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#### HOME CONFERENCES.

Notes from San Saba District.

M. A. Black, P. E.: The ladies of San Saba station, through Judge Allison, pre-sented me with a beautiful Oxford Bible with patent index. The gift of those elect with patent index. The gift of those elect ladies is highly appreciated. Sister T. F. Dimmitt, of the Mason station, gave me a very pretty book-mark to go with my new bible, and Bro. R. M. Chenault, of San Saba station, made me a present of a fine gold pen and penholder to fill out the manuscript pages in my fine bible. The only sad leature in these pleasant expressions of regard was the voting of my old bible a superannuated relation. The new one is a thing of beauty and made for durability, also contains much that is very one is a thing of beauty and made for durability, also contains much that is very valuable, but the old one had been with me a long time. From its blessed pages I have adduced arguments to persuade men to forsake sin and be religious. Then I have tried to get a hearing from the people for this old book, so that they might go on to heaven scripturally—I mean dry shod. San Saba is doing well under the pastorate of Bro. Chenault. At the second quarterly conference Bro. Chenault reported assessments for foreign nault reported assessments for foreign and domestic missions paid in full. The and domestic missions paid in full. The stewards reported pastor and presiding elder paid in full to date; the remainder of the parsonage debt liquidated and some improvements made about the parsonage and church. Llano station is gradually building up. Bro. Miller is a thorough-going, business-like pastor. He will push the plane, if necessary, to put any needed improvements on church or parsonage. He visits the sick, prays with the dying, and is the friend of the poor. The assessments will come up at this make but one call, they made it very incomplete. the dying, and is the friend of the poor. The assessments will come up at this point. The town has a future—will be a place of importance without a doubt. Our district conference meets in the pretty town of Brady Wednesday night before the fifth Sunday in June. Pastor Sims and his neble people will be ready for it. We have arranged for a camp-meeting on a large scale near San Saba the first and second Sundays in July. This is to be a joint meeting between San Saba station, Richland Springs circuit and Cherokee Richland Springs circuit and Cherokee mission. The three quarterly conferences will be held on the first Saturday of the meeting. There is to be a great camp-meeting at the old Loss creek camp-ground, to embrace the third and fourth Sundays in July. This is to be held by the pastors of the Pontotoc and Freedonia circuits. Bros. Leaton's and Shorest's circuits. Bros. Leaton's and Shugart's quarterly conferences will be held the first Saturday of this meeting. I have been able to so arrange the work as to spend the month of July in two camp-meetings and at the same time hold five quarterly conferences. We hope to arquarterly conferences. We hope to arrange other meetings as the year goes by. I hope to spend the third Sunday in August with Bro. M. J. Allen at Montvale in a camp-meeting. We are to have one at Sonora the third Sunday in June in the Junction City charge. May the Lord revive his work during these meetings. We hope the district is in reasonably good condition.

F. C. Mabery, May 3: Our town was struck to-day by a tornado, which com-pletely destroyed the Methodist church and school building; also damaged the Presbyterian church considerably, though,

rtunately, no one killed or wounded.

C. S. McCarver, April 28: I feel like l have done enough to begin to round out the year. First, I have been wrestling with sin in Alvarado. Second, four chil-dren had la grippe. Third, three children had whooping-cough. Fourth, four chil-dren and myself are tussling with the measles, and we are about to conquer. As soon as this is done we want a gracious revival of religion.

R. C. Armstrong, April 28: Our meeting closed last night. We had a good meeting. A number were converted during the meeting, and twenty-three joined our church; some will join other churches.
There are others who will join us.
We will get about forty members from
the Sam Jones meeting, and six from the
Dixon Williams meeting. Bro. John M.
Barcus (not Baker), and Bro. M. K. Little rendered valuable assistance. To God
be all the glory.

Paris. Thales B. Reams, April 26: We have closed (or rather were rained out) a profit-able meeting at Lamar Avenue Church. The church was refreshed, and, despite the incessant rain, we had sweet council together and many were full of the Holy Spirit. We are indebted to Bros. Wages Spirit. We are indepted to Blos. Wages, Hill and Boyd, of Wills Point, for excel-lent preaching done by them during the meeting. Seed have been sown. We await the harvest.

Dallas News, May 5: Passengers coming in from Blum at 10 o'clock to-night report that a severe storm visited Blum this evening, almost destroying that little city. The new Methodist church was completely demolished and a number of residences were blown down, and every house in the town is considerably damaged. No lives reported lost.

Lancaster and Ferris. C. G. Shutt, April 27: We have been having a very interesting meeting at Lancaster; several conversions and three additions. On the 10th of May the voters of precinct No. 5, of Dallas county, and meet in one grand conversions and the conversion of the conversion o

voters of precinct No. 5, of Dallas county, will have an opportunity to give King Alcohol a black eye. We sincerely hope that every lover of sobriety, peace and morality in our beat will be sure to go to the polls on that day and help the right. We have two saloons at Lancaster, which are an abomination to the town.

Chapel; that they may be inspired to go on to victory, and meet in one grand conference around the throne of God. Much success to the Advocate.

Fort Worth.

John P. Cox, April 28: This beautiful day I will attempt to send you a few poles. which are an abomination to the town and community. Oh! my countrymen, help us on the 10th of May.

Benjamin. N. B. Bennett, April 24: The good work goes on, notwitstanding the church extension failed to allow us anything from that source to build the church at Benjamin. Yes, I say the good work goes on, but it does not move as it should. I will give below the names of some who are

to the church; baptized ten children. May the Lord bless and save Texas. I have put the Texas Advocate in ninety per cent of the Methodist families in my mission.

they ever made us a call, and as they make but one call, they made it very im-

P. S.—Note to the local preachers on Acton circuit: Dear Brethren, if I can't be at my appointments, will you be kind enough to fill my appointments for me.

P. S.—Sunday-school superintendent: Don't forget Children's Day—take your collections for Sunday-school interest. collections for Sunday-school interest.

H. C. Parrot, May 2: We have been trying to hold a revival meeting in Garland for some time, but owing to the continued rainy spell which we have had, we had but little chance. Yet, notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances, we had a good time. Eight were added to the church, making seventeen accessions since conference, and a founaccessions since conference, and a foun-dation is laid for another meeting after awhile. Bro. W. M. Adams, of Forney, was with us and preached the gospel with power and in demonstration of the Spirit, wining the confidence and esteem of our people. To know Bro. Adams is to love and value him as a preacher and worker for God.

Mount Calm. T. H. Davis: On the Mount Calm cir-cuit Bro. W. H. Moss is our pastor. He is a gospel preacher after the old style. This is his third year on this work. We are getting very hungry for an old-time revival, and to this end we are looking forward for greater things in the future. The darkest time is always just before day. Look here, dear Advocate, are we not getting on the background to some extent in the way of neglecting class-meeting and love feasts? One of our ex-horters said to me the other day that he had just attended one class-meeting. He said the reason was because he had not had an opportunity. I am a local preach-er and I cannot tell who our class leader is, because we never have any class-meet-

ings. This is not Wesley or the Bible. We must have a stirring up somewhere. Wills Point. G. F. Boyd, May 3: Between 12 and 1 o'clock to-day a cyclone struck our little city and scarcely a house escaped its furi-ous rage. The school building and Meth-odist church are completely demolished. ary Baptist churches are badly damaged. The Chrisiian, Presbyterian and Missionbusiness houses have suffered loss, and several dwelling houses are blown down. Quite a number of persons are crippled, but only two were killed.
Thank the Lord I was at home. Wife, children and I got close together in the study and submitted ourselves to the good Lord, and he preserved us, with very little damage to the parsonage. I have been working all evening with the wounded and the dead, and am happy tonight in the love of God. Praise his holy name that it is no worse. What we shall do as a church, I know not. The

Lord will provide.

M. M. Smith: Our second quarterly conference has come off with much satis-faction, and we feel a victory for the Master. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. B. M. Stephens, crossed over the Brazos river with her peering waves bounding from bank to bank to give command to the little band at Irvin's Chapel to march forward, onward and upward. Bro. Stephens preached three good sermons to the satisfaction of all who heard him and we feel to the honor and glory of God. A number of our official brethren failed to get there, owing to high water, but good reports were received from a number of the points. Bros. Chas. Randal, A. N. Edwards, Jimmie Hamilton and Alex Mc-

day I will attempt to send you a few notes. Mulkey Memorial Church has a Juvenile Missionary Society. Bro. Barnes, our pastor, told the people that we want-ed to organize a society, and on the third Sunday of February we had our first meeting. It was organized and the fol-lowing officers were elected: President, John P. Cox; Vice-President, Miss Mary Duff; Secretary, Miss Blanche Woods; Treasurer, Miss Mary Estes; Mrs. J. Fred Cox, lady manager. Sixty-six members joined the first meeting. We had our next meeting the third Sunday in March.

J. A. Wyatt, April 28: My second quar-Corsicana.

H. M. Glass, April 28: Our new church first to the third Sunday in this month H. M. Glass, April 28: Our new church building, seven miles from Corsicana, is nearly completed. Part of the money was raised by Rev. W. H. Terry, former pastor. Yesterday I preached to a very large congregation on temporary seats, and large congregation of the congregation of the congregation of the congregation of the cong pastor. Yesterday I preached to a large congregation on temporary seats, and I trust much good was done. We are looking for a gracious revival of religion and the salvation of many souls. The tabernacle meeting at Corsicana has been a great blessing to hundreds of hearers. The divine favor has rested upon every pastor and Christian worker in the city, and eternity alone will reveal the glorious results.

Acton Circuit.

Acton Circuit.

Jno. A. Gardner, April 27: Acton circuit is still on up grade. Everything is hopeful and more to follow. The preacher's wife has been very low for the two or are ready and the salvation of the upbuilding of the church during the whole time. Our indefatigable college agent, J. C. Weaver, came to my rescue Wednesday, and is with me yet. I assure you that he has not lost a whit of his old lire. The church is being crowded to overflowing as the people wait upon his ministry. Let us have the prayers and sympathies of all who read this, for there is much that needs to be done here. The devil is strongly intrenched. Our quarabound everydevil is strongly intrenched. Our quarterly conference reports showed every-thing well up in finances, and also very favorable on other lines.

T. T. Booth, April 29: The second quarterly conference for the Larissa circuit was held at Earl Chapel, April 26 and 27, and, notwithstanding the rain and cold and high water, the attendance was good, and the results were satisfactory and full of hope. Our presiding elder was present as usual, but he don't need booming. I must say that, though he has been our presiding elder for several years, he never did us better service. our new house was dedicated Sunday, at the close of the sermon, free from debt. A collection taken and two children baptized. Next quarterly conference to be tized. Next quarterly conference to be held at the camp-ground, embracing the second Sunday in August, at which time our annual camp-meeting will be held, and the following brethren are earnestly and the following brethren are earnestly requested to be present and assist in the meeting: Rev. L. M. Fowler, J. S. Mathis, B. R. Bolton and C. H. Smith. The brethren will please read this notice and make a note. We need your assistance very much, and we will meet you with convergent Laboration and the same and the with conveyance at Jacksonvile, pay all expenses and do our level best to make you comfortable. We will be pleased to have also any official help that we can get. We are hoping and praying for a great revival. We need it very much, and with it we will be abundantly satisfied. Will all the people pray for it?

his forces again and gather large congregations. Great interest was manifested at each service, and I never saw, I think, such manifestations of God's spirit in the heart of Christians at every service. Bro. Bolton announced that if it rained us out at one service, come to the next, so the people would crowd the house after the rain. I stayed with him a part of two weeks, during which time we had the following brethren to preach for us: Rev. U. B. Philips preached one good sermon, Rev. Mr. Stuart one very spiritual sermon, Rev. A. G. Scruggs two sermons. The altar of prayer was magnified all the way through, and penitents came forward for prayer and were converted, not by the sign simply of raising the hand, but by visible demonstrations plain to all. Rusk station, with her annexes, is a large work -too large, perhaps, for one man. Bro. Bolton is doing his best on it. I do love to see a pastor carry his people's spiritual interest on his heart. Well, results of meeting are seventeen conversions and twenty-eight accessions, some of whom power. This evening, just after the pas-senger train arrived in Trinity, there was senger train arrived in Trinky, there was seen a tall, fine-looking man going to-ward the Methodist parsonage, having something, seemingly very delicate, wrapped in a paper. On further investi-gation it was found to be two large cakes, and one of them very fine and artistically constructed. After divesting the cake of its wrapper he handed over an envelope containing \$19.50, and stated that there were family groceries on their way to the parsonage. All this came from the kind people of Groveton, the place where we dedicated that beautiful new church two weeks since. May God bless them abundantly, and I hereby return thanks.

Marlin. I. Z. T. Morris, April 29: By my invitation and the indorsement of the official members, the Texas Holiness Association held their spring meeting in Marlin, be ginning April 8th, at 8 p. m., by a sermon by Bro. J. E. Green. We had present Revs. J. M. Armstrong, B. F. Cassaway, C. H. Ellis, B. J. Guess, T. B. Graves, 1. P.

Lowery, W. G. Nelms, W. H. Dean and H. T. Scudding, besides several visiting laymen. We held services at 6 a. m., 9 a. m., 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. in the Metho-dist Church; 4 p. m. in the opera-house, and Sister Green held a ladies' prayermeeting in the Episcopal Church at 3 p.
m. The devil had piled up a great deal
of rubbish in our way before the meeting
began, but the Lord took Ben Gassaway
and gave him Nemiah iv:x, and in one
hour removed it all. The Lord can always beat the devil if you give him a chance. He had been several weeks at work with lots of people, and the Lord in one hour, with as little a man as Ben and the Holy Spirit, removed it all. So every service was very profitable to all. Scriptural (not street and newspaper) holiness

people of the world are watching for an about one hundred and fifty members in result, so far as I see it now: Six accesopportunity to buy and sell, and yet gain all. Now, I would like to know if there and strengthen the commercial interests of the world, that there are a few among it has not been organized any longer than the sanctification; a Woman's Missionthe Israel of God that are awake to the interests of the church. I hope the children will all see Sister Ireland's call for Coral Builders. The work is moving on nicely on the Benjamin mission; have had six conversions, twenty-five additions to the church in a mounted to \$229.30. We cannot help but be proud. A nice church to worship in, a fine preacher, a magnification for license to exhort; considerable increase in the Sunday school; two new teachers; a much better spirit among the depointment of the church of the increase in the Sunday school; two new to worship in, a fine preacher, a magnificent Sunday-school, and nearly \$230 for missions. What do you think of it, Mr. Editor. [Well done.—Ed.] teachers; a much better spirit among the denominations, and sixteen subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate. Of course, much more could be said. Be ers to the Texas Christian Advocate. Of course, much more could be said. Be it understood, we want (and I mean the church) the meeting again next fall. Hope no one else will ask for it. To the Lord be all the glory. We expect to push on for still greater things.

H. B. Henry, May 4: Another Methodist church building wrecked. Our fond hopes as to our church house in Mc-Gregor this morning lie in the mud. The building was ready for the shingles, lacking doors and windows; was moved off the five brick walls—the foundation. I have called a meeting of our official board at 2 p. m. to look after plans for restoring. We need help. Send to me or J. R. We need help. Send to me or J. R. Smith, at this place. Pray for us.

Mineola.

were erected. Many back-sliders and luke-warm members renewed their covenants. Many men not accustomed to attending services were induced to come, and they kept coming till the house was filled, and yet they came till members were avery because of the wart of recent went away, because of the want of room. The new birth, repentance, justification by faith and the witness of the Spirit were kept permanently before the sinner in the preaching, and the Holy Spirit came, and some twenty or twenty-five souls were converted. Thus far twentythree have applied for church member-ship. Others will join yet. We are in-debted to Bros. J. F. Archer, of Jackson-ville, and O. C. Fontaine, of Tyler, for six days each of faithful and efficient work. May God bless these brethren abundantly, and may their prospects in the future continue as bright as now. Dr. John Adams reached us in the midst of the revival and held our second quarterly con-ference, giving us three of his ablest ser-mons, which fit so nicely in the program. Our salary was set up to \$600, and finances loomed up on a safe basis. All and all, Mineola is getting solid, and we are sure the fruits of the meeting will abide. The Lord be praised for his goodness and his wonderful work to the children of men.

C. E. Gallagher, May 3: We have been having through this part of the state all through Δpril frequent and very A. J. Frick, May 2: Have just arrived from New Birmingham, where I have been assisting Rev. B. R. Bolton in a very gracious meeting. On my arrival Bro. Bolton, the pastor, had been running the meeting already one week, and notwithstanding the rain, which fell in great torrents, he would manage to rally ten residences torn to pieces and what furniture they contained mashed up and every article of dry goods scattered pro-fusely about and beat down in the mud, until the houses and their contents are almost a total loss. Twenty-two other residences were blown off their foundations and damaged. The new Baptist church, which was so near completion as to be receiving the paper, was totally wrecked, the paper-hangers narrowly es-caping injury by flight. Three brick business houses were unroofed and their contents greatly damaged by water. The total loss in the town, as estimated by the relief committee yesterday morning, reaches the sum of \$12,000. The committee have raised from the citizens of the town \$542.50 as a relief fund. I hear of some houses through the country that were torn down. One woman and several children are suffering from injuries received, but none of them are thought to be dangerously hurt. No estimate can be made of the damage done the farmers in the storm's track. Their lands are badly washed and their crops are totally ruined. Report has it that the hail was so severe as to smash to pieces all vegetation. One brother says he can hold all the leaves left in his orchard in his mouth. The scope visited by the hail is about three Our little Mattie was bitten last Tues-

day evening by a very large copperhead snake, which resulted in her being very sick and our being very much alarmed for awhile, but the good Lord was pleased to direct to those remedies that brought restoration to her and relief to May God work all these things together for our good, for we know we love

Mount Enterprise.

