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HOME CONFERENCES.

Paris District Conference.

Gulliver: This write-up of the twenty-third session of the Paris District Conference is at the request of Rev. Geo. W. Owens, who appeared in our midst in the enjoyment of good health and a new suit of clothes, and who pressed the claims of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE like a veteran canvasser working on commission. The fact is, the Rev. George is an impressive talker. You can hear him a half mile. He was the biggest man among us while he stayed, but he left too soon. We all desired to hear him preach. Whenever he chooses to infest these parts, he will always find bed and board "without money and without price."

Bishop Key called the conference to order June 5, 1890, in Lamar Avenue Church, Paris. J. W. Fulton was elected secretary. All the pastors (seventeen in number) were present, and when the delegates to the annual conference were elected, thirty-six votes were cast. Considering the fact that our people are mainly farmers, and that the conference came right in the midst of "crop-time," the turn-out was fair, we thought.

We have in the Paris district over four thousand members and about thirty church-houses, good and bad. We were assessed about eighteen cents per member for foreign missions last year. We paid only about eleven cents. We all felt very much ashamed of this record and resolved to do better. Our additions to the membership of the church last year did not reach 900. Lord, help us to do better.

Bishop Key knows just how to get at the bottom facts in a district conference. He ignores formality, and yet every thing is orderly and well-timed. His plan is to ask certain live, leading questions, and then set apart a certain time for the members of the conference to answer. These answers open up the field of discussion and the interchange of thought, and the variety of plans thus brought out throws the whole situation into bold relief.

The barriers to progress were found to be a lack of church houses in which to train our people in our own way. School-houses and union churches have greatly hindered us. Preaching once in the month only is a sorry offset to Satan and other denominations who try to overthrow us; for he it is remembered that the Pharisees and Herodians, however much they may differ on other questions, join hands in a united endeavor to break the force of Methodism. Let these different denominations each have a monthly appointment at the same place where we hold forth, and the burden of their polemic power is all aimed at us. Yes, Methodism is the great aggressive invader of this world, and it takes all the forces of the combined earth to check her onward march. They cannot permanently hinder us, but the best weapon they have ever used against us is this so-called union idea. We are improving. New churches are being projected and our own children are being brought into our own schools and provided with our own literature. May the Lord help us along these lines.

Our "beloved" is traveling all over the district, and he says he intends to preach at every church belonging to our people in his entire charge. He is the largest and finest looking man in the district, and if his present appetite holds on there is no telling what kind of a shape he will present at the conference in November.

The personnel of this district conference is peculiar. The preachers are nearly all boys. The only exceptions, I believe, are Bro. T. E. Sherwood, of Clarksville station, and Bro. Williams, of Ingersoll mission. Even these are young in their ways. Fact is, Bro. Williams is really praiseworthy—he carried off the blue ribbon for wit and smart things generally. He is the only man who ever got Bishop Key's "tag." He was giving an account of the poverty of his people. He said they were as poor as Job's turkey. "Do you know poor that ancient and honorable fowl was, bishop?" queried the old brother.

The Bishop—"I do not."
Bro. Williams—"Neither do I, sir;" and the bishop fell right off the Christmas tree.

Nearly all the boys got to preach, first and last, and the people were pleased with their ministrations. The bishop, of course, edited us much—he always does. His sermon Sunday morning on the right of the Lord to the tithes was one of the clearest presentations of that duty it has ever been our privilege to hear. Many determined to turn over a new leaf. We wait to hear from the "Lord's Drawer."

The following are the delegates-elect to the ensuing annual conference, which is to be held at Depot: J. W. Fulton, J. W. Houston, J. W. Hardison and J. T. McKenzie.

The press of the city was very kind, and both in the Morning News and the Evening Times first-class reports appeared of all the important work of the conference.

The conference was well entertained in the homes of our people, and this pleasant session will be long remembered by all concerned.

NOTES.

The bishop had his amiable wife

with him, and she endeared herself to every one she met.

Miss Fannie Armstrong, of Dallas, authoress of "Children of the Bible," was on hand with her books and disposed of several copies. It ought to be in the library of every Sabbath-school in America.

Washatic.

F. M. Winburne, June 10: Our Children's Day at Bethel was not what we had prepared and hoped for, in consequence of rain. We met, however, and did the best we could. Results, \$2.55. At Glenwood the weather was favorable. Bro. Edwards and his co-laborers had prepared an excellent program, and it was beautifully carried out by the people and children. Several hundred people were present, with dinner enough to have fed a thousand people. In fact, everything was bigger than the sermon and the collection, which was \$5.65.

Grand Saline Circuit.

S. N. Allen, June 10: Our second quarterly conference is over. The Lord was with us. Our beloved elder was hoarse, but full of the spirit of the Master. The stewards were a little sad on account of the finances coming up somewhat slow, but that is all right. The Lord blesses us all the same. Local option carried in Grand Saline Precinct on the 7th. Glory to God! Bless the Lord, oh, my soul; all that is within me bless his holy name. We are moving on well.

Bastrop.

W. Wooten, June 12: We are now domiciled in our new parsonage, and it is a thing of beauty, and we trust it will be a joy—for four years to us. A nice new fence is now in order and we have been assured it will be forthcoming soon. Last Sunday night we had four accessions by ritual and there are more to follow. Our church is doing well. A goodly number at prayer-meeting every Wednesday night. Rev. A. L. P. Green is here sick; recovering from an attack of atrophy. The brethren will remember him at the throne of grace. It would require too much space to mention all the good things we receive daily. You may put it down that Bastrop is ahead of any place that has reported.

Boss Prairie Mission.

R. J. Fort, June 11: Our second quarterly conference was held June 7. Bro. H. M. Sears was with us looking after our church affairs, manifesting much interest and ability. A good representation was prevented by inclement weather. However, the good people of Walnut exhibited an appreciation for the conference. A bountiful repast was spread on Sunday, which did credit to the sisters, who certainly understand preparing chicken, cake, pies, custards, coffee and many other good things for a church dinner. I find my people enjoy more religion here. I succeed in introducing the ADVOCATE. We feel encouraged, trusting God to add his blessing to our efforts.

Barton's Creek.

J. L. Havins, June 12: Our third quarterly meeting is over. Bro. B. M. Stephens, presiding elder, was with us looking after the interest of the church. We had a very rainy time. My stewards rode in the rain to get to the quarterly meeting. So you see I have a good board of stewards. The Lord bless them. Bro. George L. Clark was licensed to preach, and preached for us in about four hours after he was made a preacher, and he did well. The Lord bless him and make him useful. We had three excellent sermons from Bro. B. M. Stephens. I will commence a camp meeting at Mount Zion on Friday before second Sunday in July, Liberty the fourth Sunday in July, Berlin the second in August, Huckabay the fourth in August. Come over, brother preachers, and help us.

Deater.

J. F. Marshall, June 10: Children's Day was observed by the Sabbath-school at Riverside May 18th. The program laid down was followed as near as practicable, with some additions. Sister Manion superintendent. School opened with prayer by Jimmie Williams, a little boy eight years old, his class kneeling. The roll was called and nearly all answered by repeating a verse relating to children, followed by singing, orations and declamations from the school. Collections being next in order there was a contribution of \$6.65. School closed with prayer by Mildred Young, a little girl, all kneeling, after which the children formed into line and marched to the table, where a rich feast awaited them. They ate first, the old folk waiting until the second table. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Everything passed off pleasantly, and I must say that Sister Manion is the right person in the right place, and deserves the encouragement and praise of all good people; for she is certainly doing a great work.

Wharton.

Robt. B. Martin, June 12: Our second quarterly meeting convened here on the 1st of June. Our pastor, Bro. J. P. Childers, presiding in the absence of Dr. Philpott. The meeting was protracted during the week, resulting in eight accessions to the church. It was thought best to discontinue the meeting on Tuesday, making ten days, on account of wet weather and a pro-

vious meeting of three weeks' continuance at the Baptist Church. Bro. Todd, of Richmond, preached an excellent sermon Sunday. Text: "The Church of God." Bro. L. P. Davis, of Matagorda, did good service, preaching continuously every night for a week. Our faithful pastor, J. P. Childers, when he commenced the meeting here, had just closed a five weeks' siege of the enemy's works at Richmond. Though the results of the meeting were not what we had hoped for, yet our Zion is strengthened and the standard of the cross more firmly planted in our midst. All "glory be to God on high." Five children baptized and three adults to be baptized.

