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HOME CONFERENCES.

Jefferson District Conference.

A. C. Benson, secretary: Our district conference met at Pittsburg June 26, 1890, to hold its twenty-fourth session. It was a most profitable season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord to our souls. We were sorry that three of the pastors were kept away on account of sickness. The attendance of delegates was good, and some local preachers were present. But who will account for the loss sustained by the cause by the absence of those leaders and local preachers who failed to receive a new supply of inspiration, courage and zeal from this spiritual meeting where God met with us? The presence of the old veteran, Rev. R. Lane, was a benediction to us all. Present at almost every session and service, his words of counsel and consolation were sought after and of course gladly received by all. Bro. Lane often complained of his own unfaithfulness and magnified the goodness of God. We who are younger will be less inclined to boast as we near the time to render our account and realize more clearly "what might have been." Bro. Lane's old age is being sanctified to the glory of God. Such as he, no doubt, suggested the lines of the poet who sang:

"E'en down to old age, all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Bros. R. M. Powers and O. P. Thomas were the oldest men and the oldest in the work among the "effective" men. Full of experience, they are at home in a Methodist conference, and their sermons and talks met the high expectations of the people. It was gratifying to see so much courage, hope and enthusiasm manifested on the part of all the pastors. Their reports were good—improvement on almost every line.

It was natural that the charges should send up many of their stewards. They were allowed time to devote to the discussion of the finances of the church. This brought out two facts of information viz: that the interest of the church lay near their hearts, and that the "assessment plan" is in great favor. God bless the stewards. How much more good they often do than many preachers who lay claim to such a high calling. One steward suggested the true plan—his plan: He distributes the amount to be collected among his members; gets them to agree to the amount, visits them, talks to them about their spiritual interest and prays in their families when it is practicable. With such stewards, what charge can fail, though the preacher be a failure? With such, what faithful preacher can possibly fail?

Our beloved presiding elder is known by his works. His preachers and the churches hold him in high esteem for his work's sake. He preaches everywhere with telling effect. Besides stirring us all up to a "redoubling of our diligence," through this first half of the year his chief work shows in the collections for foreign missions. He has raised all the assessment in cash and about thirty dollars over. I think every preacher but one has his receipt for payment in full. One circuit, which has been a mission until this year, was behind, and the district conference could not resist its faithful chief's call, and more than enough was raised to pay this place out. The district has thirteen appointments, thirteen parsonages and forty-eight churches. About all of the parsonages and about seventy-five per cent of the churches were reported in good condition. Queen City circuit and Jefferson station have new parsonages, and Atlanta station is building a fine church. Our church at Pittsburg is of modern style and is a beauty. It is a monument to the good sense, zeal and energy of the former pastor, Bro. J. A. Wyatt; also to the liberality of the good people of Pittsburg. Bro. Wyatt did not have time to complete the building, and this was done by their present pastor, Bro. T. J. Milam, and to perfection, too.

There were reported thirty-four Sunday-schools, most of them flourishing. Several good revivals were reported, with a good number of professions and accessions to the church. We had only one connectional officer with us, but he was a host, Rev. J. C. Weaver, financial agent of the North Texas Female College. If Bro. Weaver's appointment was not providential it seems that none were. His sermon on giving, as he is preaching it at so many places over the conference, will be worth thousands of dollars to the church. This is the opinion of many who hear him. One pastor said it would be worth a thousand dollars to his station. He is getting on well in his work. He raised at one conference $166.75. He reports the college in a most flourishing condition. I have heard Sam Jones, D. L. Moody, Dixon Williams, several bishops, and attended that wonderful meeting of Burnett and Mulkey's at Honey Grove last fall, but I never saw a church so moved by one sermon as was the church at Pittsburg on Monday after the conference closed by Bro. Weaver's sermon to parents in behalf of their children. Let everybody in possible reach of Bro. Weaver's appointments hear him. Don't fail if you have to ride ten or fifteen miles.

The good people of Pittsburg were "given to hospitality" and made our visit so pleasant that we can easily vote for that place again. Linden is our next place of meeting.

The delegates to the annual conference are: Rev. R. A. Morris, R. B. Walker, J. R. Boyd and W. T. Barrow. Alternates: F. W. Fitzpatrick, W. D. Kelley, T. J. Wilson and F. A. Lockhart.

Austin District Conference.

Chas. A. Hooper, Secretary: The Austin District Conference convened in its twenty-third session in the Methodist Church at Weimar, Texas, June 26-28, 1890.

Bro. E. S. Smith, our much beloved presiding elder, arrived in time for the afternoon session of the first day and presided during the remainder of the session. Sickness prevented him from being with us at the opening of the conference, at which time Bro. W. Wootton occupied the chair. Three of the pastors were absent. The attendance of lay delegates was small. The Cappell Hill College and Southwestern University were represented by Bro. C. H. Brooks and Dr. J. H. McLean. Rev. C. Kurz, of the German Mission Conference, was also present.

A thorough investigation was made of all the interests of the church, and the reports of the committees showed the condition of the church in the district to be as follows: Membership about 2494, additions this year 218, congregations almost universally large. About 60 per cent of the churches have interesting prayer-meetings; 25 per cent have class-meetings—these are not flourishing as they should. A very large per cent of the membership commune. Only about 100 families have altars in their homes.

Some considerable worldliness, such as theater-going and card-playing, added to dram-drinking in saloons, a little drunkenness, a slack conscience in the observance of the Sabbath and somewhat of dancing was reported. However, the tendency is upward; vast opportunities are unfolding and a better time is coming.

Only six charges report Woman's Missionary Societies and four report Juvenile Societies. Nearly two-thirds of our missionary assessment in hand, and, withal, our missionary interests are in a healthy and growing condition. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that this conference hereby indorse the policy of the Conference Board of Missions in not making missionary appropriations except at such points where, in their judgment, self-supporting churches can be established.

Forty-one organized societies reported twenty-one Sunday-schools, with about 1500 pupils, officers and teachers, leaving nineteen Methodist organizations without a Sunday-school.

Reports from Southwestern University, Chappell Hill and Waco Female Colleges show a marked improvement in every material feature.

Resolved, that we, as members of this district conference, do patronize our schools and recommend to the people at large the many advantages offered to young men and ladies in these institutions of learning.

The above resolution was adopted.

The average assessment last year for support of the ministry was $476; average this year, $648, an increase of about 36 per cent. The average collection last year for support of ministry was $165.50; average this year, $208.30, or an increase of about 26 per cent.

The following resolution from the Committee on Temperance was adopted:

Resolved, that we, as ministers of Christ and members of his church, will do all in our power to raise the fallen, reclaim the drunkard and protect the innocent from this accursed blight.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance report the desecration of the Sabbath prevailing to such an extent in some of our towns that a stranger passing through said places may conclude "religion had fled affrighted to the skies," and that even in our homes, while her lord was at church, the betterhalf of creation was toiling over the pots and ovens and the sound of the churn-dasher was heard in the land.

About five hundred religious periodicals are taken in the bounds of the district. Of these, about three hundred are TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATES and about thirty-three (Nashville) Christian Advocates.

The deplorable lack of an intelligent interest among many of our members is attributed to the fact that not half as many of our very excellent TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATES are taken as should be, while the (Nashville) Christian Advocate, the general organ of the church, greatly enlarged and ably edited, goes begging, and the Missionary Reporter almost totally neglected. Yet we wonder why our missions are held back for want of means and why our people are so indifferent to the heaven assigned work. Consistency, thou art a jewel! No wonder the Lord's work goes on slowly. Then, when we consider the great army of our people in this enlightened day when everybody reads, having their intellects fed on $100 worth of books, we should stand with covered faces.

J. M. Harrison, W. E. Maynard, J. P. Ledbetter and G. W. Alley were elected delegates to the annual conference. Rev. J. F. Sullivan and Dr. A. M. Hill were elected alternates.

Flatonia was selected as the place for holding the next session of the conference.

The love feast Sunday afternoon was a notable occasion. Four veterans of the cross, namely: Bros. Alfred Henderson, of Schulenburg, ninety-four years of age; Jas. A. Graves, of Waco, eighty-three years of age; Jas. P. Boden, of Boden, seventy-seven years of age, and Rev. J. W. B. Allen, of Flatonia, seventy-three years of age, stood before the congregation while the younger soldiers gathered about them and with the grasp of the hand testified, "If you get there before I do, look out for me, I'm coming too." There was a spontaneous flow of joy and we praised God for an artesian well.

The improved health of our presiding elder was a source of joy and comfort to all.

The pastor and people of Weimar deserve much credit for their untiring efforts in entertaining the conference so handsomely.

The conference was pleasant and harmonious throughout, and "the best of all was the Lord was with us."

Brownwood District Conference.

J. W. Coker: The Brownwood District Conference convened in its tenth annual session in the Methodist Church in Comanche, Texas, June 26, 1890. We were disappointed in the fact that Bishop Key and wife did not attend as was expected. This district has never been so fortunate as to secure the presence of one of our chief shepherds at one of its annual convocations. Our own beloved presiding elder, W. T. Melugin, held the reins with a master hand and presided to the satisfaction of every one. The conference sermon was preached Wednesday night by that indefatigable worker and model pastor, Rev. J. R. Nelson, of Broownwood station. Every pastor in the district answered to first roll call. Judging from the reports of the several pastors, the spiritual condition of the church is generally good, with an upward tendency; some conversions and if we judge from their expressions of hope, we expect to hear shouts of victory all along the line ere the close of July and August. A larger per cent of our people hold family devotions than ever before. All the preachers are very hopeful about the collections; some have raised their foreign and domestic mission collections in full and have other collections secured in cash and subscriptions. We were honored with several visitors. Rev. Horace Bishop, President Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Annual Conference and presiding elder of Georgetown district, was present two days and added very much to the interest of the occasion. His sermon on Thursday night inspired all our hearts and won for him golden opinions. Rev. J. S. Tunnell, of Taylor station, and Prof. M. D. Reynolds, of Centenary College, were also present, whose presence were a benediction. Prof. Reynolds made us a spirited address on "Christian education" and represented the faithful work being done at Centenary. Granbury College was represented by a communication from Rev. Wm. Price, of Dublin, Texas. He tendered us the hand of the college in a union closer than we were willing to accept. By request of the president, Rev. J. R. Nelson represented Weatherford College in a short, but well-timed address. A special committee made a report touching these interests, rejoicing in their increased patronage and continued prosperity, and pledging our hearty co-operation. Southwestern University was not represented either by agent or communication.

The cause of missions received a large share of attention. The anniversary was held Friday night. Rev. Horace Bishop delivered the address, and a stronger and more powerful one I never listened to. Fresh from contact with our foreign missionaries at General Conference, he was perfectly full of missions, and he can tell it as no man but Bishop can. The cause of missions has never received such an impetus before in this part. The conference plotted the territory for three new missions in this district and referred the same to the consideration of the General Board at the next annual conference. We gather from the reports that there are more TEXAS ADVOCATES taken than ever before in the history of the district. The paper was neither represented by the indomitable George W. O—— or by communication. We consider we have been slighted. This was the most numerously attended conference ever held in the district, more than seventy five members answering to roll call during the session. Rev. S. J. Franks had all the details for the entertainment of the conference well in hand, and many were the warm congratulations he and the good people of Comanche received for their unstinted hospitality and many kindnesses. The following delegates to the annual conference were elected: W. C. Switzer, W. D. Cox, Rev. G. W. Templin, L. P., and E. I. Drinkard; reserves, Dr. R. C. Mays, J. E. Martin. Coleman City was chosen as the place for holding the next conference. The following preamble and resolutions were requested to be published in the ADVOCATE, which explain themselves:

Whereas, the Rev. W. T. Melugin, at the ensuing annual conference, will have completed his fourth year as presiding elder of the Brownwood district, and, according to the law of the church can serve no longer in this capacity; whereas, under his wise and faithful administration the material and spiritual resources of the church have steadily and surely improved, until with gratitude we exclaim, "Behold what God hath wrought;" and, whereas, to his preachers he has been true, making their interests his interests, for the layman has gladly spent, and been spent, and in every relation bemeaned himself as a Christian gentleman; therefore,

Resolved, that it is the sense of this district conference, first, that Brother Melugin has magnified the office of presiding elder and is justly entitled to the plaudit, "Well done good and faithful servant." Second, though parting with him with regret it is with pleasing recollections of the fact, and the earnest desire that his future may be bright and useful.

J. R. NELSON,
C. V. OSWALT.

The Committee on Memoirs read their report touching the death of Rev. J. W. Rye, L. P., and Sister Fair and her little son, wife of Rev. G. G. Fair, which was unanimously adopted amidst tears. The conference closed at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, thus closing a very pleasant and profitable session.

Georgetown District Conference.

C. S. Field: I have not seen a line about the Georgetown District Conference. A number of the other conferences around have been written up, the writers complimenting their presidents or presiding elders in proper and ancient form, upon the dignity, etc., with which they presided. If the presiding elder had whispered in my ear I would have written up the district conference, but the fact is I do not think he cares whether or not a word is printed about it. Perhaps it is because he was not satisfied with results. We think the Georgetown District Conference was a model so far as general management and spirit is concerned. The conference convened at Salado June 19, Rev. Horace Bishop in the chair. There was no attempt made to gather statistics; no reegation of the work of the body to committees, but one committee being formed, that on quarterly conference records. The spiritual and financial state of the church, with all that appertains thereto, was looked into. The Sunday-school and missionary work, prayer and class-meeting, the educational interest, the sacraments, family prayer, etc., as well as the material interest of the church, such as church and parsonage building and improvement, were fully discussed. These discussions were very edifying and well calculated to beget a spirit of zeal for Christ and his church. They were relieved with songs and prayer from time to time. Upon the whole the preaching was of the best order. The sermon by Rev. J. S. Tunnell on Saturday had the genuine ring, and as much could be said of others. Prominence was given to religious exercises, and I am safe in saying that every man went home stronger and with brighter armor on. The presiding elder thought that the idea of the conference was expressed by our forefathers who pronounced the word con-fer'-ence with the emphasis on the second syllable.

The Southwestern University at Georgetown and Centenary College at Lampasas were represented. The presiding elder and preachers planned the summer campaign of protracted meetings, so that no preacher is without help and no preacher fails to help some one else. The work of the district was progressing in all lines. In this brief report I must not fail to mention the kindness and hospitality of the good people of Salado. They had co-operated with the pastor, Bro. Graves, and every arrangement had been made for the comfort and convenience of the conference. We did not fail to notice that the floor of the college chapel had just been scoured and the room was tidy and cool. The next time a conference is held in Salado it will doubtless be held in a church, as they have money donated and are now just perfecting plans for the erection of a nice Methodist Church there. This has long been needed. Much has been done recently in the line of church and parsonage building in the district. A number of resolutions were passed, one indorsing the ADVOCATE; another the university at Georgetown, and while all these were in place, the best resolutions were those passed in the depth of our hearts, to be more gentle, more humble, more prayerful and more diligent.

San Augustine District Conference.

L. C. Ellis, Beckville: The San Antonio District Conference met in session at Center, Shelby county, June 26, J. W. Johnson, presiding elder, in the chair, Leon Sonfield, secretary.

Every charge was represented. But one pastor was absent, M. D. Long, of Hemphill mission. All the interests of the several charges were minutely inquired into and an advance on all lines is rejoiced in. Spiritual state of the church better than at this time last year. Finances in better condition now than a year ago. Our Sunday-school work is encouraging; more life and energy in workers, and more interest in scholars. Attention is being given by the pastors to collections ordered by the annual conference with an earnest hope that all these claims will be met in full by the close of the conference year. Everything conspired to make this session the most enjoyable one for several years. We had two of our venerated superannuates with us, Richard Menefee and W. H. Ardis; also Sisters Jeff. Shook, J. R. Burk and J. W. Mills. These men and women of God added no little to the interest of our conference. May their peace flow as a river, and may their life's sun set without a cloud. Another thing that conspired to make this a good conference was good, spiritual preaching. The brethren who did the preaching seemed to be under the Divine afflatus, and the people seemed to be ready to hear. No special revival influence was observable up to the time of adjournment, but the meeting continues with good prospects of a gracious revival. The lay delegates to annual conference are J. H. Windham, L. D., T. S. Garrison, W. A. Abney and W. Wells; reserves, G. T. Ross and Geo. Davidson. Next session at Lufkin.

Cuero District Conference.

I. T. Morris, Secretary: The twentieth session of the Cuero (formerly the Victoria) District Conference convened in Gonzales, Texas, June 26, 1890, at 9 a. m., Rev. R. J. Deets, our beloved presiding elder, in the chair. He held the reins sufficiently tight and at the same time giving slack enough to make all feel free and easy. The opening sermon was preached on Wednesday night by Rev. J. T. Williamson, of Cuero. Text, Cor. 1:3-9. "For we are laborers together with God." All the preachers in the district were present, also several local preachers, together with a good representation of laymen. Rev. J. T. Gillett, our conference colporteur, was present, making speeches, shaking hands with old friends and selling books. He was once presiding elder of this district and feels a special interest in its prosperity. Prof. A. A. Thomas, President of the Coronal Institute of San Marcos, was present and made a cheering report of the institute. A communication was received from the Southwestern University, of Georgetown, Texas, and read before the conference. These schools have just closed one of the most prosperous years of their existence. They should be well sustained by our Methodist folk. Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, presiding elder of the San Marcos district, was present during part of the session and gave us one good sermon. All the interests of the conference were carefully looked after by the presiding elder, the conference doing business as a committee of the whole, except Committees on Public Worship and Quarterly Conference Journals. The preachers throughout the district report good congregations and a good attendance of our people upon the ordinances and social meetings of the church. Building and repairing churches and parsonages is gradually going on in the district. We have nineteen houses of worship and nine parsonages on the twelve charges. In some places, where our people could do better, they seem to be satisfied to worship in school-houses. The Sunday-school work was discussed in a convention held on Saturday in connection with the conference. There are twenty-four Sunday-schools, 162 officers and teachers with 1175 scholars in the bounds of the district—this is an increase over last year's report.

Bro. J. P. Ward, Rev. T. W. Glass, A. T. Bass and D. L. Kokernot were elected delegates to the annual conference, with A. V. Martindale and John Williams alternates.

Gonzales entertained the conference kindly and generously and we showed our appreciation by passing a resolution of thanks and by doing justice to the good things provided.

The next session to be held at Cuero. The preaching was good to edifying. Baptist and Presbyterian pulpits occupied by our ministers Sunday morning and night. Monday all started for home better prepared to do service for the Master.

Palestine District Conference.

G. A. LeClere: The twenty-second session of the Palestine District Conference convened at Jacksonville, Texas, at 9 o'clock a. m. June 26, Rev. U. B. Philips, presiding elder, in the chair. A. J. Frick was elected secretary, I. K. Frazier, assistant secretary; Geo. A. LeClere, editor of the minutes.

All but one of the pastors were present, and a fair number of local preachers and delegates. R. O. Rounsavall, A. M., president of Waco Female College, and Dr. Alexander, ex-president of Alexander Institute, were in attendance, presenting the claims of Christian education.

The pastors' reports indicated an advance in all departments of church work. The work of the conference was done through committees.

By adopting the report of the committee on education, the members of the conference pledged their continued support to Alexander Institute, not only in bringing the claims of the school before the people, but also in paying the amounts subscribed by them for the purpose of erecting a boarding-hall.

The report of the committee on temperance provoked an animated discussion, at the close of which the report was adopted, a resolution which was the bone of contention. The remaining resolution favors prohibition first, last and all the time.

The report of the committee on Sunday-schools provided for a Sunday-school mass-meeting, which was held Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. Addresses were delivered by Revs. A. J. Frick, L. A. Burk and B. R. Bolton. The addresses were characteristic of the speakers, serious, vivacious, grave. All were "good to the use of edifying." The singing was led by Bro. —— of Rusk, and was well rendered by the audience, which added much to the inspiration of the occasion.

The prominence given to religious services was an important feature of the conference. The prayer-meetings, love feast, sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the preaching were eminently spiritual. But the best of the wine was reserved for the last of the feast, when the inimitable Tom Smith arose and announced his subject: "Wordly Amusements." As this man of God advanced from point to point, and arose from climax to climax, becoming more and more animated, there was a profound impression made upon that large audience. For more than an hour the preacher held that congregation with a master hand. At the close of the sermon penitents were called, a number responded, and eight souls were happily converted.

Delegates to the annual conference were elected as follows: J. F. Celey, J. F. Nash, R. J. Ramey and J. H. Rateliff. Alternates: R. J. Wallace, P. W. Ezell, I. K. Frazier and J. W. Stubblefield. Lovelady was chosen as the place for holding the next conference. Among the many resolutions adopted are the following:

Whereas, our own TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE ranks among the very best of the family of Advocates, and its weekly visits to the homes of our people can but be a blessing to those families, and, whereas, we are as much in love with it as ever, therefore,

Resolved, that we will continue to urge its claims before our people, and will put it in as many families as we can with safety to ourselves.

