have three persons towns, and in each of those a very good church-house. Since annual conference six or seven hundred dollars has been expended in paying off debts or improving two of these buildings. We have closed a trade to-day by telephone with a Dallas firm for a church organ. Money raised by A. D. Arnold, Sunday-school superintendent. Mrs. Hunt, of Dallas, while visiting relatives in this town, organized a ladies' parsonage aid society on the 5th. Our list of subscribers for the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is growing.

Linden.

R. M. Morris, March 10: The first quarterly conference of the Linden circuit for this year was held in Linden, Texas, March 8, 1890, and it was a success in every respect. Chas. B. Fladger, our noble presiding elder, is the coming man of the North Texas Conference. He preached four fine sermons for us and collected \$85 for foreign missions and over five dollars to repair the district parsonage at Jefferson. The stewards paid in for the support of the ministry \$175.25—the best collection for foreign missions ever taken in Linden for the last twenty-three years.

New Boston.

C. M. Harless, March 3: Last night we closed a two week's meeting here. Results—thirty-seven conversions, fifteen accessions, and the church greatly revived. Rev. T. E. Sherwood, of Clarksville, did most of the preaching. Rev. J. R. Wages, our presiding elder, was with us, and notwithstanding his severe hoarseness, preached three excellent sermons. Not long since, at the close of a missionary sermon here, the collection for foreign missions was taken and \$52.65 was raised, \$47 of which has been collected and sent to Dr. John, Secretary. Our assessment was \$50.

Ray.

D. C. Ellis, March 8: I wish to return thanks to the friends who have shown us so many marks of kindness during our recent illness. I was taken down with the mumps Feb. 21st, which was followed in a few days by bilious fever, which confined me to my bed for twelve days, and I am still confined to my room. No sooner was it known that my preacher was sick than the people, one and all, united their efforts to alleviate my suffering and add to my comfort, and to relieve my loving wife of as much labor as possible. Almost every hour of the day some one would call to inquire after my welfare and render any needed assistance.

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for those loving hearts. God alone can reward them. May his richest benedictions rest upon this people. These favors have made me more determined to labor more faithfully for the spiritual good of the people than ever. I thank God for the privilege of serving such a people. This note will explain why I missed my last two appointments.

Allen.

L. F. Palmer: The first quarterly conference for Allen circuit met at St. Paul March 8 and 9; W. L. Clifton, presiding elder, present, but in feeble health. There had been some advance steps taken up to date on the circuit. Prospect of a Methodist church at White's Grove, that will cost \$1,000. On trade for a lot in Allen. Steps are being taken to finish the church at Wylie. Paid in as quarterly, \$114; foreign mission, \$25; delegate to general conference, \$5.25; other purposes, \$15. The delegate elect to district conference: J. C. Stone, J. N. Reeves, Wm. Estis, W. R. Smith, R. C. Next quarterly conference at White's Grove, May 17, 18.

Burkeville.

J. L. Wyche: Our first quarterly meeting was held at Burkeville, February 8. Bro. Browning preached two splendid sermons. Simple and yet very powerful. He won the good will of all denominations. Bro. Powell preached a good sermon at night. The prayer-meeting at Sun Rise, led by Bro. Browning, was a blessing, I guess, to all who attended. The occasion was remarkably pleasant; not one sharp, abusive, rough or unkind word being heard. All seemed to be done in the spirit of love.

Davilla.

W. F. Brinson, March 6: Our first quarterly meeting for Davilla circuit was held March 1st and 2d. It was very cold, but our presiding elder was on hand and preached twice on Sunday. Report: One-fifth of the salary of the preacher and presiding elder paid; one-half of the missionary collection; bishops' fund raised on Sunday; something over \$1000 were secured; ten new accessions and some renewals to the ADVOCATE. La grippe has been going the rounds among us. Wife and baby have been suffering very much this week. Some better to-day. I hope we will have nothing serious. Pray and hope for a successful year.

Prairie Plains Circuit.

G. S. Sandell: The first quarterly meeting for the Prairie Plains circuit was held at Mary's chapel, February 22-23. Bro. Mickie, our new bachelor presiding elder, was with us and did good service. A collection was taken on Sunday, amounting to \$40, to do some greatly needed work on the church. The stewards reported almost three times as much money as they had the first quarterly meeting last year. There is great need of a wider spreading revival on this work. And will not the head of the church supply this need? O that it may come in copious showers of grace.

Taylor.

J. S. Tunnell, March 10: We have been in our new parsonage two weeks. It is of modern architecture, first-class in material and workmanship, has five rooms—hall, veranda in front and back gallery. It stands two-story high on a lot of one acre. This is certainly a great achievement for Methodism in Taylor. The cost of building is \$865, not counting architect's work, which was a donation. The lady soliciting committee deserve great credit for their untiring zeal. Those prominent in the work were Mrs. E. M. Hill and Mrs. Parker. We have had twenty-three accessions to the church, and all things went smoothly.

Honey Grove.

Charles O. Jones, March 5: We have just re-lighted our church at this place with two patent incandescent reflectors. They are each fifty inches in diameter, have fourteen lamps, and are made by J. P. Frink, 551 Pearl street, New York. They give out a brilliant light, which diffuses itself throughout the building. They are beautiful to look upon and easy to manage. We consider them the ideal church light. The total cost, including pendents, which can be dispensed with, expressage and hanging is \$175. This is no needless expense, but a kindness to the church. We are glad to see the work of the ladies' parsonage aid society, and I hereby praise them for their labor of love and commend their example to the good women of other dimly-lighted churches.

Rev. J. L. Lemons.

M. H. Porter, Feb. 28: Oh how, sad, sad I feel, and have felt ever since I heard of the death of Bro. J. L. Lemons. He was my true friend. I have known him ever since he left the Texas Conference. We have been together much. It was always a great pleasure to me to be with him at meetings, or his home, or mine, or anywhere else. We always had a pleasant time. When the Lord lit the lamp in his soul, by the touch of divine love, it continued to shine out in smiles and kindness everywhere. But he is gone—gone forever to rest; gone from his devoted wife and dependent children. If it were possible I would come and fill out the year's work and give his wife and children all that might be paid by the circuit, but I have a good home for your preacher of the 5th. The Lord bless and sustain the bereaved family.

Dresden.