Denison.

Chas. E. Lamb, June 10: Barnett and Mulkey closed their meeting here Sunday night. Bro. Mulkey promised me to stay here twenty days. They stayed ten. A number of things occurred to make unpleasant impressions upon them. This I deeply deplore for the sake of dying souls. One hundred persons gave their names for church membership—fifty for the M. E. Church, South, the remainder to other churches.

Chair.

S. P. Brown, June 12: I send you a few dots. I began a protracted meeting at Quintanna the first Sunday in June, which lasted eight days. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, we had a good meeting. Thirteen accessions to our church.

Rev. H. M. Haynie was with me, rendering faithful services for the Master. The kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ is prospering at Quintanna, through the faithful members of the church, for which the Lord be praised.

We have a committee of ladies at Quintanna who are collecting money to build a church. We expect to complete it by the annual conference.

The getting of deep-water at the mouth of the Brazos river is no longer a matter of doubt, but the people of Texas have every reason to believe that in the near future the mouth of the Brazos river will be the best deep water harbor on the Texas coast. There are fourteen feet of water on the bar.

While the children of this world are looking after their interest, we are endeavoring to build up the church in every department. We praise the Lord for salvation and press on. The ADVOCATE is growing in favor with my people. The more they read it, the more they love God and the Methodist Church.

Silver City, N. M.

W. Monk, June 6: The General Conference is over. Back at home, safe and sound; everything moving on smoothly; prayer meetings and Sunday-school kept up by the laymen. God bless the faithful few who filled the place of the pastor during his absence. In addition to the spiritual interest of the church, they secured two lots on which to build a church. The lots are in a central part of the city. Among the things done by the General Conference was the formation of a new conference, to be called the New Mexico Conference, which embraces all of New Mexico south of the 36th parallel and all that part of Texas west of the Pecos river. This conference will meet in the city of El Paso, August 27. We will need at least seven or eight more men to man the work—young single men, or men with small families. We need men of energy and pluck who are willing to suffer for Christ. We want no drones in the hive. We want men who are willing to go anywhere and suffer if need be to establish our beloved Methodism in this sunny land. We promise nothing on the material side but a hearty welcome, pure air and plenty to do. As to health, no part of the United States can excel this country—it is a great health resort. I appeal to the young men and middle-aged men to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Should any decide to come, they will address me at Silver City, Grant county, New Mexico. If you decide to come, arrange to be at conference, or write definitely as to whether you will come, and when you will be ready for work. For the encouragement of all, I will say that, according to numbers and means, no people pay more than the people in the bounds of this new conference. I have been in this county four years and have not missed an appointment, which speaks well for the health of the county.

Richmond.

J. P. Childers, May 11: I closed my meeting last night at Wharton. The visible results, six valuable additions. The membership is greatly revived. Methodism has had a hard struggle at Wharton, but the day has dawned for her at last, and her banners are waving over the little city, and fifty true and courageous soldiers are waging war with the powers of darkness. All the Christians of Wharton engaged with us heartily for the conversion of souls. Though the meeting was only protracted nine days and we were interrupted by heavy rains and many were kept away on account of measles, our congregations were large all the time, and many gave expressions of a desire to be saved. Bro. L. P. Davis came on Wednesday, the 4th, and remained until the close, and labored zealously and faithfully. His labors were appreciated by the

church, and many of the unconverted will remember this preacher of God's Word. This meeting began with our second quarterly conference. Our presiding elder, Dr. Philpott, could not be with us, as he was in attendance at the General Conference. We missed him very much, as we are always glad to have him and hear him preach. The collections are coming up very well on this charge. No opposition to missions or church extension, nor to the support of the church in any way. We have a good and faithful Board of Stewards who provide well for the preacher and the preachers who come to help in our meetings, never letting them return home empty handed, but remembering that they who preach must be paid. The children of the Sabbath school at Wharton are missionaries. They have raised \$11 for this cause. The brethren at Wharton, with the assistance of the Ladies' Aid Society, have made a considerable improvement on the church—more room, more ventilation and more neatness, with the nice carpet on the floor of the rostrum, put there by the good ladies. Too much cannot be said of these faithful workers, but for fear some of the brethren will think I am boasting, I had better quit. God bless them. They love the church; they love the ADVOCATE.

Liberty.

J. F. Archer, June 9: Last week I spent at Liberty, assisting Bro. J. W. Cullen in a meeting. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt from the first service to the last. A more precious meeting it has seldom been my privilege to attend. The church was greatly strengthened. Christians lifted to a higher plane in the Divine life and Zion's borders enlarged. One person received was seventy-four years old. Surely the mercy of the Lord is very great and our God is able to save unto the uttermost. The hospitality of the good people of Liberty could not be surpassed anywhere. They carry their preacher in their hearts and anticipate his wants. Bro. Cullen is in great favor with them and is doing much for the blessed Master.

Barnett and Mulkey at Clarksville. T. E. Sherwood, June 2: These men of God, according to appointment, arrived here May 16; found all the Protestant churches united, as shown by tendering the seats of the six churches for their large pavilion and having everything in trim. Services commenced Friday night, and for ten days the congregations grew and interest increased. The whole city and surrounding country flocked to hear the "Word of Life," and as Bro. Barnett preached as but few can or do, the people were "cut to the heart," and by scores came crying, "What must I do?" The incomparable A. E. Mulkey and his invincible, angel-spirited "Louisa," with sword (of the Spirit) in hand, punctured the festering wounds of sin, and as sinners cringed and cried, they pointed them to the Great Physician who heals all that come to him. Many incidents occurred during the meeting worthy of mention, a few of which we give: A whisky drummer, just from Kentucky, on his first trip, arrived in the city Monday evening, went to church, heard Bro. Barnett preach, was convicted and happily converted and came to the parsonage, applied for membership in the church, and, like the jailer at midnight, I baptized him into the church. Next morning he expressed his thanks and "went on his way rejoicing." Two young men, bartenders, were graciously converted, surrendered their keys next morning, and joined the church. One of the most prominent saloon proprietors came forward and gave his hand for prayer. Such a scene of rejoicing, mingled with earnest prayers, I never saw before. Mulkey's sermon on "Restitution," it is said, caused many a dollar to change hands. This part of God's heritage will never forget the blighting, burning anathemas of Bro. Barnett on the theater, card-playing and dancing. We trust, thank God, this three-fold cord of hell is broken and buried, never to be resurrected. The meeting reached all classes—the wealthy and influential, the poor and illiterate, old and young. Whole families were brought in. Such a revival Clarksville has never experienced. Most of our preachers in this (Paris) district were present part of the time, rendering valuable assistance. People from Honey Grove, Paris, Blossom, Detroit, Ansonia, DeKalb, Dalby Springs and New Boston were here, and many converted.

All the pastors in the town were a unit, and worked like Trojans. The meeting resulted in the conversion and reclamation of over 300 souls, and about 190 additions to the different churches—109 to the M. E. Churches; forty-three to the C. P. Church and others sharing liberally. On the last Sabbath of the meeting a collection was taken for Bro. Barnett and Mulkey amounting to \$650—\$100 of which was equally divided between Sisters Barnett and Mulkey. During the occasion \$100 was raised to defray the expenses of the meeting and \$75 for the suffering churches of Willis Point. In conclusion, I want to say for these servants of God that they have been a benediction to this entire country. Old fables have been settled, new life has been inspired in all the churches, and our people nearer to-

gether, stronger and better. I would modestly suggest to such of our preachers who believe in and want a grand revival, yet want it on their own line of things, and so far have failed, instead of criticising what they term "Modern Evangelism" as a failure, just send for Barnett and Mulkey and Sister "Louisa" to come over and help you. They will do you lots of good and help your people wonderfully. May God bless them more and more forever.

How We Built the Tenth Street Church.

James A. Graves: Having been requested by a number of friends to publish the history of my connection with the building of the Tenth Street Church, Waco, and hoping to encourage some timid souls who wish to work for the Lord, I submit my experience in originating and carrying out the plan by which a place of public worship was provided in a needy section of a growing city, and a new church added to Methodism.

Being in my eighty-second year, and having recently settled in Waco, but desirous still of doing something for the Lord, I accepted from Dr. H. A. Bourland, pastor of the Fifth Street Church, the appointment under him of city missionary. My labors in this capacity were confined principally to the southern and western portions of the town, a district destitute of any place of public worship, and where the indifference to religion was manifested by the public violation of the holy Sabbath in the practice of the base-ball game.