J. T. SMITH,
B. R. BOLTON,
A. J. FRICK.

Whereas, our presiding elder, Rev. U. B. Philips, announced publicly to-day his intention to transfer from us at our coming annual conference; and,

Whereas, he has been a leading and active member with us for fourteen years, filling our best stations, circuits and districts with great acceptability; and,

Whereas, the Palestine district has steadily improved in all its interests under his faithful administration; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we part with him with great reluctance. 2. That we commend him to all people as a Christian gentleman; as a bold, fearless and aggressive preacher of the gospel, and as a man safe in counsel and to be trusted anywhere and we pray God's richest blessings upon him and his work wherever, in the providence of God, his lot may be cast.

J. T. SMITH,
A. J. FRICK,
J. F. ARCHER,
R. J. RAMEY,
A. G. SCRUGGS,
W. C. BOLTON,
D. W. BAGLEY.

The conference adjourned praying the blessings of God upon the kind and hospitable people of Jacksonville.

Sealy.

A. J. Anderson, July 2: We have just closed a very interesting meeting at Wallis, which resulted in a number of conversions and the membership of the church more than doubled. Rev. Myers, of the Eagle Lake charge, was with us, rendering efficient service. To God be all the glory.

Bowie.

Jas. A. Kerr, July 2: Closed ten days' meeting at Rock Hill to-day. Results: Sixteen professions, six reclaimed, eighteen additions, six adults and six children baptized and the church greatly revived. Bros. Miller, James Overstreet and Stannis rendered much assistance, for which we are thankful.

Forrest Store.

F. M. Winburn, July 2: We are in a good revival at this place. Several bright conversions already and a number of penitents at the altar. We have been blessed with the excellent preaching of Bros. Hines, Greenhaw and Trice. Large congregations day and night. We hope for yet greater things.

Leesville.

C. H. Maloy, July 1: I closed a protracted meeting of seven days' duration at Bethel, with very good results. Several conversions; backsliders reclaimed; churches of different denominations generally revived; sixteen accessions to the Methodist Church, and a number of penitents left at altar that I hope to see at my camp-meeting and there find Christ in remission of sin. Praise the Lord.

Calvert.

J. W. Horn, July 2: Our protracted meeting began here June 12 and closed last night. The church has been greatly revived. Twenty-one accessions to the church and others will join yet. Some were kept away last night by sickness. Some will join other churches. Bro. C. M. Keith preached four sermons. Bro. I. Z. T. Morris held one service. We had no other ministerial help: but the Lord was with us in great power. I cannot give the number of conversions, but I am sure that many were saved.

Tyler City Mission.

O. C. Fontaine, July 1: I have just closed my eight days' meeting at Cedar Street. We had a precious time, indeed. Bros. Little, of Athens, and Crawford, of Lindale, were with us and did some effective work. They strengthened the brethren, thundered the law of God into the ears of sinners, and pointed penitents to the Savior of men. Dr. R. S. Finley preached us several able sermons with telling effect. The visible results were ten conversions and eight accessions. The church was greatly revived.

Report from Denton Circuit.

S. L. Ball, June 30: On last night we closed our first protracted meeting at Jackson's school house with splendid results. That people have not enjoyed a better meeting for years, if ever. The church there has not been prosperous for years, and the entire membership was only seventeen, and the Methodist element weak. A few had been faithful, but some had gone back into wickedness. On last Tuesday a Campbellite was happily converted while I was preaching. He was convinced under a former sermon that he was not a Christian. He tells the news and renounces Campbellism. Others were deeply convicted, and though we left the church we had four more happy conversions and reclamations before we ate dinner (about three o'clock). That was another Pentecost in a private house. Praise the Lord. Results—the church greatly revived and many shouting happy; eleven conversions and reclamations and eleven additions to our church. Some will go to other churches. These good people are now furnishing us with many things needful, and are not even counting them as quarterage. God bless them forever. Praise the Lord for salvation.

Palestine.

A. A. Joost, July 2: I am happy to state to the readers of the ADVOCATE that through the earnest efforts of our pastor, Bro. G. A. LeClere, we have this day paid in full the remainder of the debt against our church, and it is now free from encumbrance. Bro. LeClere has been doing a grand work in our midst this year. Our congregations were never better. Our Wednesday night prayer-meetings have been unually good, and the average attendance of our Sabbath-school has been better than for years.

Edom Circuit.

F. A. Downs, June 30: Yesterday closed the round for Children's Day on Edom circuit. The following are the names of places at which it was held and amounts received at each: Holly Springs, $10.50; Tunnell's Chapel, $2.50; Edom, $6.15; Ben Wheeler, $5.85; total, $25. These places were largely attended and intense interest prevailed. Rain kept many away from Tunnell's Chapel. I believe very much good has been done by these meetings especially among the young people. There seems to be a general waking up along this line. Let God be praised.

Granger.

Mrs. E. W. Loving, June 30: I am doing splendid. I banked on editors, (my brother, who is one, says, "Who ever heard of an editor having 25 cents ahead?") preachers, railroad men and candidates, and I must say all have responded nicely, except the preacher. I can't tell what is the cause. I was raised and married in sight of a Methodist parsonage and know every want and call of a preacher's family. I have just come to the conclusion that they were insulted because I asked them for 25 cents. Now, dear brethren, don't hold malice; just say "I am no 25-cent man," and send me $1. I won't agitate the church business much longer. I must not say begging any more—change it to agitate. So if my friends in Texas don't want to be agitated, please send on the amount asked for. My husband says I was drilled by J. C. Medly, P. E., West Virginia Conference, in agitating. The Baptist friends from Ohio sent over in Virginia for him to help them raise money to pay their church out of debt. He went, and raised the money, too. My family won't go to a picnic with me. They hate to see me agitate and round up the candidates. I have, so far, succeeded so well, I think I can have the say who shall dedicate our new church. I have a list of preachers to hurry up. Brothers, don't let me return any delinquents.

Hempstead.

W. T. Keith: This place has recently enjoyed two pleasant and profitable meetings. The district conference, June 12, continuing three days. The attendance was not large, but reasonably good. All save one of the pastors were present. The sermons were all fine and appropriate—leaving good impressions on the people. The presidency of Bishop C. H. Brooks was a grand success; but few bishops and fewer presiding elders can equal him in the management of such a body. He is in perfect sympathy with his preachers, and they are all in love with him because he is eminently worthy. He knows how to manage pastors, people and preach the gospel. His sermons Sunday were like precious ointment poured forth. Happy the congregation who sits under his earnest words; the preacher who calls him my presiding elder.

The Rev. Jas. H. Collard, Jr., followed the conference, beginning a meeting June 21. But for the reunion of Hood's Brigade on the 24th interfering, Hempstead, under the powerful preaching of this holy and consecrated soul-loving man of God, would have been stirred from center to circumference. Notwithstanding adverse circumstances, his work was fruitful. The church was greatly revived and set upon a higher plane, and starts afresh to do honor to the cause of Christ and Methodism. Some souls were converted and many convinced. The pastor who wants the help of a big-hearted, whole-souled gospel preacher and revivalist, will be fortunate to get Jim Collard. There is nothing little about him but his body. God bless him and his work. My people all say, God bless Jim Collard. They are determined to have him return.

Pilot Point Sunday-School Missionary Society.

W. W. Graham, June 30: While yesterday was the hottest day of the season it was also a high day for our Sunday-school and church. It is known to some of your readers that we devote every fifth Sunday to raising funds for the mission schools in Japan. At the beginning of the quarter just closed, Dr. Ragland, superintendent, selected six of the smaller classes and organized them into an army of little gleaners, furnishing each one with a barrel, with an exhortation to get it full if possible. The little fellows appreciated the compliment and went to work with a will, picking blackberries, working at the canning factory or anywhere else, that they might earn an honest nickel for the Master. Yesterday was the time set to call the roll and have each one cast into the treasury his gifts. And I am certain that Alexander, at the head of a victorious army, did not feel any prouder than these little heroes did on that occasion, and we may add that it is reasonably certain that the Master was present, taking special notice of each gift, not neglecting the little hearts that had been so intently engaged in this noble enterprise. The amount collected was $15.68, and you will please note the odd cents, for the Lord will not despise the day of small things. At least two of these coppers have a history. One was found by a little girl in a distant city in 1884 and had been carefully laid away till this call was made, when she cheerfully gave it to the good cause. The other was the property of a little orphan girl who had only this much to give and felt too timid to ask any one to put a nickel in her barrel. When the class met it was soon ascertained that all had more than she and, as might have been expected, she burst into tears. Of course she could no longer be hid. Her barrel was well supplied at once and she was the happiest of the class. Certainly

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SPECULATION IN A METHODIST PULPIT.

REV. J. H. COLLARD.

How absurd it is to hear a man airing his own theories from a Methodist pulpit, especially when he knows that his views are not only in conflict with those of all the preachers present, but in open hostility to the doctrines of his church. Some men are so anxious for the reputation of originality that they will sound the bugle of some new discovery in theological vagaries before promiscuous congregations, and herald their novelties at the expense of doctrine.

I love originality, but I despise clerical charlantism. I love to follow the man who has gone down into the profound depths of theological truth, provided he finds at the bottom the bedrock upon which his church was reared; but it is nauseating to sit in the presence of a pedantry that would assume that it alone had found the true foundation; that all others should be despised and rejected, even though it be the church he served. This is a hundredfold more impudent when in the presence of preachers, every one of whom know it to be the exploded nonsense of a pseudo philosophy of two centuries past.

To illustrate: Once upon a time just such nonsense was heralded from a Methodist Church, in the presence of a large crowd, many of whom were young in the cause of Christ. It was stated as a postulate that "Jesus Christ was only at times conscious of his divinity." It was argued that the divinity of Christ 'remained quiescent," whatever that means, and that "ordinarily he felt the helplessness of man, but at times there came upon him a consciousness of power, as great a surprise to him as to others." The funny thing about it all was, that it was attempted to prove this from the Word of God. Of course, it would not have sounded funny for a Unitarian to have done so, but it certainly did in a Methodist preacher, especially as there were other preachers present who had been taught from the text-books of their church to answer all such indirect denials of our Lord's divinity, and who had solemnly promised at the conference to "drive away all strange and erroneous doctrines."

I shall say no more on this subject unless in the future it becomes necessary.

My design in writing is to warn young preachers of the danger of speculation. Explore the whole universe if you will, but don't wander from the doctrines of your church. You may rest assured that the men who for a century and a half have defended them are as wise as you.

If you are determined to go over to the enemy, do so like a man. Don't take advantage of the influence your church gives you to attack her doctrines. We have had some small experience in Texas with would-be founders of new systems. They all begin in the same way and they all end in the same deplorable disgrace. They all begin by trying to make the impression that they are better read than their brethren, and it is always shown to their sore mortification that "a little learning is a dangerous thing;" that they have only adopted the exploded theories of the past—the rubbish cast aside by the wise builders.

KOSSE, TEXAS.

HELL DEMONSTRATES THAT GOD IS LOVE.

REV. W. N. BONNER.

I heard the venerable Rev. R. S. Finley, D. D., superannuate of East Texas Conference, preach from the text, "Beloved, if God so loved us we ought also to love one another." I John iv:11. He spoke of God's love to man as manifested in the gift of his Son who died to procure pardon and peace for rebel man.

His remarks led me to the thought that God's love was not only manifested for man's redemption, but for his future state in preparing a separate place for the righteous and the wicked. For the righteous and the wicked to have to associate together after death would disturb the peace and quiet of the righteous. If parents saw their children and knew that they were not only unhappy, but miserable, it would disturb their peace. The same with husbands and wives, relatives and friends. The only reason why it might not be so is, the righteous know that the God of all the earth is just and righteous and will do right. And they know that the wicked were embraced in the scheme of redemption. That they knew their duty, but did it not. It is not the place that gives pleasure or pain, but the moral condition and the surroundings of the persons.

The sinner would not be happy in heaven. If possible he would be more miserable there than in hell. He would not be in congenial company to himself, therefore I claim that hell is a manifestation of God's love as well as justice, and not his wrath. Hear: "As I love, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." Ezekiel xxxiii:11. "I would not intimate that heaven and hell are not places, but we have the forebodings of heaven and hell within the kingdom of God as within you." Luke xvii:21. So hell is within the wicked. The Christian martyrs that were burned at the stake rejoiced that they were thought worthy to die for Christ. St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, saw heaven open and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God and said, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit." There is a sense in which heaven was within him while being stoned. The righteous are ever present with the Lord after death." Thes. iv:17. But the wicked are banished from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his power. Is it not a manifestation of God's love as well as justice for sinners that he not only provides for their redemption, but if they rejected the provisions made for their salvation, that he provided a place for their habitation after death separate from God himself and the righteous, that they might not be forced to see their loved ones and the face of him that sitteth on the throne, which would greatly add to their misery.

"God is love," and hell is as much a manifestation of his love and wisdom to the finally impenitent as heaven is to the righteous. Hell is the best that God could do for the fallen angels and finally impenitent sinner. God is not a God of wrath, as he is sometimes represented; but he is of long suffering and full of compassion. It is said sin dug the pit, but may there not be some mistake? Love dug it, as the best thing that God could do for the fallen angels and the finally impenitent sinner. God is gracious, slow to anger and full of compassion, and "his mercy endureth forever."

God must be just, as well as merciful. Therefore, he provided a separate place for the wicked apart from the righteous. Although it may be a lake of fire and brimstone, it is the best that God can do for fallen angels and wicked men.

"O that they (men) were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end." Deut. xxxii:29.

It will pain his great and loving heart to have to say to the wicked: Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

TYLER, TEXAS.

NOTES FROM JAPAN.

This is written at night by the light of tallow candles, on board of a small coasting steamer on the Inland sea, while steaming along at a speed of eleven knots an hour. We left Hiroshima to-day at noon, and expect to reach Kobe in time for breakfast. Our vessel is crowded with passengers—uncomfortably so. In fact, the vessels that sail the Inland sea are always crowded. A person who has never been on one of them cannot appreciate the full meaning of the term "crowded." On the steamer in which we went to Hiroshima, in one of the cabins, a room fifteen by twenty-five feet, there were packed no less than one hundred and twenty persons, with more or less baggage to each one. Nor is this anything unusual; it can be seen on almost every vessel.

The new church building at Hiroshima is the second Southern Methodist Church in Japan. It was dedicated last Sunday; but the writer missed the privilege of officiating at the service, being detained by government officials one whole day at the landing, only three miles away, on account of failing to bring passport. The needed document arriving in the evening, I reached Hiroshima in time for service.

The new church is a very neat and pretty affair, and reflects much credit upon Rev. Waters, who is in charge. I was much surprised when I learned the cost of the structure. A similar house in California would cost at least five times as much. This being so, we should not lack for Southern Methodist Church buildings in Japan, and yet we have only two.

All the members of our mission were well. Miss Bice was as bright and cheerful as ever. Her school is prospering and she is getting a very strong hold upon her pupils. She is succeeding splendidly with the language and is a diligent student of it. The universal verdict is that no mistake was made when she was sent to the foreign field. May she win many stars for the Master's crown and finally win a crown for herself.

The Japanese are great readers The number of newspapers published in the empire is something remarkable, and being very cheap they have a large circulation. It is an exception to find one who cannot read. This fact is taken advantage of by the missionaries in the distribution of tracts among the people, especially so on board these coasting steamers, where the passengers have so much time to read. In ten minutes, this afternoon, I got rid of sixty-eight tracts and could have distributed three times that many if I had had them. The demand far exceeds the supply. And they are read, too! I have yet to have any person refuse one. Even the Buddhist priests take them and read them with avidity. They are not thrown away when they are once read, but they go on circulating, sowing the good seed of the kingdom. I believe in tracts. I will never forget an incident which I once heard T. DeWitt Talmage relate in a sermon, in St. Louis; in substance, it was as follows: "About two hundred and fifty years ago an unknown woman dropped a tract into the hands of a young man which led to his conversion. That young man was Richard Baxter. Baxter became eminent as a Christian and wrote 'A Call to the Unconverted,' a book which will fill his crown as full of stars as is the Milky Way. Some years after the death of Baxter, his 'Call' led Philip Doddridge to Christ. Doddrige wrote, 'The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul,' a book that has been published in fifty languages, and that has won thousands for the Master's kingdom. Thirty years after Doddridge's death his book fell into the hands of a young Englishman, who afterward became prominent in politics, and thus it was that William Wilberforce was won to the Savior and gave his splendid abilities to the cause of Christ and human freedom. In due time he also wrote a book entitled, 'A practical View of Christianity,' which had the enormous sale of one hundred editions. It is said that Edmund Burke spent his last days reading it and had it in his hands when he died. Among the many that were led to Christ by this remarkable work, was Thomas Chalmers, the silver-mouthed Chrysostom of the Scottish Church and Leigh Richmond, author of the 'Dairy Daughter,' a book that has brought many into the kingdom of God's dear Son, which is still among the publications of the American Tract Society, and thus it was that, by the simple act of the gift of one tract, by an unknown, a tide of influence was started which has swept on down the years through Baxter, Doddridge, Wilberforce, Chalmers, and thousands of others; how many we shall never know till the books are opened" What a tremendous harvest through one tract! I repeat it, I believe in tracts and wish it were so I could give one to every person I meet. Every Sunday, between services, my interpreter and I go to one of the larger shrines and as the worshipers come away we give them tracts that have printed on the back of them an invitation to our chapel. In this way we hope to gather some of the harvest from the seed that is sown. The demand is much greater than we can meet, so eager are these people to read about Christianity. Won't some of my friends in California give me a tract fund? Remember the story of the unknown woman and the great tide of influence that she started rolling down the centuries through one little tract!

The school geographies put down Japan as being composed of about a thousand islands; four thousand would be nearer the truth. The Inland sea, dotted with hundreds of them, presents a most beautiful scene. One of the sublimest sights I have ever beheld was where our vessel sailed over a part of the crater of an extinct volcano, one-half of it having been washed away. The mouth was several miles wide, and on the interior sides were several villages and a number of large farms. I confess to having felt a little trepidation when our vessel was in the center of the huge crater. Nothing could be more picturesque than the islands of this Inland sea, covered with hundreds of villages and towns; but while "every prospect pleases," the sad fact remains that the vast majority of the people have no hope and are without God in the world. We have passed on this trip at least a hundred settlements, many of them with five and six hundred people in them, and some with a thousand and more that have never had one ray of gospel light; that have never seen a Bible, or heard the name of Christ. One cannot enjoy beautiful scenery while such facts as these stare him in the face. How long, O Lord, how long shall these things be? The church is abundantly able to give this people the gospel and yet withholding it, while these benighted souls are going down by hundreds and by thousands to Christless graves, without hope and in blank despair. Oh, God! have mercy upon thy unfaithful church and cause them to see that the blood of these souls will be demanded at their hands!

Dr. W. R. Lambuth has a plan in view, which ought by all means to be put into operation. In brief, it is this: To man a small schooner, with a Christian crew, stock it with Bibles and tracts and have it visit these hundreds of islands, selling the Bibles, distributing the tracts and preaching the gospel to the many thousands of people who live on them. These people will never have the gospel otherwise; the work is in our territory and we should do it. I trust the day is not far distant when the Southern Methodist Church will have a gospel vessel on the Inland sea.
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About the Lesson.

LESSON II, SUNDAY, JULY 13.

THE GREAT SUPPER.

Luke xiv:15-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God." (Verse 15.)

(MEMORY VERSES, 22, 24.)

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. What is the subject of the lesson? The Great Supper.
2. What is the Golden Text? "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God."
3. Where was Jesus at this time? In Perea.
4. What was he doing at this time? He was at a feast.
5. What did a certain man say? "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God."
6. What did Jesus say? "A certain man made a great supper and bade many."
7. What did he do besides this? He sent out his servants to bid them come to the feast.
8. Did they come? No; they began to make excuses.
9. What did one say? "I have bought a piece of ground and I must needs go and see it."
10. What did the second say? "I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to prove them."
11. What said the third? "I have married a wife, therefore, I cannot come."
12. What did the servant do? He came and told his lord about it.
13. How did the master feel? He was very angry and said those who refused should not come to the supper at all.
14. Whom did he tell them to call? The lame, the halt and the blind.
15. What did the servant then say? "Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded and yet there is room."
16. What did the master next tell the servant to do? "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."
17. Did he do so? Yes.
18. Did those who refused to come taste the supper? No, none of them.

LESSON SURROUNDINGS.

Intervening Events.—The last lesson is followed by a report of two parables, which were spoken earlier, but may have been repeated at this time (Luke xiii:18-21). Then a reference is made to a continued journey. According to Robinson, this was the beginning of the final journey from Perea to Jerusalem, after the raising of Lazarus (see last "Lesson Surroundings"). The warning against Herod follows (Luke xiii:31-35), in which many find an indication of speedy death. Andrews, however, places this immediately before the feast of dedication, and joins with that visit the occurrence at the house of Martha and Mary (Luke x:38-42). The withdrawal beyond Jordan comes next in his view (John x:40-42), then Luke 14-16, after which the raising of Lazarus from the dead occurred (John xi). In any case, chapters 14-16 belong together. The discourse of which the lesson forms a part, was uttered at the house of a Pharisee, where our Lord was dining on a Sabbath. A miracle of healing leads to instruction about the lawfulness of such cures upon the Sabbath (Luke xiv:1-6). This was followed by a rebuke of self seeking at feasts, and an injunction to the host in regard to inviting the needy. The lesson follows.