T. B. Vinson, May 1: Our second quarterly meeting, which was April 19 and 20, is over as to time of appointment but not in effect. It was certainly good to be there. We had a good attendance of the officials Saturday, and it was re-alized beyond all doubt that the brethren came up there to do and get good. Our beloved presiding elder was present and fully equipped for the occasion. After giving us a grand move up with one of his warm, practical sermons, we adjourned to enjoy the good things which the kind ladies had prepared in abundance for the occasion, and, as it was enjoyed by all alike until all were ready to come together for the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men, we had a pleasant time. the various interests of the church, and it was realized afresh that the brethren intrusted with the stewardship were fully prepared to answer to the roll-call, and in response proved themselves to be men of God in caring and providing for the preacher's family. We wrote you at one time of the pounding that we were receiving, and I can truly say it is a protracted one, as it has never ceased—and even our pony has shared in the benefits; but, the best of all, they have been pounding us with their prayers at a throne of grace, and I am sure our little that the has wonderful tact at conducting a revival to the best possible results. He did us much good. The people here have ungive below the names of some who are trying, by God's grace, to help the weak to stand: A. G. Mills and wife \$5, Mrs. Lost and \$10, Mrs. S. Reynolds \$2, Mrs. E. Y. Campbell \$2, Rev. Chas. Davis. We held our next meeting the third Sunday in Agrich. Sansom \$1, D. J. Howard \$1, Mrs. S. V. Howard \$25 cents, Mrs. S. Who held our next meeting the third Sunday in April. We were in the new church, cents, Master Edmir Howard 25 cents, Mrs. See how we were going to perform. We cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in howard \$1, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Mrs. See how we were going to perform. We cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Master Eddie Howard 25 cents, Sunday in help the cents, Sunday in help the cents, Sunday in help the cents of the church, and there were reliable to the performers, and all the churches in town came in and turnishes music for the meeting. We had a nice program and every one heart set the best of all, they have been divided on help the was divided one, as it has shared in the bened on heart of regarding and there one there in the was the main theme—no

presence of the Lord, and realized that it God bless Abe and Louisa, and give them was good to be there. We also had a spiritual love feast at 10 o'clock, and after great success in their loved employ. We had a nice tabernacle in which to hold the revival. We secured the money to memorate the death and sufferings of our Lord. Quite a number gathered around the board and renewed their covenant to God. Oh! the blessings we recieve through the church from the Father. Would to God all were partakers. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Lam glod to know preaching came around the table to comas it is in heaven. I am glad to know that I can have a place within its pales. I love the church our blessed Redeemer bought with his own precious blood. "For her my tears shall fall:

For her my tears ascend;
For her my tears ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end,
Beyond my highest joy I prize
Her heavenly ways, Her sweet communion, solemn vows, Her hymns of love and praise."

God help us put on the whole armor of god and raise high the standard of our

Rising Star. at Eastland, who will have their church ready by that time, we can secure the services of Bishop Key and give our peo-ple a glimpse at a Methodist bishop— many of whom never had that pleasure before, and it will occur right in time of our revival season and will give this charge such an impetus that, with the zeal and energy shown by our pastor, Bro. Rascoe, will carry him through to the end of the year with brilliant success. Bro. ought to be; yet we consider it a success with the opposition it has from without our ranks. We are making arrangements to observe Children's Day by an appropriate program of lectures, speeches, es-says and songs suitable for the occasion. season is very flattering for a bounti-

Dublin.

had a good congregation. We have two good Sunday-schools doing well. We built a Methodist church at Sowell creek. Our next quarterly meeting is to be held there, and we hope the presiding elder will be with us and preach us a great big sermon on the church, or some other such subject. I am serving a good people I have five appointments, good congregations at each place. The outlook is good, I think, for a revival, and I am working and praying for it. Armstrong circuit is a new one; it was organized last summer with sixty members, but has now about one hundred and forty. It was assessed \$121 last year, and paid it in full. It has promised to pay \$300 this year to the preacher in charge and \$50 to the presiding elder. We are talking up a new church-house at Graham's chapel. One of the great needs of the church to-day is church-houses. We preach in school-houses—some of them have but few seats, and poor ones at that, frequently conflict-ing with other churches. May the good Lord give us a revival on church-house building. There is not a local preacher on my work. I need a preacher over here—an evangelist will do. If you see one send him along. I see in the Advo-cate some of our brethren think there is more fuss than feathers in this evangelistic work. There is one thing: these workers reach a class of people that the pastor cannot reach, or fail to reach. Brethren, I think we should thank God for such men and be content with our little congregation. Let us be careful; if this work be of men, it will come to naught.

Geo. S. Wyatt, May 2: Our gracious revival has closed. We began on April 6th and closed on the night of the 30th. faithfully, and much of the success of the meeting is due to their earnest work. As a preacher, but few that I have ever heard can equal R. H. H. Burnett. In flights of oratory he is equal to Bascom; in profundity of thought, to Bishop A. W. Wilson; and in pathos, to Marvin. I am not excited, but calmly and considerately I write the above sentence. And when it comes to plain and fearless de-nunciation of popular sins, I have never heard but one man that excelled him— Sam Jones. I have heard many of our best preachers, but I have never heard a sermon from any of them that excelled Bro. Burnett's effort last Sunday at 11 a. m., from the text, "God so loved the world," etc. God bless Burnett in the great work he is doing. Well, what shall I say of Abe? He is hard to describe. He is always master of the situation. is earnest, faithful, humble, and full of the Holy Ghost. He tells his experience with telling effect, here in Corsicana, where he has been known for years, as

in the work with a great deal of earnest-ness. One of the great results of the meeting was the cementing of the hearts meeting was the cementing of the hearts of God's people in closer spiritual union. We sang, prayed, preached and rejoiced together. God honored our efforts and poured his Spirit upon us in great power. We had many difficulties, but over them We had many difficulties, but over them all the Lord gave us victory. When we opened up on the sins of the people, we were cursed bitterly, and our name was held up to ridicule, and we were called "old mudspatterer" in the daily paper; but in God's name we raised the banner and marched to victory. The visible results are about 200 conversions and reclaims. sults are about 200 conversions and recla-mations and about the same number of Jas. Irby, April 25: In justice to our friends, a lew dots from the Star will be in order. If in speaking of our success I shall appear a little vain, I hope I will be shall appear a little vain, I hope I will be hundred and sixty since we came to Corpardoned for so doing. We have been so long pent up, jostled together with the common herd, that when we moved out J. C. Calhoun, April 28: Our meeting of twenty-two days' duration closed last night. The church put on the armor of God and worked nobly from the first to the last service. The Lord of Hosts was with us, and surely and grandly did he lead the church on to victory. The full results of the meeting will not be known till eternity dawns. New family altars were erected. Many back-sliders and luke-warm members renewed their covenants. Many men not accustomed to ful Board of Stewards, who pay the preacher his salary at the first of every month. In fact, the finances of the church are all well up, not with standing the pastor in unqualified terms preaches against the popular sins of the day. The class leaders, with a few exceptions, do their duty well. One of them, Bro. C. L. Fewell, proposes now to begin a series of meetings in a hall fitted up at his own expense, in which he proposes to train the young converts and all others who may at-tend for church work. We cannot estimate the good that will, we believe, grow out of this work on the part of Bro. Fewell. May God bless his efforts abundantly. Let all Rascoe has good congregations, good attention, and we hope for grand results this season. We have a good Sunday-school, though not as well attended as it and enters into it with his characteristic zeal. We are sorry to say, however, that, notwithstanding we have had the revival and preached and prayed and talked, there are some few—thank God, I can say few who go to the theater, dance and play cards. We have determined, under God. by faithful effort, to amend or cut off those who thus violate their church vows ful harvest this year, which will insure prosperity for our church, as we try to keep our church interest apace with our financial interest. a member from the church, but when every means has been exhausted to re-claim the wayward child it is better to J. T. Owen, April 30: Our second quarterly meeting is over. Our presiding elder was not there, but Bros. E. M. Sweet, of Stephenville circuit, and T. S. Ewell, local elder of the Carrollton circuit, were with us. We had a good time. Nearly all of the officials were present and all seemed to be happy. Notwithstanding our meeting was on Tuesday, we had a good congregation. We have two formal and unconverted members of the churches, who never had any religion. Of course they do not go into the churches; for they are already members. Second, many of the conversions in these great religious movements under noted evangelists are men and women from a distance—even some come from hundreds of miles. Of course they do not go into the churches where the revival is held. Take, for instance, in the revival just held here: men and women from Waco have been led to a Christian life; one man, I now call to mind, whose home is in Waxahachie. Third, it is a very difficult matter for the best of preachers to tell just exactly how long the fish is—he may over or under-estimate the length. Tell Bro. Dralloc that I cannot afford to notice his article, so full of personalities. I was discussing a great question: "Does a faithful denunciation of popular evils militate against full collections?" I said no, and proved it. God bless the Apvo-

#### THE NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE.

At the session of the Vernon District Conference, a committee was appointed to take under advisement the erection of a Methodist college in the bounds of the district.

Now, it appears that nothing has been done, or the committee has kept the re-sults of their labors to themselves. Believing the time has come for immediate action in this direction, allow me to offer a few suggestions:

1. That we undertake the building of a

twenty-thousand dollar college.
2. That the committee correspond with

or visit the citizens of Seymour, Vernon, Iowa Park and other towns in the district and ascertain what amounts can be raised We had been running about two weeks at these points for a beginning, and be when Bros. Burnett and Mulkey came to our assistance. These brethren worked conference. No city can make a better financial investment than to put ten thou-sand dollars in this building. From my knowledge of the wealth and educational spirit of Northwest Texas, I think one hundred boarding students can be had for the first year. Let us have the Northwestern College.

S. J. VAUGHAN.

FARMER, TEXAS. SAN MARCOS S. S. CONFERENCE

San Marcos Sunday-school Conference will convene at Luling, Wednesday be-fore the fourth Sunday in June at 9 a. m. All members of the district conference, together with all the Sunday-school superintendents and secretaries of Sunday-schools in the district, are members of the Sunday-school conference. The following program will direct our delibera-

1. Relation of Sunday-school to the church. 2. Relations of pastors to Sunday-

3. Qualifications and duties of teachers.

## Texas Christian Advocate.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. REV. H. S. THRALL, D. D.

For a few years past, acting, as I under-stand, under the instructions of one of our stand, under the instructions of one of our Bishops. the Board of Finance of the West Texas Conference has declined to allow the claims of any one, unless in the estimates of the previous year that claim had been considered and provided for. This is the rule of Boards of Stewards of quarterly conterences; but the analogy does not hold good. Originally, the fifth collection was especially for not only superannuates, but for those who had not received a support on their work, and

only superannuates, but for those who had not received a support on their work, and of course special cases could not be anticipated and provided for.

Suppose, for example, that the Financial Board makes an estimate of \$100 or Bro. A. During the year Bro. A. dies, what will become of the money? Or suppose again, that during the year, Bro. A. unexpectedly becomes possessed with ample means of living, then, what becomes of the money? Must it still be given to him instead of a poor and penniless widow whose husband has died during the year? This is a contingent fund to be given to regular claimants according to their necessities at the time of ing to their necessities at the time of distribution, not the year before.

On examining the minutes of other conferences, I find that the West Texas conference is the only one where this rule

conference is the only one where this rule is observed. I give examples:

In 1887, at the Northwest Texas Conference held by Bishop Wightman, money was granted to the widows of John E. Aikin and S. W. Flournoy, who had died during the year. The next year Bishop Keener held the conference and money was voted to the widow of W. L. Kistler, just deceased. The next year, in the same conference held by Bishop McTyeire, the widow of Wm. F. Compton who had just died, received \$150. In 1883 the widow of James S. Lane and James who had just died, received \$150. In 1885 the widow of James S. Lane and James Hiner received their funds, Bishop Parker presiding. At the session of the same conference, held by Bishop McTyeire in 1885, the board gramted Mrs. F. A. Mood her quota of the funds.

In the East Texas conference held by Bishop Keener in 1878, the widow of Joseph M. Blanton received her quota of the conference funds. Her husband had just died.

had just died.

During the year preceding the conferences of 1883, L. B. Ellis and R. C. Sewell, of the North Texas conference, died. At the session held by Bishop Duncan both widows receive their share of the fund. The next year that conference was held by Bishop McTyeire, and the widow of James H. Shaw received money appropriated by the Board of Finance.

In 1888 Bishop Duncan held the Texas conference. During the year R. A. Burham had died; his widow received her quo'a of the fund. The year following Bishop Key held the same conference, when the widow of John E. Stovali, who had died in the middle of the year, received a handsome sum from the Board of Finance.

Thus it appears that under the adminis-Thus it appears that under the administration of every bishop who for ten years past has presided over our conferences in Texas, and in every Texas conference except ours in the west, the widows of preachers who have died during the preceding year have received appropriations from the conference funds, and this has been the uniform usage of the church. I hope the West Texas conference at its next session will fall into line and remember those who in the midst of their greatest grief, and often of theirgreatest necessities, require such relief.

I make no reflection upon the noble men constituting the Board of Finance of the West Texas conference. I know they have acted conscientiously and according to their understanding of their duty in the premises, but I think the law has been very unfortunately misinterpreted.

Sow, it is a well established fact that regeneration issimultaneous with "saving faith," therefore, if the brother is correct, no one is entitled to church membership till he has been "born again."

The brother has the Discipline, the standards, and the Bible against him. In the Discipline you will find on page twenty-seven (27) this statement: "There is only one condition previously required of whose who desire admission into these societies—a 'desire to flee from the wrath to come,' and to be saved from your sins,' etc. Masion says: "When both parents believed, and trained their families to believe in Christ and worship the true God, the case was stronger; the family was then a 'church in the house,' though

#### KENTUCKY NOTES.

If variety be the spice of life, then life in Kentucky ought to be spicy. Lectures on every conceivable subject come thick and fast. Conventions, institutes, chautauquas, celebrations, mass meetings and entennials crowd one upon the other. Then there are evangelists and agents for this and agents for that—each one of whom hath a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, or an interpretation of his own; but they all wind up by raising an own; but they all wind up by raising an orthodox collection. Any pastor in charge of a city church can have his pulpit filled every Sunday, and, judging from my experience during the last six weeks, he may have his pulpit engaged for every Sunday for three months ahead. Among this nomadic tribe there are a form Sunday for three months ahead. Among this nomadic tribe there are a few experts, who have reduced this mode of begging to a science and elevated the vocation of a tramp into an honorable profession. One of these experts selects the pastors of several city churches, in whose financial welfare he feels a deep concern, to whom he sends a printed letter and a program, proposing to raise all the money needed for any church work. He waits a few weeks, and, if the pastors do not respond, he sends them another printed letter, calling their attention to his first letter. If this fails he then sends a third printed letter, in which each one of the aloresaid pastors are reminded that "a postal card only costs one cent," and intimates in pretty strong terms that he has not been treated with common courtesy. I suppose the reason why he did not send a postal card on a postage stamp grew out of the eard or a postage stamp grew out of the fact that he has all these letters printed by the thousand and sends them out by the hundred, hence he can not afford to pay the postage on the long-looked-for and much desired answer, especially as he proposes to help the aforesaid pastors and their churches in their financial work.

This scribe is becoming somewhat ex-pert in protecting himself and his people against the above class of experts (having against the above class of experts (having provided a regular editoral waste-basket in his study), but if all the aforesaid experts are as good, liberal Methodists as their professions and recommendations indicate, then he who devises a plan by which this vast army of nomads can be located and put to work in some honorable vocation, and their burning zeal for the Master utilized in regular church work, will have solved one "Problem of Methodism," if not of christainity.

While I am on these abnormal develop-

While I am on these abnormal developments in church work, permit me to al-lude to one more. As a church, we have our work classified. The local church in each community is expected to look after each community is expected to look after its own finances, pay a regular assessment for missions (both foreign and domestic), ehurch extension, conference claimants, and bishop's fund; then comes a volun-tary contribution for the Bible cause. In-side of these general collections, ordered and appointed by the law of the church, there is in every local church a Woman's there is in every local church a Woman's Missionary Society and a Juvenile Missionary Society, and a Paronage Aid Society, all at work raising money out-ide of and in addition to the regular assessments. (In looking back over the list I see that I contract the collection on Children's Dark

here and there a good brother or sister whose zeal is eating them up—who are restive under the regular, slow process of converting the world through the regular channels indicated by the wisdom of the church; so they drop out of the regular army, desert the post assigned by the church, and project a special work and begin sending circulars to all the pastors, either asking the use of their pulpits to present their new, special, urgent cause, present their new, special, urgent cause, or urging said pastors to lift a special colction for their special cause on a spe-

lection for their special cause on a special Sunday.

Now, I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet—only bear the name of "the weeping prophet"—but I prophesy this: If the agencies of the church are not held strictly to regular church work, the church will soon pass through her prophetic period and come to "Lamentations."

And now, as I have delivered my prophecy, I have a "iamentation." It is lamentable to see a man who has run the whole round of dissipation and debauchery, and having been plucked as a brand

ery, and having been plucked as a brand from the flames of perdition, rise up from the place of forgiveness and propose to convert the world by condensing his life of debauchery and shame into one lect-ure or sermon, and demand the use of convert the world by condensing his life of debauchery and shame into one lecture or sermon, and demand the use of the first palpits in the land for this purpose—with the "privilege of taking a collection at the close." It was not thus in the beginning: "Now the man, out of whom the devils had departed, was found sitting at the feet of Jesus:" and when he proposed to become a herald of Christ, Jesus said: "Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done for thee." What a "drawing." taking lecture the "Prodigal Son" could have constructed by describing his tour in that "far country," coloring the picture here and there by giving incidents connected with that "riotous living" in which he wasted his substance?" It that prodigal boy had I ved in this day he might have regained his fortune by that lecture. But his repentance, shame and humility led him to seek the place of a servant—of a hired servant—while he left some one else to tell the story of his prodigality. It was told, and told by not only a mas'er, but the Master; and it was told in two minutes—without a collection.

Paris, Ky.

"LET US HAVE SOME ADDITIONS."

W. S.

I noticed some time since an article in the St. Louis Advocate, charging blasphemy upon ministers who receive unregenerated persons into the church. Yesterday, on opening the Texas Christian Advocate, I saw an article from Rev. Webster Full earnestly pleading for an addition in the Discipline that will close the doors of the church against all except those who have "saving faith."

This calls in question one of the primary doctrines of the Methodist Church, and more, it brands it as erroneous and hurtful to the church. I do not think I am mistaken in this charge. I have talked to men who were Methodist preachers before Bro. Full was born, and they say that the position taken by him they say that the position taken by him is not Methodistic.

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Sincere faith or assent to the gospel, with desires of instruction and salvation, appear to have uniformly entitled the person to baptism. (Theo. Inst. page 548.) Again, it will not be denied to Dr. Whitley, that the apostle baptized on the pro-fession of a belief in the Messiahship and Sonship of our Lord; nor is it to be denied to Bishop Tomline that when bap-tism, in the case of true penitence, was tism, in the case of true penitence, was not only an outward expression of the faith of assent, but accompanied by a solemn committal of the spiritual interest of the baptized to Christ, by an act of confidence, the power to do which was, no doubt, often given as a part of the grace of baptism, justification would follow, the real question is whether justification follows mere assent. (T. I. 1. 585) cation follows mere assent. (T. I. L. 585) Wesley, Clark and Summers teach the

No, the practice of the M. E. Church and your practice, brother, for eighteen years, will never change this vital doctrine of our church

We ought not to be divided on a queswe ought not to be divided on a question like this. But who has done the dividing? Evidently those who cry "blasphemy," and "give us some additions."

The question is simply this: Is the doctrine as set forth in our Discipline, or Standards, Biblical or not? If not, then we ought to require an experience of grace, like our Baptist brethren. But if Methodism, at this point, is true, these Methodist preachers ought to come over from the Baptists and quit fighting their

wn cause. I close by saying that the brother can-not find a single passage of Scripture to sustain him in his remarks.

CHURCH-GOING. REV. C. G. SHUTT.