C. E. Gallagher, March 4: I am now and have been for several days home with the second attack of the grippe. Some of us are somewhat anxious to know when the grippe will lose his "grip." The Dresden circuit is doing very well, I suppose, for a circuit that has been universally "let-her-go-Gallagher." We are always repairing the district parsonage at Jefferson. "Let-her-go-Gallagher," and build a parsonage at the new town of Blooming Grove. I mean, they, by resolution, turned the whole matter over to me. I am, therefore, busy collecting the subscription, and ask the brethren and friends who have subscribed to be ready for me as I make my round. Money is in order, and the "one thing needful" in building. Everything else has been secured. Give to the Lord liberally, brethren, for this enterprise, and we will soon have a good home for your preacher of the 5th. The Lord bless and sustain the bereaved family.

Archer City.

E. D. Cameron: The Archer City mission is gaining ground. We held our first quarterly on the 23d of February. I received fifty-nine members during the quarter. I found Archer City with a bleak, barren lot decided to us when we came. Now we have completed, except a few fancy touches, one of the nicest and best and most convenient churches to be found in North Texas. There is not a prettier or better church-house in the Montague district. We have also obtained a lot, barren lot decided to us when we came. Now we have completed, except a few fancy touches, one of the nicest and best and most convenient churches to be found in North Texas. There is not a prettier or better church-house in the Montague district. We have also obtained a lot, barren lot decided to us when we came. Now we have completed, except a few fancy touches, one of the nicest and best and most convenient churches to be found in North Texas. There is not a prettier or better church-house in the Montague district. 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Ancient philosophy taught that all things were composed of four elements—earth, air, fire and water. And it was suggested by Herodotus that all these were but different forms of fire or ether. The most recent suggestion of modern science is that all elements may be but different conditions of hydrogen modified by heat. This conjecture—for it is scarcely more than a conjecture—assumes the reliability of the spectral revelations and the hypothesis that the earth once formed a part of the sun. Sixty-seven elements have been found in the earth, a smaller number in the sun, and fewer still in the comets. Therefore some so-called elements are composites, and only require a higher degree of heat to reduce them. Of the sixty-seven elements discovered in the earth four are gases, two liquids, and the rest solids, at ordinary temperature.

Plants and animals are composed largely of three gases—oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen—and one solid, carbon. Several more substances enter in small proportions into the structure of organic compounds, but quite a number are thought to be unnecessary to animal or plant life, having never been discovered in either. Then we may reasonably conclude that a number of elements were created for man's special use and pleasure. H. and O. are abundant and abundantly used, especially in the form of water, to dissolve the solid compounds and to flow them to points where they are needed. All the transportation in the systems of plants and animals is done on canals, which branch and sub-divide, forming a network system, extending all through the body. The framework of an animal consists largely of lime and its compounds. Plants, animal diet, contain but little of this lime. The framework of plants is carbon, which plants obtain almost exclusively from the air, though carbon constituted only about one seven-thousandth part of the atmosphere. This would seem like imposing on the plant by compelling it to seek food where food is scarce; but this plan is necessary to preserve the purity of the air. Some plants use a great deal of nitrogen. Nitrogen is the most abundant element in the air, yet plants get their supply from the soil. Animals need nitrogen, and they inhale four times as much nitrogen as oxygen, but they exhale all this nitrogen unchanged. Why is this, we ask. A certain amount of N. is necessary in the air to dilute the active, energetic O. In all this we see the wisdom of the Creator. Lightning causes some of the N. to unite with O. It falls to the ground, and we get it from the plant. Then we repay the plant in carbon, but in a form that is of no use to us—carbon dioxide.

Now let us see what the plant is going to do with this poisonous gas. On the underside of a leaf are thousands of pores—hungry mouths, ready to absorb this gas. Under the influence of sunlight the C. and O. are divorced. C. is appropriated and O. returns to the air. This is the way we get our plant, and it seems so simple; yet the ablest scientist must bring to his aid the strongest chemical agencies to accomplish this work, which is performed in the delicate cells of every leaf while it waves gracefully in the balmy breeze and kisses the bright sunlight.

God makes a cell so delicate, so small that our eyes, unaided, cannot see it; then, at his command, a tiny sunbeam enters this cell laboratory and silently performs a work superior to man's best results. The bond is quietly unstrung. C. is appropriated, and O. is sent out to bring back another cell. In the mysterious work performed by the sunbeam in this little cell, we find the source of light, and heat, and animal power. These divorced elements, after passing from under the enchanting spell of the sunbeam, realize their lonely condition, and rush into each other at the first opportunity. The fervor with which they embrace, the throbbing of joy with which their hearts awaken in the surrounding ether, a thrill of sympathetic joy, radiant with light and heat. Coal is carbon, and oxygen is oxygen. In the furnace, it generates the force that drives the engine. Our food contains C., whose union with O. supplies us with warmth and physical strength.

Diamond is pure C. In God's laboratory, which is so dirty and objectionable, he uses a pearl which, besides and princes seek. The lily comes up immaculate from the slimy marsh. If we will only permit him, God will make the foulest "whiter than snow."

O. is nature's most useful handmaid in keeping things clean and tidy. It comes as a model housekeeper, ever busy dusting and cleaning and removing rubbish from every nook and corner. In the yard she prunes the dead branches from our shrubbery and removes the fallen leaves. In the house she purifies the water, warms the stoves and lights the lamps.

O. is the great purifier. I wonder if this is why the other elements are so fondly attached to her. She is such a universal favorite; nearly all form faithful alliances with O., and they stand by her and cling to her with a Ruthlike devotion that survives the crucial test of furnace and flame.

All nitrogen compounds are unstable. N. is the author of dissolution, insurrection, decay. Few elements can tolerate her long. She is fickle, explosive, quick to forsake old comrades for new ones—a typical flirt, unfaithful in all her alliances. N. will neither burn nor permit other things to burn, neither support life nor destroy it, neither help nor resist. It is four times as abundant in the air as O., yet it offers no helping hand in the great work of purification and reform, but treats O. as a heathen and a samaritan until the storm comes; then terrified by the thunderbolts of Jove it flees to O. to conduct it below the fury of the storm. This indifferently negative character of N. renders her very unpopular. Now look around and see if you can't discover the man with a nitrogen character.

mercy rippling, dancing, singing, through sweet meadows, over sands of gold, kissing the sweetest roses, making fairer the fairest cheeks, mingling with sorrow's tears and sparkling in the eyes of joy—on their mission of purity they go through all the huts of poverty and all the slums of vice, then shaking the dust from their feet, they mount to their palace in the white-capped clouds, where they wreath a garland for beautiful Iris and make a royal robe for the "King of Day"—then coming back with such benignity and pity that the hills start a new song, the trees clap their glad hands, and the flowers smile as if an angel were coming down.