The field was inviting for a Sunday-school, but as there was no suitable house for that purpose at command, there was but little hope of an early attainment of such an object. Still, it bore on my mind, and after such prayerful consideration of the subject, though without a single dollar to start on, I saw the way open for the building of a church, and in the name of the Lord, boldly undertook it.

Wishing to get the indorsement of the Fifth Street Church, of which I was a member, I laid my plan before the quarterly conference; it met with favor from some, but fears were expressed that my age and feebleness would prevent the accomplishment of what I wished to undertake, and that, even if successful, I would only involve them in debt. After some informal discussion the matter was passed over, and no definite action was taken.

In nowise discouraged at my failure to receive official indorsement, I determined to proceed. Finding a suitable lot on the corner of Tenth and Cleveland streets, at a proper distance from Fifth Street Church, with the assistance of Bro. H. M. Hubby, a blessed, pure man, I bought it for \$500. Bro. Hubby gave his note for \$400 of the amount, and the deed was made to him. Before the note fell due \$400 was secured from sale of a surplus portion of the lot, and the balance raised by my individual solicitation. After thus paying for the ground we had still remaining a lot 101½ by 85 feet, sufficient for the church and a parsonage, which has been deeded to the trustees of the Fifth Street Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

An eligible lot having thus been secured, I was commended from a high quarter for my success, and advised that, as more already had been accomplished than could have been reasonably hoped for, to postpone the attempt to build until the ensuing year. Seeing no necessity for this delay, I steadily went forward. Bro. Hubby indorsing for the lumber, while I employed and superintended the workmen, soliciting and obtaining the funds for payment. I was not only deeply impressed with the conviction that it was God's will that I should resolutely go forward, but that the Holy Spirit was directing me. My success was such that every bill was paid before becoming due, myself raising every dollar contributed, except \$13.50 raised by the lady teachers of the Sunday-school. I obtained money from all classes of people and from every quarter. One day's work was devoted to a round of the drinking-saloons, in the most of which I was treated with marked respect, and but few who kept them refused to help me.

The work was the subject of constant prayer, and my faith was such that I never for a moment doubted my success. Though at the close of each day I was worn down and exhausted, the night's rest so refreshed me that I was enabled the next day to go through its duties.

In the face of much that under other circumstances might have been considered discouraging, but which did not affect me, the house was at length completed, and paid for—a neat frame structure, 44x28 feet, with 14 feet wall in the clear. The inside is wainscotted four feet high; the remainder of the wall is strongly ceiled and handsomely papered.

On Christmas day, 1889, the house was opened for public worship, and a good sermon preached by the popular pastor of Fifth Street Church, Rev. H. A. Bourland, D.D., since which time a good congregation has been in attendance without any diminution of that of Fifth Street.

The Sunday-school for which I started out was organized in the early part of January last with over fifty scholars; since increased to twenty-officers and teachers and 157 scholars.

The superintendent, Bro. H. Dockum, is peculiarly qualified for the position. His tact and judgment have already made the school a success, and the end is not yet.

To the brethren and friends who stood by me in my work and assisted by their generous contributions, I tender my sincere thanks. May God richly reward them, and may a blessed influence go out from the "little church" they helped to build that shall lead thousands of souls to the better life!

Seaside Camp-Ground.

W. J. Joyce: A great seaside camp-ground and summer resort near Corpus Christi is now being pushed forward. A few days ago Col. E. H. Roper, the president of a rich Northern syndicate, who has made a large addition to the city of Corpus Christi called Port Aransas Club, offered to Bros. Alanson Brown, R. E. Rutledge, W. J. Joyce and C. J. Oxley forty-one acres of land on condition that they would with one-half erect a \$3000 tabernacle for camp-meeting purposes. The offer was accepted and the ground immediately platted. The grounds were laid off with a one hundred-foot avenue through the center, in which is placed the tabernacle, with a cross street sixty feet wide. The lots are 25x75 feet, and are sold for the present at from \$20 to \$150.

There are three reasons why a Methodist, especially, ought to purchase one or more lots: 1. It is a good investment. Lots are selling for treble these prices in Port Aransas City adjoining. A warranty title is given by Col. Roper, and the property is your own. 2. The money goes into the tabernacle and other improvements for your own benefit. 3. You aid in securing a valuable property to the church. The tabernacle with the acre of land on which it is built is to be deeded to the church as soon as we become possessed of the property, which will be after we have held five annual camp-meetings and shall have completed the improvements required. There can be no loss to the purchaser, for if the camp-meeting is not held you have your title to valuable property. Col. Roper can lose nothing, for every dollar we get goes into the improvement of property which he holds till we complete our part of the contract. And such is his confidence in the enterprise that he advances \$1500 at once, and waits with us till we sell lots and repay him.

If any lots remain over after the improvements are made they belong to us. The place is four miles below Corpus Christi on a cliff thirty feet high, overlooking the bay. It fronts nearly five hundred yards immediately on the bay; is a level, somewhat brushy and hogwallow prairie. The clearing of the brush will begin next week. The land is black, rich and, in wet weather, sticky. Some may think this an objection; but, no. There will be no dust; the meeting will be held in the summer, of course, when we have but little rain, and the land will grow trees, fruit and vegetables. Some have said they intend to build cottages and spend the summer there, and so the lots are laid off large enough for little gardens and a few grapevines. Our contract with Col. Roper requires him to have the street cars running to the tabernacle by the 15th of August next. The material is on the ground and a steam derrick will be the motor. You can leave Austin in the morning and hear the benediction after the sermon the same evening at the camp-ground.

We hope to hold the first meeting the last of August. All we can promise you at first is the tabernacle to worship in, an open, beautiful bay in which to bath, fish and sail. It will take time and money to make it what we wish it to be. Trees are to be grown, the streets leveled and lawn grasses set out. We give you an outline. Any further information may be had by writing to me or Alanson Brown at Beeville, C. J. Oxley at Laredo, or R. E. Rutledge at Corpus Christi.

Mission Board Northwest Texas Conference. J. R. Nelson, Sec., June 10: The third semi-annual meeting of the Mission Board, Northwest Texas Conference, was held in Temple, Texas, May 28-30, 1890. Owing to sickness, and perhaps the General Conference, the attendance was small, but never before in the same length of time was more important business transacted.

Every presiding elder, in person, by proxy or letter, represented missions in his respective district—some in detail, others not so full. These generals understood the ground they occupy, and have their forces well in hand. All along the line it is onward movement. Reports from the missionaries, in the main, were prompt, and without exception, encouraging, and many of them indeed gratifying. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that, as the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference, we have watched with deepening sympathy and fervent prayer the toils of our missionaries, and are highly pleased with the half year's work performed and the success that has attended their efforts.

The secretary was instructed to publish the report of Rev. J. M. Barcus, pastor of Mulkey Memorial Church. [See report appended.]

Big Valley Mission was granted an (Continued on fifth page.)

Texas Christian Advocate. A STATEMENT AND SOME LETTERS. REV. JNO. W. STOVALL.

In the early part of 1889 I was very much surprised to hear it rumored that there was a probability of my leaving my church in order to enter the Episcopal Church and ministry.

Last July I received a letter from a young lady in San Antonio in which she said: "I send by to-day's mail two little books which the bishop gave me, and as I enjoyed them very much, I thought I would send them to you."

The "two little books" were two discourses by Bishop Wilmer, of Alabama, in pamphlet form, one on "The Church of God," the other on "The Maintenance of Church Principles."

I wrote the young lady a letter of some length, calling attention to some of the inconsistencies, and what I considered the absurdities of the first named pamphlet, reminding her that there are two sides to most questions.

In February last the bishop visited Del Rio, and as I had never met him and wished to show him proper courtesy, I called on him. The next afternoon he returned my call.

The above is a brief statement of what had taken place prior to the correspondence given below. The bishop opened this correspondence, and for convenience I have numbered the letters; making comments wherever necessary, and giving my reply under each.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, May 7.—REV. JNO. STOVALL: Rev. and Dear Sir—I take the liberty of sending you a package of small books on large subjects.

DEL RIO, TEXAS, May 9.—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, San Antonio: Rev. and Dear Sir—Your kind note and the books were received by last mail.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, May 11.—REV. JNO. STOVALL: Rev. and Dear Sir—I see by the return of the package of pamphlets that I owe you both an explanation and an apology.