Place.—In Perea, probably not far from the Jordan, at the house of an unnamed Pharisee.

Time.—According to Robinson, shortly before the arrival at Jericho, some time in March, 783; that is, A. D. 30 Andrews, in accordance with his view as already explained, dates it in December, 782, that is, A. D. 29—about three months earlier.

Persons.—Our Lord, the company at the Pharisee's house—one among them specially prominent.

Incidents.—The blessing uttered by one of the company; the parable of the great supper; the invitations; the various excuses; the bringing in of the poor and afflicted; the command to constrain others to come; the exclusion of those first invited.

There is no parallel passage; the parable in Matthew xxii:1-14 resembles this, but is quite distinct.

LESSON SUMMARY.

The plain point of this lesson is, that many of those who want the rewards of being in Christ's service do not really want to be in that service. They are glad to think that when they have done with all the good things of this life they shall have better things in the life beyond. But if the choice must be made between these things and those, they will hold on to these—and take the chances.

There are very few persons who do not hope to have a share in the rest and peace and joy and fullness of heaven; but there are a great many persons who are not ready to give up their real estate investments, and their live stock possessions, and their families and homes, in order to be at the call of him who alone has power to open to them the privileges and delights of that state of being. Yet only as one holds whatever he has here in subjection to him who is the ground of hope for hereafter, is he in a state of readiness to enter heaven when its doors are thrown open.

Moreover, there are those who will welcome and respond to a call to the joys of Christ's service. It may be because they have nothing here to hold them back from what is offered there. It may be because they count themselves and all their possessions as the Lord's service continually. At all events, they are in an attitude of readiness to accept gratefully an invitation to be with Christ, and to share whatever he has provided for his loved ones.

It is not a question of the value of the excuse that is proffered, but of the estimate that is put upon what God offers to those who will come to him at his call. It is always easy enough to find an excuse for turning away from the lesser to the greater; but no excuse will ever keep a man from coming to that which is more precious to him than life itself, and that he feels he must have at any cost.

The invitation is broad enough, and there is room for all. Whosoever will may come; and whoscever comes shall find a welcome.

ADDED POINTS.

He who is lovingly with Christ now, may be sure that he can be with Christ by and by. If he eats and drinks and lives as in Christ's presence here, he need have no fear of being sent away from Christ in the future.

Whatever there is of good in the present, there are better things in store for those who love and trust Christ. The path of him who walks in Christ's service, shines always more and more toward the perfect day.

Every promise that Christ has made to one of his disciples is sure of its performance. The time comes when the possessor of that promise shall be told that "all things are now ready" for its fulfilment.

If we are to take what Christ proffers to us, we must be willing to take it when and as he offers it. There will be obstacles to our doing as he would have us; but those obstacles must be overborne, or we shall suffer the consequences.

Finding excuses for not doing our duty, is as unworthy of our better nature as it is common with us.

None of us need fear that the Lord's cause will fail because of our failure. If we are unwilling to be used by him for his glory and for our good, there are those who will be willing to take our places so far.

The only fitness for a place in the Lord's presence is a sense of need, and a willingness to have that need supplied.

Old and Young.

TWO WORSHIPERS.

Haughtily up the carpeted aisle
She moved; with stately and languid grace
Trailing her robes of the latest style—
Shimmer and sheen and filmiest lace.

Down in the depths of the cushions sank
In a well-bred way, with accustomed air,
Bending her head so devoutly low,
As she murmurs a proper, humble prayer.

Timidly up the carpeted aisle
Crept another, as half in a doubt
Of her welcome there, or that, perchance,
Elegant usher might show her out.

Shimmer nor sheen had her faded gown;
The shining gems in the lady's ear,
The costly lace of the silken flounce,
Might buy her bread for a weary year.

"Give to my little ones only a cup,
A cup of cold water in my name,"
The preacher read and the people sang,
And the organ echoed the refrain.

"If ye have given it unto these,
It is to me," were the words she heard;
"For God is love, and he loveth thee."
Her sorrowing heart was deeply stirred.

"But if Jesus should," the preacher said,
"Come into this church; sit here within,
Wearing his dusty and shabby robe,
Ah, me! how many would welcome him?

"Would see 'neath the trav'ler's weary guise,
The tender look on the Master's face?
Yet he himself hath this saying left
'E'en the least of these is in my place.'

"And if we find in the heavenly courts
That some of us take a lower seat,
Would you and I, through the grace of God,
Find lowly place at the Master's feet?

"Nor need we wait," so the preacher said,
"For silver and gold to do his will:
Whate'er thou hast, though only a word,
If in his name, thou art serving still."

"How sweet it is to be good," she thought,
"A lovely sermon we have to-day;
I might have given that woman a seat,
But she's so shabby—what would they say?"

Timidly down the carpeted aisle
The other went, while the heavenly words,
A message straight from the Father sent,
Sang warm in her heart like happy birds.

And over again the preacher prayed,
And over again the people sang;
Over again, "'Tis only a cup,
But 'tis for me," the echoes rang.

—*Morning Star.*

IKE'S STRANGE VISITORS.

Ike Carlton was such a cruel boy! He would pull off the wings of flies, pin live butterflies to boards, break in the backs of turtles and amputate the legs of frogs. When any one remonstrated with him about his cruelty, he would cry, "Oh, pshaw! they can't feel much," and then go in quest of another victim. The long summer days he devoted almost entirely to this wicked sport, and in time all the neighbors spoke of him as "Hard-hearted Ike Carlton." To be sure the boy had no kind parents to teach him better, and the aunt who was bringing him up cared very little what he was about as long as he was not troubling her.

One night Ike had not been in bed very long when a brilliant light suddenly filled his room, and he sprang up to see what caused the illumination. There, seated in his best chair, he beheld an immense cat. The animal was actually larger than he himself, and by the time Ike had recovered from his astonishment at seeing this visitor he discovered on another chair a turtle almost as big as the cat. Near by he saw a butterfly of extraordinary size, and when his eyes opened wider, he found out that all the seats in the room were occupied by just such strange visitors. In fact, there were more than the chairs could accommodate, and these were seated on the floor. Presently they all began to talk at once, and they made such a hubbub that the cat rapped on a little stand he had drawn up in front of him and said, with a very serious manner, "The meeting will please come to order."

Instantly all voices were hushed, and then a frog who was present stood upon his hind legs and looked so very funny that Ike would have laughed outright had not the creature's words struck terror to his heart.

"Mr. President," began the frog, "as the chairman of the committee for preventing cruelty to insects and animals of all descriptions, I arise to state what the committee has decided to do. We intend to make the last and greatest offender feel what our brothers and sisters have suffered. The culprit is the boy, Ike Carlton. Mr. House Fly is to pull out his eye-lashes and a large bunch of hair."

"Oh! but that will hurt!" yelled Ike, from the seat which he had taken on his bed.

"That is no consideration," said Mr. President. "You had no thought for the feelings of Mr. Fly's brothers when you cruelly pulled off their wings and legs, and left them to suffer. That hurt, too."

"Mr. Bull-frog," continued the chairman of the committee, "you are to cut off one of his legs."

"You wicked thing!" screamed Ike, "you don't know what a painful operation that is. Besides, I can't walk without my leg."

"Neither could Mr. Bull-frog's brother," answered Mr. Cat; "but you cut off his leg, and left him wounded and bleeding. It hurt him just as much as it will you."

Ike groaned, and wished he had not interfered with frogs. He remembered that he had thus cruelly treated a poor, helpless one that very morning.

"You, Mr. President, are to step on him, and kick him all around the room."

"I won't stand it." cried Ike.

"But you will be compelled to stand it," calmly spoke the president. "You made my poor mother endure your kicks and abuses."

"I'll run out of the room," thought Ike, and he slipped quietly to the door, only to find it locked and the key gone. Then he sat down in despair and waited for further developments.

"At last, but not least," said the chairman of the committee. Mr. Yellow Butterfly is to pin him to a board so fast that he will have to stick there and suffer till he dies."

Ike was in agony. Could it be possible that these creatures would be cruel enough to kill him?

"Oh, please, Mr. Cat, don't let them murder me!" he cried, dropping on his knees before the president. "I am my aunt's only nephew, and she would grieve very much if I met such a violent death. And, then, think how it would hurt to have a pin stuck through my body!"

"But you didn't consider the pain when you stuck pins through the bodies of many of Mr. Yellow Butterfly's relations. Neither did you think of the sorrow of the mourners. We must make an example of some boy, or these abuses will go on to the end of time. You are the worst offender, and at the last meeting we decided to make an example of you. Our relations are just as sensitive to pain as you are, Mr. Ike Carlton, and have as much right to enjoy the good things of this world as you have."

"But I didn't think how it all hurt," pleaded the frightened boy, "and I'll promise never, never, never to do it again."

After that speech the committee had a consultation, and returned to say that they thought it better to show no mercy. If once let loose, the boy would be as bad as before, and cruel boys had become the terror of the entire animal and insect world.

Still Ike continued his pleadings, but the president turned down his furry ears and said to the members, "Form in line."

First came Mr. House Fly, who was all ready to tear out Ike's hair and eyebrows; next came Mr. Bull-frog with his big knife, prepared to amputate the boy's leg; then Mr. President, ready to do his part of the abusing, and lastly Mr. Yellow Butterfly, carrying a prodigious pin with which he was to fasten the unhappy boy to a board.

"Oh, mercy! mercy!" screamed Ike, and with those words his horrible visitors vanished, and he awoke to the fact that he had been dreaming. "At any rate," he said to himself, with a shiver, "I have been taught a lesson, and I'll keep that promise I made to Mr. President. It will be easy enough, too, for I never again could hurt a living thing without feeling what I felt in my dream."

The neighbors wondered thereafter what had caused such a marvelous change to come over Ike Carlton, for he grew to be so gentle with insects and animals that his companions forgot his old nature, and gave him the name of "Ike Carlton, the tender-hearted."—*Exchange.*

NEVER KNEW HIM.

A touching story is told of the child of a well-known French painter. The little girl lost her sight in infancy, and her blindness was supposed to be incurable. Three years ago, however, a famous oculist in Paris performed an operation on her eyes and restored her sight.

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The father had a noble head and presence, and his every look and motion were watched by his daughter with the keenest delight. For the first time his constant tenderness and care seemed real to her. If he caressed her, or even looked upon her kindly, it brought the tears to her eyes

"To think," she cried, holding his hand close in hers, "that I had this father so many years and never knew him!"

How many of us are like the little blind child?

How many young men just entering life have made no close friendships at school or elsewhere because some bodily defect or poverty has soured their tempers and made them cynical and suspicious. It is their lot, they think, to go alone through the world, to find women shallow and men shams. Luck is against them. They will have nothing to do with friends; they will fight their own way and ask help of none!

Women who know themselves to be plain and unattractive often feel this morbid jealousy and bitterness; they case themselves in a pride and reserve that keep their lives more solitary than could any prison walls.

The eyes of these souls are shut. If they would open them they would see that the world is full of true and helpful friends waiting to work and be happy with them.

They would see unnumbered chances in their own lives, however poor or sorrowful they may be, for healthy and cheerful work, for hearty good will and love and comradeship.

And under and above and around their ungrateful, discontented lives, they would be conscious of an Almighty love and tenderness, holding them as the sunshine holds the floating mote of dust.

The oldest and wisest of us—scholars, men of business women of the world—go through life like the blind child, never seeing the hand of Him who sets the sun to light our steps, who feeds us day by day, who makes ready a home for us hereafter.

But this blindness of the soul, whatever men may say about it, is not beyond a cure. We have but to seek the Great Physician, crying with one of old, "Lord, that I might receive my sight!" At his touch our darkness will vanish and with the new light we shall find ourselves in a new world.

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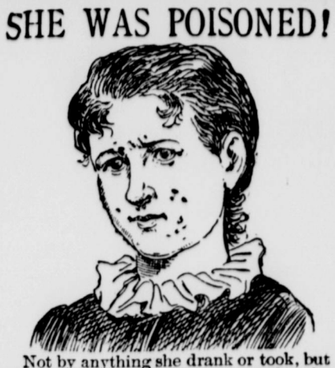

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LIFE AND FAITH.

Revelation alone gives such an account of human origin, life and destiny as is consonant with man's consciousness of his wonderful capabilities and of the boundless reach of what is possible with him as a being of endless existence. "In the image and after the likeness of God!" In miniature, nevertheless truly does he represent God upon the earth as a son represents his parent. He may be false and he may fail, yet this is his high duty and grand privilege. The failure brings upon him a fearful retributive disaster, but the fact remains that he is God's child, commissioned to fill his place in the infinite plan and to act his part in accordance with the eternal purposes of him who created the heavens and the earth and who holds the universe under his sovereign authority. One fact, to speak of nothing besides, fastens responsibility upon man and gives dignity to human life, and that is the fearful prerogative of freedom. In this he reflects the image of his God. He can act freely. No causes lie back of the determinations of his sovereign will. Motives may furnish the occasion for the action of the will, but never can compel it. Man is conscious of the capability of deliberate and voluntary action in independence of all the world, of all adverse and unfriendly influences whatever. Aye, he can in the exercise of this wonderful endowment, which is the glory of his nature, even confront his Maker and forestall all the good that he is willing to bestow upon him. Consequently, he is capable of rising to unmeasured heights, or of sinking himself to the lowest depths. Life might be considered a mere trifle or a burden, if men are to exhaust the energies of body and mind in endeavors whose results are not to be accounted hereafter. Man might properly be regarded merely as a thinking animal, if no living soul stirred within him under the inspiration of the Almighty. Time might be allowed to speed on as little heeded as the idle winds, if it had no connection with eternity. But connect all with God, his government and the teachings of his Word as to eternal destinies, and they are at once invested with a greatness exceeding estimation or conception. And human existence, when it carries with it the consciousness of harmony with God's great designs in it, is esteemed as a blessing to delight us, rather than as a grievous burden to sadden and weary us.

WHO IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM?

It has been said more than once that while the Methodist Church has the best form of government in the world for accomplishing the ends of the gospel, it has this infelicity, viz: It stimulates personal ambition in seeking the honors of position. Connectionalism, with its offices and their emoluments, affords a perpetual temptation and stimulant to that disposition among the disciples which our Savior rebuked by washing the feet of the apostles, as well as by other methods on different occasions. It was the native disposition to covet the highest places of authority, stimulated and supported by the opportunities of a strong connectionalism, that made the Pope of Rome, while on the other hand the strong bond of connectionalism has kept that church from going to pieces, notwithstanding its own absurdities and the fiercest opposition. But it would have been better for the world and the cause of true Christianity had that system been broken into congregationalism than that its connectionalism should have preserved so much corruption in doctrine and life. That which is strongest for good, when perverted, may become the most fruitful source of evil.

The ambitious spirit which caused the original twelve to quarrel among themselves about the honors of the kingdom did not die at that memorable foot-washing in Jerusalem. It is still alive in the land. Ever and anon it bobs up. At the late General Conference it was not once only that some delegate complained that his speech or name was omitted from the daily Advocate. Another question which bobbed up there frequently was who was due the greatest honor for saving the Publishing House. And now there is a dispute about the honor of having originated Vanderbilt University. These little incidents are only mentioned as indications that when Lucifer was cast out of heaven the love of honor was not completely destroyed out of the universe. Here is one of the dangers to which a church with a strong connectional system like ours is exposed. The desire for the honors and emoluments, and the system which affords them, are reactionary one upon the other. The system offers the opportunities and advantages for the gratification of the ambition, while the lust for power, for honor, and for pecuniary reward tends to tighten the system by centralization in government, with the extension of power in office and the enlargement of the emoluments thereof.

Here is a point for watching and prayer, and especially prayer, for no amount of picketing nor any manner of breastworks can secure us against this enemy. All possible precaution in legislation cannot protect the system against the evil. It is the best and strongest, but for that very reason the most dangerous, when it becomes the instrument of ambition.

There is one remedy and one safeguard, and one only, viz: Religion. Nothing can be more pernicious to personal piety, nor hinder more effectively the real mission of the church, than the love of glory. The Master said: "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" Again it is written: Prefer one another in honor, and many among the chief rulers believed on him, but they did not confess him lest they should be put out of the synagogue, for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. It is universally true that a glory-seeking ministry is barren in spiritual power and soul-saving.

THE COLLECTION.

READ what Dr. A. V. Chapman, of Ranger, Texas, has to say of the Dictionary we are offering as a premium:

The Dictionary came. I am well pleased with it. It is all that you claim for it, and I am surprised that such a book can be sold for so small a price. I am much obliged to you.

WE acknowledge with thanks two tickets to a lecture to be delivered Tuesday, July 8, for the benefit of Gretna Methodist Church, by Rev. Henry H. Ahrens.

THE great Bishop Pierce, after all the honors of the church had been bestowed upon him, and he had had the advantages of an extended observation, said: "I had rather be an humble itinerant Methodist preacher with no reputation, going about having revivals everywhere I went, than to have the reputation of a Bascomb multiplied a million times." That spirit is the only condition on which your preaching can be the power of God unto salvation.

THE Waxahachie District Conference met the past week at Oak Cliff. It was our privilege to attend some of the time. Bishop Key presided to the satisfaction of the conference. His method of holding a district conference has been described in the ADVOCATE several times, and it is not necessary to reiterate here, only so far as we could see his method is exactly that contemplated by the Discipline. He inquires into the several matters prescribed. There is no formal statistical reports of what has been done (which was never contemplated by the Discipline), but an inquiry is made as to methods and plans of work and their efficiency. This gives scope for the discussion of the best plans and opportunity for advice. The district conference was intended to be an inquiring and an advisory conference. Considerable interest was manifested in the discussions the time we were present. We heard but two sermons. Both were good. Bishop Key preached an earnest, practical, gospel sermon Sunday morning.

TEN dollars was recently left at the home of a Methodist preacher in Dallas, by an unknown friend, with the request that he make such disposition of the money as he saw proper. The preacher decided that to furnish the ADVOCATE to ten poor families for one year would be placing the money where it would do the most good. He furnished the names of three families. This leaves seven dollars yet in hand. Will the preachers send us the names of seven heads of families who are unable to pay for the paper?

THIS is to thank the Rev. S. R. Hay, of Floyd Street, for tickets to three lectures to be delivered at the Floyd Street Church by the Rev. E. W. Alderson, to begin at 8:30, Tuesday, July 8.

THERE are many men who perhaps would not deliberately waylay and shoot down an enemy, but would accept a challenge to fight a duel, and thus depriving their fellow-men of their lives, would deny the charge of murder, but they would be violators of the sixth commandment all the same. So the men who run a lottery would not go in the dark and appropriate secretly the property of others, but they will deprive others of their money without giving anything in return, by inducing them to risk their means on the mere chance of getting a prize, and this breaks the same commandment which the thief breaks.

THE man who buys a lottery ticket stands in the same relation to theft that the man who accepts the challenge to fight a duel stands in to murder. The lottery company offers the challenge and the ticket buyer accepts it. See the point?

THE London Methodist Times, as will be seen from an extract published in another place, says that gambling is a violation of the eighth commandment. This is the view we have had all along. The analogy between the relation of dueling to murder and gambling to stealing is complete. The dueler consents to take the chances of killing or of being killed. The gambler puts his property exactly in the same condition that the dueler does his life. He takes the chances of losing his own money or of winning that of his antagonist. If the dueler is a murderer, the gambler is a thief.

CHRISTIAN Advocate may mean Dr. Buckley's paper or Dr. Hoss' paper—the New York or the Nashville—for both are plain Christian Advocate by name. A better designation in each case, and the one nearly always used is the one with the city prefix.—*Michigan Advocate.*

Or it might mean Dr. Carter's paper at New Orleans, which has exactly the same name. Or it might mean any of the Advocates, for all of them are Christian Advocates, in fact.

NONE will deny that lottery is gambling. Gambling is a violation of the eighth commandment. Then let Louisiana remember that when she builds levees and supports hospitals with lottery money she builds with stolen money. The question which the legislature of Louisiana submits to the vote of the people is whether they will enter a partnership to steal about $8,000,000 a year for the small part of $1,250,000. And this possible in a Christian civilization!!

THE legislature of Louisiana has passed the infamous lottery bill. The thing is to be submitted for adoption by the people as an amendment to the constitution of the State. It is to be called a levee and charity bill, etc. By this means, no doubt, the lottery expects to deceive many. With the deception of the ignorant and purchase of the negro and the worse-than-negro-white-element, they expect to carry the day. Corruption and shame are put to the blush.

THE suggestion has been made and the miracle has ended.

THEN, in respect of the Atonement, the mind of the church is working off from the "butchery theory," finding its way out into the sea of divine beneficence through the gulf stream of analogical reasonableness, accepting mystery transcending any ultimate philosopical explication, but loose from the affectations of embracing absurdity. Fatal stultifications of mind, with corresponding obtundment of moral sensibility, just from requisition in the name of orthodoxy, at this point have balked every one of the organisms constituting the general kingdoms.—*Dr. J. B. Cottrell, in Wesleyan Advocate.*

See through?