Look here, brother, sister, you who habitually absent yourselves from the house of God, through criminal neglect, did it ever occur to you that you are losing ground, spiritually? This public gathering of the saints to worship God is a means of grace that no Christian can afford to pecket. Whenever I find a church member neglect. Whenever I find a church member that won't attend church, who is not prov-identially hindered from so doing, I can identially hindered from so doing, I can locate his spiritual standing in three seconds. I put him down as a backslider at once. I thought a few days ago that I had found an exception to the rule. I went to see one of my own church-going members, and I asked him if he didn't think he would backs'ide if he didn't attend church. He replied: "No, I don't think there is any danger of me backsliding." Well, a short time afterward I got the scent of his breath just after he left a saloon, and I decided that the fellow had lied. He didn't smell much like a man that was getting along very well, man that was getting along very well, religiously; or, it may be that he was out of danger of backsliding then, for I think he had already gotten back about as far as it was necessary for him to get in order for the devil to get him.

onage Aid Society, all at work raising money out-ide of and in addition to the regular assessments. (In looking back over the list I see that I omitted the collection on Children's Day). This opens a pretty large field for Christian liberality, and where this field is well cultivated the "grace of liberality" will grow and flourish. But there is found in order for the devil to get him.

Make it your rule, my friend, to attend church every time the house of God is thrown open for worship; and don't let anything but severe sickness, or other providential hindrances, keep you away. Don't lay too much to Providence, either. Laziness is not a providential hindrance; neither is staying at home to entertain grow and flourish. But there is found

Sunday morning a providential hin-drance. They that go visiting, and they that stay at home on Sunday to entertain

to be far more intensely zealous about attending God's house than you are about your temporal business.

Another reason why you ought never to absent yourself from God's house is, that God has a blesing four you there that you would get nowhere else. Ps. lxxxvii:2: "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."

God loves you in your family and secret devotions, but there is a peculiar blessing for you in God's house. Then you will flourish if you are planted in God's house. (See Ps. xcii:13, 14). "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." Brother, you have been wondering why you are not flourishing religionsly. You are not planted in the house of God; that's the trouble. You little, dwarfed, puny, spiritual pigmy, you; your soul will dry up yet if you don't take to going to church and do your duty.

The psalmi-t uses a beautiful figure in the foregoing Scripture: "Shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon." See those grand old cedars, the same all the year round—during the chilly b'asts of winter and the scorching suns of summer. That's a model type of a right ous man. That explains why we have more revivals in the summer than we have in the winter. The people are planted in the house of God, and they flourish, and the fire spreads from heart to heart and sinners are converted unto the Lord.

We would have a revival all the year if

are converted unto the Lord. We would have a revival all the year if we would nave a revival all the year if we could get the peopie planted in the house of God. Brother, sister, resolve in your soul right here in the future I will be found at my place in God's house.

#### W. M. S .- TEXAS CONFERENCE.

W. M. S.—TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The tenth annual meeting of the Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society will be held in Tenth Street Church, Austin, Texas, July 2-6. We would urge the election of delegates at the first meeting after the appearance of this notice; and we would most earnestly beg for a full representation. Let each auxiliary and juvenile elect a delegate and an alternate, and see that one of them goes. Let the societies that have never sent a delegate before make an advance movement and send a delegate up to Austin. Come, my sisters, and give us the inspiration of your presence, your prayers and counsel. It is earnestly hoped that the conference officers may all be permitted to attend. A written report is required of each organization. Send name and address of all delegates to Mrs. R. H. Kirby, West Fifteenth street, as soon as elected, and also to Mrs. Park with next quarterly report. We would ask our women to unite with us in observing Friday. June 27, as port. We would ask our women to unite with us in observing Friday, June 27, as a day of fasting and prayer for God's presence with us and his blessing upon the work of our meeting.

Mrs. Sydney C. Hammond Follin,
P.W. M. S., T. C.

W. M. S., WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE To the District Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference:

riate times to revive interest in our

M. work.

I do hope that each of you will be able to attend your district conference, and claim for our society the importance it demands at our hands. I do not hesitate to say that you will receive from all our ministers every encouragement and as-sistance in their power to extend. I have never called upon one of our ministerial brethren for aid or sympathy in the mis-sion or parsonage work but that they were only too glad to co-operate with us. Let us be up and doing, and success will certainly crown our efforts.

certainly crown our efforts.

MRS. A. M. IRELAND,
Pres. W. M. Society, W. T. Con.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH

Am I My Brother's Keeper?" [The following is the substance of a letter writ-ten by Rev. H. H. Kavanaugh, Chaplain of the Penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., in response to in-quiries made by the Woman's Department of Church Extension.]

"It required some labor to get facts which would be useful to you in your work, as to the Combs men and boy, who were sent to the penitentiary from the mountains. Sam Combs, aged 19 years, was sentenced for 8 years, on the charge of manslaughter; Ed Combs, 24 years and Linguist as well as systems of one year, and Linguist Sam Combs. served a sentence of one year, and Lin-virle Combs, now 12 years old, for life. He was only 11 years of age when his offense was committed. He was pardoned by Governor Buckner at the instance of 'The Humane Society.' of which society Mr. Finzer was agent at this place. Mr. Finzer also took out a four-year-old girl,

Finzer also took out a four-year-old girl, born in the penitentiary.

"In all there have been five Combs' here, all closely related. Three of them were for one year each. Of these, two were from Perry county and one from Knox county. There is now but one of the five remaining, Tom Combs, who will serve out his sentence in five years and ten months. He has a bright, open face; has joined the church and been baptized since coming here.

since coming here.

"Linville said that this was the best home he ever had. His mind is bright, and while here he learned to read in the second reader and to calculate well. The



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child was more sinned against than sin-

Sunday morning a providential hindrance. They that go visiting, and they that stay at home on Sunday to entertain visitors, are equally guilty of contempt of God's house.

You just tell your visitor that your rule is to go to church, and ask him to go with you; and if he won't do that, ask him to keep house for you until you return. If that makes him mad, scratch him off your book of friendship, for you can't afford to associate with a man that has no respect for your God or your religion.

Neither is a little shower of rain, nor a little mud, a providential hindrance. You certainly ought never to let anything ikeep you away from God's house that wouldn't keep you from attending to your temporal affairs. In fact, you ought to be far more intensely zealous about attending God's house than you are about your temporal business.

Another reason why you ought never to absent yourself from God's house is, that God has a blesing four you there that you would get nowhere elee. Ps. lxxxvii.2:

Sunday morning a providential hindrance wicious as ignorant. The human heart is desperately wicked. All the forces of evil are continually present, while those of moral and religious character are largely absent. Instead of militia we ought to send the glorious gospel of the blessed God to those people. Inter arma leges soldents. Men should go there to show these people a more excellent way. Wo men (who are braver than men) should go there to lift.the standard of the cross. "The Linville Combs case was truly pitisble. He had never been taught of God and moral responsibility. As a fact, he knew no better than to do as he did. His mother, with a family of five this mother to kill his baby half sister. The price to be paid was a pair of boots and suspenders. After knocking his litt e sister on the head with a skillet handle, he threw her in the fire; then took her of the local will be a sign or the total price to be paid was a pair of boots and suspenders. After knocking his litt e sister on the head with a skillet handle, he threw h he threw her in the fire; then took her out and ran with her to the creek for the purpose of putting out the fire; he then brought her back and laid her in the yard. Here he discovered that she was dead. He made no attempt to conceal his

terrible deed, nor showed any consciousness of having done wrong.

"Undoubtedly the bru'al instigator of the crime ought to have been hung according to the law of the land, and the court which sentenced the child is deserv-

court which sentenced the child is deserving of censure.

"Our people are deeply stirred by appeals for the heathen of China, Japan and Brazil. There is nothing to be said against this. But somebody's voice ought to be lifted up for the ignorant and degraded men and women of the border of Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. I have been in my present position for seven years, and during this time ninetenths of the white women who have been sent to this penitentiary, have come from these same mountain districts. Ignorance, poverty and whisky have brought ninety-five-hundredths of our convicts here. If some of our brave and consecrated women were to go into the center of our mountain territory, and hold meetings among those prople, it vo 11 be a savor of life unto life. These mountain people are as hospitable These mountain people are as hospitable and magnanimous as any people on whom the sun shines, but their women are slaves. If I were a young lady offering myself for missionary work I would

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ing myself for missionary work I would choose the work near at hand, instead of traveling a thousand miles to find a people whose language I would have to learn by five years of hard study.

"Let us lift up a standard at home! We have many good people called to forcign lands. It is right by all means to let them go. But I feel that standing at the gates of our city, our ignorant, helpless men and women are of own kith and kin. Let us not neglect these in our zeal for the welfare of others."



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The period of the 18th century is a the people.

vided into three distinct eras: The the people.

9. What did Jesus do? He received 9. What did Jesus do? He received 1702 to 1727) as it was The period of the 18th century is dicalled because the richness of the literature at that time was thought to be equal to that of Rome during the time of Augustus Cæsar.

The second division begins with and lasts through the reign of George II. (1727 to 1760). The literature of this period was not so elaborate as the former. More attention was given to purpose and gain and less to beauty; they not only attacked the advocates of prin-not only attacked the advocates of prin-not only attacked the manufactures. It is and two fishes. was at this time Hume appeared, publishing his philosophical essays, full of skepticism. The audacity of his questionings aroused the people to a reform, and thus made a path which led to the study of German philosophy and literature. Many followers of Kant soon appeared. Articles of religion were propounded; the growing skepticism demanded that the people should not only publish but practice their faith, and thus came about a reform in religion.

The third division, including the secession and a part of the reign of George III., literature and men became more practical. It is true they were superficial in their thinking, and held themselves in high esteem, but they deserved much credit. It was at this time that prose style was introduced into England, together with that of cleant contract with the of cleant contract with the of the contract gether with that of elegant conversation, of which Addison was the leader. It was thought that all writing should be more formal than the same things given in speech. Johnson was the originator description of this Altogethand sincere champion of this. Altogether, we find the literature of the eighteenth century to consist of the most powerful satire, the purest essence of tenderness, the greatest of historians, and the finest

Prose fiction was divided into romances and novels—the former consisted of characters of the imagination, in which could be found but little consistency, if any, and made less interesting by being filled

with obscure and inappropriate allusions.

In the novel was put forth actions and descriptions of ordinary and every-day life. The characters were sometimes supernatural, but mostly consistent with numan nature.

Daniel Defoe was the first great novelist. He had many followers—as Henry Fielding, Samuel Richardson, etc. Burns and Cowper, on the tender—do-

mestic, and personal poets of the age— the first who made their writings strictly personal. Burns was the first and only poet that expressed himself in true Scotch lialect. Cowper is called the poet of the

Robertson and Gibbon. It has been de-bated which of the two, Hume or Gibbon, influenced by the political condition of the country. This was the era of great commoness. All the statesmen and orators belonged to the parliament, and a great revolution was going on in the political world. Two great questions of reform were in discussion—one, which had its beginning in the reign of Elizabeth, was that no Catholic should ascend the English throne. This was done for fear pope-dom might be introduced. Another question, of much interest, was a move made by parliament to have the countries represented, not by the whole people, but by representatives elected by the people.

theological and political writers. Next we have the poets, lyric and romantic. Thompson was the leader in this branch. His style went back to that of Chaucer, in that he confined himself mostly to outward life. The principal among these poets are: Goldsmith, Gray, Cowper and Burns. The "Elegy" of Gray is the most eloquent creation of the age. In its construction and sentiment it is In its construction and sentiment it is without flaw. Goldsmith is considered

historians, novelists and dramatists.

2. The "Deserted Village" I consider the representative poem of this period. It was written for a political purpose, to set forth the impositions of the rich upon the poor; for Goldsmith could well sympathize with the poverty-stricken, for whom he ever held in his breast a heart. The needs of the people who came to place of longed-for rest, and that the guests who dandled them and praised uncongenial companionship, instead of solitude or of sympathetic fellowship, is to be our lot, it is plainly our duty to accept God's orderings, so far, as the best thing conceivable for us.

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There were also two little sisters, two years older than these baby children, who came in for a share of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of their beauty on that evening were two brave and noble French officers, the countries of the result of th

First, we have a description of a village inhabited by a happy, unobtrusive, simple people. In contrast is a similar, bold sketch of the ruin and desolation wrought

Next, a description of the golden age of England put in contrast to its present condition as produced by "trade's unfeeling train." The personal complaint of the poet, the portrait of a sage in retirement, gives sentimental touches that break the monotony of description.

A series of individual pictures follow.

The village pastor in his professional character is truly admirable. The similes drawn from the tenderness of the mother bird in teaching its young to fly and the "tall cliff that lifts its awful forms," etc., have been universally applauded.

The descriptions of the ale house and

country schoolmaster are characteristic of

About the Jesson.

LESSON VI., SUNDAY, MAY 11. FEEDING THE MULTITUDE.

Luke ix:10-17.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." (John vi:35.)

(MEMORY VERSES 16, 17.)

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON. 1. What is the subject of the lesson?

Feeding the multitude.
2. What is the Golden Text? "Jesus

said unto them, I am the bread of life."

3. Where had the disciples been? On a mission.

4. What had they been doing? Preaching the gospel and healing the sick.
5. What did they do when they returned? They told Jesus all.
6. Where did he go with them? He

went into a desert place.
7. Where was it? On the sea-shore near Bethsaida. 8. Who followed him? A number of

them, and spake unto them, and healed 10. How long were they with him? Till the close of the day.

11. Who came to him then? The dis

12. Why were they disturbed? Because the people had nothing to eat.

13. What did they ask Jesus to do? To

send the people away.

14. What did he say? Give them some thing to eat. 15. How much had they? Five loaves

17. What did the disciples do? They

gave to the multitude.

18. Was there enough? Yes, and more than enough.

19. What did Jesus tell them to do? To

gather up the fragments.

20. How many baskets did the fragments fill? Twelve.—Illustrated Lesson

#### LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—It is probable that, on leaving the house of Jairus, our Lord healed two blind men and then a demoniac, the latter miracle resulting in a repetition of the charge that he was in league with the prince of the demons (Matt. ix:27-34). A second rejection at Nazareth (Matt. xiii .54-58; Mark vi:1-6) must be placed next, on the theory that these passages refer to a different incident from that of Luke iv:16-31. Another circuit in Gati'ee is mentioned in Matt. ix: 35-38—probably having been made at this point—which was followed by the sending out of the twelve to presen (Matt. x. ing out of the twelve to preach (Matt. x: 1-15; Mark vi:6-13; Luke ix:1-6). Matthew gives a fuller report of the discourse to the twelve (Matt. x:16-42). About this time John the Baptist was beheaded (Matt. xiv:6-12; Mark vi:21-29,) and Herod hearing of Jesus thought John had isen (Matt. xiv:1, 2; Mark vi 14-16; Luke ix:7-9). The lesson begins with the return of the twelve. Mark tells that the withdrawal was for rest.

withdrawal was for rest.

Places.—The twelve probably returned to Capernaum. The miracle took place in an uninhabited region, southeast of Bethsaida Julias, which was situated near the inlet of the upper Jordan.

Time.—Shortly before the Passover (John vi:4). Probably at the close of March, in A. U. C. 782—that is, A. D. 29 March, in A. U. C. 782—that is, A. D. 29—one year before the Passion This miracle, narrated by all four evangelists, is a convenient landmark in the gospel chro-

nology.

men and chi'dren" (Matthew). John speci-fies a lad with barley loaves.

Incidents.—The return of the twelve:

Mot to dream of power and riches, nor of stately domes and towers,

Still. No live in sweet contentment, like the play as well as the stately domes. Incidents.—The return of the twelve; the withdrawal to the east side of the datect. Cowper.

4omestic affections.

The historians of the day were Hume, lake; the multitudes follow; they are lawer and Gibbon. It has been detailed; at evening the tweive taught and healed; at evening the tweive the state of the state bated which of the two, Hume or Gibbon, is entitled to the palm. The correctness of Gibbon, which is lacking in Hume, has placed the former the superior of the two.

The theological and political writers of this century play a very important part. The literature of any country is greatly influenced by the political condition of ets of broken pieces remain, and are

gathered up.

Parallel Passages. — Matt. xiv:13-21;

Mark vi:30-44; John vi:1-14.

#### LESSON SUMMARY.

It is the Savior as our helper and as our pattern, who is shown to us in this lesson. We see here what he is to us and what we should be to others. Comfort and inspiration ought to come to us from the sug-

gestions of this narrative.

Even Jesus knew what it was to be tired and to leng for rest; to feel that he must for a little time turn aside from the The king had only the aristocracy represented, and it was some time before parliament succeeded in accomplishing its purpose. Samuel Johnson, Adam Smith and Edmund Burke were among the feeling; nor need we doubt that our Savior understands us, and gives us sympathy, when we are in this condition.

But when the retirement of Jesus was broken in upon providentially, he was ready to accept the new call to loving labors for others in their need, and to count it a privilege to work when it seemed as if he must have rest. And here we are to find a pattern for ourselves proper times; but when, without our loved children, they were broug choice, we find that added work must the banquet hall with the dessert.

him were the measure of our Lord's loving ministry to those people. Those who needed teaching, he taught; those who needed food, he fed. Thus it is always in his ministry to those who come to him for help. He is ready to give them. by the ruthless hand of the tyrant. Then follows a general conclusion formed from the antithesis.

In his ministry to those who come to him for help. He is ready to give them according to their needs; not according to at Mt. Vernon; for, but a few weeks later, deserts, but according to their needs. and the father of these four pretty children, died of camp fever. The widow reour Lord than to ourselves. We can trust

Jesus told his disciples to do that which of themselves they could not do, and then he enabled them to do it, step by step, as they conformed their course to his directions. Bringing to him all their scanty store to be used in his service for others, they found that that scanty store was multiplied in proportion to the calls for it and to their efforts to respond to those calls. So it is always, if we will put ourselves and our possessions in the willing proportion to the calls for it and to their efforts to respond to those calls. So it is always, if we will put ourselves and our possessions in the willing be dearly by the never spoiled her, though the calls in the same of her own she took only the eldest children; the two youngest were, as I have said, adopted by General Washington.

George Washington Parke Curtis, familiarly called "Washington," was the special pet and darling of his grandmamma, and indeed was nearly spoiled by her fond indulgence. Eleanor Parke Curtis, always called "Nelly," was her grandpapa's favorite; but he never spoiled her, though country schoolmaster are characteristic of low life.

Then follows an appeal to the "friends to truth" in behalf of the poor, with a graphic picture of the desolation of the emigrant, forced to seek homes in distant climes; and closes with an address to Luxury and Poetry; in the last is compressed a moral of the whole.

Lizzie Seale.

So it is always, if we will put ourselves shall be ourselves in the willing service of Christ, we can do all that there is to be done for those whom God would help through us, and the more we do the more power of doing shall be ours; and when we have done all that there is to be done. We ourselves shall have more remaining than we had to begin with. The way to gain loving power is by loving, to battle sword and his military dress, and

What a helper our Savior is: What a helper of others we can be, if we will be helper of others we can be, if we will be helped of him, and will help others according to our opportunities and his according to our opportunities and his evenings at Mount Vernon.

visitors, and instructing the little boy and of his), say to grandmamma:

"My dear, I would say no more; perhaps she was not alone."

the summer days and merrier the winter evenings at Mount Vernon.