About the Lesson.

LESSON XII., SUNDAY, MARCH 23. CHRIST FORGIVING SIN. Luke v: 17-26.

GOLDEN TEXT. Who can forgive sins, but God alone?—Luke v: 21.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Interesting Events.—According to the view already suggested, the miraculous draught of fishes was immediately followed by the healing of the demoniac in the synagogue at Capernaum, and the other events mentioned by Luke (Luke iv: 31-44). After the withdrawal of Jesus from Capernaum, and during the preaching tour in Galilee, a leper was healed (Luke v: 12-15, comp. Matt. viii: 2-4; Mark i: 40-44), a miracle which occasioned another withdrawal (Luke v: 16; Mark i: 45). On the return to Capernaum (Matt ix: 1; Luke ii: 1) the events narrated in this lesson took place.

Place.—Capernaum; in a house, probably, where our Lord usually resided (Mark ii: 1, Rev. Ver., margin). Time.—Very shortly before the second passage, Robinson and others placing the call of Matthew (which followed) immediately before that feast. The date would then be the last of March or the beginning of April. A. D. 781—A. D. 28. Andrews places it in the summer of that year.

Persons.—Our Lord; a great multitude in the house, including Pharisees and doctors of the law from all parts of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem; four men (Mark ii: 3) bearing a paralytic. Incidents.—Our Lord is teaching in the house, the multitude fill the inner court even to the door (Mark ii: 3); the paralytic is brought, but access cannot be had; those bearing him ascend to the roof, and let the man down through it, in his case, where Jesus was. Our Lord pronounces forgiveness, which raises the charge of blasphemy (in private, probably). The reasonings are answered by an appeal to miraculous power; the man is healed as a proof of our Lord's right to forgive sins. The instantaneous and total cure causes amazement.

Parallel Passages.—Matthew ix: 2-8; Mark ii: 1-12. There were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by... out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal (v: 17). It matters not how many men, good, bad, or indifferent are gathered together for the hearing of preaching, or for the discussion of great principles—all power for good is of God, and only as he exercises that power are its results to be seen in the assembly or in its influence beyond. There is comfort in this thought to those who are in a very small gathering of believers, where none of the world's great men are to be found. If Jesus be the power—and his promise is that he will be—the power of the Lord will be present for the doing of a greater work than all the mighty men in the church could ever compass except through that same power—which can work without them as well as with them.

Behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied (v: 18). A man who can help himself ought to do so, and if he has no strength or means to help others to do that, but the man who can't help himself deserves helping; and one of the duties that confront us day by day in our life is the duty of taking hold to carry men who are palsied—in body or mind or spirit—and who must suffer helplessly unless they are carried by their more favored fellows. And men are never surer of a loving welcome from Jesus, than when they come to him bringing for his help those who are palsied.

Seeing their faith (v: 20). If there is faith, it will show itself. Faith will give a man power to get others to help him in a good work; faith will carry a man to the house-top, if he can work there better than lower down; and if the roof stays in his way, faith will rouse a man to find a way through the roof. Jesus perceived the faith of these men when it was so evident that everybody else could see it; and he doesn't say that he saw it before. Faith is sure to be visible to the naked eye. That which never manifests itself in action is not the faith with which Jesus sees with approval. Faith that cannot be seen is dead faith, dead and buried.

Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? (v: 23). In these days, as in those, men are willing to believe that Jesus can do some things, but not all things. Then they thought he could do the lesser things, but not the larger. They saw that he had power as a helper, but they were not ready to admit that he had power as a Savior. Now, men who think that Jesus can do the greater thing, do not always think that he can do the lesser. They are ready to believe in him as a Savior, but they are as a helper. Many who trust their souls to Jesus unhesitatingly have the idea that they must run their business without his help. They know that he will take care of them after death, but their faith must look out for themselves in this life. But, "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk?" He who can do all things can do anything—anything that his loved ones need to have done for them, or to have help in doing for him. Amusement took hold on all, and they glorified God (v: 26). There is something awe-inspiring, if not appalling, in the fact that the power of God is with men. A sense of great power always gives an added sense of responsibility to its possessor. And when a man realizes that by a word of prayer he can hope to move the hand that moves the world, he cannot speak

that word carelessly, nor refrain from speaking in an hour of his own or another's need. The trouble with us, however, is that we do not sufficiently realize the truth in this direction that we profess to believe. If we understood the full power of faith-filled prayer, how differently we should feel as we bow ourselves before God at morning and at evening in secret prayer; and with what added confidence should we meet the temptations and trials of life, in assurance that God is ready to give us, at our call, more than twelve legions of angels for our protection and help, if that measure of aid to us be a necessity. If we understood more of the power which is given unto us in the loving service of Christ, we should be more impressed with its magnitude, and we should glorify God so much the more.

ADDED POINTS.

When the Lord is present, the Lord's power is present. It matters not what is the need, the help for his meeting is with the Lord. All of us find times when we are dependent on our fellows for our appearing and our on-movings. We have reasons to be grateful if others are ready to help us at such times. We ought to be ready to do our part for others, when they are in need and we have the ability.

There is more than one way of getting at what we want. If we do not succeed at the first trial, that is no reason why we should not try again. If we stop to reason about the power of Jesus, we are likely to be entangled in our own mind questions; but if we trust ourselves to him without waiting to understand how and why he is what he is, we shall gain that which otherwise we should miss. Only God can forgive sins; and God has sent his Son to us, to say that God will forgive us if we trust ourselves to his Son, saying never been discovered in either. Then we may reasonably conclude that a number of elements were created for man's special use and pleasure. H. and O. are abundant and abundantly used, especially in the form of water, to dissolve the solid compounds and to flow them to points where they are needed. All the transportation in the systems of plants and animals is done on canals, which branch and sub-divide, forming a network system, extending all through the body. The framework of an animal consists largely of lime and its compounds. Plants, animal diet, contain but little of this lime. The framework of plants is carbon, which plants obtain almost exclusively from the air, though carbon constituted only about one seven-thousandth part of the atmosphere. This would seem like imposing on the plant by compelling it to seek food where food is scarce; but this plan is necessary to preserve the purity of the air. Some plants use a great deal of nitrogen. Nitrogen is the most abundant element in the air, yet plants get their supply from the soil. Animals need nitrogen, and they inhale four times as much nitrogen as oxygen, but they exhale all this nitrogen unchanged. Why is this, we ask. A certain amount of N. is necessary in the air to dilute the active, energetic O. In all this we see the wisdom of the Creator. Lightning causes some of the N. to unite with O. It falls to the ground, and we get it from the plant. Then we repay the plant in carbon, but in a form that is of no use to us—carbon dioxide.