—, who told me that he did not think you were in sympathy with the system of your church, I have coveted you for ours, because I believed that as a settled pastor you would do a more successful work than as an itinerant preacher.

The Rev. — is an Episcopal clergyman. It will be noticed that Bishop Johnston gives the opinion of the Rev. —; it is not said that I have ever expressed to him any dissatisfaction with the system of my church.

But the bishop wants to throw the blame of the advances made to me upon one of my fellow-ministers. There was nothing in my letter to which he above is a reply to call forth such a letter.

Divining the purpose, I immediately wrote the following, asking for the names of the parties:

DEL RIO, May 12.—BISHOP J. S. JOHNSTON, Eagle Pass: Reverend and Dear Sir—I have just received yours of the 11th inst., and I desire to thank you for your candor.

EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, May 14.—REV. JNO. W. STOVALL: Rev. and Dear Sir—Yours of the 12th received by me on my arrival here last night.

DEL RIO, TEXAS, May 15.—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, San Antonio: Rev. and Dear Sir—Your kind note and the books were received by last mail.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, May 17.—REV. JNO. STOVALL: Rev. and Dear Sir—I see by the return of the package of pamphlets that I owe you both an explanation and an apology.

You have entirely mistaken my character in supposing me to be "a busy-

body in other men's matters," or "a proselyter." You have only to make inquiry inside or out of my church to have that impression corrected.

Having said so much on this subject, with the desire of making peace, and avoiding further unpleasantness, I hope you will agree with me in letting it quietly drop.

DEL RIO, May 24.—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON, San Antonio: Rev. and Dear Sir—Your letter in answer to mine of the 12th was received and has been carefully considered.

1. For considerably more than a year I have been very much annoyed by reports circulated in regard to myself, calculated, if credited, to injure me in my church.

2. When you find that you were mistaken in regard to my views, you apologize for what you have done—asserting at the same time that you had been misled by what you had been told by others.

3. If I credit your statements I am forced to the conclusion that one of my "fellow-ministers" has been guilty of a falsehood, and that a presiding elder of my conference is unworthy of the position he holds.

VICTORIA, TEXAS, May 22.—REV. JNO. W. STOVALL: Rev. and Dear Sir—Your favor of the 25th received here. I must still decline to give you the name of my informant.

DEL RIO, TEXAS, May 23.—REV. J. S. JOHNSTON: Rev. and Dear Sir—Your favor of the 25th received here. I must still decline to give you the name of my informant.

To this letter I have not replied, as no reply is called for. The bishop is anxious for peace, but he means peace for himself; for the peace of others he has shown in this whole affair very little regard.

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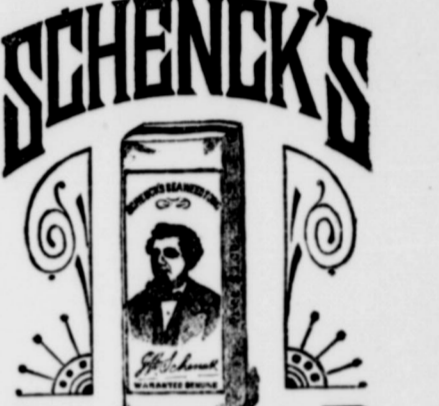
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About the Lesson.

LESSON XII, SUNDAY, JUNE 22.

TRUST IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. Luke xii:22-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. (Verse 30.)"

(MEMORY VERSE, 27, 28.)

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. What is the subject of this lesson? Trust in our Heavenly Father.
2. What is the Golden Text? "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things."
3. To whom did Jesus now speak? To his disciples.
4. What did he say to them? "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on."
5. How did he enforce this admonition? "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."
6. What should they consider? The ravens, which did not sow nor reap, and yet they were fed.
7. What else did he say? "And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?"
8. What did he tell them to seek first? The kingdom of God.
9. What was the promise? All things needful should be given them.
10. What did he tell them to provide? Bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—This lesson follows immediately the last one, and forms part of the same discourse, though addressed directly to the disciples. The question as to the chronological order and position of this discourse was fully considered here, last week.

Place.—As before; either in Capernaum, or in Petra.

Time.—Either in the autumn of A. U. C. 781—that is, A. D. 28—or in the late autumn (November or December) of A. U. C. 782—that is, A. D. 29.

Persons.—Our Lord and his disciples; the great multitude being still present (comp. v. 34.)

Incidents.—The discourse is continuous and on one theme, resembling closely parts of Matthew's (not Luke's) report of the sermon on the Mount. These important sayings were probably repeated.

Parallel Passage (in thought).—Matthew vi: 25-33.

ILLUSTRATIVE APPLICATIONS.

Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. For the life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment (vs. 22, 23). If you really must worry about anything, do worry about that which is most worthy of your anxiety. When your life is in peril from a runaway horse, or from an attack of the "grip," you are willing to admit that it is more important for you, just then, to look to your personal safety, than it is for you to plan your tomorrow's marketing. When you have a broken arm, or a sprained ankle, you can see that that ought to have more of your immediate attention than a new summer suit. "The life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment." This truth is always the truth. In choosing a business or in doing one's work, the first thought ought to be given to the effect on one's life rather than on one's dinner-table, on one's body rather than on one's wardrobe. Yet how many there are who worry more over their possessions than over their characters, over that which is least rather than over that which is greatest!

Which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto his stature? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest? (vs. 25, 26.) Worry never increased a man's size, nor paid his butcher or tailor. Worry never warded off bullets on the battle-field, or disease in a bedroom. Worry is no help to any man in any way; and, even apart from its being wrong, it is foolish because of its uselessness. Worry is a dead waste of time and strength; it always lessens a man's power for that which is worth his doing. If, then, worry cannot compass even a little thing, why should it be set at hopelessly straining after a great one?

Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. . . . Seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you (vs. 30, 31). If we believe in God at all, we ought to believe in him wholly. If we count ourselves in his service and dependent on him, we may know that he is able and ready to take care of us as we cannot take care of ourselves; therefore we can trust his wisdom, his power, and his love. He is the Commander of the armies of the universe. He knows that his soldiers must have supplies, if they are to do his work effectively. Enlisting as his soldiers, we may be sure that our rations and clothing will be forthcoming for us as long as he has a work for us to do, and is able to provide for us in our doing of that work. We have our part to do in the drawing of our rations and in the applying for our clothing; but we need never worry beforehand lest the Commander should fail to have a supply according to the needs of all his soldiers. The main thing for us to reach after is his service; all else will follow as a matter of course. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (v. 34). That which a man thinks is more than anything else, will be sure to have his affection, his efforts, and his devotion. If he looks upon money as the great thing, he is ready to give himself up to money getting. If it is popularity or position that he prizes above all else, that is what he will live for. If it is knowledge that he deems most import-

ant, he can be depended on to study day and night for its gaining. If it is loving service for others that he counts most worthy of his endeavors, there is no outlay that he will reckon too great for that end. If it be the filling his place in God's plan that he sees to be the one thing worth living for, he is sure to lose sight of everything else in comparison with that. Where his treasure is there will his heart be also; and where his heart is, there will his treasure be found. A man is good for but little in any other direction than that of the object which he is glad to live or to die for.

ADDED POINTS.

It is better to eat in order to live, than it is to live in order to eat. Work "between meals" is more important in the long run than work at meal-time.

If the idea that the body is more than dress should really become a practical one in the community generally, it would go hard with milliners, tailors, dressmakers and dry-goods dealers. And how time would hang heavily on the hands of those young folks who have supposed dress to be the chief thing in the world!

"O! how much more value are ye than the birds!" That is a point well worth considering. The full force of it is not apparent at the start, in some cases.

Many a man thinks that although he is poorly fitted to attend to little things, he would be a shining success if he had charge of some great thing. This is one of the commonest mistakes in life. He who would do great things must prove his capacity by his attention to little ones.

A double-mind is in itself a failure. In order to do anything well, a man must be ready to give himself wholly to the doing of one thing at a time. Two bran-new locomotives pulling in opposite directions would be worth less as a motive-power than one lame mule.

If there is any substantial difference between the faith of the Christian and the irreligion of the heathen, it ought to show itself in their two modes of living. Scrambling for earthly gain is a heathen mode of life. Is it wholly confined to the heathen?