"I turned at once, went up to him,

ADDED POINTS. Jesus has an interest in all that is done or said for him by those who are his fol-lowers. And the followers of Jesus ought to realize this, and be sure that he loves to have them come to him with their story of successes and failures and endeavors

and longings.

It is one thing to follow Jesus in order to see what he can do for us, and it is another thing to follow Jesus in order to see if we can do anything for him. It is right for us to realize that we can do noth-ing without Jesus; but it is also right for us to have it in our hearts to do the that Jesus will permit us to do in his

How many times the duty that seems the one thing for us to do, is a duty that seems to us an utter impossibility! When orderly arranging and seating of the peo-ple whom he would feed, and on a sytemtic use of his helpers in the work, when he was to perform a miracle for the feed-ing of the hungry. Those who are afraid of too much method in Christian activities, ought to bear in mind that there is doing good.

We never come to the end of God's supplies. When all our needs are met, there is more left than there was to begin with. That is God's way of working. Who shall be a raid of lack while God lives? - Sunday-School Times.

#### Old and Poung.

CONTENTMENT.

Once there lived a little maiden, who was very sweet and fair,
Who had eyes like purple pansies, and long sunny, flowing hair;
And 'twas said through all the country she

And it chanced she lay a-sleeping in the garden once in June,
And the sunlight kissed her tresses, and the breezes sang a tune.

And the roses were half jealous all the sum-

And she dreamed of wondrous treasures, of a castle by the sea. Of a prince who came to claim her, and Like the delightfully.

And she longed for Time to pass her like a sudden spirit flown.

For her youth to vanish quickly, and to be a full-dress receptions, stately affairs, I as-

And in part her wish was answered, for there

But I've heard a sad-eyed woman stands litely to an occasional question. She wore simple, white muslin dresses, with

convenient landmark in the gospel chronology.

For her happiness has left her—taken wings and leaving a room. She had great and flown away!

In the gospel chronology.

For her happiness has left her—taken wings and leaving a room. She had great respect for her elders, and olushed mode on the Potomac, opposite the city of washington. He died in 1857, and left was such an old-fashioned little triple. ourney here of ours.

> little birds and flowers. -The Independent.

#### NELLY, OF MOUNT VERNON.

One morning in September, 1781, short-ly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, a young American officer lay dying in an old Virginia mansion about thirty miles from Yorktown. A lovely young woman leaned over him, sobbing wildly; a noble mother sat with bowed head at his bedhis breast, and great, slow tears stealing down his cheeks. The dying soldier was only his step-son, yet he loved him dearly, having cared for him for many years. When all was over, he took first the sorrowing mother, and then the young widow in his arms, and tried to comfort them. To the widow he said:

'Your two younger children, my dear, Washington. The good man who sought Custis and George Washington Parke

Custis. These children, George and Nelly, be-came part of the household of Washing-You see them in the well-known picture of the Washington Family at Mt. Vernon.

The first mention I find of this famous in our bearing toward God's interruptions little boy and girl is in an account of a grandmother at supper:

of our best laid plans. It is right for us great dinner party at Mt. Vernon, when, to seek rest, or to desire to be alone, at at the request of Washington, who dearly proper times; but when, without our loved children, they were brought into "Ah, indeed; what is it to be called!" the most eminent of versatile writers. of our best laid plans. It is right for us great dinner party at Mt. Vernon, when, to seek rest, or to desire to be alone, at at the request of Washington, who dearly is entitled also to a high place among proper times; but when, without our loved children, they were brought into take the place of longed-for rest, and that the guests who dandled them and praised

their wants, nor yet according to their Mr. Custis, the son of Mrs. Washington mained for some time in the old home of him confidently to discern our needs, and her husband, and when she removed to a

gain teaching power is by teaching, to gain getting power is by giving; the way to increase our best stock in any line is by giving away all that we have in that by giving away all that we have in the bound of his gardens and forests, to his many down with his hands behind him (a way of his), say to grandmamma:

"My dear, I would say no more; per-

> ber! Among the visitors whom they loved best was a charming French gentleman who spent several weeks at Mount Vernon, who was always ready to play with them, and whose pocket held an inexhaustible supply of deficions bon-bons. This was Marquis de Lafayette.

After this great Frenchman returned to France, he sent General Washington a valuable present—at least, so he thought it. This was a pack of stag hounds, large and powerful creatures, but which, as Washington had given up hunting the deer, proved to be far more plague than profit at Mount Vernon. They would occasionally break out of their kennel, and United States army had adopted. But he make a raid on the kitchen or larder, scattering the black servants right and left. seems to us an utter impossibility! When shall we all learn that without Christ we can do nothing, but that we can do all was just about to be carried to the table, things through Christ strengthening us?

System and order have their place in Christ's service. Our Lord insisted on a orderly arranging and seating of the people whom he would continue to be carried to the table, and made off with it, nobody in the kitchen daring to oppose him. Little Washington screamed with boyish delight at beholding the hold thief a new investigation. The young people were to reside at the court with a whole ham in its mouth; but little Nelly was shocked, thinking it an act of treason, at least. Géneral Washington laughed, but Mrs. Washington was so indignant at the loss of her ham, and at other depredations, that the no superior sanctity in slip-shod ways of whole pack of French hounds had to be given away.
In the winter of 1789, when Nelly Cus-

tis was about eleven years of age, the p'easant home-life of Mount Vernon was broken up by her Grand papa Washing ton being elected to the Presidency. He was inaugurated in April, at New York, which was then the seat of governors. was inaugurated in April, at New York, which was then the seat of government; but Mrs. Washington did not leave Mount Vernon to join him until May. She set out in her traveling chaise, with Nelly and little Washington, accompanied by a small escort on horseback. The journey took as many days as it now takes hours, thought they made very good time. At every point on the road they were re-ceived with honors, and Washington met them at Elizabethtown Point, New Jer-Yet she had no wealth nor dower, just a lovely, smiling face;
Just a kindly, gentle nature, and a maiden's winsome grace;
But at times she longed for jewels, to wear silk and costly lace.

Them at Elizabethtown Point, New Jersey, with a splendid barge, on which they were taken to New York. This was a famous journey for the Custis children, though little Washington would like to have met with an overturn, or a robber or two, by land

mermaid by sea.
The next year Philadelphia was made the seat of government, and after a few months' stay at Mount Vernon, the Washington family removed to that city. They traveled in the President's large. vellow, English coach, drawn by four

fine bay horses. Washington's Philadelphia house was a the music of the waters flowing on for that time. It stood on Market street, very handsome and commodious mansion, near Sixth.

That was a gay winter in Philadelphia. woman grown.
That the prince might kneel before her, and might claim her for his own.

sure you, and there were parties and routs in all the best houses. But Nelly Custis was too young to go into society. and saw little of the pomp and gayety of And in part her wish was answered, for there came to her one day
One who offered wealth and station, and indisputable sway;
Tho she had no love to give him, yet she did not turn away.

And in part her wish was answered, for there allowed to saw if the pomp and gayety of the great folks. Sometimes she was allowed to come into the drawing-room after dinner, but she was never expected to do more than to sit still and upright in her chair, and to reply briefly and po-

Still, Nelly was child enough to love play as well as any of you, and did not at all enjoy being kept at work or study, hour after hour. So tired did she get of her sample, her embroidery frame, her writing and spelling books, that she was made very happy by receiving from her grandpa, Washington, an English harpsichord.

This instrument shaped symmetric like

This instrument, shaped somewhat like a grand piano, but very much smaller, cost a thousand dollars, and was greatly admired. Nelly was in raptures with it: side, weeping quietly, and by her stood a she looked upon it as an elegant play-grand-looking man, his arms folded on thing, but she soon found that the play must come after hard work. An accom-plished master was provided for her, a foreign gentleman with such a temper! and her grandmamma, who belie thoroughness in everything, compelled her to practice four or five hours a day. Her brother used to tell of her musical troubles, and how she grew to abominate that thousand-dollar harp-I will adopt as my own."

The name of the young officer was John
Parke Custis. He had married early the
gay and beautiful Eleanor Calvert. The
bereaved mother was Mrs. Martha Custis

sichord. Through the long, bright
morning hours she would play and
cry, and cry and play, and there
was no let-up or get-off. Her strict but
placid grandmother would be in and out, on her household affairs, or sit near with to comfort both was General George Washington. The fatherless children, thus adopted, were named Eleanor Parke saw that harpsichord at Mount Vernon, a few weeks ago. I felt a sort of spite at the

squeaky old thing for Nelly's sake. In the spring the President's family re-turned to Mount Vernon, where they spent another happy summer and autumn. One evening General Washington rode home rather late from a visit to Georgetown, and Nelly heard him say to her

"That I do not know, my dear; many

names have been suggested.'
It was called Washington. Nelly went many journeys back and forth between Mount Vernon and Philadelphia, for her grandpa was re-elected, and so for eight years was President. The family generally traveled in the large yel-low coach, drawn by four (some say six) bays, with postilions and outriders; but sometimes only Nelly and the maid rode in the coach with Mrs. Washington, while little Washington and big Washington drove in a smaller carriage called a

Nelly, as a young lady, was gay enough to like town life, but she was always glad enough to go home to dear old Mount Vernon. She loved the river, the beautiful lawn, the gardens and summer-houses, and was fond of the old servants. Years after, she used to tell a beautful story of Washington:

"When I was young and romantic," she said, "I was fond of wandering off alone, along the wooded shore, by moonlight. Grandmamma thought it unsafe, and made me promise never to be about at night without an attendant. But one lovely moonlight night I was tempted to stroll into the woods, and rambled on and on. I was missed, sent for, and brought home. Grandmamma was in the drawingroom, seated in her great arm-chair, l remember, and as soon as I came in, she

I had no excuse to offer, but owned I had the General, who was walking up and down with his hands behind him (a way

evenings at Mount Vernon.

Ah, those were happy years for the children—great times for them to rememmamma I was alone, I hope you will believe I was alone.'

'At this the General made a low bow, and said 'My child, I beg your pardon.' ' Nelly Custis had many admirers, but she chose from them all the one who most resembled the greatest and best man she had ever known. This was Major Laurence Lewis, the beloved nephew of General Washington. She was married at Mount Vernon on Washington's birthday, 1799. shook his head, saying:

"No, Nelly, dear, not even for your sake and this great occasion, can I bedizzen myself with tinsel and feathers. You

The young people were to reside at Mount Vernon. Happily passed the spring summer and autumn; then came the winter; but even that seemed pleasant, for General Washington was no longer President, and all were to remain at home.

About the middle of December, while Nelly (Mrs. Lewis) was temporarily con-fined to her chamber by illness, there came a cold, stormy time; and one even-

The next morning she came in hurriedly to say that the General was very ill, and that she feared they were bleeding him to death. Mrs. Washington was

always a sensible woman. Poor Nelly passed a sad, anxious day. She was unable to leave her room; her husband and brother were just then away from home; all the household were in tears; and every hour brought more alarming tidings from the chamber of the dying Washington. About 11 o'clock at night, when all hope had long been over, she lay awake, weeping bitterly, and clasping her little baby to her heart, for comfort and companionship in her grief, when the door opened gently, and Mrs. Washington walked calmly in. She put her arms about her granddaughter, and said in answer to the piteous questioning

look in Nelly's eyes:

"Yes, my child, he is gone!"

Then the two grieving women—the saintly, aged widow, and the loving young

wife—wept and prayed together.

How sweet it is to think that all tears have been wiped from their eyes these many years; that the loving family circle of Mount Vernon has been united in one of the "many mansions" of the "Father" house!

Eleanor Custis Lewis remained with her grandmother till that dear lady's death, which occurred on the 23d of May, 1802. Then she went with her husband to his home. But she was always "Nelly, of Mount Vernon." It was the home of her heart, and there, when she too fell asleep, in her beautiful old age, her children hald her to rest. olden by the tooldren laid her to rest, close by the tomb of her grandmamma and General Washington.

Her brother also lived to be old, and was always much respected, especially for his relationship to Mrs. Washington The greater part of his life was spent on this place to his daughter, who was the wife of an officer of the United States

When the war broke out this officer sided with the South, and was the famous Confederate General, Robert E. Lee.— Stories for Home Folks.

#### THE RAT WAS SAVED.

Old feuds are often forgotten in times of common danger. Bitter foes, of long-standing, become friends in an instant, and work together for the common good. The following instance, though it occurred between man and a dumb animal, serves as a pretty illustration: At one time a Cornish vessel was infested by rats, but in one way and another the crew succeeded in destroying or driving off most of the creatures. There was one sly fellow, how-ever, which had taken up its abode in the vicinity of the captain's cabin, and proved cunning enough to evade all traps and other devices for his destruction.

One experience had proved enough for him, for he had left his tail in a trap, it was supposed, as he was minus that member. This rat with the stub tail frequentand ransacked about, helping himself to any fruit or dainties that chanced to be there. The captain now and then saw him, and more than once attempted his destruction by flinging his boots, or any thing which came to hand, at him. the little fellow never was hit. Of late the rat had been getting unusually bold. Twice he had spent the night, or a part of it, on the foot of the captain's bed, scud-ing to his hole when day dawned and his host moved. The captain might have made friends with the saucy intruder, but for his thievish propensities. Thus matters stood, when there came up a terrible storm, and the vessel was wrecked. The captain was the last to leave the ship and as he dropped into the life-boat, a ra ran along the rope and laid hold of his collar. The captain turned, and there was the stub-tailed rat clinging to him. "Poor fellow!" said the captain. "Y are making an effort for dear life like my-

self. Come along."
The rat seemed to have lost all his former distrust, and submitted to being held in the captain's hands for a time, and then nestled contentedly on his shoulder till they reached the shore. The captain then put him safely down near an old warehouse, glad to have saved the life of his former troublesome foe .- Exchange.

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DISTRIBUTION OF EPISCOPAL LABOR. each episcopal district of not less than tion of episcopal Methodism, there has annual conferences, and when an episcobeen a cry for more episcopal labor in pal district is so formed, the boundaries some sections of the church. The cry has thereof cannot be changed except at the not been altogether an unjust one. If annual meeting of the bishops next after episcopal labor is at all necessary, it is as a session of the General Conference. But necessary to one section as to another. Or if an episcopal district should become if it is more needed in some parts than vacant from the death of a bishop, or others, the weak conferences in the frontier regions, to which the best talent does Conferences, the annual conferences not naturally flow and where the church has the greatest obstacles to overcome, seem to have the most reasonable claim upon episcopal oversight. But as, a matter of fact, these sections have suffered the most for episcopal labor. The bishops have not been to blame in this matter so much as that policy which makes the church "scarce of bishops." The number of bishops have not been sufficient for the demand for that sort of work.

Again, there is no law of the church bearing on episcopal residences nor sufficiently regulating the territorial oversight of our bishops. The bishops of our church have lived mostly east of the Mississippi river, leaving all that vast territory west of that river remote from episcopal residence, and necessarily in consequence scarce of episcopal visitation. This policy also operates more or less to give the election of bishops a sectional coloring, as those sections desiring a bishop among them endeavor to elect a man who will reside in their midst. Now, we think that policy inefficient which does not secure to the whole church alike all the benefits of its system, and, more especially, which does not distribute its benefits to the points where most needed. Some think that all difficulty in this matter might be removed in the multiplication of bishops. This is not a new thought. It was a question at the adoption of the present constitution in 1808. Bishop McTyeire, in his funeral sermen of Bishop Soule, speaking of the question raised there, says: "Cooper and others labored hard to have seven bishops-one for each annual conference. That his policy might not have been a good one and successful, is still an open question. But there was a squinting at prelatical pretensions in his doctrine." The "squinting at prelatical pretensions" was not in the number of bishops wanted, but Ezekiel Cooper, one of the sub-committee appointed to prepare a constitution, embodied in his paper this: "The General Conference shall not do away with episcopacy, nor reduce our ministry to a presbyterial parity." McTyeire

says: "The issue was made here." It was the connection of that sentence with the demand for one bishop for each its collection shall be provided for in the that if the accused makes anything like a extreme in the church, ends in papalism. conference which made it seem to "squint same way." at prelatical pretensions." But Bishop

it might have been to the interest of the bishop's labors has no necessary connection with the theory of ministerial with High Church pretensions, prelatic assumptions, or the figment of succession. might be better cultivated and its fruits conserved." He then gives the other view as follows: "One obvious advantage an offset to many disadvantages; it prometes connectionalism-it ties and bands practice and rule which still holds in the church-of being scarce of bishops, and equal interest in all the conferences, and all the conferences an equal interest in them. It was a breadth of mission which suited well his own elevated nature and ample powers, when, in time, he was called to it. The field was not too large for such a laborer, who could be seen all over it, and felt all over it."

able whether the one obvious advantage, though offsetting many disadvantages of bishop's mind the advantages of the other must be connected with a man who can be seen and felt all over the church; and

But after all, is it not possible to combine in our system both these theories. and thus "cultivate the field more preserving.

The remedy is a very simple one. It is simply to make the principle of the itin- to preach among us; but the final detererancy uniform in its operation throughout the ministry. Let episcopal dis- annual conference." If the latter clause tricts be formed of two, three or more contiguous conferences, and when a bishop is appointed to an episcopal district, let him be expected to live and labor in it just as a presiding elder is expected to constitution, which says in the fifth relive and labor in his district; and let the strictive rule: "They shall not do away odist well says: "Is this a Christian or a term of episcopal service on a particular district be subject to limitation-say not preachers of a trial by committee, and of ning a saloon, and now the White-house longer than four years. There is no more reason why a bishop should not move under the law of the itinerancy than there is that pastors and presiding elders should pend, locate, or depose the offender. The the churches speak out against sin in high and for the extension of our commerce not move. This plan would insure every section of the field an overseer, and at a graver penalty to be inflicted than locathe same time give the whole church a tion, but it is questionable whether the Christian conscience. connectional interest in each bishop, and each bishop an interest in the whole church.

To effect this change no revolution or reorganization is required.

It would only be necessary to add to answer 10 to question 3 (par. 62) of secsomething like the following: It shall be from the ministry may be inflicted. The the duty of the College of Bishops to form | manual also states, page 132, that a Almost, if not quite, from the organiza- three, nor more than five contiguous otherwise, in the interim of General composing it shall be joined to the contiguous episcopal district or districts until the meeting of the College of Bishops next after the ensuing General Conference. A bishop shall reside in each episcopal district, but shall not remain in charge of the same episcopal district more than four years successively.