AS WE predicted, the Nashville Advocate has lots of good Hoss sense. Here is one of its sensible utterances:

We disclaim any purpose or desire to interfere with the local papers. On the contrary, it is our fixed conviction that they serve not merely a useful, but also an indispensible purpose. To do anything to cripple them or limit their power would be both foolish and criminal. We are for them from the beginning of the chapter to the end, and we feel sure that they will reciprocate this feeling and aid us in accomplishing the special work that has been committed to our hands.

Every conference organ is first in its own territory and the general organ is second. There are few who are able to take but one paper. Every Methodist in Texas ought to have the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and also the Nashville. No other paper should be thought of until these two are taken.

OUR esteemed contemporary of the TEXAS ADVOCATE, *in re*, Fitzgerald, Bishop, must not suppose his ignorance is the measure of other people's information. Omniscience is not the foible of our fine and fat friend on the sleepy and slow Brazos.—*Richmond Advocate.*

That's right. But we have the pleasure of observing that now and then an arrow leaves a light-hole instead of the black spot in the center of the target. And while there's no doubt that wisdom will die with our humorous friend of the old Richmond, and while we have never professed omniscience, we do know the difference between the Trinity and the Brazos. But we remember, however, that there have been many discoveries in geography, as well as in other fields of research, since the editor of the Richmond was a boy.

REPORTS from the Texas Chautauqua Assembly, Georgetown, indicate a very successful season. Pleasant weather and an attractive program are drawing large crowds.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

—Prof. Smith Ragsdale and his big brother, James M. Ragsdale, made us a pleasant call a few days agone.

—Prof. Mister, of Plano, made us a pleasant call on his return from the district conference at Lewisville.

—E. D. Cameron writes: Our new church at Archer City will be dedicated on the fourth Sunday in July. Bishop Key is expected. We will have some good preaching on that occasion. Everybody come.

—The Rev. E. M. Sweet, president of Granbury College, called to see us this week. He has been solicited to become a candidate for State superintendent of public instruction, but declines on the ground that he is engaged in a greater work.

—Waxahachie Enterprise: Rev. R. H. H. Burnett took his family and started out Tuesday for a month's recreation. He was provided with camping outfit and full supply of ammunition and fishing tackle and expects to have a fine time.

—We are indebted this week to the following brethren for pleasant calls: Rev. E. L. Armstrong, Rev. Jno. S. Davis, Rev. N. A. Keen, M. H. Lee, Dr. H. A. Bourland, Rev. C. E. Gallagher and father, Rev. Jere Reese and Rev. E. W. Alderson.

—Alvarado Bulletin: Rev. J. M. Barcus, of Fort Worth, was greeting his many friends here—and he has a world of them—Tuesday. He preached an eloquent sermon to a crowded house at the Methodist Church Tuesday night.

—We find this in an exchange: "Royse City, Rockwall county, Texas, July 5.—Rev. Ben H. Bounds, who has been holding a protracted meeting at Mount Zion, near here, suddenly took sick last week and is now expected to die." Let the church pray that this good man be spared to the work of the Lord and to his family.

—We congratulate the Rev. W. L. Clifton on the advent of a new son in his old age. Dallas News: Mr. Noah Millican and Miss Eula Clifton were quietly married last Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. W. L. Clifton. Only a few intimate friends were present. Both bride and groom are of Farmersville's best society, and their numerous friends wish them much happiness.

—We have received this sad note from Bro. E. E. Statham, our pastor at Levernia. He has our sympathy: "A telegram from my brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Wiley, brings the sad news of father's death, C. W. Statham, of Lufkin, Texas. A kind husband, a devoted father, a true follower of Christ is gone. I feel very sad this morning. My dear old mother feels very lonely. Oh! how hard it is to be separated from our dear loved ones in this life, but we will meet them by-and-bye. Father died at 1:30 June 28. Pray for us in this our sore trouble."

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personals.

—Raleigh Advocate: Just as we were closing up this issue for the press the wires flashed to us the following sad news: Greensboro, N. C., June 30, 1890.—To Rev. Dr. F. L. Reid: Doctor Jones died at 12:50 to-day. Funeral to-morrow afternoon.

—Episcopal Methodist: We are sorry to see there is some lack of interest in these now famous and usually successful meetings. In our own section of the conference the expense attending these meetings has become so large as to prevent many of our poorer members from going and this is greatly to be regretted. Townspeople need the country air as much as they need the rest and spiritual refreshment. How these expenses can be further lessened we do not know.

—Nashville Advocate: We dropped into the office of Dr. Harrison a day or so ago and found him hard at work on the new Discipline. The editing of this little volume requires more time and more patience than one who has given the matter no special attention would think. The Journal of the General Conference is to be sifted from end to end, apparent discrepancies to be reconciled and a multitude of small and relatively unimportant matters to be put into their proper place and order. Dr. Harrison is doing his best and is intelligently aided by Captain J. M. Leech, one of the most competent men on the Publishing House staff. The church may look for the new Discipline as speedily as it can be prepared. Would it not be a good idea to require the chairmen and secretaries of the standing committees to remain at the seat of the General Conference for a few days after the adjournment of the session and aid in systematizing the legislation of the body? By the adoption of such a policy it would be easy to get the "copy" for the Discipline ready in three or four days.

THE SIN OF GAMBLING.

On the other hand, the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Price Hughes, while not disputing the extent to which covetousness influenced gamblers, argued, as writers in this journal have frequently argued before, that all gambling and betting are essentially a breach of the eighth commandment. It will be within the recollection of many of our readers that Mr. Bradfield demonstrated in an admirable paper, which we had the privilege of publishing, that gambling stands in precisely the same relation to stealing that dueling stands to murder. In both cases the victim is a willing victim, and takes his chance of being the victor. But the enlightened opinion of these days does not excuse a duelist murderer because the man he has murdered consented to the arrangement and did his best to be the murderer. In the same way, a gambler cannot be excused because the confederate whom he fleeces is a consenting party. In that case also the consent of the victim does not alter the moral character of the act. However unworthy the victim may be of sympathy or pity, the gambler is none the less to blame in the sight of God and of all who rise above the imperfect and conventional morality of our semi barbarism. We believe that no effectual restraint will be placed upon the practice of gambling until every gambler, be he prince or peasant, is branded as a thief.

Gambling is essentially a mean and vulgar habit, and ought to excite contempt as well as indignation. Mr. Herbert Spencer pointed out long ago that the two evil characteristics of gambling are: First, it is gain without merit; and, secondly, it is gain through another's loss. These are the essential marks of stealing. There are only two ways in which a man may honestly become the possessor of money. He may receive it as a free gift from one entitled to give it; or he may win it by the industry of his brain or his hand. Every one who receives money on any other ground is in the position of a receiver of stolen property. The Apostle Paul divides the whole human race into two classes—workers and thieves: those who live upon their own industry and those who prey upon the industry of others. It is upon this ground that he lays down the admirable principle that he who will not work shall not eat. Of course, this principle ought to be applied to every phase of life as well as to the ordinary transactions of the gambling-table and the race course. The man who gambles on the Stock Exchange is a thief of even more dangerous type than the *habitue* of the betting-ring at the Derby. Those who gamble at church bazaars are perhaps the most scandalous thieves of all.

We are not surprised that the Globe and the Evening Standard are very angry with Mr. Price Hughes for describing all gamblers as thieves. The Globe says that bettors "include all classes of the community." The Evening Standard says that "bishops, judges, ladies and children" indulge in small bets and speculations. We can only say in reply, so much the worse for "bishops, judges, ladies and children." We shall never stop the grosser forms of betting and gambling until "bishops, judges, ladies and children" realize that this is not a question of quantity but of quality; that the thing is essentially wrong; and that long-continued practice no more justifies the habit than the fact that estimable Christians once kept slaves justifies the maintenance or re-establishment of slavery. So long as good men justify moderate indulgence in any form of gambling or betting the evil cannot be eradicated. The only effective cure is to advocate total abstinence from every phase of the evil in the name of the eighth commandment.—*London Methodist Times.*

THE LOUISIANA STRUGGLE.

The lottery amendment to the constitution of Louisiana is entitled "An article on levees, schools, pensions, drainage and lotteries." The agents of the lottery constituting a majority of the special committee to which the act submitting the amendment was referred have recommended its passage on the ground that those who would refuse the money offered to the State as a bribe are "endeavoring to impersonate a visionary morality" which will never pay the State debt, build school-houses, erect levees, pension Confederate veterans or drain swamps. "The offer of John A. Morris," they say, "is the solution of the whole difficulty. It means levees, schools, pensions, charities and the extinguishment of the State debt."

The offer is of over $1,000,000. It is money—cash and everthing can be done with it that can be done with money. Let that be admitted and let it be admitted that it is "visionary morality" for the respectable people of Louisiana to refuse the price offered them to make gamblers of their sons and the sons of their neighbors. But why stop with the lottery bribe?

Every argument the lottery agents make in favor of that bribe applies with equal force in other directions. Suppose that instead of prostituting the minds and souls of the young men and boys of Louisiana, John A. Morris were offering the same sum for a monopoly of the prostitution of young women and girls? His agents could still say, just as they do now, that "it is the solution of the whole difficulty." The money from that form of prostitution would be no cleaner and no fouler than the money from the form of prostitution in which he wishes to continue his monopoly with the State as his partner. He is a pander to the fraudulent lust of money—to the covetousness which seeks something for nothing; which attempts to get what it has not earned. It is a lust as destructive to society, as productive of demoralization, as fatal to liberty and all the institutions of self government as the lust which prostitutes women. Mr. Morris would do less harm to Louisiana and the world by secretly inveigling young girls away from their homes, to sell them into prostitution for his profit, than he is doing by cultivating that greed of unearned money which makes women prostitutes and men thieves, robbers or panders according to their bent. He is a pander of the basest type. He not only prostitutes the mind of immature youth by fraudulently holding out to them the lying promise of unearned wealth; but, that he may continue to turn the arts of the liar and pander into money, he offers the proceeds of his past iniquity in open and secret bribery that he may prostitute a State to enter servitude to him and become the agent of his shameful system.

In the corruption and anarchy which followed civil war, a band of irresponsible freebooters controlling the State sold it into the slavery from which Gov. Nichols and his phalanx of unpurchasable Democrats are attempting to redeem it. They struggle against the odds of unlimited money—of money which has bought legislators; which stands ready to buy up every purchasable vote in a State which the Republican party has cursed with purchasable voters by the ten thousand. The anti-lottery Democrats have against them the influence of New Orleans newspapers bought with lottery money, and everything that unscrupulous scoundrelism, backed by a profusion of ill-gotten money, can do to defeat and discredit them is being done. But they will win this fight. Louisiana will not be sold to the lottery scoundrels, nor will the lottery company take possession of it as a slave while there are honest Democrats left to maintain the liberty, to lead honest and virtuous lives which was bought for them and their children by ancestors who gave blood to purchase what money cannot buy—nor take away from those who are worthy of it.—*St. Louis Republic.*

WANTED FOR SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

A CURATOR.

1. A man or woman, whom God has blest and wants to return thanks to God and to trust God with their substance and let it speak when her or she is forgotten, to give fifty thousand dollars to endow the regent's chair in the Southwestern University.

2. Another man who will, on the same principle, give fifty thousand dollars to endow the chair of mental and moral science.

3. Two persons who will, on the same principle, give twenty-five thousand dollars each, to endow a chair of Latin and Greek.

4. Five persons who will give ten thousand dollars each to endow a chair of mathematics.

5. Ten persons who will give five thousand dollars each to endow a chair of modern languages.

6. Twenty-five persons who will give two thousand dollars each to endow a chair of natural science.

7. Fifty persons who will give one thousand dollars each to endow a chair of English literature.

8. A man as agent who will go out among the Methodists of this great State and find these men (for they are in our church and have the money) and present this institution in such a light as to command the attention and

respect of these men so as to lead them to see the advantage of an investment in this great institution.

Then also to get the people who are able only to give one hundred, fifty, twenty-five, ten and five dollars, and let these endow a chain of systematic theology.

Can all this be done? These are big figures, so they are, and it looks foolish, no doubt, to some people to think of them. But, brethren, have we not been going along on the hat-collection style long enough with this institution? Just take a register and see the date of the first graduates, 1844, forty-six years ago. Now look at the number of graduates she has on her list and see where they have gone in the various professions in life, and then look at the many boys in this State who will some day enter this university if this money is raised.

While great honor is due to those who have talked and paid for what we now have (and they have done nobly), yet if we will go to Georgetown and see how much there is for us to do now, we are obliged to blush.

Now, if you will look around over the State you will see that this is not an unreasonable demand. Where do we find Methodists? Railroad officials, bankers, State officials, lawyers, doctors planters and all doing a prosperous business in the most prosperous county, town or city in the State Real estate advancing on their hands all the time. Then, brethren, why not cry, it shall be done. As to the method, let these men who have accumulated what they have, say how they can now put that amount on this work. In twenty, ten, five or one year as it suits them. Only let it be started on a successful plan in a business and prayerful way and before many of us have gone to our reward we will see it with our eyes. When this is done all our colleges over the State will be full of boys and our university will have the young men of the State in her halls. And then we will have consolation indeed. Let us ask and expect large things from God, even his Word for our assurance we will get them. There never was a time in Texas when anything was needed worse than the endowment of the Southwestern University. Nor do I believe there was ever as great an opening for it among the people.

RANDOM SHOTS FROM BEHIND THE ROUND ROCK, ETC.

The Texas Chautauqua Assembly is now in session at Georgetown. On July 2, Dr. Talmage came. He drew a crowd of over eight thousand. We read of—

"The isles of Greece, the isles of Greece,
Where burning sappho loved and sung;
Eternal summer gilds them yet,
But all except their sun is set."

If we did not have burning sappho on July 2 we had everything else burning. It was hot, but still they came! Nine carloads from Austin, and from a radius of one hundred miles or more, on mules, on horses, on "fiddle-back" ponies, in carts, in buggies, in wagons, in carriages and on foot. For three mortal hours before he took the stand to speak the building was full. As the hands of the clock, with provoking deliberation, approached 11 a. m., everybody grew nervous to see "the man," except the people from Round Rock. We had all been satisfied with three hours' look at him the day before. He laid over three hours in Round Rock, or from 5 to 8 p. m. This is a considerate method adopted by the railroad company to honor us with many distinguished visitors. He took the stand at about 11:30 and announced his subject, "Big Blunders." As to personal appearance, etc. (I tremble to say it), Dr. Talmage reminds me a little of Bro. Bishop. He is about medium size, wears side whiskers, has a sharp nose, a quick, bright eye with a sparkle of humor, a strong, yet kind and pleasant voice. In speaking he gesticulates a great deal and his movements are rapid. He has, perhaps, the greatest reputation of any living preacher. I hesitate, therefore, to express an opinion as to the lecture. However, since I am into it, I must go on. It was a very good lecture of the kind, I suppose. Perhaps I had better outline it, that your readers may judge 'Big Blunders." Blunder first, a multiplicity of occupations. Blunder second, indulgence in bad humor. Blunder third, discouragement under bad treatment. Blunder fourth, excessive amusement. Blunder fifth, formation of uncongenial domestic relations. Blunder sixth, starting in life without a spirit of enthusiasm and enterprise. There was much commonplace, yet good advice, especially to the young, interspersed with anecdotes, such as the woman throwing a teacup at her husband and smashing the motto on the wall, "God bless our home." However, some said it was the grandest thing they ever heard. Others, who had gone there anticipating such utterances as would almost cause them to cry out, "It is the voice of a God," said that it was not what they expected. On July 3 Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of Fort Worth, delivered a lecture on "The Rise and Progress of Civil and Religious Liberty." He had a fair audience and the lecture was well received. It had a wide range and yet was focalized. It showed painstaking research and logical accumen. As to literary merit, many thought it was first-class, and the delivery was forcible and graceful. The lectures by Hon. T. R. Bonner and Rev. W. B. Preston are well spoken of by those who heard them. Of course it is not expected that every lecture will be of equal merit. One lecture has been delivered (I will not say when nor by whom) which it is said was applauded to the echo by the proprietor of a soda fount and the boy who peddles apples. Both being young, they demonstrated that they were starting in life with "a spirit of enterprise and enthusiasm." There are about two hundred people camped on the ground and they seem to be enjoying themselves. As this is but the beginning, there is a feast yet to come, or so we would conclude from the program. The Georgetown people and management deserve credit for the public spirit manifested in this enterprise, as it is evident a good deal of money has been spent upon the grounds in buildings, pavilions, tents, water-works, etc. When the trees shall have grown so as to afford good shade, the grounds will be more beautiful and more comfortable.

OUR SCHOOL MEN AND SCHOOLS.

REV. R. M. POWERS.

So far as I have observed from newspaper reports, Texas Methodist schools have all had "the best year since they were established; more pupils enrolled, better results and, best of all, a gracious revival." That is all good. But are our school men out among the people or at some chautauqua? Once upon a time, while men slept, an enemy sowed tares. How is it that men from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky have already been around after boys and girls who "intend to leave the State for an education," and our own schools not represented by some of their teachers in the same territory? They only hunt for those who intend to leave the State, mark you, but I don't suppose would reject any. Now, for one, I don't blame them. The longest pole takes the persimmons, and if a man succeeds at anything these days he must push his business, go among the people and let them know what he has and what he will give in return for their money. Do we Texans do that? How about our church schools? Do our people know we have them? Yes. "Don't we advertise in the TEXAS ADVOCATE? And then the preachers, the preachers, they are all whooping things up for us." Beloved, there are several Methodist families in Texas who do not take the ADVOCATE, and as for the preachers, they cannot talk against a man who comes around and tells all about his fine buildings, how many rooms, how furnished, what they cost, how much they pay professors and the thousands their outfit cost. "But we have revivals in our schools." Yes, and I am thankful for it, but not many men will pay $300 or $400 a year for a camp-meeting when they can get the "ginewine" article for two bits a "quarter." When men spend money for an education for their children they want the biggest return for their money, and, as a rule with the masses, they think the man who has the most costly building and school outfit and pays the highest salary to teachers, somehow or other has a little the best school or is able to do the best work. Then the health plea with many is a strong one. Send a boy or girl with weak lungs or a feeble constitution, where they have longer and colder winters than in Texas and send them back home at a season of the year that would kill a large per cent of fine cows brought to Texas from the same latitude. But ain't a boy or girl much better than a cow? Certainly, and for that reason keep them at home in school. Unless we quit trying to build a college at every wide place in the public road, support what we have with our money, convince our people we can do as well by them at home, they will send abroad and no reasonable man can blame them, and if it is true that "history repeats itself" in school matters as in others, Texas Methodism has to pursue its present course only a few years longer.

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June 25, 1890.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

I will commence Saturday at 11 a. m. before each Sunday named:

August 1, Sunday, at Friendship.

August 2, at Caledonia, ten miles east of the Mount.

July 3, at Mount Pleasant, two and a half miles north of Caledonia.

August 4, at Bethel, six miles south of Henderson.

August 5, at Minden, twelve miles south of Henderson.

September 1, Sunday, at Read's Mountain, eight miles southeast of the Mount, or Mount Enterprise.

And we ask the help of any brother that will help us at any of the above named places. Please save this for reference. T. B. VINSON.

At Bethel.

Our protracted meeting at Bethel is booming, having four or five conversions every night—seventeen up to date. Much interest last night; church alive; the devil is getting mad. There has been fifty conversions on the work to date.

REV. L. D. SHAW'S BOOKS.

All communications in regard to Rev. L. D. Shaw's books yet unsold should be addressed to Mrs. L. D. Shaw, Gonzales, Texas. I make this request as I shall be absent from Gonzales a few weeks.
E. K. DENTON.

DEATHS.

Died, at the residence of her son-in-law, at Malony, Texas, at 5 o'clock on the 29th ult., Mrs. Rosa Ann Smyres, aged seventy-four years. J. L. TRICE, P. C.

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CAMP-MEETING.

There will be a camp-meeting at Ranger lake, near Dundee, in the upper part of Archer County, commencing on Friday night before the first Sunday in August and lasting as long as the outlook is good. We will have good preachers and expect God to give us a great revival. Everybody invited to come and camp with us. We would like to see four acres of people there. E. D. CAMERON.
IOWA PARK, TEXAS.

N. C. Y. L.

Prof. Alonzo W. Mell, representing Dr. Price's College for Young Ladies, Nashville, Tenn., is located in Dallas, Texas, and may be addressed at that point—Bellevue Place, bet. Ervay and Browder streets. Correspondence invited and all information given.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.

I hereby tender my thanks to Rev. S. C. Littlepage and J. W. Horn for their contributions to the success of our commencement exercises, June 8-10. The baccalaureate sermon, by Bro. Littlepage, founded on the words of Esther, "If I perish, I perish," was eminently practical, entirely apropos to the occasion, and made a lasting impression on the minds of many of our young ladies.

Bro. Horn's missionary address was somewhat out of the beaten track; it was "good to the use of edifying." One of the secretaries of our last conference of the W. M. S. pronounces it the best missionary sermon that she ever heard.

In the absence of Rev. E. B. Chappell, who was overpowered by other honors thrust upon him, Bro. Littlepage delivered the baccalaureate address, altogether impromptu. When I remind you that he once served this people as pastor, and that on this occasion the general sentiment was that he surpassed his former efforts, you know that we had a "feast of reason and flow of soul."
E. W. TARRANT.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

Vernon District.