Selling off stocks and bonds in order to use the money in charities is more likely to be counted a good investment in God's sight than in the sight of bankers and brokers generally.

Money-bags are all right if they are all right. It is of less importance to have money than to put it in the right place. But most men think more of money itself than of the bags they put it in. And there is where they make their life mistake.—Sunday-school Times.

Old and Young.

UP-HILL WORK.

hill! up bit I was not the least. But see that the road to heaven sometimes His heavenly promptings kill. His heavenly promptings kill. But Sister Tryphosa prayed he might not Might weary not in the night. The brethren all prayed that Brother Brown At spinster Tryphosa Bright. Taen he sat down, and furtively glanced hill! up straight I'm climbin' right I reckon I'm off the trail, because The way grows easier still. If you're a goin' to heaven 'nd find With that ar idee a fight; But latterly I'm havin' also Because I believed it was right You know I've kept single, brethren. hill! up steep You bet it was I didn't cuss, my brethren, but Fell down 'n busted a thimble— Tu-night, when comin' up here, my hoss 'Nd wanted to chuck in that; I pulled it out of my pocket twice Last Sunday they passed the hat, I've got a quarter that's bad, 'nd when hill! up right To do it was The middle with crooked sticks, 'nd not 'Nd I had a chance to fill I sold the deacon a load of wood, Cost me a tough inward fight; 'Nd to keep from sockin' it to him With Brother Baxter last night, Now, for instance, I traded hosses hill! up all With me it is I'm dreadfu' sorry to tell ye that 'Nd keeps growin' easier still. But while y' all say it is pleasant, The path a Christian should tread; By the brethren present regarding Kin add to what has been said Said he: "My friends, I dunno as I —New Haven Register.

THE POLICEMAN IN THE APPLE-TREE.

Wily Gray and his mother had come to spend a few weeks in the country with Uncle Tom. The little fellow had been quite sick, and the doctor had ordered them from the noisy city to the quiet of the large farm—a prescription which filled the patient with delight, as a visit to Uncle Tom, always a most charming event, seemed doubly so from the weakness and pain of a long illness.

His patience was sorely tried by a rainy spell lasting nearly the whole of the first week, but even rainy days could not be altogether tiresome at Uncle Tom's; for Aunt Mary's brother was the captain of a sailing vessel, and the house was a perfect museum, full of the curious and beautiful things he had brought home from foreign lands.

Fortunately, the curiosities lasted as long as the rain, and, the day after Wily had come to the end of the weapons—birds' eggs, shells, photographs, and other things too numerous to mention—the sun came brightly out from behind the clouds, a crisp, cold wind shook the leaves from the trees, and the hills and valley smiled back at him as he came out on the porch after breakfast.

"What is going on in the orchard, Uncle Tom?" he asked curiously, seeing a great commotion among the trees,

and longing to lend a hand at anything after his long confinement to the house. "They are gathering the apples, Wily, and we have to work all hands in there this year, the crop is so large. You must go and see them; it is real pretty work, and the apples taste twice as good right off the trees." "But be careful, Wily," his mother added, anxiously. "I do not want you to be sick again."

"Stop a minute," Uncle Tom called out, as his small nephew was starting off at full speed. "Don't touch those apples on the big tree in the corner. They are not to be gathered yet."

Wily stopped. "Why not, Uncle Tom?" "Look here, young man, if you are to be a soldier, as you say you are when you grow up, the first duty is to learn to obey orders without questioning." Wily's face grew rather red, but he called back a promise of obedience, and continued his run to the orchard. It was a most delightful thing, this apple gathering, with the hum of voices, the heaps of red and golden-yellow fruit, the sunlight and shadow chasing each other over the ground, and the faint, sweet smell of apples in the air. He walked from group to group, laughing and talking with the hands, among whom he was a great favorite, and trying here and there any apple that particularly pleased him. This absorbed him for a long time, but at last he came to the end of the orchard, where, at a little distance from the other trees, stood the one which his uncle had asked him not to touch. Forbidden fruit! What a wonderful charm it always seems to have for all of us.

Wily stood under the tree, looking up at it, and all those heaps of apples among which he had been walking shrunk into nothingness before these that hung upon this tree.

The sound of a horn startled him, and then he remembered that it called the farm hands to their early dinner, and that he was alone.

His mouth fairly watered for those apples, and how he did wish the wind would shake one down to him. Why had Uncle Tom told him not to touch them, when they were certainly the best in the orchard? He need not have been so mean about the old things. He had a great mind just to touch that branch hanging nearest to him, and of course if one dropped off it would not be his fault. When Wily had gone that far, he had only to take one more little step, and the thing was done. His hand went up to the branch, and he gave it a hard shake, but as he was only a little boy, and his grasp was not very strong, not an apple fell. However, a dreadful thing did happen. As the branch bounded back from his hand, a voice came from the very heart of the tree:

"Stop thief! stop thief!" it cried. For a moment Wily paused, almost paralyzed with fright. Then, as once more came those dreadful words, pronounced in tones unlike anything human he had ever heard, "Stop thief, stop thief!" he turned, and, with one frightened look behind him, set off at heading speed, driven by his guilty conscience and so blinded by fright that he bounded into Uncle Tom, who was coming through the gate, nearly knocked that astonished gentleman head over heels.

"Wily! Wily! What in the world is the matter? Have you been fooling around a hornet's nest?" Then, seeing by the terrified manner in which the boy clug to him, and his backward glances, that he really was seriously frightened, he lifted him in his strong arms, with soothing words.

"Uncle, keep him away! Don't let him catch me!" Wily cried, his breath coming sobbingly.

"Keep who away, Wily? Who is after you, my man?" "The policeman, uncle." And he hid his face on his uncle's shoulder.

"The policeman! Where did you see one in the country, Wily?" "I did not see him, uncle; I heard him."

"Heard him! Where?" "In—in—the apple-tree," sobbed his nephew.

His uncle gave a short whistle and a merry twinkle came into his eyes. "Tell me all about it, Wily," he said, putting him down on the ground. "What were you doing?"

"It was the apple-tree you told me not to touch, and, indeed, indeed, I did mean to obey you; but somehow I looked and looked, until at last I put out my hand to shake the limb, hoping an apple would fall off, when it bounced back and then the policeman called out 'Stop thief!' and I ran and ran to get away."

Wily hung his head in deepest shame, while Uncle Tom stood looking at him with the strangest expression, in which one moment there was surprise and sorrow, while in the next he was evidently struggling with a fit of laughter, and struggling so hard the tears fairly stood in his eyes. At last he



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managed to control himself, and said gravely: "Wily, what is the difference between that and stealing?" The hot color flamed into Wily's cheeks; but he answered bravely: "I don't think there is any difference, uncle; and if the policeman had not called me, I would have been a thief by this time, maybe."

"You ought to be much obliged to him, Wily."

"I will be, after awhile, when I am over my fright. But what is he doing in the tree?" "Come with me and I will ask him."

And taking his hand, Uncle Tom walked toward the apple-tree. Wily wondered a little at his fright now; for the people had returned and the orchard was once more full of their voices. But he still held back as they paused under the tree and but for his uncle's restraining hand would again have run away.

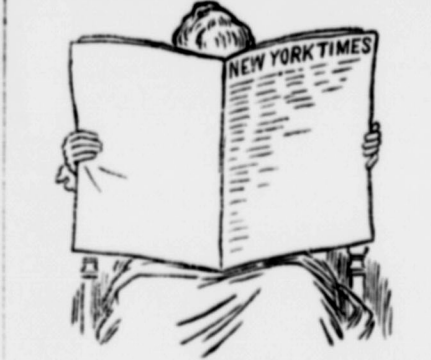
All was quiet except for a rustling in the branches, which grew louder as Uncle Tom pushed them aside.

"Now, Wily, look up and see your policeman, he said. And the laughter was getting the upper hand now, as the boy, peering half timidly into the tree, saw, chained to a limb, with ruffled feathers, and a general aspect of ruffled temper as well, a large grey parrot, who, peering at him with sharp eyes, cried once more, "Stop thief! Stop thief!"

"You see, Wily, what a coward a guilty conscience made of you, and how it even changed your Aunt Mary's poor old parrot into a policeman! When Dick came home from the last voyage, he brought this bird with him, and, try our best, we could never teach her to say another word but 'Stop thief!' which must have been beaten into her head, to get even that much in. This apple tree is so near the road, the boys generally steal the apples off before they are ripe; so this year I thought I would try fastening Poll up here, and turning her one accomplishment to good account. But I never knew her first feat would be to frighten my small nephew nearly out of his wits."