#### THE STATUS OF THE CASE.

There is at present no law in the Discipline requiring a pro rata division of noneys collected for the support of the ministry between the preacher in charge and the presiding elder. The Discipline is silent on the method of collecting the presiding elder's salary. Question eight in the order of business of the quarterly conference, with its parenthetical explanation, does not necessarily require a by committee to all our preachers; therepro rata division of receipts, nor does it fore, equire only one method of collection. The answer to the question might be \$100-\$75 for the preacher in charge and annual conference," in the answer to \$25 for the presiding elder, and the \$75 may have been collected by the Board of 147 be stricken out, and the following pu Stewards and the \$25 by the district in its place, viz: and in all such cases the steward. The present law only requires annual conference shall proceed as in the district stewards to estimate the presiding elder's salary, and apportion the same to the several charges of the district. It has been claimed by a writer in this paper that an episcopal decision settles the matter in favor of the pro rata division; but said episcopal decision was case is not so bad as is sometimes repreapproved by the College of Bishops in sented. We believe that much of the 1876, while the change in the law was failure to enforce discipline upon the part made by the General Conference in 1886, of our pastors is the result of difficulties ten years later than the episcopal decis- in the way of carrying out the formalties ion. The episcopal decision was an in- of a church trial. terpretation of the law as it then stood, but since the law has been repealed the decision is done away.

Paragraph 144 (page 171) of the Discipline of 1882 is as follows: "The salary judge. After the majority of our preachand traveling expenses of presiding elders ers read the Discipline and then read ards.

the amount allowed among the different witnesses. pastoral charges of the district, whose boards of stewards shall add the sum

All of the above paragraph, except the capes conviction.

so multiplied in its members as to give to which it was based. (Appx. Man. Dis.) asks that his name be erased from the church. each a narrower and closer supervision, At the last General Conference, Drs. A. church roll; and others, to avoid a trial, R. Winfield and D. C. Kelley offered a would withdraw if allowed. In such inchurch. The territorial extent of a resolution asking that the presiding stances it is thought a work of supererelder's salary be separated from that of the preacher in charge, and that it be parity. The episcopal care of one annual collected by the district steward, and the conference or of seven has nothing to do conference non-concurred. (Journal, page 148.) But later on in the session, on the motion of Dr. Paul Whitehead, all of By cultivating the field more closely it paragraph 91 and all of paragraph 144, except the first sentence (Disciple of 1882), were stricken out, and section sixteen of chapter three, present Discipline (page of Mr. Soule's theory will be accepted as | 114) was added. This left the church entirely without a method or provision for the collection of the presiding elder's the churches and conferences together. salary. Each charge is at liberty to choose He succeeded in getting adopted the its own plan for collecting the amount apportioned by the district stewards, and so far as we know, the church has shown making but few and giving them a wide its preference for the old plan by continuing it. Would it be well or not for the General Conference, at its present session, to join the two together again.

DEPRIVED OF TRIAL BY COMMITTEE.

In one of our annual conferences a preacher refused to go to the work assigned him by the bishop. At the next session In the bishop's comparison of the two of the conference the presiding bishop views, the latter suffers. It is question- referred his case to an investigating committee, and then to a committee of trial. He was deposed from the ministry, but the same theory, overbalances in the appealed under the provision made in paragraph 118, page 147. The court of view pointed out by him. Besides the appeals sent the case back to his conferone obvious advantage, to be effective, ence, but when it came before the College of Bishops they decided that the whole procedure was out of order, and that such the church may not always have an cases were to be determined by the Asbury, a McKendree, a Soule, or a Mc- annual conference without a committee of trial.

The Discipline says (paragraph 117, page 173): "No deacon or elder who ceases to travel without the consent of the closely," and at the same time not annual conference, certified under the weaken connectionalism? The connec- hand of the president of the conference, tionalism which can be maintained only except in cases of sickness, debility, or by neglecting the field is hardly worth other unavoidable circumstances, shall, on any account, exercise the peculiar functions of his office, or even be allowed mination in all such cases is with the here means, as the bishops have construed it to mean, that in such cases the preacher is deprived of the right of trial by committee, it is in conflict with the with the privileges of our ministers or appeal," and is therefore null and void. is converted into a ball-room. Both the The manual of the Discipline says that for this offense the conference may suswords of the Discipline evidently allow language will admit so light a penalty as location. The offense is a grave one, and the law so regards it, as it involves a breach of ministerial yows.

And the fifth restrictive rule certainly guarantees every preacher the right of trial by a committee, where so grave a signed him may be cited by the presiding elder before a committee and suspended conference; but the final determination of the case is with the annual conference. by committee at the conference as there is for a committee of investigation in the interim of conference sessions.

But that is a strange interpretation which makes the "determination by the ference. The conference can determine a case by committee just as effectually as by a direct vote. If, however, "final determination" means that there shall be no appeal, the statute is plainly in conflict with the constitution, and is therefore as June 1.

We, therefore, suggest the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the College of Bishops have decided that under paragraph 117, pps. 146 and 147, a preacher who refuses to attend the work assigned him is deprived of the right of trial by a committee, and that his case must be determined by a vote of the conference; and, whereas, the fifth restrictive rule guarantees the right of trial

Resolved, that the clause "but the final determination in all such cases is with the question 6 of paragraph 117 and on page cases of immorality.

CHURCH PURITY AND DISCIPLINE.

The charge of loose discipline in the church is so often made that there must be some grounds for the charge, even if the

All our preachers cannot reasonably be expected to be expert lawyers, and the technicalities growing out of a church trial in some cases would puzzle a supreme

The church cannot compel the attend-

ogation to bring the parties to a formal trial, and many do not do it.

It is claimed by some, on the other hand, that the purity of the church should be vindicated by the infliction of penalties upon all offenders. But the others answer that the object of the church is certainly not to inflict punishment in revenge, and that the purity of the church is sufficiently vindicated when a member withdraws under charges, since that fact alone publishes to the world that the church's demand for purity causes the member to go out from among us.

In view of all the facts, therefore, w think it would be for the promotion of discipline and purity in the church if the General Conference would insert in the proper place in the Discipline the following paragraph:

When any of our members or ministers are under report of immoral or improper conduct, they shall be allowed to withdraw, if they so desire; and the fact shall be recorded as a withdrawal under

#### THE COLLECTION.

This office will be occupied during the editor's absence at St. Louis by the Rev. D. P. Brown, of Trinity Church, Dallas. We leave the ADVOCATE in good hands, and the readers will have no reason to complain.

SOUTHERN Methodism, along with other denominations, has suffered from the recent storms throughout the South. In Kentucky and Tennessee several of our church houses have been totally destroyed. In Texas the houses at Mesquite, Wills Point, Blum, Lewisville and McGregor have been wrecked. The cyclone is no respecter of properties. This will give etc. these congregations fresh opportunity for new zeal and liberality in the Master's vineyard. We sympathize with these brethren and remind them of the promise: 'The bruised reed he will not break."

WHILE the Presbyterians are discussing the revision of their creeds they need to give attention to the revision of some of elder allowing a ball and after supper at his house. But, then, it is the President of pagan land? The vice-president is runsaloon and the ball are an insult to the Christian people of the republic." Let places, discipline its own members, and with other American States are of unisuch insults will not be offered to the

THE missionary report, published in another column, makes a good showing. Dr. John has no reason to be ashamed of the work done, and Texas has no reason to be ashamed of her representative in the connectional "gang." Dr. John has been a hard-working, practical secretary. tion II of chapter III of the Discipline penalty as either suspension or deposition There is, in the opinion of this ADVOCATE, ident mean to say that all public improve-There is, in the opinion of this Advocate, a much greater outcome in results from a ments must be held back in order that the halloon oratory.

> Above all others a bishop should be until the ensuing session of the annual swift to hear and slow to speak. The only a government for the soldier elechurch cannot afford to put gossiping babblers in the place of highest authority. Now, there is just as much law for a trial A man who cannot control his tongue is not the man to govern in the church. A for the support of the soldier element for bishop cannot afford to "talk about" the next term. preachers to preachers, much less to retail their faults at dinings and at railroad depots. If any be given to a too free use conference" mean, by a vote of the con- of the tongue, beware of such when you east your votes.

WE have received a most beautiful and artistic card, inviting us to attend the commencement exercises of Huntsville Female College, at Huntsville, Ala.,

THERE is a cry is some quarters for "brilliant platform" men for missionary ecretaries. If a momentary sensation, under which a collection can be "cried" out of a conference of Methodist preachers is the object sought, that is the ticket to vote. But if the object is to lay this great cause upon the brain, heart and onscience of the church, we want some thing more substantial than the balloon orator. We want no balloonist to sweep the cobwebs from the skies-the sky is serene and the stars shine bright enoughbut we want men who know how to drive the coulter of the gospel below the surface of emetion and break the hard subsoil of covetousness that lies beneath.

"OUR GEORGE," fresh from the seat of Cleburne District Conference, desires to extend thanks to President Nelms, the preachers, and citizens of Granbury genpreachers, and citizens of Granbury generally, for the unbounded hospitality and kindness shown him while in Granbury.

Street Church, became aggressive, and directed his choir master to engage a fine brass band. He secured fifteen pieces, kindness shown him while in Granbury. Report of the conference will be found in

REV. JAS. YOUNGE, who spent many years in Texas in the cause of temperance, in a letter from Webster, Florida, where he now resides, says: "Best regards to all of my old Texas temperance friends."

CONNECTIONALISM is a good thing for the use of edifying, but it should not be made a fetitch. Centralization tends to merge connectionalism into ecclesiastical imperialism. The United States is a connectional government as long as states shall be estimated by the district stew- McTyeire's Manual, they have a perpetual rights are respected. It is a strong govdread of church trials. But the greatest ernment composed of many parts, all con-"The district stewards shall apportion obstacle in the way is often the want of nected or joined in one general government. If the general government feature should be pushed to the extreme of obance of witnesses, and men generally literating the lines of states rights, the thus apportioned to the amounts agreed avoid as much as they can the witness government would become an empire. on to be raised for their preachers; and stand. So great is the difficulty here. The connectional idea, when pushed to an fight, in the majority of cases, he es- Neither too much connectionalism nor too much sectionalism, but a just proportion McTyeire proceeds: "Had the primitive first sentence, was quoted in the episcopal There are many instances, however, of centripetal and centrifugal forces will!

scriptural episcopacy of Methodism been decision of 1876, and was the law on where the accused confesses guilt and best conserve all the interests of the

A BISHOP should know how to forget as well as to forgive. He should have none of the spirit of revenge and a large fund of mercy. He should have large capacity to endure, and an inexhaustible store of kindness. It should be said of him: Like charity "he suffereth long and is kind." He should never rest under the charge of having made an appointment in order to "get even," or to "hack," or to "punish" either a pastor or a charge. Brethren, think on these things when determining your suffrages, remembering that an election neither changes the nature nor the character of the elect.

THERE is now a demand for one or two more missionary secretaries. The work is urgent and the workmen are needed. It is true our bishops do much good work on the platform and in the pulpit for the cause of missions, but there is a demand for more work along this line than they, with one secretary, can do. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the General Conference will not be governed by narrew views of economy in this matter.

THE very poorest economy possible is often an attempt to save by reducing expenses to the minimum. Some men fail to accumulate through the fear of expenditure, while others grow rich by a judicious expenditure to multiply revenue. Some men in the church think it a great loss to pay an officer of collections a good salary. They forget that without the officer there was nothing to lose. The salary they would save to the church is something the church has not.

WE acknowledge invitation from the citizens of Houston to be present at the festivities of the city, May 6th to 10th, the occasion being the annual meeting of the Texas Press Association, Texas Bankers' Association, Texas Travelers' Association,

Some want brilliant preachers for bishops-men that can tower above everybody else in pulpit oratory. The supreme qualification for a bishop in their estimation is to be able to beat everybody else preaching. In the opinion of the Apvo-CATE, the chief qualification for the office of bishop is a large fund of consecrated their members. Think of a Presbyterian common sense. A bishop should be a model preacher and a wise counselor. Good, sound, practical, gospel preaching, these United States. The Holstein Meth- and a sound and godly judgment, are what the church needs in this office.

The erection of public buildings is largely a matter of local necessity and convenience, while expenditures for enlarged relief and recognition of soldiers and sailors of the war for the preservation of the Union, for necessary coast defenses versal necessity and involve considera-tions not of convenience, but of justice, honor, safety and general prosperity.— President Harrison in Veto of Bill to Ap-propriate \$200,000 for Public Building at Dallas.

We have nothing to say as to the merits of the appropriation, leaving that to others better prepared to judge, but we fail to see the connection of the bill vetoed it a great help in his Sunday-school labors. mean to say that this has ceased to be a government for the people, and is now ment? Perhaps he proceeds on the principle that the early bird catches the worm, and is casting his bait thus early

CREED I apprehend to be predicated wholly of fact. Is the evidence sufficient wholly of lact. It the wiracles and other historic statement of facts? Dectrine is that which, like the axiomata of mathematics, is self-witnessing, and, like the axiomata of science, doctrine from initial, axiomata of science, doctrine from initial, primary apprehension thereof, the mind ratiocinates along a line of ever-quickening, uplifting and ennobling spiritualizing of our being. In respect of doctrine, therefore, there is development, notwithstanding a priori certainty of basis principles. Dogma is that which is reached by process of the logical or discursive understanding; and as the logical faculty, unlike the imaginative or intuitive reason. unlike the imaginative or intuitive reason, is not direct and immediate and unerring, it has been the mistake of the churches to rank dogma as doctrine .- Dr. J. B. Cot-trell, in New Orleans Advocate.

The whole matter now seems to be perfectly clear in the mind of Dr. Cottrell.

THE Southern Christian Advocate, May 1: There has been for some time a bitter rivalry between the Granby Street and the Cumberland Street Methodist Churches of Norfolk, Va., which has now become very interesting. The Granby Street Church had the call in popularity until the Cumberland Street people secured an eloquent preacher in Dr. W. G. Starr and a fine choir director in Newton Fitz. Then the tide turned, and the Cumberland Street Church filled up, while the pews in Granby Street Church became empty in the same measure. became empty in the same measure. Then the Rev. Dr. Tudor, of Granby and Sunday morning the church goers to Granby Street enjoyed the novelty of a full brass band in a Methodist church.

To say the least, bitter rivalries in the kingdom of Christ are monstrosities. They belong to the singdom of Satan. The above affair is also a sad comment upon certain tendencies in our churches. If choirs, brass bands and popular preachers are sought to draw the erowd, and suppers, theatricals and fairs are gotten up to pay expenses, had we not better cease trusting in the drawing power of the simple gospel, preaching the "stew-ardship of wealth" and look to worldly and fleshly methods?

#### SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

-The Rev. A. P. Parker, one of our missionaries to China, has arrived in this country to attend the General Conference. -Dr. T. L. Boswill, of Macon, Tenn., while attending a "holiness meeting" at Victoria, Miss., had stolen from him \$1200.

-Brother in Red, May 3: Bishop Hen-

drix dug to the bottom of every important question brought before the Oklahoma District Conference last week. And he will try the liberality of some of our rich men in the near future.

-St. Louis Advocate: Bro. J. F. Robb writes from Otterville, Mo., April 24th; "Rev. Josiah Godbey, a superannuated member of the Southwest Missouri An-nual Conference, died at his home in this place, April 20, at 9:10.

place, April 20, at 9:10.

—On Saturday, May 15, 1790, Rev. Francis Asbury, the first bishop who ever preached in Kentucky, opened the first conference ever held upon "The Dark and Bloody Ground," at "Bro. Masterson's, a very comfortable house and kind people." The Kentucky Methodists propose to celebrate the centennial of this planting of Methodism in their State, at Woodland Park, situated in the east end of land Park, situated in the east end of Lexington. The list of speakers guarantee Lexington. The list of speakers guarantee a great day. They are Senator A. H. Colquitt, Dr. James W. Lee, Dr. S. A. Werlein, Dr. W. T. Harris, Dr. S. A. Steel, Dr. H. P. Walker, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, D. D.

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-Raleigh Christian Advocate, April 30: How elegantly our young Tillett writes. Few men understand what pens are made for better. Tigert, Hoss and Tillett, the Vanderbilters are specially glited. Tigert is clear, philosophical and forcible. Hoss the best portrayer of historic characters, except Prof. Little, of Syracuse, the church has, and Tillett the clearest, sharpest releving L know of L suppose year. est, polemic I know of. I suppose we have few men in the South who are superior in scholarship in the classics, and in the happy use of his own tongue, than Prof. Gross Alexander, of Vanderbilt. He is a handsome, genial, delightful gentle-man. Good writers are coming on, and some day Southern books will be read.

-Rev. J. J. Methrin, our heroic mis-sionary to the wild tribes of the Indian Territory, pays this tribute to our faithful women: "I would like in some way to express my gratitude to the women of the church. The greater portion, by far, of material aid that I have received since I came to the Wild Tribes, nearly three years ago, has come from the women. It makes me glad that they are interested in the work here. Of course the brethren are too much absorbed with the regular collections to have in mind the special needs of my work; they have helped me what they could, and I am not complaining, but merely intend to call attention to the fact that the women of the church are interested in this work, and when, from the impulse of love for the Master, they undertake a matter, it generally suc-ceeds. I will say, too, that our work here took on a new impetus when they sent me a woman to aid me. Nobody can teil the power there is in one poor weak wo-man who is consecrated to the Master.

#### TEXAS PERSONALS.

-Bro. Lee Ferre gave us a pleasant call

—Rev. W. W. Pinson writes: T. De-Witt Talmadge will lecture on Palestine at Georgetown, July 2.

-Bro. J. R. Heartsill, of Marshall, lay delegate to General Conference, paid the ADVOCATE a hasty visit en route to St. Louis.

-Bro. T. B. Stone, of Caldwell, Texas, lay delegate from Texas Conference to General Conference, passed through Dal-las this week and called on the ADVOCATE. -The Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss has accepted a column in the Bremond Bulletin through which he will furnish the people of the surrounding country the local

—Bro. J. F. Ward, of Troupe, Texas, writes us that he is superintendent of one Sunday-school and a student in another. He enjoys reading the ADVOCATE and finds

-Rev. J. Haralson, presiding elder of enough to go. Our work grows along all the lines of interest. People flocking to us from all quarters-i. e., to this country. Crops are very fine.

-Galveston News: The Rev. J. M. Wesson, an old and honored member of the Texas Conference, arrived in this city ye:terday evening, to be present at the services at St. James Methodist church to-day. Mr. Wesson is an old Galves-tonian, having first arrived here in 1840, at which time he spent several months in the city. In 1848-49 he was pastor of the Methodist Church here and again in 1859-60. Eighteen years ago he laid the corner-stone of St. James church, and to-day will rejoice with that congregation in their completed house of worship. He will preach at St. James church this evening at 8 o'clock.

-Geo. F. Fair, Sipe Springs, April 29:
"Since the announcement of the death of
my dear wife appeared in the ADVOCATE
I have received several letters of condo-I have received several letters of condo-lence and sympathy, which I appreciate very much; but, as Bro. S. J. Franks said in his letter to me, "Nothing can heal the wound in your heart;" and an-other brother said, "you know where to go for comfort." Brethren, I again ask go for comfort." Brethren, I again ask your prayers. The death angel has again visited my family and taken my darling eight-years-old boy. Oh! how lonely and sad I feel. I need your prayers." The friends of Bro. Fair will be grieved to learn of this recent affliction. He has our deepest sympathy, and we feel he will have the prayers of all his brethren.