Vernon District Conference is to meet at Childress July 24, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Let all who intend to take their wives or daughters notify Bro. J. R. Henson, P. C. He will find good homes for all who will attend. We want a large attendance. Come right on. Bishop Key will preside. All the pastors in the bounds of this district will please see that the quarterly conference records are on hand. Cordially, J. HARALSON.

Galveston District.

The Galveston District Conference is put off until the second Thursday in August, Bishop Galloway not being able to attend at an earlier day.
H. V. PHILPOTT.

HOLINESS MEETING.

The Northwest Texas Holiness Association will hold its annual meeting in connection with my camp-meeting at Evergreen, twelve miles west of Waco, beginning July 25th and embracing August 3d

A number of prominent ministers from a distance, with all the members of the association, are expected to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to all my ministerial brethren. Ample accommodations in water and shade for campers

A boarding-tent will provide cheap board to those desiring it. Let all expecting to come from a distance communicate with me at once. Address
B. F. GASSAWAY,
Bosqueville, Texas.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

[This paper will only select from the books sent us for notice such as we think the interests of our readers demand. We will, however, publish promptly an acknowledgment of all books received.]

The Century Magazine. July number. Frontispiece—The Madonna appearing to St. Bernard, by Filippino Lippi. Engraved by T. Cole. Leader: A Provincal Pilgrimage, by Harriet W. Preston. Pictures, by Joseph Pennell.

The Forum. July number. An interesting list of contents in this number.

Catalogue of Central College, Sulphur Springs, Texas; Rev. J. W. Adkisson, president.

APPOINTMENTS.

Cedar, at 11 o'clock a. m	July 12
Petty	July 18
Whitewright, at 11 o'clock a. m	July 20
Marvin, night	July 20
Lone Oak	July 25 to 27
Woodland	Aug 1 to 3
Elmgrove, at night	Aug 7
Roxton, at night	Aug 8
Pecan Gap, at 11 o'clock a. m	Aug 9, 10
Sen Franklin, at night	Aug 10
Belcher	Aug 15 to 17
Blue Grove	Aug 19 to 22
Post Oak	Aug 24
Alvord, at night	Aug 25
Rost cir	Aug 29 to 31
Bolivar cir	Sept 5 to 7

I hope the preachers in charge of the different charges will give publicity to the above appointments. See resolution passed at the conference last November: "That the preachers aid in every possible way the Financial Agent, and assist him to approach our respective congregations and people." Now, dear brethren, when I step off the train at your place, and find no one to meet me, and find, as I have frequently, no appointment and then think of this, your resolution, I feel very badly—I will say lonesome, in place of badly. J. C. WEAVER.

Joint Hearing and Mass-Meeting in Interest of National Constitutional Prohibition.

There was a congressional hearing, June 14, before the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, and the House Committee on on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic, on the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit "the manufacture, importation, transportation and sale of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage." Representatives of the several national temperance organizations of the country appeared together for the first time before committees of congress in advocacy of a measure. They came as members of the National Prohibitory Amendment Committee for Congressional Work, a committee consisting of the general officers of the several national temperance societies which believe in absolute prohibition, the general officers of the National Executive Committee of the Prohibition Party, and the Superintendent of Legislation and Petitions of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The committee had been only temporarily organized before the hearing. Permanent organization was effected immediately afterward by the election of a president, vice president from each national temperance organization, and a secretary and treasurer.

The Notes of the Hearing will be published by congress. Any person desiring a copy should address his senator or representative in congress for it. The larger the demand, the greater the number which will be printed. It will make a most valuable document, and should be widely circulated.

The day following the hearing, a mass-meeting was held at the National Capital, under the auspices of the National Prohibitory Amendment Committee for Congressional Work, which was addressed by the several speakers who appeared at the hearing, and by Hon. Henry W. Blair, United States Senator from New Hampshire, author of the amendment and who has it in charge in the Senate, and by Hon. J. A. Pickler, Congressman from South Dakota, who has the amendment in charge in the House of Representatives. Both of the congressional leaders indorsed the "plan of canvass."

Senator Blair said that in the prohibition movement a new and more promising era had come, and that the workers now knew how to direct their energies, something which was very important in every movement. The workers, he believed, had no cause to feel discouraged, but much to stimulate them to even greater exertions

"Prohibition, straight and national, is what we want," said Representative Pickler when he was introduced. He believed in temperance organizations and temperance speeches, but he believed also in work. He said no conscience was needed to be a license man. "I am glad the question is in politics, and in politics it must stay until it is settled. Each of the old parties must be crowded into this question until they can evade it no longer. I am glad to see those engaged in the traffic getting domineering. The more they get that way the sooner people will see the evils of it."

A special to the Dallas News from Austin, says:

The governor took the following under advisement to-day: Hon. L. S. Ross, Governor of Texas: Dear Sir—We, the undersigned, constituting the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, take this method of notifying you that we have unanimously elected you to the office of president of the college, to take effect at the expiration of your term of office as governor. In taking this step we deem it proper and right to briefly state the reasons underlying our action, which are as follows:

1. That the government of the college has been changed so as to divorce the purely professional and technical work of the teachers from any connection with the general business management and disciplinary authority with the view of securing the best executive and administrative ability in the general management of the institution. The president will, therefore, be charged with the business management and disciplinary authority of the college.

2. We believe that you possess in a high degree the qualifications essential to success in the administration of the affairs of this institution and that as its president you would be afforded an opportunity of rendering a service to the people of Texas second in no respect to any you have heretofore performed during your long and favorable career, either as a private citizen or a public official. Your identity of interest with the agricultural classes especially and your intimate knowledge of their condition and needs render it peculiarly appropriate that in retiring from the office of chief executive of this great State you should become the head of an institution around which centers the hopes of the great body of the people of Texas and the purpose of whose existence is to inculcate the dignity of intelligent labor and disseminate a scientific knowledge of agricultural and the mechanical arts.

3. We believe that your election to office will meet with the hearty and unqualified approval of the people of the entire State, and that they will regard your acceptance of this call to their service as an additional evidence of your devotion to their highest and best interests.

Awaiting a reply at your earliest convenience, we have the honor to remain, very respectfully, A. J. Rose, president; W. R. Cavit, L. L. Foster, J. D. Fields, John Adriance.

The governor will likely accept the offer, as the position and its duties will be congenial, and possibly for the further reason that the college is in a situation requiring some capacity to pull it through, and the man who does so will earn many plaudits.

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which includes the Midsummer Clearance, emphasized with the demands made upon us to reduce stocks prior to removal.

POSITIVE BARGAINS,

worthy the special attention of money-saving patrons, will be offered every day this week.

Closing Out Prices on Embroideries

AND LACES

Will be an attractive feature this week.

Among others, we offer:

45-inch Cambric Flouncing, 50c, reduced from 75c.
45-inch Vandyke India Linen Flounce, $1.95, reduced from $3.00.
12-inch Cambric Embroidery, 30c. a yard, worth 45c.
8-inch Cambric Embroidery, 20c. a yard, worth 30c.
6-inch Cambric Embroidery, 15c. a yard, worth 25c.
4-inch Cambric Embroidery, 10c. a yard, worth 15c.

REDUCTIONS IN TORCHON LACE.

A handsome assortment of different quality Laces in an infinite variety of patterns have been grouped into four attractive lots, and are offered at:

25c a yard.....usually sold at 35c and 40c
20c a yard.....usually sold at 25c and 30c
15c a yard.....usually sold at 16⅔c and 20c
10c a yard.....usually sold at 15c

MILLINERY.

This week and until sold we offer a recent purchase from a New York manufacturer, consisting of a large lot of CHILDREN'S CAPS

AT ASTOUNDING LOW PRICES.

The styles and qualities that were 75c and $1.....are now 45c
The styles and qualities that were $1 50 to $2.....are now 95c
The styles and qualities that were $2 50 and $3..are now $1.45

We continue to make sacrifices in UNTRIMMED HATS, and offer a quantity of Flats, Toques and Turbans, in fine qualities from goods which were selling at $2 to $2.50, your choice now for $1.

TRIMMED BONNETS and HATS in great variety of styles and combinations at $2.75, $3.25, $5 and $6, which is about half value.

LADIES' HOSIERY.

The prices here enumerated are specially made for Monday and Tuesday.

Fine Ingrain Fast Black Cotton Hose, 35c, worth 50c
Fine Balbriggan Silk Clocked Hose, 20c, worth 40c
Silk Pleated Hose, in Black, Tan or Gray, 75c, worth $1

The latest novelties in Fancy Striped Cotton Hose with fast black boots, regular prices 50c, 60c and 65c per pair, offered for two days choice for 40c.

CHOICE FOR 40c PER PAIR

OUT OF TOWN PATRONS

are reminded of the unexcelled advantages of our Mail Order System. Samples sent on request. Price lists with Midsummer Reductions are also mailed free on application.

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SANGER --- BROS.

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Texas Christian Advocate.

Dewson—Which way now, my boy? Blithely—I'm going over to Prof. Loosette's to take my memory lesson. Great thing, you know. Dewson—I suppose so. While you are there just ask him to punch you up a little on that tenner you borrowed last fall, will you?

The Ladies Delighted.

The pleasant effect and the perfect safety with which ladies may use the liquid fruit laxative, Syrup of Figs, under all conditions make it their favorite remedy. It is pleasing to the eye and to the taste, gentle, yet effectual in acting on the kidneys, liver and bowels.

Census Enumerator—Well, I have finished a big day's work, and I'm tired. His Wife—I'm sorry I can't help you. Now sit down, and tell me all you found out about our neighbors.

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

Indignant Landlord (to tenant of flat)—I thought you said that all your children were grown up, and here you've got three noisy babies in the house? Tenant—Yes. These are my grandchildren.

Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cholera Flux.

Maguire's Benne Plant, for nearly 50 years the infallible cure. Thousands of testimonials; indorsed by the Western Sanitary Commission, U. S. army officers, hospital physicians, steamboat officers, etc. Taken in time a sure preventive of *Asiatic cholera*.

A fast young fellow, about to marry, speaking of his intended, said to a friend of his: "In short, she has everything in her favor—fortune, wealth and money!"

To live or not to live is a question which annually confronts the residents of our low grounds and swampy districts. Take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and live to die a nobler death than by a commonplace chill.

Old furniture still sells extremely well. In Paris recently two Louis XV cabinets, ornamented with ancient Sevres porcelain, brought 115,000 francs, a Louis XV chest of drawers 13,000 francs, and a jardiniere in old Sevres porcelain 4000 francs.

LA GRIPPE, OR INFLUENZA.

REGER, MO., Feb. 17, 1890.

My customers are using Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup for La Grippe. It soon stops the fever and cures every pop.

JOHN CLEMENTS.

Prince Bismarck has 103 decorations. Fourteen are set in diamonds of great value. He belongs to no English order. The late Czar of Russia gave him the order of St. Andrew, the most important in Russia. Bismarck's diamond star belonging to this order is worth $50,000.

CONSUMPTION SURELY CURED.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully,

T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., New York.

The secretary of the English mission to lepers in India intends visiting India shortly, with a view to promoting the establishment of asylums for lepers, as well as of homes for the children of leprous parents, that they may be early separated from the danger of contagion.

A Boon to Wives.

Having used "Mother's Friend," I would not be without it. It is a boon to wives who know they must pass through the painful ordeal of childbirth. MRS. C. MELBURNE, Iowa. Write The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., for further particulars. Sold by all druggists.

The Strongest Man.—"Now, children, who was the strongest man?" asked the Sunday-school superintendent. "John L. Sampson," yelled a little fellow whose knowledge of sacred and profane history was somewhat mixed.

"Hunger is the Best Sauce."

As a rule, a person who has a good appetite has good health. But how many there are who enjoy nothing they eat, and sit down to meals only as an unpleasant duty. Nature's antidotes for this condition are so happily combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla that it soon restores good digestion, creates an appetite, and renovates and vitalizes the blood so that the beneficial effect of good food is imparted to the whole body. Truly hunger is the best sauce, and Hood's Sarsaparilla induces hunger.

A small boy of four summers was riding on a rocking-horse with a companion. He was seated rather uncomfortably on the horse's neck. After a reflective pause he said: "I think if one of us gets off I could ride much better."

INFLUENZA AND PNEUMONIA.

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

From the School-room: "What is meant by 'Beard the lion in his den'?" "Shave him." "What did our Lord do first when he rode into the Temple?" "Dismounted, sir." "How would you make hard water soft?" "Take a piece of ice and melt it."

The presence of dandruff indicates a diseased scalp, and if not cured, blanching of the hair and baldness result. Hall's Hair Renewer will cure it.

The hungry guest at the nearest table was beginning to lose patience. "How long have you been here?" he asked a waiter who was passing, busy over nothing. "About three years." "Oh, then you were here before I came."

Pond's Extract for all Pain, and Inflammations is manufactured and bottled by the sole proprietors, *Pond's Extract Co.*, New York and London. See our name on every wrapper and label.

Eclectic Darwinism: Miss Jones—Prof. Griddle, do you dare to look me in the face and then say that I originally sprang from a monkey? Prof. Griddle (a little taken aback, but equal to the occasion)—Well, really, it must have been a very charming monkey.

THERE is many a sip between the cup and the lip; but taken while foaming, Bailey's Effervescent Sparkling Saline Aperient relieves dyspepsia, biliousness, sick headache, a specific for consumption.

Why She Gives Notice: Mistress—Well, Mary, what have you to complain about? New Parlor Maid—Really, ma'am, it is too much. I can't stand the everlasting fault-finding of the coachman. He says now I have a worse temper even than you.

Adults take two teaspoonfuls of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in water for cramps and chills.

Interested in Science: Miss Millie—Oh, mother, Prof. Science is to lecture to-night. Can't I go? Mother—Dear me! What's got into you? Miss Millie—Why, he's to lecture on "Sun-Spots," and I'm just wild to get a good cure for freckles."

"Are you going to the seaside this summer?" asked one young woman of another. "No," was the reply. "I don't think it would be of any use. Susie and Bessie both got married last season, and I don't suppose pa could afford to support another husband."

"Oh, Clara, Tom's been expelled from Yale!" "You don't tell me so. What was the matter?" "He was found studying political economy when he should have been developing his muscles for the next boat race."

The Great Benefit

Which people in run down state of health derive from Hood's Sarsaparilla, conclusively proves that this medicine "makes the weak strong." It does not act like a stimulant, imparting fictitious strength, but Hood's Sarsaparilla builds up in a perfectly natural way all the weakened parts, purifies the blood, and assists to healthy action those important organs, the kidneys and liver.

She—Some one has said that the ocean never sleeps; but I am sure it looks calm enough now to be taking a nap. He—Yes, all except that part astern; that's a wake, you know.

THE GRIPPE,

DALARK, ARK., Feb. 10, 1890.

The Gripps has struck our town and we have sold out of Morley's Two-Bit Cough Syrup, which is a sure cure. Please send us some more at once. WILSON & CO.

She never heard the summer wind,
The autumn's rustling leaf,
Or music of the singing bird—
Our little girl was deaf!

When afflicted with any of the miserable skin diseases which make life a burden, try Hunt's Cure. It is guaranteed. If it does you no good it costs you nothing.

Mr. Staid—And is Miss Gigglegaggle well educated? Mrs. McFad—Educated? I should say so. Why, the ribbons on her graduating dress alone cost over $50.

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

"You say you placed $5000 insurance on your uncle—the one in the asylum? I should not have supposed him a fit subject for life insurance." "It wasn't life insurance. It was fire insurance."

Rabbits are destroying the vineyards in Tulare and Fresno counties, Cal.

A $60.00 Sewing Machine For $14.90.

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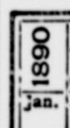

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SAN SABA DISTRICT—FOURTH ROUND.

Junction City mis, Thursday before 2d Sun in Aug
Menardville and Paint Rock.....2d Sun in Aug
Garden City mis.....3d Sun in Aug
San Angelo sta, Wednesday after 3d Sun in Aug
Sherwood mis.....4th Sun in Aug
Brady cir.....5th Sun in Aug
Mason sta.....1st Sun in Sept
Richland Springs cir.....2d Sun in Sept
San Saba sta.....Tuesday before 2d Sun in Sept
Cherokee mis.....3d Sun in Sept
Willow City cir.....4th Sun in Sept
Round Mountain and Rockvale.....1st Sun in Oct
Pontotoc cir.....Tuesday after 2d Sun in Oct
Fredonia cir.....2d Sun in Oct
Oxford cir.....Thursday before 3d Sun in Oct
Llano mis.....3d Sun in Oct
Llano sta.....Monday after 3d Sun in Oct

M. A. BLACK, P. E.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Colmesneil cir, at Spurger.....July 19, 20
Jasper sta, at Jasper.....July 26, 27
Jasper cir, at Magnolia.....Aug 2, 3
Burkville cir, at Newton.....Aug 9, 10
Orange cir, at Caney.....Aug 16, 17
Orange sta, at Orange.....Aug 23, 24
Beaumont sta, at Beaumont.....Aug 27
Liberty cir, at Devers.....Aug. 30, 31
Sabine Pass mis, at Pine Island.....Sept. 6, 7
Sunset cir, at Warren.....Sept. 13, 14
Moscow cir.....Sept. 20, 21
Livingston cir.....Sept. 27, 28

F. J. BROWNING, P. E.

PALESTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Rusk sta, at Love's chapel.....2d Sun in July
Crockett cir, at camp-ground.....3d Sun in July
Augusta cir, at Mt Vernon.....4th Sun in July
Alto cir, at Mt Zion.....1st Sun in Aug
Homer cir, at Homer.....2d Sun in Aug
Kickapoo cir, at camp-ground.....3d Sun in Aug
Palestine cir, at Holmes' chapel.....4th Sun in Aug
Jacksonville mis, at Antioch.....5th Sun in Aug
Palestine sta, at Palestine.....Sept. 2
Trinity cir, at Prairie chapel.....1st Sun in Sept

U. B. PHILIPS, P. E.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Glenrose mis.....Wednesday before 2d Sun in July
Paluxy cir.....2d Sun in July
Nolan River cir.....3d Sun in July
Morgan mis.....4th Sun in July
Armstrong cir.....1st Sun in Aug
Hico cir.....Wednesday before 2d Sun in Aug
Green Creek cir.....2d Sun in Aug
Dublin sta.....3d Sun in Aug
Acton cir.....4th Sun in Aug

W. L. NELMS, P. E.

SHERMAN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Collinsville cir, at West View.....July 12, 13
Whitesboro sta.....July 13, 14
Pilot Point sta.....July 19, 20
Gordonville cir, at Pleasant View.....July 19, 20
Sherman cir, at Basin Springs.....July 26, 27
Bells and Savoy cir, at Canan.....Aug. 2, 3
Whitewright and Marvin, at Whitewright...Aug. 4
Pottsboro and Preston, at Preston.....Aug 9, 10
Denison cir.....Aug. 16, 17
Howe cir.....Aug. 23, 24
Pilot Grove cir.....Aug 30, 31
Anna mis.....Sept. 6, 7

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Copperas Cove cir, at Rock Church 2d Sun in July
Lampasas cir, at Naruna.....3d Sun in July
Killeen cir, at Pleasant Hill.....4th Sun in July
McGregor cir, at Stockton.....1st Sun in Aug
Jonesboro cir, at ——.....2d Sun in Aug
Hamilton cir, at——.....3d Sun in Aug
Shive cir, at ——.....4th Sun in Aug
Henson Creek cir, at ——.....5th Sun in Aug

E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

DALLAS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Floyd Street.....2d Sun in July
Trinity.....3d Sun in July
Oak Lawn.....4th Sun in July
City Mission.....1st Sun in Aug
Bethel cir.....2d Sun in Aug
Cochran and Caruth, at WhiteRock camp-ground.....3d Sun in Aug
Farmer's Branch, at White Rock camp-ground.....3d Sun in Aug
Grapevine cir.....4th Sun in Aug
Lewisville cir.....Aug. 25
Weston cir.....5th Sun in Aug
McKinney.....1st Sun in Sept
Plano.....2d Sun in Sept
Smithfield cir.....3d Sun in Sept

T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

CAMERON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Cameron cir, at Salem.....July 12, 13
Caldwell cir, at Elizabeth chapel.....July 14, 15
Milano cir, at Prairie Point.....July 19, 20
Deanville cir, at Chriesman chapel.....July 26, 27
Durango cir, at Gena.....Aug. 2, 3
Marlin sta.....8 p. m., Aug 6
Walderville cir, at Power's chapel.....Aug. 9, 10
Maysfield cir, at Branchville.....Aug. 16, 17
Davilla cir, at Lebanon.....Aug. 23, 24
Rockdale sta.....Aug. 30, 31

FRED. L. ALLEN, P. E.

ABILENE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Haskell mis, at Brushy.....July 12, 13
Abilene mis, at——.....July 19, 20
Sweetwater cir, at Mulberry.....July 26, 27
Snyder mis, at Browning's.....July 30
Roby mis, at White Flat.....Aug 2, 3
Stonewall mis, at——.....Aug 6
Abilene sta.....Aug 9, 10

JOHN A. WALLACE, P. E.