"I am so sorry, Uncle Tom," Wily said, drawing nearer to him. "Indeed, I never did such a thing before, and I do not believe I ever shall again."

"Say, 'God helping me,' Wily," his uncle added solemnly. "And remember, the best way is not to tamper with temptations. I blame myself because I did not tell you the reason for not eating those apples was because they are not yet ripe; but I was trying to tease you a little. I hope you will never have cause to fear any one again, Wily, and that the only policeman you will ever run away from is the one you found in the apple-tree."—Mary H. Grosvenor, in Sunday-school Times.



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WE WILL SEND THE ADVOCATE one year to any address and give one copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, postage prepaid.

A DANGER POINT.

All along the path of history there have been danger points to the church, and both the escape and mistakes of the church at these points are danger signals to us.

other societies is that man can be truly reformed without regeneration. It is a very human mistake. Man has always overrated his powers and the value thereof.

THE COLLECTION.

SOME interesting communications were crowded out both this and last week after they were set in type.

OUR home conference department is intended to present the church news. The brethren will therefore accommodate us by not mixing up other matter in their reports.

NOT more colleges are wanted, but more academies and district high schools, and better support for the colleges we have.—Bishop H. N. McIntyre.

THE following are the assessments of the General Mission Board on the Texas Conferences:

Table with 2 columns: Conference Name and Amount. Includes East Texas Conference (\$1,750), West Texas Conference (\$1,000), Northwest Texas Conference (\$1,000), North Texas Conference (\$5,000), and Mexican Border Mission Conference (\$2,500).

J. J. DAVIS writes June 10: Prohibition carried in Crawford precinct last Saturday by a majority of seventy.

WE are obliged to the Rev. C. C. Armstrong, business manager of the Texas Chautauqua Assembly, for a pass for the session of the assembly, beginning June 29th.

THE anti-lottery men in the State of Louisiana seem confident that the present legislature will not extend the charter of the national swindler, and all good people everywhere are to be congratulated on the prospect.

WE have received the catalogue and premium list of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition to be held at Dallas from October 18 to November 2. It promises to be a mammoth concern.

WATCHING is a co-extensive duty with prayer. Prayer may secure for us the ability to walk in the right path, but only by watching can we keep in it.

A BROTHER writes: "In looking over our last 'minutes' I see they report 427 members, when I reported but 247. Such mistakes will occur, but I sometimes wish we could dispense with the publication of minutes if we cannot be allowed to correct them through the church paper, which we have for the purpose of giving all information possible concerning the church."

VOCAVE has always been open to the correction of the minutes, provided it be done in the proper manner. We insist that the proper way is to send all corrections to the editor of the minutes, and let him send them for publication.

THE Rev. G. W. Owen came in to see us the other day and manifested a great deal of enthusiasm over the prospect of a new college enterprise for both sexes at Fort Worth.

THE census enumerators are having a hard time with the colored people. They don't understand why he is so inquisitive and generally ask about three times as many questions as the enumerators do.

"IT is better to suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing." Yet if a man suffer for evil-doing he gets his just deserts. He cannot complain of injustice, and yet neither can he boast of his reward.

THE papers are commending the conservatism of our late General Conference. It was to be expected that the body would be conservative.

THE following is evidence that the Golden Rule man is aware that this is commencement and convention season: To see a beautiful young lady, tastefully dressed, ascend the platform with an elegantly written essay, on gilt-edged paper tied with long white ribbons, is a pleasing sight.

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METHODISM. And Northern Methodism would be the majority. Northern majorities are not unfrequently fearfully blind to the interests of Southern minorities.—The Round Table.

WE cannot help believing that the Round Table overrates the majority question. Whatever other reasons there may be to prevent "organic union," we do not think the Northern majority a good one, for it presumes that North and South would be "solid" respectively on all questions coming before the church.

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will engage in evangelistic work. His stay with us has demonstrated his peculiar fitness for this work. We love him as a man of God, and admire him for his abounding zeal. His heart is on fire with desire for the conversion of souls.

HE leaves us with our full confidence as a pious man, and wherever he may go we will follow him with our sympathy and prayers, and expect to hear of God's honoring his labors by gracious gifts of saving-power.

THE Rev. H. M. DuBose, editor of the Los Angeles Advocate, is in Texas to attend the San Marcos Chautauqua. We would be glad to see him in this sanctum.

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HE chose the law as his profession, and adorned it with an unswerving life. He won the respect and confidence of his fellow-lawyers, and they gave glad expression of their high regard in resolutions that characterize him as "a noble, stainless gentleman and humble Christian."

THE writer found him a few days before his death seeking health in San Antonio. He had realized he could never find it again. He knew he was near the lost river and was glad, so glad, about his first utterance, "I am like a man who has his trunk packed for a pleasure trip and is waiting for the train."

ON his way home he stopped at the home of Judge N. G. Kittrell, at Jewett, where he died. When he bade me adieu he said, "I don't suppose I shall ever see you again on earth, but you know where my address will be." For several days after reaching Jewett, while he waited for the messenger, he never spoke a word around him and he lived amid its grand realities.

THE following paragraph is from the tribute of Judge Kittrell, who knew him so well: "He was pure in heart, lofty in purpose, gentle in demeanor and was utterly incapable of ever conceiving an unworthy action. His life was one worthy of all imitation."

PARSONAGE BUILDING.

DEAR BRETHREN—As Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Church Extension, for parsonage building I am greatly concerned. By referring to minutes of last conference you will see that sixty-seven preachers, including five presiding elders, to say nothing of the supernumeraries and honored supernumeraries, received appointments at the hands of Bishop Key last December.

THE most of these latter charges pay their preachers meager salaries, inadequate for comfortable living, leaving unmentioned the clothing and educational expenses. Now, brethren, to tax additional expense upon the shoulders of heroes, and force them to draw from their small salaries, from \$75 to \$100 for house rent, is cruel and suicidal.

THE Rev. R. H. Parker, in Los Angeles Advocate. An enthusiastic meeting was held Monday evening at Trinity Church to discuss the question of a bishop's residence in Los Angeles, and it was unanimously agreed to proceed at once to the raising of funds for that purpose.

YES, brethren, no doubt some of you have already heard the call for help in the West and you desire to go, but you have families and there are no parsonages and you would be unable to pay rent for homes. East Texas Conference will soon have five district conferences to meet in her borders.

Mrs. STUBBS PHILLIPS, Dallas, Texas.

Devotional.

THE BURNING BUSH.

Moses was far frae folk o' his ain; Lang had he lookit in stranger een, As he bight a bower for wile and wean, An' a'rit his flock whaur the gerss was green.

He strippit his shoon, he loutit his heid, As he heard the voice that the angels ken; An' spak wi' his Maker in hollie leed— "Was ever sic honor gien to men?"

He left his flock, as King David led; He led God's folk, like David's Lord; His ain nae mair,—o' pride bereft; His vera breath, the Almighty's word!

And wha has seen God, mang this world's stour, I the lowlin' bairn,—by night or morn,— Like him langsyne, he's a nee-born.

Patience and faith perfected must insure a complete Christian character, for love, the "bond of perfectness," is of necessity the crown of these two graces.

The trying of your faith worketh patience, and when patience is perfected, it leads to the perfection of love.

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McBRIDE.—Departed this life, near Oakville, Texas, May 14th, 1890. Amzie, infant daughter of R. A. and Emma McBride; aged 2 years 4 months and 6 days.

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The word malaria, translated literally into English, means "bad air." It is the early settlement of the country, pernicious fever, sinking or congestive chills, used to be prevalent, the draining of the land and other sanitary measures have gradually lessened the severity of them, leaving a remnant of them, to which the term malaria is generally applied. Therefore, the popular notion is that malaria is a milder form of the regular intermittent congestive fever, and is a dwarf descendant of the giant, "Ague," but the victims find the dwarf as hard to escape from as was its more vigorous ancestor. It is the most insidious, exhausting and disheartening disease in the whole range of human ailments.

DEFINITION.
The diseases set up in the system by the poison called malaria are classed under two heads—regular and irregular forms are known as intermittent (also called chills and fever, fever and ague) and remittent or bilious fever.