Old and Young.

THE LITTLE ONES AT PLAY. Whatever comes to cloud our path, Whatever dulls the day, We get good cheer when we draw near The little ones at play. And they are glad to hear, And help their games along. We please the elves and keep ourselves In tune with laugh and song.

The gloomy man will sit alone To brood upon his woes, And from his grief find no relief, No rest, no peace, no ease. The cheerful housewife from his lair The children keep away. If he be found he hates the sound Of little ones at play.

Their mirth would drive away his grief, Their laughter would melt his pain; To join their ranks, their merry pranks, Would make him young again. And he is but a dismal creature, And he is but a dismal creature, The house or street where children meet For frolic and for fun.

I mind me of a cheerful house In days of long ago, Where children played and music made, The sweetest that I know; Up to the roof, and down to the dark, Now indoors and now out, The girls and boys with glad noise kept up their merry rout.

But now the house is still enough; Too still, alas! for me; For four years' absence from throngs Of children mad with glee; No merry noise of girls and boys To drive dull care away, Nor any sound of merriment round Of little ones at play.

LETTER TO LITTLE WORKERS. As I am writing now for the children, of course I must try to be a child again. My mind runs back to the sad hour when my papa died, leaving me a little fatherless girl of four years of age. My good mother (Oh! how my heart is left me, and precious grandpa, who cared for me and taught my little feet the way to the house of God. A bright spot in my memory to-day is the little log school-house where I used to attend Sunday-school. There were some boys and girls, and many of those lessons are fresh in my memory yet. At eight years of age I joined the church a seeker; professed religion soon after at an old-fashioned camp-meeting. Oh, that camp-meeting! Those scenes and prayers! My forty-eight years of toil, care, sorrow, distress, and bereavements have not blotted out the memory and scenes of that camp-meeting. The war came and went, and my good husband—the father of my five little children—was taken from me in the struggle. But I was left a father to the orphan and a husband to the widow, and I stuck closer than a rother, has always been my refuge and strength. And to-day I bless God while I am permitted to sit here in this quiet parsonage and write words of cheer to the little missionary workers at our very beautiful land of ours. Dear little workers, I often think of you and of the pleasant and profitable hours that we have spent together, and I find myself almost ready to exclaim: "Oh, that I were a child again!"

erent awakening on this subject, that parents may see and do their duty, and that the children may all learn to love the Savior and become engaged in his blessed cause. AUNT MARY. "S. P. L. L." "Oh my goodness gracious!" said pretty Kate, grasping her left fore-finger in her right hand, and scowling till she ceased to look like herself. "What is the matter of thee, now Katharine? Is thy head bursting open again?" "Grandma Gray, I just think you're a perfectly cruel and hard-hearted woman," said Kate, dropping into a chair. "I do believe if I fell and broke my neck you wouldn't say you were sorry for me."

"I don't think my pity would do thee much good under such circumstances; and what does all this 'goodness gracious,' and what does all these 'children' mean?" "Why, I've run a horrid great needle through my finger. Mercy to me, how it hurts!" "An I some cruel executioner, Katharine, that thee begs for mercy?" "Here are Christ's own words," she replied. "But let your communications be, Yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."

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"No, indeed," said Mary Selden. "When I was going to New York last spring there was such a lovely lady on the cars, dressed so beautifully! I couldn't keep from looking at her. Papa sat with his back to her, and when I asked him just to turn around to look at her, he laughed and made me take his chair. Do you know, Miss Kent, she hardly said a sentence without putting 'I' in, or 'I' in, or 'I' in, or 'I' in. She was perfectly horrid to me after that."

"You understand, then, how people feel about the words you use, and why your friends wish you to speak correctly, truthfully and elegantly." "Truthfully," echoed Kate. "Do you think we don't tell the truth?" "But you never act perfectly ravenous or completely exhausted? Are you never dead with the heat? Do you never study yourself blind?" "I'm sure people know what we mean," said Lily.

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"Our friend Kate wore a very pre-occupied look for several days after this. She made frequent use of a certain little notebook; she poured over Latin, French and German grammars. When her researches ended, she called a meeting of her particular friends, and the secret came out. "Young ladies, my most illustrious fellow students," began the girl like orator, "I'll tell you what I've made up my mind to, I'm going to govern my tongue instead of allowing it to govern me. I'm going to stop using slang. I'm going to mean just exactly what I say. I'm going to use simple, correct, truthful language, if I can. And it's going to be awful if I mean very hard to do it, unless you girls will help. Now, can't we form a Society for the Promotion of Ladylike Language, with initiations and offices and fines and all that? I've got a long list of perfectly harmless and proper interjections—French, German and Latin—that we can use when our feelings are 'too many for us,' as Mrs. Clippins would say. I'll telegraph them for you if you'll do it; and all the rules and regulations, too, if you'll help."

"Did you say you would never use slang?" asked Lily. "What, never? and hardly ever?—must we exist without that?" said Mary. And so, with much jesting, but with a deal more of earnest talk, the S. P. L. L. was formed, with a constitution, by-laws, and other usual formalities; but it is a very secret society, and had I not given ear to a little bird, how should I have known why those nine girls wear such queerly-shaped boxes of flame-colored ribbon, bearing the cabalistic letters "S. P. L. L."—Fountain.

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"Oh, papa, please don't make my life a burden to me." The next day was Sunday, and Kate went to her class, as usual. "Isn't it queer that this lesson, 'The Tongue and the Temper,' comes to-day?" she said to herself, and she entered very heartily into the discussion of it. "I sometimes think," she said, gravely, "that we should be better off if we couldn't speak. Anyhow, 'It's puzzling' work, talkin' is," as Mrs. Tulliver remarked. I know I shouldn't have many occasions if it were not for my tongue. It aggravates my temper horribly.

Miss Kent said it was no wonder the tongue was called the unruly member; but she should be very sorry if the tongue could not be governed. After a few words upon profane swearing, she passed on to the more common ways that people take to secure sufficient emphasis to their statements, using just such expressions as were in vogue among her girls.