EL PASO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Eddy.....1st Sun in July
Pecos City.....2d Sun in July
Fort Davis.....3d Sun in July

My address will be El Paso, Texas, in care of W. D. Robinson. J. M. STEVENSON, P. E.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Greenville sta.....2d Sun in July
Campbell.....3d Sun in July
Carrollton.....4th Sun in July
Pine Forest.....1st Sun in Aug
Winsboro.....2d Sun in Aug
Leesburg.....3d Sun in Aug
Quitman.....4th Sun in Aug
Cooper.....5th Sun in Aug
Fairlie.....1st Sun in Sept
Commerce.....Sept 8
Sulphur Bluff.....2d Sun in Sept
Sulphur Springs sta.....Sept 15
Sulphur Springs mis.....Sept 18
Loanoke circuit.....3d Sun in Sept

GEO. T. NICHOLS, P. E.

WACO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Groesbeeck, at Oak Hill.....July 12, 13
Thornton, at Steele's Creek.....July 19, 20
Bruceville, at Mooreville.....July 23, 3 p m
Oeneville, at Shiloh.....July 26, 27
Bosqueville.....Aug 2, 3
Mount Calm, at Fairview.....Aug 9, 10
East Waco, at Friendship.....Aug 16, 17
Cotton Gin, at Forest Glade.....Aug 23, 24
Kerens, at Prairie Point.....Sept 6, 7
Wortham, at Woodland.....Sept 13, 14

SAM P. WRIGHT, P. E.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Boonville cir, at New Hope.....July 8, 9
Finis cir, at Finis.....July 12, 13
Graham sta.....July 15, 16
Crystal Falls mis, at ———.....July 19, 20
Palo Pinto and Mineral Wells cir, at — July 23, 24
Garvin cir, at ———.....July 26, 27

B. M. STEPHENS, P. E.

VERNON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Frazier mis.....July 12, 13
Seymour sta.....July 19, 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.

CUERO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Wealder cir, at Shiner.....July 12, 13
Leesville cir, at Floyd's chapel.....July 19, 20
Weesatche cir, at ——.....July 26, 27
Clear Creek cir, at ——.....August 2, 3
DeWitt cir, at ——.....August 9, 10

R. J. DEETS, P. E.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Marystown cir, at Fairview.....2d Sun in July
Alvarado sta.....3d Sun in July
Hillsboro sta.....4th Sun in July
West cir, at Wesley.....1st Sun in Aug
Whitney cir, at Badgett's Chapel...2d Sun in Aug
Mulkey Memorial sta...Thursday, 8 p. m., Aug 14

J. FRED COX, P. E.

AUSTIN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Webberville, at ——.....July 12, 13
Bastrop sta.....July 19, 20
Cedar Creek, at ——.....July 26, 27
Smithville, at ——.....Aug 2, 3
Austin, Tenth Street.....Aug 9, 10
Winchester, at ——.....Aug 16, 17
Flatonia sta.....Aug 30, 31
Flatonia cir, at ——.....Sept 6, 7
Weimar, at ——.....Sept 10, 11
Columbus sta.....Sept 13, 14
LaGrange sta.....Sept 20, 21

E. S. SMITH, P. E.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Belleview City, at Liberty.....July 12, 13
Bowie sta.....July 21
St. Jo, at Mountain Creek.....July 26, 27
Burlington, at Eagle Point.....Aug. 2, 3
Alvord City, at Foster.....Aug. 9, 10
Chico cir, at Bridgeport.....Aug. 16, 17
Sunset and Crafton, at Newport.....Aug. 23, 24
Post Oak cir, at Wesley chapel.....Aug. 30, 31
Archer City mis, at Rock Rest.....Sept. 6, 7
Red River mis, at ——.....Sept. 13, 14
Bowie City, at ——.....Sept. 20, 21

W. S. MAY, P. E.

MARSHALL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Marshall mis, at Union Chapel.....July 12, 13
Hallville cir, at Bethel.....July 19, 20
Kilgore cir, at Hopewell.....July 26, 27
Marshall sta, at Marshall.....Aug 2, 3
Troupe and Overton cir, at Canton.....Aug 9, 10
DeBerry cir, at Bethel.....Aug 16, 17
Church Hill cir, at Harmony Hill.....Aug 23, 24
Henderson cir, at Oak Grove.....Aug 30, 31
Henderson sta, at Henderson.....Sept 6, 7

T. P. SMITH, P. E.

TERRELL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Poetry cir, at Bright Star.....July 12, 13
Wills Point sta.....July 19, 20
Kemp cir, at Telosa.....July 26, 27
Kaufman sta.....Aug. 2, 3
Forney cir, at Lone Star.....Aug 9, 10
Mesquite cir, at Pleasant Ridge.....Aug 16, 17
Rockwall and Royse, at Rockwall.....Aug 23, 24
Garland and Duck Creek.....Aug 30, 31
Allen cir, at ——.....Sept 6, 7
Roberts mis, at ——.....Sept 13, 14

W. L. CLIFTON, P. E.

CHAPPELL HILL DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Burton and Giddings, at Burton.....July 13
Chappell Hill sta, at camp-ground.....July 20
Bellville cir, at camp-ground.....July 27
McDade cir, at Morgan chapel.....Aug 3
Elgin and Mainor, at Elgin.....Aug. 10
Patterson cir, at Harris' chapel.....Aug. 17
Sealy and San Felipe, at San Felipe.....Aug. 24
Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake.....Aug 31
Hockley cir, at Smith's school-house.....Sept. 7
Hempstead sta.....Sept. 14
Independence cir.....Sept. 21

C. H. BROOKS, P. E.

CALVERT DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Franklin cir, at Beck Prairie.....July 9, 10
Kosse cir, at Mustang.....July 12, 13
Bryan sta, at ——.....July 16, 17
Bryan mis, at ——.....July 19, 20
Calvert sta, at ——.....July 23, 24
Bremond and Reagan, at Camp-ground. July 26, 27
Rogers Prairie mis, at New Prospect. July 31, Aug 1
Centerville cir, at Camp-ground.....Aug. 2, 3
Boon Prairie mis, at ——.....Aug. 6, 7
Milican and Welborn, at Welborn.....Aug. 9, 10

H. M. SEARS, P. E.

BONHAM DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Leonard cir, at Hopewell.....July 11, 12
Petty, at Petty.....July 19, 20
Fannin cir, at Round Prairie.....July 26, 27
Brookston, at Brookston.....Aug. 1, 2
Gober cir, at Prairie Point.....Aug. 9, 10
Dodd cir, at McCrees chapel.....Aug. 16, 17
Bonham cir, at Mount Pleasant.....Aug. 23, 24
Ben Franklin cir.....Aug. 30, 31
Stephenville cir.....Sept. 6, 7
Maxey mis, at Forest Hill.....Sept. 13, 14

District conference at Petty from July 17-20.

J. M. BINKLEY, P. E.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Del Rio.....July 10
Uvalde.....2d Sun in July
Eagle Pass, at Brackett.....July 14
Amphion cir.....3d Sun in July
Montel.....4th Sun in July
Carrizo Springs.....July 30
Ingram mis.....1st Sun in Aug
San Antonio.....2d Sun in Aug
Tenth Street.....Aug 12

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JEFFERSON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Queen City cir, at Evergreen.....2d Sun in July
Coffeeville cir, at Centre.....3d Sun in July
Kelleyville cir, at Avinger.....4th Sun in July
Daingerfield cir, at Beldon.....1st Sun in August
Kildare cir, at ——.....2d Sun in August
Linden cir, at Union chapel.....3d Sun in August
Texarkana sta.....4th Sun in August
Gilmer cir, at Marvin chapel.....5th Sun in August
Eylan cir, at ——.....1st Sun in September
Mt. Pleasant cir, at ——.....2d Sun in September

C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Gainesville cir.....July 11
Dexter cir.....July 12, 13
Maryville cir.....July 19, 20
Rosston cir.....July 22
Boliver cir.....July 24
Decatur cir.....July 26
Decatur sta.....July 27, 28
Aurora cir.....July 29
Denton cir.....July 30
Mt. Springs.....August 2, 3
Aubrey cir.....August 6
District conference at Denton sta.....July 3, 6

C. L. BALLARD, P. E.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

South Belton, at Center Lake.....July 12, 13
Corn Hill and Salado, at Owen's school-house.....July 19, 20
North Belton, at Cedar Creek.....July 26, 27
Temple sta, at Temple.....July 30
Liberty Hill and Leander, at Liberty Hill. Aug 2, 3
West Georgetown, at ——.....Aug 6, 7
Bertram and Horeb, at Mount Horeb.....Aug 9, 10
Bartlett cir, at Bartlett.....Aug 16, 17
Round Rock, at camp-ground.....Aug 23, 24
Taylor sta, at Taylor.....Aug 28
Jonah cir, at Berry's Creek.....Aug 30, 31
Marble Falls, at ——.....Sept 6, 7
Georgetown, at Georgetown.....Sept 10
Belton sta, at Belton.....Sept 13, 14

HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

PARIS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Roxton cir.....July 12, 13
Clarksville mis.....July 19, 20
Clarksville sta.....July 20, 21
Rosalie cir.....July 26, 27
Pattonville cir.....August 2, 3
Blossom sta.....August 3, 4
Milton mis.....August 9, 10
Dalby Springs.....August 16, 17
Annona cir.....August 23, 24
Woodland cir.....August 30, 31
Detroit cir.....Sept. 6, 7
New Boston cir.....Sept. 13, 14
Ingersoll mis.....Sept. 16

J. R. WAGES, P. E.

SAN AUGUSTINE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Melrose cir, at Chireno.....2d Sun in July
Mt. Enterprise cir, at Glen Fawn 3d Sun in July
Nac. Lufkin and Garrison, at Lufkin 4th Sun in July
Linn Flat cir, at Pine Grove.....1st Sun in Aug
Teneha cir, at Concord.....2d Sun in Aug
Martinsville mis, at Martinsville...3d Sun in Aug
Center cir, at Newburn.....4th Sun in Aug
Beckville cir, at Rehobeth.....5th Sun in Aug
Hemphill mis.....1st Sun in Sept
Carthage cir, at Bethlehem.....2d Sun in Sept
Center and Timpson.....3d Sun in Sept
Sexton cir.....4th Sun in Sept
Shelbyville cir.....1st Sun in Oct

J. W. JOHNSON, P. E.

GALVESTON DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Cedar Bayou.....July 12, 13
Velasco cir.....July 19, 20
Columbia.....July 26, 27
Matagorda.....August 2, 3
Alvin.....August 9, 10
Richmond and Wharton.....August 16, 17

District Conference at Columbia, commencing Thursday, July 24, 8 a. m., Bishop Galloway presiding.

H. V. PHILPOTT.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Elm Grove mis, at Lytton Springs. 2d Sun in July
San Marcos cir, at Center Point.....3d Sun in July
Lockhart cir, at Harrison's Church, Tuesday after 3d Sunday in July, 2 p. m
Kyle cir, at Buda.....4th Sun in July
Dripping Springs mis, at Onion Creek Camp Ground, Tues after 4th Sun, 2 p.m
Blanco mis, at Kendalia.....1st Sun in Aug
Blanco sta, at Flat Creek, Tuesday after 1st Sun in Aug, 2 p. m
Seguin mis, at Nockenut.....2d Sun in June
Belmont cir, at Thomas' S. H.....3d sun in June

W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Reagor cir, Ebenezer.....July 12, 13
Avalon cir.....July 19, 20
Waxahachie cir, at Mt. Peak.....July 26, 27
Sims and Glenwood cir, at Bethel.....Aug 2, 3
Red Oak cir, Bluff Springs.....Aug 9, 10
Lancaster and Ferris cir, at Bluff Springs.....Aug 11
Wesley and Rusk cir.....Aug 16, 17

District conference will convene at Oak Cliff, July 3, at 9 o'clock a. m. Recording stewards will please have quarterly conference journals present for inspection. E. L. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

SAN SABA DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Pontotoc cir.....3d Sun in July
Fredonia cir.....3d Sun in July

M. A. BLACK, P. E.

CORPUS CHRISTI DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Wesley cir, at Shiloh.....July 13
Lagarto cir, at Ramirena.....July 20
Helena cir, at Escondida.....July 27
Corpus Christi sta.....Aug 3

ALANSON BROWN, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Coleman sta, at Coleman.....July 12, 13
Glen Cove mis, at Atoka.....11 a. m., July 15
Ballenger cir, at ——.....11 a. m., July 17
Fort Chadburn mis, at Fish Creek.....July 19, 20
Brownwood sta, at Brownwood.....Aug. 1, 2, 3
May cir, at Wolf Valley.....11 a. m., Aug. 5
Sipe Springs cir, at Rising Star.....11 a. m., Aug. 6
Cottonwood cir, at Cottonwood.....11 a. m., Aug. 8
Carbon cir, at Pisgah.....Aug. 9, 10
Round Mountain cir, at ——.....Aug. 16, 17
Comanche cir, at Indian Creek.....Aug. 23, 24
Big Valley mis, at Big Valley.....11 a. m., Aug. 28

W. T. MELUGIN, P. E.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT—THIRD ROUND.

Dodge cir, at Dodge.....July 12, 13
Willis sta.....July 17
Cold Springs cir, at Evergreen.....July 19, 20
Montgomery sta, at Bear Bend.....July 26, 27
Prairie Plains sta, at Bay's Chapel.....Aug. 2, 3
Anderson cir, at Fairview.....Aug. 9, 10
Madisonville cir, at Midway.....Aug. 16, 17
Bedias mis, at Brushy.....Aug. 23, 24
Zion cir, at Bedias.....Aug. 30, 31

J. C. MICKLE, P. E.

ALLEN CIRCUIT.

White's Grove.....July 18, at night
Allen.....July 26, at night
St. Paul.....Aug. 9, at night
Wylie.....Aug. 23, at night
Pleasant Valley.....Sept. 5, at night
Dublin.....Sept. 20, at night

Brethren, take due notice of the time and be ready. Pray for the special benediction of God on every effort. L. F. PALMER, P. C.

SMITHFIELD CIRCUIT

Following is the plan for our protracted meetings. Each meeting will begin with Saturday night:

Oak Grove.....2d Sunday in July
Roanoke.....3d Sunday in July
White's Chapel.....4th Sunday in July
Campmeeting.....1st Sunday in August
Keller.....2d Sunday in August
Elizabethtown.....3d Sunday in August
Shady Grove.....4th Sunday in August

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GILMER CIRCUIT.

Glenwood.....3d Sun in July
Hopewell.....4th Sun in July
Parish Chapel.....1st Sun in Aug
Mt. Gilla.....2d Sun in Aug
Soule's chapel.....3d Sun in Aug
Marvin chapel.....4th Sun in Aug

W. J. BLUDWORTH.

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION, 1890-91.

Brazil Mission Conference, at Juizde Fora, Brazil, Bishop Granbury	July —
Denver Conference, at Trinidad, Col., Bishop Key	August 6
Montana Conference, at Dear Lodge, Mont., Bishop Hendrix	August 6
Western Conference, at Arrington, Kan., Bishop Key	Aug. 20
Columbia Conference, at Taugent, Or., Bishop Hendrix	Aug. 20
New Mexico Conference, at El Paso, Texas, Bishop Fitzgerald	Aug. 27
Louisville Conference, at Bowling Green, Ky., Bishop Hargrove	Sept. 3
East Columbia Conference, at Spokane Falls, Wash., Bishop Hendrix	Sept. 3
Illinois Conference, at Murphysboro, Ill., Bishop Duncan	Sept. 3
Missouri Conference, at Fayette, Mo., Bishop Key	Sept. 3
Los Angeles Conference, at Santa Ana, Cal., Bishop Fitzgerald	Sept. 10
Japan Mission Conference, at ———, Bishop Wilson	Sept. 10
Kentucky Conference, at Lexington, Ky., Bishop Hargrove	Sept. 11
St. Louis Conference, at Poplar Bluff, Mo., Bishop Keener	Sept. 17
Western Virginia Conference, at Guyandotte, Va., Bishop Duncan	Sept. 17
Southwestern Missouri Conference, at Clinton, Mo., Bishop Key	Sept. 24
Holston Conference, at Bristol, Tenn., Bishop Keener	Oct. 1
Tennessee Conference, at Pulaski, Tenn., Bishop Hargrove	Oct. 8
Mexican Border Conference, at Chihuahua, Mexico, Bishop Haygood	Oct. 8
Pacific Conference, at Santa Rosa, Cal., Bishop Fitzgerald	Oct. 8
China Mission Conference, at Shanghai, China, Bishop Wilson	Oct. 15
Indian Mission Conference, at Moskogee, I. T., Bishop Hendrix	Oct. 22
West Texas Conference, at San Antonio, Texas, Bishop Galloway	Oct. 29
Central Mexico Conference, at City of Mexico, Mexico, Bishop Haygood	Nov. 5
North Texas Conference, at Texarkana, Texas, Bishop Hendrix	Nov. 5
Virginia Conference, at Lynchburg, Va., Bishop Hargrove	Nov. 12
Texas Conference, at Caldwell, Texas, Bishop Galloway	Nov. 12
Memphis Conference, at Dyersburg, Tenn., Bishop Duncan	Nov. 12
Northwest Texas Conference, Abilene, Texas, Bishop Key	Nov. 13
German Mission Conference, at Houston, Texas, Bishop Haygood	Nov. 20
Arkansas Conference, at Eureka Springs, Ark., Bishop Fitzgerald	Nov. 20
Western North Carolina Conference, Bishop Keener	Nov. 26
North Alabama Conference, at Birmingham, Ala., Bishop Granbury	Nov. 26
East Texas Conference, at Tyler, Texas, Bishop Galloway	Nov. 26
North Georgia Conference, at Washington, Ga., Bishop Hargrove	Nov. 26
South Carolina Conference, at Anderson, S. C., Bishop Duncan	Nov. 26
Louisiana Conference, at Monroe, La., Bishop Haygood	Dec. 3
Little Rock Conference, at Monticello, Ark., Bishop Fitzgerald	Dec. 3
North Carolina Conference, at Wilson, N. C., Bishop Keener	Dec. 10
Alabama Conference, at Pensacola, Fla., Bishop Granbury	Dec. 10
North Mississippi Conference, Grenada, Miss., Bishop Galloway	Dec. 10
Florida Conference, at Monticello, Fla., Bishop Duncan	Dec. 11
Mississippi Conference, at Canton, Miss., Bishop Galloway	Dec. 17
South Georgia Conference, at Macon, Ga., Bishop Haygood	Dec. 17
White River Conference, at Mariana, Ark., Bishop Fitzgerald	Dec. 17
Baltimore Conference, at Roanoke, Va., Bishop Hendrix	Mar. 11

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CORN CULTURE.

Southern Cultivator's Ideas About the Last Plowing, Hilling Up Corn, Etc.

Most farmers have some sort of rule to guide them as to the proper time or stage of development of the plants at which cultivation should cease. Some think the crop may be safely plowed, if done very shallow, up to the time of silking; while others insist that cultivation by the plow should not extend beyond the "bunching for tassel" stage. Both are right, and both are wrong, sometimes, which is equivalent to saying that no definite rule can be given as to the time.

If the plants are growing vigorously, and the ground is left clear of grass and in good condition by a thorough surface plowing at about the time tassels begin to appear, further cultivation will probably not be required. But if such last plowing be immediately followed by a heavy rain we would prefer to go over the field again in a few days, with a very shallow running cultivator, sweep or scrape, unless prevented by the fact that peas have been sown broadcast.

The practice of "hilling up" corn, either with plow or hoe, is now rarely practiced. The idea that such hilling enables the spur roots more readily to enter the soil, and that these spur roots are intended to perform the special function of feeding the fast approaching ear, is in our judgment fallacious. We prefer to call them brace roots, as significant of the special office they are intended to perform—to sustain the stalks against the force of the winds.

Summer Pruning.

What is known as "summer pruning," i. e., the removal of superfluous shoots while in a young state, and stopping or pinching those that are allowed to remain, according to their length and strength, all being performed by means of the finger and thumb, must now be commenced. Peaches, apricots and plums are the first to need attention in this respect, but even pears, apples, cherries, &c., when grown on the restrictive system in particular, require to have their growth reduced in this way to a greater or less extent, according to circumstances. The first step is to rub or pinch out all weak or supernumerary growths, thereby exposing those that remain to the influences of sun, light and air, the progress of these being subsequently checked by stopping when a suitable point has been reached. This last is, however, as a rule, better not done until the season is pretty well advanced, for if performed too soon it has a tendency to force the auxiliary buds into premature growth, and thus lessen the chance of a crop the following season.

Muslin Stack Covers.

Make two covers six by seven yards. Cut the muslin in required lengths, sew these together on sewing machine, lap the edges one inch and put in two seams to make strong. Make the edges and ends double, that strings may be attached to hang the weights to when in use. With two covers the size named, by lapping them together a large rick of grain or hay may be covered. Most persons when oiling a cover think the oil must be evenly distributed over the whole surface with a brush. We have adopted the following plan: When the curtains are ready for the oil we fold together six thicknesses on any clean, smooth place, then with brush give a liberal application of oil to the upper thickness as the curtain lies folded. Then two strong persons take hold of the folded curtain, one at each end, and wring oil into it. If, on unfolding, parts do not have sufficient oil, add more and wring again. We estimate that three gallons of boiled linseed oil will be sufficient for two curtains six by seven yards. It takes but little oil to make them impervious to water. After it is beaten out by rain and use more can be added. Never fold before the air is dry, or when the curtains are wet from dew or rain.—Ohio Farmer.