The regular or intermittent fever also called fever and ague, which produces a distinct chill, followed by a high fever, and an interval of one, two or three days of entire relief, is well known in malarial localities, especially by the earlier settlers. When the chill and fever occur every day it is called quotidian ague; and every other day, tertian ague; and every third day, quartan ague. The longer the interval between the chills the more difficult of cure it is; hence the quartan ague is the most obstinate. In intermittent fever there is a distinct chill, followed by a distinct fever, distinct sweating stage, and afterward an interval of complete cessation of all symptoms, leaving one seemingly perfectly well.

Remittent fever, which is the variety called malaria, but which is no more malaria than the intermittent variety, the symptoms are more obscure, and are often mistaken for other diseases. The onset of remittent fever, or malaria, is usually gradual, but it may be sudden. An uneasy, oppressive sickness at the stomach, with entire want of appetite, or even vomiting of food, are among the earliest symptoms. Headache, general pains, and a feeling of languor are accompanied or followed by chilliness and rigors. No distinct cold stage is common, but the temperature rises immediately, and the hot stage frequently becomes very intense, the skin burning and dry, the face flushed, the eyes injected, with severe headache, giddiness, restlessness, sleeplessness, and often delirium, which is sometimes violent. When vomiting occurs it is at first the food, then a watery fluid, and afterward bilious matter, which may become brown, or even black; hence it is often called bilious fever. The tongue is dry and furred, the lips parched, and there is intense thirst; the pulse is quick and compressible. When vomiting occurs it is at first the food, then a watery fluid, and afterward bilious matter, which may become brown, or even black; hence it is often called bilious fever.

These symptoms generally abate in from six to twelve hours, when more or less perspiration follows, and the patient feels better for a time. After a very uncertain respite, the symptoms all return in about the same order, but usually with greater severity. Then follows another respite, which may last for several days, but is followed by another attack (exacerbation). The time of day and number of each day of these attacks vary in different cases. When the disease becomes established the patient almost invariably feels better in the morning. In very severe cases two exacerbations and remissions occur every twenty-four hours. As the case progresses great weakness is prominent, rest being typhoid fever. Yellowness of the skin, and even decided jaundice, may be present. Urine scarce and high-colored, when it is often called typho-malarial fever.

The irregular varieties are, first, dumb ague, by which is meant the absence of a chill, the attack beginning with headache and fever, followed by sweating stage and perfect intermission. There may be neither fever or sweating stage, but only a chill, followed by a general depression of the system.

Breakbone fever is also an irregular variety of malarial. Malarial headache (or hem cranial) is a pain extending above the eyebrows around the head, with regular intervals, coming on about 1 or 2 p. m., growing more severe from 4 to 5 p. m., and finally disappearing after sundown. It may occur in the morning, or at noon, and in some cases at sunrise, increasing until noon, and gradually disappearing in the afternoon, giving a perfect intermission during the night.

Malarial neuralgia generally attacks one side of the face or head, either the temple or above one eye. The regular appearance and disappearance of the neuralgia is precisely the same as in other forms of malarial disease, presenting a regular recurrence and distinct interval of relief. It may also attack any other part of the body, face, teeth, shoulder, muscles of the chest, etc., etc. Whenever a pain is caused by malaria it has either a distinct intermission, as in intermittent fever, or a remission, as in remittent fever. By remission is not meant an entire cessation of the pain, as in intermission, but an interval during which the pain is greatly less.

days, though she still continues the treatment in dread of its return.

TREATMENT.
The hygienic conditions should be carefully attended to. Filthy drains, sewers, yards, or cellars should be promptly cleaned and disinfected with chloride of lime. Good ventilation for the patient should be secured in such a way as to avoid drafts. In the intermittent and remittent, during the hot stages, cold drinks may be freely given, such as the patient may prefer, and cold applications to the head. The vomiting can usually be checked by copious drinks of warm water and mustard applied to the stomach.

The medical treatment of any form of malarial disease, whether of the intermittent, remittent or irregular type, should be mainly based on the attacks and not during the intervals. In the intermittent variety, during the intermission, a wineglassful of Per-na every two hours (children in proportion) should be taken until four doses are taken, after which a tablespoonful every hour during the remainder of the intermission, until the time for the next chill has passed. And when the disease is stopped a tablespoonful every two hours during the day should be taken for ten or fifteen days, or until the cure is permanent. A wineglassful should also be taken at the first symptoms of a chill. It is seldom that a second chill occurs after this treatment has begun, but the above treatment should be repeated after each chill, if any do occur.

The irregular varieties, dumb ague, malarial headache, pains in any part of the body, are treated precisely as the intermittent and remittent varieties just given. A wineglassful every two hours for four doses during the intermission of remission, followed by a tablespoonful every hour until the symptoms cease, and then a tablespoonful every two hours until the cure is permanent.

No other medicine whatever is required. Any medicine in this disease is better rejected by the stomach during the remission than during the hot stage.

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But malaria is not by any means always so pronounced in its symptoms. It often will pester a person for months without making him sick at all, but making him genuinely miserable. Creeping rigors, coated tongue, appetite changeable, cold, sweaty hands, and many indescribable sensations of genuine disagreeable kind. Malarial feelings, a discouraged, listless state of mind, mental depression, and confusion of the mind surely indicate the presence of malaria. This form is called malarial biliousness. For this "walking malaria," which neither puts one to bed, nor allows him to work or study, Per-na is taken, as already stated, and is a specific. A course of Per-na will entirely cleanse the system of every particle of the malarial poison. Therefore, if you have any kind of bad feeling which you attribute to malaria, by all means follow this treatment. It at once restores the appetite, clears the befogged senses and brings back the hopeful state of mind which malaria is sure to destroy. A thorough use of it will convince you of its wonderful power in all such cases.

This lecture is the first of a series of three on malaria, the second to appear in weekly of week beginning June 22, and the third in weekly of week beginning June 29.

Dr. Hartman's address is Columbus, Ohio.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.
Cameron District.
Cameron District Conference will be held at Cameron, beginning June 26, 1890. The program laid down in the Discipline will be observed. Let every pastor see that the records of quarterly conferences are on hand. The local preachers are especially urged to give us their presence. Let no delegate stay away, unless providentially hindered. Come, brethren, in the spirit of the Master.
FRANK L. ALLEN, P. E.

Marshall District.
The delegates coming to the district conference at Overton by rail will please arrange to arrive here on the morning trains.
J. K. MARTIN.

CAMP-MEETINGS.
There will be a camp-meeting held at Liberty Church commencing on the 5th of July and will continue until the 13th. Also another camp-meeting to be held at Floyd's Chapel commencing the 18th of July and will continue until the 27th. The third quarterly conference for Leesville circuit will be held at the same place on the 19th at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. J. Debs presiding. Ministerial aid solicited in both meetings, and especially in the first one.
C. H. MALOV.

Panhandle Camp-meeting.
We have just received reduced rates from Fort Worth to Texline, on Fort Worth and Denver railroad, four cents round trip, which will be about \$13 to Amarillo or Washburn. The rates will be available from June 19 to July 2. Meeting commences June 20, and will run over 5th Sunday.
B. F. JACKSON.

THE SAN MARCOS CHAULAUGUA.
Among the many edifying, instructive and pleasing things promised for the people on this occasion there could possibly be nothing better, more calculated to do good, than the program for June 23. This day is Sunday, and is to be occupied by the Rev. Dr. B. Carradine, of New Orleans, who by appointment is to preach and expound the glorious doctrine of entire sanctification. Bro. DuBose and the Committee on Program are certainly to be commended for their good sense and great courage in meeting the demands of the hour by providing for the full and proper consideration of the question of the hour in the Christian World. It is to be greatly desired that many of the Methodist and other Christian ministry should be present during the days of the circuit of this distinguished exponent of this doctrine, and may it be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.
A. H. SUTHERLAND.
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

NOTICE.
At the request of the Board of Trustees of Granbury College, Bishop Key has appointed Rev. J. H. Collard, Jr., to travel as agent in the interest of said college. Rev. A. P. Taylor has been appointed to supply Cleburne station.
W. L. NELMS,
Presiding Elder Cleburne District.