"Why, Miss Kent," said one, "do you call such words wrong?" "Here are Christ's own words," she replied. "But let your communications be, Yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." "It's dreadfully hard to be so very precise," said Lily Sylvester, with a sigh. "Yes; but habits are not easily overcome; but if there were no words like these, it seems to me that no real lady would use questionable language. A rough expression is like a discord in music to people of culture. We judge of a lady by her speech, and no amount of fine-dressing can cover up a coarse or vulgar phrase."

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is of oak or ash or cedar. Does it hold up Christ? If the adorning of the pole are such that the eye of the sufferer never runs up to the summit where the Healer hangs, but is satisfied with the festoonings below, the uplifting had as well not been. Dropping this figure, which is Christ's own of himself, and to a learned Jew, let us come to its application in some of its phases. What is the preaching of the day? Does it draw? A negating of this last question, which springs unbidden from the lips of every reader, is an answer to the first in part. Whatever the preaching of the day may be, it is not Christ uplifted unless it draws. Christ uplifted will draw; it is a part of God's plan that this shall. It is in answer to Christ's prayer to the Father that it shall. It is the Father's promise to the Son remembered and kept. "Ask of me, and I will give, and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession."

"I'll die before you get done reading." Bro. Jones did not pursue his usual course and work this illustration for all it was worth in its application. But what preacher who heard him will ever forget that a learned dissertation in the pulpit does not feed a hungry, sin-sick soul in the pew. Now another, and let these serve: "A young man had his leg crushed in a wreck. The doctors said it must be amputated, but he objected until death seemed certain. His only hope was from the knife, with numerous chances against him. When he was brought to the table and anesthetics were produced, he assured the surgeon that he could endure the operation, only let him go into the presence of the Great Judge with his senses about him. 'But,' said he, 'doctor, if you find the operation is to prove fatal, give me some sign by which I may know and compose my faculties before I go into the presence of my God.' Said the surgeon: 'If I lay down my knife you may know it is all over.' The operation began. Stroke after stroke of the keen blade, with brief intervals wherein the patient was lulled, and the surgeon's knife was laid gently aside! But immediately it was caught up, and the operation went on to a most successful issue. When the wound had been dressed, asked the young patient: 'Doctor, for the moment, lay aside your knife. For the moment, was the reply, 'our signal was forgotten.' 'Do you know, doctor, that when you took up that knife and began again cutting down into my tender flesh, it was the sweetest sensation that I ever felt, for it meant life, and not death?' When God's life is taken up, my brethren, and he begins to cut away down deep into our tender flesh, it means life. It is only when He lays down his knife that death is certain."

Sam Jones sees abstract truth clearly—no hearer of him will dispute that—but he knows that ordinary minds cannot deal long in abstractions, hence his profusion of illustrations. Another thing, he tells a story so well that you hear with pleasure the veriest "chestnut," and would not object to the same twice in an evening. Why, I have heard nothing he has done at this place so praised as his "Brook and Stagnant Pool," a little allegory which has been before the public for ten years in a school reader! Again, what man, but this one, on the face of the whole earth, has been able to fill, day after day, with eager throngs, large tabernacles, at the entrance of which the quivering with strong emotion, all emanating from a heart overflowing with love to God and man, fall upon the ears of listening thousands, and tears, unbidden, moisten many eyes unused to weeping. Brother, if Sam Jones comes to your town, hear him. If his novel pulpit utterances grate harshly upon your ears, do not mention it to any one, but go hear him again. Every time he preaches you will like him better. If he denounces any sin of which you are guilty, do not get angry, but rather thank God that one minister has the courage to tell you of it. Then resolve in your heart that you will quit, and you will feel better. Hear him every time he preaches; follow his injunctions and you will be raised to a higher plane of Christian love and experience than you have ever known. Do not attempt to defend him on the street by argument with infidels and unbelievers. He needs no defense. He can and will defend himself. With the sword of the Spirit he can put ten thousand to flight. Do your duty to God, to the church, your family, your neighbor and yourself, and Sam Jones, as an instrument of God, will do a mighty work in your town, as well as in your heart. Ever and anon God raises some man from the depths of sin to be a light in the church and among the ministry. Verily believe, my brethren, that the chosen men of God, plucked as a brand from the eternal burning, to warn sinners to repentance, to arouse the church from the lethargy into which worldliness has plunged it, and to fire the hearts of the ministry to more zeal and activity, and to embolden the laity to speak as the counsel of God. His Christian life is real, and the church challenges the world to name an instance during his career as an evangelist in which he has deviated from the path of true Christian life. His preaching is real, and modeled after the teaching of Him who spoke as the counsel of God. Nine-tenths of the vast multitude who have heard him all over the United States are witnesses to the mighty earnestness which moves his soul, as he masses the words of the English language, and hurls them at you with the power of an intellectual giant against the vilest sins of the age. Tens of thousands of good Christian men and women who have been converted, and who are to-day praying for the continued success of the gospel under his ministry, attest the fact that Sam Jones is working in harmony with the God of Christ. Let us, therefore, to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan. Poverty-stricken in religion must that man be who professes to love Christ and yet through sectarian prejudice, refuses to hear the voice of the great revival meetings; or, hearing him, does not receive the words to the joy and comfort of his soul. He is to commence his meetings in Fort Worth on the 21st of March. All God's people, without respect to denomination, let us rally to the standard of Christ as he throws it to the breeze in the goodly city of Fort Worth. Let the five hundred converts from the great revival of Dixon Williams stand side by side with the veteran soldiers of the cross in the contest for God and the right, and the Lord will pour the flood tides of salvation all over the city, and add a multitude to the number of those who will be saved. Forget everything you may have read or heard of Sam Jones calculated to prejudice you against him and attend the meetings at Fort Worth. If you are a faithful Christian, your faith will be strengthened; if you are a back-slidden Methodist, he will arouse you from your slumbers and cause you to take a new hold upon eternal life. If you are a moral man, he will teach you by the simplest methods and illustrations from the Bible that morality will not save you, and thus quicken you to long neglected duty. If you are a wicked, wayward boy, who has departed from the teachings of a Christian father, or neglected the solemn promise made to a dying mother, the sweetest memories of her love and mother will be stirred in your soul, and the most touching appeals will be made to your better nature to regain your lost pathway. If you are a poor unfortunate drunkard, breaking your wife's heart and reducing