#### DEATHS.

George Floyd, son of Rev. G. F. Fair, departed this life to join his sainted mother in the realms of light above, at 2:20 p. m., April 27, 1890, aged 8 years 3 months and 9 days. He was buried in the Sipe Springs Cemetery at 3 o'clock p. m., April 28, Rev. J. T. Rascoe and U. L. Lyle officiating at the burial services.

#### APPEAL. REV. W. H. HUGHES.

In all governments, civil or ecclesiasti-In all governments, civil or ecclesiastical, the law by which a cause in court can be appealed from a lower to a higher court for review, is a wise provision. In all local courts there may be more or less partiality or prejudice, which might prevent the ends of justice. Any system of jurisprudence with no well-regulated court of appeals, with full power to review and correct all errors, is tittle short of a court of appeals, with full power to review and correct all errors, is little short of a mobocracy. Hence, that form of congregational church government with no written law and no appellate court, where an infatuated majority vote is final, leads to strife and division. A majority led by some designing man, although he is in the wrong, may and often does oppress the minority when that minority is right, and yet without appeal they are left to suffer yet without appeal they are left to suffer without redress. Who has not seen churches of this sort with all their boasted republicanism, split and riven with dissension and at war to the kniie among

I am happy to know that our church, like the civil government under which we live, in its very organic law guarantees to all its subjects the inalienable right of trial by jury and an appeal. Our fifth re-strictive rule says: "They shall not do strictive rule says: "They shall not do away with the privilege of our ministers or preachers of trial by committee and of

an appeal." None will deny that these restrictive rules constitute a part of our organic law and that they contain the reserved rights of every member of the church, and that even the General Conference, the highest authority in our church, has no power to deprive the humblest member of these sacred rights.

Now, with these facts before us, I desire to call attention to two things in our ecclesiasticism: First, when an appeal in

clesiasticism: First, when an appeal in our church is presented, McTyeire's Manual says the third question is "to deciding whether or not to admit the appeal?" and the practice, so far as I have witnessed, is to largely ventilate the merits of the case in determining whether the appeal shall be entertained.

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to largely ventilate the merits of the case in determining whether the appeal shall be entertained.

I do not believe this question, or the practice growing out of it, is correct. The only question to be settled in advance by the appellate court is: "Did the appellant give due and timely notice of his intention to appeal?" If he did, the court has no discretion, unless it flies in the face of the constitution of the church, which says they shall not "do away with the privilege of our members of an appeal." If matters not how flagrant the crime or how contemptible the member, if he gives the notice we are compelled to review the case. The objection to this form of the question in the manual is that it evidently implies the right to refuse to entertain the appeal.

If any supreme judge in the State of Texas were to refuse to entertain an appeal when the proper steps had been taken would be subject to impeachment for a violation of the constitution, which is above any legislative statute or the supreme court itself. I believe any appellate court in our church refusing to entertain any appeal where proper notice is given would give such appellant. Thereby refused the redress the very organic law of the church Northand South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and South, that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle the church North and States settled the principle the church North an

that the Supreme Court of the United States settled the principle that every ecclesiasticism is bound to abide by its own law. Under this principle the church North was compelled to disgorge and comply with their contract.

The other point to which attention is directed is the unconstitutionality of the law by which a traveling preacher is deprived of the right of appeal when located under paragraph 116, question 5, page 145 in the Discipline: "What shall be done when a traveling preacher is complained of as being so unacceptable, inefficient or secular as to be no longer useful in his secular as to be no longer useful in his work?" The answer to this question calls it a "complaint," the procedure an "investigation." The accused, as in all other cases, is allowed to "defend himself in person or by his representative," and if he is found guilty he is "located." Thus far it is all right. But here comes in the unconstitutional law: "This right of appeal shall not be so construed as to of appeal shall not be so construed as to apply to the case of a preacher who has been located for being so 'unacceptable, inefficient or secular' as to be no longer useful in the work." Now, here is a case where a preacher is accused, the accusation is investigated, the party found guilty, and the penalty prescribed by law inflicted, and a law in effect declaring he shall have no appeal, whether the finding is just or unjust, while the constitution of the church says: "They (the General Conference) shall not do away with the privilege of our ministers or preachers of privilege of our ministers or preachers of

The same Discipline and General Con-The same Discipline and General Conference that deny a traveling preacher the right of appeal under the same question with regard to a local preacher, recognizes the right of the local preacher to appeal. (Discipline, paragraph 124, pages 153-4.)

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Now, why the difference? The right in both cases to appeal has been recognized by the church from time immemorial until the General Conference at Richmond, Va., four years ago, when prejudice, growing out of the Pickett appeal case, war to the hilt. No peace, except that of wrought up by manipulation of one of the lamb in the wolf's stomach.

Now, might there not have been an exempt case somewhere? He speaks knowingly and sweepingly, admitting of no exempt case. "Modern evangelism," as a whole, is the subject of his cudgel. "It sprung up and exists because the church had lost its hold on God." Now, our chief officers, resulted in this unconstitutional clause in our law. The clause should be simply expunged, it is not worthy of the dignity of a repeal. If there is one point more clearly settled in jurisprudence than all others, it is this:

that any law which is not constitutional is null and void.

Until the organic law of the church is changed, not all the bishops and General Conference to help them, can deprive the humblest minister of our church of the right of appeal when that preacher has be precessed by the product of has, by process of law, been deprived of any franchise he may have possessed by virtue of his relation to the church.

#### THE RIGHT OF APPEAL. REV. J. R. ALLEN.

Bro. W. H. Hughes has shown me his article upon this subject, and as it is a matter of importance, and as I differ in some respects from the writer, I will take some space to emphasize his utterances and point out wherein I think he is

wrong. So far as his article treats of members So far as his article treats of members of the church, it seems to me that there can be no question but that he is right. Unless the question of entertaining the appeal relates merely to the fact of the jurisdiction of the court, then the case should take the usual course without regard to whether the court believed the grounds of appeal well taken or not. What is meant by jurisdiction of the court is such a question as this: Suppose a is such a question as this: Suppose a party has already exhausted his right of appeal to the quarterly conference, and then as a member further appeals to the annual conference, in such a case it would be proper for the annual conference to re-fuse to entertain the appeal on the ground of jurisdiction. \*Only in such questions as this does the right exist to refuse to

entertain an appeal.

So far as Bro. Hughes' article refers to itinerant preachers and the right of the annual conference to locate them, I differ with his conclusions in some important respects. I do not think that the consti-tutional provision requires an appeal in tutional provision requires an appeal in these cases. In all these cases moral character is not affected—only the relation of the party to the annual conference. Of the propriety of this relation the conference is the best judge. No injustice is done any one by refusing the right of appeal, while efficient discipline is promoted. But it is well to have the limits of the conference's arbitrary power clearly. of the conference's arbitrary power clearly defined. The right of vote in the annual defined. The right of vote in the annual conference is in the nature of a political power, and cannot be reviewed by any court whatever. The relation of the preacher to the annual conference is rightly left to this arbitrary vote, and in the nature of the case is unreviewable. But this question of relation is the only one which is subject to such a vote or

fusing to go to his work by a mere vote. It is to be hoped that he will appeal to the General Conference, on the ground that the whole procedure was null and void. For it is a matter of great importance to every itinerant to have it clearly understood that his character is not at the mercy of a bare majority of a body that might at the moment be swayed by passion.

All cases affecting credentials and membership in the church must be referred to a committee and go through a regular trial, if for no other reason that the constitutional right of appeal may be preserved. Otherwise our constitution is no protection, for its meaning is un-

benighted idolaters, worshiping saints, etc. Have known Roman Catholics who were true Christians. Not less evangeli-cal than the best of us was Dr. Stanpitz, prior of the Augustinian monastery of Wittenberg, who taught Luther the true

Wittenberg, who taught Luther the true way of salvation.

5. The political unrest prevalent in Germany at the time of Luther's advent helped much in securing foothold to the great reformation. Romish demagogism had rent Germany into helpless principalities. Kings and princes were but vassals of the Holy See. They longed for deliverance. They cared not for evangelical religion, but for political emancipation. They gave Luther ardent support, for they discovered in his agitation the resuscitation of German nationalism. the resuscitation of German nationalism.

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6. Luther prayed much and worked hard. Ora et labora was his motto. His castigation of Henry VIII, when that potentate, from base motives, in a treatise, had been toadying to the pope, won for him the admiration of the literary world. Luther was not without faults. It was superstitious fancy when, at Wartburg, translating the Bible, he imagined Satan inspecting his manuscript. He threw his inkstand at him—fracturing the same on the wall. the same on the wall.

The character of Satan is uglily repulsive. Like sin, of which he is the embodiment, he is

"A monster of such hideous mien Which, to be hated, needs but to be seen."

prove or at least excuse. Sorry I cannot say that hereafter. The tirade in your paper of April 17, under the sobriquet, "Guiliver," on what he calls "Modern Evangelism," whatever he may mean by

one which is subject to such a vote, or ought to be so subject.

If, then, the present law is so construed as to allow the conference to administer any punishment greater than location, then it is unconstitutional and subject to all the strictures Bro. Hughes administers and any punishment greater than location, then it is unconstitutional and subject to all the strictures Bro. Hughes administers and in charge of a settled ministers or, in Methodist Episcopal Churches, those not assigned to a particuall the strictures Bro. Hughes administers. An annual conference cannot in any case under our law depose a preacher, deprive him of his credentials, or turn him cut of the church by a vote of the body. Such an act would be absolutely without warrant of law.

I understand that one of our conferences did so turn out one of its members for redentials, and such men as J. N. Moffit, D. O. Shattuck, Jno. P. Durbin, A. B. Longstreet, Jno. C. Burruss, W. E. Munsey, and others. These men, above named, were all personally known to me, and were universally regarded as among trict reported the entire assessment paid.

to such incidental or irregular preaching as the papers tell us about, concerning such revival meetings as have occurred in this country within the last five or ten years. In such case his language is uttable resulted in the such least such case his language is uttable resulted in the such least terly reckless, evincing a carelessness of truth, and disregard of even its appear-ance, that is at least most remarkable. He tells us in unqualified terms exactly what was and was not done at every one of those thousand places. He gives no proof—nothing but bold assertion. His statements are incredible.

statements are incredible.

It has been my lot to attend but few of the revival services Gulliver so roundly denounces. I never saw Mr. Sam Jones, nor his brother, nor Mr. Small, nor Mr. Harrison, nor indeed any of those large revivals so much noted in the South and West. Those I have attended were mostly in Washington, during three or four winters, several years, ago. And so four winters, several years ago. And so far as my experience goes, I have seen nothing of what this writer says is uni-

versal among all of them.

I very much incline to think that Gulliver is one of that class of men who have yet something to learn of what is called "Men and Things." He sees a speck of life in some by corner and concludes that that is an exact sample of the whole

that is an exact sample of the whole.

It is pretty generally understood that the church has all along produced some ministers of the most superior talent and usefulness who were tenfold more useful in incidental and discussive preaching than in a settled pastorate. This seems to have been the character of some of the apostles and of Mr. Wesley, and later of a great many men easily named, among whom John B. McFerrin and Thos. O. Summers might well be named in addition to those above mentioned and hun-

dreds of others.

Look at that giant prince of American orators, John Newland Moffitt. How or why would you confine him for a whole year to a single pastoral oversight? You might as well undertake to confine a whale in a duck pound. We are not all cast in the same mold—some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ.

But perhaps the unkindest cut of all in this wholesale indictment of evangelists is that they are represented as always crowding themselves in uninvited and setting up an opposition to the pastor's preaching. How could he know this in

every case, even if it were true? Now, might there not have been an

disappointed many an expectant epicure, and put back the realization of his hopes for full two months. This is the 25th of April, and the English peas are still a future quantity. Many of the trees were in an advanced state of foliage when the frost came, and their tops looked like they had been through the fire. My wife's geraniums stood in the front yard all winter and defied it to do its worst, but the spring weather got the better of them; their heads drooped, their life was gone and their beauty departed. But all nature has come out again in her best bib and tucker, and she looks as green and winsome as a maiden from the Emerald Isle.

The Methodists of Augusta have had the rare pleasure recently of listening to Bishop Wilson's discourse on missions. The bishop, as your readers know, has twice visited China and Japan, and from personal knowledge of the work there and its wants, he is prepared to give the church at home infermation for an intelligent understanding of her relation and duty to the heathen. The bishop is packed with facts obtained on the ground from

understanding of her relation and duty to the heathen. The bishop is packed with facts obtained on the ground from personal observation and statements made to him by our missionaries in the field. His addresses (he made two), were exceedingly interesting and edifying. It will pay (I use the word advisedly) any city or large town to organize a missionary mass, meeting and have Bishop Wilson to mass-meeting and have Bishop Wilson to address it. He is so full of his theme, and there is so much to talk about, that on the platform and in the social circle he is always fresh and instructive. Dr. W. W. Bays, from Chattanooga, was also with us, and gave us a stirring speech. The meeting here will do good, as the seed

the very first most talented and most useful men that ever preached in a Methodist pulpit. If we go to England we will put John Wesley at the head of the list and Geo. Muller next.

Indeed, if we pretend to use the English language, there is no essential difference between modern and ancient evangelists.

And these are all denounced, wholesale, by your correspondent, as timesale, by your correspondent, as timesale. that or something else is stirring the revival spirit in the churches. Since conference there have been in two churches in the city more than two hundred conversions. A meeting of very great interest and power at Asbury aroused the life of that church as it has not been in years, and resulted in about eighty additions to

between modern and ancient evangelists.
And these are all denounced, wholesale, by your correspondent, as timeserving idlers, going about after money—"little if any true prayer," and always a clog on the wheels of the gospel!
To this I suppose Gulliver would answer: "O, I didn't mean this class of men!" Then why say so? It is what you say in the paper, and not some unexpressed meaning, that we are interested in. I am writing about what you said. You denounced half the Methodist preachers, living or dead, as a set of idle fellows, wrong in theory, wrong in practice, and wrong in results!

According to your caricature of the modern ministry, the large majority ought not to be listened to by either religious or irreligious hearers. Did you expect any good to result from this coarse onslaught upon the Christian ministry? Hardly.

Suppose I should so far violate the express terms and obvious meaning of Gulliver's diatribe as to apply it exclusively to such incidental or irregular preaching as the papers tell us about, concerning gracious revival. It has been in progress less than a week, and about fifty conversions are reported. Our young pastor there, Sim Shaw, is full of fire and the Holy Ghost. At other points in the district signs of revival are beginning to appear. If any readers of the Advocate knew Milledgeville in the days immediately after the war, they would hardly recognize the place now—with a dummy line from both depots to the asylum, an ice factory, a bank, an oil mill, a guano factory and an electric light plant, the old capital is greatly changed. Our church there has been remodeled inside and, with a fine pipe organ, is one of the most delightful churches in the conference. That church has been progressing in spirituality, numbers and financial strength almost without a break for four years. Sparta, the home of Bishop Pierce, has been broke for twenty years. The humming of the machinery in the old factory, a rock quarry in the neighborhood, a brickmaking industry, and the prospect of another railroad have put new life into the old town. A more loyal, loving people cannot be found. NOTES.

Dr. Candler, president of Emory College, is pushing the endowment of the Stone professorship with all his might. Prof. Stone was professor of mathemetics almost since the foundation of the college. It is now proposed to establish a chair of applied mathematics in his honor.

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Dr. Potter is giving his readers in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, a paper of very great worth. The great questions of the day are discussed broadly and thoroughly in its columns by both the editor and his contributors.

Dr. Haygood dropped in on us a day or two ago on his way back from Virginia, and delighted us with a few hours of pleasant conversation. What a charming talker the doctor is—full of incident and reminisience, in touch with every inand reminisience, in touch with every in-terest of the church, farseeing in his views of church and society, one never tires listening to him. He is to preach a sort of quadrennial sermon for the Woman's Missionary Board at its meeting in St. Louis.

Rev. H. H. Parks, one of the veterans of our conference, and presiding elder on the Athens District, has had two or three right sharp attacks of an old malady which laid him on the shelf for some weeks. He is about again, improving, but not fully

recovered.

Dr. Jesse Boring, for many long years a conspicuous figure in Methodism, has passed to his reward this year. To the last, though too blind to walk alone, and tottering under the weight of more than 80 years, he was always in his place at conference, and there he would sit through the long sessions without growing tired.

Bishop Wilson is looking as well as I ever saw him. He says his health is good. His eye is bright, his voice strong, his step elastic.

W. P. Lovejoy.

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"How long was Bearson's speech?" "I don't know; I didn't have my gas meter with

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Many a man who is a good shot in this world hopes to miss fire in the next.

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REGER, Mo., Feb. 17, 1890.

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ALANSON BROWN, P. E. WAYAHACHIE DISTRICT-THER POURS

WARRINGTHE DISTRICT THIRD ROUND.
Ennis sta, at Ennis May 17, 1
Dresden cir, at Cryer Creek May 24, 2
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Irene cir, at BrandonJune 7.
Bristol cir, at Hines' ChapelJune 14, 1
Rice and Chatfield cir. at Chatfield June 22, 2
Waxahachie sta, at WaxahachieJune 28, 2
Oak Cliff sta, at Oak CliffJuly 5,
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Avalon cir
Sims and Glenwood cirJuly 26, 2
Waxahachie cir
Red Oak cir, Bluff Springs Aug 9, 1
Lancaster and Ferris cir, at Bluff Springs. Aug 1
Wesley and Rusk cir Aug 16, 1
District conference will convene at Oak Cliff
July 3, at 9 o'clock a. m. Recording stewards wil
please have quarterly conference lournals present

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIS
East Weatherford mis, at Peaster
Weatherford cir, at Harmony
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Weatherford sta.
Garden and Strawn, at Strawn.
Barton's Creek mis, at Liberty
Eastland cir, at Gunsight.
Breckenridge, at Shady Grove.
Springtown and Goshen, at Agnis
Whitt and Jacksboro, at Bethesda
Vineyard City mis, at Fairview.
Boonville cir, at New Hope.
Finis cir, at Finis.
Graham sta.

CUERO DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. VERNON DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

 VERNON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

 Margaret mis
 May 10, 11

 Harold mis
 May 17, 18

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 May 24, 25

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 June 7, 8

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 June 21, 22

 Amarillo mis
 June 21, 22

 Plainview mission
 June 28, 29

 Mangum mis
 July 12, 26

 Frazier mis
 July 12, 13

 Seymour sta
 July 12, 20

 Childress and Quanah
 July 26, 27

 Throckmorton cir
 Aug 2, 3

 Farmer cir
 Aug 9, 10

 District conference will meet at Childress, July 23, and include the following Sunday, the 27th.

 Bishop Key has promised to be with us then.

 JEROME HARALSON, P. E.

SAN SABA DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND. 

DALLAS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. 