W. M. S. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Program of the eleventh annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference, to convene in Liberty Hill, June 20, 1890:
Thursday, 8:30 p. m.—Opening sermon by Rev. Sam'l Morris; address of welcome by Mrs. M. M. White, Liberty Hill, response by Mrs. Thos. Blanchard, Belton; annual address of president, Mrs. S. S. Munger, Lampasas; song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains";
Friday, 3 p. m.—Memorial service; 8:30 p. m.—Children's entertainment.
Saturday, 8:30 p. m.—Reports of Conference Treasurer, Conference Corresponding Secretary and President, addresses, etc.
11 a. m.—Annual sermon by Rev. C. R. Wright, Belton; 3 p. m.—Missionary experience meeting; 8:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. S. McCarver. The usual business enacted throughout the session.
MRS. S. S. MUNGER, Pres.
MRS. S. V. GRIFFIN, Secy.

A GIRL WANTED.
I want to give some good girl a home—more for company than anything else. There are only my husband and self in family, as our children are married and off to themselves. We could have a nice fine going visiting, and to church, as I have a horse and buggy. If any such should chance to read this and want to correspond with me about it, they are at liberty to do so. My address is Mrs. Mary E. Parkinson, Kaufman, Texas.

DEATHS.
Brother Clay Adkins died in Cleburne May 31. He was a nephew of Brother R. W. Thompson, of the Liberty Texas Conference. Clay was a good boy and loved by all who knew him. May God console his aged parents.
J. H. COLLARD.
CLEBURN, TEXAS.

Mrs. Emily Brooks, an aged lady near Fairplay. Mrs. Cora Sharpe, near Beckville. Miss Effie Smith, the 13-year-old daughter of W. S. Smith, near Beckville.
L. C. ELLIS.
BECKVILLE, TEXAS.

Information Wanted.
The whereabouts of the Rev. William Mc. Mathies, son of Allen H. Mathies, of Tennessee. Any one knowing either him or any of his family or brother or sisters will confer a great favor by letting me know. All papers in the service of the M. E. Church, South, in the State of Arkansas please copy. E. H. BARNETT.
VALLEY SPRINGS, LEAN COUNTY, TEXAS.

Miscellaneous.
In the National Temperance Congress which assembled in New York June 12, the question was discussed: "Should there be a political party where the dominant issue is a prohibition of the liquor traffic?" The congress seemed to be about equally divided on the question.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad company has sent to each employe a circular note, of which the following is in part a copy: "This company will not under any circumstances employ men who are in the habit of becoming intoxicated. All employes known to frequent drinking places will be required to discontinue their practice or quit the company's service. Employes will be discharged if intoxicated either on or off duty. No person discharged for intoxication will be re-employed."

Chairman Cooley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has entered on a vigorous campaign against ticket scalpers and will ask for national legislation. He has written a circular letter to western general passenger agents asking them for their views about the scalpers and for suggestions which will bring such business to an end.

Hon. R. Q. Mills refused a position on the House Committee on Rules to which he was appointed by Speaker Reed. Mr. Mills alleges disreputable treatment of himself by Mr. Reed as the reason.

A sentiment is being agitated in favor of erecting an equestrian statue at Cumberland Gap to Generals Lee and Grant.

About forty members of congress and some two hundred visitors listened to the eulogies upon ex-Speaker Randall. The staid attendance is being commented upon.

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

Obituary News.
D. F. Wheeler, Denison; Walter S. Shannon, Mrs. Sarah Jane Johnson, near Sherman; Samuel Cohn, Waxahatchie; Mrs. J. D. Cornish, Brenham; Mrs. S. D. Harbert, Honey Grove; H. L. Higdon, Mrs. R. M. Kent, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Mary Rebecca Duval, near Bastrop; Mrs. Annie Smith, Galveston; George Wells, Frank Lancaster, Miss Emma Scholz, Mrs. Cassidy, San Antonio; J. B. Mathery, Paris; Owen Finlan, Lampasas; Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Granbury.

Out of the 50,000,000 people in the United States, 40,000,000 of them suffer from Catarrh, Hay Fever, or Bronchitis, in some of its forms. Catarrhe is the cure for these diseases.

Casualties.
Three men entered the store of W. L. West, of Joshua, Johnson county, June 12, and robbed all the occupants, getting about \$50 and two gold watches.

A mob riddled a Mexican at Taylor with bullets about 2 a. m. June 12. He had assaulted a white girl in Lee county and fled and subsequently the wife of his employer in Williamson county.

John and Jarrett Davis, raised in Franklin county, and brothers of Judge J. H. Davis, of Mount Vernon, were killed at

Magdalena, N. M., June 10. After he was shot Jarrett Davis raised up and shot and killed a man named Fred Caslet, the man who had shot both himself and brother.

Latimas Teague, a bartender at Longview, shot and dangerously wounded Thos. McCarver, a railroad brakeman.

C. W. Collins and Ben Dobbs, young men from Pearsall, while intoxicated at San Antonio, engaged in a difficulty with two policemen and Collins was fatally shot. The telegram says Collins is the son of a Methodist preacher at Pearsall.

Henry McMillan, carpenter, fell from the Oriental hotel walls in Dallas some twenty-five feet, receiving injuries from the effects of which he died.

William Evans and Albert Lee were spotted as among the gang who robbed the Joshua postoffice last week, and officers laid in wait near the residence of a Mr. Sparks, father-in-law of Evans, who lives in Abbey Bend, twelve miles from Granbury. When they appeared and were ordered to surrender, they opened fire and were fired upon by the officers. Evans being killed instantly and Lee wounded through the thighs, it is thought fatally. Some of the stolen property was recovered.

Hon. John Brown, who represented Navarro county in the last legislature, died at his home, near Kerens, June 14.

W. C. Mangum, freight conductor, was run over at Rockdale by his train and killed.

Mrs. J. M. Pullen, of Bee county, was found dead in a tank.

Capt. J. B. McLeod, a prominent hotel man of Dallas, died June 13th.

Texas Incidents.
Col. Roper's enterprise to connect Corpus Christi bay with the gulf by means of a canal, through Mustang island, is progressing and will be completed within the next three months.

About 100 representative business men met in the office of Hurley & Peterson at Gainesville, June 13, and formulated and adopted plans for the organization of a county fair association. A committee, consisting of H. B. Fletcher, Gen. Wm. Henderson, A. C. Guthrie, E. B. Sherwood, R. D. Gribble and Mayor Kirkpatrick, was appointed to prepare articles of organization, and a committee was also appointed, consisting of Capt. F. M. Dougherty, C. C. Hemming, L. B. Edwards et al., to solicit subscriptions.

The city of Calvert rejoices over the prospect of another line of railroad extending in a southwesterly direction from that place to Munford, in the Brazos bottom, a distance of some thirty miles. A meeting was held June 10 when the first spike (a silver one) was driven by Mayor Burke amid the firing of cannon and in the presence of a large assembly. The proposed route is to cross the International and Great Northern at Lewis station.

There was a general talk or conference held June 12 by seven representative merchants of Dallas and the managers of Texas roads. This meeting was suggested by the former, with a view to considering certain matters relating to Dallas freights to interior jobbing points. There were present of railroad managers General Manager Grant and Assistant General Freight Agent Tarr of the Texas and Pacific, Receiver Cross, Vice-President Waldo, Traffic Manager Dodge and Assistant General Freight Agent John A. Smith of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Receiver Dillingham and General Freight Agent Dan Ripley of the Houston and Texas Central, and Receivers Bonner and Eddy and Traffic Manager Galbraith of the International and Great Northern, and Assistant Freight Agent J. M. Steere of the Santa Fe. The Cotton Belt and

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Denver lines were not represented. One of the objects of this meeting was a mutual discussion to determine whether or not the city of Dallas, which represents interior jobbing points, could obtain such a proportional rate to Texas common points as that granted water points in the State. How this difference could be met and equitably, evenly and satisfactorily adjusted was the problem which, after discussion, remains unsolved. The conclusion arrived at was an adjournment to some date when interior jobbing towns will confer, this event to be at a time and place not named.

The following table, showing the railway tonnage in Texas, was compiled by J. J. Lane, of Austin, from the official records of the State government:

YEARS ENDING	Miles of railway.	Tons transported.	Average tons per mile.	Proportion (over used) per cent.
1884.....	5,628	5,861,230	1,039	85.29
1885.....	5,907	7,444,163	1,259	117.4
1886.....	6,522	6,264,744	959	4.64
1887.....	7,312	7,409,436	1,014	4.10
1888.....	8,246	8,549,411	1,036	3.67
1889.....	8,171	8,696,122	1,052	3.65

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