your children to destitution and want, debauching your own mind and body, and moving with ever-increasing speed the downward road to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell, get sober for one day, at least, and go and hear Sam Jones preach two sermons, and listen to his terrific arraignment of the liquor traffic. Hear him as with the most tender and pathetic words he calls you from the very brink of destruction, and it is possible that God may stretch forth the arm his power and save you to your family and to heaven at last. Let all the people here hear him for the sake of humanity. Hear him for the sake of your own soul. TYLER, TEXAS. THOMPSON & CLINT, LAWYERS, 725 MAIN STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. Special attention given to Land Law, and WILLS. A CORRECTION. There is an error in my communication in your last issue. The types make me say: "We plead for a Parent or Conference Board, when I intended to say, 'We plead not for a Parent or Conference Board.'" Please set me right. E. L. ARMSTRONG, ONE THOUSAND A MONTH. The Man of Galilee appeared last of May, 1889. In less than ten months the TEXAS TRAVELERS was ordered. A. HAYGOOD, JR., Sheffield, Ala. will send it anywhere for 50 cents, and will give special terms to superannuated preachers. TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE. Your Sunday-school Board have money in hand to help needy Sunday schools. If you have schools that need help in purchasing literature, or if you can organize schools in places where we now have none by having literature free, we stand ready to help you. As we have had a number of applications for money to aid in the purchase of libraries, we adopted a resolution to that effect. Any school wanting to buy a library and needing help can get half the money necessary by applying to us. Will the presiding elders kindly call attention to these facts? O. T. HOTCHKISS, Pres. BREMONT, TEXAS. Congestions and pneumonia may often be prevented by using Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND VISITORS. To save himself an amount of work which is among the unknown quantities, the undersigned asks a few inches of space in the ADVOCATE. These are answers to questions asked numerously: 1. One fare for the round trip to St. Louis and return has been offered by all railroads having lines. Better rates are expected. No need of hurry. 2. No idea whatever of probable cost of board during session has been obtained, except that the St. Louis committee promise "lowest rates." Hotels give reduced rates to delegates and their wives only. Committee has promised undersigned to publish soon in our Advocate all necessary information upon this point. 3. The excursion should leave Fort Worth and Dallas on the evening of the 5th of May. This seems to be the consensus of opinion of delegates, since this will reach St. Louis at 6 a. m., 7th. 4. All visitors are entitled to same railroad fares as delegates, and while the going must be limited as to time of starting, any excursionist may return when he pleases. 5. The undersigned will, as soon as he can, and in ample time, publish in the ADVOCATE every necessary item of interest; hence there is no need of his writing to individuals, except upon points not covered here. Let any one, however, who is interested, write him, and if required he will most cheerfully reply. 6. Do not send delegates' expense money to undersigned, as some have done. Let it go to Dr. Barbee, or, better, to your presiding elder, who can forward all in one check. SAMUEL P. WRIGHT, Secretary Delegation. A glass factory in the state of New Jersey is said to be engaged in little else but the manufacture of medicine for Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents. I have been suffering the past three months with rheumatism. One bottle of Saltwater Oil gave entire relief. FRANK O'BRIEN, Baltimore, Md. The most persistent of home-rulers are our wives. A LUCKY GIRL. Mr. Editor, my experience will interest many of your readers, and as I have married recently, and retired from business I hope to benefit others that are in need. My face being partly broken out with pimples and blotches, our physician said I had a medicine that cured me in a short time, and made my complexion beautiful. My cousin also had a lot of freckles. This medicine cleared them off, and left her face nice and pretty. Many of my friends were anxious to try it, and I concluded I could make some money selling the preparation. I saw on the bottle that the face bleach was made by Marion Walker, Louisville, Ky., and the price was \$2.00 for 2 bottles, enough for one face, so I wrote for the agency, and in 22 weeks I cleared \$107.41, an average of \$4.88 a week, which I think is good for an inexperienced girl. Any one can get the agency by writing to the above address, and can make lots of money too. A. S. HUBBELL. A FREE TRIP TO COLORADO. Having read in several papers that they were giving away lots in Montrose, Colorado, I wrote and asked promptly they also agreed to give me a pass to Montrose and return, if I would get 25 persons to take lots. I did so, and they gave me the pass and a lovely trip, and while there sold my pass for \$140. Any person can get out of the habit of smoking The Utah Home-Steved and Improvement Company, Denver, Colorado. By giving every third lot, they are bringing thousands of people there. Montrose, the county seat of an elegant country—is a beautiful city of nearly 2000, at the present rate of increase will have 10,000 within a year. Their motto is "Get There Boys," and they think free lots and free passes are sure winners. When property can be obtained free, why should not every one own Real Estate? R. W. W. Troy, N. Y. Persons of sedentary habits, subject to constipation, will find a specific in Cascara.

Jack Pott (presumptuously in love with his employer's daughter)—"Is Mr. Cassinero in?" "Servant—Yes, sir." Jack Pott (thorribly disappointed)—"Well, I'm glad to hear it. He might catch cold outside—beastly bad weather. Good night."