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Huntsville sta May 10, 1
Prairie Plains cir, at Martha's chapel. May 17, 19
Zion cir, at Lake Grove May 24, 29
Madisonville cir, at Elwood May 31, 19
Bedias mis, at June 7, 19
J. C. MICKLE, P. E. SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. 

Hemphili mis. June 4, 15
Sexton cir June 14, 15
Sexton cir June 15, 16
Shelbyville cir June 21, 22
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District conference will convene at Center, June 28, 29
Bistrict conference will convene at Center, June 26th, at 9 o'clock a. m. J. W. Johnson, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. May 10, 11 May 17, 18 May 24, 25

Chico cir, at Pleasant Grove.
Alvord cir, at Lone Mound.
Post Oak cir, at Antelope
Archer City mis, at—
Red River mis, at—
Bowie cir, at— May 31 June 7. W. S. MAY, P. E. CAMERON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Durango cir, at Blevin's Wilderville cir, at Ward Chapel Maysfield cir, at Fort Sullivan. Deanville, at Purser Chapel. Davilla cir, at Lebanon. Rockdale sta

JEFFERSON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. 2d Sun in May
3d Sun in May
4th Sun in May
1st Sun in June
2d sun in June
C. B. FLADGER, P. E. Texarkana sta.... Linden eir, at——— Eylan eir, at Liberty SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND 2d sun in May
3d sun in May
4th sun in May
4th sun in May
1st sun in June
2d sun in June
2d sun in June
GEO. T. NICHOLS, P. E. Commerce.
Fairlee
Sulphur Springs sta.
Sulphur Bluff
Sulphur Springs mis
Lone Oak...

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Hockley cir, at New Hope. May 10, 11
Patterson cir, at Patterson May 17, 18
Sealey and San Fellpe, at Wallis May 24, 25
Eagle Lake cir, at Aleyton May 31, June 7, 18
Hempsteal sta June 7, 8
Independence cir June 14, 15
C H. Brooks, P. E. BROWNWOOD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. May 10, 11
May 14, 11 a m
May 17, 18
May 21, 11 a m
W. T. MELUGIN, P. E. 

TYLER DISTRICT .- SECOND ROUND. TYLER DISTRICT.—SECOND ROUND.
Lindale, at Red Spring. May 10, 11
Grand Saline, at Center May 31, June 1
Tyler sta. June 7, 8
New York, at Oak Grove June 14, 15
Lawndale, at Philips' Chapel June 21, 22
Dr. Finley will attend the quarterly conference
of Tyler mission and of Lindale circuit.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Fairfield cir, at Mt. Zion May 10, 11
Franklin cir, at Beck Prairie May 17, 18
Centerville cir, at Pleasant Ridge May 24, 25
Rogers Frairie mis, at May 31, June 1
Boon Prairie mis, at Walrut June 7, 8
Millican and Wellborn, st Millican June 14, 15
Bryan mis, at H. M. Skars, P. K. GAINESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

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GATESVILLE DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND ABILENE DISTRICT-THIRD ROUND.

Colorado sta May 17, 18
Buffalo Gap cir, at Lemon's Gap May 24, 25
Baird cir, at Cedar Grove May 31, June 1, Albany sta June 2, Big Springs, at Midland June 14 15
Anson cir, at Fairview June 21, 25, 6
Ligon 41, 52, 54 Abson CIF, at Fairview
Cisco sta
Haskell mis, at Brushy
Abilene mis, at Abilene mis, at July 19, 20
Sweetwater cir, at Mulberry July 26, 27
Snyder mis, at Browning's July 30, 20
Roby mis, at White Flat Aug 2, 3
Stonewall mis, at Aug 6, 4
Abilene sta Aug 9, 10
District conference will convence in Cisco, July 2, 1890, at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Chambliss will preach the opening sermon Wednesday, July 2, at 8 p. m. John A. Wallace, P. E. BONHAM DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Dodd's cir, at Oak Ridge. May 10, 11
Bonham cir, at Randolph May 17, 18
Stephenville cir, at Allin's Church May 24, 25
Masey mis. May 31 and June 1
Delegates will be elected this round to district conference. Would like for all members to be present.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.
Gordonville cir. at Gordonville ... May 10, 11
Sherman cir, at Pecan ... May 17, 18
Whitewright ... May 24, 22
Pottsboro and Preston, at Georgetown ... May 31, June 1
Denison cir ... May 31, June 1
Howe cir ... June 7, 8
Pilot Grove cir ... June 14, 15
W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E. BEAUMONT DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Burkville cir
Jasper sta.
Sunset cir
Orange sta.
Beaumout sta.
May
Sabine Pass mis. Liberty cir..... Livingston cir....

SHERMAN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

Moscow cir. June 28, 29
Remember, brethren, on this round delegates to the district conference will be elected.
F. J. Browning, P. E. PARIS DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. 
 PARIS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

 Woodland cir
 May 10, 11

 Detroit cir
 May 24, 25

 Annona cir
 May 31, June 1

 Dalby Springs cir
 June 7, 8

 Ingersoll mis
 June 14, 15

 New Boston cir
 June 15, 16

 Clarksville mis
 June 21, 22

 Clarksville sita
 June 22, 23

 District conference will convene in Paris, Lamar

 Avenue, Thursday, 9 a. m., June 5.
 Bishop Key is

 expected.
 J. R. Wages, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. TERRELL DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND.

Garland sta May 10, 11
Allen cir, at May 17, 18
Roberts' Missiou, at May 24, 25
W. L. CLIFTON, P. E. GALVESTON DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Columbia and Brazoria May 10, 11
Cedar Bayou cir May 17, 18
Matagorda cir May 24, 25
Richmond and Wharton May 31, June 1
H. V. Phillcott, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. Garvin cir, at --- May 10, 11
B. M. STEPHENS, P. E. GATESVILLE DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. 

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT-SECOND ROUND. REV. J. C. WEAVER'S APPOINTMENTS.

To the Preachers in Charge of the Montague Dis-DEAR BRETHEEN: I wish you to announce the following appointments for me in your charges: May 25 at 11 o'clock. May 28 at night. May 29 May 30 May 31 June 1 at 11 o'clock. June 2 June 2 June 4 June 5 Post Oak
St. Joe
Burlington
Montague
Belcher
Henrietta station
Wichita Falls station
Bellevue
Bowie station
Sunset
Crafton
Decatur station

June 8 at 11 o'clock. June 8 at night. J. C. WEAVER. Decatur station Alvord DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Gainesville District. The Gainesville District Conference will convene at Denton, Denton county,

C. L. BALLARD, P. E. VALLEY VIEW. Fort Worth District.

Please insert Itaska as the place for district conference of Fort Worth district—I see I neglected to give it—and state for me that Bishop Key has promised to be present, if at all consistent with other duties.

J. Fred. Cox.

To Members Cleburne District Conference:

On account of sickness at Hico, we are compelled to change the place of holding the Cleburne District Conference. It will

convene at Granbury, Thursday, May 1, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Brethren, do not let change of place at this late date prevent your attendance. Business of greatest importance to some of our best interests will come before us.

W. L. NELMS, P. E. Change of Time for the Montague District

Conference. After consultation with Bishop Key, I change the time of holding the Montague District Conference to July 16 to meet at 8 p. m. We wish to meet at that hour because all the members can come in in the evening more conveniently than in the morning. If we wait till Thursday

morning, nearly all the members will have to come the evening before, or not till Thursday evening, which would make the time too short. Therefore, we hope all will come in on Wednesday. We will have a sermon Wednesday at 8 p. m. by Rev. T. L. Adams, and immediately after organize the conference ready for business at an early hour Thursday morning. Let all concerned preserve this notice and be on hand at Bowie at the time appointed. Bishop Key is expected to preside.

W. S. May, P. E.

Please announce that the district conrelease announce that the district conference for Sherman district has been changed from May 22 to July 5, 6. Change made for reasons justifiable.

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

The Tyler District Conference will be held at Canton, July 3 to 6. Bishop Key is expected to be present.

John Adams, P. E.

The Fort Worth District Conference will be held June 12 to 15, 1890.

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

Beaumont District Conference.

The Beaumont District Conference will convene in Colmesneil, Wednesday, 9 o'clock a. m., July 9, 1830. The business of the conference will be conducted according to plan laid down in the Discipline. Let us bear in mind, brethren, the fact that prominence is to be given to religious exercises, and each one of us go expecting a gracious revival.

Brownwood District.

Brownwood District Conference will be convened at Comanche, Comanche county, on the 26th of June, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Will embrace the fifth Sunday. Rev. J. R. Nelson will preach the opening sermon on Wednesday night, the 25th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We urge all the members and delegates to be present at the commencement service, and if possible continue with us until the close of the Sabbath day. We are praying, hoping for a good revival of religion on the occasion.

W. T. MELUGIN, P. E.

To Members Cleburne District Conference:

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Rev. T. W. Morton, a member of the North Texas Conference, who died at Wills Point, Texas. last year, requested that his Theological Books be sold. Sister Morton has placed them in my hands to dispose of. They are good as new, except Ral-ston's Elements of Divinity and Watson's Insti-tutes. The backs of these two are slightly dam-aged. Any of the preachers can get them at the following prices and pay for them at conference: Raiston's Elements of Divinity. 

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At the time the patient usually applies for treatment the disease has ceased to be local, and nothing but constitutional treatment is of any use. So all discussion as to whether the first sore is the cause or effect of the disease is of no use in the treatment of the disease. treatment of the disease. SYMPTOMS.

A few days after an exposure one or more small, innocent-looking blisters or water pimples make their appearance, which disappear of their own accord. For a short time after the disappearance of the blisters no symptom of any sort is noticed, and the patient quite commonly thinks all is over. After an interval, which varies in different cases, the glands in one or both groins become enlarged and painful. These may break and be

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(sore eyes).
All these pass by sooner or later, and a All these pass by sooner or later, and a long time of comparative freedom is now enjoyed by the patient. But the end is not yet. Small gummy tumors make their appearance in the substance of the tongue, bones, skin and other organs of the body. A general vitiated, deteriorated condition of the whole body is very apt to follow, from which the patient never receivers unless properly treated.

Of course each case has its peculiarities, and not every one will run the exact course I have described, but the general outline is alike in each case, although a few of the symptoms may be wanting entirely.

feel and recognize that Christ is in my heart, controlling my conduct, quickening my conscience, and helping me every day to resist evil and do right? Then he "is there;" but if no such internal evidence exists, then Christ has never been there; or has gone away.

For the question, whether the Master will always stay with us, depends largely upon ourselves. Self-whil and pride may drive him out, for he promises to dwell only with them who are of an humble and contrite spirit. Neglect may provoke nim to depart, and so may a persistent disobedience to his commandments. Dr. Maclaren beautifully remarks that "the

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This most dreadful disease is very easily transmitted from one person to another. Hundred of cases occur as the result of the most ordinary usages of society. The prevalence of the disease, together with the great variety of ways in which it can be communicated, ought to excite a constant watchfulness against exposure. The habit of putting pencils to the lips that have been used by others in the same way ought to be avoided. Drinking from the discommandments. Dr. Maclaren beautifully remarks that "the sweet song-birds and honey-bees are said always to desert a neighborhood before a pestilence breaks out in it." So the inear to God, and by love adhere to find in infinite general to the lips and the same of the terror.—

If you would it is infinite general to stay in it.

Free agency does not cease after conversion; if Christ enters our heart through faith, he must be kept there by faith. The habit of putting pencils to the lips that have been used by others in the same way ought to be avoided. Drinking from the same drinking cup or glass, using the towel, napkin, or knife that is used by others, each has been the means of spreading this awful disease among innocent people. The habit of indiscriminate kissing cannot be too strongly condemned, as it is a fruitful source of infection. A pipe, spoon, pen knife, dental instruments, surgical instruments of many kinds, each have been the means of conveying this poison. Anything that comes in contact with a mucous surface which has had previous use by another person is liable to spread the poison. The mitk, saliva, tears and perspiration of an affected person has been proven to be capable of causing the disease in another.

TREATMENT.

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It occasionally happens that the laxative Man a-lin is needed, an excellent remedy to assist the action of La-cu-pi-a. especially when the bowels are inclined to be constipated. The use of tobacco or alcoholic drinks are decidedly opposed to a speedy recovery, and consequently each a speedy recovery, and consequently each patient will be consulting his own inter-est to avoid their use. The diet needs no especial regulation except to avoid stimu-lating foods.

#### Devotional.

THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS.

Have ye looked for sheep in the desert,
For those who have missed their way?
Have ye been in the wild waste places,
Where the lost and wandering stray?
Have ye trodden the lonely highw y,
The foul and the darksome street?
It may be ye'd see in the gloaming
The print of My wounded teet.

Have ye folded home to your bosom
The trembling neglected lamb,
And taught to the little lost one
The sound of the Shepherd's name?
Have ye sear hed for the poor and needy,
With no clothing, no home, no bread?
The Son of Man was among them—
He had nowhere to lay his head.

Have ye carried the living water

Have ye carried the living water
To the parched and thirsty soul?
Have ye said to the sick and wounded,
"Christ Jesus makes thee whole?"
Have ye told My fainting children
Of the strength of the Father's hand?
Have ye guided the tottering footsteps
To the shore of the "golden land?"

Have ye stood by the sad and weary.
To smooth the pillow of death,
To comfort the sorrow-stricken,
And strengthen the feeble faith?
And have ye felt, when the glory
Has streamed through the open door,
And flitted across the shadows. And flitted across the shadow

Have ye wept with the broken-hearted In their agony of woe?
Ye might hear me whispering beside you
"Tis the pathway I often go!"
My brethren, My friends, My disciples,
Can ye dare to follow Me?
Then, wherever the Master dwelleth,
There shall the servant be!

-Selected.

A HOME IN THE HEART FOR CHRIST.

and painful. These may break and be come running sores.

After these disappear a respite from all symptoms is had again, which once more encourages the patient to believe that it is ended. The next thing to be looked for in the course of this dreadful di-ease is the appearance of a rash on the skin, congestion of pharynx, hoar-eness and ulcerations of the tonsils. There is in some cases another interval of entire cessation of the disease after the above symptom subsides to be again. If Jesus actually lives with you, other papular eruption of the skin and mucous suspects that you are a Christian, I do membranes, and occasionally falling of the hair, pains in the bones, and iritis (sore eyes).

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It is highly important that the patient be rightly advised as to when and how to leave of taking the medicine. It is my rule to begin to decrease the dose as soon as every glandular enlargement and ulcer has entirely disappeared. The dose should be decreased every slowly, until reduced to half a teaspoonful, when it may be discontinued altogether. There is no stage of the disease in which it is not teasily communicated to others, and the

greatest as well as to the least. All this moral power is not only lost, but actually perverted to base uses, when the framework of genius is used as an opportunity to display the fascinations of sin and make them the alluring amusement of worse than idle hours.—New York Observer.

#### A GOOD ANSWER.

A young bride, of high social position, having just moved to the city where her husband lived, was called upon by one of the leading ladies of a fashionable danc-ing club and formally invited to attend

was born in Itawambia county. Mississippi, July 29. 1857; was married to A. J. McDugal Ince. 25. 1850; was marr

Ir you would live a pleasant life draw near to God, and by faith behold him and by love adhere to Him, and take a view of his infinite goodness and all His per-fections, and behold him in his wondrous works, and then break forth into his cheerful praises, and you shall taste such pleasures as the earth affordeth not.—

#### Marriages.

Hill.—Shannon—At the M. E. Church, South in Eastland, Texas, April 25, 1890, Mr. Hal Y. Hill and Miss Katie D. Shannon, Rev. J. J. Canafax of Science of the Computer of the C BARNES-SIMMONS-Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Capt. A. A. Simmons, in Rusk April 30, 1890, by the Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. T Howard Barnes and Miss Mattle Simmons.

#### Obituaries.

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Wood.—The home of Bro. J. W. and Florence D. Wood was made sad on the 26th of April, 1890, on a count of the death of their sweet little Blanchie, aged twen-y-one months. She was one of the sweetest children I ever saw. She was the light of the household—precious to the bereaved parents and relatives—but more precious to our Heavenly Father, who has taken Blanchie to himself. She has gone to heaven to await the coming of loved one- that will follow. Bereaved parents, your loss is her eternal gain She cannot come back to you, but you can go to her, in the sweet by-and-bye.

Athens, Texas.

ATHENS, TEXAS. A young bride, of high social position, having just moved to the city where her husband lived, was called upon by one of the leading ladies of a fashionable dancing club and formally invited to attend its dances as an introduction into the society of her new home. With beautiful candor and great firmness she thanked the lady and those she represented for their courtesy, but she said:

"I am a Christian—and when I was converted I promised the Lord to abandon the dance and devote myse f to his service. Besides, my husband is irreligious and his soul's salvation will depend upon my life. I must work to win him. Then, I dare say, I can find much to do in this city in visiting the poor and the sick, so that I will find employment without going to dances."

Anderson.—Moody Franklin, infant son of D. M and Ann Anderson, was born in Corvell county, Texas, Aug. 21, 1889, and died in Community, Texas, Aug. 21, 1889, and died in Community Texas, Aug. 21, 1889, and died in Community Texas, Aug. 21, 1889, and

RAGSDALE.—J. S. Rag-dale was born Oct. 2. 1877, and died March 31, 1890. Livtle silie was in many respects a remarkable child—so quiet and modest and thoughful above hi years. He needed no correction from his parents. A word was sufficient to bring quick, glad obedience to their wishes. He was happly converted at Murray League in 1886. When he arose from the aiter his bright young face, all aglow with the love of God, proclaimed to those around that he though but a child, had bee . "born again." At once he became concerned for his brother, Josnus older than himself, and he went to him in the congregation, brought him to the altar, and he, too, was converted. Perhaps few boys have lived so consistent a Christian life as little Sille. And now we miss his qu et. thoughtful face from the family circle, and our hearts grow sad when we see his vacant seat; but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, because after awhile we shall meet him with the blood-washed throng in the paradise of God.

KNAUR.—Mrs. Clara F delia Knaur, the only

KNAUR.—Mrs. Clara F delia Knaur, the only daughter of B. F. and Lydia Barnum, was born in Butter county. Ohio. Nov. 25, 1851, and died at Honey Grove, Tex., April 6, 1890. She married John D. Knaur at Steckwell, Ind., Nov. 14, 1871, and moved with her husband to this place in 1877. Their only child, Ray, was born Sept. 4, 1880. She was converted and Joined the Methodist Church over a quarter century ago, and for thirteen years was a consistent member of our McKenzie Church. She was a model housekeeper, an obliging neighbor, a faithful friend, a self sacrificing and loving daughter, sister, nother, wife. She took an activinteest in the maverial affairs of the church at the time of her death, being vice-president of the McKenzie Aid Society; but her delight was in the law of the Lord and in the services of the sancuary. Her last illness was protracted, but borne patiently. As the end approached she expressed perfect resignation to the Father's will and did at peace with God. The funeral was held in the church, which was filled with mourning relatives and friends. Her body reposes in Oakwool Cemetery, in joyful hope of the resurrection.