Gapes in Chickens.

Gapes is among the most common of diseases. It is the result, as has often been told, of worms in the windpipe. To cure the disease one must dislodge the worms. Many devices are resorted to to accomplish this, such as a horsehair loop or a feather thrust down the windpipe. As successful a remedy as any, perhaps, is confining the affected chicks in a box covered with muslin, and dusting fine lime through the cloth. The lime makes the chickens sneeze, and the sneezing dislodges the worms.

Milk for the Chicks.

The little chick wants his share of milk as well as the pigs. He does not require nearly so much as they do, and will be thankful for skim milk until a month old, with the provision that it be boiled should any looseness of the bowels ensue, and after a month or six weeks he is pretty sure that he can drink buttermilk or clabber with impunity; that is, if the drinking pan is kept clean and neat, and no milk allowed to remain in it long enough to become sour or rancid.

Bee Gleanings.

In handling bees be gentle; subdue them, if necessary, with smoke.

In handling queens never catch them by the body but by the wing.

The best protection against moths and robbers is to keep all colonies strong.

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Leave	Leave	Daily South	Daily South	Station	Daily North	Daily North	Arrive	Arrive
		3:30 a m	7:25 p m	Lv....Mineola....Ar	7:45 a m	11:45 p m		
		4:30 a m	8:29 p m	Ar....Tyler....Lv	6:45 a m	10:40 p m		
		4:20 a m	8:05 p m	Lv....Longview....Ar	7:30 a m	11:00 p m		
		7:45 a m	11:10 p m	Ar....Palestine....Lv	4:05 a m	7:20 p m		
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Devotional.

ALONE WITH GOD.

ADOLPH ROEDER.

Far, far above the valley,
Where struggling spirits plod,
There's a realm of infinite silence,
Where the soul is alone with God.

A realm of infinite silence,
Of peace that knoweth no word—
A silence no voice hath broken,
A life no ear hath heard.

And when the battle is over,
Temptation's victory won,
And the spirit of sleep is mingled
With the rays of the setting sun—

Ah, then, in the spirit's evening,
There's a time, not day nor night,
As the word of the prophet's promise,
"At eventide there is light."

There's a realm of infinite silence
No mortal foot has trod,
Where the soul of man is rooted
In the wonderful garden of God.

Where the deepest roots of being
With delicate care are wrought
Far into the heart of Jesus,
And the soul is alone with God.

—*The Dawn (Eng.)*

SOMETHING TO AVOID.

A little personal pique, a bit of wounded vanity, a sudden flame of anger, often undoes the most substantial and faithful work, and nullifies the most intelligent and wise action. It is one of the painful things in experience that effort is often defeated by these small, purely personal, and often momentary feelings, which are generally unintelligent and unwise. Life would be freed from some of its most painful features if men always acted to each other on a basis of real justice and intelligence, and left their small personal feelings and prejudices out of sight. A man's work ought to be judged by itself and for itself alone, and the strength of a man's position ought to rest solely upon what he is able to do. And yet most of us are constantly neutralizing the best work of others because it is not done in our way, and are constantly failing to do justice to others because of some small personal prejudice against them. The really strong, clear-sighted man is the man who is able to put himself out of the question and to judge others by what they really are and do, not by their relations to him. In this working world there is neither time nor strength to be always coddling our small vanities and still smaller prejudices. The world does not stand in order that we may be pleased. It stands as a place for the doing of honest work in the best way, and if that work can be better done in some other way than the one we prefer, our business is to let it be done and rejoice in it. If you wish to see things clearly, and to be just with your fellow-men, keep clear of the fumes of vanity and the thick atmosphere of mere personal feeling. Make it a rule to see what a man is and does, and to value him by these things. A person may be very distasteful to us and yet be eminently useful and successful in the world.—*Christian Union.*

THE BATTLE OF LIFE.

Half the battle of life consists in keeping up a cheerful spirit. When depression comes and the clouds, when the spirit is loaded with deadening pain, all work becomes a drudgery, and life is a burden and difficulty. Whatever is done is carried on under compulsion, with a wish that it could be avoided, and a feeling of pleasure, if so mournful a kind of congratulation can be called a pleasure, that it is at last completed. And even if—because there is will-power enough to drive it along, and favorable circumstances to make it successful—it will afford but little satisfaction, for the spirit will be loaded with forebodings, and the mind be full of the prophecies of coming evil. If any good work be well done, it must be amid buoyancy and hope. With this experience, no matter how hard the task may be or how unpromising, there will be energy given to it and facility of skill and tact that, unless the hindrances are invincible, will carry it through to a good end. Our religious work very often lags and fails, not because we are not earnest in it—perhaps we expend unnecessary labor on it—but because it is done under a cloud. Hope is wanting. There is no enthusiasm, no spring and eager on-looking and vision of inevitable accomplishment. But if the heart is bright it will be able to go cheerfully through any experience, and also bear its disappointments, rejoice in its tribulations, and not only believe but know that God makes all things work together for good to those who love him. It is not possible—not for all of us—all the time. Moods are many, and we are liable to fall into dull ones betimes; but it ought to be a part of our Christian effort to drive away the clouds, if possible, and turn to the beautiful and inspiring light.—*United Presbyterian.*

THE FULLNESS OF TIME.

More than fifty years ago Mr. Gladstone wrote as follows: "A brighter day dawned when the fullness of time had arrived and the whole world had been politically and socially recast, apparently in order to allow of a free, uninterrupted, and universal propagation of the liberated truth. God sent forth his Son, made of a woman; and that which hitherto had but been chanted in the temple or echoed in the mountains of Judah; that which had been enveloped in types and figures, symbolized in the visible institutes of sacrifice and purification; that which had been known in the letter to a small and single people, and which in the spirit had been the precious food of a yet smaller and obscurer flock, was to be told upon the house-tops, to be proclaimed as with a trumpet through all lands, beginning from Jerusalem, even unto the ends of the earth; was to summon to its obedience every nation, every class, every character; to purge, to chasten, to restore the whole of the fallen race of man. Let us keep steadily in view this universality or universal applicability of the Christian dispensation."

HOW CAN WE PROSPER?

Personal prosperity should be sought because by it we build up character and can better advance the kingdom of Christ. But how can we be surest to thrive? Since mind and motive are most important factors, we begin with the spiritual essentials, and name the industrial afterward:

1. Live a humble, consistent, Christian life. A teachable, spiritual mind, walking humbly with God, is the best fitted for insight, prudence and action.

Keep the Lord's day holy. Waking, religious rest keeps up the tone of mind, invigorates the judgment, and renews the bodily strength.

3. Attend the mid-week prayer-meeting; for it is a bulwark against the overweight of care. Active business is promoted by so safe and refreshing a let-up in the midst of the six working days.

4. Be regular in family and personal devotions. Thus to keep the affections and motives well-balanced is a protection against those misjudgments, notions, and mere conceits which are so disastrous to business.

5. Work, but do not overwork. Be busy, but never hurry. Energy of will and nerve and muscle must be wrought into every prosperous enterprise.

6. Think. One thought may be worth a hundred blows. It is the mind that manages and finally wins or loses.

7. Watch the important littles. A small waste may consume the narrow margin between profit and loss. To attend to important trifles is high art; but to spend time upon unimportant trifles is "fussiness."

8. Promise only with great care to fulfill. A promise kept is a credit and source of strength. A promise forgotten, neglected or broken, is a weakness and a damage as well as a wrong.

9. Be careful of debts and credits. Watch the maturity of claims. Pay promptly and collect carefully. Always thank a creditor for notice, but settle without waiting for it. Do not allow a debtor to slip along without due but courteous notice.—*Selected.*

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION.

What think you? Suppose any two of us were cast upon a barbarous shore, where we neither understood the language nor the customs of the inhabitants, and were treated by them with reproach and cruelty, do you think we should not esteem it a happiness that we could unburden ourselves to each other, and communicate our griefs and troubles? And shall we think it less so while we are in such a world as this, in a strange land, and at a distance from our Father's house? Shall we neglect conversing with each other? No; let our conversation not only be in heaven, but about heavenly things.—*The Rev. Samuel Wilson*, 1703-1750.

THOUGH the trifler does not chronicle his own vain words and wasted hours, they chronicle themselves. They find their indelible place in that book of remembrance with which human hand cannot tamper, and from which no being save one can blot them. They are noted in the memory of God.—*The Rev. J. Hamilton.*

Marriages.

LOCKWOOD—GRIMES.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Joe Grimes, of Harrison county, Texas, on June 12, 1890, by the Rev. W. H. Ardis, Mr. J. H. Lockwood, of Timpson, and Miss S. A. Grimes.

CLAY—JONES.—In the M. E. Church, South, at Evergreen, Texas June 24, 1890, by Rev. W. H. Edwards, Mr. H. F. Clay and Miss Christian Jones, daughter of Eli Jones; all of McLennan county, Texas.

WOODSON—AIKEN.—At the residence of Col. John Mooring, by Rev. J. W. Lively, Rev. Julian Woodson, of the North Texas Conference, to Mrs. Bettie Aiken, of Mooringsport, La.

HALLMARK—HARRIS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, June 25, 1890, by Rev. B. F. Grassaway, Mr. R. M. Hallmark, of Bell county, and Miss Georgia Harris, of McLennan county.

Obituaries.

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LONG.—Sister Ella Long died very suddenly on the 29th of May, 1890. She left three little children and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was twenty-five years of age; had been married eight years. She joined our church at Elliott's School-house twelve months ago; lived a consistent Christian life, and was beloved by all who knew her. We preached her funeral on last Sunday to a vast concourse of people, and bid her farewell until the great day, where we expect to see her again.

J. R. WILLIAMS, P. C.

PAGE.—Two days ago little Nora, one of the quartet of Prof. E. T. Page of this place, died after a lingering illness of several weeks. We laid it away on yesterday evening to its long sleep till the blessed Savior shall bid it rise and reanimate its moldering dust, and take it, soul and body, to himself, to the throne on high. The other three are still living and doing very well. It is a source of regret that the quartet is broken, for we all felt a deep interest in the raising of them all; but we submit to the will of Providence in this as in all things else.

J. R. WILLIAMS, P. C.

INGERSOLL, TEXAS.

CLIFTON.—Mary E. Clifton was born in the State of Mississippi in March, 1839; professed religion at the age of twelve years and joined the M. E. Church, South. She moved to Texas in early life; was married to Major J. R. Clifton August 31, 1854. She was the mother of nine children, four of which preceded her to the good world. On December 27, 1889, God sent his angel to bear her spirit to the haven of rest for which she had so long waited. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. She leaves a husband and five children, together with many friends, to mourn their loss. Weep not, dear ones, she is waiting for you under the tree of life. May you be one unbroken family in heaven.

W. H. BROWN.

BROOKS.—Emily Brooks was born March 15, 1814, in Anderson county, Tenn.; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1837; was married to Rev. Asbury Brooks in 1841, who was at that time a member of the Holston Conference. She was the mother of four children, all of whom are members of the Baptist Church, and one of them a leading minister in that church in Hopkins county, Texas. She died June 5, 1890, in Panola county, Texas. Her illness was brief; taken sick on Sunday and died on Thursday following. She died as she had lived, and no doubt has gone to the land of rest and has joined her husband in the sweet song of deliverance. May God's grace bring all the family safe home at last.

J. F. SHERWOOD.

WAGGONER.—Willie Tom Waggoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waggoner, was born September 21, 1883, and died May 25, 1890, in Decatur, Wise county, Texas. This dear little boy was the light and joy of the home of his parents and grandparents. His loving disposition endeared him to all who knew him. Many hearts are in deep sympathy with the grief-stricken parents. Litile Tommie's sufferings were so great that his grandfather, Dan Waggoner, could not bear to witness them. His body was laid to rest by the side of his little brother, Dan Waggoner, who preceded him to the better land. They sleep in Decatur cemetery, where loving friends remember their graves with floral offerings. I I would say to the parents: Rejoice! Your little lambs are safe within the fold, and will watch and wait your coming at the beautiful gate.

JOHN H. REYNOLDS.

DAVIS.—Wm. A. Davis was born near Memphis, Tenn., July 14, 1849, and moved with his parents to Robinson county, Texas, in 1854; was married to Miss Lizzie Wyche July 27, 1871. He was converted to God and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1872. After his marriage he moved to McLennan county, Texas, where he died March 27, 1890. A wife and six children are left to sustain their loss, which is very great. Bro. Davis was not a despondent man, but on the contrary he was one of those happily constituted, sweet-spirited men who was always pleasant and agreeable. He was devoted to his church, patient through his severe illness, came very near to God and died in peace, having the testimony of a Christian, expressing his readiness for the last change. Sister Davis feels her loss to be great and is deeply bereaved.

G. J. IRVIN.

WACO, TEXAS.

BARNES.—Martha Eugenier Barnes was born April 23, 1888, and died May 28, 1890. She was a sweet child. Little Eugenier has been taken from the loving embrace of her mother, and it was hard to give her up; but thank God she has gone to dwell in the bosom of him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me," "and took them up in his arms, put his hand upon them, and blessed them." Sister Barnes' afflictions have been great. A little more than a year ago her dear husband, N. G. Barnes, a precious good man, went to his reward. Be faithful, dear sister, and ere long you shall join your loved ones in the bright world above. May God's grace sustain the bereaved ones, and may all meet in heaven.

H. P. SHRADER.

DEXTER, TEXAS.

FULTZ.—The subject of this notice, Mrs. Priscilla Fultz, nee Hamilton, was born in Gwinedd, Pa., June 4, 1810; was married to Jacob Fultz July 15, 1832, and departed this life May 31, 1890, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Gillingham, of this city. Sister Fultz lived to a ripe old age, and for fifteen years she had been blind and otherwise a constant sufferer, but she bore it patiently and without murmuring, realizing that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Sister Fultz left behind her an aged companion and seven children and several grandchildren to mourn their loss but her eternal gain. Having lived the life of the righteous, she died the triumphant death, and went home to wear the crown. May her children walk the path of duty, that the family circle may be unbroken in heaven.

J. W. BLACKBURN, Pastor.

MOORE.—Mrs. Lou V. Moore was born in Washington county, Texas, July 26, 1848, and died at Thomaston, DeWitt county, June 19, 1890. She was married to J. H. Moore September 26, 1866, and never forgot the solemn vows taken at the marriage altar. When quite young she professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, South, and thenceforward her life was in accord with the teaching of God's Word. Though modest and unassuming, she was ever ready to do the work of the Master, and especially was her heart ever responsive to calls of the poor and suffering around her. Many whose homes and lives she has brightened by acts of kindness and words of love will rise up at the last day and call her blessed. Such a life as Sister Moore's could only end in peace. She will be missed by the loved ones left behind and by the community in which she had lived so long. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. May they follow her as she followed Christ.

J. T. WILLIAMSON.

HODGES.—Died at her home in Palestine, Texas, on the 26th of June, 1890, Sister Lucy Lee Hodges, aged thirty years. Sister Lucy, while under the care of her father, G. V. Adams, now a citizen of Athens, Texas, professed faith in Christ at the age of eleven years, declared an impartation to her soul, through the mediation of Christ Jesus of "the one thing needful"—the pearl of great price, the clear, white stone, in which is written a new name which no one can read except the one who receives it. And under this confession she lived; in this cause she gloried; and in the active use of the sweet songs of Zion and the means of grace afforded by her church and the institutions of Christianity, she lived the life of the righteous, triumphed over the cares of life, the powers of darkness, and the afflictions consequent upon a long siege of typhoid fever, and finally she found what no language this side of heaven can adequately express, a God-given triumph of Christianity over death. "O death where is thy sting! O grave where is thy victory."

J. B. BISHOP.

CRENSHAW.—Sister N. M. Crenshaw, wife of W. T. Crenshaw, died at the family residence, near Nevada, Collin county, Texas, April 25, 1890, in the triumph of faith. Sister Crenshaw was born May 26, 1830, in Henry county, Ga.; embraced Christ as her Savior when but sixteen years of age. At the age of seventeen she plighted her faith and joined her destiny to the man who survives her, whose life she cheered for forty-three years. In 1873 Bro. Crenshaw moved to Collin county, Texas, and immediately identified himself and family with the church of his choice. The spirit of sweet submission to the Master's will was her chief characteristic. Sister Crenshaw is no stranger in glory, for six sweet darlings had preceded her to that glory land and were doubtless waiting and watching for her. She left us with the prospect and promise of five surviving children and a husband following on, where the ranks of an unbroken family will never be severed. Husband and children, shall mother's fondest hopes be blighted or shall they be realized? Heaven help and bless.

B. H. BOUNDS.

NEVADA, TEXAS.

GRACE.—Charles H. Grace, only son of B. D. S. and Mary J. Grace, of Valley Mills, Texas, was born in Salem county, Ill., Oct. 12, 1866, and was drowned in the Bosque river, while bathing, June 18, 1890. Charles professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at a meeting held by Bro. J. W. Montgomery in Bosque county, August, 1886. Charles was not as zealous and consistent in his life and deportment as we desired him to be, but he was not immoral nor disobedient to his parents. He was kind to his sisters and to his little nephews, and though he was hurried into eternity with only a moment's warning, we trust his happy spirit is with the Savior in heaven. This was indeed a heavy stroke to the family and especially so to his aged parents. But God has kept them under his own sweet wing as a hen would gather her brood from the storm, and by his supporting grace has enabled them to say: "The will of the Lord is accomplished. So mote it be." Thanks be unto God for his wonderful grace. May father, mother and sisters meet Charles in heaven, where storms and floods never come and where sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

J. J. DAVIS.

NANCE.—The home of Mr. E. N. and Mollie Nance was made sad on the 23d of June, 1890, by the death of Noble, their little boy and only child. Noble was born August 4, 1887. For nearly three brief years little Noble had been a source of pleasure to his parents. But now he is gone with life. He never knew what trouble was. He will not have any more sickness. It ought to be a far more greater pleasure to them to know that they have a dear little one saved in heaven. He was a very loving child—so gentle in his disposition that every one that knew him petted him. Do not mourn, fond parents, for your little boy. Go on trusting in the Lord, and it will not be long till you will join him in singing the sweet songs of the redeemed. Oh! may we all so live that we may meet little Noble in heaven.

A FRIEND.

BERTRAM, TEXAS.

GIBSON.—Alvin P. Gibson was born in Coffee county, Tenn., October 27, 1853; was converted in the fall of 1874, in Marion county, Ark., and joined the M. E. Church, South. He moved to Tarrant county, Texas, in the spring of 1877; was married to Rebecca Cruse in Parker county, November 6, 1879, and died suddenly, yet triumphantly, October 31, 1889. He leaves a wife and several small children to mourn their loss and to contend with the cold charities of an unfriendly world. Another good man has gone, but he left his impress for God and religion on the minds of all who knew him. He was a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, and a consistent Christian, who proved his faith by his works. God bless the bereaved ones.

J. M. BAKER.

GIBSON.—John K. Gibson was born March 16, 1840, in Bedford county, Tenn.; moved to Arkansas in 1860, and was married February 13, 1866, to Harriet Frizzell in Marion county, Arkansas; converted at his own house during a prayer-meeting (several others converted the same night) in September 1868, and joined the church the same year. He moved to Tarrant county, Texas, in 1879, and died happy March 10, 1890. I knew him and loved him as a brother. He talked with and left a message for a number of friends and relatives. He called his only child to his bedside, told him and his companion how he wanted them to live, and raise their little babe. He said: "Jimmie, I want you to be, and deal honorably with all men, but above all, live religious and meet me in heaven, for my way is clear." Thus, within a few short months, these two brothers were transferred from Walnut Creek Church to the church triumphant. God bless the lonely widow of this good man.

J. M. BAKER.

DAVIS.—John Davis was born in Virginia April 10, 1809, and died near Belleview, Texas, June 7, 1890. His earlier years were spent in Virginia; but at the age of about twenty-one he came to Tennessee and settled in Wilson county. Here he married and settled upon a farm, and here he began to develop a character peculiar to himself, pure and strong. Having professed religion the night before, on the first Sunday in September, 1833, he was received into the church and baptized by Fountain E. Pitts. His conversion was thorough and left no doubt in his heart. He could point to the time and place with the greatest satisfaction. The methods and men of that day left their impress upon his character through life. John B. McFerrin and Fountain E. Pitts lived in his heart to the latest hour, and oft did he refer to them in the love-feast. The CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was his ideal of a paper. He read it with increasing pleasure to the end of life. He was for many years an exhorter of wonderful force in exhortation. He was not, in any objectionable sense, a sectarian, but intensely a Methodist, pre-eminently a Christian. His character, in some of its features, was a little rugged, jutting out at sharp angles. Decided in opinion, quick of temper, out-spoken and utterly fearless, he fought evil under the black flag and pushed the fight at every point. His life was not always smooth; he had friction, he had enemies, as all such men do, but at the same time he had the confidence of all. He bared his bosom to many a shaft, but no enemy ever drove him from the field or put him in doubtful attitude. He was for Christ and the church at all times and everywhere. He was happily married four times. His last companion died a few months before him, and this perhaps hastened his death a little. Their devotion to each other was marked. He had often suffered in his dealings with men, had buried four wives and eight children out of nine, yet at the last hour his faith is unshaken. He says God has been so good to me; sings "How Firm a Foundation;" tells Bettie, his daughter, good-bye and then leaves earth for heaven.