Sanger Bros Dress Goods. For months our representatives have been in the home and foreign markets in search of high art fancies in fine imported Dress Fabrics and the host of new weaves and colors in plain stuffs. The fruit of this superior organization of taste, skill, industry and experience is seen in an exhibition of the most beautiful and complete assortment of Dress Goods ever shown at any one time in any one place in the South. Among Recent Arrivals we note Fancy Printed French Flannel, novelties in Silk and Wool Tennis Flannel, Silk and Wool Shirting Flannel, All Wool Sacking, etc., all in zephyr weights. Special :: Prices For This Week. Assorted lot of all wool Suitings in plain and striped, 36 and 38 inches wide, former prices \$5.00 and 60c, choice for \$7 1-2c. 65 pieces striped Beige, would be good value at 20c; this week's price will be 12 1-2c a yard. Assorted lot of fine imported Plaid Suitings, worth \$1.25 a yard, our price to close \$1.25 a yard. Sanger Brothers' Monthly Magazine for March is ready. "Dreamland" is the title of a very pretty fine art supplement. The "Yaller Leaf," a serial that commences in this number, was written expressly for our magazine. It deals with those strong, unique characters of our mountain regions, whose lives are dramatic in their intensity, and whose personality stands out boldly against the background of our more polished, though less interesting, civilization. The latest Paris Fashions, and more than the usual list of attractions make up a book of 48 pages. 5c A COPY or 50c A YEAR, or we will send the Magazine and The Dallas Weekly News, with the "Russian Wedding Feast," the fine art supplement, and a half pound of Peerless Cotton Seed. One Year for One Dollar. The regular price is \$1.75. Mail Orders Carefully filled and shipped same day as order is received. SANGER BROS. Dallas, Texas. Please mention Texas Advocate when writing. A. F. HECKLE & CO., Knabe & Estey Pianos, Estey & Neuman Organs. Money saved, Prices low and Terms easy. PORT WORTH, TEXAS. PIANOS! ORGANS! ALCOTT & MAYNOR Sell the best makes of PIANOS and ORGANS at manufacturers' prices. Write for Catalogue and prices before buying. ALCOTT & MAYNOR, 730 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. ESTEY ORGANS. HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS. D. H. Spencer, 405 Austin Avenue, Waco, Texas. Milton Ragsdale, Teacher of PIANOFOORTE and HARMONY. Thorough and conventional instruction. The latest and most improved methods employed. Pupils finished in piano playing, organ and private lessons. Best instruments. Address: MILTON RAGSDALE, Corner Canton and Marion, Dallas, Texas. BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME BY USING Wall Paper AND MIXED PAINTS. Send to me for prices, samples and estimates. JAMES BUTE, HOUSTON, TEXAS. LARGEST DEALER IN TEXAS. Christian Charitable Association. The only CHRISTIAN AND TEMPERANCE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY in the state. On the cheapest and most liberal terms of any company. Insure from \$50 to \$200. Ages 15 to 65 years. Agents wanted in every county. Central office, TYLER, TEXAS. C. T. BONNER, Secy. REV. G. A. PICKLE, Manager. Flower Seeds Given Away! Send us the address of five flower-loving persons and we will send you five packets of flower seeds FREE. Send Fifty Cents in stamps for our Sample Catalogue of 8 beautiful geraniums. Write for Illustrated Catalogue of Trees, Plants and Seeds. BAKER BROS., Fort Worth, Texas. The Texas Christian Advocate—\$2 per annum. Subscribe.



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LA DIES Needing a tonic, or children that want building should take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. It is pleasant to take, and cures Indigestion, and Biliousness. All dealers keep it.

TUTT'S LIVER PILLS REGULATE THE BOWELS. TO SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS Who will sell my father's books I will make special terms: One old preacher sold 75 copies of "THE MAN OF GALILEE" IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, and he is still selling. Write to A. G. HAYGOOD, JR., SHEFFIELD, ALA. FEB. 27, 1890.

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In the Spring. In the spring the artful angler will begin to fish and lie; In the spring each dish of gray will contain a glowing fish...

Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is destined to supersede all other soothing syrups. The demand for it is really astonishing. Physicians recommend it in all cases of the kidneys and liver, jaundice, dyspepsia, irregularities of the stomach or bowels, are promptly cured by the use of Lasador.

LA GRIPPE, OR INFLUENZA. REBER, Mo., Feb. 17, 1890. My customers are using Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup for La Grippe. It soon stops the fever and cures every case.

An old lady was made to cry bitterly the other day being a young man's fancy highly turns to thoughts of love.

Violent cathartics are very injurious and should be avoided. Cascarine can be taken at any time, and acts better and leaves no unpleasant effects.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED. Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for above named disease. By its timely use thousands of human lives have been permanently cured.

Little Flaxen Hair-Papa. It's raining, Papa (somewhat annoyed by work in hand) - Well, let rain. Little Flaxen Hair (timidly) - I was going to.

A Family Blessing. Simmons Liver Regulator, the favorite home remedy, is entirely vegetable, and is the purest and best family medicine that is compounded.

Henry XIII differs from other men as a sutor. He married his wives and axed them afterward.

LITTLE PEOPLE. For Hoarseness, Whooping Cough, Spasms of the Wind-pipe, known as crowing disease, and indeed for all pulmonary ailments most common among the little people, Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup of Tolu, Cherry and Tar, is a pleasant and certain cure.

Does your daughter read much? "No, she does not." "I understand she reads and the latest novels." "Well, so she does; but I don't call them much."

The way to avoid a spell of sickness and a long convalescence is to begin in time. Cascarine is a most valuable preventive of diseases which prevail in this climate.

Putting one of the new stamps on a letter makes it ready for mailing.

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

Many a youth who seeks for the tree of knowledge gets only a branch.

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 its action.

The hands may be kept smooth in cold weather by avoiding the use of warm water. Wash them with cold water and soap.

The only reliable vegetable substitute for oatmeal, which acts on the liver, kidneys and stomach, and best and most delicious purgative is Macgrew's Castorina. Imported by Archibald Ryan of Philadelphia; Rev. McAnally, of St. Louis, and a host of prominent people.

The best and most convenient cover for a jelly tumbler is thin paper fastened over the top of the glass by a rubber band.

A cough or cold, if not promptly attended to, may result in an incurable lung disease. For all diseases of the throat, trachea and lungs, bronchial or asthmatic affections, Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup of Tolu, Cherry and Tar is a pleasant and certain cure.

Teacher-Can you tell me what led Columbus to set out for this continent? New Pupils-Yes, sir. He'd heard that a foreigner stood the best chance to get appointed on the New York police force.

Ladies Have 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. FERRIS, Druggist, Greenville, Ala. Write Bradley Reg. Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. By all druggists.

The best way to clear out and straighten the fringe of towels, doilies, etc., before ironing, is to comb it with an inch length of coarsest toilet comb.

Coughs and Colds. Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc., should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES, a simple and effective remedy. They contain nothing injurious, and may be used at all times with perfect safety.

"You say that both duellists fell dead?" "Yes." "Great heavens! What were the weapons used?" "The American toy pistol."

All Hemorrhages, Female Complaints, &c., are quickly controlled by that Household Remedy, FORD'S EXTRACT.

Of all table delicacies cranberry jelly is the brightest and liveliest in color, and one of the best for interior decorations.

Baldness ought not to come till the age of 55 or later. If the hair begins to fall earlier, use Hall's Hair Renewer and prevent baldness and grayness.

He was a New Yorker, and on arriving here-being unaccustomed to the comparatively fresh air-it made him faint. Every other effort proving unavailing, they held him over the fire. He revived almost immediately, and murmured: "Ah, thank heaven! This smells like home."

The Standard. "I regard Hore's Sarsaparilla as having passed above the grade of what are commonly called patent or proprietary medicines," said a well known physician recently. "It is fully entitled to be considered a standard medicine, and has won this position by its undoubted merit, and by the many remarkable cures it has effected. For an alterative and tonic it has never been equaled."