MARTIN.—Die l at his Fome, near Crafton.
Wise county, Texas, Wm. D. Martin. He was
born in Green county, Keetucky, Feb. 20, 1830. He
was converted in 1855 and joined the Missionary
Ba dist Church, and remained in that church
until after he was married. He then joined the
M. E. Church, South. He was married to Marv E.
Smith, Jan. 1 1856. There were born to them ninchildren—five boys and four girls. They all lived
to b. grown and were all members of the church.
Two of them, how-ver, preceded their father to
the grave. Though he was a feeble man from his
youth, he lived to be sixty years one month and
twenty-one days old, enduring much affliction all
the while. From the time of his marriage his
house was the home of a Methodist preacher. He
was a man of stern integri y. He loved the cause
of God and was true to his pastor. The character of his life and example is clearly seen in the
life of his children. He was a Master Mason in
good standing. He lived up to its rules and
teness and kept his dues paid to the last. He
died in great peace. His sun went down clear
and serene. He left a devoted wife, seven chil
dren and a hos of friends to mourn his absence;
but we expect to meet him again. J. R. RANLLE.

PALNEE.—S. M. Palmer, son of C. M. and J. A. Palmer, died at the residence of his father, near Gum, Wise county, Texas, March 31, 1890, aged 21 years I month and 14 days. Salone was loved by all who knew him and was a model young man. He was of humble but most respectable parentage. Young Palmer thirted for knowledge, and by industry and economy obtained a good English education, for which he had to fight his way over a rough road. Young Mr. Palmer professed religion and joined the church in the seventeenth year of his age. He was a moral and religious exemplar. He bore his afflictions without mur muring. About ten hours before he died he called for all present to bid him farewell. He said he knew he had to die; that he was willing to die; that he knew he had a home beyond the grave and that he was willing to go. He exhorted his friends to meet him in heaven, where there will be no more parting. My God help us to keep the promise we made Salone Palmer to meet him in heaven.

W. H. Carpenter.

street dance and devote myse of to his service. Besides, my husband is irrelicious and his soul's salvation will depend upon my life. I must work to win him. Then, I dare say, I can find much to be side, so that I will find employment without going to dances."

This reply was born of the spirit that made martyrs. That young wife astounded her worldy-minded visitors, who remarked after leaving the home: "I can be supported by the salvation of the relation of the spirit that made martyrs. That young wife astounded her worldy-minded visitors, who remarked after leaving the home: "I can be seen to the spirit that made martyrs. That young wife astounded her world, be made to the cowardly, nominal Christians who through the membership of our churches!"

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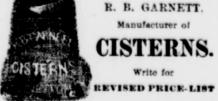
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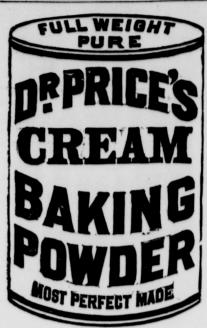


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The gorgeous railway train which the Queen and King of Italy had built for their journey to Berlin this month was burned in the Florence railway station about three weeks ago. The cost of the train was more than 70,000 lire. It was furnished with a wealth of gold and silver ornaments, and was filled with the most costly upholstery. Most of the presents intended for the Berlin court had already been placed on it. Only a few of had already been placed on it. Only a few of the most valuable bits of tableware and about a third of the presents were saved.

#### REV. J. C. WEAVER'S APPOINTMENTS.

To the preachers in charge of the Jefferson dis DEAR BRETHREN — Will you please publish the following list of appointments in your respective charges, and oblige, yours, J. C. Weaver.

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CLEBURNE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This body convened at Granbury, May 1st. The attendance was unusually large. It was a frequent remark that so many laymen had never been seen at a district conference. The young president showed to great advantage, with a rein as steady, a firmness as gentle, a manner as suave, and a mien as graceful as the most exand a mien as graceful as the most experienced. Harmony, spirituality, devotion, were marked through the entire body, while enthusiasm for the church and its enterprises, both among the laymen and preachers, sent every member home with a new inspiration. This writer thinks every one was revived by an uplift of strength, if not of rapture. Good reports came from all the preachers. It was gratifying that much was done in the line of church building and parsonage improvement accomplished and in progress. Also, that the assessments for home and foreign missions and church extension were nearly all provided for in cash and subscriptions. The bishop's claim is paid and some over. The topics contemplated in the Discipline received searching attention, and brought out ringing reports at the hands of committees. One new mission was recommended to be created, and several missions to be to be created, and several missions to be raised to circuits. The great enterprise of the district, Granbury College, focalized the thought and purpose and zeal of the conference. The current session prosperous, the title free, financial embarrassments cleared, it is not now subject to the contingencies that crippled it in the past. The contemplated resignation of its president, Judge I. M. Onins, made it necessary to provide a new management and faculty. Rev. W. J. Moore, of Gran-bury, was elected business manager, with the following as part of the faculty: Rev. E. M. Sweet, A. M., President. Prof. W. H. Savage, A. M., Vice-Presi-

Rev. R. F. Dunn, Principal Primary Department. Other members of the faculty will be

selected later.
In the conference, Rev. G. W. Owens of the ADVOCATE force, was prominent in attitude, statue, smiles, sermons, counsel and addresses, especially touching the Advocate and its merits. The conference unanimously ratified and confirmed his judgment by a resolution expressive of its appreciation of the paper. Delegates to the annual conference: W. F. Moore, Evan Jones, W. H. Savage, Rev. H. B. Doak, Alternates: S. D. Mc. appreciations of the participate in the deliberations of the participate in the deliberations of the F. Moore, Evan Jones, W. H. Savage, Rev. H. B. Doak. Alternates: S. D. Mc Clure, N. L. Clardy. Next conference at Hico.

E. M. Sweet, Secretary.

METHODIST COLLEGES AT ANSON.

I have seen in the Fort Worth Gazette an account of a move I have on foot to build a male and female college at Anson. The male collage will be about one and three-fourth miles south of the court-house; the female college will be court-house; the female college will be about three-fourths of a mile north of the court-house. I think if anything on this line ever was a success, these certainly will be. Now for the plan: The town and community agree to give at least \$3000, and will raise more if they can (the \$3000 has been raised). The balance of the \$20,000, which we propose to use, is not to be raised by begging or seeking donations from any one; but we have donations from any one; but we have enough lots around the colleges and town, when sold at a fair value, to bring \$30,000. Now, in selling these lots, our plan is to sell a lot to any one with the understand-The depth of a sea about six miles deep is reduced 620 feet by compression. If the ocean were incompressible the level of the surface would be 116 feet higher than it is at present, and about 2,000,000 square miles of land would be submerged.

Waco has four artesian wells, flowing two million gallons of water daily, and is the home of Cacterine Medicine Co.

A pair of bantam chickens were sold at the London Crystal Palace for \$500, which was almost exactly twice their weight in gold. This is believed to be the highest price ever paid for a single pair of fowls since the days of extravagant and luxurious Rome. but these are the plans I have been work

ing upon. Now a few words about Anson and Jones county. The county has been organized for years. She has never blackened her records by giving any one license to sell whisky, and in the last prohibition election the county went for prohibition. This is the best county, morally, it has ever been my pleasure to be in. I stayed in Anson three months without hearing as many as three oaths, and have not seen a half dozen drunken men since I have been here—nearly six months. Lexpect our town town. months. I expect our town and county is growing as fast as any county in the west that has not worked up a boom. One of the neighborhoods where I preach, I am sure, has more than doubled since I came here. Now I think we will be able to sell good residence lots near the town and college for \$50 to \$100, and I believe if we make a success of this matter that these lots in twelve months will be worth

100 per cent more money.

To the Methodist of Texas, especially: think on these things, and to the brethren of the ministry, would it not be nice to laud such a place to spend our last days on earth.

R. R. RAYMOND. ANSON, TEXAS, May 1, 1890.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Suffer a member of the Sunday-school Board to remind you that Children's Day (third Sunday in May) is drawing nigh. In the multiplicity of your cares and duties as shepherds some may forget, hence this reminder. On circuits where pastors cannot attend schools all in one day it is suggested that the day be observed at the appointment which he fills on third Sunday, and that he appoint the Sundays following on his round till each school on the circuit observes the day. It is important that pastors be present to explain the purpose of Children's Day. In many schools it has never yet been observed. We ought to put enough money in the treasury of the Sunday-school Board to enable the church to employ a special Sunday-school or-To Pastors of the North Texas Conference: Sunday-school Board to enable the church to employ a special Sunday-school organizer to visit destitute fields within our conference bounds. Pastors of circuits who do their duty by their charges have little or no time to visit destitute neighborhoods, and pastors of large city congregations find more to do than their hands can accomplish. Mission schools should be organized and supplied with our literature whenever godly men or women can be found to officer and teach them. A Sunday-school missionary emthem. A Sunday-school missionary em-ployed and paid by your board, to give his entire time to this enterprise, would do a great work and prepare the way for planting Methodism in many places now unoccupied. With a general observance of Children's Day in our Sunday-schools this year the board will be supplied with the sinews of war for an effective camerica.

paign.
Brethren, pardon this intrusion of an humble layman, who loves the children and would have them brought under the benign influence of the gospel and taught the way of life.

A. M. RAGLAND,

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SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY. REV. S. B. ELLIS.

I want to say amen to Bro. Littlepage's article so forcibly and scripturally presented in this week's ADVOCATE. Many things have been said in the recent discussions that to a casual reader would bring the church into disrepute, when I do not think the church as a whole to blame. Brethren, let us say less about what we are getting and are to get and what we are getting and are to get, and preach more upon the proper and improper use of money, and the Lord will regulate the balance. I have been in the itinerant ranks for twelve years, and I have never felt that a Board of Stewards to whom I preached would let me suffer. By calling attention to our own wants continually we have gotten own wants continually, we have gotten the people to believe that when we allude to the subject we do it from a selfish to the subject we do it from a selfish motive; hence, we are paralyzed on this subject. It is a cunning device of the devil, for he knows that the love of money is the root of all evil, and he does not want us to dig too close to it. I believe the Methodist itinerant ministry of to-day are better paid than any other class of men that depend on a salary for support. And then, we have this reserve force to fall back upon in old age. I believe it is the providence of God who has promised to make all our beds in sickness, that has brought it about. The Psalmist says, "Trust in the Lord and do good so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed."

Delight thyself in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of the heart. If we doubt this, what broader promise could be given to induce us to give ourselves and for the state from Fort Worth of Lord and Dallas. The Family Journal of More will carried the probability and the probability and the shall give these the desires of the heart. If we doubt this, what broader promise could be given to induce us to give ourselves and the same transfer of the state from Fort Worth of El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Galveston and Dallas. The Family Journal of More will carried the probability and the pro be given to induce us to give ourselves solely to his service. A dwelling in the land, something to eat, and then any-thing the heart may desire. Let us see to it that our part of the contract is fully met, and God, who cannot lie, will fulfill

ABBOTT, TEXAS, May 3.

CALL FOR A PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. Having conferred with the members of participate in the deliberations of the convention.

W. D. JACKSON, Chairman State Committee.

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J. B. CRANFILL.
J. E. BOYNTON,

Members Central Executive Committee

#### NOTICE.

All the pastors in Paris district (North Texas Conference) will please write me at once the names of all delegates, local preachers, recording stewards, and dele-gates-elect to the ensuing district con-ference which will be entertained by Lamar Avenue Methodist Church, Paris, Texas, June 5 to 8, so that I may provide them homes. We expect Bishop Key to preside, and pray that this conference may be a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, both to the conference, the Church and the city.

Thales B. Reams, Pastor,

No. 821 East Houston St., Paris, Texas.

#### QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE MIS-SION BOARD.

The quadrennial report of the Board of Missions will make the following exhibit of its financial operations:
Appropriations made May, 1886, \$158,880.56. Collections from April 1, 1886, to
March 31, 1887, \$161,495.88.

Appropriations made May, 1887, \$181,-795.61. Collections from April 1, 1887, to March 31, 1888, \$234,584.40.

Appropriations made May, 1888, \$214,-564.32. Collections from April 1, 1888, to March 31, 1889, \$244,176.43.

Total appropriations, \$820,517.49; total collections, \$916,378.95.

The debt with which the quadrennium opened has been reduced to \$14,000. There is no draft out for any appropria-tions made prior to the annual meeting of

May, 1889. While the board has reduced the old debt of over \$100,000 to \$14,000, it has enexpenditures of \$106,396.44.
I. G. John, Secretary.
J. D. Barber, Treasurer.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

San Marcos District Conference will convene at Luling, Thursday before fourth Sunday in June, at 9 a.m. Recording stewards will please be on hand with their records. W. H. Biggs, P. E.

Chappell Hill District Conference will convene at Hempstead, Texas, June 12, 1890, at 9 a. m. Pastors are requested to come prepared to stay over Sunday.

C. H. Brooks, P. E.

To the Members of Fort Worth District Confer-

DEAR BRETHREN-Will those of you who expect to bring your wives or daugh-ters with you to district conference please notify me by the 15th of May. Also, those of you who expect to come by private conveyance let me know and oblige,

J. W. Sanson, P. E.

ITASCA, May 2.

#### SUCCESS.

A young man once asked Baron Roths-child the secret of success; and the baron looked him over with his keen black eyes, and said: "I'd rather tell you the secret and said: "I'd rather tell you the secret of a failure. Why they fail, seems to be the mystery with most young men. Here is the receipt: One hour a day with your newspaper; one hour a day with your cigarette; one hour a day with your toilet, and, my word for it, the first position that you obtain will be the best you will ever obtain." Three hours a day over and above your routine duties; with less than that Garfield became a classical scholar; with less than that Gladstone has made himself familiar with a dozen different professions; with less than that Disraeli became a famous author; with less than that Mr. Arnold, a hurried newspaper man, has given the thought of the world a new impetus in his studies of the world a new impetus in his studies and writings upon the land of Asia; with less than that a thousand business men have become scholars, and a thousand scholars have conducted a business.

#### ADVICE TO YOUNG MINISTERS.

1. Let me say to every young brother, if you expect to have an active church you expect to have an active church you must be a wide-awake, industrious man yourself. An idle paster makes an idle church. 2. It is vitally important for you, in the next place, to develop the activity of your members and to direct them into fields of usefulness. There is a vast amount of latent power in most of our congregations; and in large churches there is a tendency to say: "O, you have there is a tendency to say: "O, you have enough to do the work without me." As small farms are usually the best tilled, so small churches are often the best worked. 3. Keep your eye on all the operations of

the church—not to do the elder's work or the Sunday-school superintendent's work, but see that they do it. A meddlesome minister may be as mischievous as an idle one, yet oversight and wise counsel are your prerogative. 4. Drive every wheel in your machinery to its utmost power, but don't have more wheels than power. Widen your activities as fast as you have men and money to propel them. Finally, keep Christ in the foreground. Come to your flock every Sabbath with Jesus in your heart and Jesus on your tongue. The only permanent power that can propel any church is the power from on high, and that church which is mighty in prayer is the one that is always mighty in work.—Dr. T. L. Cuyler. the church-not to do the elder's work or

PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION. Gov. St. John Will Make Two Addresse

Worth to El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Galveston and Dallas. The Family Journal of May 8 will contain full particulars. Copies can be had at the office, 406 Elm street, Dallas.

Obituary-Texas.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Howard, a leading Baptist minister, died in Dallas. Wm. R. Baker, an old Texan, and one of Houston's leading citizens. Mrs. W. D. Hall, Belton. Mrs. D. T. Cates, near Midlothian. Samuel Tapp, Nash. William Morris, Waxahachie. Nathan Weaver, near Corsicana. Jeseph Lester, Waco. E. G. Edwards, Tyler. Mrs. Harriet Berry, Nacona. Charles Ogden, Bingham. Clementine Retherford, near Tioga. Mrs. Matilda Ross, Bryan. Mrs. John Tennant, Waco. Mrs. Maggie Brazier, Gainesville. Rad Clark, near Tyler. Andy Ray, Gainesville. B. F. Morrison, Atlanta. Mrs. Hal Terrell, Daingerfield. W. J. Preston, Marshall. D. W. Veager, Kingston. Edward Steves, Jr., Pleasanton. Dr. C. B. Henry, Unitia. Mrs. Martha G. Slater, Houston. Mrs. Lon Houston, Denison. Henry Bradenburg. Sherman. Miss Armenta Brown, Denison.

Col. Jesse L. Driskill, formerly a cattle king and builder of the Driskill hotel at Austin, the finest in the South, died

A son of Mr. Teague, of Travis county, was bitten on the finger by a rattlesnake, from effects of which he died.

A. H. Thomas, formerly a confectioner at Dallas, was shot by his former partner who had bought out the business, J. H. Cox April 30. He died May 2.

Edward Prunell, aged thirteen, of Houston, was thrown from a horse and died from fracture of the skull received in

#### Texas Incidents.

J. P. Illingsworth, an old Englishman, died at Austin, Texas, the past week, aged eighty years. Some twenty years ago he made a coffin-shaped bed, and directed that he should be buried in it just as he might be found when dead. His wishes were complid with.

A San Antonio telegram, April 30, says: The State Encampment, to be held here this year, will be one of the grandest ever held in the State. The visit of Adjutant-General King, A. L. Roberts and Colonel Appropriations made May, 1889, \$265,-277. Collections from April 1, 1889, to March 31, 1890, \$276,122.24. General King, A. L. Roberts and Colonel Bruce here yesterday, resulted, after a conference with the officers of the local companies and a number of citizens, in fixing the second week in July for the encampment. Free transportation for the militia from all points in the State has been tendered by the railroads, and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway will run special trains to and from the grounds, transporting troops free, and the street railway here will also give them free transportation. The State will expend between \$6000 and \$7000 upon the encampment, and the citizens and local military companies will provide a hospitable reception and entertainment for the soldiers, besides offering valuable prizes to be competed for by the crack companies. General Stanley, of the United States department, has generously volunteered his assistance, and the troops stationed at the post will take part in the encampment, giving drills and parades."

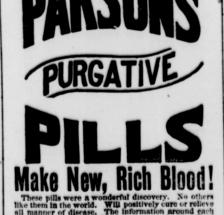
ADRIAN, Mich., April 30.—At midnight April 27. 1865, the steamer Sultana, freighted with 2000 Union soldiers paroled from Southern prisons, blew up on the Mississippi near Memphis. The loss of life was only exceeded by four of the greatest battles of the war. Less than 200 of the number now survive, and the association formed by these met in required with the post meeting will union yesterday. The next meeting will be held April 28, 1891, at Fremont, O.

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A lad of forty summers
Wooed a maid of thirty Junes;
And the stars looked down at one a. m.
On the latest thing in spoons.
"Oh, would I were a bird!" she sang,

And each disgusted one Thought to himself this wicked thought: "Oh, would I were a gun!"

Mrs. X.—I don't imagine Mr. and Mrs. Nothink get on very well together. Mr. X.—I have it, but when I asked Nothink the other day how he liked married life, he said happiness was no name for it.

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