I. ALEXANDER.

KILGORE, TEXAS.

RICHARDSON.—Edmund Blake Richardson was born November 27, 1814, in Bladen county, North Carolina, and died in Centerville, Leon county, Texas, April 25, 1890. When such an one as he has departed we feel that it is right that a tribute be given to his memory. A faithful member of the church, he will be sadly missed in the militant ranks; a loving and tender father, he will be mournfully regretted by his surviving sons; a kind and earnest man, friends and relations will remember his virtues and reflect sadly upon the fact that he is no longer among us, and while we still realize the influence of his beautiful character, his dignity and gentleness, his earnestness and truth, his pure Christian life, our hearts cry out, "Help, Lord! for the godly man ceaseth, the faithful fail from among the children of men!"

Until a few months ago he was remarkably strong and active for his age and vigorous in intellect. Always fond of reading and a profound thinker, he was possessed of a store of information which rendered him agreeable and instructive. In the heart of his family he was a happy man. He married on April 9, 1850, Miss Sallie Marshall, of Wadesboro, N. C., and for nearly forty years they lived in harmony and devotion to each other; and with their four sons who had grown up around them, possessed of unusual intelligence and pure moral characters, this family, in their beautiful home, the noble father, the gentle and cultured mother, the dutiful and promising boys, seemed under the special favor of the Most High. How quickly death can demolish the beautiful things of earth!

On December 3, 1889, Johnnie, the third son, died; the first grave was made, and the great dark gulf of grief overwhelmed the survivors. But darker and deeper grew the waters when, two weeks later, worn with care for the sick boy and sorrow for his death, the sweet mother passed away from the lives of those who idolized her. The loving husband, whose heart held her as itself, could bear no more. Slowly, but surely, the physical man gave way, the grand intellect tottered and failed, the "silver cord" was "loosed." We thank God that this feeble, helpless state did not last long. Loving hands ministered to him in those weary days, and when we closed his eyes we were thinking of the rapturous meeting of those loved ones in heaven. Ah! he was no stranger there. Many, many of the redeemed must have thronged the golden gates to welcome Uncle Edmund. He has left a pure record on earth; he has gained a glorious home in heaven.

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Texas Incidents.

The glorious Fourth was celebrated in all parts of Texas—accompanied, as usual, in many places with rain.

The city council of Gainesville passed an ordinance compelling every able-bodied man between the ages of 18 and 45 years to work on the streets four days, or in lieu therefor pay into the city treasurer $5 each.

A decree for the foreclosure and sale of the Cotton Belt, or St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas railroad, has been granted by Judge Thayer, in the United States Circuit Court of Missouri. The decree was granted at the request of the Central Trust Company and Mercantile Trust Company, first and second mortgage bondholders, respectively. The decree provides for the usual interval of sixty days for redemption. Judge Thayer's order relates to the Arkansas and Missouri divisions. Judge Pardee will render a decree for the Texas division at Tyler early in August. The plan of reorganization of the Cotton Belt provides for about $1,600,000 to be put into the road, in addition to the amount expended last year, to be paid out of the net earnings, and, until the road is sold under foreclosure, all the net earnings will be used by the receivers against this reserve. The receivers have expended $342,000 in betterments in the last four months and have plans to use $300,000 more in the same way immediately. The estimated net earnings of the road for 1889 are $1,200,000.

The Board of Directors of the A. and M. College elected Gov. L. S. Ross president of the college. If the governor accepts, his election will give universal satisfaction.

The imports and exports of merchandise for April, 1890, have just been issued by the bureau of statistics and the following figures are given for the Texas ports.

	Imports.	Exports.
Brazos de Santiago	$20,631	$34,027
Corpus Christi	243,678	299,687
Galveston	69,912	295,732
Paso del Norte	81,810	*15,715
Saluria	172,040	137,434

*Incomplete, in the absence of law providing the means of collecting the statistics of exports to adjacent foreign territory by railroad cars and other land vehicles.

The Ellis county Sunday-school convention met at Ennis last week.

The encampment of the State soldiery at San Antonio is a great success.

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HOME CONFERENCES

(Continued from first page.)

the blessings of the Lord will go with that copper cent and stay in the heart of that earnest little giver. At 8:30 p. m. we had a grand rally for the cause of missions, and at the close of a stirring speech from Rev. F. M. Leatherwood, enough money was raised to purchase a "sword and armor," which articles the converted natives of Japan are proposing to sell to raise money to build churches. What a grand opportunity this is to help the Master save the world from sin and corruption. To us there is no loss in any respect, but much gain, by this special feature of our Sunday-school work, and we are confident that such will be the case to all the Sunday-schools if they would go and do likewise.

Denison.

C. E. Lamb, June 30: Judging from the questions that pour in upon me, some of the brethren were indulging in great expectations from the visit of Burnett and Mulkey to this city. Will you give me space to say to those interested that those brethren did not pay their own expenses while in this city. We paid all expenses and on the day of their departure we presented them a roll of greenbacks, not, however, as large as a sawlog or more than they deserved. The Dr. Young that Bro Mulkey refers to in his letter to the ADVOCATE I know but little about. The gentleman whom he calls Mr. Sprinkle is an old Virginia Methodist of over forty years' standing. In these parts we call him Bro. Sprinkle. As to co-operation, if five churches and five pastors, with the Young Men's Christian Association, is no co-operation, why then the brethren had none. The meeting was not entirely a failure, yet it did not accomplish all that we hoped. If I could speak or write in parables or dark sayings, I believe I would undertake a little one. The third and fourth chapters of Josiah would do for the foundation of the thing. "Nineveh, that wicked city." We were a little ahead of that great city in one respect, however, in that we had more than one disgusted prophet. If the brethren had remained here a few weeks, instead of days, we might have completed the likeness, even to the repenting city and withered gourd. I am thankful to be able to say, truthfully, that this M. E. Church, South, in Denison is growing in every sense of the word—growing in numbers, in influence and, best of all, in grace.

Blum.

J. G. Miller, July 1: We are getting along finely with our work—nothing to discourage us in the way. Less than twelve months ago we began to build a Methodist Church at Blum—and we built one of the nicest houses in all this country. We loved the house, I trust, for Christ's sake. It was an ornament to the town and a credit to the community; and many times we were made to rejoice because of the presence of God within those sacred walls; but as the readers of the ADVOCATE will remember, we were visited by a storm on the 4th of May which blew our house down and made almost a total wreck of it. I am glad to say that we have rebuilt, and in less than two months we have our house ready for use. We have, as you see, built two churches within twelve months with a membership of about fifty, the most of whom are women and children—very few men; but they have shown their faith by their work. Have had very little outside help. But just here I want to make special mention of Dr. J. M. Hanks, who, when the question was asked "Shall we rebuild?" in an instant answered, "We will rebuild; and every dollar that I can raise will go into the house." He has made good his word; and he has not only given of his money, but has done faithful work with his hands, for which we pray the blessings of God to rest on him. We are going to begin a meeting here next Saturday. The doctor says that he is just expecting full pay for all he has done, and expects it in the way of a blessing from the presence of the Lord. We ask the prayers of all who read this on our labors here. We need a great revival here. There are scores here "who are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity," notwithstanding we have some real good people. But we are hoping for great results, not because we merit anything, but all for Christ's sake. Remember us when it goes well with you. With my best wishes for the success of the ADVOCATE, goodbye.

Ben Franklin.

Atticus Webb, July 4: We had a Children's Missionary Day at Brushy Mound, on Ben Franklin circuit, fifth Sunday in June. This is the second one we have had on this circuit. No collections have been taken, the object being to create a sympathy for missions; yet some think that $50 could have been collected very easily at Brushy Mound. A deep religious spirit pervaded the whole assembly. You know it is seldom that men shout when you are talking to them about money, yet such was the religious feeling present that several men were almost ready to shout praises to Almighty God. We believe these two days' work will enable us to collect at least $100 more missionary money this year. The people are learning something of our missionary work, and are anxious to learn more. They are getting interested. Our pastor, Bro. A. E. Butterfield, says he will not be satisfied unless he collects $2 for every one that is assessed. To do this he has undertaken to put the Missionary Reporter in one hundred families, believing that his people have enough religion to pay generously if they only realized the need of it. Bro. B. is an indefatigable, consecrated worker. He says: "Come and work," not "go work."

Our revival meetings have just begun, though at most of the places church revivals commenced as soon as Bro. B. came on the work. Every one who is at work is pressing on with zeal, but a few are lagging on, "I can't," and complaining.

Bro. Kimball and son have been with us nine or ten days. They have done some good work, and have endeared themselves to the people wherever they have been. We are glad to have them May God give us some gracious revivals this year.

Granbury College.

E. M. Sweet: The late commencement exercises of this school were among the best of its history. The sermon was preached by Rev. R. F. Dunn, of Baird. It was admirable in the uplifting of Christ as the pattern for every man, and allegiance to that embodiment of principles implied in the cross as the test of every work. The literary address of Rev. John M. Barcus, of Fort Worth, could scarcely be excelled, fitting the demand as the keystone of the arch.

The program and its execution, both literary and musical, were highly creditable to the faculty then in charge. Delayed in the opening of the session till after all other schools had begun, with little time and opportunity to acquaint the public with the status of the school, under these disadvantages the enrollment of students ran up to a number second to no other Methodist school in the State, except the Southwestern. This affords assurance that Methodism in Texas is sustaining its schools. A college with such a register, with a similar record of seventeen years, with a heroism on the part of local supporters not surpassed if equaled in the history of schools in that the building was by them redeemed from all financial and legal encumbrance, is not an experiment depending on contingencies for existence or success. Recognizing this, the church sees in it an arm strong to aid it in achieving its mission. In return for the recognition and support given it, it is attested by those identified with its past that there has been an average of one conversion for every ten days of its history. That the public may have assurances of its worthiness of patronage, both the Fort Worth and Waxahachie district conferences passed resolutions of endorsement and commendation. The Board of Trustees in council with the Cleburne District Conference elected a new faculty for the ensuing year. They are teachers of experience, having been fully tested in the schools of the church and other educational enterprises. The school enters its eighteenth annual session quickened into new life and fairer promise. Rev. W. J. Moore is business manager. Address him or the president, Rev. E. M. Sweet, for catalogue or any information desired.

Chappell Hill Female College.

J. W. Horn, Visiting Committee. Chappell Hill Female College has just closed a very successful year. The commencement exercises began on the 6th and closed on the 10th of June. After close observation and careful investigation, I feel it my duty to report that thorough work has been done in every department of the college. The work of the literary department cannot be too highly praised. The curriculum is parallel with that of similar institutions. The president, Rev. E. W. Tarrant, and his assistants are doing a noble work. The work of the musical department has met the expectations of its most sanguine friends. Prof. J. Albine Brown, who is president of the State Teachers' Association, has charge of this department. Let those who desire their daughters to have the best advantages in musical training put them under the care of Prof. Brown.

The art department, under the supervision of Miss Bixby, is a decided success. The exhibit of this department was very good.

The College Home, under the management of Mrs. Tarrant, has received a valuable addition, and forty or fifty young ladies, in addition to those in attendance, can now be accommodated with comfortable rooms.

We trust that the friends of the college who created this demand for more room by crowding the old building will renew their efforts and fill the new building with young ladies instead of sending them abroad.

Hempstead.

J. H. Collard, July 1: Our meeting at Hempstead did not result in a great number of conversions. Those we had gave evidence of being of the genuine sort. The church was blessed and lifted nearer to God.

The town had been expecting for a year, and for two weeks had been preparing for, Hood's Brigade. We had to close out the meeting two days on account of the reunion and start it again. The people of Hempstead did themselves great credit, and have much to congratulate themselves for, on account of their splendid reception and hospitable entertainment of these veterans. Our E. W. Solomon, of Shearn Church, Houston, delivered the memorial address, on only a few hours' notice. He did credit to himself, to his church and the occasion. It was a magnificent and comprehensive presentation of the justness of memorial services for our dead heroes; and yet a most eloquent appeal to the living to meet the issues of to-day and fight the social and moral battles for the united America of to morrow. That much in his praise; now the other side. Well, he is too much like me. He gives his opinion (in private argument) with an earnestness that makes you think he is mad.

Our preacher at Hempstead is a young (old) married man. He will do a good work there before the year closes. He was almost heart-broken when we left over the death of a brother in Alabama. Poor fellow. How my heart ached for him when, on Sunday morning, just before we went into Sunday-school, he was handed a telegram announcing that his brother was shot and instantly killed while attempting the arrest of unknown parties the day before. God bless him. May he find warm hearts and helping sympathy in Texas. I stayed at Bro. Harper's. May God bless him and his good wife, and continue them many long and peaceful years to the church at Hempstead.

Obituary—Texas.

Mrs. Eliza S. Clendenen, Bonham; Col. U. S. Coolgrove, Colorado; J. R. Barfield, Daingerfield; E. P. Robinson, Georgetown; Miss Lula Belle McCormick, Kaufman; George Westmorland, Sunny Point; Levi Brashear, near Sherman; C. W. Statham, Lufkin; Mrs. M. T. Williamson, Palestine; Mrs. Carrie Trotter, Palestine; R. C. Mynatt, Palestine; McQuinney H. Wright, Greenville; Minnie Needham, Bowie; J. H. Chaffin, Bowie; A. Mayfield, near Bowie; Mrs. Sabina Hoffman, Fredericksburg; E. L. Bremond, Houston; Miss Emma Goodman, Kerrville; Mrs. Mary Hayes, Liberty Hill; George T. Dashiell, Dallas; Miss Mary C. Lewis, near Kaufman; Mrs. Catherine S. Files, Hillsboro; Mrs. Buck Kelley, near Valentine; Wiliam Crossland, near Mobeetie; Mrs. Henry Leeves, Omaha; Mrs. Annie M. Ward, Waxahachie; Mrs. May Hazard, near Waxahachie; Mrs. Smyer, Maloney; Willie Braden, Jefferson; E. S. Avondino, Texarkana; J. Moeller, Houston; Mrs. Jane E. Montague, Burneville; Mrs. Polly McCowan, Sherman; Mrs. Wm. Syke, Corsicana; Mrs. James Lee, Corsicana; Mrs. Mamie Doyle, San Antonio; Mrs. E. B. Ward, Waxahachie; Mrs. E. D. Springer, San Marcos; Mrs. Louis Wolfem, Toyah; Dr. O. F. Lowery, Bandera; Mrs. Hettie Berry, Granbury; Mrs. E. F. Thornton, Granbury; Mrs. Matt Brown, Belleville; J. F. Eyler, Corsicana; Mrs. A. J. Vick, Houston; Mrs. L. H. Pendleton, Waco; Mrs. Francis M. Richardson, Lowe; J. G. Gill, Denton; Thomas Avara, near Mexia; Mrs. Robert Meeks, Stockton Bend; Thaddeus Cady, Gonzales; Herbert Dobbs, near Waxahachie; Miss Carroll, Waxahachie; Neil Benton, near Fulton; Miss Meda Hale, Pilot Point; Mrs. J. A. Elder, near Pilot Point; Mrs. Thalia DuBose Sharp, Honey Grove; W. A. Morley, Sr., Marshall; Mrs. Margaret Estella Rankin Tood, Austin; Col. J. H. Trenchard, Beaumont; Robert E. Lee Carroll, Waco; Mrs. Windham, near Fairfield; W. E. Friedlander, Fort Clark; S. S. Snyder, Gainesville; Miss Jennie Sherman, near Jacksboro; Miss Mary Craig, Jacksboro; Mrs E. R. Woodard, Woodsuck; Mrs. R. J. Jackson, Locust Grove; G. W. Lamon, near Bertram; Emil Burchard, near Gonzales; Peter Averend, San Antonio; Mrs. Sarah Eastwood, Longmont; John Moeller, Houston; E. L. Bremond, Houston; Mrs. Augusta Smith, Houston; Charles Johnson, Houston; Mrs. J. Funk, Houston; Samuel Johnson, Galveston; Joseph Brokoff, Galveston.

Casualties.

J. G. Gill, late from Flora, Ill., employed on the M. K. & T. R'y, was killed at Denison while climbing to the top of the train outside a car on a moving train—his head coming in contact with a box-car left too near the end of a switch.

B. G. Nelson, of Big Springs, while trying to tighten the blow-off pipe of an engine, was so badly scalded that it is feared he may die.

A storm destroyed $12,000 to $15,000 in values at Waco.

Returning from a Fourth of July celebration, and while the wagon containing Mr. Jno. Goodson, his wife, baby and two little boys was in the middle of a small creek, they were struck by a rise coming down the creek—a resistless wall of water seven feet high. With great difficulty Mr. Goodson got his wife and baby ashore. The two little boys were swept a mile below, where their lifeless bodies were afterward found. The dead mules and wagon were found some fifty yards below the ford.

Oll. Fowler, a brakeman, whose home is in Carrigan, Texas, was so severely injured while coupling cars at Mobeetie, July 4, that death resulted.

Tom Avera while cradling millet for his brother on the Anglin farm, near Mexia, in the Shiloh neighborhood, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

A posse near Grapeland, Houston county, in endeavoring to capture six convicts lately escaped from the penitentiary, killed one, Billy Bean, sent up from Bell county for theft, and wounded two others. S. J. Poe, one of the posse, was seriously wounded in the leg.

E. D. Brockmeyer, of Palestine, a member of the Dilley Rifles, en route to the encampment at San Antonio, was painfully hurt by falling from the train upon the trestle-work while crossing the San Marcos river.

Jno. Yarvey, a laborer from Garland, died in the hospital at Dallas from blood-poison, resulting from a blow on the jaw. He did not reveal the name of the party who struck him.

Otis, the 16-yeard-old son of Henry Harris, of Marshall, was run over by an excursion train and killed July 4. He was on the train returning from Jefferson, and his death was not known until his body was found. How he got under the train is a mystery.

Juan Castillo and wife, Mexicans employed on a farm near Kyle, crawled under a box-car standing on the sidetrack to make their bed. At an early hour this morning an engine hooked on to the cars and pulled out, fatally crushing the sleepers beneath.

Robert Myers, of Grayson county, fell from a tree while shaking off a coon and was killed.

In a wreck at Monteno, Ill., July 7, John Crowder, of Waco, was killed. He was en route to his old home in Kentucky.

The worst cases of scrofula, salt rheum and other diseases of the blood, are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 25—J J Davis, sub. J White Davis, sub. M B Johnston, sub. W P Pledger, sub. Chas H Peele, has attention. J J Canafax, sub. N B Read, sub. A G Nolen, sub. J R Barcen, sub, will stop one paper. Jas P Rogers, change made. Jas R Jones, subs. W P Pledger, o k. C E Gallagher, subs. New Harris, sub J W Stubblefield, sub. R M Kerr, sub, one stopped. J N Hunter, sub.

June 26.—C W Daniel, sub. Jno R Steele, subs, have attention. J G Miller, sub. G W Tamplin, sub. A P Payne, sub and change.

June 27.—W W Hopkins, sub. H B Henry, subs, J M Gober, o k. J W Kizzlar, sub and change. T B Lane, sub. C M Keith, sub. J F Alderson, o k, J M McKee, sub. M L Moody, sub. W M Leatherwood, sub. E W Solomon, subs. C C Williams, sub. W F Brinson, sub. W G Cocke, subs. E R Barcus, sub. C L Spencer, sub and change. R M Leaton, sub. Chas H Martin, sub. W L Pate, subs. H M Haynie, sub.

June 28.—Joseph P Rodgers, sub. C N N Ferguson, sub. W L Harris, sub.

June 30.—T M Price, sub. Jno W Holt, subs; two cards. W L Harris, sub. J P Childress, subs. H M Haynie, subs; would enjoy the visit much. Horace Bishop, sub. E R Large, sub. M J Allen, sub.

July 1, 2.—J R Henson, sub. A E Rector, sub. Thos Duncan, has attention. J M Armstrong, subs. H C Parrott, sub. B F Gassaway, sub. W W Henderson, subs. A E Butterfield, subs. H S Thrall, sub. E W Solomon, correction.

July 3—M L Moody, subs. B H Passmore, sub. C H Malov, sub. T B Lane, sub. Harry May, subs. C Williamson, sub. J 4 Mintz, o k. B J H Thomas, subs. J G Gilbert, subs, have attention. W F Clark, sub.

July 4—H H Vaughan, subs. Jno. T Graham, paper stopped. W H Brooks, change made.

July 5—Geo H Phair, has attention. C E Statham, sub. Thos Duncan, sub. M B Johnston, o k. J M Porter, sub. E M Myers, subs. G B Culpepper, sub. J M Bond, sub.

July 7.—W C Hilburn, sub. J W Kelley, subs. J T Stanley, sub. J M McCarter, sub. E R Large, sub. H G Williams, sub B Harris, sub. A B Roberts, sub. E D Monzon, subs.

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