The Car-Mr. Censoroff, you must keep him over the fire. He is afraid of plots, you know. The Censoroff-That will be in the novels of Mr. Howells, or your Majesty's watch.

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 Right in my practice and find it to be a good medicine in influenza and pneumonia. Nothing to equal it to relieve pain."

If a millionaire is a man worth about a million, a centenarian must be a man who is worth about a cent.

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

The revelation of J. Whitcomb Riley's social habits has made him very popular in Indiana.

Drs. DICKEY & SCOOBY, Dallas, Texas, guarantee a cure of rupture and piles. See advertisement.

"May I take one kiss before I go, dearest Angelina?" "Yes, dear Edwin, you may take one, but you must return it, for, in a less frequently warned me against giving kisses to any one."

When you take a trip you are frequently troubled with constipation, headache, pain in the stomach, indigestion, a feeling of weakness or general lassitude, heartburn, acid or sour stomach, &c. You do not wish to strain your stomach with a lot of nauseating pills, but if you wish a pleasant and satisfactory remedy procure one bottle of BAILY'S LAXATIVE, which will cost only 50 cents. It is exceedingly pleasant, always ready and acts promptly.

Dr. Smith-"Your blood is impoverished. I shall have to prescribe for it." Mr. Jones-"Don't, doctor. My wife says I look rustier than any other man in town already."

DALLAS DENTAL PARLORS. 709, 711 Elm Street, DALLAS, TEX. Speciality, Preservation of the natural teeth. Telephone 289.

Church Notices. Table with columns for months (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec) and days of the week, listing church services.

CAMERON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Pleasant Hill cir. at Pleasant Retreat, March 22, 23. Cameron sta. April 5, 6.

MARSHALL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Harrison cir. at Concord, March 22, 23. Centennial mis. at Breckenridge Springs, April 12, 13.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Woodville cir. March 22, 23. Comanche cir. April 12, 13.

GALVESTON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Galveston, St. John. March 22, 23. Galveston, West End Mis. April 5, 6.

PARIS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Lamar Avenue sta. March 22, 23. Emerson cir. April 5, 6.

TYLER DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Tyler, at Ebell. March 22, 23. Ebb, at Ashby chapel. April 5, 6.

BONHAM DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Bonham sta. March 15, 16. Ryan sta. March 22, 23.

CALVERT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Heame and Wheelock, at Heame. March 22, 23. Bremond and Reagan, at Reagan. April 12, 13.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Broadway. March 22, 23. Denton sta. March 29, 30.

SHERMAN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Van Alstyne sta. March 22, 23. Sherman sta. March 29, 30.

WACO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Kerens cir. at Kerens. March 22, 23. Wortham cir. at Richland. March 22, 23.

EL PASO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Penasco, at Prather's, H. H. 4th Sun in March. Penasco, at Prather's, H. H. 4th Sun in March.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Granbury sta. 4th Sun in March. Cleburne cir. at Cleburne. 4th Sun in March.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Cottola and Pearsall, at Pearsall. 4th Sun in March. Uvalde. 4th Sun in March.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Breckenridge cir. at Wayland. March 22, 23. Willitt and Jackoboro sta. at Jackoboro. March 22, 23.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. San Marcos cir. at Pleasant Ridge. 4th Sun in March. Kyle cir. at Pleasant Grove. 4th Sun in March.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Corpus Christi sta. at Rockport. 4th Sun in March. Kennedy cir. at San Domingo. March 29, 30.

VERNON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Cleveland mis. March 22, 23. Vernon cir. at Rockport. March 29, 30.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Santa Anna cir. Thrift. March 22, 23. Glen Cove mis. Constant. March 22, 23.

FAIR DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Powderly mis. March 22, 23. Lamar Avenue sta. March 29, 30.

TERRELL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Merritt cir. at Blue Ridge. March 22, 23. Floyd cir. at Hendrix. March 22, 23.

MONTAGE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Bellevue cir. at Hopewell. March 22, 23. Henrietta sta. March 29, 30.

ABILENE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Haskell mis. at Haskell. March 22, 23. Anson cir. at Prairie View. March 29, 30.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. North Belton cir. at Leona. March 22, 23. Roger's cir. at Mount Vernon. March 29, 30.

CURRO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Hallettsville cir. at Yukon. March 22, 23. Williamsburg cir. at Finney chapel. March 29, 30.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Meridian sta. at Meridian. 4th Sun in March. Killeen cir. at Killeen. 4th Sun in March.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Garden City mis. 4th Sun in March. Sherwood mis. Wednesday after 4th Sun in March.

FIRST WORTH DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Mansfield cir. at Kennedale. 4th Sun in March. Arlington and Village Creek, at Handley. 4th Sun in March.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Carrollton. 4th Sun in March. Sulphur Springs cir. 4th Sun in March.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Irvay cir. at Midway. March 22, 23. Beckville cir. at Beckville. March 29, 30.

PALESTINE DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Palestine sta. at Palestine. 4th Sun in March. E. B. PHILLIPS, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Columbus sta. March 22, 23. Lagrange sta. March 29, 30.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-FIRST ROUND. Independence sta. at Chappell Hill. March 22, 23. E. H. BROOKS, P. E.

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What is the Shakespearean play? "Goodness me, my dear, why don't the play begin? What is all this wait for? He (sighing) - "Don't worry, my dear. It is a heavy tragedy, and has to have a wait at this end to balance it."

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CURRO DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Hallettsville cir. at Yukon. March 22, 23. Williamsburg cir. at Finney chapel. March 29, 30.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Meridian sta. at Meridian. 4th Sun in March. Killeen cir. at Killeen. 4th Sun in March.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Garden City mis. 4th Sun in March. Sherwood mis. Wednesday after 4th Sun in March.

FIRST WORTH DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Mansfield cir. at Kennedale. 4th Sun in March. Arlington and Village Creek, at Handley. 4th Sun in March.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Carrollton. 4th Sun in March. Sulphur Springs cir. 4th Sun in March.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Irvay cir. at Midway. March 22, 23. Beckville cir. at Beckville. March 29, 30.

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The statement shows the total receipts at United States ports for six months to be 5,357,225 bales against 4,886,082 last year and 4,879,157 the same time in 1888. The overland movement for February was 12,505 bales, against 83,159 last year and 53,581 the year before, making the total for the six months 809,745 this year, against 810,017 last year and 848,727 the year before.

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